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concluding an interactive session at the institute, home to Royal Institute of International Affairs, on Wednesday evening. 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,"

ministry of external affairs

(MEA)spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal

"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 House.

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cooperation.

said.

added.

INDIA BREACHED IN UK Rana seeks stay of



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 in 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

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 am in Uttar Pradesh's Kaushambi district.

Addressing a press conference in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Director

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 UP 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 General of Police (DGP) Prashant Kumar said Masih had planned a major terrorist attack during the

Babbar Khalsa terrorist arrested 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 potential terrorist preventing activities in India.

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extradition to India PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

M^{umbai} 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.

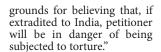
NEW YORK

Rana, 64, a Canadian national of Pakistani origin, is currently lodged at a metropolitan detention centre in Los Angeles. He is known to be associated with 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



"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 "severe medical his 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, 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 surrendered torture if Indian to 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." Continued on page 8

Trump issues last warning to Hamas

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump on PWednesday 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 US officials have engaged in "ongoing talks and discussions" with Hamas officials, stepping away from a long-held US policy of not directly engaging in the militant group. Continued on page 8

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

to the community. He will have to answer to God for

The cleric's remarks have

sparked mixed reactions.

While some religious figures

defended the cricketer,

arguing that professional athletes often have different

requirements due to the

physical demands of their

Maulana Zaheer Khan calls

disappointment,

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sport.

Maulana Razvi

their

others



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. Shami's coach. Moham

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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 learn, understand and read Marathi". On a day when Shiv Sena (UBT)'s 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 the raging controversy over the remarks that he reportedly made at a function held at Ghatkopar in north-



languages. For example, the language of Ghatkopar is Gujarati. Similarly, you will find fewer people speaking Hindi in 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 Uddhay Thackeray-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 Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal and come back.





Wankhede returns to Mumbai

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

 $T_{\rm Tribunal\ (CAT)\ has\ set}^{\rm he\ Central\ Administrative}$ aside the transfer of IRS officer Sameer Wankhede from Mumbai to Chennai, saying th department the revenue "patently violated" its own guidelines. Wankhede, a 2008 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, made headlines for allegedly demanding ₹ 25 Crore from Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan's family by threatening to implicate his son Aryan Khan in the Cordelia cruise drug bust case during his tenure in the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai in 2021.

The principal CAT bench comprising Justice Ranjit More and member Rajinder Kashyap found procedural lapses and potential bias in the transfer decision issued by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

The tribunal said while government officers had an all-India service liability, transfer policies must be implemented in a fair, transparent, and just manner. "We are well aware of the facts that it is a settled law that a transfer, which is an incident of service, is not to be interfered with by the courts, unless it is shown to be clearly arbitrary or vitiated by mala fides or infraction of any professed norm or principle governing the transfer. Continued on page 8



BISWAJEET BANERJEE LUCKNOW

A^{ll} India Muslim Jamaat Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Barelvi has criticised Indian cricketer Mohammed Shami for not fasting during Razadan. 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, expressed Shami had committed a disappoint 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 in terms. Mohammed Shami was seen

the controversy uncalled for. drinking water during a "Islam is a progressive religion. It has some prohibitions for persons Champions Trophy match, which means he was not fasting. This is a serious offense in Islam," he said. keeping Roza. It is up to a person to keep Roza on that

Badruddin, dismissed the criticism, asserting that the bowler was not in the wrong. "Nothing is above the nation. Shami is playing for his country, and that should be The cleric added that since Shami was playing a match, it

the priority," he stated. Senior BJP leader and MLC 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 Vijay Bahadur Pathak 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 over Australia, neiping 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 10over spell.

This is not the first controversy to emerge during the tournament.



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

n a first, Flying Officer Tanuska 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 precision attack capabilities.

Hailing from a family having served in the armed forces, Tanushka initially considered a career in the Indian Army. However, she shifted her focus to the Air Force after learning about the opportunities available to women.

She underwent training at the Air Force Academy in Dundigal, Telangana, followed by specialised training on 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 counterparts.

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

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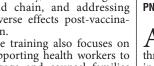




App to monitor vaccination

Lucknow (PNS): To ensure every that child in Uttar Pradesh receives timely immu-cold chain, and addressing nisation, the state government adverse effects post-vaccinais equipping staff nurses, tion. ANMs, and health visitors with digital training. Using the Rapid Immunisation Skill Enhancement (RISE) app, these healthcare workers will develop expertise in managing vaccination programmes, over-

state.



The training also focuses on supporting health workers to engage and counsel families hesitant about vaccinations, ultimately boosting immunisation coverage across the



Nisha Goel W/O Sanjeev Goel R/O-7/10/214/C Shantipuram colony, Deokali, Ayodhya & Nisha Goel W/O Sanjeev Kumar Goel R/O -7/10/214/C Shantipuram colony, Deokali, Ayodhya are the Same Person.

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colony, Deokali, Ayodhya & Sanjeev Kumar Goel S/O Late Ravindra Kumar Goel R/O 7/10/214/C Shantipuram colony, Deokali, Ayodhya are the Same Person.

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Property dealer found murdered |Youth defames girl

PNS LUCKNOW

A property dealer was mur-dered and his body was thrown at the side of Kisan Path in the SGPGI police station area on Wednesday night. DCP (East) Shashank Singh said in a video statement that two vouths were found lying unconscious at the roadside and one of them was dead with injury marks when police

reached the spot for investigation. A knife was found lying beside him. The second youth was lying unconscious next to the first youth. The deceased has been identi-

fied as Vinayak Sahu (23) of Daluna village. He used to drive an auto rickshaw and was also into property dealing. An empty liquor bottle and a motorcycle were found from the crime scene. It is suspected that Vinayak was

weapon.

first made to drink alcohol and then killed by slitting his throat with a knife. Aniani Sahu, the father of the

ister safely. deceased, has filed a complaint Sundarlal alleged that the alleging that a family of a girl cle with his friend Himanshu

Mohanlalgani tehsil.

accused persons.

Information Reportagainst the

As per report, one Ramnaresh

of Mohari Kalan in

Gosainganj, died last year.

According to his brother Sundarlal, Ramnaresh had no

wife and children. He had also kept a copy of the family reg-

got Vinayak killed. Police said that there were around 5 pm on Wednesdav evening, saying that he was going to attend the birthday injury marks on the neck, caused by some sharp-edged bash of his friend Shiva Rawat. According to the family, When Vinayak did not reach home till 10 pm, the called him

Vinayak had left on a motorcy-

Land fraud detected. FIR registered PNS LUCKNOW property dealer, in collusion

with village head Ramkumar A property dealer, in con-nivance with the gram and the panchayat secretary, issued a copy of the family regpradhan and panchayat secreister, inserting the name of a woman as Ramnaresh's daughtary, made a fake woman the

daughter of a childless person ter. and sold the family's land The property dealer went to the tehsil and made an agree-ment for the deceased's land worth crores of rupees in Mohari Kalan village of worth crores. After getting a whiff of the fraud, the family of the deceased lodged a First

After getting a whiff of the fraud, Sundarlal complained about the entire matter to the police. Additional Commissioner of

Police Rajneesh Verma said that after verifying that a fraud had taken place in the land deal, an First Information Report had been registered on the instructions of higher officials. A police team has been deployed to search out and arrest the accused persons.

on his mobile phone but it was switched off. After some time, the family received information that Vinayak had been murdered. Anjani Sahu alleged that some

people accompanying Vinayak

had murdered him. As per the complaint, Vinayak was caught talking on phone to a girl from a village about 15 days ago. That day, the girl's cousin had threatened to kill Vinavak. Before that incident. the girl's mother and her familv members had beaten up Vinavak.

Anjani Sahu has named Aamir, Shivam Rawat, Ashish and Shiva, all residents of Kalli East, in the mueder of Vinayak. Vinayak's brother Ajay Sahu had seen these people drinking alcohol near a hospital at 8 pm. Vinayak's murder was reported after 10 pm.

According to the police station in-charge, action will be taken on the basis of investigation and the complaint of the fam-

On the other hand, the family members said that if the accused were not arrested, they would stage a protest by keep-ing the dead body in the SGPGI police station premises. According to sources in the police, Anjani Sahu had been named in a crime case and he was released from jail in October 2024. He had gone out with a boy from the village in the evening and he also consumed alcohol with his friends. He drives a battery-powered

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Vidya Mandir), made his sis-

ter's photo viral on social media

platform through Instagram

"Negotiation for my sister's

marriage broke down due to

the action of the accused, who

also wrote objectionable things

on her photo. Her marriage was

fixed. Ee have been defamed in

the whole society. My whole family is suffering from men-

tal stress," he said in the com-

He had complained about the

Lucknow (PNS): A youth in Mahanagar area has been accused of defaming a girl by posting objectionable comments against her and her photo on social media due to which the negotiations of her marriage were cancelled. The accused made objection-

able comments viral on girl's Instagram account. The police have registered a case on the complaint of the girl's brother and are investigating the matter. A youth of New Hyderabad in

matter on February 4 this year Mahanagar filed a complaint in to the Hazratganj Cyber Cell. this regard in Mahanagar police The police said that the comstation. He told police that one Faiz Khan of A Block plaint had been registered and the accused was being Indira Nagar (behind Saraswati searched.

Two policemen suspended for assault on SBSP functionary

Ballia (PTI): Two policemen were suspended over their alleged misconduct with a Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) functionary on March 4, according to an official order. This, however, did not placate the party, which said it would go ahead with its March 7 protest over the incident.

SBSP national general secretary Arun Rajbhar, who is also the son of party chief and Uttar Pradesh minister Om Prakash Rajbhar,

cited inaction against a subdivisional magistrate's assistant, who was also allegedly involved in the incident, as the reason behind the party's decision to not relent.

According to Arun Rajbhar, SI Ranjeet Vishwakarma and Constable Shailesh misbehaved with SBSP's Bansdih area incharge Umapati Rajbhar on March 4. Om Prakash Rajbhar had given police an ultimatum to take action against the two.

Date: 28.02.2025

Remarkable transformation in UP over past 7-8 years: Chief Secy

PNS LUCKNOW

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Uttar Pradesh in its annual session 2025 with the theme 'Transformative Success: Uttar Pradesh as the Engine of India's Growth' on Wednesday, highlighted the state's pivotal role in driving national economic progress.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh, who was the chief guest, said that Uttar Pradesh had undergone a remarkable transformation over the past 7-8 years, emerging as a revenue-surplus state with a thriving industrial ecosystem.

"This progress has significantly changed the global perception of UP as a prime investment destination. The monumental success of the Maha Kumbh, which witnessed an overwhelming influx of a large number of visitors every day, fur-

Thursday.

ing out in trapping the animal then a fortnight back we

the introduction of the Uttar Pradesh Bioplastics Policy as a game-changer, the future looks

promising." He congratulates the CII for its promising support to the state in all the initiatives of the government, and its collaborative efforts in key initiatives such as UPGIS and the World Economic Forum, which continue to support UP's journey towards becoming a trillion-dollar economy.

The chief secretary also mentioned that the state government was poised to reinstate the glory of ancient cities of Uttar Pradesh

such as Mathura, Kanpur and Meerut, through infrastructural

auto.

reforms and development. CII Northern Region chairman Madhav Singhania lauded the seamless execution of Uttar Pradesh government in mobilising the largest movement of humans on earth in Maha Kumbh. He mentioned that the efficiency with which this mega event was managed is unparalleled and unprecedented. He said the state was fast emerging as a global industrial hub, attracting large-scale investments and fostering economic transformation and CII took immense pride in collaborating with the UP government to support this journey of becom-ing a one trillion-dollar economy. CII Uttar Pradesh chairperson Smita Agarwal emphasised that Uttar Pradesh has emerged as one of India's most dynamic economic hubs, driven by visionary leadership, progressive reforms and large-

scale infrastructure development. "From the rapid expansion of industrial corridors to the success of initiatives like the UP Global Investors Summit, the state is setting new benchmarks for growth and investment," she said. Adding that the recently concluded Maha Kumbh showcased UP's capability to host global events with excellence, further boosting tourism

and economic activity. CII Uttar Pradesh vice-chairperson Dr Upasana Arora opined that the state's rapid advancements in medical infrastructure are not only strengthening healthcare access but also creating vast opportunities for investment.

Group CEO Ved Krishna stated that with a strong focus on green manufacturing and innovation, the state is creating immense opportunities for industries to thrive while ensuring environmental responsibility.

(Summons to Defendant Under Section 19(3), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery ribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993) Original Application No. 1108 of 2024 ndian Bank ... Applicant Bank Versus M/s Pratap Pharma & Ors. ...Defendant 1. M/s Pratap Pharma through it's Proprietor Shri Rajbeer Singh, Situated at Multimoise Pvt Ltd, Plot No. 01, Saidpur Jagin 60 Feet Road, Jankipuram, Lucknow 226031 Shri Rajbeer Singh Proprietor of M/s Pratap Pharma Son of Shri Rakesh Singh, R/o Raipur Babu, Mahgava, Bakshi Ka Talab Lucknow 226201. ... Defendant

FORM No. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

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In the above noted Application, you are required to file eply in Paper Book form in Two sets alongwith document and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the Applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the ummons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal or 24.03.2025 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

FORM No. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

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ther reinforced the state's capacity to host large-scale events seamless-

ly. The rapid industrial development around Jewar airport in Noida is commendable, reflecting the state's commitment to infrastructure-led growth. With the announcement of five new expressways in this year's state Budget and

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आवश्यकता है (01) स्ववित्तपोषित योजना के अंतर्गत विधि

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नेट / स्लेट / पी.एच.डी. / डी. फिल) (03) विधि संकाय के अन्तर्गत अतिरिक्त विषय अंग्रेजी, समाज शास्त्र, दर्शन शास्त्र, राजनीति शास्त्र विषयों के एक – एक पद सहायक आचार्य (योग्यता—नेट / स्लेट / पी.एच डी./डी. फिल) की आवश्यकता हैं। शैक्षिक योग्यता एवं वेतनमान यूजी.सी. / विश्व. विद्यालय तथा राज्य सरकार के मनकानुसार। नोट :– इच्छक अभ्यर्थी अपने सभी अंक पत्रों एवं प्रमाण पत्रों के साथ विज्ञापन प्रकाशन की तिथि से पन्द्रह दिवसों के अंदर महाविद्यालय कार्यालय के पते पर स्वयं या पंजीकृत डाक द्वारा आवेदन करें। साक्षात्कार हेतु सूचना ई—मेल⁄दूरभाष के माध्यम से दियाँ जाएगा।

प्रबन्धक—गोपाल कृष्ण गुप्ता 9415033263, 995 sirrslawcollegeftp@gmail-com

I am Manoj Kumar S/o Ramesh Chandra, changing my name to Manoj Dixit S/o Ramesh Chandra, as is in my Aadhaar Card. I will be known by this name from now Manoj Dixit S/o Ramesh Chandra R/o Ward No. 3, Chandrashekhar Aazad Nagar, Shivrajpur, Tehsil-

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Bilhaur, District- Kanpur Nagar,

I Kishori Lal Yaday father of No.14686395F, Rank- HAV, Name Raj Bahadur Yadav, Presently R/o of a tiger operation. "When things were not work-

holder of Indian Passport & Distt.Niwari, MP,Pin-472447, do No:M3257278 issued at BAREILLY hereby solemnly Affirm that my on 05/11/2014 and Permanent name and date of birth has been Resident of H.NO.09 MOH SOTHA wrongly entered as KISHORI Lal & NAI BASTI BADAUN PIN 243601 DOB 01.07.1951. Whereas my UTTAR PRADESH INDIA and correct name is KISHORI LAL presently residing at DUBAI UAE do YADAV & correct DOB is hereby change my name from SIRAJ 01.01.1953. Hence it may be entered AHMAD URF RAJU to SIRAJ (Given name) AHMAD (Surname) 29257712238057X dated 03.03.2025

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Deepak Kumar Singh S/o KAMAL DEO SINGH R/o GYAN KUNJ 43, VIKAS NAGAR LAKHANPUR KANPUR Nagar, I have changed my name Deepak Kumar To Deepak Kumar Singh

I, Bikas kumar, son of Ashok Kumar Dubey, R/O 545 ka/67 Laxman Vihar Para, Rajajipuram ,Lucknow, U.P, inform that Bikas kumar and Vikas Dubey are both my names. Therefore, for all purposes, I should be considered as Bikas

AUCTION NOTICE

दिनांक 18-03-2025 प्रातः 11:00 बजे शिविर कार्यालय शिक्षा निदेशक (माध्यमिक) उ० प्र०, 18–पार्क रोड, लखनऊ में निष्प्रयोज्य कम्प्यूटर एवं सहवर्ती उपकरणों की नीलामी, सिक्योरिटी रु० 2000 / - नकद, फर्म के जी.एस.टी, पंजीकरण, पैनकार्ड के

tiger released in Dudhwa Reserve

Rehmankhera's stray

Lucknow (PNS): The stray tracking team with members from Pilibhit, Dudhwa and tiger of Rehmankhera that was trapped by the Forest Department on Wednesday our own ranges of Bakshi Ka Talab, Malihabad and Lucknow ranges and they did a fantastic job," he said. evening was released in the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve on

He said as tigers were noctur-nal animals, the team focused Wrapping up the operations, Divisional Forest Officer on where it was resting in the (Awadh) Sitanshu Pandey, who afternoon. The official said that technology and the track-ing went hand in hand to trap led the operations, said that the lesson learnt was that consistency and perseverance was very important in the process the tiger.

