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#### Mumbai surpassed Beijing to become Asia's billionaire capital

Sanjay Kumar

New Delhi, March 26: The Hurun Global Rich List for 2024, released on Tuesday, revealed shifts in the wealth landscape, with Indian tycoons Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani making headlines for their remarkable gains. Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries, retained his title as Asia's richest person, while Gautam Adani, founder of the Adani Group, saw a staggering surge in wealth, propelling him to the 15th spot in the global rankings. With a net worth of issues US\$ 115 billion, Mukesh Ambani, aged 66, maintained his status as India's wealthiest individual. Despite 40 per cent increase in his wealth, Ambani slipped one place to secure the global tally to 3,279 indithe 10th spot globally.

Mukesh Ambani fortune received widespread attention earlier this month due to the extravagant pre-wedding celebrations of his youngest son, Anant Ambani. Gautam Adani, aged 61, leading the Adani Group energy conglomerate, witnessed a surge in wealth, amounting to US\$ 33 billion this year. With a net worth of US\$ 86 billion, Adani climbed the global rankings to the 15th position. The surge in Adani's wealth is attributed to a rally in his companies' shares following a Supreme Court verdict related to raised in the Hindenburg report. The Hurun Global Rich List 2024 showcases robust growth in billionaire numbers worldwide, with a total of 167 new billionaires added, bringing

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## Arvind Kejriwal directs there should be no shortage of free medicines at Mohalla Clinics

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, March 26: Delhi Chief

Minister Arvind Kejriwal has issued directions from ED custody to ensure that medicines and tests are available to people at all government hospitals and Mohalla Clinics, Minister Health Saurabh Bharadwaj said on Tuesday. Kejriwal received information about problems in laboratory tests available at Mohalla Clinics and issued the direc-

tions, he told a press conference here. The health department will act

immediately to address the issues, Aadmi Party national convener, who Bharadwaj said. He said the latest directions from Kejriwal show that

despite being in custody, he always (PMLA) court's order issued to the thinks about the wellbeing of the peo-

is in the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) custody till March 28 in the Delhi excise policy

case, issued direc-Water tions to Minister Atishi to address the water and sewer issues in some parts of the Sources had said the matter of issuing directions while being in custody will be looked into by the ED to ascertain if it is in line with the special Prevention of Money Laundering

agency and Kejriwal during his cusple of Delhi. Last week, the Aam tody period.

#### As IMD predicts harsh summer, Election Commission asks state poll officers to ensure facilities at polling stations

New Delhi, March 26: The Election Commission has sought "strict compliance" of its directive of providing assured minimum facilities at polling stations, including drinking water, shade and medical kit, for the Lok Sabha elections in the backdrop of the IMD predicting a harsh summer. It has also shared with its state chief electoral officers a set of 'dos and don'ts' issued by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to minimise the impact of the impending heat wave. In a letter sent out to its CEOs on March 16, the day it announced schedule for the Lok Sabha elections, the EC reminded them about its earlier set of instructions on assured minimum facilities at polling stations. According to the June 2023 instructions on assured minimum facilities, which have been circulated afresh, during summer, every polling party shall be supplied with oral rehydration salts (ORS) for their own use as well as for any voter needing the same due to heat-stroke. "A hand bill on 'Dos and Don'ts' in case of heat stroke may be prepared and supplied to each of the polling parties. An appeal to the electors may be issued to carry wet towels to protect themselves against dehydration and also advise women electors to avoid bringing children along with them to polling stations during

## For us, principles are more important than numbers game: Sukhbir Badal

After the BJP decided to contest the Lok Sabha tant than the number polls in Punjab on its own, SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal Tuesday said that for his party, principles are more important "than the numbers game" as he slammed the national parties for "playing politics" over votes. The on Tuesday announced that it would

Lok Sabha elections on its own in Punjab, indicating an end to the negotiations for re-stitching an alliance with Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD). Reacting to the BIP statement, Badal said, "The SAD is not an ordi-

contest the upcoming

Chandigarh, March 26: party of principles. For us, principles are more impor-



game." He said the 103year-old SAD's responsibility was to protect "qaum" (community), Punjab, and maintain brotherhood and peace in the state. "The Akali Dal was not formed he said. He accused the Delhi-based national political parties of playing politics over votes. "We are not (playing) politics over votes. For us it is Punjab," he added. He also pointed towards decisions taken by his party's core committee a few days ago. "Our core committee has made it clear what our principles are," he said. Earlier, Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar said the BJP is going to contest the Lok Sabha elections alone. The decision was taken based on the feedback of people, party workers and leaders. The decision has been taken for the future of Punjab and the betterment of the youth, farmers, traders, labourers and the

# Every woman deserves dignity: Kangana Ranaut

Navdeep Singh Sahni

Chandigarh, March 26: Every woman, irrespective of her background and profession, deserves dignity, actor Kangana Ranaut said on Tuesday, adding that she was particularly pained by Congress leaders' comments on Mandi from where she is contesting the Lok Sabha elections on a BJP ticket. Mandi is often referred to as "chota Kashi" the world over, Ranaut told reporters outside the Chandigarh airport. Congress leaders Supriya Shrinate and H S Ahir have kicked up a huge political row with derogatory comments on Ranaut and Mandi posted on their social media handles. "Whatever be the profession of a woman, be it a teacher, actress, journalist, politician or a sex worker, all of them deserve dignity. I'm pained especially because of the deplorable comments made about Mandi... All of us who come from Mandi have been hurt by the comments," Ranaut said. Asked whether she plans to take any action against the two Congress leaders, she said she had been called to Delhi by BJP president J P Nadda and would respond only after meeting him. "I have to maintain the dignity of the party. I can't walk before it. I have to walk with them and follow their instructions." The National Commission for Women against the dignity of women. @sharmarekha



demanding strict action against Shrinate and Ahir for their comments against Ranaut. "National Commission for Women is appalled by the disgraceful conduct of Ms. Supriya Shrinate and Mr H S Ahir, who made lewd and derogatory remarks about @KanganaTeam on social media. Such behavior is intolerable and goes

(NCW) has written to the Election Commission has sent a letter to the Election commissioner of India demanding an immediate and strict action against them. Let's uphold respect and dignity for all women.#RespectWomen," the NCW said in a post on Monday. Ranaut, 37, had earlier hit out at Shrinate, saying that she has played various roles and every woman deserves dignity. "Dear Supriya ji, in the last 20 years of my career as an artist I have played all kinds of women. From a naive girl in 'Queen' to a seductive spy in 'Dhaakad', from a goddess in 'Manikarnika' 'Chandramukhi', from a prostitute in 'Rajjo' to a revolutionary leader in 'Thalaivii',' Ranaut tweeted. Shrinate clarified that many people have access to her Facebook and Instagram accounts, and someone from them made the inappropriate post.

> "As soon as I came to know, I deleted that post. Everyone who knows me, also knows very well that I can never make personal and indecent comments towards any woman. I wanted to know how this happened," she said. Ahir, state joint co-ordinator of Kisan Congress, also made derogatory remarks against Ranaut.

