

concluding an interactive session at the institute, home to Royal Institute

The external affairs minister was in

London as in the first leg of his six-day visit to the UK and Ireland from

Tuesday that is aimed at exploring

ways to further boost bilateral

"We have seen the footage of a breach of security during the visit of the

external affairs minister to the UK,

of

affairs(MEA)spokesperson Randhir

'We condemn the provocative

activities of this small group of separatists and extremists," he said.

"We deplore the misuse of democratic

freedoms by such elements. We

expect the host government in such

cases to fully live up to their diplomatic obligations," Jaiswal

Videos posted on social media

showed a small group of pro-

Khalistan protesters holding yellow

flags were shouting slogans against

India and Jaishankar on the opposite

side of the road from Chatham

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Jaiswal said.

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NDIA BREACHED IN UK



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during a conversation with Director and CEO of Bronwen Maddox at Chatham House, in England

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

ndia on Thursday took strong objection to a security breach during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to UK and condemned such "provocative activities." The incident took place on London on Wednesday during an event attended by the minister. A pro-Khalistani protestor attempted to break barricades while some were shouting anti-India slogans. Protestors also tore up the Indian flag. In a firm reaction, New Delhi said it expects the host government to fully live up to their diplomatic obligations in such cases and deplored the "misuse of democratic freedoms" by those elements.

The incident happened as Jaishankar was leaving the Chatham House after

Babbar Khalsa terrorist arrested

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

In a major counterterrorism operation, the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (STF) and Punjab Police have arrested a suspected terrorist linked to Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and Pakistan's intelligence agency, the ISI.

The suspect, identified as Lazar Masih, a resident of Kurlian village in Ramdas area of Amritsar, Punjab, was nabbed around 3.20 a.m in Uttar Pradesh's Kaushambi district.

Addressing a press conference in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP) Prashant Kumar said Masih had planned a major terrorist attack during the

Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj. The Maha Kumbh was held at Prayagraj from January 13 to

February 26. "However, due to intensive security checks at the religious gathering, he failed to execute his plan," he said and added: "The arrest of the terrorist also verifies smuggling of arms and drugs

from Pakistan into India". He added the U.P. STF succeeded in recovering some explosives material and illegal arms from the terrorist. Among the seizures made are three active hand grenades, two active detonators, one foreign-made pistol and 13 cartridges of foreign make, the officer said. Besides, a white coloured explosive powder, an Aadhaar card

with a Ghaziabad address, one mobile phone without SIM card was also seized from his possession, he said.

According to security officials, Masih was actively working for Swaran Singh, also known as Jeevan Fauji, the head of BKI's Germany-based module. He was reportedly in direct contact with ISI handlers based in Pakistan.

Investigators revealed that Masih had escaped from judicial custody in Punjab on September 24, 2024, and had been evading arrest since then. His capture is being considered a significant breakthrough in preventing potential terrorist activities in India.

Rana seeks stay of extradition to India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW YORK

Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana has moved an "emergency application" with the US Supreme Court against his extradition to India, claiming that he will be tortured there since he is a Muslim of Pakistani origin.

Rana, 64, a Čanadian national of Pakistani origin, is currently lodged at a metropolitan detention centre in Los Angeles. He is known be associated with to Pakistani-American terrorist David Coleman Headley, one of the main conspirators of the 26/11 attacks.

Rana has filed an "Emergency Application For Stay" with the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Ninth Circuit.

President Donald Trump last month announced that his administration approved the extradition of "very evil" Rana, wanted by Indian probe agencies for his role in the 26/11 attacks, "to face justice in India". This followed the rejection of his review petition by the Supreme Court in

January. Now, Rana is seeking a stay of his extradition and surrender to India pending litigation (including exhaustion of all appeals) on the merits of a petition he filed in February. In that petition, Rana argued that his extradition to India violates United States law and the United Nations Convention Against Torture "because there are substantial

grounds for believing that, if extradited to India, petitioner will be in danger of being subjected to torture?

The likelihood of torture in this case is even higher though as petitioner faces acute risk as a Muslim of Pakistani origin charged in the Mumbai attacks," the application said.

The application also said that his "severe medical conditions" render extradition to Indian detention facilities, a "de facto" death sentence.

It cited medical records from July 2024 showing that he has multiple "acute and lifediagnoses", threatening including multiple documented heart attacks, Parkinson's disease with

cognitive decline, a mass suggestive of bladder cancer, stage 3 chronic kidney disease, and a history of chronic asthma, and multiple COVID-19 infections.

"Accordingly, "Accordingly, petitioner certainly has raised a credible, if not compelling, factual case that there are indeed substantial grounds for believing he would be in danger of torture if surrendered to Indian authorities.

'Further, because of his Muslim religion, his Pakistani origin, his status as a former member of the Pakistani Army, the relation of the putative charges to the 2008 Mumbai attacks, and his chronic health conditions he is even more likely to be tortured than otherwise would be the case, and that torture is very likely to kill him in short order.



Trump issues last warning to Hamas

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON

 $P^{\text{resident Donald Trump on}}_{\text{Wednesday issued what he}}$ called a "last warning" to Hamas to release all remaining hostages held in Gaza, directing a sharply worded message after the White House confirmed that he had recently dispatched an envoy for unprecedented direct talks with the militant

group. Trump, in a statement on his Truth Social platform soon after meeting at the White House with eight former hostages, added that he was "sending Israel everything it needs to finish the job."

"Release all of the Hostages now, not later, and immediately return all of the dead bodies of the people you murdered, or it is OVER for you," Trump said. "Only sick and twisted people keep bodies, and you are sick and twisted!"

The pointed language from Trump came after the White House said Wednesday that U.S. Officials have engaged in "ongoing talks and discussions" with Hamas officials, stepping away from a long-held U.S. Policy of not directly engaging in the militant group.

RSS ignites Marathi-Hindi fire in Mumb Motor mouth cleric derides Shami



It has some prohibitions for persons keeping Roza. It is up to a person to keep Roza on that day or not. In case of Shami, he is on national duty and it is of paramount importance that his body remains hydrated during each game. So, drinking water or not keeping roza on match days is permissible," he said. coach Mohammed Shami'

TN RAGHUNATHA

Hours after he was pilloried by political leaders of all hues for his statement that "those coming to Mumbai from outside need not necessarily learn Marathi," a chastened RSS leader Bhaiyyaji Joshi on Thursday did a U-turn and said, The language of Mumbai is Marathi and it is natural to expect living in the metropolis "to lerstand read learn un and Marathi".

remarks that he reportedly made at a function held at Ghatkopar in north-east Mumbai on Wednesday night.

Speaking at a function held at Ghatkopar, Joshi had said: 'Mumbai does not have a single language, Mumbai has many languages. Different areas have different languages. For example, the language of Ghatkopar is Gujarati. Similarly, you will find fewer people speaking Hindi in



Saniav Raut said. "Bhaiyaji Joshi is trying to divide Mumbai on the ue of langu

RSS leaders have historically shown a bias against Mumbai's Marathi-speaking populace," Maharashtra Congress general secretary Atul Londhe said.

Sena (ÚBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray also hit out at Joshi saying: "The language of this land is Marathi, just like Tamil is in Tamil Nadu and Kannada is in Karnataka. The ideology of the BJP is to keep disrespecting Maharashtra. Yesterday, Suresh Bhaiyya ji said that the language in Ghatkopar could be Gujarati, but this is absolutely not possible. The language of Mumbai is

BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

All India Muslim Jamaat president Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Barelvi has criticised Indian cricketer Mohammed Shami for not fasting during Ramadan. The cleric stated that fasting is an obligatory duty in Islam, and anyone who deliberately avoids it is committing a sin. Maulana Razvi claimed that by choosing not to fast, Shami had committed a grave wrongdoing in the eyes of Islamic law. "Islam mandates fasting as one of its fundamental obligations. If a healthy person does not observe Roza, they are guilty religious terms. Mohammed Shami was seen drinking water during a Champions Trophy match, which means he was not

fasting. This is a serious offense in Islam," he said. The cleric added that since

Shami was playing a match, it indicated that he was physically fit. "If he was capable of playing, he was also capable of fasting. By drinking water in public, he has sent the wrong message to the community. He will have to answer to God for this," Maulana Razvi asserted. The cleric's remarks have sparked mixed reactions. While some religious figures expressed their disappointment, others defended the cricketer, arguing that professional

athletes often have different requirements due to the physical demands of their sport.

Maulana Zaheer Khan calls the controversy uncalled for. "Islam is a progressive religion. This is not the tournament.

Badruddin, dismissed the criticism, asserting that the "Nothing is above the nation." Shami is playing for his country, and that should be the priority," he stated. Senior BJP leader and MLC

Bahadur Pathak Vijay defended Shami and said that sports and religion should not be intertwined. "Shami is a dedicated athlete who has brought glory to India on multiple occasions. If he felt fasting might affect his performance, it must have been a difficult decision for him. He is a proud Indian, and his commitment to the game should not be questioned," Pathak said.

Shami played a crucial role in India's four-wicket victory over Australia, helping the team secure a spot in the Champions Trophy final. The Indian bowling attack, led by Shami, restricted Australia to 264 runs, with the pacer claiming three wickets for 48 runs in his 10-over spell.

This is not the first controversy to emerge during On a day when Shiv Sena (UBT) Uddhav Thackeray demanded that Bhaiyyaji Joshi be booked for sedition for his statement, Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis was forced to intervene in the matter and issue a statement in the state Assembly saving that "Marathi is the language of Mumbai and Maharashtra. It is an integral part of Maharashtra's cultural heritage" and it will be "respected and preserved". Seeking to douse the political fire unleashed by Joshi, Fadnavis made a categorical statement in the state Assembly. "Marathi is the language of Mumbai, Maharashtra. The state government and the people living here should adopt it. Marathi language is a part of the culture and identity of the state, and it should be the duty of every citizen to learn it. The Marathi language will be respected and preserved in Maharashtra, and it is an integral part of our cultural heritage." After the chief minister's statement, Joshi issued a clarification on his stand on the importance of Marathi in Mumbai and Maharashtra, seeking to end

Girgaon. There, you will find people speaking Marathi...people coming to Mumbai may necessarily have to learn Marathi". Before long, Joshi came in for a severe flak from leaders of different political parties, including the Uddhav Thackerayparties, led Shiv Sena (UBT), Sharad Pawar-headed NCP (SP) and Congress. Demanding that Joshi be booked for treason, Uddhav Thackeray dared the RSS leader to make such remarks in Guiarat. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal and come back. Just because the Marathi manoos

does not complain that does not mean that you can say anything and get away. Bhaiyyaji Joshi should be booked for treason. How can Bhaiyyaji Joshi make such a statement? This is what I call it sadist mentality. This is a ploy to break Mumbai. Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi had indulged in this kind of divisive tactics during the campaigning for the state Assembly polls when he spoke about 'batenge toh katenge," the Sena (UBT) chief said.

"Marathi is our state language, and such a statement amounts to the raging controversy over the treason. The statement is treason,"

seems like this is the only thing that will be heard in Mumbai now," NCP (SP) group leader Jitendra Awhad said.

"Mumbai, along with Maharashtra, has Marathi as its primary language. However,

Marathi. This government even halted the Marathi Bhasha Bhavan in Mumbai because they want to disrespect Maharashtra and the Marathi language," Aditya said.



First woman officer tames Jaguar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

In a first, Flying Officer Tanuskha Singh has become the first woman pilot permanently assigned to IAF's Jaguar fighter jet squadron. It marks a significant step in gender inclusion in combat roles. The officer will shortly report for duty.

While other women have flown the Jaguar during training, Tanushka's permanent induction into the squadron is a first. The Jaguar is a key tactical strike aircraft for the IAF, known for its



Tanushka initially considered a available to women. career in the İndian Army. precision attack capabilities. However, she shifted her focus Air Force Academy in Hailing from a family having served in the armed forces, about the opportunities by specialised training on the

She underwent training at the

Hawk MK 132 aircraft. Born in Uttar Pradesh, she has lived in Mangaluru since 2007. She completed her schooling in Suratkal and later studied in Mangaluru. She also earned a BTech in electrical and electronics engineering in 2022

Incidentally, the first batch of three female pilots - Avani Chaturvedi, Bhawana Kanth and Mohana Singh were inducted in Indian Air Force fighter squadron on 2016 fighter squadron on 2016. Squadron Leader Mohana Singh later made history as the first female fighter pilot in the country to be cleared to fly the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas fighter jet last year.

Mohana Singh, along with Avni Chaturvedi and Bhawana Kanth, was part of the trio of female pilots in the Air Force's fighter streams. In the early days, the three pilots flew various aircraft from the Air Force's fighter fleet. Currently, they are flying the regular fleets of Su-30MKi and LCA Teias

Indian Air Force (IAF), the world's fourth-largest air force, currently accounts for around 20 women fighter pilots.

The service opened its fighter stream to women, a watershed in India's military history, in 2016. It has opened all frontiers for women and is giving them opportunities on a par with their male counterparts.





endeared him to PM Modi due

to his approach, energy and vision he has for the State. The successful organisation of 38th

National Games and imple-

mentation of Uniform Civil

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The observers point out that

the union government has remained benevolent towards

the State in approving devel-

been praised by PM Modi.

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Modi pays obeisance at goddess | PM Modi pats CM **Dhami's back again** Ganga's winter abode at Mukhba PNS DEHRADUN

PM emphasises on boosting year round tourism in U'khand

PNS UTTARKASHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the winter tourism programme after flagging off a trek and bike rally at Harsil, Uttarakhand. He also performed pooja at the winter abode of goddess Ganga at Mukhba. Addressing the gathering, he expressed his deep sorrow over the tragic incident in Mana and extended his condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the accident. He said the people of the nation stand in solidarity during this time of crisis, which has provided immense strength to the affected families.

"The land of Uttarakhand, known as Devbhoomi, is imbued with spiritual energy and blessed by the Char Dham and countless other sacred sites", said Modi, highlighting that this region serves as the winter abode of the life-giving Ganga. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to visit again and meet the people and their families, calling it a blessing. He emphasised that it is by Mother Ganga's grace that he had the privilege of serving Uttarakhand for decades. "Ma Ganga's blessings guided me to Kashi, where I now serve as a Member of Parliament", said Modi, recalling his statement in Kashi that Maa Ganga had called him and shared his recent realisation that the



as her own. The Prime Minister described this as Ganga's affection and love for her child, which brought him to her maternal home in Mukhba village and had the honour of performing darshan and puja at the shrine. Remarking on his visit to the land of Harshil, recalling his fond memories of the affection shown by the local women, whom he referred to as "Didi-Bhuliyas", Modi highlighted their vision is gradually becoming a thoughtful gestures of sending him Harsil's rajma and other avenues for Uttarakhand's

Ganga has now embraced him local products. He expressed his gratitude for their warmth, connection and gifts. The Prime Minister also recalled his visit to Kedarnath, where he had declared that, "this decade would be the decade of Uttarakhand". He remarked that the strength behind those words came from Baba Kedarnath himself and highlighted that, with Baba Kedarnath's blessings, this

progress are opening up, fulfilling the aspirations that led to the state's formation, Modi noted that the commitments made for Uttarakhand's development are being realized through continuous achievements and new milestones. He added, "winter tourism is a significant step in this direction, aiding in harnessing Uttarakhand's economic potential" and congratulated the Uttarakhand government for this innovative effort and extended his best wishes for the state's progress.

"Diversifying and making the tourism sector a yearround activity is important and necessary for Uttarakhand", said the Prime Minister, remarking that there should be no "off-season" in Uttarakhand, and tourism should thrive in every season. He mentioned that currently, tourism in the hills is seasonal, with a significant influx of tourists during March, April, May, and June. However, he added that the number of tourists drops drastically afterward, leaving most hotels, resorts, and homestays vacant during winters. He pointed out that this imbalance leads to economic stagnation for a large part of the year in Uttarakhand and also poses challenges to the environment.

The chemistry between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami was visible during the visit of PM Modi to Harshil and Mukhba in Uttarkashi district on Thursday. After endearing the local crowd by starting his speech in Garhwali in Harshil, the PM termed Dhami as his younger brother and an ener-getic chief minister. The PM said that during his past visit to Kedarnath, he had said that the third decade of this century will

an appreciable job in this direc-tion. When the CM approached PM Modi after the latter had finished his address, the PM patted his back after a warm shaking of the hands. Similar chemistry was visible between the two leaders during the opening ceremony of the National Games in Dehradun on January 27. The BJP leaders are of the view that CM Dhami has

of all directed the State administration to work on the concept of winter char dham Yatra. The concept behind this Yatra was to ensure that pilgrims visit the State for having darshans of deities during the winter months as well when the four shrines are closed. During his last visit to New Delhi, the CM invited PM Modi to take part in the winter Yatra which he accepted.



Winter Yatra

The visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to picturesque Harshil and Mukhwa, the winter abode of goddess Ganga in the Uttarkashi district on Thursday will surely give a fillip to the religious, spiritual and adventure tourism during the winter months in the Himalayan State. The past experience of the State shows that the visitor footfall increased to the places such as Kedarnath, Mana and Adi Kailash after the PM, who enjoys very good appeal in the masses visited them. Uttarakhand has so far succeeded in branding winter tourism by inviting the PM and launching a campaign in media and social media platforms. The real challenge, however, lies in managing the travel of tourists and pilgrims during the harsh winter seasons. Infrastructure such as parking places, public toilets and other facilities including the hotels and eateries are needed to be constructed in Mukhba, Kharsali, Joshimath and Ukhimath, the winter abodes of Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath and Kedarnath respectively. Similarly the condition of roads needs to be improved in the above mentioned places and other areas to ensure a safe journey to the visitors during winters.

BIP's bustle

Beneath the apparent tranquillity on the surface, intense polit-Bical activity, one-upmanship and even brinkmanship is going on in the State unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Uttarakhand. Organisational elections are underway in the party and many senior leaders are said to be contending for the top positions including that of the president of the State unit after the end of the tenure of incumbent Mahendra Bhatt unit after the end of the tenure of incumbent Mahendra Bhatt. Speculations are in rife that the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will soon undertake a reshuffle of his cabinet which is causing sleepless nights to a couple of powerful ministers. Four positions in the Dhami cabinet have been vacant for quite some time now and it is believed that a cabinet expansion is also on cards. Many MLAs of the saffron party including seasoned ones and first timers are vying with one another for a berth in the cabinet. Additionally, the exercise to appoint position holders in the State government is also said to be underway for which a large number of party leaders have staked their claims.

High spirits

The increase in per capita income in Uttarakhand is getting reflected in the revenue earned by the Excise department which is increasing appreciably year after year and is expect-ed to be in excess of Rs 5,000 crore in the year 2025-26. The local liquor after on add to unists visiting the State are filllocal liquor afficient of the Himalayan State thus contributing to its economy. The data released by the officials of the cash rich Excise department shows that the per capita consumption of the alcohol in the State is Rs 4,217 per year which is more than neighbouring Delhi (Rs 1,842), Uttar Pradesh (Rs 2,269), Himachal Pradesh (Rs 2,988) and Haryana (Rs 3,765). Interestingly this data of the Excise department does not include the volume of the liquor sold in the army run canteens which, thanks to the high percentage of ex-servicemen and serving armed forces personnel, is also quite high.

Gun Hill ropeway in Mussoorie closed for maintenance, expected to resume by Holi

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Mussoorie's popular Gun Hill ropeway has been temporarily closed for maintenance and repairs. The officials the peak tourist season, a techstated that it is expected to nical assessment is conducted resume operations by Holi, to ensure safe operations. The ropeway's cables undergo significant stress, particularly due to changing weather conditions, heavy snowfall, and rainfall. Regular replacements are necessary to maintain structural integrity and ensure the safety of passengers. While the ropeway remains out of service, visitors can only reach Gun Hill by foot. This situation may pose challenges for elderly tourists and those with disabilities. However, the officials said that the ropeway management has assured that all necessary repairs will be completed at the earliest, aiming to reopen the service in time before Holi.

