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# **BJP SLAMS AAP FOR ₹2,026 CR LIQUOR SCAM**

**RAJESH KUMAR** ■ NEW DELHI

leaked report of the Comptroller General Auditor (CAG) on the now-scrapped excise policy of the Delhi government flagged several "lapses" in the policy and claimed Rs 2,002.68 crore loss to the exchequer. This figure was put out for the first time to show the impact of the alleged liquor scam. The document of government's auditor that has exposed the liquor scam is named, "Report of the CAG on Performance Audit on Regulation and Supply of Liquor in Delhi." The report has not been tabled in the Delhi Assembly so far. After the leak, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched a scathing attack on the Aam Party Aadmi (AAP) government. According to a leaked report

of the CAG on Performance Audit on Regulation and

Supply of liquor in Delhi, some retailers surrendered their licenses before the policy expired, and the government did not re-tender them which led to the loss of Rs 890 crores. It said that the government made exemptions zonal licensees, which caused a loss of Rs 941 crores. For the purpose of retail vends, Delhi was divided into 32 zones (containing 849 vends) whose licenses were granted to 22 entities through tendering.
Whereas during the old policy, 377 retail vends were run by four Government Corporations and 262 retail vends were run by the private The report individuals. revealed a loss of revenue to the tune of Rs 144 crore owing to irregular grant of waiver on account of COVID-19 to zonal licenses. It also



BJP leader Anurag Thakur addresses a press conference at the party headquarters, in New Delhi

Citing the leaked CAG report, BJP MP Anurag Thakur on Saturday claimed the Delhi Excise Policy scam is worth Rs 2,026 crore and accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of misleading Delhi residents. Thakur told a press

conference the CAG report has arrived at 10 major findings about the policy, which was scrapped by the AAP government amid a row, asserting that former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal will have to answer the questions it has raised. "He will have to say who pocketed rhe money,"

BJP president J P Nadda

claimed the CAG report has

exposed intentional lapses, leading to a loss of Rs 2,026 crore to the exchequer.Nadda said on X, "Intoxicated by high power, misgovernance. 'AAP'DA model of loot in full display 'AAP'DA and that too on something like liquor." He said it is just a matter of a few weeks before the AAP government is voted out and punished for its misdeeds." The CAG Report

'Liquorgate' exposes @ArvindKejriwal @AamAadmiParty and Gov. Intentional 'Lapses' in Policy Implementation. Rs 2026 Cr Loss to Exchequer money," he alleged.

Asked about the BJP allegations, AAP Rajya Sabha Sanjay Singh said, "Where is the report? The BJP itself keeps saying no CAG report has been tabled." AAP

Thakur said, alleging that leader Priyanka Kakkar on Kejriwal is the kingpin of the Saturday accused the BJP of Saturday accused the BJP of fabricating false allegations against the Delhi government and dismissed the party's claims about a CAG report as "manufactured and baseless." Kakkar alleged during a press conference here that the report presented by the BJP was not authentic and had neither been seen by key stakeholders, including the chief minister and the LG, nor listed on the CAG's official website.

> "The report they are showing is fake and manufactured in their office. It holds no credibility. This is the same strategy the BJP uses repeatedly to mislead people with false allegations," Kakkar said.Referring to previous allegations levelled by the BJP, including those in the liquor policy case, Kakkar claimed even the Supreme Court had dismissed their claims as

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The total Project cost of the

Zojila tunnel is Rs. 6,809.69

crore. The tentative deadline

for the completion of the

project at an altitude of over

11,000 feet is September-



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during the 'Pratishtha-Dwadashi' programme, marking the first anniversary of the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol

# **Yogi urges unity at** Ram Temple event

**BISWAJEET BANERJEE/** KAMLESH SRIVASTAVA

On the first anniversary of the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol at the grand Ram temple, Uttar Pradesh Minister Yogi Chief Adityanath issued a stark warning about the dangers of societal divisions.

"If we remain divided by caste or other ideologies, our religious places will bear the consequences, and our sisters and daughters will suffer," he said, urging unity to preserve the sanctity of India's spiritual heritage. The historic event saw

thousands of devotees gathering in Ayodhya, which has been transformed into a vibrant spiritual epicenter for the three-day celebrations. "Pratishtha Dwadashi calls us to unify as a nation," CM Yogi

said, recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message: "If there is Ram, there is a nation; if there is a nation, there is Ram." He urged citizens to Continued on page 6 uphold this principle, linking

faith with national identity. The anniversary commenced with CM Yogi performing an 'abhishek' of the idol, followed by the chanting of Vedic hymns. He emphasized the need to strengthen Sanatan values as the foundation for unity and national integrity.

Ramjanmabhoomi "The movement reflects the unwavering resolve of our ancestors, whose sacrifices have brought us to this historic moment," CM Yogi said, highlighting the 500-year struggle to reclaim Lord Ram's birthplace. "Today, Ayodhya feels like Treta Yuga, and in the coming years, the Ram Janmabhoomi complex will emerge as one of the world's most magnificent spiritual centers." Devotees from across the country echoed the Chief Minister's sentiments. Priya Sharma, a visitor from Delhi, said, "Being here feels like stepping into history. The energy and devotion in Ayodhya are unparalleled. It's an emotional experience to see

Ram Lalla in his full glory." Continued on page 6

# **Building collapses** at Kannauj railway station, 23 injured



Rescue operation underway after an under-construction building collapsed

PNS LUCKNOW, KANNAUJ

under-construction An under constant Abuilding at the Kannauj Saturday afternoon, trapping around two dozen workers under the rubble. At least 23 people have been injured in the incident. Six of them were pulled out of the debris and Eastern Railway (NER) said it constituted a threemember committee to probe the incident.

"According to preliminary information, the incident occurred when the underconstruction shuttering of the roof collapsed," said District Magistrate (DM) Shubhrant Kumar Shukl.

Taking cognisance of the incident, Uttar Pradesh Chief Commissioner

Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have been deployed at the site where frantic efforts are underway to rescue workers. Ambulances have been kept on standby to provide first aid and

at the Kannauj railway station

railway station collapsed on rushed to hospital. The North

Minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials to ensure safe recovery of those trapped inside and their proper medical treatment. State Relief Bhanu Chandra Goswami is in touch

with the Kannauj district administration for all possible help in relief work, state government officials said. Teams of the National Disaster

take the injured to hospital.

# Strategic Z-morh tunnel in Valley tomorrow

**MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU

revealed that incorrect

collection of security deposit

from zonal licenses leading to loss of revenue of around Rs

With the opening up of the 6.4 km long Z-Morh tunnel, scheduled to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 13, India is inching closer to fulfilling its dream of constructing the strategic corridor between Srinagar-Leh to provide all-weather connectivity and maintain defence and civil supply lines adverse weather conditions.

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

of the corridor to the Nation on Monday the focus will be shifted to the timely completion of the 13.15 km long Zojila Tunnel. The Z-Morh tunnel will link

Kangan with Sonamarg, a famous tourist destination on the Srinagar-Leh highway. The Zojila tunnel will provide year-round connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and Ladakh, which will be extremely important for the development of Ladakh, the promotion of tourism, the After dedicating the first leg free movement of local goods,

**MVA rift grows as Shiv Sena (UBT)** 

announces independent poll strategy



and the movement of Indian armed forces in case of emergency

Currently the average travel time to cross the Zojila Pass is

three hours. After the completion of this tunnel, the travel time will come down to 20 minutes, resulting in fuel

December 2026. To welcome the dignitaries visiting the venue of the Z-Morh tunnel project the Union Territory administration is making

elaborate arrangements. The security personnel have been deployed in large numbers to secure the venue.

# Mushrooms bring ₹20 Lakh profit, inspiration for Gurugram farmers

SANJAY KUMAR MEHRA

small time farmer of AGurugram has now become a source of inspiration Delhi NCR for 'mushrooming' business that has served him rich monetary harvest. Prahlad Singh of Daboda village in Gurugram now earns a profit of Rs 20 lakh annually from mushroom farm production.

Prahlad Singh told that earlier he was producing millet and wheat as traditional farming in which the income was becoming negligible and the profit was also decreasing day by day due to increased expenditure and less production. In such a situation, inspiration was taken from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ideas of doubling the income and emphasizing on commercial farming using modern

modern and moves towards commercial farming, then along with doubling the income of the farmer, the face of agriculture and horticulture in the area will also change," Prahlad said. Gurugram ADC Hitesh Kumar Meena visited village



Singh on Saturday.

After collecting information from District Horticulture Officer Neha Yadav, a plan was chalked out to set up a mushroom production unit by taking advantage of the schemes of the department. A complete setup prepared in about 8 kanal area costing about Rs 40 lakh was completed.

While the farmer got 40 percent subsidy by the District Horticulture Department he also took a loan from bank for the remaining amount. The farmer told that he has set up a compost unit and four

production units with government help.
A production cycle of 90 days runs in each production unit. Prahlad informed that about 38 to 40 quintals of mushroom is being produced from one unit. The wholesale price of mushroom in the market is around Rs 140 to 150 per kg.

Due to which all four units are earning Rs 20 to 22 lakh as net profit after deducting all the expenses in the whole year. Prahlad Singh said that most

of the wholesalers in the area are coming to the farms and taking mushrooms. Due to this they do not even need to go to the market. He told that he is currently trying to get direct deals with other big food establishments in Gurugram and NCR.

"The horticulture department is ready to provide them all possible help. Under the departmental scheme, the maximum unit cost of mushroom compost and a mushroom production unit has been fixed at Rs 20 lakh by the Horticulture Department, Haryana in the district. In which 40 percent amount will be given in the form of grant in General category and 85 percent amount in Scheduled Caste category," said district government official.

### contest the forthcoming local body in the state independently. A day after he questioned the very relevance of the Opposition INDIA bloc at the national level, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP and spokesperson partners in the polls. Sanjay Raut dropped a bombshell by saying that his party would go it alone in the local body

Talking to media persons, Raut said: "As already indicated by our party president Uddhav Thackeray, from Nagpur to Mumbai we will contest all the municipal corporation polls independently. Let's see what happens. We will get to know our party's strength across the state".

In a development that came close on the heels of its decision to support Aam Aadmi Party

(AAP) in the Delhi Assembly polls and which

reflected the widened rift within the

Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in

Maharashtra, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv

Sena on Saturday announced that it would

"If we are to contest the polls as an alliance, when will our party workers get an opportunity to contest the polls? If our workers don't get a chance to fight polls, it will affect the party's growth. If we are to contest the municipal corporation, Zilla Parishad and Nagar Panchayat polls, our party will be strengthened," Raut said.

However, the Congress and NCP (Sharad Pawar) have not yet come out with a formal statement on the decision of their alliance partner -- the Shiv Sena (UBT) -to contest the forthcoming local body polls independently. NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar, reacting to the Sena (UBT)'s decision to support the AAP in the Delhi Assembly polls, had expressed serious concerns that the Uddahv Thackeray-led party's



decision might have a negative impact on the prospects of the prospects of all three MVA

Raut's statement appeared to be in line with the stand taken by the Shiv Sena (UBT) on Friday, when he had indirectly slammed the Congress for its failure to keep the INDIA bloc together, and also questioned the very relevance of the all Opposition front at the national level.

We fought the Lok Sabha elections together, we got good results. After that it was the responsibility of all of us, especially Congress, to keep the INDIA alliance alive, sit together and guide the way forward. But till now not a single such meeting has taken place after the Lok Sabha elections. This is not right," Raut had

"Leaders like Omar Abdullah, Mamta Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav and Arvind Kejriwal have said that the INDIA bloc is no longer in existence. If people have begun to nurse such doubts, I would say the biggest party in the alliance - Congress — is responsible for this. There is no coordination, there is no discussion. This means that there are serious doubts in the minds of the people whether everything is fine in the INDIA alliance or not... If this alliance breaks once, then the INDIA alliance will not be formed again," Raut had said.

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# for rhino horn trade in Delhi

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The crime branch of Delhi Police have apprehended four people for possessing and dealing with horns of rare white rhinoceros usually found in African countries, valued at Rs three crore in the international market. As per the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, greater one-horned rhino is listed under Schedule

I which prohibits the capturing, killing, poisoning, or trapping of wild animals. Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sanjay Kumar Sain, said, the police received a tip off about some persons dealing in illegal trade of rhinoceros horns and to unearth the whole nexus, a policeman was send as a decoy customer. The police have registered an FIR under relevant sections of BNS at the Crime branch police

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# technology. "If the farmer becomes

mushroom

# IMD warns of dense fog, rain, traffic disruptions in Delhi three notches below the season's average, the IMD said. Parts of the national

MAX 23.0°C(+2.3) 7.0°C(-0.1)

East and Northeast India during next 2-5 days. According to the weather Safdarjung observed minimum visibility of 50 metre from 12.30 am to 1.30 am which improved thereafter becoming 200 metre and continues to remain so 7.30 am. The humidity was 100 per cent

In comparison to recent days, early morning temperatures have dipped between 8 and 11 degrees Celsius, highlighting the ongoing cold conditions. The maximum temperature

capital, including the Central Delhi area, received light rain. Forty-five trains were delayed as a thick layer of fog engulfed the city in the morning, reducing visibility which impacted train operations, officials said. In its advisory, the IMD has cautioned that dense fog may affect some airports, highways and railway routes in the areas

while driving or outing through any transport. "Unless taken precautionary measures, it may lead to some road traffic collisions," it said. The weather department also stated there are chances of

of met- sub-division. It has

advised travellers to be careful

very dense fog routes.

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# **Principal orders 80 schoolgirls** to remove shirts as punishment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RANCHI/DHANBAD

 $T^{he\ principal\ of\ a\ private}_{school\ in\ Jharkhand's}$ Dhanbad district was accused of ordering 80 girls of class 10 to remove their shirts for writing messages on them, prompting the administration to initiate an inquiry, an official said on Saturday. The girls were allegedly forced to return home in their blazers without shirts beneath.

The incident took place in a prestigious school in Digwadih under Jorapokhar police station area on Friday, Dhanbad Deputy Commissioner (DC) Madhvi Mishra said. The parents complained to the DC that



completing their examination. were celebrating 'pen day' by writing messages on each

others' shirts. The principal objected to the celebration and asked the students to remove their shirts, even though they sought an apology. All students were sent back home in their blazers without the shirts, the parents told the DC.

"Several guardians lodged

complaints against the principal. We also talked to some of the victim girls. The administration has taken the matter seriously. A committee has been set up to investigate the matter," Mishra said. The committee consists of the

sub-divisional magistrate, district education officer, district social welfare officer and the sub-divisional police officer. Action would be taken on the basis of the probe panel's report, the DC said. haria MLA Ragini Singh also accompanied the parents to the DC's office on Saturday when they lodged the complaints against principal. Singh described the incident as "shameful and unfortunate".

### **STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Light to moderate rain Delhi and the national Capital region on Saturday evening leading to traffic jams and cold wave conditions. The instant rain triggered traffic congestion at key routes in Delhi at the peak hours, frustrating commuters. ISBT Kashmiri Gate, ITO, Mehrauli Badarpur road, Anand Vihar road, Chirag Dilli, Dhaula Kuan, Sainik Farm, Azad Market road, Karol Bagh, Peeragarhi Road, New Rohtak Road are among those stretches that witnessed traffic jams during the peak hours in the evening. The weather department forecasts that weather is expected to remain the same on Sunday. The minimum temperature

A juggler with monkeys sits around a bonfire on a cold winter day was recorded a low of 7.7 advisories overnight, asking degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, passengers to contact airline moderate to dense fog continued to blanket parts of concerned to be updated about flight status. According Delhi and its adjoining areas to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), dense to on Saturday, prompting the Indira Gandhi International very dense fog conditions likely to continue over North, Airport (IGI) to issue multiple

department, during the day.

settled as 17 degrees Celsius,

tripping of power lines in the

# Govt is strengthening health infra: Pathak

here on Saturday that health is the foundation of progress and prosperity for any society, and the state government is strengthening the health infrastructure of the state. He added that the previous governments had failed to take any action.

"There were many challenges in the health infrastructure of the state, but we successfully overcame all obstacles and reached new heights," he said after virtually laying the foundation stone and inaugurating 11 medical units worth more than Rs 159 crore at the State Health and Family Welfare Institute in Indiranagar.

He said that they are strengthening the health infrastructure of 'Sabal Uttar Pradesh, Saksham Uttar Pradesh'.

The deputy CM noted that earlier in the state, only primary health services related to maternal and child health were avail-



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It is informed to all the my daughter's name is Ishita, as recorded in all documents. However, in the Aadhaar card, her name is mentioned as Aaradhya. Ishita and Aaradhya,is the same person. The correct name of my daughter is Ishita, and it is necessary to update the Aadhaar card accordingly. Ajit Kumar, S/o Ram Autar, R/o Mohalla 113, Uncha Thok, Sandi Road, Hardoi

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पते पर प्राप्त करायें। मदरसा हबीब मेमोरियल ओरियण्टल

# Lucknow (PNS): Deputy Chief Minister Brijesh Pathak said



able at medical sub-centres, but now the state government has extended services for citizens of all age groups at these centres. Under the energetic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, health services are being digitised in the country under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. A unique health identity (Aabha) is being created for every citizen of the state. The country is in first place in the creation of Aabha, and so far, more than 12.7 crore Aabha have been created," he said. He also shared information about various health schemes

being run in the state.

MLC Mukesh Sharma, MLA OP Srivastava, Principal Secretary (AYUSH and Food Security) Ranjan Kumar, MD of NHM Pinky Joel, Director General of Medical Health Ratan Pal Singh Suman, Director of Administration Shiv Sahay, Director General of Training Pawan Kumar Arun, Director General of Family Welfare Sushma Singh, Chief Medical Officer of Lucknow NB Singh, Special Secretary Archana Verma, and others were present on the occasion.



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# Khadi Mahotsav: CM stresses on 'vocal for local'

PNS LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said here on Saturday that when local artisans benefit, the country progresses. He stated that in the past five years, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressing on vocal for local people have started buying Indian goods, especially those associated with ODOP (One District One Product), which has benefitted local craftsmen.

The CM expressed these views during the inauguration of the Khadi Mahotsav at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan. Yogi said that when we talk of

Khadi, it denotes the pride of the country.

"The freedom struggle reached new heights when the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, made Khadi a revolution, and the whole country became a part of it with the call to adopt Swadeshi. Now, in Independent India, several forms have emerged from the charkha, including manual, solar, and electric charkhas," he said.