He admitted that they also called in for the artificial intelligence-based cameras but the animal was captured even before the cameras were installed.

then a fortnight back we devised a three-pronged strat-egy. First was to get the ther-mal drone right and make it work for 24 hours. Secondly, since the tiger was a shy ani-mal, we had to ensure that the Regarding what they were doing to prevent incidents of man-animal conflict again, he said that they had installed 3-4 camera traps on the bound-ary wall of the Central Institute doctors wore helmets covered by cow dung. Interestingly, one of the doctors, Dr Nasir, did not take a bath since of Subtropical Horticulture which was the most probable site for the tigers to come February 22 to camouflage the human scent. Thirdly, we decided to strengthen our because of the presence of a water source and high prey density.

10 mobile toilets

LMC launches mini JCBs,

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ucknow Municipal Corporation Lon Thursday, launched an impor-tant initiative aimed at improving sanitation in the city. In a ceremony attended by Mayor Sushma Kharkwal and Municipal Commissioner Inderjeet Singh, eight mini backhoes (JCBs) and 10 mobile toilets were flagged off after a puja and ribbon-cut-

flagged off after a puja and flooon-cut ting ceremony. Additional Municipal Commissioners Dr Arvind Kumar Rao, Lalit Kumar, and Pankaj Srivastava, along with other municipal officials, were also present at the event.

Officials explained that the introuction of mini JCBs will speed up waste col-lection and cleaning operations across the city.

'This initiative will help the municipal corporation implement cleanliness operations more effectively, improving sanitation levels and providing citizens with a better experience," an LMC official said.

The launch of the 10 mobile toilets marks a significant step forward, par-ticularly for large public events with high attendance. "These mobile toilets will be deployed at locations with large



gatherings, such as fairs, celebrations, and public programs, ensuring prop-er toilet facilities are available for all," the official explained.

Built as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission, these mobile toilets are branded by the municipal corporation and feature separate entrances for men and women, wash basins, and other essential facilities.

y of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recover Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

Original Appli	cation No. 1	171 of 2024
Indian Bank		Applicant Bank
Shri Kanhaiya Lal Gunta A	Versus & Ors	Defendants

. Shri Kanhaiya Lal Gupta

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Smt. Manjusha Gupta

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In the above noted Application, you are required to file eply in Paper Book form in Two sets alongwith documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the Applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 21.04.2025 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Registrar

Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

सचिव कार्यालय, विदर्भ माध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित अधिसूचना दिनांक 27-02-2025

क्रमांक : विमाशिम / प्रशासनिक / 127 / 2025–दिनांक : 27.01.2025 को हुई विदभ ाध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल की बैठक में निर्णय लिया गया कि विदर्भ माध्यमिक शिक्षा ण्डल का शासकीय पंजीकृत कार्यालय ठाकुरद्वारा, मुरादाबाद, उत्तर प्रदेश में है गुख्यालय :– रामटेक, नागपुर, महाराष्ट्र – 441106 में है। मुख्य नियासी∕अध्यक्ष ने 9 जनवरी 2025 को उक्त प्रस्ताव को स्वीकृति प्रदान की। उत्तर प्रदेश इन्टरमीडीएट जुकेशन एक्ट—1921 के अध्याय—14 के विनियम— 2 (50) के अनुपालन में विदर्भ ाध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल की स्थापना भारतीय न्यास अधिनियम 1882 के अंतर्गत वायत्तशासी शैक्षिक मण्डल के रूप में की गई है। भारतीय निबंधन अधिनियम–1908 b अंतर्गत मण्डल का निबंधन सब–रजिस्टार कार्यालय, रजिस्टीकरण, ठाकरदारा, उत्तर । देश शासन द्वारा किया गया है। जिसका रजिस्ट्रेशन नंबर IV−14 / 2012 है। विदर्भ ाध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल एक वैधानिक शिक्षा एवं परीक्षा संस्था है। मण्डल के उद्देश्य ामस्त भारत में सभी जाति एवं सभी धर्मों के लिए विद्यालयी शिक्षा सभी विषयों एवं ाभी भाषाओं में प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा, प्रवेशिका, पूर्व माध्यमिक, माध्यमिक (कक्षा—10वीं) रिष्ठ माध्यमिक (कक्षा—12वीं), वोकेशनल पाठ्यक्रमों में प्रमाण पत्र डिप्लोमा में शिक्षा रवं प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया जाएँगा। परीक्षाएँ संचालित कराई व परीक्षाफल घोषित किया गएगा। परीक्षाफल के प्रमाण पत्र प्रदान किए जाएंगे। विद्यालयों व शिक्षा केंद्रों की थापना एवं सम्बद्धता भी प्रदान की जाएगी। शिक्षा नियमित व्यक्तिगत, ऑनलाइन द्धति के माध्यम से प्रदान की जाएगी। विदर्भ माध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल द्वारा प्रदान ही गई शिक्षा व पाठ्यक्रमों एवं परीक्षा प्रमाण पत्रों की वही मान्यता होगी जो अन्य ।सिकीय/अर्ध–शासकीय परिषदों/मंडलों/विश्वविद्यालयों की शिक्षा पाठ्यक्रमों, परीक्षाओं प्रमाण पत्रों / उपाधियों के समकक्ष मान्यता होती है। विदर्भ माध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल प्रमाण–पत्रों की समकक्ष मान्यता से तात्पर्य अग्रिम शिक्षा में प्रवेश एवं सरकारी नौकरियों में सेवा से है। **माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय के निर्देशानुसार उक्त अधिसूचना** अनिल कुमार (सचिव, प्रशासनिक) जारी की जाती है।



presenting them with medals and wished them a bright Twelve National Service future. In her address, the Governor emphasised the importance of self-strength-Scheme volunteers, along with group leader Dr Preeti, who ening to bring about societal change. She shared her experiparticipated in the Republic Day parade in New Delhi, paid call to UP Governor ence of NSS camps in Gujarat, Anandiben Patel at Raj Bhavan where volunteers were dedicaton Thursday. The governor honoured the participants by ed to social service. She encouraged the volunteers to initiate

cleanliness campaigns in their universities and hostels, inspiring other students to join.

HOUSE TAX CAMP

A camp was organised by the Cantonment Board near Sadar crossing on Thursday to deposit house tax, water tax, water charges and shop rent. Many of the building owners and traders took advantage of the facility by depositing their house tax, water tax, water charges and shop rent. The Cantonment Board collected a revenue of about Rs 1,50,000 from the camp. Cantonment Board Chief Executive Officer Abhishek Rathore, nominated member, Pramod Sharma and former councilors Sanjay Dayal and Anjum Ara were also present in the camp. The house

owners and traders present on the spot also informed them about the problems being faced in depositing house tax, water tax, water charges and shop rent online. The CEO assured to resolve the issue.

CISH SEMINAR

The scientists, policy makers and students will meet at ICAR-CISH, Lucknow to formulate strategies for meeting the challenges under changing climate and global competitions in sustainable fruit production. Director T Damodaran said to CISH, Rehmankhera, was organising National Seminar on Resource Use Efficiency for Sustainable Fruit Production in Subtropics on March 7 and 8, 2025 at its Rehmankhera campus.

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over 10,000 already receiving

funds. This initiative is also

helping increase the Credit-

Deposit (CD) ratio of banks. Referring to MP Ravi Kishan's words, Chief Minister Yogi

emphasised how the BJP gov-

ernment honoured public faith during Maha Kumbh, turning

it into a source of livelihood

and economic growth. "Spending Rs 7,500 crore resulted in a Rs 3.5 lakh crore

boost to the economy - this

might seem like a miracle to the

world, but for India, it is a part

He cited examples of how var-

ious professions benefited,

highlighting a boatman in Prayagraj whose family owns

130 boats and earned Rs 30

crore in just 45 days during the

event. This, he said, showcas-

es how faith and tradition are

contributing to economic pros-

perity in the state. Chief Minister Yogi empha-

sised the importance of hard

work and dedication, stating

of daily life," he stated.

We will prepare 10 lakh new entrepreneurs in UP: Yogi

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hief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Thursday, emphasised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of youth as the nation's energy, stressing the need for guidance and opportunities.

"Inspired by this, the Bharatiya Janata Party's double-engine government launched a campaign to create 10 lakh young entrepreneurs in Uttar Pradesh," the chief minister said.

At Baba Gambhirnath Auditorium, the chief minister distributed Rs 100 crore in loans to 2,500 beneficiaries from Gorakhpur and Basti under the CM Yuva Udyami Vikas Yojana. Additionally, 2,100 trainees received toolkits under the One District One Product scheme. The chief minister highlighted that these pre-Holi benefits would empower youth to become entrepreneurs.

Before this, Chief Minister Yogi also visited the exhibition. A short film by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise department was also screened. The chief minister highlighted the overwhelming response to the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Yojana, which was launched on January 24, 2025. He said that in just over a month, 2,54,794 applications had been received –exceeding the target of one lakh entrepreneurs for the entire year.

"This reflects the popularity of the scheme," he said. So far, one lakh applications have been sent to banks, with Rs 931 crore in loans sanctioned for 24,000 beneficiaries and Rs 410 crore already distributed to 10,500 applicants. In Gorakhpur and Basti divisions, Rs 67.14 crore in loans was sanctioned for 1,440 beneficiaries, while Rs 25.80 crore was previously distributed to 575 applicants.

direction under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Over the past 10 years, the country has emerged as a global economic powerhouse, with the youth playing a key role in making India the world's fifthlargest economy. He pointed out.

"In the next two years, India will become the third-largest economy, and young entre-preneurs will drive this growth," he added.

He further mentioned that initiatives like Startup India, Standup India and Make in India have been promoted, enabling the youth to drive the vision of a self-reliant India. The chief minister said that today, loans were distributed to young entrepreneurs from all seven districts of Gorakhpur and Basti divisions (Gorakhpur, Kushinagar, Deoria, Maharajganj, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar and Siddharth Nagar). He mentioned that the government had faith in the energy and vision of the youth but understood that lack of capital

was a challenge. "We decided that financial constraints should not stop talented individuals from turning their vision into reality," he added.

The chief minister stated that the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Yojana was launched by the vice president, providing interest-free loans of up to Rs 5 lakh to one lakh new entrepreneurs annually. The government also offers 10 per cent

margin money support, with special provisions for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women, and backwardclass entrepreneurs. "Many from these communities have joined the programme and are benefiting from it," he said. Chief Minister Yogi highlight-ed the potential of youth, stating that they have the energy to

Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Deoria; Harilal Saini and Armaan Hussain from Yoiana. Among those who received the financial assistance were Vishnu Kumar Kashyap, scheme, he observed businesses in ready-made garments, food products, and other sec-

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath handed over

Rs 5 lakh cheques to young beneficiaries under the

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tors. He emphasised that opportunities are abundant, and with determination, young entrepreneurs can achieve success. "If you have the courage, you will find your path, and the create something new. During government is ready to support The chief minister said that his visit to stalls set up by young you," he added. India was moving in a new entrepreneurs under the He mentioned that different

Kushinagar; Harsh Gautam and Abhishek Kumar from Basti; Brijesh Kumar from schemes were launched in Uttar Pradesh on various Foundation Days to boost economic growth. On January 24, 2018, the state's first Foundation Day, the One District, One Product (ODOP) scheme was introduced, which has now become one of the

Mishra and Prem Kumar from

Ratnakar Maurva, Khushbu Siddharthnagar; and Jaiswal, Rajat Kumar and Soni Amritansh Chaturvedi from Mishra from Gorakhpur; Sant Kabir Nagar. Kiran and Nageshwar Maurva Chief Minister Yogi also handfrom Maharajganj; Ankit

ed over ODOP toolkits to beneficiaries from various districts. The recipients included Draupadi Devi, Babita Mishra, Shweta Singh, and Sparshika Chaturvedi from Gorakhpur;

units, which are providing employment to over three crore vouth.

He noted that youth are now not just job seekers but also job creators, as each MSME unit can employ one to ten people. "Uttar Pradesh has entered a new era of prosperity and country's largest and most pop-ular initiatives. Uttar Pradesh growth, with rising exports and expanding opportunities," currently has 96 lakh MSME he said

Ashish Kumar Patel and Anurag Dwivedi from Maharajganj; Shalu Kushwaha and Premlata Kushwaha from Deoria; Suchit Sharma and Angad Kushwaha from Kushinagar; Omkar Sharma and Anurag from Basti; Arjun Chaudhary from Siddharthnagar; and Sakshi Pathak from Sant Kabir Nagar.

Chief Minister Yogi also men-

mitted to achieving it," he added.

Chief Minister Yogi reaffirmed his confidence in young entre-preneurs, praising their inno-vative use of resources. He highlighted how products made from terracotta, banana fibers, and raw materials like chips, pickles, juice, and bags are creating new business opportunities. "The ability to turn waste into wealth is a true vision, and we must guide society in this direction," he said.

He also spoke about Kala Namak rice, rich in protein, vitamins, and carbohydrates, which has been cultivated in Siddharthnagar and Maharajganj for over 2,500 years. Many young entrepre-neurs are now involved in its production, packaging, and export. Additionally, Gorakhpur's terracotta industry, Maharajganj's carpentry work, and Sant Kabir Nagar's brass industry in Bakhira are thriving due to youth partici-pation, he added.

that "those who work hard will achieve great results". He high-He mentioned that in order to lighted that New India and further support startups, the New Uttar Pradesh offer secugovernment has allocated Rs rity, cultural richness, and pros-1.000 crore until March 31 to perity. Encouraging entrepre-neurs, he advised, "Do business prepare new youth entrepreneurs across the state. From positive results." April 1, another Rs 1,000 crore will be provided to create one lakh new entrepreneurs, he

added. "Earlier, goods came from Dubai, but now our youth are exporting readymade gar-ments there. This will bring money and jobs to India," he said, adding that New India wants to bring happiness on evervone's face. The chief minister pointed out

tioned the Vishwakarma Shram that earlier, getting a bank loan in the state was difficult, but Samman Scheme, launched on a later Foundation Day to honour artisans and craftsmen. recent efforts have streamlined Encouraging young entrepre-neurs, he advised them to be the process. "A meeting was recently held in Lucknow, where bank officials were patient in business, as \capital directed to speed up loan approvals," he said. and prosperity grow over time. "This is the very objective of CM Yuva Udyami Yojana, and the government is fully com-So far, 25,000 people have had

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with honesty, and you will get The event was attended by MSME Minister Rakesh Sachan, MP Ravi Kishan, MLC Dr Dharmendra Singh, MLAs Vipin Singh, Rajesh Tripathi, Mahendra Pal Singh, Pradeep Shukla, Vimlesh Paswan, Sarvan Nishad, Anil Tripathi, Javmangal Kannaujiya, Dr Aseem Kumar and Gyanendra Singh. Also present were UP Commission of Women Vice Chairperson Charu Chaudhary, UP Cow Service Commission Vice-President Mahesh Shukla, Kali Bari temple mahant Ravindra Das Maharaj, and Industry

Commissioner & Director K Vijayendra Pandian, among their loans sanctioned, with other dignitaries.