# IAF approaches industry to modify two planes as pilot project

the IAF began re-equipping its Jaguar deep penetration strike aircraft with new navigation and attack avionics, the fleet is in for another upgrade, with the

Air Force equipping these aircraft with new generation close combat missiles. The missiles, which would be integrated with the aircraft's new Display Attack Ranging Inertial Navigation-III (DARIN-III) avionics and helmet mounted display, will enable pilots to engage targets from 500 meters to over 25 kms, depending upon the flight configuration, target orientation and altitude. The IAF has approached the industry to initially modify and re-equip two aircraft with the new generation missiles, identified in some reports as European firm MBDA's Advance Short Range Air-to-Air Missile, to match different types of radar sys-

tems. The new missiles will have infrared guidance, giving them 'fire-and-forget' capability and enable Jaguars to successfully engage various types of combat aircraft, transport platforms as well as cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles, sources added. The project will involve studying the Jaguar's existing DARIN-III avionics, developing

technical specifications, modification of the existing other users — France, UK, Oman, Nigeria and Chandigarh, March 26: Less than a decade after software, airframe and wing pylons, ground and Ecuador — having retired them. The Jaguars were flight trials and final certification. At present, the IAF operates around 120 twin-engine Jaguars, equipping six squadrons - No 5, 6, 14, 16, 27 and 224, based at Ambala, Jamnagar and Gorakhpur,



forming a crucial element of its strike capability and tactical reconnaissance. Some Jaguars have also been modified for the maritime role with anti-ship missiles. In 1979, 40 aircraft were imported from the UK followed by licence manufacture of 150 aircraft by state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, with aircraft rolling off the assembly lines as late as 2007. India is the sole remaining Jaguar operator, with

initially armed with the Matra R-550 Magic short range air-to-air missile, with the employed in an unconventional position on over-the-wing pylons as a means of self-defence during strike missions. A few years ago, India procured 31 decommissioned Jaguar airframes from France and two each from the UK and Oman, along with several thousand aero-spares to replace some aircraft lost due to attrition and ensure serviceability of the existing fleet. Jaguars have conducted reconnaissance missions during Operation Pawan in Sri Lanka. During the 1999 Kargil conflict, Jaguars carried out photo-recce sorties along the Line of Control and were also used to bomb enemy positions with guided munitions as well as unguided bombs. These have also participated in several multi-national exercises in India as well as overseas. Jaguars have undergone three upgrade programmes with the incorporation of different versions of the DARIN. The latest upgrade, DARIN-III which commenced recently, includes a new cockpit layout with dual multi-function display, new synthet ic aperture radar with a range of 250 kms for sur face targets and 150 kms for aerial targets, enhanced electronic countermeasures, new fire control radar, inertial navigation system with terrain mapping and geodetic height correction system and

#### Excise policy case: BRS leader Kavitha remanded in judicial custody till April 9

New Delhi, March 26: A court here on Tuesday sent BRS leader K Kavitha to 14-day judicial custody in the Delhi excise policy scam case. Special Judge Kaveri Baweja passed the order after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) did not seek an extension of her custodial interrogation. The BRS leader

was sent to seven-day ED custody on March 16 and it was extended by three days last Saturday. During the proceedings, Kavitha's advocate Nitesh Rana sought interim bail on the grounds of her minor son's exam. The counsel for the ED countered the bail, saying even if interim bail is to be considered, then opportunity must be given



for filing a reply. The ED underlined that for both interim and regular bail there were stringent provisions under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The agency has alleged that Kavitha, the daughter of former Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, was a key member of the 'South Group' that has been accused of paying the AAP kickbacks of Rs 100 crore in return for a big share of liquor licences in the national capital. The 46year-old was arrested by the central probe agency on March 15. Kavitha's counsel also sought permission for physically inspecting the documents submitted by the agency in a sealed cover under provisions 19 (2) of the PMLA. According to the provision, the authorities concerned, immediately after making an arrest were required to forward the arrest order along with the material in its possession to the court.

## Will Sangh Parivar abandon slogan 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' coined by a Muslim: Kerala CM

Naresh Malhotra

Malappuram (Kerala), March 26: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday said the slogans 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Jai Hind' were first raised by two Muslims and asked whether the Sangh Parivar would be ready to abandon them. Reaching out to the minority community in this Muslim-dominated north Kerala district, the veteran CPI(M) leader said Muslim rulers, cultural icons and officials had played a significant role in the country's history and independence movement. Drawing examples from history to prove his point, Vijayan said a Muslim man named Azimullah Khan had coined the slogan 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. "Some Sangh Parivar leaders who came here have asked those who sat in front of them to chant the slogan 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. Who coined the slogan? I don't know whether the Sangh Parivar knows that his name is Azimullah Khan," the CM said. He remarked that he didn't know whether they would stop using the slogan as it was a Muslim who came up

consecutive rally organised by the CPI(M) in the state against the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA). He said an old diplomat named Abid Hasan had first raised the slogan 'Jai Hind'. The translations of over 50 Upanishads into Persian from its original Sanskrit text by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan's son Dara Shikoh had helped the Indian texts reach across the world, Viiavan further said. He said that Sangh Parivar leaders and activists advocating for the extradition of Muslims from India to Pakistan ought to be acquainted with this historical context. Along with others, Muslims also played a crucial role in the country's freedom movement, the chief minister pointed out. While talking about the Citizenship Amendment Act, Vijayan alleged that the "RSS-led BJP government at the Centre" is trying to turn Muslims into second-grade citizens in the country through the implementation of the CAA. The democratically conscious people of Kerala



He said that while the Centre claimed that the CAA was to give citizenship to refugees migrated from neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who

is to make the citizenship of

migrated Muslim refugees illegal, the CM charged. No country in the world has ever divided refugees on the lines of religion except the Indian government led by the BJP leadership, the CM further said. Despite widespread protests across the country and the opposition raised by various countries, "the Sangh Parivar-led union government went ahead, overlooking all such objections, and it was similar to the stand taken by fascist ruler Adolf Hitler," he said. The Left government in the state was the first to register a loud protest against this in the coun-

try. Though the LDF government tried to bring everyone across politics to protest against the CAA, the opposition Congress backed out of it later. Criticising the grand old party, Vijayan further said the

with it. Vijayan was addressing the fourth won't accept this move at any cost, he said. seek asylum in the country, its real objective experience showed that they didn't have sincerity in the anti-CAA protest. He alleged that at a time when the whole country has been protesting against the controversial law, the Congress MPs were participating in a feast organised by the party president. "During the protests, none of the Congress leaders were present. Rahul Gandhi was abroad. It was the Left leaders who were arrested by the Delhi Police," Vijayan said. He accused the Centre of giving silent permission to the rioters when Sangh Parivar unleashed violence upon the anti-CAA protestors in Delhi. Vijayan further attacked the RSS and said that the ideology and structure of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh were adopted from Adolf Hitler's fascist ideologies. Vijayan also referred to RSS ideologue M S Golwalkar's quote in one of his books that termed Christians, Muslims Communists as internal enemies of the country. "Its (RSS') ideology was not from any ancient texts, myths, or Vedas or from the Manusmriti but was taken from Hitler," the

chief minister charged.

## Another student hangs self in 'coaching hub' Kota, 7th suicide this year

Kota. Continuing with the unfortunate spate of student suicides in India's 'coaching hub' Kota, another National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) aspirant has reportedly killed himself.