The CM mentioned that work done with one's own hands is an art and skill, and there is demand for such products in

society. "In the last seven years, the Khadi department has provided jobs to more than 3.5 lakh people. In 2017, one glass made from clay cost 60 paise and could not compete with plastic products, but today the same glass costs 12-15 paise and is a good substitute for plastic," he added. He said that the state govern-

ment had made the decision to provide free clay from the village pond to every person from the Prajapati community between April and June, allowing them to collect it at home and use it for pottery throughout the year.

This initiative has started the tradition of lighting earthen lamps during Deepotsav.
"The Prajapati community is

very talented and was not receiving respect earlier, but today they are being honoured. The result is that they are benefitting society with their talent and also helping in water conservation and environmental preservation," he added.

He mentioned that he interacted with bee farmers who had come to the Mahotsav, and this kind of farming also helped increase the productivity of plants. "From farmers to weavers, it is



an entire link that brings products to the market and provides employment to many people," he said. Underscoring the growing importance of ODOP, Yogi said, "ODOP has made a huge impact in the country and

the world. When Prime Minister Modi says 'vocal for local', people can only think of the artists." ODOP. Every district has a distinct product. I visit several districts, and I see that block printing is still popular, which

not only provides employment but also showcases the skills of

Yogi pointed out that Khadi Mahotsav, which lasts for one week, not only provides a platform for craftsmen, weavers, artists, and small industrialists but also gives them an oppor-tunity to learn from what is happening in other states. He said that when the govern-

ment gives an electric charkha or any other commodity to a person, it is their duty to save a small amount of money and help someone else become independent.

This will create a chain. Earlier, toxic products from China were used in our festivals. When children touched them, they became ill. It also threatened their eyesight. The Ganpati and Lakshmi idols also came from China. These would carry chemicals that made them poisonous, but in the last four to six years, when PM Modi laid emphasis on 'vocal for local', people now buy Indian products and gift them too, especially ODOP. When a local artisan benefits from this, India's money stays within the country and is used for the nation's progress," he added. Yogi mentioned that at Kumbh,

240 stalls have been set up for Khadi and Gramudyog. "Khadi keeps the body warm in winter and cool in summer, which is what is required of a prod-uct that fulfils our needs," he

# Woman doctor, elderly man duped in digital arrest fraud

Cyber fraudsters duped a woman doctor of Rs 13.40 lakh by 'digitally arresting' her for nine days in the city. To avoid arousing suspicion, this time they introduced them-selves as Delhi Police officers instead of Mumbai Police.

They also referenced the money laundering case involving NCP leader Nawab Malik. In a separate incident, an elderly man from Indiranagar was conned out of Rs 30 lakh after being 'digitally arrested' for four days.

Following complaints from the victims, the cyber police have registered an FIR and investigations are ongoing.
According to reports, Dr.

Anurupa Rai, a resident of Chitragupt Nagar in Manak Nagar, told the police that on December 26, 2024, a man called her, claiming to be a TRAI employee. He informed her that a SIM

card had been purchased in Delhi on August 14 using her Aadhaar card and obscene videos of girls were being sent through it.

The caller claimed that SIM verification would be done via a video call. "When I told him that I did not have any SIM card in Delhi, he insisted on verifying it and told me that Delhi Police would investigate the matter. Shortly after that, I received a video call from another number. The caller

introduced himself as senior inspector Anil and began questioning me," she stated in her complaint.

She further said that the accused told her she was involved in a money laundering case and would be jailed for 45 days. She also quoted the accused as saying, "Your name is also being linked with Nawab Malik, an accused in the money laundering case. Your Bank of Baroda passbook and ATM card were found in a raid at his house. Hence, you and your family will have to remain in police custody for 45 days."
When she denied any connection with Nawab Malik, the

accused arranged for her to speak with what he referred to as DCP Navjot Simi. After asking several questions, an arrest warrant and a freezing order were sent to her

mobile. Following this, she was kept under digital arrest from December 27, 2024 to January 4, 2025. During this time, in the guise of an investigation, she transferred Rs 13.40 lakh to the

accounts provided by the fraudsters. Realising she had been cheated, she shared the entire incident with an acquaintance on January 5, who then contacted the police and filed a com-

In another case, an elderly man was duped under the pretext of opening a fake HDFC

plaint.

Deepak Raj, a resident of C Block, Indiranagar, said that after retiring, he was living in Lucknow with his family.
On December 31, a man called

him and told him that an account had been opened in HDFC Bank using his Aadhaar details and that illegal activities were being carried out using the mobile number linked to the account. The fraudster further claimed

that Delhi Police were investigating the matter.

"He then made me speak to a policeman, who told me that the RBI would investigate my accounts. If everything was in order, my money would be returned, and I would be given a clean chit. After this, until January 3, I transferred about Rs 30 lakh in the accounts provided on the pretext of investigation," the victim said. On Ianuary 5, the victim was

informed that CBI officials would contact him on the morning of January 6. "A man posing as a CBI officer asked me to transfer another Rs 20 lakh. He threatened me when I made an excuse that

there was no money in my account," the victim added. Realising he had been scammed, he filed a complaint with the cyber police. Cyber police station incharge Brajesh Yadav said that after registering the case, they were

collecting information about

the accused based on the

account numbers.

the relationship. Shashank, a cousin of the

# found dead under suspicious conditions the call. They spoke for about 30 minutes. Shortly afterwards,

29-year-old man was

Afound dead under suspicious circumstances in Indiranagar on Thursday night, police said here. The deceased, identified as Ashish Mishra, had marks of strangulation on his neck and injuries on his forehead, police added. The police were informed of

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the incident after receiving a memo from the hospital. They reached the scene and sent the body for a postmortem examination. Mishra was scheduled to get married on February 15. According to reports, Ashish Mishra, a native of Hariharpur Kalyan near Shanti Kunj, Motichoor Raiwala district, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, worked as a computer operator

at a private company.

For the past two and a half vears, he had been in a live-in relationship with a woman from Gonda. The couple lived in a rented accommodation at 9/328 Indiranagar. The woman was a distant relative of Ashish, and their families had approved

deceased, revealed that Ashish had spoken to his mother, Vijay Lakshmi, over the phone around 8 pm on Thursday. During the conversation, Ashish mentioned that the woman had expressed reluctance to marry him. "Something seemed off during

the woman called Ashish's mother to inform her that Ashish was unwell. She then alerted me, and when I reached the spot, Ashish was already dead," Shashank said. Shashank alleged that a relative

from the woman's side had refused to take Ashish's body to the hospital. 'Ashish had injury marks on

his forehead and strangulation marks on his neck. However, the woman claimed during police questioning that Ashish had taken his own life by hanging," he said. The family has accused the

woman of murder and is demanding a thorough investigation. Gazipur ACP Anandya Vikram

Singh stated that the exact cause of death will only be determined after the postmortem report is released. "At present, no formal complaint has been lodged by the family," he said.

Shashank explained that Ashish's mother, Vijay Lakshmi, and cousin Ayush live in Haridwar.

The wedding, which was set for February 15, had been fully planned. The woman and her father had recently visited Haridwar to finalise preparations, including booking a guest house. Invitation cards had already been distributed to relatives, he added.

### Man living with fiancée Clerk caught taking bribe Lucknow (PNS): The anti-cor-

ruption organisation arrested a clerk from the UP Pharmacy Council for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 5,000. The accused contract worker, Jayant Kumar Singh, was allegedly demanding the bribe in exchange for issuing a DPharma licence.

The complainant, Anil Kumar Gupta, a resident of Indiranagar, reported the matter to the anticorruption organisation. He alleged that the accused refused to issue the licence without a bribe. A team was formed and the accused was caught redhanded in his office at Lekhraj Market.

Meanwhile, a fraudster duped a 62-year-old man, Mohammed Wasim Siddiqui, a resident of Ashok Vihar Colony in Khurramnagar, by luring him to invest in shares. According to Wasim, a few days ago, he received a message from Avantika, an employee of Bajaj Broking Institutional Account. She informed him that the 21st investment plan had been released by the Bajaj Group, offering potential profits from trading. He was sent a link and persuaded to invest money.

Nath Shrivastava, a resident of Indiranagar, received the message on December 12. He paid Rs one lakh initially. However, further demands for money were made for policy security and other items. He deposited Rs 9.64 lakh more. Despite this, the demand for additional funds continued. When he visited the insurance company office, the fraud was uncovered.

A retired HAI officer Vibb

# **Court nod to judicial** remand of bank heist mastermind

Lucknow (PNS): The judicial remand of the mastermind behind the bank heist in Chinhat, where 42 lockers were broken into on December 21, 2024, has been approved by the court.

A team of Lucknow police visited Ghazipur jail and interrogated the accused on Friday. During the interrogation, he stated that he had gone to the Indian Overseas Bank's Chinhat branch under the pretext of taking a contract for whitewashing the rooms and conducted a recce.

Interrogation continued on Saturday, but the interrogators have yet to conclude their findings. The police have not yet been able to recover all of the stolen goods.

According to police sources, during the jail interrogation, mastermind Vipin revealed many details. In a two-hour interrogation, he told the police that he had entered the bank under the guise of taking a painting contract. During this visit, he stayed in the bank for 15-20 minutes and inspected the entire premises.

When asked about the purpose of his visit, he told the bank staff that he had come to inquire about a contract for the whitewashing of the rooms. The employees informed him that no such contract existed, and he then left.

Two days later, he returned to the bank under the pretext of opening an account.

During this visit, he gathered information from the CCTV cameras installed in the bank to plan access to the bank lockers. He also mentioned during interrogation that, while living in Chinhat, he had visited the bank many times before, which is when the idea for the theft came to him. The court authorised the interrogation, and the

investigating officer of the bank robbery case questioned the main accused, Vipin, who is lodged in Ghazipur jail, on Saturday as well. The police had arrested seven bank robbers during

an encounter, in which two were killed, and one was injured by gunshot. The robbers had broken through the wall of the Indian Overseas Bank and cut open 42 lockers, stealing jewellery and cash

# Various new initiatives at Agniveer rally

Various new initiatives such as a command and control centre, increased CCTV cameras, and a dedicated grievance redressal cell have been introduced at the Agniveer Recruitment Rally for 13 districts under ARO Lucknow. The rally, organised under the aegis of HQ Recruiting Zone (UP & UK) Recruiting Office Lucknow, is being held at the AMC Centre & College, Lucknow, from January 10

Interacting with mediapersons on Saturday, ADG Recruiting (UP & Uttarakhand), Major General Manoj Tiwari, applauded the efforts and dedication of the youth and their drive to become part of the Indian Army through the Agnipath scheme. He said that the strength of technology has been leveraged to make the recruitment process completely fair and transparent. Major General Tiwari added that the rally is being conducted smoothly and thanked the civil administration and military authorities for their support in organising it.
Over 40 CCTV cameras have

been installed across the rally site at every stage of the recruitment process. This is the first time such a command and control centre has been built for an Army Recruitment Rally, with live feeds of the cameras being displayed for

monitoring. A candidate with a grievance can approach the Grievance Redressal Cell, which has access to the camera recordings. The recordings can be shown to the candidate to clear any doubts.

On the second day of the recruitment rally on Saturday, candidates from Bindki, Fatehpur, Khaga Tehsils under Fatehpur district and Gonda, Tarabganj, Mankapur & Colonelganj Tehsils under Gonda district participated for the category of Agniveer General Duty (GD). A total of 1300 candidates for Agniveer General Duty were called up, of which 1039 (79.92%) candidates participated in the rally.

The candidates from Chhibramau, Kannaui, Tirwa & Haseran Tehsils of Kannauj district and Hamirpur, Rath, Serila & Maudah Tehsils of Hamirpur district will participate for the category of Agniveer General Duty (GD) on January 12. Candidates who have cleared the online Common Entrance Exam (CEE) conducted in the month of April 2024 are participating in the recruitment rally. Approximately 10,000 shortlisted candidates from 13 districts - Auraiya, Chitrakoot, Kannauj, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Barabanki, Gonda, Kanpur Dehat, Unnao, Kanpur Nagar, Fatehpur, and Lucknow of Uttar Pradesh – will be participating in this rally.

# **CITYBRIEFS**

LU RANKS 22ND FOR BBA PROGRAMME BY IMS

The Lucknow University has ranked 22nd in India for its Bachelor Business of Administration (BBA) programme offered by the Institute of Management Sciences.

This ranking, awarded by the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF), highlights the university's commitment to academic excellence and producing industry-ready graduates, officials said. IIRF evaluates institutions on parameters such as academic performance, placements, research output and infrastructure, underscoring LU's comprehensive approach to education. The university's BBA programmes focus on a dynamic curriculum that balances theoretical knowledge with practical application. Students

benefit from regular industry interactions, internships and placement opportunities with top companies. "This ranking is a testament to the relentless dedication of our faculty, staff and students. It reflects our commitment to nurturing future business leaders through a blend of academic excellence, innovation and industry relevance," LU Vice-Chancellor Prof Alok Kumar Rai said.

### **WORKSHOP ON ECMO**

King George's Medical University (KGMU) hosted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme and workshop on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) on Saturday, focusing on its life-saving potential for critically ill patients. The event brought together over 100 healthcare pro-

fessionals, including intensivists, cardiologists, anaesthesiologists, perfusionists, and postgraduate students, to explore ECMO's latest advancements and practical applications in the ICU. With live demonstrations and hands-on training, the workshop aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills to utilise ECMO effectively in life-threatening situations. Key experts, including Dr Atiharsh Agarwal, Dr Shikha Sachan, Dr Apoorva Gupta, and Dr Raghvendra, led the scientific sessions. Prof Monica Kohli, head of anaesthesiology, explained that ECMO provides oxygen even when lung function fails or dur-ing cardiac arrest. Prof D Himanshu, ECMO in-charge, highlighted that KGMU offers this advanced, costly technology at a significantly lower price, successfully managing patients with severe heart and lung failure.

### **GRANT AWARDED** Principal of the Faculty of Fine

Arts, College of Arts and Crafts, Dr Rattan Kumar, announced on Saturday that Indian artist Shatrughan Kumar Gupta has been awarded the prestigious Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant of \$15,000 (Rs 12,91,822.76). Born in Dohrighat, Mau district, Shatrughan graduated from the Arts and Crafts College in 2007 and completed his Masters in Painting in 2009. After the COVID-19 pandemic, he began teaching art at Lucknow Arts and Crafts College. Recently, he held a solo exhibition at the Xi'an Art Museum in China and participated in a group show at the Shanghai Academy of Fine Arts.

# **Devotees throng Ayodhya on** consecration anniversary

**PTI** ■ AYODHYA

 $F^{\text{or some the feeling is of}}_{\text{deep devotion, for others}}$  it's a sense of fulfilment of a wish, while some others are driven by sentiments of joy! Occasion is one but emotions are countless. The first anniversary celebration of the consecration of Ram Lalla idol in the Ayodhya temple has brought to the city thousands of devotees from across the country.

The three-day celebrations began on Saturday with a recital of Yajurveda and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath performing an 'abhishek' on the Ram Lalla idol.

Thousands of people have descended on the city from near and far, and are headed to the temple premises to witness cultural and religious events planned for the three days between January 11 and 13. "Ayodhya is soaked completely in the essence and devotion of Lord Ram," Ram Temple

head priest Satyendra Das told PTI. "The heavy influx of devotees everyday at the Ram Temple shows people's immense faith in Lord Ram. This huge turnout at the Ram temple also means people from different walks of life are very happy about the consecration of Lord Ram Lalla idol. They are all celebrating the first anniversary with full enthusi-asm. The atmosphere here is of

For Ayodhya mayor Girish Pati Tripathi, it feels like the "fulfilment of a dream".

complete happiness."

'The happiness is that of seeing our culture flowering and flourishing. The happiness is that of witnessing Ayodhya as a city of enthusiasm and joy. I feel privileged to be able to serve the people of this city," he told PTI. He said the temple city is witnessing an average daily footfall of 1.5 lakh, and in these three days, the average daily footfall is likely to



Devotees shout religious slogans ahead of the first anniversary of the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol at the Ram temple, in Ayodhya

increase further.

Anil Mishra, a member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, told PTI, "It is the result of the hardwork of the nodal agencies that three storeys (of the temple) have been completed. The work on the temple's 'shikhar' is going on, and that too will be completed in around two months. This is definitely encouraging." The idol of Ram Lalla was consecrated in the temple on January 22, 2024. But the its anniversary is being celebrated over three days from Saturday (January 11 (according to the traditional Hindu calendar 'tithi', Mishra said. The celebrations will go on for

three days. 'The large number of devotees visiting the temple shows their devotion. Since the temple was constructed, more than 3 crore devotees visited for the darshan of Lord Ram Lalla," Mishra said. "There is excite-

ment in the atmosphere today." Rajat Singh, who lives near Tulsi Udyan in Ayodhya, is overwhelmed with joy.

"Every year, we celebrate the anniversaries of our friends, family members and relatives. This I feel is the anniversary of Lord Ram Lalla, who found a place in a grand and divine temple last year. This day is a special for me and my family members, as we happily remember the 'Pran Pratistha' day (of 2024)," Singh said.

"Every resident of Ayodhya is feeling happy and elated."
Bharat Singh, who heads the Lucknow-based Mahapurush Smriti Sansthan, said, "This is definitely a historic day as the Pran Pratistha' of Lord Ram Lalla has completed one year. Lord Ram is the symbol of hope and faith for crores of devotees spread across the length and breadth of the

"People derive immense peace,

# Cleanliness campaign for Maha Kumbh

satisfaction and strength by taking the name of 'Maryada Purushottam' Shri Ram. The

coming generations will con-

Scheduled from January 11 to

13, the celebrations also aim to include common people who were unable to attend the his-

toric ceremony last year, along-

side around 110 invited VIPs,

according to the temple trust.
"The trust has decided to

invite common people who could not attend the initial

consecration ceremony last

year. They will be allowed to

join all three days of events at Angad Teela," Champat Rai, the general secretary of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth

Kshetra Trust had earlier said.

The trust said that invitation letters have been distributed to

guests, including the 110 VIPs,

many of whom missed the

original pran pratishtha ceremony on January 22, 2024

"Those unable to attend last

year will be included in this

anniversary celebration," Rai had earlier said.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister

Yogi Adityanath on Saturday

felicitated a six-year-old boy who ran over 1,000 kilometres

from Punjab's Fazilka district to

attend the first anniversary of

Pran Pratishtha ceremony Śhri

Mohabbat began his journey on November 14 from Abohar

town in Punjab and reached the Saryu riverbank in Ayodhya on

Friday. He ran approximately 1,200 kilometres, covering 19-

20 kilometres every day, the UP

government said in a statement.