Get estimate of treatment, govt support assured, says CM

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hief Minister Yogi Adityanath conducted a 'Ianata ˈ Darshan' on Gorakhnath temple premises on Thursday, attentively listening to the concerns of around people. He reassured the public that their issues would be resolved speedily and instructed officials to address them promptly. During the interaction, a woman sought financial assistance for the treatment of a



sary support. The chief minister handed over the applica-tions to the officials, directing them to expedite the estimation process and forward it to the government for timely assistance.

Emphasising the government's commitment. Chief Minister Yogi asserted that addressing public grievances remains a top priority and urged offi-cials to act swiftly and dili-gently. Additionally, the chief minister shared a warm moment with children visiting the temple. He enquired about their studies and blessed them with wishes for a bright future, distributing chocolates and toffees as a gesture of affection.

izens of this country."

power in Uttar Pradesh.

"Our government worked at

the grassroots level to bring

social transformation and eco-

nomic empowerment. Unlike

the current administration, we

ensured sufficient funding to

provide 17 essential facilities to

rural areas, significantly

improving people's lives," she said. She reaffirmed the BSP's

commitment to Ambedkarite

principles and pledged to con-

Yogi govt opens doors for Milkipur's development Gahnag Baba Dham is a major

Avodhva (PNS): Fulfilling its promises, the Yogi Adityanath government has opened the doors to development in Milkipur assembly constituency. In a major boost to tourism and cultural heritage, Rs 106.60 lakh is being spent on beautification of Gahnag Baba Dham in Amani Ganj Vikas Khand's Ram Patti. With the Ram temple now completed, efforts are accel-

religious site that attracts lakhs of devotees during annual fairs. Considering the large influx of visitors, a tourism development plan has been put in place. The Ayodhya Teerth Vikas Parishad, responsible for preserving and enhancing sacred sites, is overseeing the beautification project. Established a year ago under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the counci

Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226010. "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6)

of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Legal Cell : HDFC Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Experio Building, Vibhuti Khand,

(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 07-04-2025, for recovery of Rs.62,99,626/- o/s as on 15-07-2021 along with further interest and charges applicable due to the HDFC Bank Ltd. Secured Creditor from (i) MRS. RASHM VANDANA MISHRA (BORROWER & MORTGAGOR), (ii) MR. SATISH KUMAR MISHRA (CO-BORROWER). The reserve price will be Rs 72,09,000/-and the earnest money deposit wil 7,20,900/-

Short description of the immovable property House Built On Plot No 7, Over Part Of Khasra No 241, Having Area 167.286 Sq Mtr, Situated At Gram Bahadur Pur, Ward Shankarpurwa, Tehsil & District Lucknow. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in HDFC Bank Ltd,

Secured Creditor's website https://www.hdfcbank.com/personal/resources/important-



family member. In response, Chief Minister Yogi advised her to obtain the estimate of treatment and assured her that the government would extend the neces-

erating to develop and restore all historical and spiritual sites across the district. During the Milkipur by-election, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had personally assured the beautification of Gahnag Baba Dham, and now the work has officially begun. Additionally, approvals for road construction and school infrastructure projects in Milkipur had already been granted, and these projects are currently under development.

aims to develop and promote Uttar Pradesh's rich spiritual heritage. According to Santosh Sharma, CEO of Ayodhya Teerth Vikas Parishad, Gahnag Baba Dham was inspected, and a proposal was sent for approval. After receiving approval, the development work has begun. The project includes beautification of the religious site and transforming the pond into a traditional kund.

Date: - 07.03.2025, Place: - Lucknow Authorised Offier, HDFC Bank Ltd

सचिव कार्यालय, स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ, प्राधिकार प्रकाशित अधिसूचना 10 नवम्बर 2024

क्रमांकः एस०एस०वी०/प्रशासनिक/027/2024–दिनाँक 09/10/2024 दिन बुद्धवा हुई स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ की बैठक में निर्णय लिया गया कि स्वामी सत्यानन्त विद्यापीठ का शासकीय पंजीकृत कार्यालय आसराखेड़ा, तहसील धामपुर, बिजनौर में है मख्यालय भोगपर तीर्थनगर, बढियोवाला, तहसील जसपर, उधमसिंहनगर–244712 में है मुख्य न्यासी (अध्यक्ष) ने 09 सितम्बर 2024 को उक्त प्रस्ताव की स्वीकृति प्रदान की है। उत्तर प्रदेश इण्टरमीडिएट एजुकेशन एकट-1921 के अध्याय-14 के विनियम-2 (क) के अनुपालन में स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ की स्थापना भारतीय न्यास अधिनियम 1882 के अतुर्गत स्वायत्तर्शासी शैक्षिक संस्था (न्यास) के रूप में की गई है। भारतीय निबंधन अधिनियम 1908 के अन्तर्गत संस्था का निबंधन सब–रजिस्ट्रार कार्यालय, रजिस्ट्रीकरण, धामपूर उत्तर प्रदेश शासन द्वारा किया गया है। जिसका रजिस्ट्रेशन नं० IV- 09/2013 है। स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ पूर्वा भेज प्रवाद किंग्रिय के प्रविद्यान के प्रविद्यान के प्रविद्यान के प्रविद्यान के प्रविद्यान के प संस्था के उद्देश्य समस्त भारत में सभी जाति एवं सभी धर्मों के लिए विद्यालयी शिक्षा

भी विषयों एवं भाषाओं में प्रारंभिक शिक्षा, प्रवेशिका, पूर्व माध्यमिक, माध्यमिक (कक्षा 10वीं), वरिष्ठ माध्यमिक (कक्षा–12वीं), अध्यापकीय पाठ्यक्रमों आदि में प्रमाणपत्र डिप्लोमा में शिक्ष एवं प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया जाएगा। परीक्षाएँ संचालित करायी व परीक्षाफल घोषित किया र्भ मार्पियों प्रयोग किया जाने राजा राजार प्रवारण करवा ने राज्य हुए किया किया जाता का जाएगा। परीक्षाफल के प्रमाणपत्र प्रदान किये जाएगे। गुरुकुलों/शिक्षा केन्द्रों की स्थापना एवं सम्बद्धता भी प्रदान की जाएगी। शिक्षा नियमित/व्यक्तिगत/ऑनलाइन पद्धति के माध्यम से प्रदान की जायेगी। स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ द्वारा प्रदान की गई शिक्षा व पाठ्यक्रम पूर्व परीक्षा प्रमाण-पत्रों की वहीं मान्यता होगी जो अन्य शासकीय/अर्ध शासकीय परिषदों/बोर्डो/मण्डलों/विश्वविद्यालयों की शिक्षा पाठ्यक्रमों, परीक्षाओं के गमाण–पत्रों / उपाधियों की समकक्ष मान्यता होती है। स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ के प्रमाण–पत्र उपाधियों की समकक्ष मान्यता से तात्पर्य अग्रिम शिक्षा में प्रवेश एवं सरकारी नौकरियों ग नेवा से है। **माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय के निर्देशानुसार उक्त अधिसूचना जारी की जाती है।** आचार्य परीक्षित भारद्वाज (सचिव, प्रशासनिक)

सचिव कार्यालय, स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ, प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित अधिसूचना

क्रमांक : एस०एस०वी० / प्रशासनिक / 028 / 2024–दिनाँक:18 / 02 / 2025 दिन शक्रव को हुई स्वामीसत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ की बैठक में निर्णय लिया गया कि स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापी का शासकीय पंजीकृत कार्यालय आसराखेड़ा, तहसील धामपुर, बिजनौर में है। मुख्यालय ठाकुरद्वारा, मुरादाबाँद—244601 में स्थित है। मुख्य न्यासी (अध्यक्ष) ने 18 फरवरी 2025 कं उक्त प्रस्ताव की स्वीकृति प्रदान की है। शिक्षा के विकास को ध्यान में रखते हुए भारतीय संविधान अनुच्छेद 19—21—28 के अनुपालन में स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ की स्थापना भारतीय ऱ्यास अधिनियम 1882 के अन्तर्गत स्वायत्तशासी शैक्षिक संस्था (न्यास) के रूप में की गई है। भारतीय निबंधन अधिनियम 1908 के अन्तर्गत संस्था का निबंधन सब–रजिस्ट्रार कार्यालय, रजिस्ट्रीकरण, धामपूर उत्तर प्रदेश शासन द्वारा किया गया है। जिसका रजिस्ट्रेशन नंक IV–09 / 2013 है। स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ एक वैधानिक स्वायत्तशासी शैक्षणिक संस्थ है। संस्था के उद्देश्य समस्त भारत में सभी जाति एवं सभी धर्मों के लिए औषधीय, औद्योगिक, गविधिक, प्रौद्योगिक, अभियांत्रिकीय, योग एवं प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, पंचगव्य चिकित्सा आवि गठ्यक्रमों में प्रमाणपत्र डिप्लोमा में शिक्षा एवं[ँ]प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया जाएगा। परीक्षाएं ांचालित करायी व परीक्षाफल घोषित किया जाएगा। परीक्षाफल के प्रमाणपत्र प्रदान किये गऐंगे। गुरूकुलों∕शिक्षा केन्द्रों की स्थापना एवं सम्बद्धता भी प्रदान की जाएगी। शिक्षा नियमित∕ ऑनलाइन पद्धति के माध्यम प्रदान की जायेगी। योग एवं प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा के शिक्षण—प्रशिक्षप की समकक्ष मान्यता के क्रम में माननीय उच्च न्यायालय इलाहाबाद के आदेश के अनपाल उत्तर प्रदेश शासन द्वारा पारित आदेश के प्रभावी अंश निम्नवत है :-

रिट–सी–संख्या–27754 / 2022 स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ द्वारा, चेयरमेन बलदेव कौशिक बनाम यूनियन ऑफ इण्डिया व चार अन्य में पारित आदेश दिनाँक 02–12–2024 तथा , धिनियम / नियम बनने में प्रक्रियात्मक विलम्ब होने की संभावना के दृष्टिगत प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा एवं योग के स्नातक पाठ्यक्रम पूर्ण कर चुके छात्र—छात्राओं के हित में उत्तर प्रदेश नें संयुक्त प्रान्त भारतीय चिकित्सा अधिनियम 1939 (यथा संशोधित 2015) के अधीन पूर्व से गठित पंजीकरण संस्था, आयुर्वेदिक तथा यूनानी तिब्बी चिकित्सा पद्धति बोर्ड, उ०प्र० लखेनउ को पृथक रजिस्टर में, विधि द्वारा स्थापित विश्वविद्यालयों से बैचलर ऑफ नेचुरोपैथी एंड योगिक साइंस (बी0एन0बाई०एस०) पाठ्यक्रम पूर्ण करने वाले स्नातकों के नियमानुसार पृथव रजिस्टर में पंजीकरण हेतु आधिकृत किये जाने की श्री राज्यपाल एतदद्वारा स्वीकृति प्रदान करते हैं। यह आदेश तत्काल प्रभाव से लागू होगा। स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ द्वारा प्रदान की गई शिक्षा व पाठ्यक्रमों एवं परीक्षा प्रमाण–पत्रों की वही मान्यता होगी जो अन्य शासकीय/अर्ध शासकीय परिषदों/बोर्डो/मण्डलों/विश्वविद्यालयों की शिक्षा पाठ्यक्रमों, गरीक्षाओं के प्रमाण−पत्रों∕उपाधियों की समकक्ष मान्यता होती है। स्वामी सत्यानन्द विद्यापीठ के प्रमाण—पत्र उपाधियों की समकक्ष मान्यता से तात्पर्य अग्रिम शिक्षा में प्रवेश एवं सरकारी नौकरियों में सेवा से है।

माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय के निर्देशानुसार उक्त अधिसूचना जारी की जाती है आचार्य परीक्षित भारदाज (सचिव, प्रशासनिक)

Bahraich residents facing menace of stray dogs

PTI BAHRAICH

After incidents of wolf attacks, and leopard and elephant threats, the residents of Bahraich district are now facing the new menace of aggressive stray dogs. Over the past 10 days, one child

been injured in dog attacks across several areas of the district. The situation has escalated to the extent that the administration is making public announcements via loudspeakers in the affected villages of Shivpur and Mahsi blocks, advising residents to carry sticks when stepping out in the evening. District Magistrate (DM) Monika Rani has issued an advisory instructing parents not to allow children to go outside alone. She has also warned officials of strict action in case of any recurrence of such attacks in their areas. The administration has launched an awareness campaign across 192 villages to educate residents about the threat.

Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) Dr Rajesh Upadhyay told PTI on Thursday that the most severe incident occurred on February 24 in Shivpur block's Khairighat area.

"Pinki, a 12-year-old girl from Matera Kala village, was attacked by a pack of four-five stray dogs while cutting fodder in the fields after school. The dogs dragged her away and mauled her to death. Her severely mutilated body was

later recovered by villagers," he said.

Dr Upadhyay further reported that the worst-affected areas -Khairighat and Shivpur Bazar in Shivpur block and Sikandarpur in Mahsi block have seen 14 dog attack cases

in the past 10 days. has died and 14 people have All victims are receiving treatment in government hospitals. The dogs have attacked livestock, with 81 injured animals receiving treatment. Over 6,000 pets and stray animals have been vaccinated against rabies as a precautionary measure, he said.

To control the situation, teams from the police, revenue, veterinary and block development departments are conducting awareness drives in 192 village councils. In severely affected areas, authorities are using e-rickshaws equipped with loudspeakers to spread awareness.

"A sterilisation drive is also underway, with 92 stray dogs sterilised so far, as neutering reduces aggression in dogs," Dr Upadhyay added. A rabid dog was also found dead in Khairighat, confirming the presence of rabies among the

stravs The district magistrate held a high-level meeting on Wednesday to review measures to curb attacks by stray dogs and monkeys. She issued strict warnings to the municipal and veterinary officials, stating that repeated incidents would lead to punitive action.

Maya: UP govt failed to use funds for welfare of underprivileged

PTI LUCKNOW

 $B_{\rm Thursday}^{\rm SP}$ supremo Mayawati on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the Uttar Pradesh government, accus-ing it of "failing" to use funds for welfare of the underprivileged.

Speaking at a select press conference in Lucknow, Mayawati accused the Yogi Adityanathled government of "failing" to provide basic amenities such as education, healthcare, roads, electricity and water, despite the

state being touted as the "growth engine" of the country. "The poor condition of these essential services is no secret. The Uttar Pradesh government, like the Centre, has no shortage of funds, but its failure to use them for the welfare of the underprivileged is deeply concerning," she said.

Mayawati also accused the BJP of following the same governance model as the Congress, saying that regional parties ruling other states are adopting a similar approach. "The BJP, like the Congress, has

made crucial welfare schemes ineffective. The Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Grameen Samagra Vikas Yojna (comprehensive village development scheme), which was started by our government to uplift rural families, has been rendered inactive by successive Congress, SP and now BJP governments," she alleged.

"The government's economic toric reforms in social transforpolicies and budgetary claims largely benefit a handful of mation and economic liberation on the ground." wealthy capitalists. Instead of Mayawati further accused the making the rich richer, the gov-BJP government of weakening ernment should focus on eradwelfare schemes meant for the icating poverty, unemployment

underprivileged, much like and backwardness among the previous Congress and nearly 125 crore common cit-Samajwadi Party (SP) governments. Highlighting her party's track record, Mayawati asserted that She also condemned Madhya

Pradesh Minister Prahlad Patel the BSP had implemented for referring to welfare scheme beneficiaries as a "brigade of "real" social and economic reforms during its four terms in beggars." 'Such statements reveal the

BJP's narrow-minded, casteist attitude toward millions of poor and neglected citizens. First, the government forces them into a life of poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and backwardness through its wrong policies and then it humiliates them while providing minimal relief under welfare schemes. This is shameful," she said. Mayawati went on to slam the

tinue fighting for the rights of the marginalised. BJP for allegedly using Dalits Expressing concern over the and the underprivileged as deteriorating socio-economic conditions in Uttar Pradesh mere vote banks. "It is disgraceful that after securing and the country, Mayawati said, "Our party BSP was founded with the goal of votes by giving a little food to the poor, the government later insults them by calling them empowering the oppressed and exploited. Following the ideals of Babasaheb Dr B R beggars. This is an open dis-play of anti-poor and casteist politics, which deserves the Ambedkar, we have continustrongest condemnation. While this issue was widely ously fought for their upliftment. Under my leadership, the discussed in the media, the BJP's central leadership chose BSP government in Uttar Pradesh has demonstrated histo ignore it, which is also a

BJP governments across the country of "misusing law enforcement and government machinery" to target people of a "particular religion and their places of worship". "This goes against the constitutional values of secularism and is, in reality, a step that hinders the country's progress," she said. Mayawati urged the central and state governments to abandon their alleged "divisive, casteist and communal" actions.

matter of concern," she assert-

ed. Additionally, she accused

"Such policies are harming the interests and welfare of millions of poor, labourers, Dalits, tribals, backward classes, and other hard working citizens, ultimately affecting the nation's development. There must be a genuine commitment to Sarvajan Hitay, Sarvajan Sukhay' (welfare and happiness

for all) in governance," she emphasised. She also raised concerns about the Union and state budgets, saying, "Every year, grand promises are made in budgets regarding develop-ment and public welfare, but less than 50 per cent of them are implemented implemented properly." "Moreover, funds allocated for Dalits, tribals, backward classes and religious minorities are often diverted to other sectors. Our party has repeatedly raised this issue in Parliament and outside and the government must take a serious note of it."