Twenty-year-old Uruz Khan, who was preparing for NEET, was found hanging from the ceiling fan of his rented room in the city. To everyone's dismay, this is the 7th student suicide incident in 2024 alone. The deceased Uruz Khan, a resident of Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh, was staying at a rented flat in Vigyan Nagar locality where he hanged himself Monday night. The police were informed after the guard of the building where Uruz was staying found him hanging from the ceiling fan. The police reached the spot, took the body into their custody before sending it to the mortuary of the nearby MBS Hospital.Uruz Khan had shifted to the room just 20 days back but had been staying in Kota for a long time, police said.

s per reports, the reason behind the NEET aspirant taking the extreme step is not known aspirant taking the extreme step is not known as of now. The police have informed the family of the deceased student, upon the arrival of whom the autopsy will be conducted, police added. Earlier in March, a JEE aspirant died by suicide in Kota. The student was identified as Abhishek Kumar, a native of Bihar's Bhagalpur district.

Abhishek, a JEE aspirant, consumed a poisonous substance in his rented room in the Vigyan Nagar area of the city.Commenting on the incident, police said that a bottle of the poisonous substance and a suicide letter were recovered from Kumar's room.

#### **Enforcement Directorate** summons Bengal minister in teachers' recruitment scam

Lucknow. The Allahabad High Court has struck down the UP Board of Madarsa Education Act, 2004, declaring it "unconstitutional" for violating the principle of secularism. A division bench of Justices Vivek Chaudhary and Subhash Vidyarthi has directed the state government to accommodate the madrasa students in the formal education system.

The Lucknow bench's order came on a petition by Anshuman Singh Rathore, who had challenged the UP Madrasa board and objected to its management by the minority welfare department.

A detailed judgment in the case is awaited. The ruling comes months after the UP government decided to survey Islamic education institutions in the state.

The government had also formed a Special Investigating Team (SIT) last October to probe the foreign funding that the madrasas have been receiving.

#### IMD issues orange alert for Telangana, temp to soar above 41oC

The Telangana State Planning and Development Society (TSPDS) recorded the highest maximum temperature of 41.4oC in Nirmal on Monday,

**HYDERABAD.** The month of March is very likely to end on a hotter note as the maximum temperatures are predicted to soar beyond 40oC in the state. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday issued an orange alert for the state and said that dry weather will prevail over the next five days with mercury levels rising by 2oC-3oC in the range of 41oC-44oC.



The IMD has also said that light to moderate rains or thundershowers are likely around March 31, however, it will have no significant effect on the temperature levels.

The Telangana State Planning and Development Society (TSPDS) recorded the highest maximum temperature of 41.4oC in Nirmal on Monday, followed by Nizamabad at 41oC degree and Kumarambheem Asifabad at 40.9oC. Hyderabad, on the other hand, recorded a highest maximum temperature of 39.2oC at Shaikpet. In the next 48 hours, the city will experience a partly cloudy sky with hazy conditions and the minimum and maximum temperatures are likely to hover around 38oC and 25oC, respectively, with wind speeds of 6–10 kmph.

# Dalit teen thrashed in Tamil Nadu for trying to participate in annual day celebration at alma mater

TIRUPPUR. A Dalit teen was beaten up by a group of caste Hindus for attempting to participate in the annual day celebrations at his former school at Amaravathipalayam near Tiruppur city, police said. The victim, S Shyam Kumar (19), claimed he was mercilessly beaten up by his former schoolmate and the latter's relative near the government-aided school where had completed his class 8.A seriously injured Shyam has been admitted to the Tiruppur Medical College Hospital. Two persons have been booked under sections of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and also the Indian Penal Code y the Nallur police Tiruppur city on Sunday.The accused have been identified as one Balasubramaniam and Kumar's former schoolmate Karthik, 25.

Kumar told TNIE that he belongs to a Scheduled Caste community (SC-A) and the assailants are caste Hindus.

'Last Friday, I took half a day's leave and reached the school where I studied at Amaravathipalayam to attend the annual day celebrations. Balasubramaniam, a relative of Karthik, questioned my presence near the school. He used a casteist slur and kicked me Shyam Kumar said that the duo told him that when I expressed my intention to participate



in the fete."Balasubramaniam then went away and came with Karthik. He further added, "The duo started punching and kicking in my stomach, chest and neck. I cried in paid, but they paid no heed," he said. his presence near the alma mater was uncalled for and they cannot tolerate his participation in the annual day function. "When I objected to leave the place, they threatened that people from my community shouldn't be present in their locality or school. Later, my friends rescued me from the spot.""I have internal injuries near my

chest and back. Doctors promised speedy recovery, but I am worried about my condition after I am discharged," he further added.Kumar worked in a real estate promotion company for two years after failing in class 12. "My mother Saraswathi is a daily wage labourer at a garment company and my father is a farm worker,"

Speaking to TNIE, Adi Tamilar Jananayaga Peravai President K Bowthan said, "There is a general hatred towards the Dalits in these areas. If a Dalit wears a good shirt or drives a bike, members of the dominant community will not spare them. Besides, most of the government-aided school have students from the dominant caste."Bowthan pointed out that there is a delay in arresting the assailants.

They are influential figures in the locality and hence they are still roaming free," he

ssistant Commissioner (Nallur Range) K Nandhini said, "We have identified the culprits and have filed an FIR against them. Since we are busy with election duty, we are yet to arrest them. They will be arrested

## Officials seize Rs 69,400 cash from tourists due to poll code, return it

Poll officials seize Rs 69,400 from Punjab tourists in Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris district

Family says they were unaware of poll code due to Lok Sabha

Family gets back the money, incident sparks outrage on social media

Chennai. Election officials recovered Rs 69,400 in cash from a Punjab-based family in Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris district where they had come for a vacation. A video of the incident went viral on social media, showing a woman, carrying her child, breaking down and pleading with the officials to return the money.

The election officials recovered the cash



from the family during a vehicle check on Sunday as part of the Model Code of Conduct rules. The Model Code of Conduct came into effect when the Election Commission announced the Lok Sabha polls' dates on March 16.In the video, both the woman and her husband try to explain to the officials that they were unaware of the Model Code of Conduct rules that came into effect due to the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. On their part, the officials tried to explain the poll code rules to the tourists. In the video, when the woman asks an official, who spoke in Tamil, if she would get her money back, the official replies that it would be done by

Monday. Subsequently, the Nilgiris assistant returning officer on Monday verified the documents of the tourists and election officials. According to the Election Commission, any individual carrying cash exceeding Rs 50,000, and new articles and gifts worth over Rs 10,000 will be seized.

The measure has been implemented with an aim to curb the misuse of cash for electoral influence. The individual will get back the money or article if he or she carries valid documents and declares that the items seized are not connected to the elections. However, if the seized amount is over Rs 10 lakh, the cash will be sent to the Income Tax Department for further investigation. Meanwhile, several people on social media expressed outrage over the incident and raised questions about the harassment of the common man in the name of poll code rules by officials. The Lok Sabha polls will be held in seven phases from April 19 to June 1. The counting of votes will take place on June 4.

### **Madras High Court shocked** over inhuman treatment of inmates in Corner Stone deaddiction centre

returned the amount that was seized by the CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has expressed shock over the lack of basic amenities and inhuman treatment of the inmates at Corner Stone, a deaddiction centre functioning in Thirumullaivayal in Chennai.Referring to the interim report submitted by advocate CK Chandrasekar, the amicus curiae who inspected the de-addiction centre, a division bench comprising Justices MS Ramesh and Sunder Mohan recently said, "On perusal of the statements made therein, we were shocked to find certain very disturbing facts touching upon the health and safety of the inmates as well as the infrastructure provided to them.'