Champat Rai, the general secretary of Shri Ram

Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra

Trust, shared the stage with

Mohabbat as Adityanath hon-

oured him with a shawl, choco-

lates and words of encourage-

ment. He also inquired about

his well-being, the statement

Ram Lalla here.

**CM FELICITATES BOY** 

tinue to do so."

**Prayagraj (PNS):** To make the Maha Kumbh, starting from January 13, clean, a two-day cleanliness campaign began on Saturday. While launching the drive from Sangam Nose, Mayor Ganesh Kesarwani appealed to both the people of the city and those coming to the Maha Kumbh to keep the grand event clean. Following this, hundreds of sanitary workers, along with people from various organisations, also participated in the cleanliness campaign. Efforts are being made at every level by the Prayagraj Municipal Corporation to make Maha Kumbh not only divine and grand but also clean. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who visited Prayagraj on December 13, 2024 had also appealed for the cleanliness. This time, around 40 crore people are expected to visit the Maha Kumbh. With this in mind, special arrangements for cleanliness have been made throughout the entire Mela area.

Considering the large number of devotees and tourists expected at the Maha Kumbh, a total of 1.5 lakh toilets have been conof 1.5 lakh tollets have been constructed. Modern equipment is also being used for their cleaning. The Mela authority has made separate preparations for this purpose. Additionally, 15,000 Swachhata Mitras and 2,000 Ganga Sevadoots have been appointed. Sanitation colonies have been established in every sector for the Swachhata Mitras to reside in. Meanwhile, there will be a con-Meanwhile, there will be a confluence of melodies from January 16 to February 24 in the Ganga Pandal. This 40-day grand event will be inaugurated by singer Shankar Mahadevan, while the closing performance will be by singer Mohit Chauhan.

More than 30 artistes, including Kailash Kher, Kavita Seth, Nitin Mukesh, Suresh Wadekar, Hariharan and Kavita Krishnamurthy, will be per-form in the programme.

# Shri Panchayati Nirmal Akhara procession reaches Kumbh

The procession of Shri Panchayati Nirmal Akhara was taken out with traditional fervour here for the Maha Kumbh entry on Saturday. Sadhus and saints left from the Akhara located in Kydganj on chariots, carriages, and horses. Female saints moved towards the Maha Kumbh while reciting Guruvani and Shabad Kirtan behind them. More than a thousand saints were involved in the procession.

The artistes came onto the road in the fierce form of Mahakaal, making the onlookers awestruck.

The artistes performed a fierce dance on the road and spat fireballs from their mouths. Most of the saints from the Sikh community had participated in the procession, known as the 'Chavani Pravesh' of Shri Panchayati Nirmal Akhara, which is called the Akhara of the Sikhs. The procession of Nirmal Akhara left for the Maha Kumbh around 12 noon on Saturday. The procession on Saturday. The procession reached the Johnstonganj crossing. The palanquin of Guru Granth Sahib moved ahead, and ahead of them, the Panch Pyare (their followers) moved towards the Maha Kumbh with swords in their

Hundreds of Sevadaars washed and swept the road ahead. The people of the city welcomed these saints by showering flowers. The saints walked in the procession with the band, giving prasad to everyone.

The secretary of the Akhara, Mahant Devendra Singh Shastri, said: "This Akhara is also called the Udasin Akhara. Udasin means the state of Brahma or Samadhi. The saints of this Akhara wake up in the Brahma Muhurta during the entire Maha Kumbh Mela and perform worship, Guru Granth Sahib, and Guruvani." Mahant Devendra Singh

Shastri also said that saints from the Sikh community across the country were partic-



ipating in the procession. This Akhara considers service, pure conduct, and charity as its foremost principles. Any person who has the spirit of service, sacrifice, and penance can join this Akhara.

# RPF IG TAKES STOCK OF CCTC CONTROL ROOM

In order to check the security arrangements for Maha Kumbh, Inspector General of Railway Protection Force, North Central Railway (Prayagraj), AN Sinha, inspected the new CCTV control room installed at Prayagraj Junction here on Saturday. During the inspection, a total of 326 cameras, including 30 FRS, 34 PTZ, and 32 VA (Video

54 PTZ, and 32 VA (Video Analytics) cameras, were found to be operational. FRS and VA cameras have been specially installed at important locations to keep a close watch on Prayagraj Junction through CCTV cameras during Maha Kumbh, ensuring the security

of the devotees. Apart from the 326 cameras installed at Prayagraj Junction, a link to 32 cameras installed by the civil administration along the routes from Sangam and the Maha Kumbh Mela area to Prayagraj Junction has also been added to the Prayagraj Junction CCTV control room. This enables continuous monitoring of the crowd heading towards the Mela, and in case of excessive crowding at the station, the crowd can be diverted to predetermined routes in coordination with the civil administration. Trained jawans of the Railway Protection Force have been deployed for duty in the CCTV control room. Every small activity is being monitored by them through CCTV cameras. Additionally, officers from the RPF/GRP and other railway departments will also be present in the control room to ensure immediate communication and coordination regarding any activity or incident.

# **BJP likely to announce** candidate by Jan 14

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The Bharatiya Janata Party is likely to announce its candidate for the bypoll to Milkipur assembly constituency in Ayodhya district before Makar Sankranti or January 14. Besides Baba Gorakhnath, the former Bharatiya Janata Party MLA from Milkipur, Deputy Transport Commissioner Surendra Kumar Rawat has also claimed the ticket for the bypoll. He has applied for voluntary retirement. He is due to retire in March 2025. Six other leaders are also in the race for BJP ticket from Milkipur assembly seat. The last date for filing nomination papers is January 17 and the last date for withdrawal of nomination papers is January 20.

Sources in the BJP said former BIP MLA from Milkipur, Baba Gorakhnath, was the front runner for the ticket. He was elected on BJP ticket from this seat in 2017 UP assembly election. He lost to Awadhesh Prasad of Samajwadi Party by over 13,000 votes in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh assembly

# **MILKIPUR BY-ELECTION**

election.

in the race for NJP ticket. Besides the two, Vinay Kumar Rawat, former block pramukh, Chandrakesh Rawat, Chandrabhanu Paswan and MLA Ramu former Priyadarshi are also in the race for ticket for Milkipur assembly seat.

The bypoll is different from the 2022 assembly polls as the Congress and the Bahujan Samaj Party are not in the fray. Congress has already announced not to contest the bypoll. In 2022, BSP had polled 14,427 votes while the Congress had lost the security deposit as it polled only 3.166 votes.

The bypoll in Milkipur assembly constituency is likely to see a direct contest between the Bharativa Ianata Party and the Samaiwadi Party.

Azad Samaj Party led by Chandrashekar, MP, is also in the fray and is likely to split the Dalit votes. Though the ASP is not a major player, it

election. may bag some Dalit votes Surendra Kumar Rawat is also since the BSP has withdrawn from the bypoll.

In August last year, BSP and ASP had announced their candidates for the Milkipur seat in the expectation that bypoll there would be held along with nine other seats. BSP had nominated Ram Gopal Kori while ASP had put its bet on Randhir Bharti Kori. However, after the Election Commission deferred the Milkipur bypoll owing to litigation and the BSP was routed on the nine seats where bypolls were held, Mayawati pulled out of the contest, making it a direct fight between BJP and SP, with Congress extending support to the latter.

Milkipur assembly seat is reserved for Scheduled Castes and the Pasi community outnumber other castes there. The second biggest chunk of voters is Other Backward Class, with Yadavs being the most dominant among

# 13-year-old girl who joined Juna Akhara expelled with her guru

**Prayagraj (PTI):** A 13-year-old girl who was admitted in the Juna Akhara recently to become a 'sanyasin' was expelled on the grounds that ner entry into the monastic order was against the rules. Rakhi Singh's guru Mahant Kaushal Giri, who had given the girl 'sannyasa', was also expelled for seven years.

Juna Akhara's international spokesperson Srimahant Narayan Giri told PTI on Saturday the girl was a minor and her entry into the Akhara was against the rules which don't allow admitting women below 25.

He said the the matter of a minor girl joining the Akhada was discussed at a general meeting on Friday. It was decided unanimously to reject the girl from the Akhada and also expel Mahant Kaushal Giri Maharaj for seven years for admitting a minor girl, Srimahant Narayan Giri said. He said the girl has been handed over to her parents with respect.

According to the rules of Juna Akhada, woman aged 25 years or above are given admission. If a parent donates a minor boy to Juna Akhara, he is



Devotees take a holy dip at Sangam on a foggy winter morning ahead of the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj on Saturday

given admission in the Akhara.

Patron Mahant Hari Giri, Chairman Shrimahant Prem Giri and other senior officials of the Akhara attended the Friday meeting. In the meeting, the saints expressed anger over Kaushal Giri accepting a minor girl as a donation without informing the Akhara. The girl's mother Reema Singh had said Mahant Kaushal Giri Maharaj had been coming to their village for the past three years to narrate Bhagwat Katha and it was there that her 13-year-old daughter Rakhi Singh took 'deeksha' from

She suddenly felt renunciation for worldly pleasures and expressed her wish to become a saadhvi to her parents. The parents considered their

daughter's wish to be God's wish and handed her over to Juna Akhara. Mahant Kaushal gious event. Giri inducted her gave her a new name, Gauri Giri.

# Bahraich tops nation in grievance resolution Vajpayee. The initiative empha-

Lucknow (PNS): The Yogi Adityanath government has prioritised resolving public grievances and ensuring efficient service delivery across Uttar Pradesh by regularly issuing necessary guidelines to officials through review meetings. In this context, during the Good Governance Week 2024, Bahraich topped the nation by addressing over 2.5 lakh grievances and delivering more than 11 lakh services.

Meerut and Siddharthnagar ranked second and third in grievance resolution, while Siddharthnagar and Bareilly secured second and third spots in service delivery, reflecting the state's governance efficiency. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Good Governance Week is celebrated across the country from December 19 to 24 to mark the birth anniversary of former prime minister Atal Bihari

sises citizen-centric governance and efficient public service delivery. According to the 2024 Good Governance Week report, Uttar Pradesh successfully resolved 11,04,722 applications for service delivery and addressed 2,89,174 public grievances through the state grievance portal during this period. Among the districts, Bahraich topped the charts by resolving 3,05,499 service delivery cases, followed closely by Siddharthnagar with 2,55,425 cases and Bareilly with 52,701 cases. Meerut, Sitapur and Etawah also made it to the top ten by resolving 47,654, 41,272 and 34,370 cases, respectively. On the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi, public griev-ances are being addressed on a priority basis across the state. Bahraich emerged as the leading district, successfully resolving 66,283 complaints.

# 3-year-old girl, grandmother done to death

Budaun (PTI): A 3-year-old girl and her grandmother were bludgeoned to death over a family feud here, police said on Saturday. The incident occurred on Friday night when Geeta Devi (55) was sleeping on a cot with her granddaughter, Kalpana, at her home in Hayat Nagar village, police said. Devi's husband, Ramnath, had gone out of the village for some work. Upon receiving information, the Senior Superintendent of Police Brijesh Kumar Singh reached the spot and inspected the crime scene with the forensic team. During the investiga-tion, the police found the victims had an ongoing rivalry with a family living in nearby Sakhanu hamlet. Ramnath's son had eloped with Prempal's daughter 10 years ago and since then, there has been a feud between the two families, police

# PMAY (Rural): UP setting new benchmarks in selection of eligible beneficiaries

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The Uttar Pradesh government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, is setting new benchmarks in the selection of eligible beneficiaries and housing construction under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural).

With a transparent and welfaredriven approach, the process is progressing rapidly as per the revised Awas Plus standards. Gram chaupals are playing a vital role in this initiative, resolving villagers' issues directly within their communities. To ensure grassroots involvement and transparency, the state government has initiated gram chaupals in two gram panchayats of each development block every Friday. These chaupals operate on the principle of 'Problem of the

Village - Solution in the has simplified the process sig-Village, where personal and public grievances of the villagers are addressed directly within their communities. The initiative is not only mak-

ier, but also ensuring trans-parency in the implementation of schemes. Meanwhile, the selection of eligible beneficiaries for the

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Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in rural areas has accelerated through these chaupals. To facilitate the process, an

online survey is being conducted using the Awas Plus App, which streamlines the selection process while maintaining transparency and simplifying the housing construction procedure. Previously, beneficiaries were required to visit government offices and apply offline for the scheme's benefits. However, the Yogi government

nificantly. Now, interested applicants can apply through the PMAY Mobile App, and after submitting the application, the required documents can be verified at the tehsildar's office.

To ensure widespread awareness about this upgraded system, information is being disseminated through gram chaupals, encouraging maximum participation. District magistrates are conducting regular review meetings to ensure accountability and effective progress in the scheme's implementation.

Following the direction of Chief Minister Yogi, the government has implemented a comprehensive action plan to address both personal and public concerns at the grassroots

Gram chaupals are serving as

platforms where detailed information about the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana is being shared. Awareness is also being spread on Tehsil Divas and Thana Divas, with extensive details about eligibility criteria and benefits.

Additionally, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Rural Beneficiary Selection-2024 is being prepared across districts to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries are included in the scheme.

The Yogi government's proactive efforts contribute significantly to realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Housing for All'. Chief Minister Yogi aims to provide every economically disadvantaged citizen with a permanent and secure shelter. Beyond providing homes, the scheme ensures self-respect and a sense of security for the

beneficiaries.

# Maha Kumbh to blend spirituality with message of justice and RTI

Mahakumbh Nagar (PNS): Maha Kumbh 2025 will blend spirituality with a powerful message of justice, transparency and individual rights. In Prayagraj, a Judges' Colony and cottages for lokayuktas, information commissioners and the Bar Council are being set up to support this vision.

For 45 days, judges, lokayuktas, information commissioners and lawyers will stay among the public, engaging directly with them to provide insights into justice, the right to information (RTI) and related aspects.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently visited and himself inspected the Judges' Colony in Sector 23 of Mahakumbhnagar. More than 150 cottages are being constructed in Sector 23 and near Kila Ghat to accommodate officials and ensure seamless operations.

The CM has directed officials to make necessary arrangements to provide a memorable experience for pilgrims from across India and abroad. The chief minister envisions Maha Kumbh as more than just a reli-

### **LECTURE SERIES**

A series of thought-provoking lectures on contemporary issues, along with discussions on religion, spirituality and culture, are being organised at the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj. The Divya Prem Seva Mission from Haridwar will conduct a special lecture on 'One Nation One Election – In the Context of Economic Political Reform and Developed India' on January 18, with former President Ram Nath Kovind invited as the chief guest. The lecture series at the Divya

Prem Seva Mission's camp will include seven topics. The first lecture on January 12 will be on 'Swami Vivekananda

Sanatan dharma ki vaishvik drishti'. The second, scheduled for January 17, will address 'Bharat ki gaurav gatha banam atmaheenata ki bhavana' (India's glorious legacy vs. the spirit of inferiority).

The third, on January 18, will cover 'One Nation One Election - Arthik Rajnitik Sudhar evam Viksit Bharat ke Sandarbh Mein' (One Nation, One Election: Economic and political reforms in the context of a developed India).



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# PM Modi to spend entire day with 'Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue' participants

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will spend the entire day on Sunday with the participants in the 'Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue', being held as part of his efforts to bring one lakh youths having no political link in politics.

The programme is being held on National Youth Day, which marks the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. An official statement said Modi will engage with 3,000 "dynamic young" leaders from across India.

from across India.

Modi said on social media that he will spend the entire day with "my young friends" and over conversations and lunch, they will discuss various subjects aimed at building a 'Viksit Bharat'. The youths who he will be meeting have shown great passion for science, technology, innovation, culture and more, he added. The statement said the event in Modi's aconventional manner. It aligns with Modi's laligns with Modi's areas pivotal to India's development before the prime minister. These presentations reflect the innovative ideas and solutions proposed by young leaders to address some of India's most pressing challenges," it added. He will also release a compilation of the best essays written by participants on the empower the nation's future The statement said the event



inspire, motivate, and written by participants on the empower the nation's future ten themes. These themes

as technology, sustainability, women empowerment, manufacturing, agriculture.

agriculture.
During the dialogue, which starts on Sunday, the young leaders will engage in competitions, activities, and cultural and thematic presentations. It will also include deliberations on the themes led by mentors and domain experts. It will also witness cultural performances showcasing India's artistic heritage while symbolizing its modern advancements. modern advancements. A total of 3,000 youths have

been selected to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue through the Viksit Bharat Challenge, a meticulously crafted, merit-based multi-level selection process to identify and showcase the most motivated and dynamic young voices from across the nation, the statement said. It saw the participation of around 30 lakh young

# Rijiju embarks on five-day visit to Saudi Arabia, to sign agreement for Hajj pilgrimage

Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday embarked on a five-day visit to Saudi Arabia to sign a bilateral agreement for the Hajj pilgrimage of 2025, where India is seeking an additional quota for 10,000 pilgrims

additional quota for 10,000 pilgrims.
Rijiju is scheduled to meet Saudi Arabian Minister Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah on Monday when the two leaders are expected to sign the bilateral agreement.
"I look forward to visiting the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to sign the bilateral agreement

sign the bilateral agreement on Hajj 2025 and strengthen the people-to-people ties between our two great nations," Rijiju said in a post

Rijiju will also meet Saleh Al Rijiju will also meet Saleh Al Jasser, the Saudi Minister of Transport and Logistic Services and discuss Hajj flight operations and the pilgrimage-related bus and train services with him.

Rijiju will also visit the Jeddah Haj Terminal, used by Indian



government has dedicated an office space for facilitation. Some Indian pilgrims use the Jeddah Airport Terminal One, which also has a highspeed rail service, for transit. India's Hajj quota for 2025 is fixed by Saudi Arabia at 1,75,025 pilgrims and the government is seeking an additional 10,000 quota for this year's pilgrimes. this year's pilgrimage. Rijiju will also visit Madina,

where he will visit the mosques at Quba and During his visit, Rijiju will also meet Prince Khalid Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Advisor to King Salman, the governor of Makkah Region and the chairman of the Central Hajj Committee and Prince Salman bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz al Saud, the Governor of Madina.

Out of the total Hajj pilgrims quota allocated to India, 70 per cent would be handled by the Hajj Committee of India while the remaining 30 per cent will be allocated to private Hajj group organisers,

government's Hajj Policy for 2025.