President Murmu to lay foundation stone on June 20, Rashtrapati Ashiana to become public park

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The President Droupadi Murmu will lay the foundation stone for an ultra-modern public park at the sprawling 132-acre Rashtrapati Ashiana on Rajpur Road here on June 20 to turn this presidential estate into a pub-lic park. This significant initiative aims to enhance public engagement with Rashtrapati Ashiana while serve as a vibrant center for



aligning with the aspirations of the people of Uttarakhand. He emphasised the need for Rashtrapati Ashiana with concerned departments to senior officials of the ensure timely completion of essential infrastructure. including electricity, water supply, traffic management, a Detailed Project Report parking, communication, security and public order. He urged officials to provide their suggestions for enhancing the park's accessibility and sustainable infrastruc- and public-friendly design, ture. Once completed, the instructing them to incorporate these inputs into the DPR. The park, located Highlighting the vision in the heart of Dehradun, behind this initiative, Gupta will feature numerous stated that it reflects the attractions, including a President's commitment to multi-activity zone, cycling participatory administration tracks, world-class sports



QR code. Additionally, promoting green initiatives, environmental conservation, Gupta reviewed the progress health, and cultural activities. fitness, and cultural activities, of the 21-acre Rashtrapati of the 21-acre Rashtrapati Ashiana complex, which will be opened to the public on June 20. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore facilities such as a visitor facili tation center, horse riding, an amphitheater, an art exhibition space, a cafeteria and a souvenir store. He directed officials to ensure all development work is completed within the stipulated deadlines.

Government planning ropeway from Jankichatti to Yamunotri

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The Uttarakhand govern-ment is considering building a ropeway from Jankichatti to Yamunotri temple under the public-private partnership meda private partnership mode. The Tourism minister Satpal Maharaj shared this during his participation in the Harshil-Mukhba programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

He stated that Uttarakhand tourism is set to gain momentum following Modi's recent visit to Harsil-Mukhba

create employment oppor-tunities for local youth and attract tourists from across the world, giving a new dimension to tourism in Uttarakhand.

He also acknowledged the PM's announcement of a ropeway project for the Kedarnath and Hemkund Sahib. He said that the initiative will greatly benefit develop facilities at elderly pilgrims and women Yamunotri and Gangotri in travelling to Kedarnath and Dham. Uttarkashi district. He Hemkund Sahib, making their journey more accessible. He reiterated the government's commitment to promoting winter tourism and addressing the concerns of local priests.

cial for the region. He also stated that as part of the Vibrant Village programme, has been developed for Jandug village in Uttarkashi, with efforts underway to renovate old structures and convert them into homestays. Under the central gov-ernment's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme, pro-

jects worth Rs 9.93 crore have been undertaken to

opment projects, the latest being sanctioning of multi crore ropeway projects for Kedarnath and Hemkund belong to Uttarakhand. He Sahib. It is pertinent to mention here that CM Dhami had first said that the government led by chief minister Dhami is doing

A meeting chaired by additional secretary Rajesh Gupta was held on Thursday at Uttarakhand government to discuss the project's development. Gupta informed that (DPR) is currently being prepared, ensuring that the park is equipped with world-class amenities, innovative designs park will be dedicated to the people of Uttarakhand. and community-driven facilities, a children's play development. The park will area, walking and jogging

Pahadis rally in Gairsain, seek Aggarwal's ouster

PNS DEHRADUN

T arge number of people people of mountainous sations had given a call for protest against the use of abusive language by cabinet minister Prem Chand Aggarwal during the budget session of the Vidhan Šabha.

_attended the Pahadi areas. They said that the Swabhiman rally in the people of the State are summer capital Gairsain sensitive and the minisin Chamoli district on ter's comment has hurt Thursday. Various organi- their feelings. The speakers also expressed dismay the rally to register their at speaker Ritu Khanduri for not allowing Badrinath MLA Lakhpat Singh Butola when he tried to raise the issue of abusive language of the minister.

The speakers in the rally included Congress MLA Madan Bisht, ŬKD leader Pushpesh Tripathi, convenor of the Bhoo Kanoon Samiti Mohit Dimri, pres- attended the rally. " We ident of the Chamoli unit are Pahadi first and then of the Congress Mukesh members of the Congress Negi and the chairperson party. We will not allow Gairsain Nagar Panchayat Bhandari. The speakers demanded that the chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami should immediately remove minister for trying to shield the Aggarwal for abusing the abusive minister," he said.

The Chamoli district Congress president Mukesh Negi told The Pioneer that a large number of Congress workers anyone to insult us and Mohan hurt our sentiments. The CM should remove minister Aggarwal and the BJP president Mahendra Bhatt should apologise expressed gratitude on behalf of the people of Uttarakhand, highlighting the significance of this visit in promoting year-round tourism in the State. Maharaj stated that following chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's request, Modi's visit to Harshil-Mukhba will not only

He said that appropriate measures are being taken to resolve land-related issues through proper land settle-

The master plan for these pilgrimage sites is progressing rapidly. Maharaj also shared that a helipad is being constructed at Yamunotri to improve accessibility for visitors. He said that with these developments, the State government aims to enhance tourism infrastructure and ensure better facilities for pilgrims and visitors, strengthening Uttarakhand's position as a year-round tourist destination.

subject to clearance from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, which will issue a safe running certificate after technical inspections. Until then, tourists will have to rely on the pedestrian route to reach Gun Hill. The officials said that the maintenance work includes track rope shifting, installation of a new hauling rope, bearing replacements, hanger work and gearbox servicing. One of the critical tasks involves changing the main cable every three months. They said that the junctions of both ropeways undergo annual repairs and part replacements. These measures are taken to



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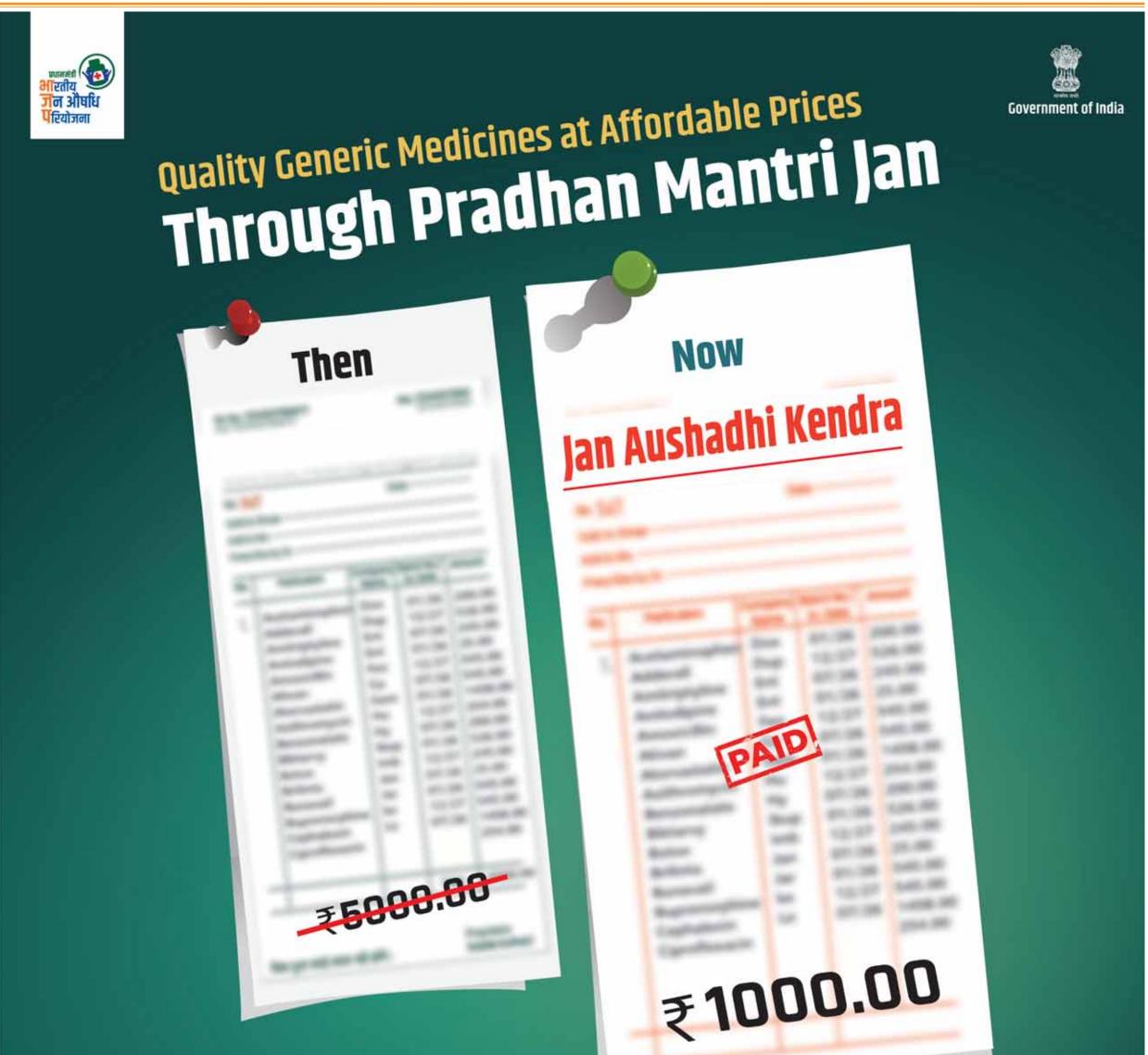
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Police claim 30 per cent drop in road accidents in **Dehradun compared to 2024**

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Dehradun has recorded a 30 per cent decrease in road accidents in the first two months of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. A total of 91 road accidents were reported in the initial two months of 2024 while only 65 were recorded in 2025, the senior superintendent of police Ajai Singh claimed. The SSP attributed the decline to stricter enforcement against traffic violations and public alcohol consumption. He stated that actions against drunk driving have increased fourfold this year. Similarly, cases against dangerous driving, rash driving, stunt driving, overspeeding and wrong side

driving have risen three times compared to the previous year. Singh said, "The police have been taking continuous action against individuals consuming alcohol in public places. Over the past six months, more than 6,000 people found drinking in open spaces or inside vehicles have faced legal action. In the first two months of 2024, police took action against 811 drivers for violations related to rash driving, overspeeding and wrong side driving, lead-ing to the seizure of 272 vehicles. In the same period in 2025, action was taken against 2,430 drivers and 1,014 vehicles were seized." He said that

in 2024, 182 individuals were arrested for drunk driving and their vehicles were seized. In 2025, the number rose to 852 within just two months, the SSP said. According to the SSP, the reduction in road accidents is also a result of strict action against public drinking. In the last six months, 6,127 individuals consuming alcohol in public spaces were detained, many of whom were found drinking in their vehicles by the roadside. The police's crackdown on public drinking has contributed to a decrease in accidents by preventing intoxicated individuals from driving, he said.

Mahila Sarathi scheme to be launched on International Women's Day

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The Women Empower-ment and Child Development (WECD) minister Rekha Arva announced that to empower the women of the State, the government will launch the Mahila Sarathi scheme on the occasion of International Women's Day. Arya stated that she will be the first user of Mahila Sarathi. For the first week, drivers will provide free rides to women to raise public awareness about the initiative. This scheme prioritises support for finan-cially weak women, as well as widows and those who have been deserted, she said. She further added that the Transport department is conducting driving training for women and assisting

them in obtaining their driving licenses. As a pilot proj-ect, this initiative will start with 10 e-scooters, two e-auto rickshaws, and two etaxi cars. Arya said that she will initiate the scheme from the camp office located in Yamuna Colony and will personally travel to IRDT Hall in Survey Chowk using these vehicles. Following her arrival, a demonstration of all the vehicles will take place in the IRDT auditorium. The vehicles for the pilot project have been secured through the CSR funds of an organisation. Arya said that after evaluating the results of the pilot project over the first six months, the scheme will be expanded to other cities in said

the state. A fully professional mobile app has been devel-oped to operate these vehi-cles, which features a user interface similar to that of popular commercial vehicle booking apps. Arya high-lighted that many safety features have been integrated into the vehicles for the protection of women drivers. GPS tracking will be implemented to ensure that either female drivers or passengers can receive immediate assistance in the event of any security-related issue. Both the police and transport depart-ments are involved in this scheme. For the pilot project, driving training for women has already been conducted in Dehradun, she

District hospital bars doctors from prescribing outside medication

PNS DEHRADUN

The administration of L Deen Dayal Upadhyay district hospital has issued an order to all its doctors instructing them not to prescribe any medication to patients from outside the hospital. This directive was prompted by recent incidents wherein some doctors reportedly prescribed medications to patients from outside the facility. Notably, these prescriptions were also not stamped with the doctors' approval. Informing about this, the medical superintendent of the district hospital Dr VS Chauhan informed that the Health department directed the hospital administration to temporarily deploy several doctors to other hospitals in light of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to promote winter tourism in Uttarakhand. As part of this, one orthopedic surgeon was temporarily as-signed to Uttarkashi, along with a few other doctors, including a physician and a cardiologist, to Jolly Grant hospital. To maintain operations in the outpatient department (OPD), postgraduate docfound violating this order.

PNB inks MoU with **Uttarakhand Govt on** corporate salary package

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Punjab National Bank's Dehradun zone signed a memorandum of under-standing with the Uttarakhand government on the corporate salary package here on Thursday. While the Uttarakhand government was represented by the director of treasury, pension and entitlement Dinesh Chandra Lohani the Dehradun zonal manager Sacchidanand Dubey signed the memorandum PNB, behalf of Dehradun Zone. Dubey said after the signing cere-

tors in training were asked to manage the OPD for two to three days. However, these PG doctors have less experience, which has contributed to the confusion around prescribing medications to patients outside the hospital. Chauhan also said that PG doctors are not required to stamp prescrip-tions with the hospital's approval. Following this incident, the administration has taken strict measures to ensure compliance and has reiterated that no doctor should prescribe medications to patients outside the hospital. Moreover, in cases where certain medications are unavailable at the hospital, doctors have been instructed to prescribe medications from the Jan Aushadhi, where medicines are offered at very low prices, he said. Dr Chauhan emphasised the importance of regular in-spections at the hospital to ensure that no doctor prescribes medications out side the facility. He stated that strict action would be taken against any doctor

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DEDI to be established in U'khand: Rawat

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The Education minister Dhan Singh Rawat an-nounced the establishment of the Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Development Insti-tute (DEDI) in the State, aimed at channeling the positive energy of students. He made this announcement during the Impresario 2025 event held at the Indian Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDII) in Ahmedabad on Thursday. Rawat highlighted that the Devbhoomi Entrepreneurship Scheme, launched by the Higher Education department in collaboration with EDII, has initiated a revolutionary change in student en-trepreneurship. He said that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 promotes entrepreneurship and self-employ-ment and through this scheme, Uttarakhand is setting a new model for the country. Over the past year and a half, students have developed and launched more than 700 products into the market, demonstrating their enthusiasm and success. He that significant noted progress is being made nationally by EDII in entrepreneurship, innovation, research and employment generation. Rawat expressed confidence that connecting youth with enterprises will help achieve the goal of a de-veloped India by 2047. He said that Uttarakhand is establishing a model of spiritu-ality and development. To enhance cooperation be-



tween Gujarat and Uttarakhand, an exchange programme for students and teachers will be initiated, in line with the concept of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Further, the Higher Education secretary Ranjit Kumar Sinha stated that a knowledge economy and an innovative society are essential for development. He asserted that with trust, skill and passion, business ideas can transform into entrepreneurship. He also pointed out that problems can

lead to ideas, solutions and opportunities for startups The director general of EDII, Sunil Shukla welcomed Rawat and other dignitaries, expressing readiness to provide all possible support to the state for developing an entrepre-neurial ecosystem and creat-ing a prosperous India. He expressed gratitude for the co-operation of the State govern-ment and the minister's announcement regarding the construction of the DEDI



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Three family members die after tractor trolley and bike colllide

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Three family members were killed after their motorcycle was allegedly hit by a tractor-trolley in the Kunda police station area near Kashipur, Udham Singh Nagar district late on Wednesday night. The three victims were travelling to Kashipur to get medicine when the accident occurred, as per the officials. Officials

medical treatment. According to the officials, the victims were reportedly tripling when their motorcycle hit a tractor-trolley carrying green peas. All three died on the spot. The officials informed that as per a witness, the driver of the

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11 busy junctions in **Dehradun to get** traffic lights

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 $T^{\rm he}_{\rm will} ~~ {}^{\rm administration}_{\rm traffic}$ administration lights at 11 busy junctions of Dehradun district from next month. Dehradun district magistrate Savin Bansal claimed that Dehradun is set to witness significant improvements in road safety and traffic management as the district administration moves forward with plans to install traffic lights at 11 busy junctions.

The tender process for the project has been completed and installation work is scheduled to begin next month. He said that besides this, the city's major intersections are now equipped with 150 integrated CCTV cameras for real-time monitoring of traffic and road safety. According to Bansal, this marks the first time in five years that such an initiative has been undertaken in the Dehradun district.

He also stated that to memories of statehood support infrastructure movement activists. The initiative aims to offer development and beautification, the district advisitors a glimpse into the ministration has allocated region's cultural identity, Rs 10 crore from the he added.

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5.	द्वितीय चरण की लॉटरी की तिथि	24.03.2025 को सांय 05.00 से प्रकिया पर्ण होने तक

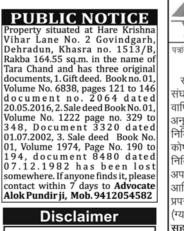
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ऑचल

निविदा सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि नैनीताल दुग्ध उत्पादक सहकारी संघ लि०, लालकुओं (नैनीताल) की मुख्य दुग्धशाला में स्थापित ई०टी०पी० का वार्षिक रख–रखाव एवं संचालन कार्य हेतु बन्द निविदायें संस्था के प्रशासन अनुभाग में दिनांक 21.03.2025 को सांय 2:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र रु० 1180.00 (ग्यारह सौ अस्सी रूपमा) डी.डी./नगद संघ कोषागार में जमा कर अभियत्रंण अनुभाग से प्राप्त किये जा सकते है। प्राप्त निविदाओं को उपस्थित निविदादाता के सम्मुख दिनांक 22.03.2025 की अपराहन 3:00 बजे खोला जायेगा। निविदाँ प्रपत्र यू०सी०डी०एफ० की आधिकारिक बेवसाईड ucdfaanchal-org. से डाउनलोड कर सकते है। निविदा प्रपत्र यू०सी०डी०एफ० की बेवसाईड से डाउन लोड करने पर रु० 1180.00 (ग्यारह[ँ]सौ अस्सी रूपया) का बैंक ड्राफ्ट जो ''नैनीताल दुग्ध उत्पादक सहकारी संघ लि०, लालकुओं'' के नाम लालकुआ में देय हो निविदा प्रपत्र के साथ संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा। एक या समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार समान्य प्रबन्धक के पास सुरक्षित होगा।

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Global economies grappling with population crisis: Chandrababu

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA VISAKHAPATNAM

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday stated that the world's leading economies are grappling with a population crisis.

Speaking at a book launch, Naidu emphasised that while these countries possess advanced resources such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cutting-edge technolo-gies, they lack a sufficient workforce to operate them.

"All top countries in the world are struggling. There is no population. AI and technology exist, but there are no people to operate them," he said.