The amicus curiae and other advocates accompanying him were detained by the men attached to the centre and they refused to provide any details. Pointing out the lack of facilities, the bench said, "We were also surprised by the fact that the food and water that were being provided to the inmates are of very substandard quality and that the inmates are living in inhumane conditions.'



It suo motu impleaded secretaries of the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Tamil Nadu Health Department, TN State Mental Health Authority and the Director of Institute of Mental Health. Directing the Corner Stone authorities to file a response to the interim report of the amicus curiae, the bench adjourned the matter to March 27 for further hearing. The issues came to the fore when the bench was hearing a habeas corpus petition filed by a girl alleging that her lover was forcibly detained at the centre at the insistence of his family members who objected to their

# Chennai: Dreams of Muslim, SC families go down the 'drain' as homes demolished

CHENNAI. Around 42 families in while others resided in makeshift shelters. Muslim community, have been left in the lurch as their houses were recently demolished by the highways department for stormwater drain work. The families have alleged that their pleas requesting alternative plots for housing were ignored by authorities. In June 2023, the highways department initiated the process to clear houses on a 500-metre stretch of poramboke land along the highway in Vettu Colony and Muslim Colony. Notices to this effect were served to the residents.

A majority of the residents are daily wage labourers who had been living in the region for around 20 years. Over this period, some of them invested up to `5 lakh in constructing houses with hollow blocks,

Gummidipoondi, predominantly Sarala, who is currently residing in a belonging to the Scheduled Castes and makeshift shelter built of tarpaulin sheets at Vettu Colony, said, "We were ready to vacate our homes, just that we sought an But the families alleged that the proposed alternative site to settle as we had no other place to go. But, without heeding to our plea, they went ahead and demolished our houses."Another resident Suguna has sought refuge in a small thatched hut nearby after her house was demolished. "My daughter is now appearing for her Class 12 public examination. It was the worst time to get evicted for us. Me and my

two daughters are currently staying in a hut with no power supply," she said. However, highways department officials maintain that the provision of an alternative site is not warranted as the residents did not live on patta lands. They

further stated that, as a favour to the poorest of the lot, they would be willing to aid 12 of the displaced families by setting them up in the neighbouring Pudhu Nagar.

sites were already allotted to other SC families and some even have existing houses. Ranjith Kumar, a resident of Pudhu Nagar, said that his land was mistakenly reallotted. "I have been living here for more than 15 years, I have even built a house. I was shocked to see my plot declared as vacant for alternative allotment," he added.In 2000, the Adi Dravidar welfare board allotted plots in Pudhu Nagar to 121 landless SC families. Later, the revenue department, through a separate order, proposed to cancel the allotments to 44 families, stating the plots were not put to use.

# Political dynasties continue to dominate landscape in Nellore

The Reddy community, in particular, has wielded influence in the district's politics for more than two decades, solidifying its dominance in the region.

NELLORE.Political landscape in Nellore district continues to be shaped by prominent families with longstanding legacies dating back to the first Assembly elections held in Andhra Pradesh in 1955. While members of these families have shifted loyalties from one political party to another, yet their influence has remained strong in the region. Regardless of their party affiliations, these families have garnered significant support from the local populace, allowing them to maintain their stronghold in the region for generations.In the upcoming elections, too, heirs of these influential

families are set to test their luck.

Anam, Mekapati, Nedurumalli, Nallapureddy and Magunta families hold significant sway in the region, with their heirs now actively involved in politics. In particular, leaders from the Reddy and Kapu (Balija) communities have emerged as major contestants in Nellore district's political arena. The Reddy community, in particular, has wielded influence in the district's politics for more than two decades, solidifying its dominance in the region.

From the Anam family, which has been involved in the district politics for more than 80 years, Chenchu Subbareddy was first to begin his political journey, followed by his grandsons Ramnarayana Reddy and Vivekananda Reddy. Now, the sons of Ramnarayana Reddy and Vivekananda Reddy are carrying the torch forward.

While Ramnarayana Reddy had successfully contested from Venkatagiri Assembly seats on a YSRC ticket, he will enter the poll fray from Atmakur on a TDP ticket. Anam Arunamma, the wife of Ramnarayana Reddy's brother Anam Vijaya Kumar Reddy, is currently serving as a Zilla Parishad chairperson. Another family that has made a mark on the political landscape, particularly within the Congress, is the Magunta family. Magunta Sreen ivasulu Reddy, brother of Subbarami Reddy,



emerged victorious in the Ongole Lok Sabha constituency in 2004 and 2009. After bifurcation, he quit the grand old party, joined the TDP and became an MLC. In 2019, he switched to the YSRC and once again won the Ongole MP seat. Now, M Sreenivasulu Reddy has shifted to the TDP as he gears up to grab the Ongole Parliament seat, marking another chapter in the political saga of the Magunta family.Nedurumalli Janardhan Reddy served as chief minister of the State from 1990 to 1992. A Congress

leader, he was later elected as MP from

Bapatla, Narasaraopeta and

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#### **NEWS BOX**

#### My last chance': A month after joining party, RS Solanki is BSP's candidate from GB Nagar

Noida. Rajendra Singh Solanki, an ex-Congress MLA from Bulandshahr's Sikandrabad constituency in the mid-80s, will contest the Lok Sabha elections from Gautam Budh Nagar on a BSP ticket this time.BSP on Sunday announced its list of candidates for 16 seats in western UP. The 68-year-old Solanki joined BSP only a month ago. "Behanji (BSP supremo Mayawati) has asked me to contest the elections this time. The Gautam Budh Nagar seat has gone to Samajwadi Party because of its alliance with Congress. This is my last chance to serve people in my area. I don't want to lose it. So, I will contest the polls on a BSP ticket," Solanki

Solanki, who had been associated with Congress since 1975, had switched sides earlier too. In 2007, he contested the MLA election from Sikandrabad for BJP. Ironically, he had lost to BSP's Vedram Bhati then. Solanki said he had joined BJP at the behest of former chief minister Kalyan Singh. But soon after his loss in 2007, he switched back to Congress. Since then, Solanki hasn't contested any election until now.A resident of Khurja, Solanki had won the MLA election from Sikandrabad for the first time in 1985 on a Congress ticket.

I have been with Congress since the time of Emergency. I was made the president of UP Youth Congress by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi ji. Since then, I held several posts in the party, such as secretary, general secretary and vice-president of the state unit. I even held the post of Bulandshahr Congress president once," he said. Asked about his poll plank this year, Solanki said he would like a local candidate to become the MP of Gautam Budh Nagar. "Mahesh Sharma, the current MP, is from Rajasthan. He didn't have any strong candidate against him in the past two Lok Sabha elections. I am a local leader. So, the election will be a close contest this time," he added.

Solanki accused BJP of trying to polarise voters. "Politics should rise above caste and religion. BJP has vitiated the political environment. I am against it. If BJP thinks they have money and resources, let me tell you that honesty cannot be bought like vegetables or clothes. One cannot buy honesty because it is not sold in the market," he added.