In 2024, the Hajj Committee of India (HCoI) was allotted 80 per cent while the private Hajj group organisers got 20 per cent of the quota. While the order of priority

was 70 plus applicants, ladies travelling without mehrams and the general category in 2024, the new Hajj policy has prioritised 65 plus applicants followed by women without mehrams and then the

Minister Narendra Modi, the

Government of India has

# Dark web, cryptocurrency and drones continue to be challenge for country: Shah

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Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that dark web, cryptocurrency, online marketplace and drones continue to be a

strict measures.
Chairing a regional conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' here, Shah also asserted that the country will not allow even a single kg of drugs to be smuggled in or out of the country. He said the government has not only been successful in eliminating many networks of drugs, but many networks of drugs, but the terrorism linked with them too was also destroyed. He said many cases of narco-

Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh and these were major achievements.

"The use of dark web, cryptocurrency, online marketplace, drones continue drones continue to be a challenge for the country and these have to be checked by strict measures.

Chairing a regional conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Trafficking and National Country's security and today," he said. Shah said a technical solution to these problems have to be found through joint efforts by the states and the central government and technocrats to be a challenge for us even today," he said. Shah said a for the country's security and development.

He said the fight against drugs has gained a new strength under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. "In the last 10 years, there has been a seven-fold increase in the seizure of drugs which is a major achievement. The

the entire ecosystem of drugs through strict action," he said. The home minister said that in 2024, by seizing drugs worth Rs 16,914 crore, the Narcotics Control Bureau

Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and police across the country took the biggest action against drugs, which is a significant step in making a drug-free society.

"No country can move forward on the path of development with a young generation suffering from drug addiction. It is our responsibility that we all fight this challenge together and this challenge together and make all efforts to win this battle," he said.

Shah said that during 2004-14, a total of 3.63 kg of drugs were seized while during 2014-24, altogether 24 lakh kg Modi government has given a strong message of destroying fold increase as compared to



the previous decade. He said drugs worth Rs 8,150 crore were disposed off in 2004-14 but in 2014-24, drugs worth Rs 54,851 crore were destroyed -? eight times more

than the previous decade. The conference, organised by the NCB, aims to address the growing concern of drug trafficking and its impact on national security, with a

Total number of HMPV cases reach

special focus on eight states and Union Territories of and Union Territories of northern India.Shah also launched the drug disposal fortnight starting from Saturday to January 25. He said that during this period, one lakh kg of narcotics worth Rs 8,600 crore will be destroyed. The home minister also inaugurated the new also inaugurated the new office complex of the NCB's Bhopal zonal unit and extension of the MANAS-2 helpline to all 36 states and

The main focus of the conference is on the sharing of real-time information from the National Narcotics Helpline 'MANAS' portal with the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of states and UTs, evaluating the progress of states in combating drug trafficking, and assessing the

effectiveness of the Narcotics Coordination Mechanism (NCORD).Other issues to be discussed at the conference discussed at the conference include strengthening and enhancing the functionality of State Forensic Science Laboratories (SFSLs), utilising the NIDAAN database to bolster efforts against drug trafficking, implementing provisions of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act. Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act, establishing special NDPS courts for the speedy trial of drug-related cases, and fostering a Whole-of-Government approach to ensure comprehensive collaboration among all agencies to combat drug trafficking and abuse effectively. effectively

adopted a zero tolerance policy against drug trafficking, an official release said. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is implementing a threepronged strategy to achieve a drug-free India by 2047. This includes strengthening institutional frameworks. enhancing coordination among narcotics agencies, and launching a public awareness campaign. The conference is being attended by governors

lieutenant governors, chief ministers and senior officers from the eight participating states and UTs. Senior officers various central from ministries, departments, and law enforcement agencies also Under the leadership of Prime attended the conference.

# CITU slams L&T chairman for urging employees to work 90 hours per week

Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) on Saturday condemned the statement of the Chairman of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) that, these sort of satanic urging for to extending the working hour to 90 hours per "Similar satanic statement was earlier made by the Infosys Head N.R. Narayan Murthy, urging for increasing working hour of 70 hours per week through statutory measure. It seems that there is a rogue competition among the corporate messiahs to rinse the blood and sweat of Indian workers and they are in active connivance and collaboration with the corporate-communal regime in governance by Modi-led NDA," said Tapan Sen, general secretary of CITU in a statement.

"Indian workers, even the permanent ones in the formal sector, are deployed in much more hours of work

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compared to more productive aggravating countries like China. Europe and even the U.S. The stretching of working hours is very disastrously impacting upon the health and social life of the Indian workers. Despite exercise are being made by the corporate class only to minimize further employment as well as labour

cost with brutal working conditions to facilitate more intense exploitation on the workers for profit, cost cutting, in the guise of efficiency and productivity, which have led to 11486 suicides in 2022 as per records of Crime Bureau. The extent of severity of inhuman extraction from labour can be seen from the share of wages in net value addition going down sharply to 15.94% in 2022-23 from 27.64% in 1990-91 while share of net profit jumping from 19.06% to 51.92% during the same

period as per Annual Survey of Industries report, besides

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The major Left trade union said that such desperate and filthy competitive bid by the leading corporate houses one after another to increase working hours is in conspiratorial connivance with their obedient Government at the centre. CITU accused the Central Government for changing the Labour Codes envisages working time to 12 hours. "Although the Labour Codes

owing to resistance by trade union movement, we have numerous attempts/moves by the BJP ruled state govts and some non-BJP state govts too making exercises to increase working hours to 12 hours a day, which are also being resisted by united trade union movement in many states," said CITU demanding 7 hours work a day and 5 days

work a week.

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# 15 in country, states raise vigilance PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The total number of cases coronavirus-like coronavirus-like metapneumovirus human (HMPV) in the country has reached 15. On Saturday, the first case was reported in Assam when a 10-month-old child was detected positive for the pathogen while in Gujarat, a fourth case was reported after a 9-month-old baby was found to be affected with the respiratory illness. Guiarat has the highest number of 4 cases of HMPV in the country. Maharashtra has 3 cases, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have 2 cases each.

and Bengal have reported one case each. The 10-month-old child is undergoing treatment at Assam Medical College and Hospital (AMCH) in Dibrugarh. His condition is stable, said the State Health officials, adding that the child admitted to the

and UP, Rajasthan, Assam

cold and cough. Even as the Centre and many health experts have maintained that there is no need to worry as the virus has been doing the rounds in the country for the past several vears, States are not leaving anything to chance given the rise in cases in neighbouring China.

As a part of its vigilance measures, Punjab has issued an advisory urging the elderly people and children to wear masks.

Meanwhile, isolation wards are being built in hospitals in Gujarat which have reported the highest number of cases, raising further concerns about the virus' spread. In Haryana too, the health department has been ordered to keep an eye on HMPV cases.

HMPV spreads through respiratory droplets released when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It can also

government hospital four be transmitted by touching through direct contact with an infected individual.

As per a recent study by researchers from JIPMER-Puducherry, a leading national institute and tertiary care hospital, HMPV, which is known to cause respiratory issues in children, has not only been circulating in India for years but has also evolved. The virus is classified into two main genotypes, A and B, with subgroups such as A1, A2, B1, and B2, along with additional sub-clusters like

For the first time, JIPMER researchers have identified two new HMPV sub-clusters A2.2.1 and A2.2.2 within the A genotype in India. These newly identified strains show similarities to isolates detected in the United States in 2010 and Japan in

A2a, A2b, and A2c.

2018. The study is published in the International Journal of Infectious Diseases (IJID).

# IMD looking to access data from CubeSats, IoT devices for better forecasts

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is looking to access data from CubeSats, crowdsourcing, and Internet of Things devices besides conventional weather satellites to improve it forecast accuracy, a former official said.

The IMD has also sent a dedicated meteorological satellite in orbit and installed a new high power computing system (HPCS) last year that would allow it to issue more accurate forecasts. "IMD will soon move to an ensemble prediction system with a horizontal resolution of 6 km, which is an improvement over the current resolution of 12 km," Madhavan Raieevan, Ministry of Earth Sciences' former secretary, said in

article penned on the occasion of the 150th

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Foundation Day of IMD.

"The improvement of observation networks incorporating state-of-theart technologies such as crowdsourcing, CubeSats, IoT devices and unmanned platforms will significantly improve data quality and forecast efficiency," he said.

Rajeevan said the IMD was

also setting up separate research testbeds in Bhopal and Mumbai to deepen the understanding of monsoon dynamics and cloud physics. "Às user expectations continue to grow, the IMD must continuously innovate and proactively address these demands," he said. The IMD has access to weather observations from 6,000 over observatories in addition to data from weather balloons.

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MITHILESH KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX1766	Rs. 49,082.00	20-FEB-24	11.800	11.600	SANKALP VERMA	XXXXXXXXXXXXX4291	Rs. 1,40,589.00	29-SEP-23	31.500	29.800	SHER MOHAMMAD	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX332	Rs. 89,358.55	27-SEP-24	21.500	19.900
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# 'I would have beaten Trump,' says Biden

**PTI** WASHINGTON

utgoing US President Joe Biden on Friday said that he would have defeated Donald Trump in the November general elections, but he decided to withdraw from the race mid-way for the sake of the unity of the Democratic Party.

"Mr President, do you regret your decision to not run for re-election? Do you think that that made it easier for vour predecessor to now become your successor?" Biden was asked during a news conference at the White House here.

"I don't think so. I think I would have beaten Trump, could have beaten Trump and I think that Kamala (Harris) could have beaten Trump, would have beaten Trump," Biden said in response.

"It wasn't about — I thought it was important to unify the party and when the party was worried about whether or not I was going to be able to move even though I thought I could win again, I thought it was better to unify the party," he said.

"It was the greatest honour of my life to be president of the United States but I didn't want to be the one who caused a party that wasn't unified to lose an election. And that's why I stepped aside. But I was confident she could win," Biden said.

Biden, 82, decided to withdraw from

the US Presidential race against Trump after his disastrous perfor-mance at the presidential debate in Atlanta in June.

Following a lot of criticism from his own party leaders, Biden decided to withdraw from the race mid-way and endorsed his running mate Vice President Kamala Harris to be the Democratic Party's presidential can-

Harris lost the election to Trump. The general elections resulted in a clean sweep for the Republican Party, which not only recaptured the White House, maintained its majority in the House of Representatives but also got a majority in the Senate.

I AM NOT GOING TO BE OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND: Ten days before passing on the keys of the White House to Donald Trump, outgoing US President Joe Biden on Friday ruled out leaving from public life for now.

"I'm not going to be out of sight — out of mind," Biden told reporters at the White House.

Biden, 82, was responding to reporters' questions if he has decided what kind of role will he will have post-presidency.
"Do you plan to speak out after you

leave Washington, or are you going to follow kind of more of the Bush model where you're kind of out of sight and



out of mind?" he was asked. On January 20, Donald Trump, 78, would be sworn in as the 47th President of the United States. Traditionally, US presidents after

leaving office stay away from public limelight. Biden, does not plan to do so. However, he did not reveal his plans post January 20th.

His predecessor Trump decided to run for office. Biden's former boss Barack Obama who was the 45th President of the United States has stayed away from public life, except for some appearances, after leaving office on January

'I HAVE NO CONTEMPLATION OF PARDONING MYSELF': Outgoing US President Joe Biden on Friday said that he has no plans to pardon himself asserting that he has done nothing wrong.

At the same time, he might be pardoning several others before he demits the office on January 20, he indicated.

"No, I have no contemplation of pardoning myself for anything. I didn't do anything wrong," Biden told reporters at the White House here when asked if he had plans to pardon himself or any other member of his family.

The outgoing president has pardoned his son Hunter Biden. He might issue more pardons, he indicated. But it depends on several factors.

One is that it depends on some of the language and expectations that Trump broadcasts in the last couple of days here as to what he's going to do," he

"The idea that he (Donald Trump) would punish people for not adhering to what he thinks should be policv as related to his well-being is outrageous, but there is still consideration of some folks but no decision," Biden said in response to the question.

KAMALA HARRIS IS COMPE-TENT TO RUN AGAIN IN FOUR YEARS: Vice President Kamala Harris is competent to run for presidency again in four years, outgoing US President Joe Biden said Friday, noting that the decision on this would finally be on her.

"I think that's a decision she might think she's competent to run again in four years. That'll be a decision for her to make," Biden told reporters at a news conference here.

Biden made history in 2020 by appointing Harris as the first ever Indian American, African American and woman as the Vice President of the country. In the summer of 2024, after a disas-

trous presidential debate with Donald Trump in Atlanta, Biden withdrew from the race and went ahead to endorse Harris for presidency. Harris soon became the Democratic Party's presidential nominee.

However, Harris lost to Trump in the November 5th presidential election.

Harris has not announced her future

# **US** levies new curbs on Russian energy sector

**PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden's adminis-tration announced Friday that it's expanding sanctions against Russia's critically important energy sector, unveiling a new effort to inflict pain on Moscow for its grinding war in Ukraine as President-elect Donald Trump gets set to return to office vowing to quickly end the conflict.

The outgoing Democratic administration billed the new sanctions as the most significant to date against Moscow's oil and liquefied natural gas sectors, the driver of Russia's economy. Officials said the sanctions, which punish entities that do business with the Russians, have the potential to cost the Russian economy upward of billions of dollars per month.

More than 180 oil-carrying vessels that are suspected to be part of a shadow fleet utilised by the Kremlin to evade oil sanctions as well as traders, oil field service firms and Russian energy officials are also targeted by the new sanctions. Several of the vessels tar-

geted are also suspected of shipping sanctioned Iranian oil, according to Treasury the Department.

"The United States is taking sweeping action against Russia's key source of revenue for funding its brutal and illegal war against Ukraine," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said in a

statement. "With today's actions, we are ratcheting up the sanctions risk associated with Russia's oil trade, including shipping and financial facilitation in support of Russia's oil exports." In a move coordinated with Washington, the UK also

slapped sanctions on Russian energy firms. The US and Britain are both targeting two of Russia's major oil producers, Gazprom Neft and Surgutneftegas, and dozens of the companies' sub-

sidiaries. The Foreign Office said that between them the two companies produce more than 1 million barrels of oil a day, worth USD 23 billion a year. British Foreign Secretary David Lammy said "oil revenues are the lifeblood of Putin's war economy." 'Taking on Russian' oil compa-

nies will drain Russia's war chest - and every ruble we take from Putin's hands helps save Ukrainian lives," he said.

The UK has already sanctioned almost 100 vessels in Russia's oiltransporting "shadow fleet" as Ukraine's Western allies seeking to increase economic pressure on Moscow ahead of any negotiations on ending the war.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby said the Biden administration chose this moment — just 10 days before Biden leaves office — for tougher oil measures because worries about world oil markets have subsided.

"This was really based on market conditions," Kirby said. "And so the time was propitious for this

# **Rosatom terms sanctions** as unlawful, unfair

Washington (PTI): Russia's State Atomic Energy Corporation Rosatom has said the Biden administration's sanctions against it were "unlawful" and being seen as a form of unfair competition from unfriendly countries. "Sanctions targeting Rosatom's management are regarded as unfounded and unlawful. Today, Rosatom is a global leader in the export of nuclear energy technologies, so the sanctions are seen as a form of unfair competition from unfriendly states," it said.

> decision, and that's why the president made it." The State Department also

> announced it was hitting 14 senior Rosatom officials and executives with travel bans that also affect their immediate familv members. Biden administration officials

> said that it will ultimately be up to Trump's administration whether to keep or scrap the new sanctions.

> Trump's transition team did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the sanctions. Asked if the Biden administration consulted with the incoming Trump team, Kirby responded, "We have at every step and on every major issue been keeping the transition team informed of our decisions, what we're doing and why we're doing it."

# Families in shock begin to visit their charred homes in LA

**AP** LOS ANGELES

Many watched their homes burn on television in a state of shock.

Since the flames erupted in and around Los Angeles, scores of residents have returned to their still smoldering neighbourhoods even as the threat of new fires persisted and the nation's second-largest city remained unsettled. For some, it was a first look at the stagger-

ing reality of what was lost as the region of 13 million people grapples with the gargantuan challenge of overcoming the disaster and rebuilding. Calmer winds enabled fire-

fighters to start gaining some control of the biggest blazes in metropolitan LA on Friday before gusty weather returns over the weekend to an area that hasn't seen rain in more than eight months. But by Friday evening, new evacuations were ordered as the eastern side of the Palisades Fire spread, nearing Interstate 405

for a new term, extending his

increasingly repressive rule in the

Ramesh Tiwari, a retired

teacher from Varanasi, added,

"This temple is not just a

place of worship but a symbol

of unity and resilience for

The celebrations witnessed an

average daily footfall of over

1.5 lakh devotees, with

numbers expected to surge

further. Head priest Satyendra

Das described the scene as a

testament to the deep

connection between Lord

Ram and his devotees. "The

overwhelming turnout shows

the joy and devotion of people from all walks of life," he

A highlight of the anniversary

bath with Ganga water. Lord

Hindus everywhere."

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and The Getty museum. Bridget Berg, who was at work when she saw on TV her house in Altadena erupt in flames,

"just to make it real." Their feet crunched across the broken bits of what had been their home for 16 years.

Her kids sifted through debris on the sidewalk, finding a clay pot and a few keepsakes as they searched for Japanese wood prints they hoped to recover. Her husband pulled his hand out of rubble near the stillstanding fireplace, holding up a piece of petrified wood handed down by his grandmother. "It's OK. It's OK," Berg said as much to herself as others as she took stock of the destruction, remembering the deck and pool from which her family watched fireworks. "It's not like we just lost our house everybody lost their house."

Since the fires first began pop-

ping up around a densely populated, 25-mile (40-kilometer)

was heavily guarded by security

forces who have become

Ram was adorned in yellow

garments woven with gold

threads, and a diamond-

studded crown graced his

head. CM Yogi participated in

the prayers, offering his reverence and emphasizing

the event's spiritual and

The celebrations culminated

in a collective prayer for

harmony and prosperity, with

devotees reaffirming their

embodied by Lord Ram. "The

temple and its festivities bring

a sense of pride and connection with our roots,"

said Meena Gupta, a

homemaker from Kanpur,

who attended the event with

generations to come.

commitment to the values

national significance.

face of renewed protests and Maduro's main hold on power

rebukes from the United States since last summer's disputed

and others who believe he stole election. Crowds of people, many

Yogi warns on Ram Lalla...

expanse north of downtown LA, they have burned more than 12,000 structures, a term that includes homes, apartcame back for the first time ment buildings, businesses, with her family two days later outbuildings and vehicles. No cause has been identified yet for the largest fires.