Citing examples of Europe, China and Japan, Naidu noted that ageing populations have become a significant challenge for these economies. However, he suggested that

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Disabilities (PwDs).

Samman Yojana'.

walk-out.

BJP legislators on Thursday Dcreated a ruckus in the Jharkhand assembly, demand-ing an increase in the pension of widows and Persons With

The saffron party MLAs demanded a hike in the pen-sion so that these people get

financial assistance at par with beneficiaries of the 'Maiyan

Samman Yojana. The BJP legislators trooped into the well of the House, seeking a reply from the JMM-led government to their demand, and later staged a

They asked the government

RANCHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu during book launch of World History written by former Minister Daggubati Venkateswara Rao in Visakhapatnam PTI

India remains largely unaffected by this issue. Over the past few months, the TDP supremo has urged the people of Andhra Pradesh to have more children to counter

BJP brawls, walks out in Jharkhand Assembly,

demands higher pensions for widows, PwDs

the declining population trend. Naidu also highlighted that India is at a pivotal moment in history Recalling the Liberalisation,

Privatisation. and Globalisation (LPG) reforms introduced in the early 1990s under the Congress government, he said India gained a "first-mover" advantage in the

Information Technology sec-

tor. Expressing confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, Naidu asserted that Andhra Pradesh would achieve similar progress through its Swarna Andhra 2047 initiative. Despite Andhra Pradesh fac-

ing multiple challenges, Naidu reaffirmed his determination to navigate them, envisioning the Telugu people as a global-ly leading community. Comparing the state's current situation to being on a "ven-tilator," he stated that he reg-

ularly seeks support from the central government to address its issues. On Thursday, he also request-ed assistance from Finance

Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The event in the port city was attended by former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Sitharaman.

School paint sparks allegations of saffronisation in Odisha

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BHUBANESWAR

The BJP government in Odisha has decided to paint all government school build-ings with a shade of orange, prompting the Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) to allege that it is part of the ruling party's attempt at saffronisation of education.

education. The BJP, on the other hand, asserted that the BJD, during its 24-year rule till June 2024, had painted school buildings green and student uniforms were green and white, similar to the party's colour code. The Odisha State Education Programme Authority

Programme Authority (OSEPA) has recently issued an instruction to all district collectors about painting school buildings with 'Orange Tan-N' colour.

"The government has been pleased to approve the new colour code. In this context, it is requested to issue suitable instructions to concerned field

functionaries for adoption of the approved colour code in all government schools, including PM SHRI schools, during construction, repair and renova-tion works," OSEPA state project director Ananya Das wrote to all collectors, who are the chairpersons of Samagra Shiksha in districts.

This order would be in supersession of all previous instructions related to the colour code of school buildings, she said. Responding to the develop-ment, senior BJD leader Prasanna Acharya said it is "sheer politics and con-dompable" demnable"

"It is a peculiar psychology. I don't understand why this government is making such bogus decisions. What is the purpose? Can you change the education system by changing the colours? Can you infuse more energy among the children by changing the colour?" he asked. Alleging that the BJP is trying to infuse politics in the minds

Acharya claimed that nothing positive would be achieved by such a decision which involved crores of rupees of from the state exchequer.

state exchequer. In his reaction, School and Mass Education Minister Nityananda Gond said the pre-vious BJD government had changed the colour of the schools and painted them with their next colour code their party colour code. "We are not changing the

colour of the school buildings. It was the BJD government which had changed the colours of school uniforms to buildings. The decision will create a good environment and the schools will look attractive,' Gond said.

In October last year, the BJP government changed the colour of the school uniforms of students studying in classes nine and 10 of government and aided schools.

cent in the near future, he

Highlighting the Haryana gov-

ernment's commitment to

strengthening security forces, the Chief Minister said that

special attention has been given to technical upgrades,

resource enhancement, and the expansion of training facil-

ities to better equip police force for any challenges they

"In addition, the state has established a dedicated Sainik and Ardh-Sainik Welfare

The new uniforms have a combination of light brown, chocolate and clay-baked yellow of schoolboys and girls, colours.

added.

may face.

Haryana CM urges CRPF trainees to serve impartially

PARVESH SHARMA GURUGRAM

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini called upon the trainee officers of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to take a pledge to carry out their duties impor-

carry out their duties impar-tially and fearlessly. He also urged them to always be ready to protect the law and the Constitution, safeguard the rights of the people with sensitivity and stand firm in their commitment to truth, honesty and dedication, regardless of the circumstances.

The Chief Minister was speaking as chief guest at the passing out parade ceremony of 55th batch of directly appointed Gazetted Officers of the CRPF in Gurugram on

Thursday. A total of 39 trainee officers, including two women offi-cers, passed from the CRPF academy after completing a rigorous training program. He expressed confidence that these 39 trainee officers would discharge their responsibilities

with utmost honesty and devotion, contributing to the integrity, unity, and sovereignty of the nation in line with the proud legacy of the CRPF.

Commending the CRPF for its invaluable contribution to the country's internal security, the Chief Minister described the force as the backbone of country's security.

He also commended the CRPF for adopting modern tech-nologies and training tech-niques, which are helping to develop professional and capa-ble officers prepared to face any challenges in the field. The Chief Minister further encouraged the newly passing out officers to engage in con-

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini during the passing out parade of the 55th batch of DAGOs at CRPF Academy in Gurugram Pioneer Photo

He thanked the Prime Minister for this initiative, which has led to the recruitment of many women in the Armed Forces. "The Haryana Government has also encouraged women to serve in the police force, with women currently making up 10 percent of the state police. Forces, recognising the power of half the nation's population. The State government aims to increase this figure to 15 per-

Department to support ex-servicemen and paramilitary forces. In cases of martyrdom, families of Haryana soldiers serving in the armed forces and paramilitary forces receive a financial assistance of ₹1 Crore, along with a government job for one family mem-ber. To date, 415 dependents have been provided with jobs," he informed.

Director General CRPF Gyanendra Pratap Singh, Director CRPF Academy Sunil Kumar Jha and others dignitaries were also present on this occasion.

whether it intended to raise Tiwary said the population of widows in Jharkhand is the pension amount of widows, physically challenged persons and elderly people at around 2.85 lakh, while the par with the beneficiaries of number of physically challenged persons is around 'Maiyan Samman Yojana'. Under this scheme, the gov-ernment provides ₹2,500 per 72,000. "They receive only ₹1,000 a month, while 'Maiyan Samman' Yajana beneficiaries month to women beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and 50

years. The government assured the agitating members that it would consider the demand. BJP MLA Satyendra Nath Tiwary first raised the issue during question hour.

Replying to this, scheduled caste, tribe and backward class minister Chamr Linda said 'Maiyan Samman' and pension are two different programmes. "Maiyan Samman is a government's women empowerment programme, while the pension scheme is run under the Centre-state share arrrangement. There are complications in increasing the pension amount. If the Centre increases its share, we will also hike our share," Linda said.



Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren with his wife and JMM MLA Kalpana Soren during

monthly receive ₹2,500. Interestingly, cooks in schools and health sahiyas (assistants) get monthly remuneration of ₹2,000, which is lower than the benefit of Maiyan Samman

scheme," Tiwary said. Congress MLA Rameshwar Oraon also urged the government to a illeger disparity. State minister Sudivya Kumar said that the government would soon increase the remuneration of cooks and health sahiyas to ₹3,000.

the Budget session of the state Assembly in Ranchi

should get a pension, which should be at par with the benefits of 'Maiyan Samman Yoajana'

'I want to ask the government if it is in favour or not of the pension hike

Replying to this, parliamentary affairs minister Radha Krishna Kishore said that they would study the pension sys-tem of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Chandigarh and then will consider the demand.

BJP legislators sought a specific reply from the government if it would increase the pen-

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Bengal education minister

SAUGAR SENGUPTA some students were injured in the KOLKATA

incident leading to a statewide

He also commended the CRPF

He highlighted that the CRPF is progressing towards mod-ernisation and empowerment, ensuring that the force remains equipped to tackle evolving

security challenges. "Congratulating the trainee officers, their families, and the entire CRPF, the Chief

out officers to engage in constant learning, stressing that ongoing education and re-learning are essential for suc-Minister expressed his confidence that these officers would cess make significant contributions

to the country's internal securitv and nation-building," he said. Saini also recalled the his-toric decision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to allow women in the Armed

BJP MLA Shatrughan Mahto again brought up the issue in a starred question. Dhanwar MLA and Jharkhand

president Babulal BJP Marandi said widows and physically challenged persons

physically challenged persons. Subsequently, they trooped into the well of the House and raised slogans against the government. Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato urged them to go back to their seats as the government assured them to consider the matter.

The BJP legislators, however, continued to create a ruckus in the Assembly and then walked out of the House.

Thursday said it has taken suo motu cognisance of the reports alleging ostracisation of 30 people of eight families by a village chief over a land dispute in Tenkasi in Tamil Nadu, and issued a notice to its district collector.

These families were "barred from accessing" local stores, other facilities, and communicating with other residents, NHRC said in a statement,

family when they initiated a legal battle against a man over land encroachment in Sambavarvadakarai town in Tenkasi district, Tamil Nadu", it said.

Seven other families were also allegedly ostracised when they supported this family. Reportedly, the police arrested

30 people of eight families when they protested in front of the office of the District Collector

Following a Calcutta High PCourt order, the Kolkata police on Thursday filed FIRs issue of violation of human rights of the victim families. Therefore, it has issued notice to the District Collector, against Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu and sever-Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu calling al others including senior for a detailed report within Trinamool Congress leader and two weeks," the statement said. According to the media report, professor Om Prakash Mishra in carried on February 20, "the victhe case of protest and clashes that rocked the campus last tim families were barred from accessing local stores, other Saturday inside the Jadavpur facilities, and communicating University. with other residents?

wing students' unions on Monday.

Expressing concern at the intelligence failure on the part of the police regarding a built up inside the campus Justice Tirthankar Ghosh on Wednesday rapped the police administration and wondered why only one-sided FIRs had been registered. The Court also directed the administration to file a comprehensive report regarding the incident.

Quite a few people including

Congress to challenge BJP on key issues in Haryana Assembly

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¬he budget session of Haryana Assembly, which will begin here on Friday, is likely to be a stormy as the Opposition Congress will likely corner the ruling BJP over a host of issues, including unemployment, paper leak, rising debt, law and order and farmers' plight.

According to the tentative schedule of the Budget session, the ses-sion will begin with the Governor's Address on Friday. There will be general discussion in the House on the Governor's Address on March 10, 11 and 12. The Budget estimates for 2025-26 will be presented on March 13 by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, who also holds the Finance portfolio while general discussion on the budget will take place on March 17 and 18.

As per the tentative schedule, the Budget session will continue till March 25. Congress leader and former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda has said his party will strongly raise the issues including "paper leak, unemployment, law and order and corruption"

"It has become clear to the entire state that the BJP is protecting the paper leak mafia, because one paper after another is getting leaked and there have been scams in every paper from the state board exams to recruitment under this government," Hooda said recently.

"One after the other, scams, including those related to mining, are being exposed. Corruption, unemployment and crime are continuously increasing in the state," Hooda alleged. The damage to farmers' crops because of recent heavy rain, said "deteriorating law and order, rising debt" and other issues will also be raised by the party, he said. Indian National Lok Dal has

said the party will prominently raise various issues related to public interest during the Budget session. Meanwhile, with the Assembly session beginning Friday, the Congress party is yet to name the Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader. After BJP rode to power for a third consecutive term in Haryana in last year's Assembly polls, the Congress MLAs have attended three sittings of the Assembly without a Leader of Opposition. Meanwhile, during the Budget session, the government is going to bring a fresh version of the bill on the regulation of travel agents. Chief Minister Saini had recently said the travel agents involved in sending the state youth abroad through illegal routes are being identified and strict action will be

taken against them. Saini had also said the government has made full planning to implement the 'Lado Lakshmi Yojana'

Ahead of the October 2024 Haryana polls, the BJP had promised ₹2,100 to women as monthly financial assistance for the women under this scheme if the party returned to power.

The Budget session is coming up and we will be making the pro-vision of its budget, Saini had Meanwhile, ahead of the presen-

tation of the Budget, Saini, in recent weeks, held pre-budget consultations with diverse groups to gather valuable suggestions. He also sought suggestions from ruling and opposition MLAs. Saini had on Tuesday said that the state budget for 2025-26 will be growth-oriented, with a special focus on sectors such as agriculture, education, health, sports, infrastructure, and women empowerment. He emphasised that the budget will lay a strong foundation for the state's progress and contribute to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) by 2047.

"Our goal is to present a budget that drives prosperity for every citizen of the state," he added. Saini said the state government is working to improve the lives of people through various reforms. The state government has brought about a revolutionary change in governance over the past 10 years, marking the most significant transformation in over a decade, Saini added.

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Amid speculations of an Awidening crevice between Mamata Banerjee and her nephew Abhishek who is also the Trinamool Congress (TMC) general secretary the latter on Thursday remained conspicuous by his absence in the crucial core committee meeting of the party that the Bengal Chief Minister had constituted last week to deal with the alleged permeation of electoral rolls with "ghost voters" - as an alleged "part of BJP's ploy to win the next year's State elections.

The leaders of the core committee - comprising Firhad Hakim, Subrata Bakshi, Arup Biswas among others considered close to the Chief Minister — met on Thursday to discuss the issue of "spurious" electoral rolls.

According to sources close to the junior Banerjee he would hold a separate meeting on March 15 where he is likely to call all district and block level leaders. Though sources in the TMC said that much should not be read about Abishek Banerjee's Thursday's developments there was hushed talks about his absence from the meeting. The junior Banerjee who is also

an MP from Diamond Harbour constituency is reportedly unhap-py with the way his own coterie being marginalised in the party. Incidentally the issue became public recently when Abhishek



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee

himself clarified his stand from

a public platform. He told a party organisation meeting called by the Chief Minister at Netaji Indoor Stadium that rumors were being fanned that he was moving away from the party which he vowed to be untrue.

"There is a propaganda in the social media that I am quitting the party. This is being done by the vested interests in the BJP. But I must say that I am not a traitor like Suvendu Adhikari or Mukul Roy. I had identified them as traitors who were betraying the party. I will not join the BJP come what may even if they cut my throat. I will still shout 'Mamata

Banerjee Zindabad. I will not join BJP. I will not betray the TMC or Mamata Banerjee," Abhishek had told the party members in presence of the Chief Minister Meanwhile, in a related develop-ment senior TMC leaders including Subrata Bakshi, Firhad Hakim, Arup Biswas, Chandrima Bhattacharya and Ritabrata Banerjee on Thursday met the Chief Electoral Officer to discuss the permeation of fake voters in the electoral rolls.

'We have alerted our leaders down the line and a statewide scrutiny is on. Hundreds of fake names are appearing that have been included in the voters' list. Many of these people live outside

Bengal and have different EPIC numbers in some cases they have the same EPIC numbers. This is a big scam and we have alerted the CEO about this and scrutiny will continue," said Bhattacharva

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Earlier the Chief Minister had alleged that the BJP was filling the voters' list with ghost voters in order to win the 2026 Assembly elections like they allegedly did in Haryana, Maharashtra and Delhi.

"The leaders in Haryana, Maharashtra and Delhi could not catch this trick but here we have caught it and will purge all the voters' lists clean. We will defeat the BJP once again," she said.

Army hosts 'Arunachal Pradesh -India Centric Geospace' seminar

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The Indian Army hosted a two-day seminar titled 'Arunachal Pradesh — India Centric Geospace' in Assam's Dibrugarh district, an official release said on Thursday. The two-day seminar, which began on Wednesday at Dinjan Military Station, was attended by senior military officials, policymakers and

scholars. It provided valuable insights into the region's geopolitical, economic and development aspects, it added.

Leading scholar and commentator on transboundary rivers, climate change and the Arctic, Uttam Kumar Sinha, emphasised the need for India to enhance its river management capabilities independently rather than reacting to China's activities.

He stressed a scientific, sustainable and people-centric approach to infrastructure development.

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A game changer

The strengthening of EU-India ties offers a promising path towards stability, prosperity and technological advancement

he European Union's outreach to India has gained significant momentum, marking a new chapter in their strategic relationship. In the wake of global disruptions, including the shifting stance of the United States under Donald Trump-characterised by tariffs, the withdrawal of support for Ukraine, and disengagement from Gaza-the strengthening of EU-India ties emerges as a stabilising force in global geopolitics. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's recent visit to India underscores the EU's commitment to deepening ties with New Delhi. Meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, von der Leyen expressed the EU's high regard for India as a partner. She emphasised that as the two enter the third decade of their strategic partnership, "the best is yet to come." This sentiment reflects the EU's vision of India as a key player in shaping global economic and political landscapes. A focal point of their discussions was the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), a crucial initia-



tive aimed at boosting connectivity, trade and energy cooperation.

Given the evolving geopolitical dynamics, this corridor could serve as a counterbalance to China's Belt and Road Initiative, ensuring a more diversified and resilient global supply chain. A significant highlight of the India-EU partnership is its deepening engagement in digital and technological arenas. With India emerging as a technological powerhouse and the EU striving for digital sovereignty, collaboration in these areas can create a formidable synergy. The EU's focus on clean energy aligns with India's ambitious renewable energy goals. Such initiatives can help India and the

EU lead the global transition towards a sustainable future. Beyond technology and energy, trade remains a cornerstone of EU-India ties. Both sides are actively negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) that could unlock significant economic potential. The EU is India's second-largest trading partner and a comprehensive trade agreement would not only boost exports but also enhance supply chain resilience, particularly in a world grappling with economic volatility. With Trump's protectionist policies disrupting global trade, an EU-India trade pact could serve as a counterweight, ensuring that both economies remain competitive and open to global commerce. The collaboration on supply chain resilience will also be crucial in mitigating risks associated with overdependence on specific markets. With Trump's policies creating uncertainty in trans-Atlantic relations and global trade, the EU's pivot towards India reflects a strategic recalibration. The EU recognises India's growing role as a stabilising force in global affairs-both as a democratic counterweight to authoritarian regimes and as a crucial player in maintaining a rules-based international order. The EU-India partnership stands at a defining moment. With digital collaboration, green energy initiatives, and robust trade negotiations at the forefront, this relationship could reshape global economic and political alignments.



When no solution is the only solution



Whether due to ego or rivalry, certain disputes become intractable, spanning generations. The irony is that winning does not always make one a winner

ne of the bigger challenges in life is to find an answer to a question dealing with life itself. The glib belief is that every problem has a solution. A wisecrack has rightly commented that every problem has a solution but the solution creates a problem of its own. If it were a simple, straightforward dimension, such as that, there would be nothing to worry about because problems and solutions would be in a dyadic relationship.

The problem arises when a problem is not solvable because two sides want a solution on their terms or indeed have no solution at all. This need not necessarily be an act of mischief, but it may be a simple case of jealousy/envy or indeed a bitter competitiveness that brooks no solution at all. The first exposure to such an intractable jungle-like situation today is that the two parties concerned themselves do not see a solution worth pursuing. This may be because of many reasons, one of them being that the person concerned may genuinely believe he has an upper hand and that he is not going to lose that advantage. Very often, this gets intertwined with ego, worth, or dislike.

If there are stakeholders beyond this, of a variety which see an advantage in the contending parties being maintained as contending parties, or there is a personal dislike between the two people concerned, then also a solution becomes well-nigh impossible. Thus, it is that certain problems have subsisted beyond generations and led to devastating wars which ultimately wiped out both parties, and there was nothing for the winner to take away at all.