#### Road in Okhla sanctuary: NGT seeks replies from UP, Centre and Noida

Noida: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) last week directed officials of the Union environment ministry, UP govt, Noida Authority and the district administration to respond to allegations that a road was being constructed in Okhla Bird Sanctuary, an ecosensitive zone home to dozens of species of flora and fauna. Apart from the ministry, NGT on March 23 issued notices to principal chief conservator of forest (wildlife), conservator of forest (Meerut circle), divisional forest officer, irrigation department, Noida Authority and district magistrate to file affidavits.

'Applicant is directed to serve the respondents and file affidavit(s) of service at least one week before the next date of hearing," the bench of NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and expert member Senthil Vel ordered. The next date of hearing is July 2. The tribunal was hearing a petition by birder Yogesh Kumar that said an approach road to a crematorium was being laid down inside the sanctuary where construction is barred. The petitioner's counsel Nisha Rai said any pucca construction in the sanctuary was against the norms. "It disturbs birds and hampers groundwater recharge. This construction is causing great harm and is bound to further devastate the delicate and sensitive ecological balance of the sanctuary," the petition read.TOI had reported on March 19 that birders have opposed construction of the road, which was allegedly meant to give locals access to a crematorium just off the sanctuary. At the time, concrete over 50 metres in length had been laid on the road, and a tractor and a cement mixer were seen at the site. "Traffic inside the sanctuary is bad for wildlife. It is illegal. If needed. access to the crematorium can be from outside the sanctuary area. We don't even know if this crematorium is legal," Kumar said.

#### **General Manager Reviews Performance Of Northern Railway**

New Delhi, Mar. 26:Sh. Shobhan Chaudhuri, General Manager Northern Railway held a perform-



ance review meeting with the departmenheads Northern Railway and DRMs. The GM emphasized that Safety is the main concern over Railways, for which all out efforts should be directed towards maintaining tracks, rolling stock, signaling and electric overhead wires are working in top order. advised

departments to regularly conduct training and refresher courses for the staff to keep them motivated and informed of the working of the system to minimize human error. He also instructed the department heads and DRMs that since summer season is round the corner, all divisions to take all necessary remedial actions to proper & efficient working of signaling systems and instructed that monitoring of signals and rail welds should be done extensively and no error should be left. He also emphasized on focusing on electrical safety on tracks as well as safety in relay and panel rooms for error free movement of trains. He stressed upon minimizing the human failure in train operation. He advised department heads and DRMs, to maintain punctuality and keep pace for freight loading with safety as priority. He also informed that, loading of food grains & other items have steadily increased with every passing month. Northern Railway is committed to provide safe, smooth and

efficient services to its customers.

# 13 years on, sector is still waiting for a market of its own, banks & ATMs

**NOIDA.** Around 1,000 residents of Sector 112 have complained that there aren't any local markets, banks or ATMs in the area. Besides this, residents say voltage fluctuations are frequent and cause damage to electrical equipment. The sector has a lot of street dogs and monkeys, and unkempt parks with broken drain covers, grilles and garbage

"Allotment of plots in our sector was done in 2011. Even after 13 years, we are facing several problems. There are no local markets in our sector. There are no ?banks or ATMs. To cater to all these necessities, residents have to travel around 3 kilometres, said Devdutt Sharma, RWA general secretary of Sector 112.

Sharma added that the sector lacks public transport facilities as well. As a result,



residents have to commute by private vehicles."The parks are poorly

wall is broken, grass is drying, and construction and demolition (C&D)

stray dogs are rising in numbers. Also, two monkeys have been roaming in the sector for the last several days and are causing major damage to houses. They have also attacked some residents of the sector," said Sharma, adding that over 200 families are living in the sector and 50 plots that are under construction will be occupied soon.Laxman Pandey, a resident of the sector, claimed that it is very difficult to get groceries and other necessities that are required regularly because the nearest market is around 3 km from the sector. "Sometimes you need emergency groceries. But we have to travel a significant distance to fetch those things," said Pandey. Mohit Sharma another resident of Sectot 112 said that ATMs and

banks are necessities for any residential area. "At least basic such facilities should be provided," said Sharma.

## Rera forfeits 7cr security deposits of 20 builders

**Gurgaon.** The Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (H-Rera) came heavily on developers by forfeiting security deposits of 20 of them for not complying with the conditions of registration certificates. The authority said these developers had been granted project registration certificates (RCs) with riders but they failed to follow the conditions within the stipulated time, amounting to violations. Therefore, it said, their security deposits have been forfeited."As the developers failed to submit the documents within the stipulated time as per the conditions of registration certificates, the security amounts deposited by the promoters in lieu of the timely submissions of the required papers are being forfeited," the authority said in its order.

The regulator has forfeited security deposits worth Rs 7 crore."These promoters were granted conditional registrations on their own requests and

they deposited security amounts in lieu of submissions of requisite clearances that they had to adhere mandatorily within the time specified in the conditional registrations," said the regulator, adding it was clearly mentioned in the certificates that the security amounts shall be forfeited if respective conditions are not fulfilled by promoters within the stipulated time mentioned in the conditions."It is worth noting that Act 2016 makes it mandatory for promoters to obtain RC from the authority without which they cannot advertise and execute bookings. The authority has to ensure every stakeholder must comply with it for a better and transparent functioning," order said. We also published the following articles recently Kunal Kemmu's 'Madgaon Express' gets a U/A certificate on condition of certain modifications and changes.Kunal Kemmu's 'Madgaon

Express' undergoes CBFC modifications for visuals, audio, and disclaimers. Comedy featuring Pratik Gandhi, Divyenndu, Avinash Tiwary, Nora Fatehi on a Goa trip, releasing March 22, 2024.108644538

Nita Ambani had THIS one condition before marrying Mukesh AmbaniNita Ambani, from a teaching background, married Mukesh Ambani after initial doubts. Her love for teaching led to founding Dhirubhai Ambani International School. Her sister, Mamta Dalal, taught notable individuals like Suhana Khan and Sachin Tendulkar's children.Skin chafing on thighs? Things to prevent and heal this painful conditionSkin chafing, a painful condition from skin friction, can lead to inflammation. Prevention tips include proper clothing, hydration, and remedies like cold compresses. Medical advice is crucial for severe cases

### Timeline to rent: Paradiso buyers flag concerns over revamp

Gurgaon: The legal agreement papers prepared by the builder of Chintels Paradiso for the redevelopment of the project have drawn criticism from residents. In a meeting held on Sunday, residents alleged that the agreement is "one-sided in nature", which they felt did not represent their interests fairly. They also pointed out that the agreement seemed to prioritise redevelopment over the mandated reconstruction of phase-1 that comprises towers D, E, F, G and H.Highlighting that timeline for the completion of reconstruction and structured renting details has not been mentioned in the document, residents have asked for modifications in the agreement. They have also decided to raise their concerns with the district administration for fixation and payment of rent."Instead of reconstruction, the developer is going ahead with a redevelopment plan. With increased FAR, the population in the society will increase which will eventually impact the existing resources and amenities. The agreement is completely one