Allegations of leadership failures and political blame have begun and so have investigations. Gov Gavin Newsom on Friday ordered state officials to determine why a 117 milliongallon (440 million-liter) reservoir was out of service and some hydrants ran dry, calling

some hydrants ran dry, calling it "deeply troubling."
Meanwhile, Los Angeles Fire Chief Kristin Crowley said city leadership failed her department by not providing enough money for firefighting. She also criticized the lack of water. "When a firefighter comes up to a hydrant, we expect there's going to be water," she said. At least 11 people have been killed, with five from the Palisades Fire and six from the Eaton Fire, according to the LA

Maduro, likening himself to a biblical David fighting Goliath,

accused his opponents and their

**Z-Morh Tunnel** 

A team of SPG, looking after

the security details of the Prime Minister, are already

camping in the area and conducting mock drills to

Jammu and Kashmir Chief

Minister Omar Abdullah

Saturday visited Sonmarg to

review preparations for the visit of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi on Monday. In a post on XOmar said, "The

inauguration of the Z-Morh

tunnel will open up the region

to Winter tourism. I believe

Sonmarg will be developed as

sum of Rs 2700 crores has

Venezuela's Maduro takes new oath amid protests, international rebuke

Venezuelan President Nicolás tive palace, where he was sworn a gathered in adjacent streets and Maduro was sworn in Friday in and delivered a fiery speech. a nearby plaza. world wait in said in suguration and said in section in the said, after being soul." The backshapping among to a third six-year term was "a draped with a sash in the red, yellower of the said in suguration and said in suguration. The said in suguration is the government in said in suguration and suguration. The said in suguration is the government in suguration and suguration are suguration. The said in suguration is the government in suguration and suguration are sugar to the said in suguration. The said in suguration is the government in suguration are sugar to the said in suguration.

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County medical examiner's office. Officials said they expected that number to rise as cadaver dogs go through lev-elled neighbourhoods to assess the devastation to an area larger than San Francisco.

Officials on Friday set up a centre where people could report those missing. Tens of thou-sands of people remained under evacuation orders, and the fires have consumed about 56 square miles (145 square kilometers). The disaster took homes from

everyone — from waiters to movie stars. The government has not yet released figures on the cost of the damage, but private firms have estimated it will climb into the tens of billions. The Walt Disney Co. announced Friday it will donate USD 15 million to respond to

the fires and help rebuild. The flames hit schools, churches, a synagogue, libraries, boutiques, bars, restaurants, banks and local landmarks like the Will Rogers' Western Ranch

last year's vote. Venezuela's legisla- sporting pro-Maduro T-shirts, "world war." He said his enemies' ist governments of Latin owe my whole life, body and

great victory" for Venezuela's

peace and national sovereignty.

"I have not been made president

spent on

construction of the Z-Morh

The 6.4 km long tunnel got its name from the Z-shaped road

stretch near the construction

In October 2024, a group of heavily armed terrorists

targeted construction workers

near Gagangir, the Z-Morh

tunnel project site, killing a

total number of seven

employees including a local

Later, the Union Territory

administration ordered an

immediate security audit of

the major infrastructure

their construction.

House and a Queen Anne-style mansion in Altadena that dated back to 1887 and was commissioned for wealthy mapmaker Andrew McNally.

Neighbors wandered around ruins Friday as they described now-vanished bedrooms, recently remodeled kitchens and outdoor living spaces. Some talked about the gorgeous views that drew them to their properties, their words contrasting sharply with the scene of soot and ash.

In the coastal community of Pacific Palisades, Greg Benton surveyed where he lived for 31 years, hoping to find his great-grandmother's wedding ring in the wreckage. We just had just had

Christmas morning right over here, right in front of that chimney. And this is what's left," he said, pointing to the blackened rubble that was once his living room. "It's those small family heirlooms that are the ones that really hurt the

low and blue of Venezuela's flag.

"I come from the people, I am of

the people, and my power

emanates from history and from

"A fresh western disturbance

is likely to affect northwest

India from the night of 14th January, 2025. Under its

rainfall/snowfall activity

likely over Jammu-Kashmir-

Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-

Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh during15th -17th

and Isolated rainfall activity

over East Rajasthan on 14th

& 15th January," it added.
Meanwhile, the Centre for

Holistic Development (CHD), an NGO working for

15, 2024, and January 10,

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influence.

the people. And to the people, I Maduro's power grab.

fog, rain, traffic...

Isolated

**IMD** warns of dense

items to restart their lives. Firefighters made progress for the first time since Tuesday containing the Eaton Fire north of Pasadena, which has burned more than 7,000 structures.

Elsewhere in the city, people at collection sites picked through

cardboard boxes of donated

Officials said Friday most evacuation orders for the area were lifted. LA Mayor Karen Bass, who faces a critical test of her leadership as her city endures its greatest crisis in decades, said several smaller fires also were

stopped. Crews were also gaining ground on the Palisades Fire, which burned 5,300 structures and is the most destructive in LA's history.
California National Guard

troops arrived on the streets of Altadena before dawn to help protect property in the fire evacuation zone, and evening curfews were in effect to prevent looting after several ear-

town Caracas on Friday contrast-

ed sharply with the hundreds of

Venezuelans who took to the

streets Thursday to protest

There is no official data on

In a letter addressed to Delhi

Chief Secretary Dharmendra and Delhi Urban Shelter

Improvement Board (DUSIB)

Chief Executive Officer Ravi

Dhawan, CHD cited police

statistics, indicating that an

alarming 80 per cent of "unidentified dead bodies" in

the city are believed of

"Between November 15 2024

to January 10, 2025, 474

homeless people died in

Delhi due to the 'winter

exposure' and unavailability

of essential protective

measures such as warm

clothing, blankets, or

adequate shelter," the NGO

homeless individuals.

the same.

# **MVA** rift grows

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local body polls should be seen in the context of the fact that the Opposition MVA is in total disarray after its miserable performance in the recent Maharashtra Assembly polls, when the Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress, and NCP won 20, 16, and 10 seats, respectively, as against the 230 seats out of the total 288 seats collectively bagged by the

ruling MahaYuti partners comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena
The Shiv Sena (UBT)'s (Eknath Shinde) and NCP (Aiit Pawar).

Informed sources in the Congress said that the central party leadership might reach out to Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray in the coming days, while NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar - who incidentally is the architect of the MVA - might initiate talks with Thackeray in his effort to salvage the situation that threatens to go out of hand.

# **Building collapses at Kannauj** railway station, 23 injured

Roof shuttering is a temporary structure that supports concrete while it sets. Minister of State (Independent Charge), Social Welfare, Asim Arun also reached the spot.

Construction was going on for the new terminal of the Kannauj railway station under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Arun said. "Once the rescue operation is completed, a thorough probe will be launched into the incident,"

he said.

The NER division of the Indian Railways said in a statement that it has formed a high-level three-member committee to investigate the incident at the Kannauj railway station.

"The investigation team will include the chief engineer, planning and design; the additional divisional railway manager, Izzatnagar; and the chief security commissioner of the Railway Protection Force," the statement quoted Chief Public Relations Officer of NER Pankaj Kumar Singh as saying.

### e anniversary her family. Ayodhya's ceremonial transformation into a hub of projects in the region and also beefed up the security to was the ceremonial 'Panchamrit Abhishek,' where one of the best Ski resorts in the welfare of homeless, on the region. The tunnel will also Saturday claimed that at least devotion and spirituality the idol was anointed with reduce travel time between continues to inspire millions, prevent selective targeting of 474 homeless people in Delhi milk, curd, ghee, honey, and making the Ram temple a Srinagar/ Kargil-Leh". have died due to exposure to the construction workers to beacon of faith and unity for According to official sources, a stall the projects and delay the cold between November sugar, followed by a ritual

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secure the venue.

remarked.

The four of them were found to be involved in the illegal trade of horns from a white rhinoceros. added.White rhinoceros is a

highly endangered. On January 9, the decoy customer finalized the deal such documents, Sain said. "As part of the operation,

constable Naveen was Additional

deployed as a decoy customer. After negotiations, the deal for the sale of the horns was finalised for Rs 1 crore, with the perpetrators planning to deliver the horns to the buyer. The team raided a flat in Lajpat Nagar, where they apprehended the four accused and recovered the two horns,"

Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Sanjay Kumar Sain. Since Covid-19 pandemic, he has been trapped in a business

upon questioning, the accused failed to provide any documentation to prove the legal possession of the horns.
Wildlife experts who experts who the horns horns

examined confirmed they were from a white rhinoceros. The horns, which have significant value in the international market due to their rarity and demand, police said. During the investigation, it

transpired that a suspect Deepak Sharma had two horns from the last 90 years from the time of his grandfather and had preserved them as being rare and antique article belonging to African white Rhinoceros.

loss and owns Rs 35-40 lakh of debt. He knew that the

horns, Sharma reached out to Suresh Kumar, a Mahant in Uttam Nagar, seeking to sell the horns for Rs 1 crore, police said.

Kumar, in turn, contacted Sant Ram, a government employee, who connected with Anil Kumar Sethi, a private worker, to finalize the deal, they added.

individual facing debt or financial obligations. Suresh Sain said.

various sections of the Wildlife Protection Act has been registered, including charges related to the illegal possession and sale of wildlife products. The investigation is ongoing and further action will be taken to identify and other individuals involved in this wildlife trafficking network, Sain

From page 1

The damning findings of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Girish Chandra Murmu, over the AAP government's controversial liquor policy come as a big setback to the ruling AAP ahead of the February 5 Assembly

elections, giving fresh ammunition to the Opposition BJP and the Congress who have dubbed the scam "Liquorgate". The explosive findings reveal serious violations, including lack of transparency in pricing, improper issuance and renewal of licences, failure to penalize violators, and the government's failure

to seek approval from the licences during the extended Lieutenant Governor (LG), cabinet, or the assembly. It also mentions that the policy by then ex-CM Arvind Kejriwal failed to achieve its intended goals and alleged that AAP leaders benefitted

**BJP Slams AAP for ₹2,026 Cr Liquor scam** 

from kickbacks. The report noted, "There was lack of scrutiny of the business entities with regards to their financial wherewithal and management expertise. Instances of related business entities holding licences across the liquor supply chain were noticed."

"Liquor supply data indicates exclusivity arrangements between zonal licencees and wholesalers and Brand Pushing. Surrender of zonal

policy period further led to substantial revenue loss. Other important measures which were planned in the policy, like setting up of laboratories and batch testing for quality assurance, setting up of super premium vends etc., were not implemented," it said. "Responsibility

accountability should be fixed for the lapses observed and the enforcement mechanism should be strengthened," said Murmu in his final recommendation in the report for the year ended March 31, 2022. The report was also signed by Principal Accountant General (Audit), Delhi, Aman Deep Chatha.

Four arrested for rhino horn trade in Delhi From page 1

The arrested individuals are Deepak Sharma (57), a resident of Lajpat Nagar; Suresh Kumar (57), Sant Ram (57), and Anil Kumar Sethi (60), all residents of Uttam Nagar, police said.

police species native to African countries and is considered

for Rs one crore and the team raided a flat in Lajpat Nagar where four persons were found with two horns of

whether they have any documents pertaining to legal possession of the horns but they could not provide any

horns are rare and having a price more than Rs 3 crores and hence, due to his poor financial conditions, he decided to sell these antique horns to earn handsome money. Knowing the high value of the

"The group was motivated by financial distress, with each

Kumar needed money for construction work at an ashram, while Sant Ram and Anil Kumar were also in debt and saw the sale of the horns as a way to earn quick money," Police said a case under

apprehend any international

SUGGESTED BINGES

# ınday pioneer



he *Heritage Transport Museum* (HTM) marked its 11th anniversary with two captivating exhibitions blending futuristic imagination and historical heritage. Running until 31 March 2025, the exhibitions, *Light Years Ahead* and *Prints of the Divine*, offer visitors a journey through artistic innovation and cultural history.

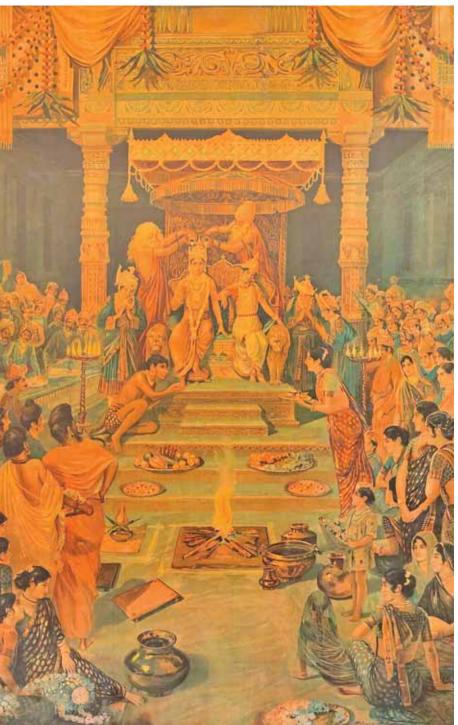
### **A Legacy of Art and Vision**

The event featured Rama Varma Thampuran, Prince of Kilimanoor Palace and a descendant of the iconic artist Raja Ravi Varma, and Rajiv Lochan, former Director of the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA). Rama Varma Thampuran, a renowned musician and cultural advocate, celebrates the legacy of *Raja Ravi Varma*, while *Rajiv Lochan's* commitment to art underscores the exhibitions' significance in India's cultural landscape.

A Vision of the Future Curated by artist Vishal K. Dar, Light Years Ahead transforms the museum's experience room into a futuristic realm. Featuring luminous sculptural totems and tri-coloured coded messages, this installation invites visitors to ponder alternate realities and embrace boundless imagination.

A Glimpse into India's Art History
Prints of the Divine celebrates India's artistic legacy through oleographs, lithographic plates, and postcards by Raja Ravi Varma and M.V. Dhurandhar. Curated by Prem Kandwal, this collection features rare works that highlight the evolution of early Indian print art, blending mythological themes with artistic innovation.

Celebrating 11 years, the museum hosts exhibitions blending art, history and imaginationy, says GYANESHWAR DAYAL





Reflecting on the exhibitions, Rama Varma Thampuran remarked: "Art and music have the power to heal and inspire. Sharing this passion with the world is truly an honour."

Rajiv Lochan echoed these sentiments: "Art is a universal language that bridges cultures and fosters compassion. Creativity has the potential to unite us all."

# **Honouring Raja Ravi Varma's Legacy** *Raja Ravi Varma* (1848–1906), a pioneer of

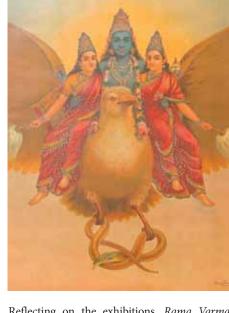
lithographic printing in India, is celebrated for combining Indian aesthetics with European techniques. His iconic mythological depictions brought art to the masses and continue to inspire generations.

HTM: A Journey Through Time Reflecting on HTM's milestone, Founder and Managing Trustee Tarun Thakral said:

"We are delighted to present these exhibitions to commemorate our 11th anniversary. They offer visitors a unique journey through time, one into the future, the other into the past." Since its inception in 2013, HTM has become India's first comprehensive transport museum, showcasing over 3,500 curated objects. Located in *Taoru-Gurgaon*, an hour from *New Delhi*, the museum combines historical exhibits with contemporary themes, offering visitors a unique blend of education and cultural engagement.

Through Light Years Ahead and Prints of the Divine, HTM not only celebrates its anniversary but also reinforces its mission to merge history with innovation, creating a space where past, present and future converge.

PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR





### OTT: Zee5 Director: Dheeraj Cast: Vikrant Massey Ridhi Dogra, Raashi



SUBTERAN OTT: Netflix

Lazarescu Cast: Cezar Grumazescu, Ana Ularu, Florin Piersic Jr.

Director: Octav Gheorghe, Daniel Sandu, Anca Miruna



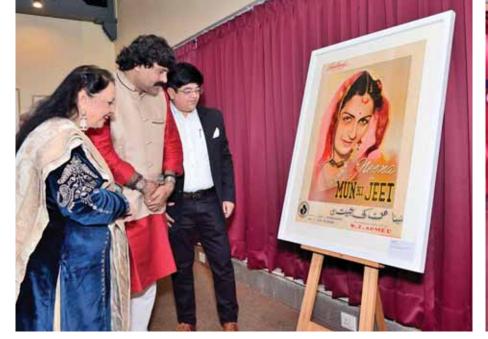
GOOSEBUMPS: THE VANISHING OTT: Disney+ Hotstar Cast: Ana Ortiz, Elijah M. Cooper, Galilea La Salvia, Francesca Noel

**BLACK WARRANT** OTT: Netflix Director -Vikramaditya Motwane, Satyanshu Singh Cast – Zahan Kapoor, Rahul Bhat, Paramvir Cheema, Anurag Thakur





AGRA AFFAIR OTT: MX Player Cast: Harshita Gaur, Prateek Pachauri, Aakash Dahiya



(Michael Hitchcock) in *Mathew's* house overnight. The next morning, *Mathew* is found dead,

shot in the chest. The storm has cut

off communication lines, making escape or calling for help impossible. As suspicions arise, it

becomes clear that everyone had a motive tied to their high school

grievances. The setup holds



retflix's Reunion promises a murder mystery set against the backdrop of a high school reunion, but the execution leaves much to be desired. The movie has a decent cast, including Chace Crawford, Jillian Bell and Nina Dobrev. However, what could have been a gripping whodunit is weighed down by a mix of inconsistent writing, underwhelming performances, and a tone that fails to balance

### suspense and humour. THE PLOT: Potential Turned Mediocrity

The story begins with a high school reunion, where old classmates come together, bringing with them unresolved tensions, romantic entanglements, and deep-seated grudges. The film introduces Mathew Danbury (Chace Crawford), a charming yet flawed character, whose behaviour hints at trouble ahead. He flirts with the women at the party, dances as the high school football mascot, and generally becomes the centre of attention. Meanwhile, Vivian Chase (Jillian Bell) accuses Mathew of tormenting her in high school, adding a layer of confrontation to the gathering.

A severe snowstorm traps the main characters Evan (Billy Magnussen), Ray (Lil Rel Howery), Jasmine (Jamie Chung), Amanda (Nina Dobrev), Vivian and Mr. Buckley

## **PERFORMANCES: Mixed Bag**

Chace Crawford's portrayal of Mathew is engaging, but his character's untimely demise early in the film undermines any attachment the audience might have had. Jamie Chung and Billy Magnussen bring some charm as the budding romantic duo, but their chemistry underdeveloped.

promise, combining classic mystery tropes with personal drama. Unfortunately, the film Jillian Bell as Vivian delivers an earnest performance, but her squanders this potential with a rushed and unsatisfying resolution. character lacks depth, and her emotional confrontation with

Mathew feels forced rather than cathartic. Lil Rel Howery's comedic timing feels out of place in a story that should rely more on suspense than humour, making his character, *Ray*, come off as an unnecessary distraction.