The story of the Mahabharata is a telltale story of the winners sort out the situation may be ultimately having nothing to the only route forward. gain, at least for the generation in play. In more recent times, World War I and World War II id and World War II did not produce any obvious dimension and another as winners, and the world went sibling rivalry. Be that as it

back to a full circle. The better-known cases of history have similar dots on a lesser scale and indeed, this can be true also in personal lives

The long and short of it is, it takes more than a 'win' to become a winner. At a different scale altogether, personal dislikes and prejudices can be so large that one adopts an attitude where one concludes that, irrespective of the nuances, one will simply not work towards a solution. Here again, the resolution of the conflict becomes difficult. Hence, it is a fortunate situation where both sides want a situation of solution and therefore are open to it. This is so often a given in this set of circumstances that to pray for it would be to hope for the near impossible.

To expect divine grace to



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CERTAIN PROBLEMS

may, it is necessary to recognise that no conflict can be eternal either. While it is true that generations have transferred the conflict from one to another, the nature of the conflict itself became an impediment to solutions, and if nothing else, the ego factor may become a primary determinant of the way forward. Under such circumstances,

the generational transformation of the rivals involved alters the nature of the solution that is feasible. Indeed, no solution is feasible unless it is doable and sustainable. People often align together because of their own needs and then find arguments to sustain their position. In many cases, logic gives way to simple impulses and a nonthinking solution takes hold of the operationally power-NOTHING FOR THE ful. The operationally powerful impose their solution,

flowing out of the conflict was not met. Under such circumstances, it may be useful to suspend the conflict and learn to live with it rather than solve the problem. Avoiding a problem or indeed learning to live with it may at times be a solution. This can follow many routes including not letting the problem escalate.

The enigmatic context is that very often, as the needs of the combatants change, the search for solutions also becomes elusive. This is because one has no use for "the solutions".

The times have changed, and the solutions are passive because there is nothing left to enjoy in becoming a winner. It is therefore important to realise, in many cases, that a solution is only a solution if it makes winners of all concerned. However, that may be another matter altogether.

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WINNER and the predictable hap TO TAKE AWAY pens. The flawed solution is subverted by the party whose AT ALL basic need for advantage

An Indian myna perches on a red silk-cotton tree (Bombax ceiba), in Nadia

A parent's reflection on society and the next generation



I was raised with the values of respect, resilience and financial prudence principles. yet, I sometimes wonder if these values still carry the same significance

was born in a middle-class family 66 years back, less than 12 years after independence. My father was an engineer in a state government department. I came across my mother's diary a few years back. She had spent her life painstakingly balancing a low government income against the rising expenses of bringing up three children. My parents inculcated in us the value of money.

Another value that was deeply ingrained into our psyche by them was to respect everyone. I was taught that relationships were more important. A look festival of reproach from my mother

was enough for me to realise my mistake if I was disrespectful. This is what I tried to pass on

to my children. I often look at them with pride. Having lived a better part of my life trying to hold on to these values, I now find myself at crossroads. Rapid urbanisation has resulted in concentration of bigger population in apartments.

Technology has evolved like never before to provide faster modes of communication. Society WhatsApp group is unfortunately used by a few people at the expense of harin the murky world of society



politics. It does not matter to

them if their actions are

The condominium seems to

be mirroring the happenings

beyond the residential com-

plex. I am left wondering that

derogatory.

monious relationships Recently, I found myself at the

receiving end of a vitriolic diatribe. My fault was that I had taken the initiative of organising a cultural and literature

politics and religion, the two I sincerely believe that our factors that should create a youngsters need more exposure to the arts to navigate an unified society, are used to increasingly fast-paced and divide. more stressful world than It is at times like these that I start doubting the values what we grew up in. The language used by a few of these inculcated by my parents, persons, who have claimed to and that in turn, I expect my be my good friends and children to follow. I talked to neighbours over the past eight many other residents working years, left me nonplussed at best and painfully hurt at with me for the festival. They were also indignant and sad worst. It should not have surabout the way things were prised me. These very people turning out to be. have been habitually doing They had their own stories to the same followed by profuse narrate. One lady was rudely apologies as it suits them. It told to curb her flair for takjust seems expedient to them ing good initiative. Another lady was left with only four

other friends when it was time to pitch in. The majority suffers in silence at the hands of the minority. It made me rethink if our parents were wrong in turning us what many may call timid to suffer mental anguish. I also debated if we passed the right values to our children.

We were unanimous in our shared belief. I derived strength as I looked around, and talked to these parents, many of whom were younger. We have been right in teaching our children to be better humans.

Our children are better than us. They are putting the same technology to better use. #Me Too, Girls' Right to Education, Let's Talk, Good Touch Bad Touch are only a few of the initiatives that they are pursuing with single-minded devotion to make this a better world. I am confident that they will set better examples for the next generations to raise their voices and not suffer in silence against the bullies

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BLUE ECONOMY NEEDS PROTECTION

Madam — Kudos for 'Balancing growth and conservation' (March 6) for highlighting the most sensitive issue of conservation at Kerala's Quilon fish bank. This is only one of the several aspects of conservation, and its ignorance has a massive, devastating effect on the blue economy and fishing community. Fiftysix percent of our coastal population is directly and indirectly dependent on the blue economy. The conservation aspect of sustainable growth and development has long been ignored by the policymakers. The political ecosystem is insensitive to conservation. In fact, extensive conservation projects need to be conceived and implemented on all river fronts, particularly in the hilly areas. In the absence of geological studies and research and conservation, mass destruction of life and property in hills is caused by torrential rains and floods.

Several rivers are disappearing fast, causing mass annihilation of flora and fauna as well as cultivation. The Geological Survey of India should carry out wideranging and widespread surveys and research in hills, riverbeds, and coastal regions to ascertain and fetch fresh data. The Archaeological Survey of India should engage conservation architects for carrying out conservation of excavation sites, historic places and buildings, ancient temples, river fronts, and coastal regions. Against all beliefs and perceptions, the conservation projects are potential employers and sources of revenue. Unfortunately, our engineering colleges are producing fewer conservation architects. Urban development is incomplete without conservation. Oceanic studies and research institutions should be established in all potential regions for sustainable growth and development.

Vinod Johri | Delhi

US IMPOSES HEAVY TARIFF

Madam— US President Trump launched trade war against America's three biggest trade partners, drawing immediate retal- Canada also had initiated disruptive

Modi inaugurates Vantara



he recent visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the inauguration of Vantara – Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Gujarat's Jamnagar has hit the headlines with heart warming pictures of the PM spending happy moments with the animals there. Spread over 3,000 acres, Vantara- a brain child of Anant Ambani of the Reliance group is all set to become the world's largest zoo and

iation from Mexico, Canada and China. Trump's government has imposed 25 per cent tariffs on Mexican and Canadian imports though Trump limited the levy to 10 per cent on Canadian energy. He also doubled the tariffs he slapped last month on Chinese products to 20 per cent. China retaliated with tariffs of upto 15 per cent on a wide array of US farm exports. It has also expanded the number of US companies subject to export controls and other restrictions by about two dozens. Canadian PM has said that his country would plaster tariffs on more than 100 billion dollars of American goods over the course of 21 days.

Mexican President has said that Mexico would respond to the new taxes with its own retaliatory tariffs. Trump has said that tariffs are intended to address drug trafficking and illegal immigration. He has also announced that the tariffs will come down only if the US trade deficit narrows. China has filed complaint with the WTO against US in response to Trump's tariff hikes on Chinese goods.

rehabilitation centre. The world class rehabilitation centre is equipped with modern veterinary technology, including ICU, MRI, CT scan, X-ray, dialysis, ultrasound and endoscopy units, besides research institutions and academic hubs

Vantara which received the prestigious 'Prani Mitra' national award focusses on rescue, rehabilitation and protection of animals globally. The facility has through its various operations rescued abused, injured and endangered animals from different parts of the globe. The rehabilitation center has been designed to recreate a natural and nurturing environment akin to the lush habitats from which the rescued animals hail from.

M Pradyu | Kannur

proceedings against US at the WTO on the additional tariffs. Trump's new tariff Imposition will certainly rattle financial markets, raising concern about renewal inflation and business uncertainty in US and abroad.

P Victor Selvaraj | Tirunelveli

CONG LEADER COURTS CONTROVERSY

Madam - Congress spokesperson Sharma Mohamed stirred controversy by calling Rohit Sharma "fat for a sportsman" and the "most unimpressive" captain India has had. Congress is already losing deposits and the recent debacle at Delhi elections proved their worth and the high command must have decent control over the cadres by teaching them how to talk on a public platform. In a historic achievement, India captain Rohit has become the first captain to lead his team to the final in all four major Men's ICC tournaments

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THE RISE OF EU-INDIA **DIGITAL COOPERATION**

The EU and India are strengthening ties in digital governance, AI and semiconductor resilience



KUMARDEEP BANERJEEE

ven as President Trump of the USA was busy being the world's most popular content creator, the global forces were turning the gears of a strategic realignment. After the televised, admonishment of Ukrainian President Zelensky by US President Trump and his VP JD Vance, the former was seen with several leaders of the European Union. As the case may be European leaders didn't have much to offer to Ukraine, except a subtle message to make peace with the US President. It may be a matter of time, before, Ukrainian President Zelensky has to evacuate his bunker office in Kyiv and perhaps make way for a more, current US head of state worldview representative. The message for the world was clear, the US would no longer be happy to bankroll, what it considers vague political narratives, potentially considered to be the hallmark of a free liberal world order.

This world order, incidentally a post-World War creation, by the US, ensured free fair open markets, meant for the prosperity of all. What this free world order has achieved in the past many decades can be debated, however, it has ensured the US retains its supremacy in the economic prosperity index and so have many of the aligned nations including India (since the 1990s). Just before the US and Ukraine visible splat, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen led a large delegation of senior ministers to Delhi to re-establish the highlevel EU India Trade and Technology Council conversations. Given the current geo-political landscape, one of the major focus areas was Digital Economy and Governance.

The European Union (EU) and India reaffirmed their commitment to deepening digital cooperation, emphasising shared values through their Working Group 1 on Strategic Technologies, Digital Governance, and Digital Connectivity. Both sides pledged to accelerate human-centric



digital transformation and advance key technologies, including AI, semiconductors, High-Performance Computing and 6G, to benefit both economies and societies. The two parties agreed to enhance research and innovation to improve competitiveness and economic security while promoting a cyber-secure global digital ecosystem. They also stressed the importance of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in fostering inclusive digital economies. Both sides committed to ensuring interoperability between their respective DPIs, safeguarding human rights, and protecting personal data and intellectual property. They also discussed mutual recognition of e-signatures to facilitate cross-border digital transactions On semiconductor collaboration, the EU and India focused on strengthening the resilience of supply chains and expanding joint research in areas such as chip design and sustainable technologies. The two sides underscored their shared commitment to the responsible development of AI, agreeing to further cooperation through joint projects and the development of frameworks for ethical AI. They also plan to enhance cooperation on large language models and Al applications in sectors like climate change and bioinformatics. They also committed to implementing the Global Digital Compact, which was endorsed at the UN General Assembly in September 2024, and ensuring continued global support for multi-stakeholder internet governance at the upcoming World Summit on Information Society +20. It may be the right click for both the EU and India. The EU and India are seizing the opportunity to strengthen their digital and technological ties. Their renewed partnership signals a commitment to fostering a resilient, secure, and inclusive digital future, underpinned by shared values and mutual economic interests. As old alliances shift, new partnerships may define the contours of the evolving world order.

Namaste at Oscars: Indian cinema has arrived



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Indian storytelling captivates and inspire audiences worldwide. With the right strategy, this moment can shape the future of Indian cinema



he Namaste at the Oscars 2025 has reinforced the idea of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: "The world is one family," a vision that transcends borders yet thrives on respect, mutual interdepen-dence and a shared spirit of creativity. This symbolic gesture was not merely a greeting but a powerful moment of inclusivity, reflecting cinema's unique ability to bring together artists, audiences and creators from across the globe.

This moment at the Academy Awards highlights how soft power is no longer confined to diplomacy alone; it now permeates events, institutions, and cultural exchanges. Cinema, often regarded as the perfect brand platform for fostering relationships, stood at the centre of this phenomenon.

The Namaste was a gateway, introducing the legacy of Indian storytelling to a diverse global audience and reinforcing the deep cultural interconnect between

came close, and Slumdog Millionaire (2008) swept the Academy Awards, yet these narratives were largely shaped by Western filmmakers. The paradigm began to shift with R (2022), which not only won an Oscar for Naatu Naatu but also forced global audiences to acknowledge the unapologetic, high-energy story-telling of Indian filmmakers. This shift was further cemented A SIMPLE,

WELL-TIMED when Payal Kapadia's All We NAMASTE Imagine as Light (2024) won the HAS GIVEN Grand Prix at Cannes, a rare honour for Indian cinema. Films like Chaitanya Tamhane's The Disciple (2020), Rima Das's INCREDIBLE

INDIA A Village Rockstars (2017), and RENEWED Nandita Das's Manto (2018) have been steadily breaking barriers, proving that Indian cinema is no GLOBAL longer defined by stereotypes but IDENTITY.

not just participating but actively shaping the conversation. One powerful example of how such moments create ripples is Life of Pi (2012). When director Ang Lee won the Oscar for Best Director, he greeted the audience with a Namaste, acknowledging the deep Indian cultural influence on the film.

That moment reinforced India's storytelling traditions, but the Namaste at the Oscars 2025 is even more significant; it wasn't just about one film, it was about the entire Indian cinematic movement.

India must now leverage this momentum through platforms like WAVES, the country's film export initiative. WAVES has the potential to push Indian cinema into untapped markets, ensuring that films from independent, regional, and mainstream creators reach wider international audiences.

a land of fantasy to a nation of action. It is no longer a question of whether Indian films will win the Oscar; it is now a matter of when and how often. India is no longer a guest at the global film table-it is a host, a creator, and an influencer.

The Namaste was not just a greeting; it was an invitation for the world to recognise Indian cine-ma's true potential. The time to capitalise on this moment is now. With the right vision and action, this could be the defining decade when Indian cinema not only par-ticipates in global storytelling but leads it.

The world has acknowledged India. Now, Indian cinema must ensure that every frame, every story, and every festival presence echoes the power of that Namaste. The Namaste at the Oscars 2025 was more than a greeting-it was a defining moment for Indian cinema on the global stage. It symbolised India's growing influence in storytelling, marking a shift from sporadic recognition to strategic presence. To sustain this momentum,

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nations through the lens of cinema. Beyond its immediate impact, this gesture has set the stage for the future of the Oscars and similar global platforms. It paves the way for cultural ethos to play a larger role in how nations and their creative industries collaborate and connect. A simple, well-timed Namaste has given Incredible India a renewed global identity, transforming its participation in world cinema from occasional recognition to strategic influence. Conan O'Brien's decision to open the

Oscars with Namaste was not accidental. It was a statement, an acknowledgement that Indian cinema is no longer at the periphery of global storytelling. This was not a token mention of India, nor was it a cursory reference to its billion-strong audience

This was a recognition of India's growing cinematic legacy and influence. India has long been part of Oscar history, but often through an external gaze. Films like Gandhi (1982) won big, Lagaan (2001)

by diverse, powerful narratives. The power of this Namaste must be harnessed beyond the Oscars. As India gears up for Cannes TRANSFORMING

ITS 2025, this moment should serve PARTICIPATION as a launching pad for stronger positioning. India's representation at global film festivals must be strategic; ensuring that films sent IN WORLD **CINEMA FROM** to these platforms reflect the OCCASIONAL depth, diversity, and dynamism of RECOGNITION Indian storytelling. The Cannes Film Festival has

TO STRATEGIC already been a crucial stepping INFLUENCE. stone for Indian cinema. From

Neecha Nagar (1946) winning the Palme d'Or to Masaan (2015) winning the Un Certain Regard prize, India's legacy at Cannes has been long-standing. However, now is the time to transition from isolated wins to sustained influence.

The government and industry stakeholders must work together to ensure that Indian cinema is

By riding the wave of this Namaste moment, WAVES can position Indian cinema not just as entertainment, but as a formidable cultural force. Strategic collaborations, international distribution networks, and dedicated Oscar campaigns must now be part of the plan.

If South Korea could orchestrate a global push for Parasite (2019), resulting in its historic Oscar win, India must now do the same, systematically pushing its best films into the international awards circuit.

This is not just about recognition; it's about claiming a rightful place in world cinema. The Namaste at the Oscars 2025 should serve as a wake-up call, a reminder that Indian cinema has evolved from

India must leverage platforms like WAVES, push for global collaborations, and ensure strong representation at festivals. The world has acknowledged India's cinematic potential; now, it is time for Indian cinema to lead. With the right strategy, this moment can shape the future, ensuring that Indian storytelling continues to captivate and inspire audiences worldwide.

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Ganges dolphin resurfaces in Charikadia river after 25 years

The conservation of the Gangetic dolphin is not just about protecting a single species; it is intrinsically linked to keeping the Ganga clean

he recent sighting of the endangered Ganges dolphin (Platanista gangetica) in Assam's Charikadia River at Dhakuakhana, Lakhimpur district, has sparked immense interest. Locally known as Sihu, this marks the first recorded presence of the species in the river since 1998, ending a 25-year absence. The prolonged disappearance of the Ganges dolphin from this waterway had fueled concerns over its dwindling numbers and possible extinction.

The disappearance of the species from the Charikadia River has been attributed to several factors, including hunting, habitat destruction, and depletion of food sources. Historically, Ganges dolphins thrived across major river sys



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ments.

tems in India, Nepal, and Bangladesh, including the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna and Karnaphuli-Sangu river systems. However, their population has now become fragmented, with significant numbers surviving only in isolated sections of these river systems. The Ganges dolphin is a

unique freshwater species that

on echolocation to hunt. on dolphin behavior, survival, Despite its remarkable adaptaand threats. tions, the species faces severe threats, primarily due to habi-It also provides training to fish-

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significance of the Ganges dolphin, the Government of India designated it as the national aquatic animal in October 2009 during the inaugural meeting of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA), chaired by then-Prime Minister Dr. Prime Manmohan Singh. The Vikramshila Gangetic

Dolphin Sanctuary currently hosts approximately 250 dol-phins, frequently observed between Shankar Talkies and

Manik Sarkar Ghat. While government agencies have made efforts to protect the species, conservationists emphasize that illegal sand mining must be curbed to ensure its survival. Large-scale sand extraction disrupts river ecosystems by altering water flow and destroying the dolphins' habitat and food sources, such as small fish. Mechanized sand mining further exacerbates environmental damage, creating deep trenches that negatively impact

river health. Experts warn that unless illegal activities are controlled, the already fragile dol-phin population will continue to decline. On a more optimistic note, Union Water Resources Minister C.R. Patil has stated that the Namami Gange Mission-a large-scale initiative aimed at rejuvenating the Ganga-has contributed to a rise in the dolphin population. Experts view this as an encour-aging sign of improving environmental conditions. According to the Wildlife Institute of India, approxi-mately 4,000 Gangetic dol-phins currently inhabit the Ganga and its tributaries, with nearly 2,000 residing in Uttar Pradesh alone. In response, the Uttar Pradesh government has introduced a tourism policy designating a dolphin sanctu-

ary within the Chambal Sanctuary to bolster conservation efforts.Prime Minister Narendra Modi's launch of Project Dolphin has significantly increased public awareness of the species. This initiative strengthens conservation measures while promoting the ecological health of the Ganga River. Further emphasizing its commitment to pro-tecting the species, the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife has designated October 5 as National Dolphin Day. With increasing awareness and conservation initiatives, there is renewed hope that these remarkable creatures will continue to thrive in their natural habitat. (The writer is a senior jour-

nalist; views are personal)



EU leaders open emergency summit on defence and Ukraine aid PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PARIS

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Received a day of emergency launched a day of emergency talks Thursday in a bid to beef up their own security and ensure that Ukraine will still be properly protected.