#### Cricket lovers encounter dusty roads, parking woes on way to match venue

Mohali, March 24: There was no relief from 'ordeal' for spectators who reached Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur, to watch the first mega event at the venue. The unplanned approach to the parking lots hassled them the most. Many spectators parked their vehicles on narrow village roads and walked to the venue to watch the IPL match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals this afternoon. There was no signage at road diversions, which resulted in vehicles blocking roads near the stadium. "The police diverted vehicles, but there was no signage. The match was slated in the afternoon. It will be very difficult to drive on these roads in the late evening matches," said Amitosh, a

spectator. Fans cheer during a T20 match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals at the Mullanpur stadium on Saturday.Vicky "Cops were very rude, and there was no proper guidance. I reached here two hours before the start of the match, yet I faced trouble," said Anitham, a Mohali resident. A cultural item being presented before the start of the match. Vicky It took almost two hours for spectators to gain entry to the stadium, "Tall claims of providing a smooth entry to the stadium stand belied. There are only two roads approaching the stadium, but the traffic was diverted through various rough patches. The authorities must have made better arrangements," said Anoop, who travelled from the national capital to watch the match. Police personnel were also frustrated dealing with fans and traffic. "This is not an ideal situation to conduct a match. The two approaching roads are not fully functional. The area is not developed at all and can't accommodate such a huge rush," said a police official. Gate numbers 12, 11 and a huge rush of fans. Ironically, the space to make queues was as narrow as the old IS Bindra PCA Stadium in Mohali. Those who gained timely entry to the stadium termed it a better facility. "The new stadium is quite big and offers better facilities. It's good to have a bigger venue to host major championships," said Mohammed Seeza, a spectator. "It's a good venue and far from the city. Every new place has some pros and cons, but overall it was a good experience to watch the match here.

#### **NAME CHANGE** Jatinder Kaur Khurana

Shupinder Singh Khurana r/o E-5 Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028 have changed my name to Jatinde Kaur for all future purposes.

#### NAME CHANGE SAHIL NARANG S/o VIRENDEI

NARANG residing at House No. -B-3/21 Upper Ground Floor, Rana Pratap Bagh, North Delhi, Delhi 110007 have changed the name of my minor Daughter MEHR NARANG aged 7 Years and she shall hereafter be known as MEHARR S NARANG.

#### NAME CHANGE HIL NARANG S/o VIRENDE

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BHAWNA KHURANA W/ PRASHANT CHAWLA, Residin H.No. 538/23, DLF Colony, Rohtak -124001 have changed my name from BHAWNA KHURANA to BHAWNA CHAWLA for all futur

#### NAME CHANGE

, VIMLESH KUMARI D/o BHOLL RAM, Permanent R/o Satsara Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh-247452 nd Present R/o Plot in Kh. No. 577 lear Mam Chand Dharamshala Wa Gali, Bijwasan, Delhi-110061, hereb ndertake that I VIMLESH KUMAF want to change my name to VIM LESH KUMAR and gender as MALE

#### NAME CHANGE

VIMLESH KUMARI henceforth n as VIMLESH KUMAR son o BHOLU RAM. The above statement nade by me is true & correct to th best of my knowledge and belief. any legal issue arises in this regar at any stage, I will be persona be liable for any consequences aris ng therefore.

#### **NAME CHANGE**

hitherto known as KANTA PRASAD alias KAMTA PRASAD S/o SHYAM LAL, residing at H.No. C-53, Gali No.-37, Mahavir Enclave Part-3, D.K.Mohan Garden S.O. West Delhi, Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall here-after be known as KAMTA PRASAD

#### NAME CHANGE

RAUSHAN S/o SITARAM ROY, per nanent R/o Kamalpur, Pandaul Madhubani, Bihar-847234, and cur ently residing at RZA-17, Sanjay Enclave, Bishwas Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have fter be known as RITIK ROY.

#### **NAME CHANGE**

SHUBHAM, S/o PUSHKAR MA Residing at B-209, DADA DEV COLONY, SECTOR-7, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110075, have changed name from SHUBHAM HUBHAM AGGARWAL for

#### NAME CHANGE SURENDRA PAL SINGH

I, SURENDRA PAL SINGH 3/0 BALDEV SINGH residing at 718-719, IIND FLOOR, SUNLIGHT COLONY NO-1, ASHRAM, DELHI-110014 have changed my name to SURINDER PAL SINGH for all uture purpose

#### NAME CHANGE

I PRASHANT CHAWLA S/o NARESH CHAWLA, Residing H.No. 538/23, DLF Colony, Rohtak 124001 have changed my minor son name from HARMAN CHAWLA o KABIR CHAWLA for all future

#### NAME CHANGE

SURESH S/o AJIT SING esiding H.No. 384, WARD NO. /lata Darwaza, Rohtak - 12400 have changed my name from SURESH to SURESH KUMAR for all future purposes.

**NAME CHANGE** 

#### PRASHANT CHAWLA

IARESH CHAWLA, Residing H.No 38/23, DLF Colony, Rohtak 124001 have changed my daughte name from KASHVI to KASHV CHAWLA for all future purposes. **NAME CHANGE** 

#### t is for general information that I /IKAS KUMAR S/o RAMESHWAF

RASAD, R/o H-249, Kali Ba Central Delhi-110001, declare tha ame of my father has been wrong written as RAMESHWAR in my DBSE 10th & 12th Class
Marksheets & Certificates, Delhi iversity B.Com. Graduation and Monad University MBA Post-Graduation Marksheets & Degrees The actual name of my father RAMESHWAR PRASAD.

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SINGH, and W/o Late GANGA , R/o RZ-2521, 1st Floo Side, Gali No. 27-28 Fughlakahad Extension Kalkai outh Delhi, Delhi-110019, hav langed my name and shall here ter be known as HANSI DEVI.

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, Aditya Kumar S/O Inderjeet Sin R/O C-42 , Phase 1 , New Pala Vihar, Gurugram Haryana 122017 or all future purposes.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general pub-lic at large that our client Mr. Ajay Gupta S/o Mr. Dharam Pal Gupta is the owner of Freehold Residential Entire Second floor without Roof rights, Property bearing no. A-748, area measuring 200 Sq. Yds. Situated at Shastri Nagar Delhi-110052. By Virtue, Gift Deed dated 25.05.2016 Duly registered at SRO--Delhi as Doc no. 4534. Vol no 6214 Page no. 185-192 dated 25.05.2016., in the chain docu nents below mentioned documents not available i.e. Death Certificate 8 Shah expired on 20.05.1987 nov our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and came property finance by Pirama Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. Branch: NSP, New Delhi If any per on is having objection right of clair against the said property, contact to undersigned along with supporting documents within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned in found by anyone. Thereafter no

#### [NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]

Advocate F-211, Sector-3. Vaishali, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010 (Contact at 09958871432

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Delhi, Delhi - 110015, have changed the name of my minor Daughter DIVYANSHI SAHNI aged 15 years

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

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orrect and true name and DOB on the is Neeru and DOB is 31/03/198

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My clients VIJAY KUMAR MANJET

AND HIS WIFE VIJAYA PRATHIPAT

both R/O VISAKHAPATNAM, INDIA

presently residing at CANADA have

debarred their sister in-law/brother in law namely JAYA NOOKATHATTU

and BHASKARA RAO NOOKATHAT

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**Public Notice** 

, Rajender Singh Negi R/o House No-1231, 2nd Floor, Sector-21D Faridabad, Haryana-121001, Haryana