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KDA gets land vacated from illegal possession

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE KANPUR

The enforcement squad of Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) got 84.340 square metre land worth ₹185 crore vacated from illegal pos-session. The squad pressed backhoe loaders to bulldoze the illegel mace construction car illegal pucca construction car-ried there. On protest, police chased the encroachers and pacified the matter. On the vacated land, the KDA will launch housing scheme after survey. Under the directive of Vice- Chairman Madan Singh Garbyal, the KDA squad reached Daheli Sujanpur village in zone 4 where people had car-ried out illegal plotting and pucca construction on the land of Arazi Nos 1766, 1865, 1863, 2196, 2112, 2105, 2005, 2004, 2196, 2112, 2105, 2003, 2005, 1884 (49.800 square metres), Arazi Nos.992, 256, 204, 209 (16,000 square metres) in Sanigwa village and Arazi Nos 1296, 1173 (18.540 square 1296, 11/3 (18.540 square metres) in Ahirwa village, all worth ₹170 crore. The squad got it vacated from their pos-session. Thereafter, the squad also got 6000 sq mtrs land worth around ₹15 crore vacated from illegal possession in KDUP Barra where people had set up their shops of gas agency, auto repairing and building material etc. ONE KILLED IN ACCI-scooty. When he reached near

DENT: A scooty-borne army- Akbarpur overbridge on married eight months ago to



The KDA squad demolished illegal possession in Daheli Sujanpur, Sanigwa, Ahirwa and Barra.

seriously injured after being hit by a speeding truck near Akbarpur overbridge in Kanpur Dehat on Wednesday night. The truck ran over him and escaped from the spot. Reports said Anirudh Pal (35) of Khanpur Chain under Mangalpur police station in Kanpur Dehat, was posted in artillery in Nasirabad (Rajasthan). Presently, he was living with family members in Sunder Nagar, Panki, Kanpur and had come here on leave.

On Wednesday night, he was going to attend a marriage ceremony with son Aryan (14)

man died while his son was Kanpur-Etawah highway around 11 pm the speeding truck hit him. After he fell on the road the truck ran over him killing him on the spot. Arvan also sustained serious injury in the incident. Police sent the injured to a hospital. Station House Officer (SHO) Satish Kumar Singh said the abscond-ing truck driver is being searched. On receipt of complaint, further action will be initiated in the matter, he said. Meanwhile, a newly married woman was found hanging under mysterious circumstances in Dendupur village of Chaubepur police station area on Wednesday evening. She was identified as Vimla (19)

momos vendor Neerai Gautam Her in-laws said that she committed suicide. The uncle of the deceased Ram Nath said he came know about the incident from the villagers. When he reached the spot, the body was lying on the floor. He alleged the killing of Vimla by in-laws when she failed to meet their dowry demand. He alleged that a week ago, Vimla was beaten up by in-laws. The police have taken her husband and mother-in-law in custody. SHO Rajendra Kant Shukla said the body had been sent for autopsy. He said that on the basis of complaint, first information report (FIR) had been lodged and investigation has been started.

inspected by him from time to inspected by him from time to time. On laxity, penal action will be initiated against the guilty official, he said. Committee members present at the meeting included the offi-cials of RTO, PWD, traffic police and other departments. They submitted the list of black spots identified by them at Rampur Durga temple, Anupur turn, Afzalpur, Harbanshpur, Ramaipur, Shambhua bridge, Ramaipur, Shambhua bridge, Bhaunti, Kisan Nagar, Narval turn, Bhaunti bypass, Dhobin Pulia, Naramau tiraha, Dalhan crossing, Chandali bypass, Tatmil chauraha, Ganga Barrange and Unnao Bangermau road near Naramau. It was informed that under the national bichway No under the national highway No 91, a proposal of Rs.208 crore had been sent to state administration for the widening of road up to Gol Chauraha. At the Ramaipur black spot, apart from construction of slip road and T junction, flexi boards will be installed at all black spots



DM: Prepare work plan to

tackle road accidents

DM Jitendra Pratap Singh addressing the meeting of Road Safety Committee at Collectorate auditorium

chief minister during his recent-

lv held video conferencing, dis-

trict magistrate directed to

install boards displaying the

DIES: A youth was killed on

being hit by a speeding train while crossing the railway track near Mariyani village in Chaubepur on Thursday

morning. He was identified as Chhotu Kushwaha (30), who used to work with father Bharat

Kushwaha in Kalyanpur as a

Reports received here said that

around 10.30 am, when Chhotu was returning from his

friend's place and crossing the

carpenter in a shop.

soon. The DM directed to install cameras under the Operation Trinetra by shifting electricity pole to other places for construction of approach road at Chakeri New Airport Terminal. He directed to close two new washing centres set up between Paras turn and Baripal Road. The DM directed to impose penalty against heavy vehicles parked along the high-way on national highway No.2 from Ramadevi (Kanpur) to Fatehpur. Transport depart-ment officer informed that 302 vehicles had been challaned for Rs 200 each for being parked along the highway from February 22 to 28. In the light of the directives issued by the

railway track near Marivani village, the speeding train hit him which led to his killing on the spot. Police sent the body number of mishaps and affect-ed people at all black spots soon. YOUTH HIT BY TRAIN, for an autopsy after completing legal formalities.

Meanwhile a teenaged girl allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself in Pradhanpur village of Shivrajpur under Bilhaur Kotwali police station area on Wednesday night. She was a student of class IX. Upset at being scolded by mother, she went to a room and hanged herself from the hook of the ceiling. Police sent the body for autopsy. SHO Aman Singh said on receipt of autopsy report, further action will be initiated in the matter.

Stress on financial literacy to prevent cyber fraud



transactions while using public WiFi and stressed on always

changing the password. Special guest and Lead District Manager Avinash Agarwal said that cyber fraud is increasing at the same pace at which financial transactions are increasing. "The government is making it more secure with various schemes and emphasis is also being laid on increasing its use", he said.

Acting principal of the college Prof Mishri Lal said in the digital age, instead of running away from technology, it is necessary to make it your ally and use it like a friend. However, to prevent fraud the guidelines suggested by RBI should be followed. A quiz competition was also organ

Adani lays foundation for large calibre ammunition complex



PESO-certified complex features explosive management facilities for missiles and pre-cision-guided weapons. During his maiden visit to the facility, he held discussions with officials involved in ordnance manufacturing. He personally tested the weapons by sonally tested the weapons by firing multiple rounds to assess their performance. On social platform X, he shared: "Just visited Adani Defence & Aerospace in Kanpur. Inspired to witness the incredible innovation and the firm commitment to India's self-reliance in defence by the Adani team. Best of Átmanirbhar Bharat in action. Our aim is to keep pushing boundaries to help build a stronger self-reliant India

Battle of wits at 'Gyana Sangram' **SPANDAN-2005**



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Afinancial literacy pro-gramme-cum-workshop was organised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Lucknow, to ensure safety of financial transactions and for cyber security at DAV PG College on Thursday. DGM of RBI Rakesh Dubey, who was the chief guest, while addressing the awareness etc. "In such a situ-ation, the RBI is making efforts students said that financial literacy is very important to prevent cyber fraud. "Fraudsters

by RBI in the programme in which 15 winning students were awarded by the DGM. Apart from Dishaant, Rishabh, made people their victims even officials of Union Bank of India in an event like Maha Kumbh Vivek Kumar, Dilip and others in the name of tent city, online rituals while there are some who cheat people by doing cyber fraud even during funerals", he said. Dubey said cyber fraudsters make common peo-

participated from RBI. The guests were welcomed by Vice-Principal Prof Rahul while the vote of thanks was proposed by IOAC coordinator Dr Parul Jain. On the occasion, Chief ple their victims by taking advantage of fear, lack of Proctor Dr Sanjay Kumar Singh, Prof Sanjay Shah, Dr Rashmi Tripathi, Dr Mrityunjay Pratap Singh, Kunwar Shashank at every level for awareness", Shekhar, Surjeet Singh, Vipin Kumar besides other professors Dubey said. He said one should never do financial and staff were present.-



Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani inspecting the model of large calibre ammunition complex in Sadh (Ghatampur) with officials.

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dani Group Chairman AGautam Adani visited the Adani Defence and Aerospace complex in the Defence Corridor in Sadh police station area of Ghatampur here on Wednesday. He laid foundation for the large calibre ammunition complex (bombs and bullet manufacturing

plant). The facility announced during the Uttar Pradesh Investors Summit in 2022 commenced operations after 18 months. Situated on 499 acre area, it was inaugurated on February 26 last year. It incorporates cutting-edge technology, including artificial intelligence and data analytics, to ensure superior quality, safety and reliability. The

After arriving from his char-tered aircraft in the morning, he was welcomed by senior company officials. He then inspected the sophisticated machinery and evaluated the bullet production capacity. He was seen assessing bullet quality through hands-on examination.

At the firing range of the facility, he conducted personal quality tests on modern rifles, firing multiple rounds and analysing bullet speed, precision and quality using specialised equipment. He also tested smaller arms, including revolvers.

The third day of the SPAN-DAN-2025, cultural youth festival of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) on Wednesday evening, reached a crescendo of talent and intellectual prowess, leaving audience spellbound with a diverse range of competitions and perfor-mances. The day delivered a dvnamic mix of artistic expression and mental agility, showcasing the depth and breadth of BHU's student talent. From soulful melodies to gripping theatrical performances and a nail-biting quiz finale, the day

popular melodies. În total, 22 students participated in Light Vocal Song – Solo. The 'Raag Darbar' the classical song competition, showcased the intricate beauty of traditional Indian music. The short play competition, 'Rangmanch', presented a series of compelling narratives, demonstrating the exceptional acting and storytelling abilities of students.

The highly anticipated quiz finale, 'Gyana Sangram', saw the brightest minds of BHU clash in a battle of wits, providing an exhilarating and intellecwas a testament to the vibrant tually stimulating experience. was a testament to me violant spirit of 'Spandan.' The Amphitheatre ground came alive with exhilarating folk Various other events took place throughout the day, including extempore competitions, paintdance performances, embodying competitions and more, ing the spirit of 'Mini India', a providing a wide array of opporreference often attributed to tunities for students to showcase BHU for the diversity it fosters their skills. The atmosphere and nurtures. Teams from varwas electric as students and ious faculties and colleges perspectators alike witnessed the formed various dance forms culmination of months of from various parts of the counpreparation and practice. The try, including Rajasthani, festival grounds resonated with Lavani, Assamese, tribal forms applause and cheers, creating an unforgettable experience and others. The 'Sur Sangam' light vocal song competition for everyone present.

HPV vaccine to be administered in 81 schools today

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Under the inspiration of Governor Anandiben Patel and the guidance of the district administration, life-saving

to 14 years for cervical cancer principals have been informed in 81 primary and upper pri-mary schools of the urban that consent letter and Aadhar area of the district on Friday.

card must be obtained from the parents of every girl aged Giving this information, 9 to 14 years for vaccination. Chief Medical Officer Its micro plan has been made HPV vaccine will be adminis-tered to adolescent girls aged 9 Chaudhary said for this all workers has been assigned.

District Immunisation Officer (DIO) Dr AK Maurya said that cervical cancer is a major health problem in women, which can be reduced by 90 per cent through vaccination. This vaccine will be administered in two doses at

an interval of six months courtesy of Yuva Unstoppable Sanstha. This vaccine protects teenage girls from four types of viruses.

In the coming days, this vaccine will also be administered to girls up to 22 years of age.

HPV vaccination is very helpful in preventing cancers. Parents are appealed to take part in getting their daughters vaccinated against HPV so

that they can be protected from fatal diseases like cervical cancer in the future.

Banaras Lit Fest begins today

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The biggest event of the literary world is going to be held in the city from Friday in which there will be an unprecedented gathering of renowned personalities of literature, art and culture. Famous personalities from the country and abroad are going to gather in the most prestigious interactive event of the world of literature, art and culture, 'Banaras Lit Fest: Kashi Sahitya-Kala Utsav'.

The festival, which is going to be organised at Nadesar Palace of Hotel Taj, in its third edition from March 7 to 9, will bring together prominent personalities from various genres and subjects.

In a press conference organised at Banaras Club by Banaras Lit Fest Kashi Sahitya Kala Organising Committee, the organisers shared detailed information about the event. Organising committee chairman Deepak Madhok said the inaugural ceremony will be held on March 7 at 12 noon. The chief of the inaugural

ceremony will be Governor of Assam Laxman Acharya while guest of honour will be Deputy Chairman of Rajya

Sabha Harivansh Narayan Singh. He said this event dedicated to Kashi's own Sanatan culture is illuminated by the values of saints and sages here, that is why in a very short time this event has become popular and prestigious among eminent litterateurs and literature lovers of the country and abroad. One of the main attractions of this festival is this year's 'Book Award', in which famous writers will be honoured. More than 500 eminent speakers, writers, intellectuals, critics, publishers, cultural representatives are participating in this year's event, which includes winners of Nobel Prize, Booker Prize, Sahitya Akademi winners, policy makers, diplomats, scholars, politicians, social scientists, social workers etc. Many topics like literature, fine arts,

music, cinema, sports, science-envi-ronment, defence, society, media etc will be discussed.

This year, the guests and speakers others

who will participate in the festival are well-known actor Amol Palekar, Booker Prize winner Geetanjali Shree, author of the book Reet Samadhi, Nobel Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi, President- awarded National Film Award-winning director Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan, Sahitya Akademi Award-winning poet Arun Kamal, Badi Naravan, popular writer Amish Tripathi, Jnanpith Award winner Pratibha Ray, Amish Tripathi, Vikram Sampat, Khalid Javed, Saurabh Dwivedi, Rajdeep Sardesai, Prateek Trivedi, Rashid Kidwai, Kamalanand Jha, Wasim Barelvi, Dr Hariom, Priyanshu Gajendra, Dr Sarita Sharma, Padma Bhushan, Grammy Award winner Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Malini Awasthi, Manoj Tiwari, Padma Shri Bharat Sharma Vyas, Amol Palekar, Ila Arun, Bhasha Sumali, Sanjay Puran Singh, Jameel Akhtar, Aisha Film Industry Stephanie Masonic from Germany, Anand Neelkantan, Lakshmi Puri and

Sanitation workers told strategy to prevent communicable diseases

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Under the guidance of Chief Development Officer (CDO) Himanshu Nagpal, the Health department is touching new heights every day. In view of the special communicable disease control campaign and Dastak campaign starting from April 1, the Health and Panchayati Raj departments have started preparations. In view of the transmission period of mosquitoes, in addition to spraying of insecticides, fogging and cleanliness at the village level, sensitisation of sanitation workers is being done as per the microplan for the prevention and prevention of communicable diseases so that communicable diseases can be controlled and prevented.

Chief Medical Officer (CDO) Dr Sandeep Chaudhary said that on Thursday, 599 sanitation workers of Kashi Vidyapeeth, Harhua, Cholapur and Chiraigaon blocks were sensitised. On Friday, 648

sanitation workers of Pindra, Baragaon, Sewapuri and Araziline blocks will be sensitised. During this, the sanitation workers were told in detail about the strategy for prevention and control of communicable diseases.