Friedrich Merz, the likely next chancellor of Germany, and summit chairman Antonio Costa discussed over breakfast in Brussels ways to fortify Europe's defences on a short deadline.

Merz pushed plans this week to loosen the nation's rules on run-ning up debt to allow for higher defence spending. Meanwhile, the 27-nation bloc

was waking up to news that French President Emmanuel Macron would confer with EU leaders about the possibility of using France's nuclear deterrent to protect the continent from Russian threats.

It all underscored the sea change that has taken place in the two months since Trump took office and immediately started questioning the cornerstones of cooperation between the United States and Europe that had been the bedrock of Western security since World War II.

"Given these profound shifts in US policy, and the existential threat of another war on the continent, Europe must manage its essential defence tasks," the European Policy Center think tank said in a commentary.

The bloc will "take decisive steps forward," Macron told the French nation Wednesday evening. "Member states will be able to increase their military



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy meets French President Emmanuel Macron on the sidelines of the European Council to discuss continued support for Ukraine and European defense, in Brussels on Thursday. PRESS TRUS OF INDIA

France is struggling to reduce

an excessive annual budget deficit of 5% of GDP, after run-

ning up its total debt burden to 112% of GDP with spending on

relief for businesses and con-sumers during the COVID-19

pandemic and the energy cri-sis that followed Russia's inva-

sion of Ukraine

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spending" and "massive joint Her proposal is underpinned by funding will be provided to buy and produce some of the most innovative munitions, tanks, weapons and equipment in Europe," he said.

Adding to the ebullient mes-sage, he said that "Europe's future does not have to be decided in Washington or Moscow." Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is taking part in the summit.

Limited room to increase **spending:** European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has proposed a plan to loosen budget rules so countries that are willing can spend much more on defense.

Five other countries using the euro currency have debt levels over 100% of GDP: Belgium, 150 billion euros (\$162 billion) worth of loans to buy priority Greece, Spain, Italy and Portugal. Europe's largest econ-omy, Germany, has more room to borrow, with a debt level of Most of the increased defense spending would have to come from national budgets at a time 62% of GDP. when many countries are already overburdened with

62% of GDP. **Pressing security needs:** Part of any security plan is also to protect the increasingly belea-guered position of Ukraine. A Russian missile killed four people staying at a hotel in Zelenskyy's hometown

Zelenskyy's Zelenskyy's hometown overnight. He said that a humanitarian organisation's volunteers had moved into the hotel in Kryvyi Rih, in central Ukraine, just before the strike. March 20-21.

Ukrainian, American and British nationals, but it wasn't clear whether those people were among the 31 injured. to Ukraine as he sought to press Zelenskyy to engage in negoti-ations to end the war with Russia, bringing fresh urgency sharing with Ukraine, cutting to Thursday's summit. Thursday's meeting is unlike-ly to address Ukraine's most

The volunteers included

pressing needs. It is not aimed at urgently drumming up more arms and ammunition to fill any supply vacuum created by the US freeze. Nor will all nations agree to unblock the estimated 183 billion euros (\$196 billion) in frozen Russian assets held in a Belgian clearing house, a pot of ready cash that could be seized. **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** Still, the Europeans under-

lined the importance of the moment. "Europe faces a clear and pre-

sent danger on a scale that none of us have seen in our adult lifetime. Some of our fundamental assumptions are being undermined to their very core? von der Leven warned in a letter to the leaders ahead of their meeting

But perhaps the biggest chal-lenge for the EU will be to take a united stance at a moment : Russia as a "threat to France and when it's fractured, since much : Europe," and said he had decidof what the bloc does requires ed "to open the strategic debate unanimous support. Hungary is threatening to veto part of the summit statement on Ukraine. Even if the challenges are so isaid the use of France's nuclear daunting, Thursday's summit is unlikely to produce immediate the hands of the French presidecisions on spending for Ukraine or its own defenses. Macron's move comes in Another EU summit where the real contours of decisions election winner Friedrich Merz, would be much clearer is set for who recently called for a discus-

France is providing military intelligence to Ukraine after Washington announced it was freezing the sharing of Early this week, Trump ordered information with Kyiv, French a pause to US military supplies defence Minister Sebastien : Lecornu said Thursday. The US said Wednesday it

> off the flow of vital information that has helped the wartorn nation target Russian invaders, but Trump admin-

istration officials have said that positive talks between Washington and Kyiv mean it may only be a short suspen-sion. American intelligence is vital for Ukraine to track Russian troop movements and select targets.

on Thursday, Lecornu said France is continuing its intelligence sharing.

"Our intelligence is sover-eign," Lecornu said. "We have intelligence that we allow Ukraine to benefit from." Lecornu added that following

the US decision to suspend all military aid to Ukraine, French President Emmanuel Macron asked him to "accelerate the various French aid packages" to make up for the lack of American assistance.

Lecornu said that in the wake of the US decision, ship-ments of Ukraine-bound aid Speaking to France Inter radio departing from Poland had been suspended, adding how-

ever that "Ukrainians, unfortunately, have learned to fight this war for three years now and know how to stockpile."

Macron offers French nuclear deterrence to protect Europe

France.

 $F_{\text{Macron said Wednesday he}}^{\text{rench President Emmanuel}}$ will discuss with European allies the possibility of using France's nuclear deterrent to protect the continent from Russian threats, amid concerns over potential US disengagement. France is the only nuclear power in the European Union. Macron, in a televised address ahead of a special European summit Thursday, described on the protection of our allies on the European continent by our (nuclear) deterrent." He weapons would remain only in dent.

response to a push by German sion on "nuclear sharing" with

EU leaders are set to address the issue of nuclear deterrence, among other topics, during the Thursday summit in Brussels focusing on support for Ukraine and European defense. European NATO allies have for decades counted on the powerful US deterrent.

"Europe's future does not have to be decided in Washington or Moscow," Macron said, insist-ing that "the innocence of the last 30 years" which followed the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall, is "now over."

Macron said Russia is now spending 40% of its state budget in military spending, with plans to expand its army by 2030 with 300,000 additional soldiers, 3,000 tanks and 300 jet fighters. "Who can believe that today's Russia will stop at Ukraine?" Macron asked.

Allies need to make sure Russia would not invade Ukraine again after a potential peace deal is signed, Macron said. This means providing "long-term

support for the Ukrainian army" and possibly deploying European forces, he said. Those forces "would not fight on the front line, but they would be there, on the contrary, once peace has been signed, to guarantee that it is fully respected," Macron detailed. He said that a meeting of army chiefs of staff of European nations will-ing to be involved is to be held

in Paris next week. US President Donald Trump has pushed for Europe to carry more of the burden of protecting the continent, and Trump administration officials have indicated that the current US level of engagement may not be

forever. Macron also said he hoped to convince Trump not to impose tariffs on imports from Europe. Trump has threatened to impose 25% tariffs on European goods, arguing that the European Union has deliberately undermined trade with the ÚS, which EU leaders have denied.

S Korean fighter jets accidentally drop bombs, injuring 8 people

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SEOUL

Two South Korean fighter jets accidentally dropped eight bombs on a civilian area during a joint live-fire exercise with the US military on Thursday, injuring eight people, officials said

The MK-82 bombs released by the KF-16 fighter jets fell outside a firing range, the air force said in a statement. It apologised and expressed hopes for a speedy recovery of the injured and said it would offer compensation and take other necessary

with the US military in Pocheon, a city close to the heavily armed bor-

der with North Korea. The air force also said a committee would investigate the accident and examine the scale of the damage inflicted.

An unidentified air force official told local reporters that a pilot of one of the KF-16s had entered wrong coordinates for a bombing site. An unidentified Defence Ministry official told reporters that further investigation was needed to determine why the secfear. 16 also dropped The n bombs on a civilian area.

Mayor Paek Young Hyeun called the bombings "awful" and urged the military to halt drills in the city until it formulates reliable steps that can prevent a recurrence. He said that Pocheon, a city of 140,000 people, provides three major firing ranges for the South Korean and US militaries Park Seong-sook, a 70-year-old eyewitness who was not hurt in the bombing, said she thought "a war has broken out." "It was such a loud sound," she said,

adding that it left her trembling with arv said later Thursday i

Russian missile kills 4 in Zelenskyy's hometown hotel

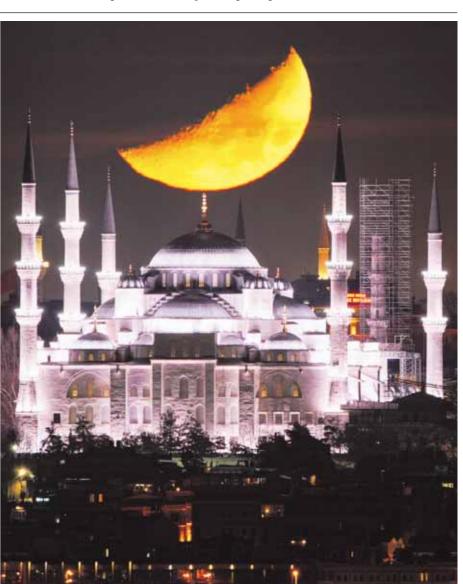
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In Ukraine, a Russian ballistic missile killed four people staying at a hotel in President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's hometown during the night.

Zelenskyy said a humanitarian organisation's volunteers had moved into the hotel in Kryvyi Rih, in central Ukraine, just before the strike, including Ukrainian, American and British nationals.

He didn't say whether those people were among the 31 injured.

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The air force said the fighter jets were taking part in the one-day firing drill In a televised briefing, Pocheon

has decided to suspend all live-fire drills across South Korea

well as two ballistic Iskander missiles, at Ukraine overnight, the Ukrainian air force said.

diplomat in London loses his job over Trump remarks

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WELLINGTON (NFW 7FAI AND)

New Zealand's most senior envoy to the United Kingdom has lost his job over remarks he made about US President Donald Trump at an event in London this week, New Zealand's foreign minister said Thursday.

Phil Goff, who is New Zealand's High Commissioner to the UK, made the comments at an event held by the international affairs think tank Chatham House in London on Tuesday

Goff asked a question from the audience of the guest speaker, Finland's Foreign Minister Elina Valtonen, in which he said he had been re-reading a famous speech

by former British wartime leader Winston Churchill from 1938, when Churchill was a lawmaker in the government of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. Churchill's speech rebuked Britain's signing of the Munich Agreement with Adolf Hitler, allowing Germany to annex part of Czechoslovakia. Goff quoted Churchill as saying to Chamberlain, "You had the choice between war and dishonour. You chose dishonour, yet you will have war." Goff then asked Valtonen: "President Trump has restored the bust of Churchill to the Oval Office. But do you think he

really understands history? As the audience chuckled at the New Zealand envoy's question, Valtonen said she would "limit myself" to saying that

Churchill "has made very timeless remarks," according to video of the event published by New Zealand news outlets. Valtonen's speech on Tuesday was billed as covering Finland's approach to European security at an event entitled Keeping the peace on NATO's longest border with Russia.

In response to questions from reporters, Foreign Minister Winston Peters said that Goff's remarks were "disappointing" and made the envoy's position "unten able

"We have asked the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Bede Corry, to now work through with Mr. Goff the upcoming leadership transition at the New Zealand High Commission in London,"

Peters said in a written statement. Goff has been New Zealand's envoy to the UK since January 2023. He did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Ófficials were "in discussion with High Commissioner Goff about his return to New Zealand," according to a written statement from New Zealand's foreign minister, which did not divulge more detail.

Former Prime Minister Helen Clark who was Goff's boss during his time as a lawmaker — denounced his sacking in a post on X, where she wrote the episode was "a very thin excuse" for removing a "highly respected" former foreign minister from his diplomatic role

A half-moon sets behind the Sultanahmet Mosque during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan in Istanbul, Turkey on Thursday PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

'Bear with me', Trump says as both farmers, consumers brace for tariff effects

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 $F^{\rm armers \ and \ meat \ producers}_{\rm across \ the \ US \ can \ expect \ the}$ new tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China and the retaliatory action from those countries to hurt their bottom lines by billions of dollars if they stay in place a while, and consumers could quickly see higher prices for produce and ground beef. But some of the impact on farmers might not be felt until the next harvest and some products might actually get cheaper in the short run for consumers if exports suffer. And the price of corn, wheat and soybeans accounts for relatively little of the price of most

products. Plus, President Donald Trump could offer farmers significant aid pay-ments, as he did during the trade war with China during his first administration, to offset some of the losses.

In his address to Congress

Tuesday night, Trump argued omist at Kansas State that agricultural imports hurt University. The situation has some farmers American farmers and asked them to "bear with me again" as stocking up on equipment and he seeks to protect them. He supplies in preparation for

didn't mention any additional prices to go up, but it's not like aid. "I love the farmer," he said. If the tariffs make farmers sumers might have a hard time stockpiling perishable products uneasy about investing in expensive tractors and con-

like avocados and ground beef. sumers worry so much about The details of how the tariffs are groceries that they cut other implemented and whether any products are excluded will also spending, that would hurt the economy overall and could matter. How will farmers be hurt?: even lead to a recession. And consumers were already worried Corn and soybean prices for this about record egg prices amid a year's harvest already fell roughbird flu outbreak

"Exactly how strong our economy is over time has a lot to do with US consumers' comfort with continuing to go out to restaurants and continuing to buy washers and dryers and just that general activity. And a lot of what we're talking about here is probably going to slow some of that," said Glynn home "at best tone deaf." Tonsor, an agricultural econfor the amount of corn, soybeans, wheat, and other agricultural products that we now export in significant quantities," he said.

Meanwhile, as crop prices decline, farmers might see their fertilizer bill jump because 85% of the potash American farmers use in fertilizer comes from Canada, which also supplies some nitrogen fertilizer as well. The Fertilizer Institute President and CEO Corey Rosenbusch said "an open, fair, predictable and transparent trade environment between the U.S. and Canada is vital?

Ív 10% since the tariffs were first "We need potash to raise healthier crops," said Minnesota announced a couple of weeks farmer Danny Lundell, who Joe Janzen, an agricultural econhosted Gov. Tim Walz on his omist with the University of corn and soybean farm near Cannon Falls on Tuesday. "And Illinois, said that has "snuffed out" any profitability in those it doesn't matter if you're big, crops. He called Trump's commedium or small, it's going to ments that farmers may be able affect you?

But Iowa State agricultural to sell more of their products at economist Chad Hart said many "There is no domestic market farmers applied fertilizer to

their fields last fall and may not have to pay the higher fertilizer bills until later.

What about meat prices?: The United States imports a lot of lean beef to mix with fattier beef produced at American plants to make hamburger, and that imported beef will get more expensive because nearly half of it comes from Canada and Mexico. That's likely to show up in grocery stores in six to eight weeks. America exported more than

\$1.8 billion worth of chicken and another \$8.4 billion in red meat to Mexico, Canada and China. These tariffs could easily lead to a 10% drop in exports, Tonsor said.

If farmers aren't able to move that much meat overseas because of tariffs, they can seek to sell more domestically but they'll likely have to discount prices. Bad for farmers, but potentially good for consumers.

The impact will vary by prod-

uct. For instance, demand for steaks and bacon may remain relatively steady because little of that is exported, but the price of hams could drop in the US because Mexico is a major buyer of those. The price of specialty cuts like beef tongue that are almost entirely exported will plummet.

Livestock producers will see a bit of relief because the cost of the feed they use will decline, but Tonsor said they will still lose money overall.

How do farmers feel about this?: "Farmers are very concerned," said Steve Kuiper, a director at the Iowa Corn Growers Association. "People just aren't buying stuff," he said, which is hitting big companies like John Deere and local suppliers that sell their equipment.

That's the case for farmers who grow table crops as well as commodities. Katy Rogers, who manages an organic farm out-side Indianapolis, said that as

soon as Trump started talking about tariffs she bought everything she thought would see a price hike in the coming months

Kuiper hopes that the impacts of tariffs can be mitigated and eventually lead to a more level playing field that benefits farmers. He wants to see trade open with more countries. For instance, he said that for corn, China had already been favoring trade with Brazil, so he instead sees opportunity in places like India

But Trump has threatened additional reciprocal tariffs on other countries on April 2, which could make it harder for farmers to shift their exports to other countries

What is the lasting impact?: Trump can do a lot to ease farmers' pain with aid pay-ments. He gave them more than \$22 billion in aid payments in 2019 and nearly \$46 billion in 2020 though that year also in 2020, though that year also included aid related to the pan-

demic But Janzen notes that Trump is working to drastically slash spending across the federal overnment.

Walz, who lost his bid to become vice president last fall, said the tariffs will hurt trading relationships and prompt buyers in China, Mexico and Canada to look elsewhere.

Some trade experts question how long Trump's tariffs will last as they boost prices for American consumers, including his base voters, who have long complained about inflation and rising food prices.

"It is going to do nothing to help with the food inflation in the US," said Timothy Wise, author of "Eating Tomorrow" and expert on agricultural trade between Mexico and the US "I don't see it as sustainable. I don't find it plausible that corporate folks who surround Trump are going to sit back and allow him to destroy their foreign markets?



China's premier & American president: Two leaders, two speeches, two differing world visions

AP BEIJING

Their words came just an hour apart this week — two major speeches by two of the world's most powerful leaders, delivered on opposite sides of the planet. Together, they illustrate the very different approaches the world's 21st-century powers are taking to achieve their respective national ambitions.

For China, it was a call for unity to overcome obstacles through innovation and "opening up" a time-honoured phrase in Chinese politics — to eventually accomplish national rejuvenation. It came from Chinese Premier Li Qiang in Beijing as he delivered an annual work report to the National People's Congress, nearly 3,000 representatives from a nation of 1.4 billion people.

Seven thousand miles away and an hour later, at 9 p.m. in Washington, President Donald Trump addressed both chambers of the U.S. Congress, more than 500 lawmakers representing a nation of 340 million, as he vowed to levy tariffs on imports and defeat inflation to "make America great again" — an equally resonant phrase for many in the United States

From setting to speaking style, the speeches were an ocean apart. Yet they struck a similar tone — that of a desire for greatness at a moment when the reigning superpower and its biggest challenger are seeing their interests increasingly at odds.

The paths their leaders choose will shape both countries' futures and the rest of the world's, too. Divided democracy vs. authoritarian unity: Li's speech was a set piece delivered to a loyal audience. For 55 minutes, he read a condensed version of a mostly dry and laudatory report on the

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in the cheerleading way of government's performance last American politicians pumping up support for their policies. He year and its plans for 2025. He spoke from the stage of a grand, theatre-like chamber in promised steps - including cutthe Great Hall of the People, a ting energy costs - to defeat inflation, a pain point for many monumental, communist-era

edifice on Beijing's renowned Americans. And he pledged to Tiananmen Square. China's top put more tariffs on imports, a leader, Xi Jinping, sat on the dais move he claimed would boost US behind him. The thousands of industries but threatens to upset delegates arrayed before them the global trade order and inflict politely applauded at the appropain on China and its exportpriate junctures. dependent economy.

Trump's address, which clocked at about an hour and 40 minutes. took place in the white-domed Capitol on the eastern end of the National Mall, dotted with national monuments. With his vice president and the Republican House speaker behind him, Trump delivered a longer, more theatrical speech to a divided Congress reflecting a divided nation.

Republicans clapped and cheered robustly at times. Democrats mostly sat in stony silence and occasionally shouted in protest. One, Rep. Al Green of Texas, was ejected from the chamber early on after he stood up and interrupted the president.