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#### **NAME CHANGE**

itherto known as RENU AGGAF VAL alias GEETA GOYAL D/ MUKESH GOYAL W/o DEEPA AGGARWAL residing at House No 1726, 2nd Floor, Opposite Nee Nandan Apartment, Sector-10A Burgaon, PO; Gurgaon, Haryana 122001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GEETA GOYAL AGGARWAL.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby given that Mrs Sunita Yadav, W/o Late Mr. Rajendra aday, is the owner of the entire residential uplex House No. 15/106, covering a rea of 174.76 square meters, Situal Sector 15, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Utta radesh, This property was purchased o 7.12.2012 through a sale deed executed y Mr. Pankaj Mathur in favor of Mrs. Sunita Yadav and Mr. Rajendra Singh Yadav. Subsequently, Mr. Rajendra Singh Yadav passed away on 05.07.2022, and their son Mr. Vikas Yadav passed away o 25.06.2022. Their legal heirs, namely M fishal Yadav, Mrs. Yogita Yadav, and Mrs Shweta Yadav, executed two gift deeds in favor of Mrs. Sunita Yadav on 22.08.2023 respect of their share with Regd. No 8790 and 8424, respectively. The same property is being financed by RBL Ban imited, located at Building no.1, First Floor khla Phase - III. Near Modi Mills. Ne Delhi - 110020 If any person(s) objection & egarding subject property, then kindly ma submit his/her objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The aid objection may be kindly sent to the rsigned by way of the Registered Po n the address given below and by E-mail ailing which, the claim as per aforesaid shall be treated as null and void in respe of the subject property.

[ASHWANI KUMAR] Advocate

Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA) (RAILWAY BOARD)

#### No. 2023/Track-III/MC/5 New Delhi, dated 26.03.2024 **CORRIGENDUM-V**

02.05.2024. All other terms and conditions of the subject tender remai

Subject: E-Tender No. TM-2303 for procurement of Rail Borne Maintenance Vehicle "RBMV" for Indian Railways to be opened on 02.05.2024. The date of opening of above mentioned tender due on 04.04.2024 has been postponed to



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MAHAJABIN Jaidi W/o ABBAS LI R/O A-326 AMAR PURI NAB ALI K/O A-326 AWAR PORT NABI KARIM PAHAR GANJ NEW DELHI-110055 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME from MAHAJABIN Jaidi to MAHJBEEN for all future purpose.

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ANTHONY CELEMENT SURENDER R/O 536 SECTOR-R.K.PURAM 110022 have change my name to ANTHONY CLEMEN

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SMT KLIMARI ARTI wife of NO , 14436398P Rank-HAV Name- RAN TIRTH PAL R/o VILL-BAREBAN PO-GANESH PUR TEH-BAST DIST-BASTI, UTTAR PRADESI 272002 have changed my rom SMT KUMARI ARTI to ART DEVI for all future purposes vide Affidavit Dated 26/03/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

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is for general information tha RITIK S/O SATYABIR SINGH R/ lard No. 25, Gali No. 2, Nea ailway Ground Kankarwali Mohalla- Vikas Nagar, Rewari Rewari, Haryana - 123401 declari hat name of my Mother has bee rongly written as RIYA@MUKESH UMARI in my 10th class ducational Documents. The actua ame of my Mother is MUKESH (UMARI which may be amended

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

nformation is given to general pub c at large that our client Mrs. Anji hauhan W/o Mr. Raju Chauhan i ne owner of FREEHOLD RES DENTIAL PLOT NO. 131-B. AREA DENTIAL PLOT NO. 131-8, AREA MEASURING 50 SQ. YARDS, I.E 11.80 SQ. MTRS., OUT OF KHAS RA NO. 457 MI., SITUATED AT AKASH NAGAR -2 IN THE VILL ACCEPTAGE OF THE SURPOSE AGE RASOOLPUR SIKRODA PARGANA DASANA TEHSIL & DISTT. GHAZIABAD, U.P. B rirtue, Sale Deed dated 18.01.2022 s Doc. No. 757, book No.1, Vol o. 18838. Pages No. 255-278 SRO- II Ghaziabad. till date and has ost/Misplace his Original Sale eed dated 25.09.2009 as Doc. No Pages No. 307-322, SRO- I Ghaziabad. it was executed in avour of Mrs. Suman W/o Mr ohan Pal, now our client is declar g that that any other Person doe not have any right over the said property, and same property sold oo be Mr. Virendra and same has een finance by Home Firs /aishali Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010 If any person is having objection right of claim against the said property, contact to under signed along with supporting docu ents within 07 days from the date ne same to the undersigned ound by anyone. Thereafter notain shall be entertained.

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#### **NEWS BOX**

#### Pakistan's second-largest naval air base under terrorist attack

World Pakistan's second-largest naval air base, PNS Siddique, in Balochistan province's Turbat city has come under an armed terrorist attack. The banned Balochistan Liberation Army's (BLA) Majeed Brigade had claimed responsibility for the attack on the base, where Chinese drones are stationed. According to The Balochistan Post newspaper, the Majeed Brigade sent a statement to the media, saying that "we have entered the Pakistani Naval Airbase in Turbat"

Pakistan's Dawn newspaper said the attack on Monday night came after a series of explosions and firing in the city, which, according to local residents, began at about 10 pm and continued for several hours.

A high-ranking official told the newspaper that the attackers "came from three sides of the airport boundary, but security forces responded immediately and foiled their attempt to infiltrate the premises".

However, he did not provide any further details, including if there were any casualties or injuries amongst the forces. Citing security officials, the Dawn newspaper also said that "six militants were killed outside the Turbat airport boundary, ensuring the safety of the base". The officials also said that there were no reports of any loss of "sensitive naval installations" at the station, while the Frontier Corps and the navy's special group "successfully isolated the terrorists".

#### US President Joe Biden, First Lady extend Holi wishes

World US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden on Monday (local time) extended their Holi wishes to the people of India and others across the world celebrating the festival of colours."Today, millions around the world will join together to celebrate Holi, the arrival of spring, with gulal (coloured powder) and vibrant colours. Jill and I wish all those observing today's Festival of Colours, joy and happiness," Joe Biden wrote on X. Earlier, US ambassador to India Eric Garcetti posted a video explaining his excitement about celebrating his first Holi in India."Happy Holi, friends! Celebrating my first Holi in India with delicious gujiyas made of American nuts, a delightful fusion of traditions and a celebration of US-India dosti (friendship)! I've had vibrant Holi celebrations back in Los Angeles, but nothing beats being here in India for the festival of colours," he tweeted on Monday.

Holi was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm across India and by the Indian communities living in different countries. The festival marks the arrival of spring after a long winter season. People throw and smear coloured powders and water at each other, singing and dancing to traditional music, and relish sweets like gujiya and drinks such as thandai.

#### US, UK sanction China-linked firm for cyber attacks against politicians

Washington. US and British officials on Monday filed charges, imposed sanctions and accused Beijing of a sweeping cyberespionage campaign that allegedly hit millions of people including lawmakers, academics and journalists, and companies, including defence contractors. Authorities on both sides of the Atlantic nicknamed the hacking group Advanced Persistent Threat 31 or "APT31", calling it an arm of China's Ministry of State Security. Officials reeled off a laundry list of targets: White House staffers, US senators, British parliamentarians, and government officials across the world who criticised Beijing. Defence contractors, dissidents and security companies were also hit, the officials said. The aim of the global hacking operation was to "repress critics of the Chinese regime, compromise government institutions, and steal trade secrets", Deputy US Attorney General Lisa Monaco said in a statement.In an indictment unsealed on Monday against seven of the alleged Chinese hackers, US prosecutors in court said the hacking resulted in the confirmed or potential compromise of work accounts, personal emails, online storage and telephone call records belonging to millions of Americans.