District Malaria Officer (DMO) Sharat Chand Pandey said that during the training, the sanitation workers were told in detail about how preventive action would be taken in the area regarding dengue and other vector-borne diseases by surveying the houses. Apart from this, in the training they were given detailed information about antilarva spraying, source destruction (eliminating the sources where mosquitoes can breed), fogging, along with the symptoms, tests, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of people suffering from fever.

CONFERENCE CONCLUDES: The valedictory session of 59th annual conference of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) host-

ed by Department of Economics, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) on Thursday was presided over by TIES president Prof Sudipto Mundle. Member secretary of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Prof Dhanjay Singh was the chief guest while Managing Director (MD) of NabFID SJ Jebaraj was guest of honour of the function.

In his address, Prof Mundle expressed pleasure over the overall functioning of the TIES conference and congratulated the entire team members, including students, of the Department of Economics, Banaras Hindu University (BHU). Chief guest Prof Singh highlighted the vital role of econometrics in examining/analysing the macro data set which are highly useful for policy makers. Speaking on 'industrial development in India: Emerging issues', Member, Monetary Policy Committee, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Director ISID, New

Delhi, Dr Nagesh Kumar empha sised that India has developed a diversified manufacturing base that is fifth-largest globally and manufacturing fosters and helps in eradicating poverty. The session was chaired by former Vice-Chancellor of Rajeev Gandhi University Prof Atul Sharma.

Further, a panel discussion on Local economy; developmental issues and infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh' was held in which academicians like Prof Alok Kumar Mishra, Prof Jagdish Narayan and SJ Jebaraj highlighted various dimensions of the theme. The session was chaired by Prof NK Mishra. In addition, around 90 technical papers dealing with theoretical and empirical econometrics were presented by the scholars from various parts of the country in 16 technical sessions. The vote of thanks in the valedictory session was proposed by Dr Bhanu Pratap Saingh, local organising secretary.

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PM reviews progress in cooperative sector, seeks focus on export markets

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress of the cooperative sector and emphasised the need for partnerships with global cooperative organisations and for promoting organic products with special focus on export markets.

Modi also recommended the use of digital public infrastructure (Agristack) to expand agriculture and related activities in cooperative sector and highlighted the importance of integrating UPI with RuPay Kisan Credit Card to facilitate financial transactions.

During the meeting here, discussions were held on promoting "Sahkar Se bringing Samruddhi' transformation through technological advancements in the cooperative sector, plans to increase the participation of youth and women in cooperatives, and the various initiatives of the Ministry of Cooperation, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. The meeting was attended by Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah. Prime Minister

emphasised the need for partnerships with global cooperative organisations to expand Indian the cooperative sector and



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graduates

according to the statement.

He further said that young

encouraged to contribute, and

should

be

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

stressed promoting organic Modi also recommended the use of digital public infrastructure (Agristack) to products through cooperative organisations. expand

He also suggested focusing on markets export and developing a soil testing model through cooperatives to improve agricultural practices.

Modi emphasised the need for healthy competition among cooperative organisations, the statement said. He also emphasised the importance of documenting Modi the assets of cooperative organisations to ensure transparency and suggested promoting cooperative farming as a more sustainable agricultural model.



growth simultaneously.

Cooperation Policy and key

achievements of the Ministry

of Cooperation over the past

three-and-a-half years, the

Realising the vision of 'Sahkar

briefed

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statement said.

youth. It aims to promote a agriculture and cooperative-based economic related activities in the model and establish a robust cooperative sector, providing legal and institutional farmers with better access to framework, the statement further said.

In the context of education, Furthermore, the policy endeavours to deepen the the prime minister proposed cooperative grassroots impact of courses in schools, colleges, cooperatives and significantly enhance the contribution of and IIMs, as well as successful the cooperative sector to the cooperative organisations to overall development of the inspire future generations, country, it said.

Since its inception, the ministry has undertaken 60 initiatives across seven key areas to promote and strengthen the cooperative cooperative organisations

should be ranked based on movement, it added. their performance, so as to These initiatives include the promote competition and digitization of cooperative institutions through the During the meeting, the National Cooperative Prime Minister was also Database and about National

Computerisation Projects, as well as the strengthening of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). Additionally, the ministry has focused on enhancing efficiency the and sustainability of cooperative sugar mills.

The Centre has implemented various schemes for cooperative societies through "whole of government

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the statement said.

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opportunities

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 additional Holi Festival Special Trains as per details given below :-

02436/02435 New Delhi-Patna JnNew Delhi Reserved Vande Bharat Holi Special Train						22 Trips
Train N	lo.: 02436			Train No.: 02435		
ARR.	DEP.	•	STATIONS		ARR.	DEP.
	08:30		New Delhi		20:10	
20:10			Patna Jn.			08:30

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. Dee Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara Jn. stations.

ACCOMMODATION: Executive & Chair Car.

09425/09426 Sabarmati JnHaridwar JnSabarmati Jn. Holi Special Train						14 Trips
Train N	lo.: 09425				Train No	.: 09426
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	17:20		Sabarmati Jn.		22:30	
17:00			Haridwar Jn.			21:00
DATE OF RUN: 09425 Ex Sabarmati Jn. on 09. 13. 16. 20. 23. 27 &						

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, Aimer Jn., Madar Jn., Kishangarh, Jaipur Jn., Gandhi Nagar Jaipur, Bandikui Jn., Alwar, Rewari, Gurgaon, Delhi Cantt., Delhi Jn., Ghaziabad, Meerut City, Muzaffarnagar & Roorkee stations ACCOMMODATION: AC-3 Tier, Sleeper & General

04829/04830 Jodhpur JnGorakhpur JnJodhpur Jn. Holi Special Train						
Train N	o.: 04829		STATIONS	Train No	.: 04830	
ARR.	DEP.	•			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.

04821/04822 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Haridwar Jn.-Trips Bhagat Ki Kothi Holi Special Tra n

approach", integrating over 15 convert IRMA Anand into schemes from more than 10 'Tribhuvan Cooperative ministries at the PACS level, University' and make it an Institution of National As a result, there has been has Importance diversification in cooperative introduced in the Parliament, the statement said. Prime businesses, additional income

increased Minister Modi was briefed on the growth of cooperatives for cooperatives, and improved and their vital role across accessibility of government schemes in rural areas, it said. various sectors. Cooperative sector's contribution to Annual targets have also been India's economy, particularly set for the formation of these agriculture, rural in development, and economic cooperatives, the statement said. To promote cooperative inclusion was highlighted, the education, training and statement said. research and to provide skilled professionals, a Bill to During the meeting, it was

one-fifth of the country's population is associated with the cooperative sector, which includes over 8.2 lakh institutions cooperative spanning more than 30 sectors, with a membership exceeding 30 crore individuals.

The meeting was also attended by Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Ashish Kumar Bhutani; Principal Secretary to the PM PK Mishra; Principal Secretary-2 to the PM Shaktikanta Das; Advisor to the PM Amit Khare; and other senior officials.

highlighted that presently,

05045/05046 Lal Kuan-Rajkot JnLal Kuan Holi Special Train						
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	13:10		Lal Kuan		04:05	
14:55	14:57		Bareilly		02:03	02:05
18:10 Rajkot Jn						
DATE OF RUN: 05045 Fx Lal Kuan on 09 03 2025 to 27 04 2025 (Sunday)						

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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, Marwa Bhinmal, Raniwara, Dhanera, Bhildi Jn., Patan, Mahesana Jn. Viramgan Jn., Surendranagar & Wankaner Jn. stations.

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

	05193/05194 Chhapra-Mtyr Captain Tushar Mahajan- Chhapra Holi Special Train									
	Train N	lo.: 05193		Train No	.: 05194					
	ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.					
		14:00	Chhapra	08:00						
	08:42	08:47	Moradabad	14:20	14:30					
ų	23:05		Mtyr Captain Tushar Mahaja	n	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						
Train N	lo.: 08895		STATIONS		.: 08896	
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	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 J., Prayagraj Chheoki, Ghazipur City & Ballia stations. ACCOMMODATION: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper & General.

ACCOMMODATION: AC-2 TIER, AC-3 TIER, Sleeper & General.						
08863/08864 Gondia JnChhapra-Gondia Jn. Holi Special Train						
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Congress slams new panopticon Income Tax law PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Congress said from its official way?" she asked. politics this The Congress leader said this X handle.

The Congress on Thursday L alleged that the new income-tax law which will helps the tax officials to have access to the e-mails, social media and bank accounts of all assessees, which will lead to India becoming a surveillance

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state. Congress spokesperson and the head of the party's social media department, Supriya Shrinate, said this is a warning for everyone as email, social media, bank and trading accounts are under an attack now.

"They spied on us with Pegasus. Now, they'll take away our personal lives altogether. Under (Prime you of your privacy. This is This is nothing but am not fine with it. on the basis of simple surveillance. And we must all surveillance. Will you just "Because we have already seen oppose it unequivocally," the stay silent or look the other how driven by vendetta leader claimed.

Shrinate, in a post on X, said,

"Warning: Your email, social media, bank and trading accounts are under attack."

'The new income tax law allows tax officials unrestricted access to your emails: read your private conversations; your social media: monitor your posts, messages and interactions; your bank accounts: track every rupee you earn and spend; and your trading accounts: watch your investments and financial

moves. They need NO proof to do so, just suspicion. A government with unchecked power. The Modi government with that has been misusing Minister Narendra Modi's) agencies to silence critics and new income tax law, the crush Opposition will now do is nothing but the government is quietly giving this: harass and intimidate government trying to take new income tax law, the crush Opposition will now do is tax officials the power to citizens, settle political scores control through backdoor break into your digital life. No by targeting opponents, entry. This is nothing but the opponents, warrant, no notice - mere weaponise tax department to suspicion is enough to strip destroy reputations and lives.

particular government is. They weaponise the ED, CBI and is a warning for everyone as the government will very income-tax (department) not soon have access to citizens' ejust against their political mails, social media accounts, opponents, (but also) to crush bank accounts, financial activists, students and transactions and trading anybody who has a difference accounts, because the new of opinion with it," Shrinate income-tax law proposes that said in a video message along tax officials should have with her post on the

microblogging platform. She said she is not fine with She said the tax officials can read private conversations, tax officials having access to have access to bank accounts e-mails, social media and bank accounts, because this is and get to know about the amount earned by someone going to lead to unnecessary and how the money is spent. harassment and intimidation. They can also have access to "This is going to lead to weaponisation of the agencies and this will also people's trading accounts to their lead to assassination of "This is nothing but the reputation and lives and I am government trying to enter certainly not fine with this. our lives surreptitiously. This This will lead to a

surveillance state and if you are someone who values their privacy, it is time for you to speak up. Because the tax government trying to make officials are going to do this not on the basis of proof but

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	04:15		Haridwar Jn.		05:15

DATE OF RUN: 04821 Ex Bhagat Ki Kothi on 10.03.2025 to ACCOMMODATION: AC-2 Tier, AC-3 Tier, Sleeper & General. 31.03.2025 (Monday) and 04822 Ex Haridwar Jn. on 11.03.2025 to 01.04.2025 (Tuesday).

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	14:15	Trivandrum North	14:15			
20:40		Hazrat Nizamuddin Jn.		04:10		

DATE OF RUN: 06073 Ex Trivandrum North on 07.03.2025 to 14.03.2025 (Friday) and 06075 Ex Hazrat Nizamuddin Jn. on 10.03.2025 to 17.03.2025 (Monday)

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

05007/05008 Gorakhpur JnAmritsar JnGorakhpur Jn. Holi Special Train						
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	14:40		Gorakhpur Jn.		08:00	
09:30			Amritsar Jn.			11:10

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04380 Yog Nagari Rishikesh-Ahmedabad J Holi Special Train	n.	01 Trip
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Yog Nagari Rishikesh		08:10
Ahmedabad Jn.	10:50	

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04280 Lucknow JnSabarmati Jn. Holi Special Train		01 Trip
	Train No	.: 04280
	ARR.	DEP.
Lucknow Jn.		12:10
Sabarmati Jn.	11:45	

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04382 Bareilly-Sabarmati Jn. Holi Special Train		01 Trip
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Bareilly		08:30
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04680 Amritsar JnKatihar Jn. Holi Special Train		01 Trip
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Katihar Jn.	10:30	

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ACCOMMODATION: Sleeper & General.

05060 Azamgarh-Secunderabad Jn. Holi Special Train		01 Trip
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Secunderabad Jn.	21:00	

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inclusion of the latest technological advancements, artificial intelligence, telemedicine and digital healthcare in the revised medical education curriculum. In his address at a post-budget webinar series organised by is more vibrant, meaningful and fit to current challenges and makes optimum use of existing infrastructure and medical faculty.

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He emphasised the need for adding soft skills to increase the empathy, ethics and communication skills of the medical students and said that "the biggest investment is the

government was working announcements

preventive, palliative and rehabilitative approach to patient care.

 $U_{Nadda\ has\ advocated\ the}^{nion\ Health\ Minister\ JP} \overset{\dagger}{\overset{h}{}} We\ are\ also\ trying\ to\ include\ AYUSH\ and\ other\ medical$ systems to ensure the availability and access to healthcare for the people."

curriculum, says Nadda

Addressing the event, Nadda said, "Since cancer treatment is a lengthy process with a long cycle of chemotherapy, the Health Ministry on Wednesday, he sought the framing of a curriculum that Cancer Centres rather than engaging with Day Care Cancer Centres rather than big hospitals to ensure engagement of patients postchemotherapy sessions."

government will "The establish Day Care Cancer Centres in all district hospitals over the next three years. Two hundred of these will be set up this year itself." Underlining the importance of strengthening the medical Nadda underlined that the reiterated the government was working Nadda budget of

postgraduate courses during



more than 1.75 Lakh

Ayushman Aarogya Mandirs.

The minister said that the

number of medical colleges

has increased from 387 in

2014 to 780 now and

underlined that there has

been a 130 per cent rise in the

number of seats for

undergraduate and a 135 per

cent growth in seats for

institutes, hiring retired teachers as visiting faculties to make unviable institutions viable, incorporating competency-based medical education, early clinical exposure for students, and

webinar such as faculty

pooling among medical

Cancer Institute at AIIMS-Jhajjar, the upgradation of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute in Kolkata and the setting up of oncology departments in all 22 AIIMS. Citing a recent LANCET study, he underlined that "timely cancer treatment initiation has improved significantly because of the Ayushman Bharat Jan Aarogya Yojna. Patients enrolled under with a "holistic approach" that introducing new medical the same period. AB-PMJAY saw a 90 per cent focuses not only on the seats and highlighted the He also supported the rise in access to cancer curative aspect but also on the government's efforts to suggestions made during the treatment within 30 days."

BJP wins MLC polls in Andhra Pradesh

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elections. The BJP has won

there. Elections were held on February 27. among the people with great diligence," he said. February 27. "I thank the people of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home BJP4Telangana with such hailed the victory of Minister Amit Shah on phenomenal support in the Thursday thanked the people MLC elections. of Telangana for their support Congratulations to our in the graduate MLC to the BJP in Members of the newly elected candidates," Legislative Council (MLC) Modi said in a social media post. "I am very proud of our two out of three MLC seats party Karyakartas working winning candidates. The in the polls.

Democratic National Alliance (NDA) candidates elections in Andhra Pradesh.