THE KILLER REVEAL: A Letdown
The film's climax is its most glaring

weakness. The killer's identity is revealed through a tedious 15minute monologue by one character, who conveniently "figures everything out" without any prior indication of prior any



investigative situation. This lack of build-up or evidence makes the twist feel random and unearned, leaving the audience scratching their heads rather than gasping in surprise. A good mystery thrives on subtle clues and revelations, but Reunion opts for a nonsensical, last-minute info dump instead. **DIRECTION AND WRITING: Where** 

The pacing is uneven, with long stretches of inconsequential dialogue that fail to build tension. The screenplay tries to blend humour and drama but ends up diluting the impact of both. The lack of meaningful character development makes it difficult to care about the characters' fates, while the attempts at dark humour often fall flat.

VERDICT: A Missed Opportunity

Reunion is a film that had the ingredients for success with a strong cast, an amazing premise, and a confined setting perfect for suspense. Unfortunately, poor writing, lack of lustre direction, and a clumsy resolution turn it into a forgettable experience. If you're looking for a well-crafted murder mystery, this isn't it. While the film might appeal to those seeking light, mindless entertainment, it's unlikely to satisfy fans of the genre.

Rating: 2/5

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"He was the king amongst the industrialists of India"

NARAYANA MURTHY



"What I would like to do is to leave behind a sustainable entity of a set of companies that operate in an exemplary manner in terms of ethics, values and continue what our ancestors left behind."

— RATAN NAVAL TATA

ericles, the monumental Greek politician and statesman during the Golden Age of Athens in his historic Funeral Oration delivered in 431 BC (that is said to have influenced President Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address on 19th November, 1863!), said, To famous men all the earth is a sepulchre: and their virtues shall be testified not only by inscription on stone at home but in all lands wheresoever in the unwritten record of the mind, which far beyond any monument will remain with all men

everlastingly. On 9th October, 2024, at exactly 11.30 pm IST, the towering 5 feet 10 inches tall Surat born Parsee industrialist-philanthropist Padma Vibhushan Ratan (meaning "precious jewel") Naval Tata, the Chairman Emeritus and the patriarch of the House of Tata, the largest business conglomerate in India (having a staggering annual revenue of over 165 billion US Dollars and encompassing a grand well knit family of over 1 million happy, well cared for and dedicated members worldwide!), breathed his last at the iconic Beach Candy Hospital nestled atop the Arabian Sea facing Cumballa Hill at the age of 86. He had been hospitalised on 7th October, 2024 owing to a critical combination of senescence and hypotension. Ratan held a meger 0.83 % cent stake in Tata Sons and had a net worth of Rs 7,900 crores, according to the Hurun India Rich List 2024. A large part of his wealthnearly 75 per cent-was tied to his shares in Tata Sons. For Ratan, accolades poured in a torrential stream from across the country and from all corners of the world. In an impassioned eulogy that reflected the melancholy mood of a shattered nation, our Prime Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi tweeted on X - Shri Ratan Tata was a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul, and an extraordinary human being. On 13th October, 2024, the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin "Bibi' Netanyahu in a post on X addressed to his friend Modi, condoled Ratan's death and highlighted his stellar contributions in fostering Israel-India ties, I and many in Israel mourn the loss of Ratan Naval Tata, a proud son of India and a champion of the friendship between our two countries. In a post on LinkedIn on 14th October, 2024, Padma Bhushan Natarajan Chandrasekaran, (popularly known as "Chandra"), the most worthy successor of Ratan ssly stepped into Ratan's distinguis shoes and proudly donned his enviable mantle on 12th January, 2017!) and my personal friend for over 15 years since my heady days as a long term Advisor to Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. ("TCS"), the flagship of the prodigious Tata fleet, paid an effusive heartfelt homage to his former boss and mentor, Anybody who met Mr. Tata came away with a story about his humanity,

businessman and religious leader rightly observed, Some memories are unforgettable, remaining ever vivid and heartwarming! In a moment of helpless nostalgia, my mind goes back irresistibly to the rather sultry summer day in the year 1986 when I fortuitously met Ratan (he was then the Chairman of Tata Industries and had in that capacity drafted the Tata Strategic Plan) for the very first time within the majestic confines of the Taj Palace Hotel, the only "palace" hotel in the national capital since 1983. Thereafter, I often used to stay at the Taj Mahal Hotel (the second hotel built by the Indian Hotel Company Ltd. ("IHCL") belonging to the Tata group after the iconic Taj Mahal Palace Hotel ("Taj Mahal Palace") in Colaba, Mumbai, in 1903 and popularly known as the Taj Mansingh Hotel because of its strategic location at 1, Mansingh Road), the 5 star-deluxe hotel of 1978 vintage, characterised as the "Epicentre of Delhi". I used to meet Ratan sporadically in the hotel lobby mostly in the company of its various General Managers and close personal friends belonging to the golden days of the hotel viz. Ravi Dubey, Ronnie Lobo (both Ravi and Ronnie are sadly no more in this world!), and Patu Keshwani or even otherwise. Ratan used to be invariably accompanied by his old faithful, close confidante, trouble shooter and quintessential out and out Taj-Man Devendra Kumar Beri ("DK" to his friends!). Ratan used to mostly stay at a spartan guest house in the Tata Apartments at 23, Prithviraj Road, New Delhi. In those heady days, Uncle PV, who used to live at 9, Motilal Nehru Marg, often dropped by at the famed coffee shop Machan to drink endless cups of freshly brewed sugar free piping hot filter coffee over steamed idlis and vadas soaked in mild sambar. Ratan never missed the opportunity to wish him if he happened to be around in the hotel. He was an indefatigable admirer of Uncle PV! After Uncle PV became the Prime Minister on 21st June, 1991 consequent upon Rajiv Bhai's tragic assassination on 21st May, 1991, and before he moved into Prime Minister House at 7, Race Course Road (renamed Lok Kalyan Marg), a special Suite was booked in the hotel for his family members

through the good offices of Ratan, which was

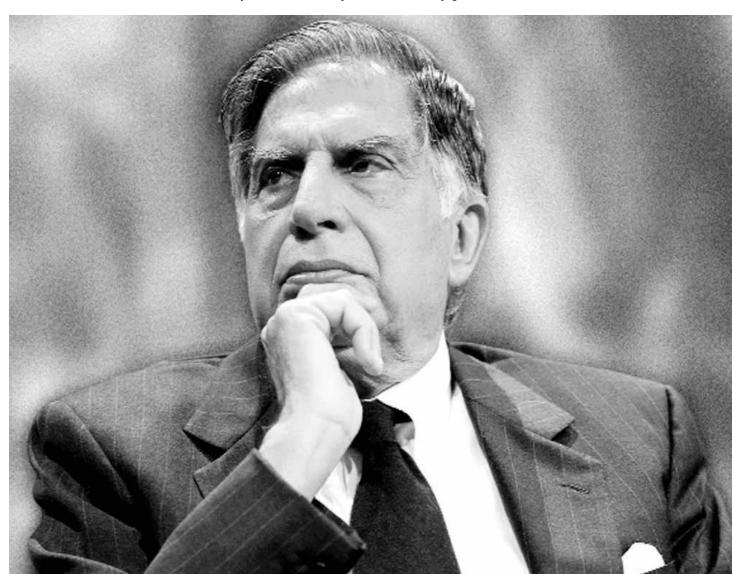
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was no one like him.

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Ratan Naval Tata redefined corporate leadership with vision, ethics, innovation and unparalleled philanthropy, writes **ANOOP BOSE** 



guarded round the clock by the Special Protection Group ("SPG"). Ratan personally saw to it that members of Uncle PV's family were well cared for in the hotel. I had the glorious good fortune of staying with Uncle PV at his residence even prior to his becoming the President of the Indian National Congress and was, naturally, a regular visitor to Suite where I used to meet and interact with Uncle PV's two sons Raieshwar and Prabhakar under the watchful eyes of the SPG personnel. One of my close friends Prashant Tewari, who used to work very closely with Uncle PV and Hansraj Bhardwaj, (the versatile lawyer and later rose to become India's most famous law minister), both were closely known to Uncle PV's family, used to co-ordinate crucial governance and political issues during the period of most dramatic transformation of the country. Again, I used to have the opportunity to meet Ratan in the hotel! Ratan used to take a very special interest in the JRD Tata Memorial Lectures. On 19th September, 2008, Somnath Chatterjee, eminent Barrister and the then Speaker of the Lok Sabha and a close personal friend, delivered the 11th JRD Memorial Lecture on Economic Development and Political Consensus Building at the Mansingh Hall in the Taj Mansingh. I was a special invitee to the event. After Somnath's lecture, I met Ratan and Somnath at the adjacent Aftab Mahtab, the regal wood and marble panelled venue, over dinner. My old friend Dr. Jamshed Jiji Irani (popularly known as "Doc I"), the honorific Managing Director of Tata Steel, was also there at Ratan's table. The tall and handsome Sanjay "Pole" Singh, Principal Resident Executive and Adviser, Tata Sons, came over to the table unobtrusively and recounted how I had saved Doc I's life by forewarning the Tata Management that some evil people had plotted to attack Doc I with crude bombs in the heart of Jamshedpur with a sinister motive. My last Taj Mansingh encounter with Ratan was just before the outbreak of the Covid epidemic in 2020. I was standing outside one of the hotel lifts when suddenly as if by magic

Ratan emerged from the lift along with his old

Harvard educated friend Prince Shah Karim



"TO FAMOUS MEN ALL THE EARTH IS A SEPULCHRE: AND THEIR VIRTUES SHALL BE TESTIFIED NOT ONLY BY INSCRIPTION ON STONE AT HOME BUT IN ALL LANDS WHERESOEVER IN THE UNWRITTEN RECORD OF THE MIND, WHICH FAR BEYOND ANY MONUMENT WILL REMAIN WITH ALL MEN EVERLASTINGLY"



al-Hisseini, Aga Khan IV (known by his religious title "Maulana Hazar Imam"), the founder and chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network, and DK of course. I wished him and walked with him to his waiting car. He bid me goodbye with a wave of his hand before getting into his car! As a Special advisor to the Marathon group of companies, I used to travel every year to Bengaluru to participate in Aero India, the biennial air show and aviation exhibition held by

As a Special advisor to the Marathon group of companies, I used to travel every year to Bengaluru to participate in Aero India, the biennial air show and aviation exhibition held by the Ministry of Defence at the Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, along with my illustrious Israeli friend Hezi Bezalel, the Chairman of the group, and other top Israeli officials. The 2007 Aero India was a very special event for me as Ratan, who was 69 years old at

that time, valiantly reached out for the skies in a spellbinding saga of high adventure on 8th February, 2007. Clad in a G-Suit, he co-piloted a Lockheed Martin F-16 Falcon multi-role fighter iet in a historic 35 minute sortie. Ratan held licences to fly both jets and helicopters! Upon landing after what Ratan described as an "exhilarating" flight, I heartily congratulated Ratan shortly after he was greeted by my old friend William "Bill" Sebastian Cohen, former US Defense Secretary, Royce Keplinger and other senior Lockheed Martin officials. On 9th February, 2007, a G-Suited Ratan once again took to the skies co-piloting a Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter jet. I met Ratan shortly after his second flight in the Boeing Pavilion to felicitate him with a small bouquet of pink roses in the august presence of my close friends Thomas "Tom" Reeve Pickering, the former US Ambassador to India and the former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs in the Clinton Administration, Dinesh Keskar, the senior Vice President, Sales in Asia-Pacific and India, Anil Srikhande, India President, and other top officials of Boeing Company. During that visit, I also had the golden opportunity of watching a scintillating aerobatic display by the Hindustan Aeronautical Industries Ltd. manufactured fly-by-wire Light Combat Multi-Role Tejas Aircraft in the distinguished company of Ratan, Arackaparambil Kurien Antony, Union Defence Minister, Indru and Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa, Chief Minister, Karnataka, amongst other important dignitaries. Ratan noticed to his enormous delight that I was smartly attired in a royal blue English blazer, grey English flannel trousers, a hand crafted boater hat from the reputed hatters K.R.Snoxell & Sons, Luton, and dazzling gold rimmed Zeiss sun glasses!

On 26th November, 2008, a cate which will live in infany, Mumbai, the financial capital of India, witnessed a brutal, dastardly terrorist attack orchestrated by the Pakistani sponsored group Lashkar-e-Taiba, when the Indian Home Secretary Madukar Gupta, by an ominous coincidence, was enjoying Pakistan's hospitality in Murree, a mountain resort city close to

Islamabad. Ten highy trained and heavily armed terrorists infiltrated the city, having stealthily landed in inflatable speed boats at Macchimar Nagar, in Mumbai's Cuffe Parade neighbourhood, and heinously targeted several meticulously planned locations, including the Taj Mahal Palace. The Indian Government's response to the attack was pusillanimous, as aptly observed by the Hindustan Times on 26th November, 2023! The attack claimed 166 lives, including 33 at the Taj Mahal Palace, and did not spare even the General Manager of the hotel Karambir Singh Kang's wife Niti and his two young teenage sons Uday and Samar. Gautam Shantilal Adani, the Indian billionaire businessman (who has recently been in the eye of a storm!), by a superb stroke of luck managed to save himself by hiding in the kitchen of the hote!! Defying all odds, it was Ratan who in a truly Churchillian manner valiantly rose to the occasion and provided the much needed leadership to an embattled nation facing an ordeal of the most grievous kind! In the face of the attack watched by a shell-shocked nation, Ratan, who was then 70, displayed superhuman courage, resolve and determination. He strode like a colossus and stood like a Rock of Gibraltar at the Colaba end of the Taj Mahal Palace for 3 days, as security forces fiercely battled the terrorists in the Taj Mahal Palace. Everyone became just those inches taller, every back just that much broader, as Ratan's own was. This was undoubtedly Ratan's finest hour when he embodied the will, spirit and grit of our people..indomitable, undaunted, relentless! Ratan was imbued with the extraordinary, nay God given, ability and gift to pick out and support the ideal leader both for the House of Tata as well as the nation...he was the Kingmaker extraordinaire! Ratan backed Modi to the hilt before the General Elections in 2014 and on 19th May, 2014 tweeted on X, "Mr. Modi's landslide victory echoes the people's mandate for strong leadership and clear policies for growth and prosperity for India." On 19th December, 2020 at the ASSOCHAM Foundation Week, Ratan ecstatically heaped praise on Modi for his leadership during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, "I think if we all stand together and follow what you have said, what you have done and what you have shown, we will have a situation where the world will look at us and say this Prime Minister said it could happen and he made it happen."

In January, 2017, Chandra's "mentor, guide and friend" Ratan cherry-picked Chandra to lead Tata Sons as its Chairman, the first non-Tata family member to hold the coveted post! On his appointment as the Chairman of Tata Sons, Chandra said, "I am humbled and honoured to be chosen to lead a truly great institution that occupies a unique position in hearts of the people in India and the world. I am proud to have been part of the Tata family for over 30 years and assuming this position is a great

I want to thank the Tata Sons board and Mr Ratan N Tata for their confidence in me to lead this trusted institution that has a rich heritage." Addressing the annual gala annual event at the National Centre of Performing Arts on the birth anniversary of JRD Tata on 30th July, 2018, Ratan expressed gratification with regard to the direction in which group companies were headed under the leadership of Chandra and said that he was confident that Tata Group is in safe hands. Yes, only a true leader can identify other true leaders! Both Modi and Chandra have proved to be phenomenal leaders of the 21st Century and have earned international acclaim, respect, adoration and admiration. I have a myriad of friends who knew Ratan intimately and worked with him closely. I am highly emboldened to single out only 5 names viz. Pole, Tanmoy, Raian, Suprakash and Zubin Mehta, the Managing Director of Uniforms Unlimited, Mumbai, who holds a Masters Certification from the internationally reputed Savile Row Academy, London. All of them are unquestionably ad idem about Ratan: He was a genuinely good, dedicated and large hearted soul filled with the milk of human kindness and our age is hardly fit to understand him. We should remember the stellar quality of Ratan's character as well as the remarkable range of his achievements. In his love of adventure and his imaginative powers, he was far removed from the modern industrialist-philanthropist. Yet everyone who came in contact with him paid tribute to the unimaginable power of his mind. He had an aptitude for business which raised him far above the ordinary levels of our generation. He had a firmness of spirit which was not often elated by success, seldom downcast by failure and never swayed by panic. He loved life and was perfectly at peace with himself and the world around him. He could be helplessly uproarious. He wanted everyone to be happy. He wanted to taste and try everything that life could offer. Power never corrupted him, nor did success make him conceited, arrogant or pompous. Beyond his reputation as a business magnate and animal lover, Ratan's tenure as Chairman of the Tata Trusts has left an inerasable mark on India's cultural kaleidoscope. The trusts have spearheaded numerous initiatives across healthcare, education, environment and disaster relief and their manifold contributions to art and culture stand out as particularly noteworthy. With no thought of the length of time he might be permitted on

nation and to humanity.

— The author is an internationally reputed senior lawyer practising in the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts and Tribunals in India

Planet Earth, Ratan was concerned solely with

the quality of the service he could render to his

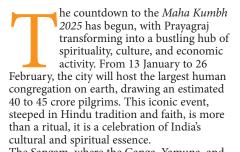






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The Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 in Prayagraj is a unique gathering where spirituality, culture and commerce come together, attracting millions from all walks of life to witness this incredible event, writes BISWAJEET BANERJEE



The Sangam, where the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati converge, is at the heart of this grand spectacle. Pilgrims believe that a dip in these holy waters during the auspicious period cleanses them of sins and paves the way to salvation. "The Maha Kumbh Mela is not just a religious gathering but a transformative experience," said Acharya Ramkishore Tiwari, a spiritual leader. "It is where faith meets divinity."

At the heart of this grand celebration lies the belief in spiritual purification. According to Hindu tradition, a dip in the holy confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati during this auspicious period is believed to absolve sins and pave the path to salvation. The origins of the Kumbh are steeped in the Puranic tale of the Samudra Manthan, where drops of divine nectar (amrita) spilled at four locations, Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik, and Ujjain, sanctifying these sites forever.