Such unscripted moments - and the high emotions visible behind them — are rare in China. It is a one-party state, and the Communist Party brooks no dissent in public. It strives to present a facade of unity. In his remarks, Li praised unity and urged the country to "rally more closely" around Xi's leadership. In Washington, Trump lamented that "there is absolutely nothing I can say to make" Democrats "happy or to make them stand or smile or applaud" and called his Democratic predecessor, Joe Biden, "the worst president in American history Tariffs vs. globalisation: Trump



deflation than inflation. But Li acknowledged the other challenges the economy faces, chiefly falling real estate prices and depressed consumer spending.

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3 Earnest Money (to be deposited Online) ₹48,200.00	purposes vide affidavit dated 06/03/2025 before Executive	10017	9811298534			Ladnun, Sujangarh, Ratangarh Jr I Jn., Sunam Udham Singh Wala	, , , , , ,		•	ARR.	DEP.
4 Approximate cost of work ₹ 24,09,040.00/-			OFFICE:			ala Cantt. Jn., Saharanpur & Roorl			Lucknow Jn.		12:10
5 Date & Time for Tenders uploaded on date 07.03.2025 on IREPS website i.e.	Magistrate, Delhi Cantt. PD(1637)C		011- 46097200						Sabarmati Jn.	11:45	
submission of www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the	I, Kaushalya Singh, Mother of-				ACCOMMODA	TION: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper	r & General.	DATES OF RUN:	04280 Ex Lucknow Jn. on 07.03	.2025 (Frid	day).
e-Tender and e-Tender. The tender will be opened at 11:30 Hrs on opening of tender 28.03.2025.	No.15801804P NK(GNR) Rohit	Max Institiute of	Mr. Rakesh Kumar	Jan - 2021 to Dec -	06073/0607	Trivandrum North-Hazrat Nizam		STOPPAGES: K	anpur Central, Tundla Jn., Agra	Fort, Achh	nnera Jn.,
6 Detailed The detailed e-Tender notice is available on Northern Railway	Kumar Singh, R/o Vill- Sahari	Cancer	Sharma	2021	Triv	ndrum North Holi Special Train	Trips		andikui Jn., Jaipur Jn., Phulera	Jn., Ajmer	Jn., Abu
Tender website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is	Chak, PO- Hardi Chak, Dist-	Care	E Mail -		Train No.: 0607	3	Train No.: 06075		n. & Mahesana Jn. stations.		
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Tender available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in Document from 14.03.2025 to 28.03.2025. All other terms and conditions in	my name from Kaushalya	Road,	althcare.		14:15	Triven drywe Newth		04	4382 Bareilly-Sabarmati Jn.		01
respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The	Singh to Kaushalya Devi, vide	Lajpat	com			Trivandrum North	14:15		Holi Special Train		Trip
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No. 24-DyCEE-GSU-DLI-24-25 Dated: 05.03.2025 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 729/25	PD(1638)C		011- 46097200		14.03.2025 (Fri	day) and 06075 Ex Hazrat Ni a	i zamuddin Jn. on		Bareilly		08:30
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Office of the S	Superintending En	ainool	-			Kollam Jn., Kayankulam Jn., Che			04382 Ex Bareilly on 08.03.2025	5 (Saturday	v).
Office of the S	uperintenang En	gineer				ulam Town, Aluva, Thrissur, Palakka	, ,	STOPPAGES: R	amganga Bridge, Kasganj Jn., Hat	hras Road	, Mathura
1 st Circle, Public W	orks Departm	lent.	Am	ora	Tiruppur, Erode Jn., Salem Jn., Jolarpettai Jn., Katpadi Jn., Chittoor,			I am, Bridhard and	, Bandikui Jn., Jaipur Jn., Phulera	ı Jn., Ajme	er Jn., Abu
						ta Jn., Gudur Jn., Nellore, Vijayaw			n. & Mahesana Jn. stations.		
Phone/Fax: 05962-2302	95 Email: sepwdalm@re	diffmail	.com			our Jn., Rani Kamalapati, Bina Jn., Vi	0				
Letter No. : 934(i)/ Nivida-01/2024-25			Dated : 05	5/03/2025	,	n., Agra Cantt Jn. & Mathura Jn. Sta		04	680 Amritsar JnKatihar Jn.		01 Trip
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E-TENDE						Holi Special Train	Trips		•	ARR.	DEP.
The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, PWD Almo	ora invites tender through E-T	enderina (Two Bid S	System)	Train No.: 0500		Train No.: 05008		Amritsar Jn.		20:10
on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for fo					ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.		Katihar Jn.	10:30	
dated 07/03/2025 & onwards on website http://www.ukt	J				14:40	Gorakhpur Jn.	08:00	DATES OF RUN:	04680 Ex Amritsar Jn. on 07.03.	.2025 (Frid	day).
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No. Tender	Money of Comp	letion	Catego			I: 05007 Ex Gorakhpur Jn.			Jn., Rae Bareli Jn., Ma Belhad		
Form	(Rupee in Tender		Registr		· ·	urday) and 05008 Ex Amritsar	Jn. on 09.03.2025	25 Varanasi Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Hajipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Mansi Jn., Saharsa Jn.,			
	lakh)		for tend	lering	to 30.03.2025 (S	<i>,</i> ,		Banmankhi Jn. &	Purnia Jn. stations.		
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ing commitment" to opening up. "Regardless of changes in the external environment, we should remain steadfast in our commitment to opening up," Li said. "We

> KIND ATTENTION RAIL PASSENGERS! → **MORE HOLI FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2025** In order to clear extra rush of passengers during the upcoming Holi Festival, Railways have decided to run the following

will continue to expand our

globally oriented network of

high-standard free trade areas'

In a statement that no doubt

referred in large part to the

United States, he cautioned that

"an increasingly complex and

severe external environment may

exert a greater impact on China

in areas such as trade, science and

Leaving climate accord vs. green

transition: Trump touted his

move to withdraw from the

Paris Climate Accord and

described his energy policy with the moniker "drill, baby, drill." He

boasted of ending the previous

administration's environmental

restrictions and (incorrectly) its

electric vehicle mandate, "saving

technology'

	additional Holi Festival Special Trains as per details given below									
	02436/02435 New Delhi-Patna JnNew Delhi Reserved Vande Bharat Holi Special Train									
	Train N	lo.: 02436		Train No.: 0243						
	ARR.	DEP.	▼ STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.					
I		08:30	New Delhi	20:10						
I	20:10		Patna Jn.		08:30					
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DATE OF RUN: 02436 Ex New Delhi on 08.03.2025 to 20.03.2025 (Except Monday) and 02435 Ex Patna Jn. on 09.03.2025 & 21.03.2025 (Except Tuesday).

STOPPAGES: Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara Jn. stations.

ACCOMMODATION: Executive & Chair Car.

0942	5/09426 Sa		parmati JnHaridwar JnSabarmati Jn. Holi Special Train						
Train I	No.: 09425		STATIONS	•	Train No	.: 09426			
ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	1	ARR.	DEP.				
	17:20		Sabarmati Jn.		22:30				
17:00			Haridwar Jn.			21:00			
DATE OF RUN: 09425 Ex Sabarmati Jn. on 09 13 16 20 3									

30.03.2025 (Thursday & Sunday) and 09426 Ex Haridwar Jn. on 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 & 31.03.2025 (Friday & Monday).

STOPPAGES: Mahesana Jn., Palanpur Jn., Abu Road, Pindwara, Falna. Marwar Jn., Beawar, Ajmer Jn., Madar Jn., Kishangarh, Jaipur Jn., Gandhi Nagar Jaipur, Bandikui Jn., Alwar, Rewari, Gurgaon, Delhi Cantt. Delhi Jn., Ghaziabad, Meerut City, Muzaffarnagar & Roorkee stations. OMMODATION: AC 2 T

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04829/04830 Jodhpur JnGorakhpur JnJodhpur Jn. Holi Special Train							
Frain N	o.: 04829		STATIONS	•	Train No	.: 04830	
ARR.	DEP.	•	STATIONS		ARR.	DEP.	
	16:15		Jodhpur Jn.		04:00		
04:30	04:45		Delhi Jn.		14:00	14:10	
20:50		Gorakhpur Jn.		23:25			

DATE OF RUN: 04829 Ex Jodhpur Jn. on upto 27.03.2025 (Thursday) and 04830 Ex Gorakhpur Jn. on 07.03.2025 to 28.03.2025 (Friday).

STOPPAGES: Merta Road Jn., Degana Jn., Choti Khatu, Didwana, Ladnun, Sujangarh, Ratangarh Jn., Churu Jn., Sadulpur Jn., Loharu, Mahendragarh, Rewari, Gurgaon, Delhi Cantt., Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Ayodhya Cantt., Ayodhya Dham Jn., Mankapur Jn., Basti & Khalilabad stations.

ACCOMMODATION: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper & General

2024 is lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi. If found kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below my client shall not liable for the same.	name from Nirmala to Nirmala		shall be app	licable for	ACCOMMODATI	DN: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper	& General.		17:00	Gondia Jn.	1	23:45	
mentioned address. Mehul Gupta (Advocate) 32A DDA Flats,	Dadaso Mahadik, vide affidavit	supplying s	such records.			22 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Haridwar Jn	08	14:20	14:50	Varanasi Jn.		14:20	14:50
M/s Nothern Strips Ltd, Mob9555223323. Satyawati Colony, Ashok Vihar P-II, Delhi-110052	dated 06/03/2025 before	Name of the	e Contact [Date of		at Ki Kothi Holi Special Tra n	Trips	19:00		Chhapra			22:15
NORTHERN RAILWAY	Notary Public Delhi.	Hospital		medical	Train No.: 04821	STATIONS	Train No.: 04822			63 Ex Gondia Jn. on 12.	.03.2025 ((Wedneso	day) and
TENDER NOTICE	PD(1636)C			records to be destroyed	ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.		•	on 14.03.2025 (Friday).			.
The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Gati Shakti Unit/Delhi, DRM Office, New Delhi-	I, JC-733683L Sub Sudhir Kumar, R/o-Vill- Dabadua, PO-	Max Multi	Mr. Rakesh	PNDT	08:30	Bhagat Ki Kothi	23:55			gargarh, Raj Nandgaon, Du bad, Anuppur Jn., Shahdo			
110055 invites e-tender for the under noted work:	Daulatpur (Baldeo), Teh-	Speciality	Kumar [Documents	04:15	Haridwar Jn.	05:15			, Prayagraj Chheoki, Ghazi			
1 Name Electrical work in connection to (A) Sahibabad-Ghaziabad: Replacement of work of automatic section with Distributed Electronic Interlocking (B) Delhi	Mahawan, Dist- Mathura U.P	Centre Panchsheel		Jan 2021 to Dec 2021	DATE OF RUN:	04821 Ex Bhagat Ki Kothi o	on 10.03.2025 to	ACCON	MODATIO	N: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, SI	leeper & (General.	
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4 Approximate cost of work ₹ 24,09,040.00/-	06/03/2025 before Executive Magistrate, Delhi Cantt.		OFFICE:			Jn., Sunam Udham Singh Wala, a Cantt. Jn., Saharanpur & Roorke	, ,			Lucknow Jn.			12:10
5 Date & Time for Tenders uploaded on date 07.03.2025 on IREPS website i.e.,	PD(1637)C		011- 46097200			DN: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper a			5	Sabarmati Jn.		11:45	
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6 Detailed The detailed e-Tender notice is available on Northern Railway	Kumar Singh, R/o Vill- Sahari	Cancer Care	Sharma 2 E Mail -	2021						& Mahesana Jn. stations.		Ajmer	Jn., Abu
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Document from 14.03.2025 to 28.03.2025. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The	my name from Kaushalya Singh to Kaushalya Devi, vide	Lajpat	com		14:15	Trivandrum North	14:15			Holi Special Train			Trip
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	95 Email: sepwdalm@re					r Jn., Rani Kamalapati, Bina Jn., Vira		· · ·	MODATIO				
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Form	(Rupee in Tender		Registra			day) and 05008 Ex Amritsar J				zipur City, Ballia, Suraim			
	lakh)		for tende	ering	to 30.03.2025 (Sur	• /		Banman		egu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., urnia Jn. stations.	Mansı Jr	n., Saha	arsa Jn.,
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our auto workers and companies from economic destruction."

Beijing, on the contrary, is betting on a greener economy. Li said it would be a priority to accelerate "green transition" for "all areas of economic and social development". China already has the world's largest electric vehicle industry. Echoing earlier pledges by Xi, Li said China would "actively and prudently" work towards carbon peak and carbon neutrality.

Li stressed the importance of innovation and of developing the tech economy in China, including artificial intelligence. It's a push that many US policymakers worry could challenge America's lead in technology,

technology except to say that it would help build "a golden dome" missile defense shield over the U.S. He declared his

with impacts on both the eco-

nomic and military rivalry

Trump made no mention of

between the two.

focus as commander-in-chief to be "building the most powerful military of the future." One measure, he said, was to resurrect the American shipbuilding industry. Li's report touched on defence only briefly but said China would "speed up the development of

new combat capabilities? MAGA vs. Chinese reiuvenation': There's something in common, too: Both countries are yearning for greatness again.

05045/05046 Lal Kuan-Rajkot JnLal Kuan Holi Special Train								
Train No.: 05045		1	STATIONS	Train No.: 0504				
ARR.	DEP.	+	STATIONS		ARR.	DEP.		
	13:10		Lal Kuan		04:05			
14:55	14:57		Bareilly	02:03	02:05			
18:10			22:30					
DATE OF		45 5 1		0005 10 0	7.04.0005	(0		

DATE OF RUN: 05045 Ex Lal Kuan on 09.03.2025 to 27.04.2025 (Sunday) and 05046 Ex Rajkot Jn. on 10.03.2025 to 28.04.2025 (Monday).

STOPPAGES: Kichha, Baheri, Bhoji Pura, Izzatnagar, Bareilly City, Bareilly Jn., Badaun, Soron Shukar, Kasganj, Hathras City, Mathura Cantt., Mathura Jn., Bharatpur, Dausa, Jaipur Jn. Phulera Jn., Nawa City, Kuchaman City, Makrana Jn., Degana Jn., Merta Road Jn., Gotan Jodhpur Jn., Luni, Samdhari Jn., Mokalsar, Jalor, Modran, Marwar Bhinmal, Raniwara, Dhanera, Bhildi Jn., Patan, Mahesana Jn. Viramgan Jn., Surendranagar & Wankaner Jn. stations.

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05193/05194 Chhapra-Mtyr Captain Tushar Mahajan- Chhapra Holi Special Train										
Train N	lo.: 05193	L STATIO		Train No	.: 05194					
ARR.	DEP.			ARR.	DEP.					
	14:00	Chhapr	08:00							
08:42	08:47	Moradab	14:20	14:30						
23:05		Mtyr Captain Tush	nar Mahajan		00:10					

DATE OF RUN: 05193 Ex Chhapra on 10.03.2025 to 31.03.2025 (Monday) and 05194 Ex Mtyr Captain Tushar Mahajan on 12.03.2025 to 02.04.2025 (Wednesday).

STOPPAGES: Chhapra Kacheri, Masrakh, Dighwa Dubauli, Thawe Jn Tamkuhi Road, Padrauna, Kaptanganj Jn., Gorakhpur Jn., Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda Jn., Burhwal, Sitapur, Sitapur City, Shahjehanpur, Bareilly, Moradabad, Laksar Jn., Roorkee, Saharanpur, Yamunanagar Jagadhri Ambala Cant Jn., Dhandari Kalan, Jalandhar Cantt., Pathankot Cantt. Kathua & Jammu Tawi Stations.

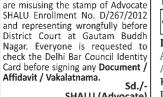
ACCOMMODATION: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper & General

08895/08896 Gondia JnChhapra-Gondia Jn. Holi Special Train				01 Trip		
Train N	o.: 08895		STATIONS	•	Train No	.: 08896
ARR.	DEP.	♦	▼ STATIONS		ARR.	DEP.
	17:00		Gondia Jn.		23:45	
14:20	14:50		Varanasi Jn.		02:40	03:10
19:00			Chhapra			22:15
DATE OF RUN: 08895 Ex Gondia Jn. on 11.03.2025 (Tuesday) and						

11.03.2025 (Tuesday) a 08896 Ex Chhapra on 13.03.2025 (Thursday).

STOPPAGES: Dongargarh, Raj Nandgaon, Durg, Raipur Jn., Bhatapara, Uslapur, Pendra Road, Anuppur Jn., Shahdol, Umaria, Katni, Maihar, Satna, Manikpur Jn., Prayagraj Chheoki, Ghazipur City & Ballia stations. ACCOMMODATION: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

08863/08864 Gondia JnChhapra-Gondia Jn. Holi Special Train					01 Tris	
Train N	o.: 08863		STATIONS		Train No	.: 08864
ARR.	DEP.	♥	STATIONS		ARR.	DEP.
	17:00		Gondia Jn.		23:45	
14:20	14:50		Varanasi Jn.		14:20	14:50
19:00			Chhapra			22:15
ATE OF RUN: 08863 Ex Gondia In on 12 03 2025 (Wednesday) and						



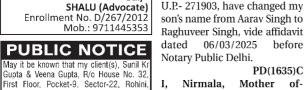
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2	Renewal work by BC in Km 18 to 34 of Kosi - Daulaghat - Korichina - Bagwalipokhar - Binta Motor Road (Korichina Bagwalipokhar Section) under Annual Repair 2025-26.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 7.35 Lakh	120 Days	09 Month (including Rainy Season and Winter Season)	Class "A" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking.
3	Renewal work by SDBC in Km 01 to 09 of Dhauladevi - Kheti Jateshwar- Dhuragaon - Seraghat Motor Road under Annual Repair 2025-26.	₹ 5000.00 + 18% GST	₹ 3.14 Lakh	120 Days	09 Month (including Rainy Season and Winter Season)	Class "B" & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking.

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GST Council reconstitutes GoM on GST revenue analysis

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The GST Council has reconstituted the Group of Ministers on GST revenue analysis which will suggest sector-specific issues that need policy intervention, and the feasibility of a unified enforcement platform to check tax evasion.

The GST Council, in its 55th meeting on December 21, 2024, had decided to reconstitute the Group of Ministers (GoM) on GST revenue analysis with a revised ToR. The GoM was first set up in 2019.

The reconstituted GoM on 'Analysis of Revenue from GST' under Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, would have nine members including from the states of Bihar (Samrat Chaudhary),

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revenues, challenges faced by Gujarat agrarian and smaller states, (Kanubhai Desai), Andhra and analyse the impact of (P Keshav), amendments made in GST Maharashtra (Ajit Pawar),

acts and rules. (Harpal Goods and Services Tax Singh (GST) was rolled out on July 1, Tamil Nadu (Thangam Thennarasu) and 2017. Since then the Act and Telangana (M B Vikramarka). its rules have been amended As per the expanded ToR, the GoM would analyse the stateto make it easier for businesses after approval of wise revenue collection trend, the GST Council, chaired by including the identification of Union Finance Minister and revenue patterns sectors and regions. across comprising state counterparts The GOM would "review and It would also review details of recommend harmonisation of revenue from the inter-state anti-evasion, audit, scrutiny tools developed by various outward supply. It would also agencies (NIC, conduct a review of sector-DGARM, state governments)

wise analysis and identify sector-specific issues that to create enforcement and compliance need policy intervention or enforcement measures. platform". It would also suggest suitable The GoM would also analyse the effect of macroeconomic measures/policy intervention policy changes and for course correction for geographical factors on GST revenue

particularly for high revenue suffering shortfall.

The expanded ToR of the GoM comes at a time when another GoM, under Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary, is already working on rationalisation of GST rates and slabs.