"Congratulations to the

NDA governments at the diligence," he said. In another post, Prime Pradesh will keep serving the people of the state and take the state's development journey to new heights," the minister said, responding to a post by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Nucl Chandrababu Naidu on the victory of NDA candidates

	enhanced communication
	skills for both students and
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	Cancer Institute at AIIMS-
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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 corri-

dor 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

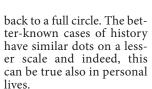


Whether due to ego or rivalry, certain disputes become intractable, spanning generations. The irony is that winning does not always make one a winner

ne of the bigger challenges in life is to find an answer to a question deal-ing 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 wo 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 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

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 THUS, IT IS THAT factor may become a prima-CERTAIN PROBLEMS ry determinant of the way forward. HAVE SUBSISTED Under such circumstances, the generational transfor-BEYOND

mation of the rivals involved GENERATIONS alters the nature of the solution that is feasible. AND LED TO Indeed, no solution is feasible unless it is doable and DEVASTATING sustainable. People often WARS WHICH align together because of their own needs and then ULTIMATELY WIPED OUT BOTH PARTIES AND THERE WAS

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 find arguments to sustain to enjoy in becoming a wintheir position. In many ner. It is therefore important cases, logic gives way to to realise, in many cases, that simple impulses and a non- a solution is only a solution thinking solution takes hold if it makes winners of all

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

is a telltale story of the winners sort out the situation may be ultimately having nothing to gain, at least for the generation Other factors prevent a in play. In more recent times, meaningful resolution of a World War I and World War II conflict, one being a gender

The story of the Mah

the only route forward. did not produce any obvious dimension and another as winners, and the world went sibling rivalry. Be that as it

NOTHING FOR THE WINNER TO TAKE AWAY AT ALL

of the operationally power-ful. The operationally pow-erful impose their solution, and the predictable hap-(*The writer is a well-known*) pens. The flawed solution is sub-

verted by the party whose basic need for advantage

management consultant of international repute. The views expressed are personal)

A parent's reflection on society and the next generation



SANJAY CHANDRA

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 Lthan 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 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 har-



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 festival

I sincerely believe that our politics and religion, the two youngsters need more expofactors that should create a sure to the arts to navigate an unified society, are used to increasingly fast-paced and divide. It is at times like these that I more stressful world than what we grew up in. The lanstart doubting the values guage used by a few of these inculcated by my parents, persons, who have claimed to be my good friends and and that in turn, I expect my children to follow. I talked to neighbours over the past eight many other residents working years, left me nonplussed at with me for the festival. They best and painfully hurt at 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 taking good initiative. Another lady was left with only four just seems expedient to them

in the murky world of society

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

(The author is an electrical engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing; views *are personal)*

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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-



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. Canada also had initiated disruptive

Modi inaugurates Vantara

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.

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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 AI 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 inclusivi-ty, reflecting cinema's unique ability to bring together artists, audiences and cre-ators 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 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)

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

A SIMPLE, WELL-TIMED NAMASTE al audiences to acknowledge the unapologetic, high-energy story-telling of Indian filmmakers. This shift was further cemented when Payal Kapadia's All We Imagine as Light (2024) won the Imagine as Light (2024) won the HAS GIVEN Grand Prix at Cannes, a rare hon-

INCREDIBLE our for Indian cinema. Films like INDIA A Disciple (2020), Rima Das's Village Rockstars (2017), and RENEWED Nandita Das's Manto (2018) have like WAVES, the country's film India. Now, Indian cinema must been steadily breaking barriers, export initiative. WAVES has the GLOBAL proving that Indian cinema is no longer defined by stereotypes but IDENTITY, by diverse, powerful narratives. TRANSFORMING The power of this Namaste must be harnessed beyond the Oscars. ITS As India gears up for Cannes 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 to these platforms reflect the doubt diversity and demonion of IN WORLD CINEMA FROM OCCASIONAL depth, diversity, and dynamism of RECOGNITION Indian storytelling.

not just participating but active-ly shaping the conversation. One action. It is no longer a question 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

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 participates in global storytelling but leads it.

The world has acknowledged 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, 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.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

The Cannes Film Festival has TO STRATEGIC already been a crucial stepping stone for Indian cinema. From INFLUENCE.

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

potential to push Indian cinema into untapped markets, ensuring that films from independent, regional, and mainstream creators reach wider international audiences.

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

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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 is functionally blind and relies

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 fishermen, equipping them with tat degradation from largeconservation techniques to scale development projects, protect dolphins during fishincluding dam construction, ing activities. Despite conservadrainage works, and embanktion efforts, human infrastructure projects continue to pose Pollution further exacerbates significant challenges. The colthe risks to their survival. lapse of a four-lane bridge Recognizing the urgent need under construction over the for conservation, India has Ganga River at Sultanganjtaken steps to protect the Ganges dolphin. The National Agwani in Bihar for the third time has drawn attention to the Dolphin Research Centre environmental impact of such (NDRC), the country's first developments. In 1990, the dedicated research facility for Bihar government declared a 60-km stretch of the Ganga this species, was inaugurated on March 4, 2024, in Patna, River from Sultanganj to Bihar. Located on the Patna Kahalgaon as the Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary, University campus, near the Ganges River, the center spans aiming to protect the species while promoting eco-tourism. 4,400 square meters and aims to conduct in-depth research Recognizing the ecological



significance of the Ganges Manik Sarkar Ghat. While govdolphin, the Government of ernment agencies have made India designated it as the efforts to protect the species, national aquatic animal in conservationists emphasize that October 2009 during the inauillegal sand mining must be gural meeting of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA), chaired by then-Minister Dr. Prime Manmohan Singh. The Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary currently hosts approximately 250 dolphins, frequently observed

between Shankar Talkies and

curbed to ensure its survival. Large-scale sand extraction disrupts river ecosystems by altering water flow and destroy-ing 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 dolphin 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 encouraging sign of improving environmental conditions. According to the Wildlife Institute of India, approximately 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 protecting 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.

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Barbados' award

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been bestowed

with the prestigious 'Honorary Order of Freedom



Omar reacts strongly to Jaishankar statement on PoK PM conferred **'Honorary Order**

MOHIT KANDHARI 📕 JAMMU

Unsparing Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday reacted strongly to the recent statement of the Foreign Minister S Jaishankar on the

floor of Assembly. "The Foreign Minister (S Jaishankar) is saying that we will get back the part of J&K which is under the occupation of Pakistan. Who have stopped them? Have we ever said that do not get it back?" the Chief Minister said, winding up the discussion on motion of thanks to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha's address in the Assembly here. Jaishankar, speaking during a session at the Chatham House think-tank in London on Wednesday, said the Kashmir Referring to the speech of BJP

illegal Pakistani occupation".

Omar also maintained he would be grateful to the BJPled government if alongside Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) it also retrieves the part of the Union Territory (UT) under illegal occupation of China.

Speaking on the motion of thanks, Omar also came down heavily on the BJP leaders for accusing the National Conference (NC) of insulting Jammu and Kashmir's last ruler Maharaja Hari Singh and challenged them to give just one instance when the ruling party or any other Kashmir-based party insulted the Dogra ruler while the BJP disintegrated and downgraded his Muslim majority state.

dispute would be solved after the "return of the stolen part of Kashmir which is under



in the Uri sector to Pakistan. Jammu and Kashmir, one part "During the Kargil war, there is also in China but you do not was an opportunity to get back PoK because it was talk about it," he said. He said when the BJP-led central government brings back PoK, they should also bring that part of J&K which Pakistan which attacked us. If you were so willing, you would have brought back that is presently in China and "we will be grateful to you". part but what stopped you? When you look at the map of

Rahul visits Dharavi

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Rahul, who was on his

second visit to Maharashtra

after the Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)'s debacle in the State Assembly

polls, spent a few hours in Dharavi slum – which is

being redeveloped by M/s Dharavi Redevelopment

Project Pvt Ltd (DRPPL), a

joint venture between the

International Airport in

welcomed by Maharashtra

Mumbai party chief Varsha Gaikwad, who is the Mumbai

Legislature Party leader Vijay

Rahul's visit to Dharavi is

aimed at understanding the

member Naseem Khan.

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Countering the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in J&K Assembly and BJP leader Sunil Sharma for accusing the ruling party of insulting the Maharaja, he dared the opposition party to give him a single instance when the last Dogra ruler was insulted by NC or for that matter by the PDP and Congress. "You have distorted the map

of Maharaja by separating Ladakh from J&K and finishing his laws, especially related to land and jobs which were meant to provide safeguards to the people," he caid said.

Abdullah said the BJP is justifying the separation by saying that it was the longpending demand of the people of Ladakh. 'Have you asked them? Have

you tried to find out? "From day one, the people of Kargil were against this

decision. The Buddhists of Ladakh who distributed sweets are today of the opinion that they were better placed with J&K. They walked from Leh to Delhi to get back

from Leh to Delhi to get back their rights," he said. The chief minister also took a dig at the LoP for his "derogatory remarks" against the July 13, 1931 "martyrs" and said "though we have different political ideologies, they deserve respect for rising up against the autocracy and up against the autocracy and their sacrifice led to the formation of this Assembly". July 13 was observed as a public holiday in Jammu and Kashmir to commemorate the 22 men who fell to the bullets of Dogra Maharaja's soldiers outside Srinagar central jail in 1931. The holiday along with the December 5 holiday to mark the birth anniversary of

NC founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah was,

however, scrapped by the Lt Governor administration after the abrogation of Article 370.

"Their only fault was that they were Muslims. In the rest of the country, the people who rose against autocracy are respected and nobody can dub them as traitors,' he said. Abdullah said whether July 13 and December 5 are declared holidays or not, it will not matter because the people respect them from their hearts.

of Barbados' award in recognition of his "strategic leadership" and "valuable assistance" during the Covid-Abdullah said in his last tenure as chief minister, he was also planning to lower the 19 pandemic. number of holidays and Ministry of External Affairs December 5 was also on his (MEA) said in a statement on mind.

Thursday that Minister of We have never harmed the State for External Affairs and legacy of Maharaja. Have we Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, changed the name of any received the award on behalf institution which was named of Prime Minister Narendra in the name of the Dogra Modi at a ceremony held in rulers?" he said.

Bridgetown, Barbados. The award symbolises the "enduring friendship" between the two nations, the MEA said. "The award announcement was made by Barbados Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley during a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 20, 2024, on the sidelines of the 2nd India-CARICOM Leaders' Summit in Georgetown, Guyana," it said.

The award has been bestowed upon Prime Minister Modi in "recognition of his strategic leadership and valuable assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic," the statement said

Indian national Shahjadi Khan buried in Abu Dhabi

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his statement he had rubbed the political class in Maharashtra the wrong way, ndian national Shahjadi Khan was buried on Thursday in Bhaiyyaji Joshi issued a clarification later in the day Abu Dhabi as per regulations of the United Arab Emirates on Thursday saying: "My mother tongue is Marathi. (UAE), according to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Shahjadi, a caregiver from Uttar Pradesh's Banda district, But I also respect the existence of all languages... I request everyone to see it was executed last month after a court found her guilty of same allegedly murdering a child. "Burial of Shahjadi Khan, an perspective...The language of Maharashtra is Marathi. Mumbai is in Maharashtra Indian national. was and naturally, the language of conducted on Thursday in Abu Dhabi as per regulations of the Mumbai is Marathi. Different languages are spoken in UAE authorities," MEA said. "Prior to her burial, the

Women not limited by

their gender: Gadkari

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Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said there is a need to create a society where no one will feel discriminated against on the basis of their gender, caste or

Babbar Khalsa terrorist arrested

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Authorities are continuing their interrogation to uncover further details about his network and operations. Following this arrest, Uttar Pradesh Minister Suresh

Kumar Khanna commended the security forces for their

religion

He made these remarks at a function to give away the "Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar Mahila Samman" to women changemakers, ahead of the International Women's Day that will be celebrated on March 8.

'We should build a society where no one is judged based on caste, gender, religion or social status, but rather on their talent and contributions," Gadkari said. The awards were instituted by the Mumbai-based Kamala Ankibai Ghamandiram Gowani Trust. Gadkari said the world has now changed and women should not feel limited by their gender. "Where merit exists, with 75 per cent of top achievers being women," he

said. Union Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar spoke about women's empowerment and the progress that Haryana in this regard over has mad the years. He recalled that during his tenure as the Haryana chief minister, he witnessed the deep-rooted taboos in the state regarding women. Khattar said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" initiative brought significant changes in Haryana.

5,000 business entities and 15,000 single-room factories. Months after he made Dharavi re-Goods produced here go to Middle East, South-East Asia, development an issue in the United States and Europe and Sabha and State

several other places. Dharavi is one of the largest Assembly polls to target Prime Minister Narendra leather industry hubs in the Modi and industrialist Gautam Adani, leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday world, with more than 20,000 leather manufacturing units which employs one to 1.5 lakh workers. Gandhi is also visited Asia's large slum to speak to the people and understand their problems. visiting the Chamar Studio, set up by Sudheer Rajbhar, who uses various materials to create masterpieces.

This was Rahul's second visit to Dharavi. He had earlier visited Asia's largest slum on March 16, 2024, when he and his sister and Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, the now Wayanad MP, travelled the locality in an open-roof SUV which marked the end of 6,700-km 66-day Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.

Maharashtra government and the Adani Group, is executing the redevelopment. Upon his arrival at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj It may be recalled that Rahul - during his campaigning for the Maharahstra Assembly polls in November last year had charged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was bent on handing over the Rs 1 lakh crore worth Dharavi land to industrialist Gautam Adani, while the Opposition North Central MP, Congress Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) was all for supporting the poor, youth and unemployed Wadettiwar and Congress Working Committee invitee people in the state.

Addressing Addressing a news conference on the final day of news the campaigning for the November 20 Maharashtra **RSS stirs up Marathi-Hindi nest From page 1** "Just because the Marathi Mumbai now," NCP (SP)

manoos does not complain said. 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 Londhe said. 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 and such a language amounts to statement treason. The statement is treason," Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut said. "Bhaiyaji Joshi is trying to divide Mumbai on the issue of language. Kem cho, kem Bhasha Bhavan in Mumbai cho seems like this is the only thing that will be heard in

requested

information

tried in India".

respect to Rana's treatment.

group leader Jitendra Awhad

"Mumbai, along with Maharashtra, has Marathi as its primary language. However, RSS leaders have historically shown a bias against Mumbai's Marathipopulace," speaking Maharashtra Congress general secretary Atul

Sena (UBT) 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 disrespecting keep shtra. Yesterday. Mahara

Marathi language,' the Aditya said. Having realised that through

the



efforts, stating that their swift actions had prevented a possible attack and reinforced the state's commitment to maintaining law and order. Masih is currently being interrogated, and security agencies believe their capture has disrupted a major terror plot in the country.

problems of people residing there. Spread over 240-hectare area, Dharavi has several business units -- right from textiles to

pottery to fabrication to leather industry. Plastic recycling and garbage segregation too is done here. Mainly a hub of cottage industries, it has an estimated

Assembly polls, "It's a contest between one or two billionaires and the poor people of the state. On one side, Adani is eying Dharavi land, while on the other side are our workers, and vouth betrayed by the MahaYuti government are aspiring for a better life".

Suresh Bhaiyya ji said that the language in Ghatkopar could be Gujarati, but this is absolutely not possible. The language of Mumbai is Marathi. This government even halted the Marathi because they want to disrespect Maharashtra and

India. People speak different languages while living in Mumbai as well. So, it is a natural expectation that they should also come here and learn Marathi, understand | prayers at the mosque as well Marathi and read Marathi, in as the burial at the Baniyas fact, this is a great example of co-existence that people officials assisted the speaking so many different authorised representatives in languages in India live this regard as well as attended together".

authorised representatives o Shahjadi's family paid respect to the mortal remains. They also attended the funeral cemetery," it said. Embassy

India breached in UK Rana seeks stay of extradition to India

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As Jaishankar was about to leave the institute, a tall man was seen attempting to break the police cordon and run towards Jaishankar's motorcade. The tall and Jaishankar's bearded man even tried to block the minister's motorcade by standing in front of it. The man was swiftly taken away by Metropolitan Police officers. It was not the first such mobility, people-to-people incident of breach of security exchanges and strategic by pro-Khalistan elements. In March, 2023, certain pro-Khalistan elements pulled down the Indian flag at the Indian high commission in London, triggering strong reaction from India.

Following the incident, India summoned the senior-most British diplomat in Delhi and demanded an explanation

over complete "absence of Furthermore, the journalist security" at the mission. India claimed Kashmiris are "up in

has been asking the UK to arms", alleging India has take action against prostationed "one million troops to control seven million Kashmiris" before asking Khalistani elements operating from British soil.

Meanwhile, during his UK visit, which will end on March Prime Minister Narendra Modi could utilise his 9, Jaishakar also met UK friendship with US President Foreign Secretary David Donald Trump to resolve the Lammy. The two leaders long-standing Kashmir issue. Jaishankar firmly dismissed spoke on several topics, including political education, any third-party intervention and defended India's cooperation, approach to handling the Kashmir issue, stating that coordination, among others. decisive measures had already During the discussion at been taken to address the matter independently. "I think the part we are Chatham House, the External Affairs Minister faced a question by a Pakistani journalist who claimed the waiting for is the return of the stolen part of Kashmir, which same would make Jaishankar is under an illegal Pakistani

Minister said.