### **A CITY REBORN**

the banks of the Ganga and Yamuna have transformed into a temporary city, sprawling across the Sangam area. Colourful tents of all sizes and hues have sprung up, creating an awe-inspiring sight. These tents house spiritual discourses, yoga sessions, cultural programmes, and temporary dwellings for millions of devotees. The air is filled with the aroma of traditional Indian delicacies, as numerous eateries and food stalls cater to the surging crowds. Stalls selling Rudraksha beads, saffron garments, holy books, and souvenirs stretch along the pathways, adding vibrancy to the bustling atmosphere. The iconic Naga Sadhus, covered in ash and wearing Rudraksha beads, take centre stage, drawing devotees and curious onlookers alike. Aghories, known for their intense spiritual practices, are seen meditating near the riverbanks, adding a mystical charm to the

We are not just preparing for an event; we are crafting an experience that celebrates India's cultural heritage," said Divya Prakash Singh, a senior official overseeing the arrangements. "From smart surveillance through 10,000 CCTV cameras to a dedicated mobile app for route and ritual updates, technology is playing a crucial role in ensuring safety and convenience." 'The energy here is contagious," said Abhilash Narain, a resident of Prayagraj. "You do not have to be Hindu to feel the magic of this

Among the pilgrims is Rajni Devi, a 62-year-old widow from Rajasthan making her third trip to the Kumbh. "The Kumbh is my escape," she said. "It's where I find peace and the courage to face life's challenges." Similarly, Sunil Mishra, a young IT professional from Bengaluru, sees the



## and a sense of purpose," he shared. **ECONOMIC DIMENSIONS**

eyond its spiritual significance, the Maha Kumbh Mela is a colossal economic engine. The Uttar Pradesh government has allocated a staggering ₹5,600 crore to infrastructure and event management, with the total budget projected at ₹6,382 crore. The local economy thrives on this influx, benefiting small vendors, hoteliers, and service providers alike. "During the Kumbh, my daily earnings triple," said Shyam Lal, a shopkeeper selling puja items near the ghats. Hotels across Prayagraj are reporting record bookings, with many fully reserved months in advance. "The demand is unprecedented," said Priya Mehta, the manager of a mid-range hotel in the city. The ripple effect extends beyond Prayagraj.

Nearby religious hubs like Varanasi, Ayodhya, and Mathura also see a surge in tourism,









Adityanath.

"We're deploying over 50,000 security personnel and using AI-enabled systems to manage crowds and prevent untoward "The Maha Kumbh is a test of our

**CHALLENGES AND INNOVATIONS** 

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comes with its share of challenges.

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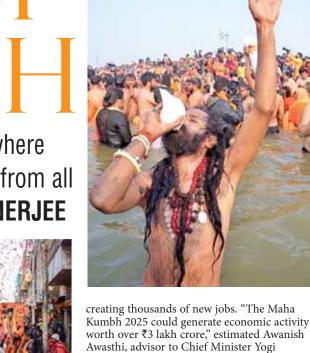
organisational capabilities," said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. "We aim to set a global benchmark in event management while preserving the spiritual essence of the



religious event; it is a global celebration of India's living traditions. Documentary filmmaker Lisa Reynolds, covering the event for an international audience, described it as "a story of humanity in its purest form." For first-time visitors, the scale of the event is overwhelming. "I've never seen anything like this," said Hiroshi Tanaka, a journalist from Japan. "The blend of chaos and harmony is fascinating. It's a reflection of India itself." As the countdown begins, the anticipation surrounding Maha Kumbh 2025 is palpable. For millions, it is a journey of faith and a reaffirmation of humanity's enduring spirit. For Prayagraj, it is an opportunity to shine as a beacon of tradition, resilience, and progress. Acharya Ramkishore Tiwari sums it up: "Kumbh is about coming together as one family, transcending divisions and reaffirming our shared humanity."







VIVANTA MEGHALAYA

(SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA)

Lucknow, January 12, 2025



the pioneer

Located amidst the lush greenery of *Guwahati*, *Mayfair Spring Valley* offers a luxurious escape from the city's hustle and bustle. This premium resort is designed to provide guests with ultimate comfort and relaxation, featuring elegantly appointed rooms, a rejuvenating spa, a dedicated kids' play area and top-notch dining experiences. Surrounded by picturesque landscapes, the resort offers serene views of rolling hills and verdant gardens, making it an ideal retreat for nature enthusiasts and luxury seekers alike. Guests can also explore nearby attractions, such as the famous *Kamakhya Temple* and *Brahmaputra Riverfront*, ensuring a blend of tranquillity and adventure during their stay.



Located in the vibrant city of *Shillong*, *Vivanta Meghalaya* is known for its proximity to exciting outdoor activities and cultural events. The resort offers 87 elegantly designed rooms and 14 spacious suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites, providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites are suited by the providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites are suited by the providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites are suited by the providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites are suited by the providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites are suited by the providing comfort and luxury. It serves as a perfect base for exploring the region's natural suites are suited by the providing comfo

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VALLEY (GUWAHATI,

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lessed with nature's bounty, Northeast India is a safe haven for many travellers who wish to escape the overcrowded and overpolluted city life from time to time. With the winter season worsening the pollution's threat to healthy living, Northeast India is the best place to take refuge in to revitalise your health and take a step back to recentre within. Here are a few of the many scenic vacation spots that can do just that.

and vibrant cultural heritage.



A part of the Radisson Individuals group, Hotel Classic Grande provides cosy accommodations in *Imphal*. With 171 rooms and suites featuring modern amenities, this hotel offers warm hospitality infused with local culture. Guests can enjoy exquisite dining options while taking in views of the *Baruni Hill* range. *Manipur*, known as the 'Jewel of India', boasts of the world's only floating lake, 'Loktak Lake' and the serene Keibul Lamjao National Park, home to the endangered Sangai deer. It is also celebrated for its classical dance and handwoven textiles making it a true treasure of the Northeast.

### **TAKEAWAY**

rom the serene hills of Shillong and → *Gangtok* to the wildlife-rich *Kaziranga* and Tawang, these destinations offer both luxury and tranquility. The aforementioned resorts offer that entire one can dream of in a staycation that rejuvenates the mind and soul. Whether you're seeking a luxurious resort or a more rustic retreat,

Northeast India provides the perfect haven for anyone looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and reconnect with nature.



the pressure of waiting for my admission results was becoming unbearable. My friend, Vishesh Shukla, suggested a short trip to *Mathura* and *Vrindavan*, known for their spiritual aura and rich heritage. Without much planning, we packed our bags and boarded the Lucknow-Agra Intercity Express in the evening.

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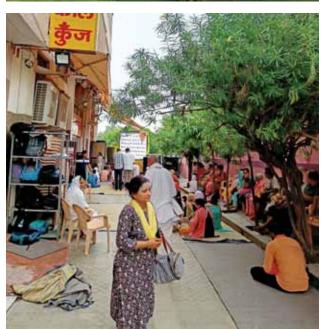
The train reached Agra late at night, and from there, we caught another train to Mathura. By the time we arrived in Mathura, it was around 1 a.m. A short auto ride costing ₹50 took us to Vrindavan, where we stayed at the Tourist Facilitation Centre. After a long journey, we finally got some rest, excited about the day ahead.

In the morning, we checked into a modest hotel that charged ₹1,300 for 24 hours. After freshening up, our first stop was the famous *Banke Bihari Temple*. The temple's energy and devotion left us amazed. We continued our exploration with visits to the ISKCON Temple, Radha Raman Temple and Nidhivan, each offering a unique spiritual experience. Walking through the streets of Vrindavan, surrounded by the sound of bhajans and the sight of devotees, was truly calming.

After a simple lunch at a local eatery, we returned to the hotel for a quick nap. The evening was reserved for the magnificent Prem Mandir, which looked breathtaking under the evening



the mighty Brahmaputra, and rich wildlife, Assam is brimming with its natural beauty



Mathura's sacred temples, peaceful ghats and lively streets provided the perfect getaway from the stress of admission results, writes **MANOJ SINGH NEGI** 





offering breathtaking views and spiritual tranquility.

Sikkim is adorned with snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows, and vibrant monasteries,



lights. The intricate architecture and devotional atmosphere made it a highlight of the trip. Dinner was at the newly opened Bikanerwala Restaurant on Chhatikara Road. The delicious food was the perfect end to the

That night, I received the news I had been eagerly waiting for, I had been admitted to my dream institute, *IIMC Dhenkanal*! The happiness and relief were indescribable. I couldn't help but thank the positive energy of this spiritual trip for making this moment even more special.

The next morning, we visited the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple, the birthplace of Lord Krishna. The early morning peace at the temple was soothing. We also stopped by the Dwarkadhish Temple, which is known for its vibrant morning rituals. The temples of Mathura left a deep impression on us with their history and devotion.

After breakfast near Yamuna Ghat, we boarded a bus from Mathura Bus Stand to Tundla. We had a hearty lunch at Tundla before catching the Gomti Express, which took us back to Lucknow.

This trip was much more than just a getaway. It gave me the clarity and positivity I needed, along with the joy of achieving my dream. The spiritual vibe of Mathura and Vrindavan, combined with their timeless charm, made it a journey I will never forget.

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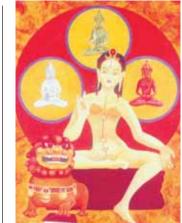




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week brings multiple reasons for joy, with financial gains flowing from various channels. Your earnings are likely to be satisfying, though a busy schedule may cause some mental strain. Work-related travel is also on the horizon. Midweek may bring sudden, unforeseen shifts, urging you to release any unhealthy emotional ties to make space for meaningful growth and deeper fulfillment. As the week progresses, you may experience a strong urge for material possessions, which could cloud your judgment. This period isn't favorable for starting new ventures, as impulsive decisions could lead to setbacks. Maintaining a positive mindset may feel challenging, but staying grounded and focused will help you avoid falling into a cycle of negativity and keep you aligned with your true

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Amber L<mark>ucky day</mark> Saturday



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22

You will feel a deep sense of blessings and divine favor surrounding you. This is a period of joy, renewal, and healing, where you take center stage in your personal and professional life. Inner harmony and well-being will align, enhancing your confidence and reputation. Newfound inspiration and courage will lead you to embrace positive changes, marking the conclusion of old chapters. There may be shifts in your perspectives or lifestyle choices, ushering in fresh beginnings. Whether it's a career opportunity, personal goal, or significant purchase, exciting developments await. The latter part of the week promises familial joy and celebrations. Partnerships, whether romantic, professional, or contractual, may also flourish. A wave of positivity will bring emotional and spiritual fulfillment, leaving you content and energized for the future

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Golden Lucky day Tuesday



**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

This week emphasizes inner resilience and emotional balance. It's about harnessing your inner power with grace and staying composed amidst challenges. Strength comes from self-control and the courage to see through illusions, enabling you to navigate situations with clarity. Guidance may come from a wise and insightful individual, likely someone you admire for their wisdom and intuition. Their perspective may inspire you to make significant life decisions. This period serves as a reminder to awaken spiritually—practice mindfulness, meditate, and reconnect with your higher purpose. Focus on grounding yourself through meaningful rituals. It's essential to move beyond fantasies and wishful thinking, as they can distract you from your true path. Embrace the present with focus and determination to make

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Wednesday



**TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week presents an excellent opportunity to channel your innate creativity into financial growth. You possess a remarkable ability to transform your aspirations into reality through focused efforts. Decisions made during this time are likely to bring favorable outcomes. Your communication skills are at their peak, allowing you to express your thoughts with clarity and make a lasting impression on others. Midweek may bring some delays and restrictions, but your resilience and unwavering determination will keep you moving toward success. A significant message or opportunity from afar may arrive, bringing new prospects. By the end of the week, you are likely to experience a sense of financial stability and emotional fulfillment. Trust in your ability to overcome challenges and embrace the positive outcomes headed your

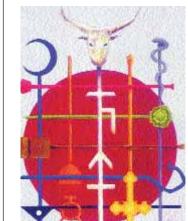
Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Black Lucky day Wednesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

The week begins with firm decisions concerning both home and work matters. You exhibit resilience and face life's challenges with unwavering strength. Potential disagreements or ego clashes may arise, requiring patience and wisdom for resolution. It's a time to reconsider outdated perspectives and embrace necessary changes, especially regarding career, family, or relationships. You may experience emotional stress or health concerns, emphasizing the need for mental balance and spiritual reflection. A sense of well-being and financial improvements uplift your mood. You'll feel inspired to indulge in life's comforts and display generosity toward those in need. This period encourages finding harmony between ambition and compassion, fostering both personal success and inner fulfillment

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour White Lucký day Sunday



**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

The week ahead brings a whirlwind of activity across multiple aspects of life, requiring your focus and commitment. Domestic matters may take center stage initially, with important decisions shaping your personal environment. Romantic prospects may lead to significant developments for singles. Travel could feature mid-week. while professional ambitions drive you to work tirelessly, refining your expertise to meet your aspirations. Family news related to a new addition may arise, adding joy to the atmosphere. As the week concludes, the rewards of your dedication become evident, with promising financial gains enhancing your sense of stability. Job seekers may receive a lucrative offer that aligns with their goals. Overall, this period invites you to celebrate progress and embrace contentment as efforts bear fruit.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Pine Lucky day Friday



### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week promises plenty of reasons for joy and fulfillment. A wave of optimism surrounds you, bringing a sense of ease and progress in your pursuits. Your natural charm and positive outlook uplift those around you, making you a source of inspiration. Midweek may present some emotional challenges, causing momentary unrest. However, this phase is fleeting, and soon you will feel the divine blessings restoring your inner peace and balance. Your hard work will yield visible results, and you'll be pleasantly surprised at how far you've come. The goals you've been working toward will show signs of accomplishment, bringing recognition and rewarding opportunities your way. There is also a potential for significant progress in expanding your horizons, possibly with meaningful connections that elevate your professional

Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour Beige L**ucky day** Monday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

The week unfolds with a surge of motivation and creativity. You feel inspired and energized, ready to embrace new beginnings and meaningful pursuits. A fresh spark propels you toward personal and professional growth, allowing you to manage your commitments with ease and confidence. Midweek brings moments of joy and togetherness, as celebrations and achievements within the family create a harmonious atmosphere. Milestones such as career advancements, personal projects, or family accomplishments bring pride and excitement. The positive energy around you uplifts your spirit, making each moment more enjoyable. As the week concludes, your resilience and dedication stand out. serving as a source of inspiration for others. Your efforts pave the way for well-deserved success, reinforcing your belief in your ability to overcome challenges and achieve your goals.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Jade Lucky day Monday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week will keep you occupied with various aspects of life, requiring your full focus and dedication. Domestic matters may take priority at the start, and significant life events could unfold for some, bringing important commitments. Travel plans may emerge midweek. Professionally, your determination to excel will drive you to work tirelessly toward your ambitions. There is also a possibility of a joyful addition to the family. By the week's end, your efforts will bear fruitful results, with financial gains bringing relief and security. Those seeking career opportunities may receive an offer that aligns with their expectations, presenting a promising future. Overall, the week concludes with a sense of achievement and contentment, offering moments of joy and

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Tuesday



### CANCER June 21-July 22

Progress may seem gradual, but your perseverance will lead to significant accomplishments. By channeling your inner strength, you'll complete your tasks efficiently and gain recognition for your dedication. Your versatility will shine, so leverage your skills to the fullest. Your determination will inspire those around you, and your ability to communicate effectively will earn admiration and support from both peers and mentors. As the week concludes, a surge of creativity will illuminate your ideas. boosting your productivity. Your passion for life will be contagious, enhancing both your personal and professional experiences. Embrace this period as an opportunity to live fully, enjoy your journey, and create moments of bliss that uplift your spirit and those around

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Lilac **Lucky day** Thursday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You have been putting in immense effort in various areas, striving for progress, but the outcomes may fee delayed. Your dedication and determination are undeniable, though financial gains might appear slow this week. However, do not lose hope—better prospects are on the horizon as the days advance, bringing the potential for significant achievements. Guidance and encouragement from elders or mentors will prove invaluable as they genuinely wish to see you excel. Trust that your hard work will pay off at the right time. The key this week is to embrace patience and trust in your journey. Remember, a solid foundation leads to lasting success. You're closer to your breakthrough than you think, and perseverance will turn your aspirations into long-term accomplishments.

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Opal Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week promises financial growth and material comfort. bringing a sense of stability to your life. Alongside these gains, you may feel drawn towards spiritual practices such as meditation and mindful breathing, finding solace in moments of inner peace. You might also feel inclined to host or participate in religious ceremonies at home, seeking harmony and positivity. However, midweek could bring some emotional turbulence, particularly in your personal relationships. Misunderstandings with your partner could lead to feelings of disconnection. It's important to reflect on your desires and clarify your priorities to regain control. Guard against a pessimistic mindset, as negative thinking may cloud your perspective. Instead of dwelling on what's lacking, focus on what you've achieved and confront challenges with resilience and courage.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Aqua Lucky day Thursday

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Seerat Kaur Marwaha

Meditation enables healing, resilience, and clarity through consistent self-care, promoting emotional balance and overall mental well-being over time

# e are perpetually in pursuit of the next thrill of happiness. Perhaps

it's a luxurious Bentley, an exclusive beach getaway, or that coveted Birkin bag. These indulgences certainly light up our lives for a moment. But then, like clockwork, the novelty wears off. The stresses of life take over, and we find ourselves once again in the relentless pursuit of the next object of happiness. In the 1970s, Richard Easterlin observed that an increase in income over time did not lead to a long-term increase in happiness. This paradox is often referred to as the Easterlin Paradox—remains a cornerstone in discussions about material wealth and its limited capacity to deliver sustained joy. While material comforts undoubtedly bring fleeting satisfaction, they fall short of providing the enduring happiness we so desperately seek.

Moreover, your happiness level is genetically influenced. If your mother isn't a happy person, chances are you aren't either. A study by Lucas, Clark, et al. in 2003 found that major life events such as marriage, divorce, or widowhood brought temporary changes in happiness, but most people returned to their baseline levels within a few years. This gave rise to the Set Point Theory, which explains that individuals' happiness levels are remarkably stable over time.

Within our brains, there's a division of duties: the 'Stress Brain,' tackling worries and tensions, and the 'Happy Brain,'

spreading joy and fostering connections. Genetically happier individuals show higher activity in the 'Happy Brain' and lower activity in the 'Stress Brain,' shaping their positive outlook on life.