Besides, there is another GoM, under Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, to decide on the fate of compensation cess and taxation proposal to replace it once it ends on March 31, 2026. Gross GST collections from

April-February this fiscal has grown 9.4 per cent to about ₹20.13 Lakh Crore.

After adjusting for refunds, the collections grew 8.6 per cent to ₹17.79 Lakh Crore on net basis between April-February.

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Ashwini Vaishnaw launches IndiaAl compute portal, dataset platform AlKosha

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Marking a year of the IndiaAI Mission, Union model IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday launched the models IndiaAI compute portal and dataset platform AIKosha, among a slew of other initiatives under the IndiaAI Mission, aimed at improving access to AI and fostering innovation.

The compute portal will provide access to compute more than 18,000 GPUs, received. cloud storage and other AI services to students, startups, conducted at a fraction of the researchers, academia, and cost of other countries' moon government departments. missions and the same model platform aims to The will be followed for the foundational model and India

streamline access to highquality non-personal datasets for AI innovation. cost of what other countries The Minister for Electronics are doing it.

In 3-4 years, India should have and IT also launched AIKosha its own GPUs competing at the global stage, Vaishnaw an all-in-one dataset platform providing resources, tools, and expert mentorship said, adding that the cost of

to help transform potential ideas into industry solutions. using these GPUs is historically low at less than ₹100/hour. Datasets will be available for MeitY Secretary S Krishnan builders and said the launch of the compute developers to work with and

launch India-specific AI portal will enhance the way AI gets rolled The compute portal will be implemented across used to develop India's own country The AI Compute Portal is the foundational model, Vaishnaw said, adding that the largest component of the India AI mission. Almost preparedness for India's own model

about 45 per cent of funds (of India AI Mission) are is progressing well and as many as 67 applications have been earmarked for that particular area," Krishnan said. Citing India's mission to the moon, he said the mission was

Technology, specially AI, can be an enabling factor in achieving the 2047 Viksit Bharat dream, he added. Further, MeitY launched a competency framework for AI and public sector officials, and will build it at a fraction of the India AI Startups Global Acceleration Programme. The ministry also awarded

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students under the India AI Fellowship programme, and recognised 30 selected AI applications.

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India Semicon Mission-2 in the works: IT Secretary

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The government is ready with an outline of next ohase of India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and discussions are on internally for its rollout, a senior government official said on Thursday.

Speaking at IESA Vision Summit, Ministry of Electronics and IT Secretary Krishnan said the government is also mulling supporting ambitious chip design projects in the well country as as semiconductor packaging designs.

"The next stage of ISM is in the works. We have had discussions, discussions with many of the stakeholders, including many amongst you, as to how to design the programme. The design and the outline is ready, and there's undergoing detailed discussions internally in the government," he said.

Krishnan in his virtual speech said that the second phase of ISM proposes to provide support for gases and other elements that are required for semiconductor production.

He said that the first phase of ISM had a total outlay of ₹76,000 Crore comprising ₹65,000 Crore for chip manufacturing and packaging units, ₹10,000 Crore for modernising semiconductor lab at Mohali and ₹1,000 Crore for the design-linked incentive

scheme. "We have committed more than ₹60,000 Crore to the

five major units which are currently under construction. In addition, we have a few more projects which are under evaluation and are expected to be awarded quickly," Krishnan said. He said there is a need to provide more support to make the fabless ecosystem

work more efficiently.

CitiCorp Investment Bank settle FPI rules violation case with SEBI

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itiCorp Investment Bank (Singapore) Ltd on Thursday settled with SEBI a case relating to issuance of offshore derivative instruments to Symmetry Master Fund Ltd without completing the KYC norms, on payment of ₹36 Lakh.

This came after CitiCorp filed a settlement suo motu application with SEBI proposing to settle the alleged violation of FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) rules, "by neither admitting nor denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law" under settlement rules.

Acknowledging the settlement, the markets regulator in its order on Thursday said "any proceedings that may be initiated for the violations ...

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applicant". It was alleged that the applicant issued an offshore derivative (ODI) instrument to Symmetry Master Fund Ltd on December 19, 2023 without complying with the Know Your Client (KYC) norms as required under the FPI Regulations.

The applicant mentioned that the onboarding and KYC checks with respect to the ODI subscriber —SMFL— was completed on January 10, 2024. There was also an alleged delay on the part of the applicant in depositing the regulatory fee collected from the subscriber of the ODI. The regulatory fee of \$800 corresponding to the ODI issued to SMFL on December 19. 2023 should have been deposited immediately with Sebi by the applicant. Instead, it was deposited with SEBI on

Are settled in respect of the February 26, 2024 with a delay of 69 days.

These findings pointed to violations of FPI regulations. closed above 22,500 on As per another separate buying in Reliance on easing crude oil prices and firm global settlement order, BCI Industries and its promoter and MD Rajinder Mittal settled with Sebi a case of violation of on tariffs. Recovering from early losses, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 609.86 points or 0.83 regulatory norms on payment of settlement amount. BCL Industries and Mittal remitted ₹14.30 Lakh and ₹28.6 per cent to settle at 74,340.09,

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Lakh respectively. The two entities allegedly failed of gains. During the day, it to disclose Manoj Finvest Private Ltd (MFPL) as part of the promoter group in terms of Sebi ICDR (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) rule. Also, Mittal allegedly failed to cover MFPL under code of conduct of BCL to regulate, monitor and report trading by the designated persons and their immediate relatives under Paints, NTPC, insider trading rules.

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Finserv, Hindustan Unilever, Sun Pharmaceuticals, Adani Ports and SEZ, Axis Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, Titan and Bajaj Finance were the major gainers. Tech

Mahindra Bank, Zomato, Tata Motors, and IndusInd Bank were the laggards. "The Indian indices exhibited

Reliance Industries, Tata Steel, Bajaj



Sensex rallies 610 points to reclaim the 74,000 mark

Mahindra, Kotak

From the Sensex pack, Asian resilience, owing to positive global cues following Trump's

softened tariff stance on automakers from Canada and Mexico amidst the weakening dollar index," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said.

A correction in crude oil prices, influenced by a slowdown in demand and further economic stimulus from China, ignited optimism in the energy and metals sectors, Nair added. Broader markets also closed

NITI Aayog, India SME Forum launch Mitalee Agrawal honoured 'A Million Women Arise' initiative PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

¬overnment think tank UNITI Aayog and the India SME Forum on Thursday launched a joint initiative, A SME Forum said, "Through this col

to create a cohesive support system through access to finance, markets, compliance support, skilling, mentorship, and networking". Vinod Kumar, President India

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HYDERABAD



Rupee falls six paise against US dollar PRESS TRUST OF RUPEE ₹ VS DOLLAR \$ INDIA MUMBAI The rupee snapped its three-day rally 1 USD = 87.12 INR* 87.06 (+13p) and settled with a loss

of six paise at 87.12 against the US dollar



four-month low as the US decided to

delay implementing NEW DELHI higher tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico. Choudhary further said the rupee is

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surged 660.57 points or 0.89 per cent to hit a high of 74,390.80. The broader Nifty of NSE advanced 207.40 points or 0.93 per cent to close at 22,544.70. In the session, the 50-share barometer jumped 219.15 points or 0.98 per cent to hit an intraday high of 22,556.45.

uncertainty over trade tariffs and persistent foreign fund outflows. Forex traders said the depreciation in the Indian rupee was influenced by several factors, including the weakening of regional currencies,

Thursday

investors, and a recovery in global commodity prices, all of which put downward pressure on the local currency. While a positive equity market, weakness of the American currency in the overseas market and easing crude oil prices contained the losses for the local unit.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened stronger at 86.96 and touched the high of 86.88 against the greenback during the day. The unit later turned volatile and hit the day's low of 87.16

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87.12 against the dollar, 6 paise lower from its previous closing level. On Wednesday, the rupee settled 13 paise higher at 87.06 against the US dollar, registering the third straight day of gain. In the preceding two sessions, the unit had gained 18 paise.

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee lost initial gains and fell against the US dollar on selling pressure by FIIs, while the American currency fell to a

with a slight positive bias on domestic and weakness in the US dollar. However, FII outflows may cap sharp gains in the local unit. "Uncertainty over the trade tariff issue may

also weigh on the from weekly unemployment claims data from the US and ECB monetary policy decision. \$-₹ spot price is expected to trade in a range of 86.80 to 87.25," he added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.31 per cent at 103.95.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.17 per cent but stayed at six-month low levels of \$69.42 per barrel in futures trade.

Million empower women

entrepreneurs across India. positive Addressing the launch event markets here, Ankita Pandey, Director, Ministry of MSME, said that women-owned enterprises make up 35 per cent of India's six crore registered MSMEs, yet they face unique challenges, including gender bias and limited access to markets.

"The Ministry of MSME is committed to addressing these gaps through initiatives that enhance formalisation. mentorship, capacity-building, and e-commerce integration, she shared.

Anna Roy, Principal Economic Advisor, NITI Aayog and Mission Director, WEP emphasised, "The Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) is a public-private Platform partnership, bringing together key ministries, including MSME, to support women entrepreneurs. By integrating existing programmes, we aim

Aayog, we aim to extend WEP's initiatives to Millions of aspiring women entrepreneurs, providing them with the knowledge and support needed to build successful businesses". Besides, India SME Forum also formalised strategic а partnership with IndiGo, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the event for providing MSMEs with improved travel solutions, reinforcing their growth and

mobility. The partnership will offer the Forum members exclusive travel benefits, customised allowances, and seamless connectivity to support their business expansion. Through this initiative, IndiGo will introduce tailored travel solutions that will enhance accessibility, reduce costs, and foster growth opportunities for SMEs across India," a statement said.

corporate communication and strategic management, has been honored with the prestigious Grand Queen 2025 Corporate Communication Leader award by the Young Lions Club.

This accolade recognises her exemplary contributions to the field, spanning academia, corporate leadership, and community engagement.

'Every woman is born a princess ready to take charge of a Queen. Anyone who celebrates is a Celebrity," Mitalee remarked on her achievement.

With nearly 15 years of expertise, Agrawal has spearheaded strategic and operational initiatives at four premier institutions of importance national University of including Hyderabad, Central of University of Andhra Pradesh, IIT Hyderabad, and

Pioneer Photo IIIT Raichur. Agrawal's remarkable She has also led technocommercial operations for a USA-based multinational

company, packaging overseeing the publication of over 500 Safety, Installation, Maintenance, and Operational (SIMO) manuals and 300+ operation videos. Currently, she leads Business Development, MarCom, and Community Engagement at the Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (CCoE) Hyderabad, an initiative of NASSCOM and the Government of Telangana.

journey has been recognised with multiple accolades, including the Chanakya Award by PRCI (twice) for Social Media and Relations Management, e4m 40 Under 40 Award for PR and Corporate Communication and the Dynamic Women Leadership Award in Communication. Further solidifying her stature as a multifaceted leader, she was recently crowned Mrs India Telangana 2025, adding to her legacy of excellence across diverse domains.

Adani Foundation felicitates over 1,000 'Lakhpati Didis' ahead of International Women's Day

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Ahead of the upcoming International Women's Day on March 08, 2025, the Adani Foundation felicitated more than 1,000 'Lakhpati Didis' at an event in Mundra in Kutch, Gujarat. The Foundation has been working tirelessly in Kutch and beyond to empower women and make them self-reliant. By providing them with necessary support and guidance and facilitating their skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities, the Foundation is committed to enhancing their socio-economic

conditions and promoting their financial independence. Reiterating its commitment towards creating a genderinclusive workforce and society, the Foundation also celebrated the collective resilience of over

Solar on the occasion. The Foundation has played an

instrumental role in mobilising, encouraging and counselling the women to join Adani Solar across an array of job roles, including technical associates, engineering positions in Human Resources (HR). manufacturing and production departments. Moreover, the Foundation has also supported over 850 women become self-reliant by enhancing their entrepreneurial skills.

Ms Manisha Chandra (IAS), Commissioner of Rural Development and Secretary to Government of Gujarat, sent her wishes on the occasion. In a recorded video message, she applauded the Foundation's commitment towards creating an inclusive workforce, saying, "It's a matter of great pride to witness women shattering stereotypes and become financially independent. Such initiatives uplift women at 614 women working at Adani the grassroots and inspire



School, Mundra, also graced the event among other distinguished guests.

generations to come." Ms Ami CSR Head, Gujarat, Adani Shah, Director, Adani Public Foundation, emphasized the Foundation, emphasized the collective responsibility of society promoting gender "For women to truly towards gender equality.

community, and the corporate sector is essential. When women are empowered to balance their professional and personal lives, they not only excel in their careers but also drive a positive change within their families and society," she said.

At its business unit, Adani Solar boasts of dedicated facilities for women employees, showcasing its commitment of promoting gender inclusivity at workplaces. These include the availability of locker rooms, canteens and pink toilets, as well as transportation facilities with security personnel, thereby ensuring women's comfort and safety in the workplace.

Sharing her journey, Ms Gadhavi Sonal Ram, a Technical Associate at Adani Solar, says, "Today, I am financially independent and able to support my family, which is nothing short of a dream come true for me. Earlier, it was On the occasion, Ms Pankti Shah, progress, the support of family, unimaginable for girls in my

community to step out for work due to the unavailability of safe transportation. But with the Adani Solar's dedicated transport facility, I commute to my workplace comfortably, with my family assured about my safety." For nearly three decades, the Adani Foundation has been dedicated to empowering women across the country through a series of targeted interventions, as part of its Butterfly Effect framework. This unique framework has been specifically designed to address the evolving needs of women throughout their lives, right from infancy to old age. With a sharp focus on enabling economic activity, the Foundation is catalysing transformation for women in the core areas of education, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods and entrepreneurship, and community development

initiatives that empower them to

themselves and their families. Through its dedicated initiatives, the Foundation has positively transformed the lives of over two million girls and women across

the country. Since 1996, the Adani Foundation, social welfare and development arm of the Adani Group, has remained agile and deeply committed to making strategic social investments for sustainable outcomes across India. It is empowering and enriching the lives of children, women, youth, and marginalised communities in the core areas of education, health and nutrition, sustainable livelihoods, climate action, and community development. The strategies of the Foundation are integrated in national priorities and global Sustainable Development Goals. The Adani Foundation is currently operating in 6,769 villages across 19 states, positively make meaningful choices for impacting 9.1 Million lives.

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THAT SHAPED THE WORLD

For centuries, women writers have challenged norms, reshaped narratives and transformed literature with their powerful voices, says SAKSHI PRIYA

THE ROAD AHEAD

TODAY, WOMEN WRITERS DOMINATE BESTSELLER LISTS, WIN PRESTIGIOUS **AWARDS AND CONTINUE TO REDEFINE LITERATURE MARGARET ATWOOD'S** THE HANDMAID'S TALE **REMAINS RELEVANT IN DISCUSSIONS ON** WOMEN'S RIGHTS. **BERNARDINE EVARISTO BECAME THE FIRST BLACK** WOMAN TO WIN THE **BOOKER PRIZE, PROVING THAT DIVERSE VOICES CAN NO LONGER BE** SIDELINED. IN INDIA WRITERS LIKE MEENA **KANDASAMY, AVNI DOSHI** AND JANICE PARIAT ARE **PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF** STORYTELLING; **ENSURING WOMEN'S** NARRATIVES REMAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF LITERARY DISCOURSE.

WHY WOMEN'S STORIES MATTER WOMEN'S LITERATURE IS NOT A NICHE; IT **IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR COLLECTIVE HUMAN EXPERIENCE. IT CHALLENGES STEREOTYPES AND DEEPENS EMPATHY. EVERY BOOK WRITTEN BY A** WOMAN CARRIES WITHIN IT THE STRUGGLES, DREAMS AND HISTORIES OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE HER.

r centuries, women have used literature as a means of resistance, self-expression and transformation. Yet, history has often overlooked their contributions, celebrating male writers while marginalising women's voices. From medieval poets to contemporary literary powerhouses, women writers have not only broken barriers but also redefined storytelling, shaping cultural and social narratives across the world.

The Struggle for Recognition

In earlier times, societal norms denied women access to education, making it difficult for them to enter the literary world. Many resorted to pseudonyms to get published. Mary Ann Evans wrote as George Eliot, while the Brontë sisters first published under the names Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell. Even Jane Austen's early works were signed "By a Lady." Despite these challenges, their narratives carried immense depth, challenging gender roles, class structures and moral dilemmas in ways that few male writers dared to explore.

In India, the struggle was even more pronounced. For centuries, women's stories remained within the oral tradition, passed down through generations but rarely written. It was only in the 19th century that writers like Toru Dutt and Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain began breaking societal constraints. Hossain's Sultana's Dream, published in 1905, imagined a world where women ruled and men were confined to their homes, questioning patriarchal norms in a way that was revolutionary for its time

The 20th century marked a turning point globally and in India. Women writers not only mainstream cultural published under their real names but also dicconsciousness and tated literary trends. Virginia Woolf's A Room discourse. of One's Own questioned the systemic suppression of women's voices in

literature.



Nobel laureate Toni Morrison chronicled the Black female experience America with in unmatched brilliance. Meanwhile, Amrita Pritam became a literary icon with her evocative poetry on love and Partition, particularly Ajj Aakhaan Waris Shah Nu. Mahasweta Devi's writings on tribal commu-

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Literature as Change

Women's literature has never been just about storytelling, it has also been a tool for activism. Simone de Beauvoir's The Second Sex laid the foundation for feminist thought. Maya Angelou's I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings exposed racism and misogyny with raw honesty. In India, Ismat

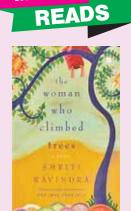
Chughtai's Lihaaf challenged conservative mindsets with its bold depiction of female desire. Kamala Das's poetry and autobiographical works fearlessly explored themes of identity, love and rebellion, inspiring generations women to embrace their truths. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's We Should

All Be Feminists reframed gender discussions for a new generation. In contemporary Indian literature, writers like Arundhati Roy, Jhumpa Lahiri and Perumal Murugan continue to challenge social norms, bringing stories of the unheard into

> Book: Legends and lore of Krishna's Braj Author: Juhi Sinha Publisher: Niyogi Books Price: ₹1750



THIS WOMEN'S DAY, LET US NOT **ONLY CELEBRATE WOMEN** WRITERS BUT ALSO READ THEM, AMPLIFY THEIR VOICES AND RECOGNISE THEIR ROLE IN SHAPING OUR WORLD, **ONE STORY AT A TIME**

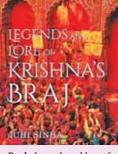


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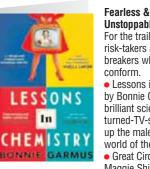
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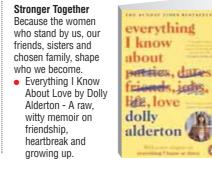


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ith Women's Day approaching, we celebrate the resilience, strength and complexity of women through literature. From fearless heroines to deep explorations of sisterhood, identity and psychological suspense, these books capture the essence of being bold, unapologetic and true to oneself.



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by Claire Douglas - A dark, twisted tale of sisterhood gone terribly wrong.

Books That Uplift and Inspire Women

BY TEAM VIVA

ere's a specially curated list of books from Rupa and Aleph, celebrating the strength, L resilience and brilliance of women.



Narendra A powerful sequel to Storm the Norm,

She Storms the

Norms - Anisha

Motwani &

Priyadarshini

this book shares inspiring stories of women who have shattered

societal barriers and self-doubt to redefine success. A must-read for those who dare to challenge the status quo. About the Authors

Anisha Motwani is a business leader, speaker and author of the bestselling Storm the Norm. She serves as an independent director on various boards and has been recognised among the '50 Most Powerful Women in Indian Business' by Business Today.