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a "little nervous". The journalist then accused India of "illegally occupying Kashmir".

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The US Supreme Court denied Rana's petition for a writ of certiorari relating to his original habeas petition on January 21. The application notes that on that same day, newly-confirmed Secretary of State Marco Rubio had met with External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar.

When Prime Minister Modi arrived in Washington on February 12 to meet with Trump, Rana's counsel received a letter from the Department of State, stating that "on February 11, 2025, the Secretary of State decided authorize" Rana's to "surrender to India," pursuant to the "Extradition occupation. When that's Treaty between the United States and India". done, I assure you, Kashmir solved," the External Affairs

Rana's Counsel requested the stakes are enormous for

from the State Department him. The very least the US the complete administrative courts owe the petitioner is a record on which Secretary full chance to litigate these issues, including exercising Rubio based his decision to authorize Rana's surrender to their appellate rights, before he is consigned to the fate India. The Counsel also that awaits him at the hands immediate of the Indian government," on any commitment the US has the application said.

It added that if a stay is not obtained from India with entered, there will be no "The government declined to review at all, and the US provide any information in response to these requests," courts will lose jurisdiction, and "petitioner will soon be the application said. It added that given Rana's underlying health conditions and the State Department's Therefore, dead. we respectfully request that this Court enter an Order staying the extradition and surrender of petitioner pending a full and considered hearing on petitioner's claims by the findings regarding the treatment of prisoners, it is very likely "Rana will not survive long enough to be tried in India" district court, circuit court, "The issues raised by and, if necessary, a writ of certiorari to and further petitioner merit full and

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However, the actions of respondents are such which do not fall within the policy

framework laid by themselves," Wankhede alleged his transfer CAT's February 20 order said. The bench said the judgments cited by the revenue department wouldn't come to its rescue for it had "patently violated" the guidelines while transferring Wankhede. "With utmost restraint, we

Wankhede returns to Mumbai

refrain from imposing the cost on the respondents. It is held that the transfer of the applicant is not in consonance with the new Transfer/ Placement Guidelines, 2018 for Indian Revenue Service (C&CE) Officers issued by the respondents dated 12th April, 2018," it added. Wankhede is currently

working as additional commissioner in the proceedings before this Department of Revenue in

Chennai following his transfer on May 30, 2022. He previously held the zonal director's position in the Mumbai NCB before his transfer.

was punitive in nature and a direct consequence of his actions at the NCB, claiming he and his family members received multiple death threats from the underworld. His representations seeking reconsideration of the transfer, including one on June 6, 2022, and another on July 18, 2024, were rejected by the authorities. Wankhede was involved in several high-profile cases, including the arrest of Sameer Khan, son-in-law of a former Maharashtra cabinet minister, in a drug-related case. Following these events, an inquiry was initiated against him by a special enquiry team on June 16, 2022.

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Confirmation of the talks in direct engagement between the U.S. And Hamas since the State Department designated the group a foreign terrorist organization in 1997.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt declined to provide detail on the the substance of talks, but said President Donald Trump has authorized his envoys to "talk to anyone." Egyptian and Qatari intermediaries have been consulted about the served as mediators with direct engagement with others are believed to still be

the Qatari capital of Doha come as the Israel-Hamas Hamas for the U.S. And Hamas officials, and noted ceasefire remains in the Israel since the group that there are "American lives balance It's the first known launched its October 7, 2023, at stake." Israeli Prime attack on Israel that sparked

the war. "Look, dialogue and talking to people around the world to do what's in the best interest of the American people is something that the president ... Believes is a good-faith effort to do what's right for the American people," she said.

Leavitt added that Israel has

held in Gaza

Adam Boehler, Trump's nominee to be special envoy for hostage affairs, led the direct talks with Hamas. Beniamin Netanyahu's office offered a terse acknowledgement of the US-Hamas talks. "Israel Boehler, founder and CEO of Rubicon Founders, a has expressed to the United healthcare investment firm, States its position regarding was a lead negotiator on the direct talks with Hamas," the Abraham Accords team during Trump's first term prime minister's office said. İsraeli officials say about 24 living hostages - including that strove to win broader recognition of Israel in the Alexander, Arab world. an American citizen - as well as

The talks, which took place the bodies of at least 35 last month, focused mainly on the release of American

hostages, and a potential end of the war without Hamas in power in Gaza, according to a Hamas official who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the

careful consideration, and

condition of anonymity. The official added that no progress was made but "the step itself is promising" and more talks are expected. Egyptian and Qatari mediators helped arrange the talks. The direct engagement

comes as continuation of the Israel-Hamas

remains uncertain. Trump has signaled that he has no intentions of pushing Netanyahu away from a return to combat if Hamas doesn't agree to terms of a new ceasefire proposal, which the Israelis have billed

as being drafted by US Envoy Steve Witkoff. The new plan would require Hamas to release half its remaining hostages - the militant group's main bargaining chip - in exchange for a ceasefire

ceasefire extension and a promise to

negotiate a lasting truce. Israel made no mention of releasing more Palestinian prisoners, a key component of the first phase.

Trump on Wednesday welcomed eight former hostages - Iair Horn, Omer Shem Tov, Eli Sharabi, Keith Siegel, Aviva Siegel, Naama Levy, Doron Steinbrecher and Noa Argamani - to the

White House. "The President listened their intently to heartbreaking stories," Leavitt said. "The hostages all of the hostages home." Talks between US And Hamas officials were first reported earlier Wednesday by the news site Axios. Leavitt, the White House press secretary, is one of three administration officials who face a lawsuit from The Associated Press on First-Fifth-Amendment

and grounds. The AP says the three are punishing the news agency for editorial decisions they oppose. The White House says the AP is not following an executive order to refer to the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America.

Trump issues last warning to Hamas thanked President Trump for his steadfast efforts to bring

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EU leaders open emergency summit France steps in to provide military intel to on defence and Ukraine aid

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Function the prospect that the United States might cut them adrift under President Donald Trump, European Union leaders 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 running 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 man-age 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. AP/PTI

ority military equipment.

debt.

spending" and "massive joint 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. sion of Ukraine.

Her proposal is underpinned Five other countries using the euro currency have debt levels over 100% of GDP: Belgium, Greece, Spain, Italy and by 150 billion euros (\$162 billion) worth of loans to buy pri-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 62% of GDP. time when many countries are

Pressing security needs: Part of any security plan is also to protect the increasingly beleaguered position of Ukraine. already overburdened with France is struggling to reduce an excessive annual budget deficit of 5% of GDP, after run-A Russian missile killed four people staying at a hotel in Zelenskyy's hometown overnight. He said that a ning up its total debt burden to 112% of GDP with spending on relief for businesses and consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic and the energy cri-sis that followed Russia's invahumanitarian organisation's volunteers had moved into the hotel in Kryvyi Rih, in central Ukraine, just before the strike.

Ukraine as US freezes vital information

AP PARIS

Union.

Macron, in a televised address

The volunteers included Ukrainian, American and British nationals, but it wasn't clear whether those people were among the 31 injured. Early this week, Trump ordered a pause to US military supplies to Ukraine as he sought to press Thursday.

to Ukraine as he sought to press Zelenskyy to engage in negoti-ations to end the war with Russia, bringing fresh urgency to Thursday's summit. Thursday's meeting is unlike-ly to address Ukraine's most

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. Still, the Europeans underlined the importance of the

moment. "Europe faces a clear and present 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 Leyen warned in a letter to the leaders ahead of their meeting.

But perhaps the biggest chal-lenge for the EU will be to take ahead of a special European summit Thursday, described a united stance at a moment when it's fractured, since much of what the bloc does requires and Europe," and said he had decided "to open the strategic a united stance at a moment : is threatening to veto part of the summit statement on Ukraine. Even if the challenges are so rent." He said the use of daunting, Thursday's summit is France's nuclear weapons unlikely to produce immediate would remain only in the decisions on spending for hands of the French president. Ukraine or its own defenses. Another EU summit where : response to a push by German the real contours of decisions : election winner Friedrich Merz, would be much clearer is set for : who recently called for a dis-March 20-21. cussion on "nuclear sharing"

France is providing military after Washington announced it was freezing the sharing of information with Kyiv, French defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu said

The US said Wednesday it had paused its intelligence sharing with Ukraine, cutting off the flow of vital information that has helped the wartorn nation target Russian invaders, but Trump admin-

istration officials have said the US decision to suspend all that positive talks between military aid to Ukraine, Washington and Kyiv mean it French President Emmanuel may only be a short suspen-Macron asked him to "accelsion. American intelligence is erate the various French aid packages" to make up for vital for Ukraine to track Russian troop movements and select targets. the lack of American assistance.

Speaking to France Inter radio on Thursday, Lecornu said France is continuing its Lecornu said that in the wake of the US decision, shipments of Ukraine-bound aid said France is continuing its intelligence sharing. "Our intelligence is sover-eign," Lecornu said. "We have departing from Poland had been suspended, adding how-ever that "Ukrainians, unfor-

tunately, have learned to fight intelligence that we allow Ukraine to benefit from." this war for three years now Lecornu added that following and know how to stockpile."

Macron offers French nuclear deterrence to protect Europe AP PARIS

with France.

EU leaders are set to address $F^{\text{rench President Emmanuel}}_{\text{Macron said Wednesday he}}$ the issue of nuclear deterrence, among other topics, during the Thursday summit in will discuss with European allies the possibility of using France's nuclear deterrent to Brussels focusing on support for Ukraine and European defense. European NATO allies have for decades counted on protect the continent from Russian threats, amid concerns over potential US disengagethe powerful US deterrent. "Europe's future does not have ment. France is the only nuclear power in the European

to be decided in Washington or Moscow," Macron said, insisting 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. Macron's move comes in 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 willing 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 US, which EU leaders have

denied.

S Korean fighter jets accidentally drop bombs, injuring 8 people

AP SEOUL

Two South Korean fighter jets acci-dentally 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 nopes for a speedy recovery of the

with the US military in Pocheon, a city close to the heavily armed border 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 second KF-16 also dropped bombs on a civilian area.

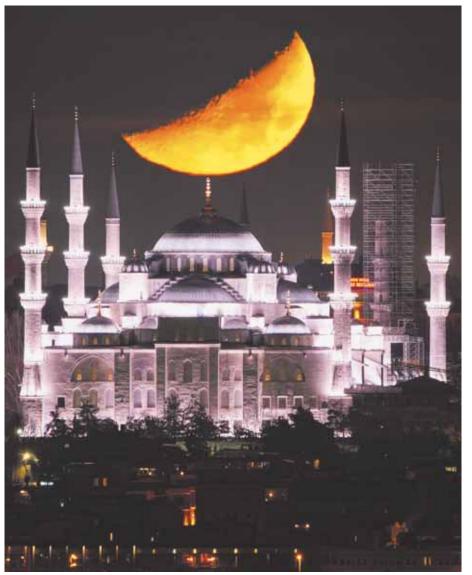
Mayor Paek Young Hyeun called the bombings "awful" and urged the military to halt drills in the city until it formulates reliable steps that can pre-vent a recurrence. He said that

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 evewitness who was not hurt in the bombing, said she thought "a war has broken out." It was such a loud sound," she said

Russian missile kills 4 in Zelenskyy's hometown hotel AP KYIV

Tn 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 nationa



injured and said it would offer compensation and take other necessary steps.

The air force said the fighter jets were taking part in the one-day firing drill

In a televised briefing, Pocheon drills across South Korea.

adding that it left her trembling with fear. The military said later Thursday it

has decided to suspend all live-fire

He didn't say whether those people were among the 31 injured. Russia fired 112 Shahed and decoy drones, as

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

diplomat in London loses his job over Trump remarks

AP WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND)

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, vet vou 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 "untenable."

"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. Officials 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 Thurs

months.

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

AP OMAHA (US)

Farmers and meat producers 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 payments, 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 that agricultural imports hurt University. American farmers and asked

them to "bear with me again" as he seeks to protect them. He and supplies in preparation for prices to go up, but it's not like they can easily buy all their didn't mention any additional aid. fertilizer ahead of time. And "I love the farmer," he said.

If the tariffs make farmers consumers might have a hard uneasy about investing in time stockpiling perishable products like avocados and expensive tractors and consumers worry so much about ground beef. The details of how the tariffs groceries that they cut other spending, that would hurt the are implemented and whether any products are excluded will economy overall and could even lead to a recession. And also matter. consumers were already wor-How will farmers be hurt?: ried about record egg prices Corn and soybean prices for this year's harvest already fell amid a bird flu outbreak.

"Exactly how strong our econroughly 10% since the tariffs omy is over time has a lot to were first announced a couple do with US consumers' comof weeks ago. fort with continuing to go out Joe Janzen, an agricultural to restaurants and continuing economist with the University to buy washers and dryers and of Illinois, said that has "snuffed just that general activity. And out" any profitability in those crops. He called Trump's coma lot of what we're talking about here is probably going to slow some of that," said ments that farmers may be able to sell more of their products at home "at best tone deaf."

Glynn Tonsor, an agricultural economist at Kansas State

for the amount of corn, soybeans, wheat, and other agri-The situation has some farmers stocking up on equipment cultural 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." "We need potash to raise healthier crops," said Minnesota farmer Danny Lundell, who hosted Gov. Tim Walz on his corn and soybean farm near Cannon Falls on Tuesday. "And it doesn't matter if you're big, medium or small, it's going to affect you."

But Iowa State agricultural economist Chad Hart said "There is no domestic market many farmers applied fertiliz-

er 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 outside Indianapolis, said that

as soon as Trump started talk-ing about tariffs she bought the pandemic.

But Janzen notes that Trump is everything she thought would working to drastically slash spending across the federal see a price hike in the coming government. Walz, who lost his bid to

Kuiper hopes that the impacts become vice president last fall, of tariffs can be mitigated and eventually lead to a more level said the tariffs will hurt tradplaying field that benefits farming relationships and prompt ers. He wants to see trade buyers in China, Mexico and open with more countries. For Canada to look elsewhere. Some trade experts question 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 included aid related to

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?

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GST Council reconstitutes GoM on GST revenue analysis

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 $T_{\rm reconstituted\ the\ Group\ of}^{\rm he\ GST\ Council\ has}$ 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.

meeting on December 21, revenue patterns across 2024, had decided to sectors and regions. reconstitute the Group of revised ToR. The GoM was first set up in 2019. The reconstituted GoM on

under Goa Chief GST' Minister Pramod Sawant, would have nine members including from the states of Bihar (Šamrat Chaudhary),

Chhattisgarh Choudhary),

Gujarat (Kanubhai Desai), Andhra

Keshav), amendments made in GST Pradesh (P Maharashtra (Ajit Pawar), acts and rules. (Harpal Goods and Services Tax Puniab Singh (GST) was rolled out on July 1, Cheema), 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 The GST Council, in its 55th including the identification of Union Finance Minister and comprising state counterparts.

It would also review details of Ministers (GoM) on GST revenue from the inter-state revenue analysis with a outward supply. It would also conduct a review of sectorwise analysis and identify sector-specific issues that to create a unified 'Analysis of Revenue from need policy intervention or enforcement measures.

platform". The GoM would also analyse It would also suggest suitable measures/policy intervention the effect of macroeconomic policy changes and for course correction for geographical factors on GST revenue

revenues, challenges faced by particularly for suffering agrarian and smaller states, high revenue and analyse the impact of 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 Finance Pankai for Chaudhary, to decide on the fate of compensation cess and The GOM would "review and taxation proposal to replace it once it ends on March 31, recommend harmonisation of anti-evasion, audit, scrutiny tools developed by various agencies (NIC, GSTN, 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.