So, are those not genetically predisposed to higher happiness levels doomed to a negative state of mind? Not at all! Our brains have an amazing ability to reorganize themselves by forming new neural connections throughout our lives—a process called neuroplasticity. This dynamic ability of the brain means that our mental state is not set in stone, offering hope to those who wish to elevate their happiness levels. One proven way to increase activity in the happy brain and reduce activity in the stress brain, thus raising the happiness baseline, is consistent meditation (Fredrickson et al., 2008). Beyond altering neural activity, meditation helps to cultivate a deeper sense of awareness, allowing us to separate fleeting desires from what genuinely brings contentment. Our minds carry deep-seated traumas from childhood, parental influences, past relationships, and more. These emotional scars often go unnoticed or unaddressed,

yet they dictate much of our behaviour.

Rather than addressing these issues, we

often suppress them and seek distraction

in new pursuits. However, as Bessel van

der Kolk explains in The Body Keeps the

Score, buried trauma doesn't disappear; it

health challenges, addictions, relationship

can lead to physical ailments, mental



The Science of Mindfulness

difficulties, and self-esteem issues. Meditation acts as a tool for healing and unwinding old negative patterns and traumas. It provides a safe space to clear emotions of sadness, fear and stress held in the body for weeks, years or even since childhood. In doing so, it allows the mind to focus and work through these issues. Consider this: meditating for just 20 minutes every day for a year accumulates 7.3k minutes of dedicated self-care and introspection. Over the years, this consistent practice allows significant time for the mind to process and resolve deep-seated issues. This builds a more resilient, confident, and calm version of ourselves, better equipped to navigate life's inevitable chal-Supporting this, research by Davidson et

al. (2003) found that an 8-week mindfulness meditation program significantly improved emotional regulation and immune function, demonstrating meditation's profound impact on both mental and physical health. The ripple effects of this practice can extend far beyond the individual, improving relationships, decision-making, and even workplace produc-

Meditation doesn't make you happy. Rather, it alleviates what blocks you from finding and appreciating happiness. This distinction is crucial. Happiness isn't something you attain—it's something you uncover once you remove the mental and emotional clutter. The key, however, lies in consistency. Just as you cannot achieve a sculpted physique by working out strenuously for four hours once a month, you cannot see significant results by meditating for two hours sporadically. A few minutes of daily practice, however, can profoundly impact your well-being. The benefits of mindfulness and meditation go beyond personal happiness. Communities practicing mindfulness often report lower crime rates and greater social cohesion. Families that meditate together strengthen their bonds, developing empathy and understanding for each other's

perspectives. Imagine the collective impact

if more people embraced mindfulness as a

daily practice—it could transform soci-

Furthermore, meditation enhances our

eties, one individual at a time.

different directions—emails, deadlines, social obligations, and endless to-do listsit is easy to lose sight of what truly matters. Mindfulness brings us back to the now, allowing us to savour the small joys we often overlook: the warmth of a morning sunbeam, the taste of a perfectly brewed cup of tea, or the laughter of a loved one. Another compelling aspect of meditation is its accessibility. Unlike other tools for self-improvement, meditation requires no special equipment, expensive memberships, or even a lot of time. It is universally available, adaptable to any lifestyle, and backed by centuries of practice across cultures. Whether through guided meditations, breathing exercises, or silent selfreflection, there is a form of meditation suitable for everyone. In conclusion, as Lao Tzu, an ancient Chinese philosopher, said, "To a mind that

ability to live in the present moment. In a

world constantly pulling us in a hundred

is still, the whole universe surrenders." Meditation may not provide the instant gratification of a material purchase or the thrill of a vacation, but it offers something far more valuable: a pathway to inner peace, resilience, and enduring happiness. By embracing mindfulness and making it a consistent part of our lives, we can transform not only our personal well-being but also contribute to a more compassionate and harmonious world.

— She is a Life Coach and Founder of Soulful Wellness

# **Gambhir, BCCI officials to meet to review Australia tour**

**PTI** MUMBAI

The future of leading batters Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma will be discussed threadbare in a meeting that head coach Gautam Gambhir and chief selector Ajit Agarkar is scheduled to hold with BCCI officials to review the recent tour to Australia here on Saturday.

The back-to-back series defeats against New Zealand (home) and Australia (away) and the diminishing returns with the bat have put Kohli and Rohit under scanner.

The PTI has learned that the powers that be will discuss in detail the future plan — Champions Trophy could whether to activate the bring him, and Rohit too, transition switch from next back into a good frame of month's Champions Trophy or wait for the cycle to end with the ICC marquee event. Though it's likely that the senior batters will get another chance to redeem themselves at the ODI Champions Trophy, a format in which they have always excelled.

consideration the fact that both Kohli and Rohit have played just three ODIs in 2024 after the 2023 World Cup at home, and that could be too light a sample size to make a final call on their 50over career. Both Kohli and Rohit endured different fortunes too in the series against Sri Lanka. While Kohli amassed 24, 14

and 20 in Colombo, Rohit walked away with scores of 58, 64 and 35 against the

But overall, Kohli has been a champion performer in 50-overs, his staple format and a good outing in the Champions Trophy could bring him, and Rohit too,

However, their Test future is different. The next assignment is an away fivematch series against England, and the mandarins will certainly assess the drying runs from Kohli and Rohit in the traditional format.



In the most recent outing against Australia, Kohli, despite a hundred at Perth, could garner only 190 runs at an average of 23.75 while

an average of 23.75 while Rohit, who skipped the first Test and opted out of the fifth match, made 31 runs at 6.2. Those performances will certainly be mooted thoroughly while seeking Gambhir's views on their desire to continue playing the longest version of the sport. Similarly, it is possible that the performance of the Gambhirled coaching staff too could be assayed, and asked about their vision to handle the transition period without any transition period without any

more hiccups.
Champions Trophy team selection

Apart from the review meeting, the selectors, led by Agarkar, will also convene on Saturday evening to pick the Indian squad for the

Champions Trophy.

India will play all its matches in the UAE and will open the campaign with a match against Bangladesh on

February 20. However, it is unlikely that

the team will be announced on this day itself, as the selectors have time till January 12 to release the squad.

They will assess the fitness level of star pacer Jasprit Bumrah, who is recuperating from back spasms, and veteran fast bowler Mohammed Shami.

Mohammed Shami.
Shami, who has not played since the ODI World Cup 2023 because of an ankle surgery, is likely to get a green signal from BCCI's Centre of Excellence physics.
Shami has played in the Ranji Trophy, Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy matches recently for Bengal to underline his increasing fitness levels and match readiness. The other interesting point will be to see whether Yashasvi Jaiswal will get the nod after doing well in 19 Tests and 23 T20I since 19 Tests and 23 T20I since making his debut in mid

Team for England T20Is,

The selectors are also expected to discuss and pick the India squad for the five T20Is and three ODIs against England for the home series,

beginning from January 22. There could not be many surprises as the team that did duty in South Africa late last year could be picked up again for the T20Is.

Shami could be included in the ODIs depending on the fitness certificate from CoE, which is understood to be positive though it will be assessed deeply before taking a final decision.

Bumrah and fellow pacer Akash Deep, who will also be in CoE in Bengaluru for recovery from a back niggle, will miss the white ball series against England.

Jaiswal will certainly feature at least one of the squads though, along with Washington Sundar and Nitish Kumar Reddy, who impressed everyone with some gutsy outings Down Under.

# Satwik-Chirag lose Malaysia Open semifinals

the interval. However, they

momentum, allowing the Koreans to recover and seal

Kim and Seo have reunited

for the 2025 season after finding success with other

Seo previously partnered Kang Min Hyuk to the world

title in 2023 and reached world No. 7 with Choi Sol

couldn't maintain

the contest comfortably.

partners.

PTI KUALA LUMPUR

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy And Chirag Shetty's impressive run at the Malaysia Super 1000 badminton tournament came to an end following a straight-game loss to Korea's Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae in the semifinals, here on Saturday.

Saturday.
Seeded seventh, Satwik and Chirag, who reached the finals last season, lost 10-21 15-21 in a 40-minute semifinal clash.

semifinal clash.

"They played really well, and we could have followed our game plan a bit better. Instead, we played some random strokes, but kudos to them for playing a solid game," Satwik told reporters.

"Today, the page of the game." game," Satwik told reporters.

"Today, the pace of the game was very slow compared to the last three days. It's part of the game. It was a valuable learning experience for us. It is disappointing, but we have a long way to go. Today's match showed that we can in the opening game. Despite their efforts, the Indians could not make a comeback as Kim and Seo wrapped up the first game in just 19 minutes.

After the break, Satwik and Chirag showed better control and intent, making it 11-8 at



still make it a good fight.' The Asian Games champions struggled to get the right start and trailed 6-11 at the break in the opening game. Despite

Gyu before that. Kim, on the other hand, claimed the mixed doubles silver medal alongside Jeong Na-eun at the Paris Olympics.

"They both are playing like a mixed doubles pair now, which is making it tougher," laughed Satwik.

"They are not giving away any easy points, and that's their best quality. We have to work hard for every point, and that's exactly what happened

Satwik, who hasn't competed much after the Paris Games due to injuries, said a little more attitude and mind games could have helped against their opponents.

"We were working really hard, but they were taking easy points whenever they wanted, which kept the pressure off them. In the first game, and even in the second, despite us leading, they maintained their confidence.

"They could take any point at any time. I think maybe

Title holders Mumbai City FC will look to regain their footing at home when they face Jamshedpur FC in

the Indian Super League here

The Islanders are determined

disappointing home defeat

and will aim to avoid back-to-

back losses at the Mumbai

Football Arena for the first

to recover from

time since early 2023.

some mind games could have worked here and there. We started a bit calmer, thought the game would come to us, but we could have shown a little more attitude on the court and played with a little more fire," he said.

Chirag added: "I think we started to be a little calmer in the second game. But credit to them, I think we gave away a few easy points from 11-8, but they were also serving quite well"

Satwik and Chirag haven't played much badminton since

the Olympics.

They will next lead the home challenge at the India Open Super 750, starting January 14. The Indian pair will face Malaysia's Wei Chong Man and Kai Wun Tee in the opening round opening round.

Really excited. It's our home tournament and we would really want to go, play well there, and go as deep into the tournament as possible," Chirag signed off.

# Rani Rampal hopes Women's Hockey India League will inspire future Olympic stars

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former captain Rani Believes the Women's Hockey India League (HIL) can have a similar impact on the sport as the Indian Premier League (IPL) has had on cricket, providing a platform for young girls to earn national team spots for the 2032 Olympics. Olympics.

Olympics.
The inaugural WHIL, scheduled from January 12 to 26 in Ranchi, will feature four teams: Delhi SG Pipers, Odisha Warriors, Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers, and Soorma Hockey Club.
"There may be four teams."

Soorma Hockey Club.

"There may be four teams only this time but starting the league has been a long time coming. Hockey India needs to be complimented for this," Rampal, who will serve as a mentor and coach for the Soorma HC told SAL Media Soorma HC, told SAI Media. 'The men's hockey team won back-to-back bronze medals in the Olympics in Tokyo and Paris because the foundation



was laid by the men's Hockey India League years back," said the former India hockey captain.

"Now thanks to the introduction of the women's HIL, we will get to see a lot of talented young women showcase their mettle in the 2032 and 2036 Olympics. This platform will turn out immensely fruitful."

The 30-year-old from Haryana, who has played over 250 international matches, is embarking on her first stint as a support staff member.

The Hockey India League (HIL) began in 2013 with six men's teams, running for five years before it was discontinued primarily due to commercial challenges. It was revived after seven years with the addition of a women's league.Reflecting on the rise of women's cricket, Rampal drew parallels with the success of the Women's Premier League, which gave the sport a lot more

prominence.
"Nobody knew much about women's cricket, but now you see, how the sport has become so popular in the nation. Through the women's IPL (WPL), people came to know about it and have started following the sport manifold." Rampal extended her wishes to former goalkeeper PR Sreejesh in his new role as coach of the Indian junior hockey team.

"Sreejesh has almost 20 years of international experience. The junior team will do very well because they will get to know how to perform in a high-level pressure situation," said Rani.

# David Moyes returns as Everton manager during 'pivotal time' for club

**AP** ■ LIVERPOOL

 $E^{verton\ hired\ David\ Moyes}_{for\ a\ second\ stint\ as}$   $_{manager\ at\ the\ Premier}$ League club on Saturday. Moyes replaces Sean Dyche,

who was fired Thursday with the team just one point above the relegation zone.

The 61-year-old Moyes managed Everton from 2002-

13, during which he led the Merseyside club to the 2009 FA Cup final and four European campaigns.
"It's great to be back," Moyes

said. "I enjoyed 11 wonderful and successful years at Everton and didn't hesitate when I was offered the opportunity to rejoin this great club."

The storied club — a ninetime English champion which has been without a major trophy since 1995 — was bought last month by the the team's statement. "With match.



Texas-based Friedkin Group in a deal reportedly worth in excess of 400 million pounds (\$495 million). Everton's next game is

Wednesday at home against Aston Villa in the Premier League. "We are pleased that David is joining us at this pivotal time in Everton's history," club executive chairman Marc Watts said in

of a new era for Everton."

over a decade of experience at the club, he is the right leader to propel us through our final season at Goodison Park and into our new stadium. We look forward to working with David to build the foundation Dyche was fired hours before Everton hosted and beat third-division Peterborough

2-0 in an FA Cup third-round

Mumbai City FC have lost two of their last five matches at the Mumbai Football Arena, including a 0-3 defeat to NorthEast United FC on December 30, 2024. The last time they suffered consecutive home losses was in early 2023.

on Sunday.

defensive structure. After maintaining an impressive run of four consecutive clean sheets, Mumbai City FC have now

The Islanders enter the match

with concerns over their



conceded multiple goals in back-to-back matches -- a worrying trend that head coach Petr Kratky will be eager to address.

With their last two home matches yielding a defeat and a draw, the Islanders need a solid defensive display to secure three points.

Despite their defensive

struggles, Mumbai City FC's attack remains potent. Leading the charge is Lallianzuala Chhangte, a consistent performer with three goals and two assists against Jamshedpur FC in ISL

history. Chhangte's ability to unlock defences could be crucial in breaking down the Red

every game is important for me. We need to win and that's our No. 1 priority. We need to play good football, as it gives us more chances to succeed," Mumbai City FC coach Petr Kratky said.

Miners' resilient backline.

Jamshedpur FC, with a poor away record this season, on the other hand will seek to break their streak of four consecutive road defeats and keep their momentum alive as they push for a top-two spot.

Jamshedpur FC thrive

dominating without possession. The Red Miners have the lowest average possession in the league (41.1%) but are masters of the

counter-attack. By absorbing pressure and striking swiftly on the break, they've managed to keep pace with the league's top teams.

The key to their strategy is Muhammed Uvais, who has been instrumental in transitioning play from

defence to attack. crucial player Jamshedpur's counter-

attacking setup.
Adding further strength to their cause is Stephen Eze, whose aerial dominance and defensive prowess make him a standout performer. "It's an away game. So, it's very important. We must take

full responsibility and work hard to get a positive result, the Red Miners coach Khalid Jameel said. The Islanders are sixth in the table, with 23 points from 14

games, courtesy of six victories and five draws. Jamshedpur FC are positioned fourth, winning 24 points from 13 matches, taking all three points in

four out their previous five clashes. They are just three points short of the second-placed Bengaluru FC (27), and have

a game in hand (13)

compared to the Blues (14).

# Australian Open: Alcaraz and Sinner have real rivalry atop men's tennis

**AP** ■ MELBOURNE

When Carlos Alcaraz is on court for a training session, perhaps working on his newly revamped service motion, he's doing so to buttress a game already good enough to claim four Grand Slam titles.

He's also got his young rival,

Jannik Sinner, in mind. 'The good thing for me is, when I'm seeing him winning titles, when I'm seeing him in the top of the ranking, it forces me to practice even harder every day. In practice, I'm just thinking (about) the things that I have to improve to play against him," Alcaraz said Saturday, a day before the start of the Australian Open. 'That, I think, is great for me: Having him (and) such a great rivalry, so far, just to (force me to) give (my best),

every day." Alcaraz, 21, and Sinner, 23, head into the 2025 tennis

game, coming off a year that portended greatness for both. With Rafael Nadal now joining Roger Federer in retirement, leaving 24-time major champion Novak Djokovic as the lone remaining member of the Big Three on tour, it appears as though Alcaraz and Sinner have separated themselves from the rest of the next generation, each taking two of the four Slam singles trophies in 2024.

Forever, it seemed, the sport's most important laurels were dominated by Federer, Nadal and Djokovic, and anyone harboring hopes of claiming then needed to defeat at least one, and often two, of that

The names have changed, but the dynamic is similar. "I feel like now, with Jannik

and with Carlos, it kind of moved toward the same way, just with new guys. You have to go through them to win big season at the top of the men's tournaments. It's as simple as



them to win the tournament."

Sinner is the defending

champion in Australia, and

went on to also win the U.S.

Open in September, part of a

season in which he went 73-6

with eight titles — but also dealt with a doping case in which he tested positive twice for trace amounts of an anabolic steroid, blamed it on accidentally being exposed to a banned substance via a massage from his trainer and was exonerated. (The World Anti-Doping Agency appealed that ruling; a closed-door hearing will be held at the Court of Arbitration for

Sport in Switzerland on April

16-17.)Alcaraz exited from

where he won against Djokovic in the final for the second year in a row. On Sunday, Zverev faces wild-

card entry Lucas Pouille at night, after defending champion Aryna Sabalenka takes on 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens. Other top names scheduled for Day 1 action include 2024 Australian runner-up and Paris Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen and threetime major finalist Casper Ruud.

Alcaraz, Sinner and Djokovic, along with five-time major champ Iga Swiatek and 2023 U.S. Open winner Coco Gauff, all will get started Monday.

If Alcaraz, whose first major title came at the 2022 U.S. Open at age 19 and propelled

the Australian Open in the quarterfinals against Zverev last January, but then triumphed at the French Open, getting past Zverev in the final, and Wimbledon, each of the sport's four most prestigious events.

'It's truly remarkable," former player Feliciano Lopez said, "what he has achieved in the last three years." Alcaraz and Sinner already

are establishing quite a head-to-head rivalry, one that already has shown glimpses of the potential to become as memorable as Federer vs. Nadal, or Djokovic vs. Nadal. "You have more eyes on us," Sinner said, "because this is a match most people want to

Overall, Alcaraz leads 6-4. In 2024 alone, he went 3-0 against Sinner, who was 73-3 against everyone else, with setbacks only against Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev and Stefanos Tsitsipas. "When I'm playing against mindset, a little bit. I mean, when you're facing the ... Best player in the world, you have to do something

him, I have a different different preparation or different mindset or whatever," said Alcaraz, who was 54-13 with four titles last season.

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