Priyadarshini Narendra is a marketing and strategy expert with decades of experience in advertising, consumer research and consulting. She has authored fiction books and contributes to discussions on women in the workplace.

for a Cause - Gita GITA BALAKRISHNAN **Balakrishnan**

Follow architect Gita Balakrishnan's extraordinary 1,700-km journey across India on foot, exploring design's impact on life and culture. A

1700 in 70: A Walk

of story endurance, discovery and the power of walking with purpose.

About the Author

Gita Balakrishnan is an architect and founder of the Ethos Foundation, which promotes design awareness. An avid marathon runner, she has embarked on multiple walking expeditions,

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advocating for the role of design in everyday life.

Beyond the Bell: Preparing Students for Life - Chitra Prasad

A transformative guide on holistic education, this book goes beyond acad emics, focusing on life skills,

values and personal growth to help students thrive in a rapidly changing world.

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About the Author

Chitra Prasad is an educationist with three decades of experience and head of the NSN Group of Schools. With a strong focus on values-based learning, she integrates spirituality into education to shape well-rounded individuals.

A Stitch in Time: The Biba Story -

About the Author

Meena Bindra, a pioneer in Indian fashion, founded Biba, transforming the

salwar kameez into a modern style statement From a small home-run business to a leading brand, her journey is a testament to innovation and determination.

These books offer wisdom, courage and motivation, perfect for Women's Day and beyond.

A Story of True Friendship

A touching story celebrating the strength, trust and support found in women friendships across generations, says TEAM VIVA

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BOUT THE BOO

Book: The Wall Friends Club

Edited by: Varsha Seshan

Publisher: HarperCollins

Price: ₹175

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s International Women's Day approaches, there is no better time to celebrate the power friendship, resilience and support. The Wall Friends Club by Varsha Seshan beautifully captures the essence of human connection, showing how even the most unexpected friendships can shape our lives in meaningful ways. Told through an epistolary for-

path

Ruby Dha

mat, the novel follows two young protagonists, Anandi and Sriya, who form an unlikely bond through letters slipped into a hidden gap in a wall. Despite never meeting, their relationship grows into something deeply special, proving that true friendship goes beyond physical presence.

Varsha Seshan, speaking about the book, shares, "I love letters, old-fashioned letters, not just emails. I also had several pen pals as a child, which made me wonder ... could two children who never meet grow to be the best of friends? An epistolary novel has always seemed an exciting genre to explore, so here is my first one: The Wall Friends Club.'

At its core, the story is about breaking barriers, embracing differences and finding comfort in the written word. Anandi and Sriya start as strangers, hesitant yet curious, unsure of who will find their letters. But as their exchanges continue, their letters become a refuge, a place where they can share their dreams, fears and small moments of joy. Their honest and heartfelt conversations reflect the beauty of friendships where trust

and support come naturally, unburdened by the complexities of adulthood.

The Wall Friends Club truly special is its timeless message about women's friendships. It reminds readers, especially girls, of the importance of lifting each other up rather than competing or tearing each other down.

> The characters, though young, face real struggles, doubts, insecurities and moments of selfreflection. Their journey resonates with anyone who has ever felt unsure about their place in the world or struggled to find their voice.

> Since International Women's Day is around the corner, this book is a perfect fit as it carries a powerful message about kindness, connection and the importance of supporting one another.



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Meena Bindra

A STITCH IN TIME

The inspiring journey of Meena Bindra, who built Biba from a home-based venture into a fashion empire A compelling story of passion, perseverance and the rise of India's fashion industry.



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We will play according to situation: Ravindra 300 women boxers to compete in national championship

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LAHORE

ashing New Zealand Rachin opener Ravindra feels adapting to the conditions will be key to succeed on an "unknown" Dubai surface in the Champions Trophy (CT) final against India on Sunday. Except the group match against India in Dubai, New Zealand have played all their games in Pakistan. The Kiwis had also played two games in Lahore during the preceding tri-series involving Pakistan and South Africa.

India, on the other, have played all their matches in Dubai and are familiar with the conditions.

"We do not quite know what the Dubai pitch is. We saw in our (group) game against India the ball turning but the other day didn't turn so much. We found ourselves adapting and playing according to situations, which we will need to do on Sunday again.

"We will see in the next couple of days and hopefully it's a good cricket wicket," said



good over a period of time.

time and continue to play well Ravindra after an emphatic 50-run win over South Africa in the semifinal here on for my team," he said. He is also aware about the Wednesday. expectations from the side in Ravindra scored only six any big ICC event.

against India in the group, falling to Hardik Pandya while going for an upper cut, but the left-hander hopes for a better outing in the final. "You get out pretty much every time you bat. Hopefully

I can bat for a longer period of

early, we can see we are cooking reasonably well. Trust and ability around the group is great." Ravindra (108) smashed his "Whenever you approach a second century of the tournament on Wednesday tournament, you expect

and together with Kane Williamson (102) starred in hopefully to be among the top four teams and lucky enough we have been consistently New Zealand's win. Senior middle-order batter We are happy with our Daryl Mitchell, who made 49 preparation, coming here off 37 balls in the semifinal,

said the loss to India in the group stage is a thing of the past not and the final will be a new day

"The final is a new day and really excited to stuck into that challenge and adapt to whatever conditions and surfaces we get on the day and find wave to win moments find ways to win moments throughout that game. "Hopefully, we can put some pressure on them and walk

away with white jacket," he said.

Mitchell is not interested in poking his nose in the talks surrounding an unfair advantage to India because of playing all their matches at one venue. "Just really happy with winning the game today and

moving onto the final, it's an exciting Mitchell said. opportunity,"

"That's the nature of international cricket. We do a lot of travelling and we are used to that. It's not for me to decided how the tournament should be planned. I am just excited to be in an ICC final and looking forward to play in a few days time?

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

As many as 300 pugilists will compete for glory at the 8th Elite Women's National Boxing

Championship in Greater Noida from March 21-27. Organised in association with the UP Boxing Association, the tournament returns to the venue that hosted its last edition in 2023

Held under the World Boxing and Boxing Federation of India (BFI) competition guidelines, the championship is open to boxers born between January 1, 1984, and December 31, 2005.

Each state unit can field a maximum of 10 boxers, with entries by numbers closing on March 10 and final name confirmation due by March 15. The action officially begins on March 20 with the arrivals, draw, and technical meeting. The opening rounds will take place from March 21 to 24, followed by the quarter-finals



on March 25 and the semifinals on March 26, leading up to the finals on March 27.

The tournament will follow a three-round format, with each bout consisting of threeminute rounds with a oneminute rest period. The tenpoint must-scoring system will be in place, and all matches will adhere to World Boxing Technical & Boxing Competition Rules.

Boxers will also be required to undergo a daily weigh-in throughout the competition. Beyond the 300 competing boxers, the championship will

also bring together over 100 coaches and support staff, along with 60 technical officials, ensuring a top-tier spectacle.

Defending champions Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) will be looking to retain their title after a dominant performance in the previous edition, where they clinched five gold medals, one silver, and two bronzes.

RSPB nudged Haryana by eight points, the latter finishing second with seven medals, including three golds, three silvers, and a bronze.

Gujarat Giants eye on WPL playoffs PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LUCKNOW With two consecutive wins firming up their bid for a spot in the Women's

We are still evolving as a team: Rob Walter

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LAHORE

Yet another knockout stage heartbreak at yet another ICC event. But perennial bridesmaid South Africa remains on the right track two years before the ODI World Cup at home, feels the team's head coach Rob Walter after its semifinal exit from the Champions Trophy here.

Having topped their group, South Africa came up short in the second semifinal against New Zealand here on Wednesday night and went down by 50 runs in a chase of from us a little bit. 362. Walter said there are the middle of the innings where Kane (Wiiliamson) and enough positives to take back home notwithstanding a Rachin (Ravindra) started to

tough loss. rnow

Premier League (WPL) playoffs, Gujarat Giants will look to carry forward the momentum in their top-of-the-table clash against Delhi Capitals here on Friday. Gujarat Giants were

Gujarat Giants were languishing at the bottom of the WPL points table but two big wins — by six wickets over Royal Challengers Bengaluru and by 81 runs against UP Warriorz — have propelled the eyes on the prize," he them to the second position

The 2027 ODI World Cup will co-hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. in the five-team points table. On Friday, the second-ranked Giants, with six points in as many games, will have the Walter was expectedly asked about South Africa going down in a knockout game of perfect opportunity to put their recent ascent to test another global event. Last year, the Proteas lost the T20 World Cup final to India from against a formidable Delhi Capitals, who sit atop the table with 10 points.

a commanding position. "I don't think it was any one Delhi Capitals, who have already booked a place in the playoffs, would be keen to particular thing that resulted in the loss, probably a couple. record a win and take their We could have handled the tally to 12 points and, in the last 10 overs (while bowling) a little bit better. They got away

Litchfield (30 not out) taking the side over the line. The Giants then demolished UP Warriorz by 81 runs in their previous outing, riding on Beth Mooney's stunning 96 not out and a collective show from their bowlers to

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process, also better their net restricted the opponents to a mere 105 in pursuit of 187. run rate to seal their spot in

The huge win not only lifted It seems like things are falling the Giants from the last spot in place at last for the Giants, but also improved their NRR to 0.357 from -0.450, better than the third-placed who showed determination against all odds to beat RCB Mumbai Indians (0.166) with in a low-scoring thriller, with skipper Ashleigh Gardner (58 whom they are tied on six

points. Additionally, with MI having three more games left, the Giants will be keen to keep their fate in their hands and not depend on the outcomes of other games. Giants' pacers, in particular,

exploited the new ball and

conditions to good effect, blowing away UP Warriorz's batting after Mooney missed recording the first-ever ton by any player in this WPL. Their recent performances

Their recent performances would surely fuel their fire but the Giants will have to be wary of the all-round strength of the Delhi Capitals, who too would be keen for a win, for it would help them finish at the top and qualify directly for the final.

Currently, Delhi Capitals hold the top spot with 10 points from seven matches. They are in pole position to finish first, which would ensure direct entry into the title round. The teams finishing second and third will face off in the

Eliminator next week.

Meg Lanning has blown hot and cold this season but still remains dangerous, while India batter Shafali Verma (260 runs) has lit up the tournament with her aggressive stroke-play. Jess Jonassen has made all-round contributions for Delhi with 128 runs and joint secondhighest nine wickets

100 **PSG** lose to Liverpool in Champions League

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain's Wasteful finishing came back to haunt the French team in a 1-0 loss to Liverpool in the first leg of the Champions League round of 16.

Harvey Elliott's late goal on Wednesday punished PSG at Parc des Princes. It was only Liverpool's second attempt on target compared to whopping 28 for PSG.

galore Wasted chances galore hampered PSG during the group stage — where it lost to Arsenal, Atletico Madrid and Bayern Munich, scoring just one goal in those t But coach Luis Enrique's side had turned the corner in fine style with 40 goals scored in 10 straight wins before this game. PSG had 12 attempts on goal in the first half alone where Liverpool could not cope with PSG's pace, movement and constant positional switches on a night where Liverpool's 30-goal top scorer Mohamed

scored with a brilliant curling shot from the right of the penalty area in the 20th minute but the Georgia star's effort was ruled out for a razor-thin offside following a video review.

VAR went in Liverpool's favour a second time minutes later, when referee Davide Massa checked for a red card check to see whether Ibrahima Konaté had pushed Barcola in the back. But no

foul was given. Kvaratskhelia went close with a free kick early in the second half and had another low shot saved.

Former England captain

David Beckham was among

the crowd at Parc des Prince

He played half a season for

PSG after joining in 2013 during the start of the club's

Galactico era and then

It was turning into a night of

frustration for this PSG side.

A corner almost went in, until

Dominik Szoboszlai stuck a

leg out on the line. Then, with the clock ticking,

Alisson made the save of the

night when he somehow got

both hands at full stretch to substitute Désiré Doué's

bending shot from 20 meters.

Luis Enrique said before the

game that Liverpool were

Europe's counterattack specialists and he was proved

The return leg is on next Tuesday at Anfield and the

winner faces either Aston

Villa or Club Brugge in the

midfielder

retired.

Liverpool

right.

managed to put some significant partnerships together. We had guys contributing significantly with the bat. From a bowling point of view, I think our biggest development was our accuracy. We were able to be very accurate as a seam unit," said Walter in the post-match press conference.

"And that's something that we have been working really hard on. Every game we play is a learning opportunity. We just keep trying to take the little lessons. Today is a hard lesson, you feel it a little bit more, because it's the end of a campaign.

"But we certainly continue to keep learning from things, little bits here and there, that we can do better. We're still evolving as a team; there's no doubt in my mind. Two and a half years to 2027 and that's

heir rates a bit missed a few opportunities there," he explained.

....When we were batting. We were just starting to get going and that partnership got broken and really slowed us down in the middle and obviously we saw Dave (Miller) play unbelievably

'There was a period sort of in

well in the end to get a hundred...You know you're just one partnership away from doing something special," said Walter. Williamson With and Ravindra easily manipulating

the bowlers, it seemed South Africa ran out of ideas. However, Walter did not agree to that. "Ňo, I don't think that's entirely accurate. We certainly tried to change it up, we tried to change the pace. I think the ball wasn't really gripping at that stage in the early phases, so the ball kept sliding on."

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LAHORE New Zealand batting mainstay Kane Williamson reckons India have "real clarity" on how they want to operate in Dubai, having played all their Champions Trophy (CT) games at the same venue but

his team will also be reasonably wellprepared for the tournament finale due to its limited past familiarity with conditions. Williamson did not specifically say that India had an advantage of playing at one venue, choosing to compare it to New Zealand's understanding of conditions in Lahore, where they beat South Africa on Wednesday to set up a final clash against the Rohit Sharma-led side in Dubai on Sunday.

New Żealand had played two games in Lahore during the preceding tri-series involving Pakistan and South Africa.

"I suppose having played there on a number of occasions; there's real clarity in how they want to operate," said Williamson when asked if India go into the final with an advantage of knowing the

provided him to dismantle the

There are as many as five

Indians in top 15 live world rankings and Viswanathan

Anand stands at number 15.

Aravindh at 14, entered the



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conditions.

"A little bit like our opportunity here, having played a number of times at this venue as well and I think that's part and parcel in cricket," he added.

Having scored a hundred in the semifinal, Williamson is high on confidence and looking forward to the final.

"It is what it is (India play all games in Dubai). Our focus is the next match, the location of that match, the opposition, they're all factors. Obviously, we played India once there," he said.

The conditions are different, so it's important that we try and take away some of those positives and be nice and clear in how we're trying to operate come two or three-days' time in the final," he said referring to New Zealand's loss to India in the group stage. Both Williamson and Rachin Ravindra

struck hundreds to fashion New Zealand's emphatic win.

Williamson called Ravindra, who has score two hundreds in three games, a special talent.

It's a final, so it's exciting. If we go back to Rachin, an incredibly special talent. It's always great to bat with him. He goes out and he puts the team first and he plays with that freedom.

"When we were out there batting together, there were moments where there were some good spells and it was a little bit challenging. We tried to feed off each other and keep each other focused on the job," Williamson said.

Salah was kept quiet. Luckily goalkeeper Alisson was at his defiant best, however, making nine saves overall.

The imposing Brazilian twice denied Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and kept out attempts from Barcola Bradley and Ousmane Dembélé. There were also bad misses from Barcola and midfielder João Neves, who both shot over from good positions.

Kvaratskhelia thought he had quarterfinals.

Aravindh defeats Giri in Prague Masters Mushfiqur Rahim retires from ODIs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PRAGUE

¬randmaster Aravindh GChithambaram crashed through the defenses of supersolid Ănish Giri to jump in to sole lead after the end of the seventh round of Prague Masters chess tournament now underway here.

It was Aravindh all the way while R Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with preevent rating favourite Wei Yi of China. Aravindh took his tally to five points out of a possible seven and now enjoys a half point lead over Praggnanandhaa who needs to catch up.

With just two rounds to come, Sam Shankland of United States defeated Quang Leim Le of Vietnam. Interestingly, both Quang Leim and Giri had drawn the first six games and the axe fell on them at the same time.

In the other decisive game 16-



books.

years old Gurel Ediz of Turkey battle lines are drawn between scored over local Nguyen Thai the two Indians only. Dai Van to reach a fifty percent Aravindh is a cool customer in score while David Navara of normal positions with a deep Czech Republic played out a eve for tactical complexities draw with Vincent Keymer of and a rare chance against Giri Germany king side and enter record

Aravindh on five and Pragg on 4.5 are now followed by Wei Ediz, Keymer and Yi. Shankland on 3.5 points each and these four are a half point adrift of the trio of Giri, Navara and Le.Dai Van is alone at the bottom now with top fifteen for the first time ever. It was a Queen's gambit

wherein Giri declined overestimated his chances and pushed his king side pawns in trying to secure a space advantage. Aravindh came up with a shocker on his 24th turn when he put his knight in front of a pawn and it was a one-way tide thereon. Black's attack was soon impossible to handle and Aravindh won in 39 moves.

Praggnanandhaa started with the English opening against Wei Yi and the game took shape in a Tarrasch defense wherein the Chinese was under some pressure but never really out of the game.

The Indian won a pawn to reach a rook and pawns endgame and despite having a passed pawn deep outside the position was technically drawn. The game lasted 61 moves.

In the challengers' section, Jonas Buhl Bjerre added to the woes of lone Indian Divya Deshmukh who remained at

seven games. The lead in this section is shared by Bjerre and Nodirbek Yakubboev of Uzbekistan on

5.5 points each. Results round 6: Quang Leim Le (Vie, 3) lost to Sam Shankland (Usa, 2.5); R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 4.5) drew with Wei Yi (Chn, 3.5); Anish Giri (Ned, 3) lost to Aravindh Chithambaram (Ind, 5); Gurel Ediz (Tur, 3.5) beat Nguyen Thai Dai Van

(Cze, 2.5); David Navara (Cze, 3) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger, 3.5).

Challengers: Richard Stalmach (Cze, 3) drew with Finel Vaclav (Cze, 3); Divya Deshmukh (Ind, 1.5) lost to Jonas Buhl Bjerre (Den, 5.5); Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb, Nodirbek fakubbeev (020, 5.5) beat Ivan Salgado Lopez (Esp, 3.5); Marc'andria Maurizzi (Fra, 4) beat Nemec Jychym (Cze, 2); Ma Qun (Chn, 4) drew with Stamatis Kourkoulous-Arditis (Gre, 3).

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA the last spot on 1.5 points from DHAKA

 $V_{u^2}^{eteran}$ Bangladesh wicket-keeper batter Mushfiqur Rahim has retired from ODI cricket with immediate effect.

The 37-year-old was part of Bangladesh's squad that exited the Champions Trophy (CT) from the group stage.

He made the announcement on social media.

am announcing my retirement from the ODI format as of today. Alhamdulillah (Thank God) for everything. While our achivements may have been limited on a global level, one thing is certain: whenever I stepped onto the field for my country, I gave more than 100 per cent with dedication and honesty," Rahim wrote on his official Facebook



been very challenging for me, and I have come to realise that this is my destiny. "Lastly, I would like to deeply thank my family, friends and my fans for whom I have played cricket for the last 19 years," he added.

Rahim made his ODI debut country, I gave more than 100 per cent with dedication and honesty," Rahim wrote on his official Facebook page. "The last few weeks have

scored more ODI runs than him for Bangladesh. He has also played 94 Tests and 102 T20s.

In the team's disappointing Champions Trophy campaign, Rahim failed to score against India before making just two runs against

New Zealand. Rahim has already retired from the shortest format but in the longest format, he is on course to become first from his country to play 100 Tests.