Ashwini Vaishnaw launches IndiaAl compute portal, dataset platform AlKosha

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Marking a year of the IndiaAI Mission, Union IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday launched the 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, cloud storage and other AI services to students, startups, researchers, academia, and government departments. The platform aims to streamline access to high-

quality non-personal datasets for AI innovation. The Minister for Electronics and IT also launched AIKosha

an all-in-one dataset platform providing resources, tools, and expert mentorship

to help transform potential ideas into industry solutions. Datasets will be available for model builders MeitY Secretary S Krishnan and developers to work with and said the launch of the compute India-specific AI launch

gets rolled out and implemented across the models. The compute portal will be used to develop India's own foundational country foundational model. Vaishnaw said, adding that the largest component of the India AI mission. Almost preparedness for India's own about 45 per cent of funds (of India AI Mission) are earmarked for that particular foundation model is progressing well and as many as 67 applications have been

area," Krishnan said. received Technology, specially AI, can be an enabling factor in achieving the 2047 Viksit Bharat dream, he added. Citing India's mission to the moon, he said the mission was conducted at a fraction of the cost of other countries' moon Further, MeitY launched a missions and the same model will be followed for the competency framework for AI and public sector officials, and the India AI Startups Global foundational model and India will build it at a fraction of cost of what other countries are doing it.

In 3-4 years, India should have its own GPUs competing at the global stage, Vaishnaw said, adding that the cost of applications.

the works: IT using these GPUs is historically low at less than Secretary ₹100/hour.

"The AI Compute Portal is the

0.65 per cent.

gainers.

were the laggards.

Services, Power, healthcare,

FMCG and Industrials were the

Telecommunication and Realty

As many as 3,007 stocks advanced while 989 declined

and 107 remained unchanged

on the BSE. The market

capitalisation of BSE-listed

the Oil and Gas and Metal

Research at Kotak Securities,

benchmark indices

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA GANDHINAGAR portal will enhance the way AI

The government is ready with an outline of next phase 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 S Krishnan said the government is also mulling supporting ambitious chip design projects in the as well country as semiconductor packaging designs.

"The next stage of ISM is in the works. We have had Acceleration Programme. The ministry also awarded students under the India AI discussions, discussions with Fellowship programme, and recognised 30 selected AI 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 Among the BSE sectoral indices, Energy, metal, Oil and Gas, Commodities, Utilities, 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 currentĺv 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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CitiCorp 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 suo motu settlement 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 ...

applicant".

It was alleged that the applicant issued an offshore derivative instrument (ODI) 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. As per another separate to settlement order, BCL Industries and its promoter and MD Rajinder Mittal settled with Sebi a case of violation of regulatory norms on payment

DGARM, state governments)

enforcement and compliance

augmentation,

of settlement amount. BCL Industries and Mittal remitted ₹14.30 Lakh and ₹28.6 Lakh respectively.

The two entities allegedly failed 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 insider trading rules.

Sensex rallies 610 points to reclaim the 74,000 mark higher with the BSE smallcap gauge climbing 1.63 per cent and midcap index advancing

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Benchmark Sensex rallied nearly 610 points to reclaim the 74,000 mark while Nifty closed above 22,500 on Thursday following heavy buying in Reliance on easing crude oil prices and firm global trends after US President Donald Trump softened stand on tariffs.

Recovering from early losses, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 609.86 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 74,340.09, marking its second straight day of gains. During the day, it or gains. During the day, it 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. From the Sensex pack, Asian Paints, NTPC, Reliance Industries, Tata Steel, Bajaj Reliance



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

Mahindra Bank, Zomato, Tata Motors, and IndusInd Bank were the laggards. "The Indian indices exhibited resilience, owing to positive global cues following Trump's

firms climbed by ₹4,53,808.84 Crore to ₹3,97,57,850.59 Crore softened tariff stance on (\$4.57 Trillion). automakers from Canada and Mexico amidst the weakening The dollar index," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial continued their positive momentum. Among sectors,

Services said. indices rallied over 2 per cent, A correction in crude oil prices, whereas intraday profit booking was observed in IT influenced by a slowdown in demand and further economic and Realty stocks," Shrikant Chouhan, Head Equity stimulus from China, ignited optimism in the energy and metals sectors, Nair added. Broader markets also closed said.

NITI Aayog, India SME Forum launch Rupee falls six paise against US dollar Mitalee Agrawal honoured 'A Million Women Arise' initiative with Grand Queen 2025 four-month low as RUPEE ₹ VS DOLLAR \$ PRESS TRUST OF INDIA the US decided to to create a cohesive support NEW DELHI delay implementing system through access to

INDIA MUMBAI The rupee snapped its three-day rally

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and settled with

and settled with a loss of six paise at 87.12 against the US dollar on Thursday amid 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,

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

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87.06

1 USD = 87.12 INR*

selling pressure from foreign before ending the session at investors, and a recovery in 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 int the day's low of 87.16 and American currency fell to a futures trade.

and Mexico. Choudhary further SME Forum on Thursday said the rupee is launched a joint initiative, Á expected to trade with a slight positive Million Women Arise, to empower entrepreneurs across India. bias on positive Addressing the launch event domestic markets and weakness in the here, Ankita Pandey, Director, Ministry of MSME, said that US dollar. However, FII outflows may cap women-owned enterprises make up 35 per cent of Índia's sharp gains in the six crore registered MSMEs, yet local unit. they face unique challenges, "Uncertainty over the trade tariff issue may

higher tariffs on

imports from Canada

including gender bias and also weigh on the limited access to markets. rupee. Traders may take cues from weekly unemployment claims data from the US and "The Ministry of MSME is committed to addressing these gaps through initiatives that ECB monetary policy decision. \$-₹ spot price is expected to trade in a range of enhance formalisation, mentorship, capacity-building, and e-commerce integration," 86.80 to 87.25," he added. she shared.

Anna Roy, Principal Economic Meanwhile, the dollar index, Advisor, NITI Aayog and Mission Director, WEP emphasised, "The Women Entrepreneurship Platform which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.31 per cent at (WEP) is a public-private partnership, bringing together key ministries, including Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.17 per cent but stayed at six-month low MSME, to support women entrepreneurs. By integrating existing programmes, we aim levels of \$69.42 per barrel in

Covernment think tank support, skilling, mentorship, **J**NITI Aayog and the India and networking Vinod Kumar, President India SME Forum said, "Through this collaboration with NITI Aayog, we aim to extend WEP's women initiatives to Millions of aspiring women entrepreneurs, providing them with the knowledge and support needed

finance, markets, compliance

to build successful businesses". Besides, India SME Forum also formalised a strategic 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

"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.

Mitalee Agrawal, a distinguished leader in corporate communication and strategic management,

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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 national importance including University of Hyderabad, Ćentral

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IIIT Raichur. She has also led techno-

commercial operations for a USA-based multinational packaging company, 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 University of Andhra NASSCOM and the her legacy of excellence Pradesh, IIT Hyderabad, and Government of Telangana. across diverse domains.

Agrawal's remarkable 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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE MUNDRA (GUJARAT)

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 Such initiatives uplift women at guests. equality. "For women to truly 614 women working at Adani the grassroots and inspire On the occasion, Ms Pankti Shah, progress, the support of family,

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. production

103.95.

Moreover, the Foundation has also supported over 850 women become self-reliant by enhancing their entrepreneurial skills. Ms Manisha Chandra (IAS),

Commissioner Rural of 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, "Ĭt's a matter of great pride to witness women shattering stereotypes and become financially independent.

generations to come." Ms Ami Shah, Director, Adani Public School, Mundra, also graced the event among other distinguished

community, and the corporate community to step out for work themselves and their families. sector is essential. When women due to the unavailability of safe Through its dedicated initiati 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

Sonal Ram, a Technical Associate at Adani Solar, says, "Today, I am financially independent and able true for me. Earlier, it was initiatives that empower them to villages across 19 states, positively unimaginable for girls in my make meaningful choices for impacting 9.1 Million lives.

transportation. But with the the Foundation has positively 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 to support my family, which is livelihoods and entrepreneurship, The Adani Foundation is nothing short of a dream come and community development currently operating in 6,769 livelihoods and entrepreneurship,

Through its dedicated initiatives, 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.

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workplace. Sharing her journey, Ms Gadhavi CSR Head, Gujarat, Adani Foundation, emphasized the collective responsibility of society towards promoting gender equality. "For women to truly

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ΗÞ 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.

Tor 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 pro-

nounced. 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 patriar-chal 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 published under their real names but also dictated literary trends. Virginia Woolf's A Room of One's Own questioned the systemic suppression of women's voices in literature.



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Nobel laureate Toni Morrison chronicled the Black female experience in America with 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 communities and marginalised women forced society to confront uncomfortable truths.

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 of 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 mainstream cultural consciousness and discourse.

> 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,

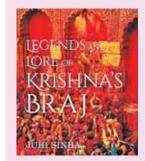


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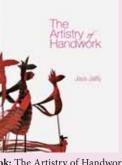
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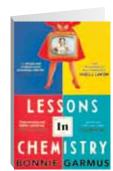


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for those who dare to challenge the status quo.

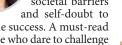
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A powerful sequel to Storm the Norm, this book shares inspiring stories of women who have shattered societal barriers



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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. About the Author Meena Bindra, 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**

None of This Is True by Lisa

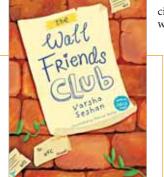
s International Women's Day approaches, there is no better time to celebrate the power friendship, resilience and support. The Wall Friends Club by Varsha Seshan beautifully captures the essence of human connection, showing how even the most unexpected friendships can shape our lives in meaningful ways.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

mat, the novel follows two young protagonists, Anandi and Sriya, who form an unlikely bond through letters slipped into a hid-den 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 find-

adulthood. Walt Fiends NOS



ABOUT THE BOOK Book: The Wall Friends Club Edited by: Varsha Seshan Publisher: HarperCollins Price: ₹175

ing comfort in the written word. Anandi and Sriva 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

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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We will play according to situation: Ravindra

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ashing New Zealand opener Ravindra Rachin 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 Zealand have prayed an then 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



time and continue to play well Ravindra after an emphatic 50-run win over South Africa for my team," he said. in the semifinal here on 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 "Whenever you approach a tournament, you expect hopefully to be among the top while going for an upper cut, but the left-hander hopes for four teams and lucky enough we have been consistently a better outing in the final. "You get out pretty much every time you bat. Hopefully

good over a period of time. We are happy with our I can bat for a longer period of preparation, coming here

early, we can see we are cooking reasonably well. Trust and ability around the group is great."

Ravindra (108) smashed his second century of the tournament on Wednesday and together with Kane Williamson (102) starred in New Zealand's win.

Senior middle-order batter Daryl Mitchell, who made 49 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 ways to win moments throughout that game. "Hopefully, we can put some pressure on them and walk

away with white jacket," he said. 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."

in national championship PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI A s many as 300 pugilists 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 three-minute rounds with a oneminute rest period. The tenpoint must-scoring system will be in place, and all matches will adhere to World

300 women boxers to compete

Boxing Technical & 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.

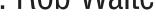


We are still evolving as a team: Rob Walter

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 $\begin{array}{c} Y^{et \ another \ knockout \ stage} \\ ICC \ event. \ But \ perennial \\ bridesmaid \ South \ Africa \end{array}$ 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



the eyes on the prize," he added. The 2027 ODI World Cup will co-hosted by South Africa,

Zimbabwe and Namibia. Walter was expectedly asked about South Africa going down in a knockout game of another global event. Last vear, the Proteas lost the T20 World Cup final to India from a commanding position. "I don't think it was any one

particular thing that resulted in the loss, probably a couple. We could have handled the last 10 overs (while bowling) a little bit better. They got away from us a little bit.



run rate to seal their spot in the final.

Capitals here on Friday. 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 them to the second position in the five-team points table. On Friday the second-ranked It seems like things are falling in place at last for the Giants, In the rive-team points table. On Friday, the second-ranked Giants, with six points in as many games, will have the perfect opportunity to put their recent ascent to test who showed determination against all odds to beat RCB in a low-scoring thriller, with skipper Ashleigh Gardner (58 not out) and Phoebe Litchfield (30 not out) taking the side over the line.

Capitals, who sit atop the The Giants then demolished Delhi Capitals, who have already booked a place in the playoffs, would be keen to UP Warriorz by 81 runs in their previous outing, riding on Beth Mooney's stunning record a win and take their 96 not out and a collective tally to 12 points and, in the show from their bowlers to

restricted the opponents to a mere 105 in pursuit of 187. The huge win not only lifted the Giants from the last spot but also improved their NRR to 0.357 from -0.450, better than the third-placed Mumbai Indians (0.166) with 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 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 PARIS

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.

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minute but the Georgia star's Paris Saint-Germain's (PSG) wasteful finishing effort was ruled out for a came back to haunt the razor-thin offside following a French team in a 1-0 loss to video review. Liverpool in the first leg of the VAR went in Liverpool's Champions League round of

favour a second time minutes later, when referee Davide Massa checked for a red card Harvey Elliott's late goal on Wednesday punished PSG at Parc des Princes. It was only check to see whether Ibrahima Konaté had pushed Liverpool's second attempt on target compared to a Barcola in the back. But no foul was given. Kvaratskhelia went close with

whopping 28 for PSG. Kvaratskhelia went close with Wasted chances galore a free kick early in the second balf and had another low shot hampered PSG during the half and had another low shot group stage — where it lost to saved. Arsenal, Atletico Madrid and Bayern Munich, scoring just one goal in those three games. But coach Luis Enrique's side Former England captain David Beckham was among the crowd at Parc des Princes. He played half a season for PSG after joining in 2013 during the start of the club's had turned the corner in fine style with 40 goals scored in 10 straight wins before this Galactico era and then game. PSG had 12 attempts on goal retired. It was turning into a night of frustration for this PSG side. in the first half alone where Liverpool could not cope with A corner almost went in, until PSG's pace, movement and constant positional switches on a night where Liverpool's Liverpool Dominik Szoboszlai stuck a leg out on the line. 30-goal top scorer Mohamed Salah was kept quiet. Then, with the clock ticking, Alisson made the save of the Luckily goalkeeper Alisson was at his defiant best, night when he somehow got both hands at full stretch to however, making nine saves substitute Désiré Doué's bending shot from 20 meters. overall. The imposing Brazilian twice denied Khvicha Kvaratskhelia Luis Enrique said before the game that Liverpool were and kept out attempts from Europe's Bradley Barcola and Ousmane Dembélé. There specialists and he was proved right. The return leg is on next Tuesday at Anfield and the were also bad misses from Barcola and midfielder João Neves, who both shot over winner faces either Aston Villa or Club Brugge in the

process, also better their net

"You know, in the wins, we 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 we accuracy. We 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 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

obviously we saw Dave (Miller) play unbelievably well in the end to get a hundred...You know you're just one partnership away from doing something special," said Walter. With Williamson and

Ravindra easily manipulating the bowlers, it seemed South Africa ran out of ideas. However, Walter did not

agree to that. "No, I don't think that's entirely accurate. We certainly tried to change it up, we tried 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 so the ball kept sliding on."

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India have 'real clarity' on how they want to operate in Dubai: Williamson

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against a formidable Delhi

table with 10 points.

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

New Źealand 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

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.

from good positions. Kvaratskhelia thought he had quarterfinals.

Aravindh defeats Giri in Prague Masters Mushfiqur Rahim retires from ODIs

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Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram crashed through the defenses of super-solid Anish 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. Ăravindh 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.

In the other decisive game 16-years old Gurel Ediz of Turkey With just two rounds to come, Sam Shankland of United

States defeated Quang Leim Le of Vietnam. Interestingly, scored over local Nguyen Thai Dai Van to reach a fifty both Quang Leim and Giri had drawn the first six games percent score while David Navara of Czech Republic and the axe fell on them at the played out a draw with Vincent Keymer of Germany.

Aravindh on five and Pragg on 4.5 are now followed by Wei Yi, Ediz, Keymer and 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 2.5 points in his kitty. The battle lines are drawn between the two Indians only. Aravindh is a cool customer

in normal positions with a deep eye for tactical complexities and a rare chance against Giri provided him to dismantle the king side and enter record books.

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 top fifteen for the first time ever. It was a Queen's gambit declined wherein Giri 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.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA DHAKA Veteran 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.

"I 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

cricket for the last 19 years," he per cent with dedication and honesty," Rahim wrote on his added. official Facebook page.

"The last few weeks have been

Rahim made his ODI debut almost 20 years ago and ended up representing the country in

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

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274 ODIs, aggregating 7795 runs at an average of 36.42. Only Tamim Iqbal (8357 runs) has scored more ODI runs than him for Bangladesh.

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