Officials in London accused APT31 of hacking British lawmakers critical of China and said that a second group of Chinese spies was behind the hack of Britain's electoral watchdog that separately compromised the data of millions more people in the UK.

Chinese diplomats in the UK and the US dismissed the allegations as unwarranted. The Chinese Embassy in London called the charges "completely fabricated and malicious slanders".Reuters was not immediately able to locate contact information for the seven alleged hackers being charged by the Department of Justice.

The announcements were made as both the UK and the US imposed sanctions on a firm they said was a Ministry of State Security front company tied to the hacking activity. The US Treasury Department, in a statement, said the sanctions were on Wuhan Xiaoruizhi Science and Technology, as well as on two Chinese nationals."Today's announcement exposes China's continuous and brash efforts to undermine our nation's cybersecurity and target Americans and our innovation," FBI Director Christopher Wray said in a statement. Tensions over issues relating to cyberespionage have been rising between Beijing and Washington, as Western intelligence agencies have increasingly sounded the alarm on alleged Chinese state-backed hacking activity. China has also begun to call out alleged Western hacking operations in recent years. For example, last year, the Ministry of State of Security claimed that the US National Security Agency had repeatedly penetrated Chinese telecommunication giant Huawei Technologies.US prosecutors listed numerous unnamed victims around the globe who had been targeted, but several stand out in the indictment.

In 2020, the Chinese hackers targeted staffers working for a US presidential campaign, prosecutors wrote. The disclosure matches public reporting at the time by Google that Chinese hackers sent malicious emails to the campaign of current President Joe Biden, but no compromise had been detected. Another alleged mission involved the hacking of an American firm known for public opinion research in 2018, the same

year when a US midterm election was held. "Politicians, parties, and elections organisations are rich sources of intelligence that offer collectors everything from rare geopolitical insights to enormous troves of data," said John Hultquist, chief analyst for US cybersecurity intelligence firm Mandiant, a division of Google owner Alphabet.

# US court tosses out Elon Musk's X lawsuit targeting hate speech watchdog

Washington . A federal judge has dismissed and the loss of ad revenue.

a lawsuit by Elon Musk's X Corporation But the judge agreed with CCDH's against the non-profit Center for Countering Digital Hate, which has documented the increase in hate speech on the site since it was acquired by the Tesla owner.X, formerly known as Twitter, had argued the centre's researchers violated the site's terms of service by improperly compiling public tweets, and that its subsequent reports on the rise of hate speech cost X millions of dollars when advertisers fled.On Monday, US District Court Judge Charles Breyer dismissed the suit, writing in his order that it was "unabashedly and vociferously about one thing" punishing the nonprofit for its speech.X had alleged that the nonprofit "scraped" its site for data, which is against its terms of service. But the judge found that X failed to "allege losses based on technological harms" — that is, the company didn't show how the scraping led to financial losses for X.

X had sought millions of dollars in damages, arguing that the nonprofit's reports led to the exodus of advertisers

argument saying X cannot seek damages for the independent acts of third parties based on CCDH's reports, or its "speech." The center is a nonprofit with offices in the

US and the United Kingdom. It regularly publishes reports on hate speech, extremism or harmful behavior on social media platforms like X, TikTok or Facebook. The organization has published several reports critical of Musk's leadership, detailing a rise in anti-LGBTQ hate speech as well as climate misinformation since his purchase.In a statement posted to X, the social media platform said it "disagrees with the court's decision and plans to appeal.'

Imran Ahmed, the center's founder and CEO, said the lawsuit amounted to a "hypocritical campaign of harassment" by a billionaire who talks about protecting free speech but who then uses his wealth to try to silence his critics. He said the lawsuit shows the need for a federal law requiring tech companies to release more information about their operations, so that



the public can understand how these powerful platforms are shaping society.

'We hope this landmark ruling will embolden public-interest researchers everywhere to continue, and even intensify, their vital work of holding social media companies accountable for the hate and disinformation they host and the harm they cause," said Ahmed.

Roberta Kaplan, the center's attorney, said the dismissal of X's suit shows "even the wealthiest man cannot bend the rule of law to his will.""We are living in an age of bullies, and it's social media that gives them the power that they have today,"

Kaplan said in an email to reporters. "It takes great courage to stand up to these bullies; it takes an organization like the Center for Countering Digital Hate. We are proud and onored to represent CCDH."The center is not the only group that has pointed to the rise of hateful material on X since Musk's purchase in October 2022. Last November, several big advertisers including IBM, NBCUniversal and its parent company Comcast, said that they stopped advertising on X after a report from the liberal advocacy

group Media Matters said their ads were appearing alongside material praising Nazis. It was yet another setback as X tries to win back big brands and their ad dollars, X's main source of revenue. X has also sued Media Matters.

Later that month, Musk went on an expletive-ridden rant in response to advertisers that halted spending on X in response to antisemitic and other hateful material, saying they are engaging in "blackmail" and, using a profanity, essentially told them to go away.

## New Zealand accuses China of 2021 parliament hacking, Beijing denies claim

government said it had raised concerns on Tuesday with the Chinese government about its involvement in a state-sponsored cyber hack on New Zealand's parliament in 2021, which was uncovered by the country's intelligence services. The revelations that information was accessed through malicious cyber activity targeting New Zealand's parliamentarian entities comes as Britain and the US accuse China of a widesweeping cyber espionage campaign. Both New Zealand and Australia have condemned the broader activity."Foreign interference of this nature is unacceptable, and we have urged China to refrain from such activity in future," New Zealand's Foreign Minister Winston Peters said in a statement. He said concerns about cyber activity attributed to groups sponsored by the Chinese government, targeting democratic institutions in both New Zealand and the United Kingdom had been conveyed to the Chinese ambassador. A spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in New Zealand said in an email that they reject "outright such groundless and irresponsible accusations" and have

resolute opposition with New Zealand authorities."We have never, nor will we in the future, interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, including New Zealand. Accusing China of foreign interference is completely barking up the wrong tree,"

hardonary significant organisations were attributed to state-sponsored actors, according to the GCSB.

These attacks were not specifically attributed to China and New Zealand last year also condemned malicious

the spokesperson said. The government said earlier on Tuesday its communications security bureau (GCSB), which overseas cybersecurity and signals intelligence, had established links between a Chinese state-sponsored actor known as Advanced Persistent Threat 40 (APT40) and malicious cyber activity targeting New Zealand's parliamentary services and parliamentary counsel office in 2021. The GCSB said APT40 is affiliated with the Ministry of State Security.It added APT40 had gained access to important information that enables the effective operation of the New Zealand government but nothing of a sensitive or strategic nature had not been removed. Instead, the GCSB said it believed the group had removed information of a more technical nature that would have allowed more

expressed their dissatisfaction and In the last financial year, 23% of the 316 malicious cyber events that involved nationally significant organisations

> cyber activity undertaken by the Russian government."The use of cyber-enabled espionage operations to interfere with democratic institutions and processes anywhere is unacceptable," said Judith Collins, the minister responsible for the GCSB.

US and British officials late on Monday filed charges, imposed sanctions, and accused Beijing of a sweeping cyber espionage campaign that allegedly hit millions of people including lawmakers, academics and journalists, and companies icluding defence contractors.American and British officials nicknamed the hacking group responsible Advanced Persistent Threat 31 or "APT31", calling it an arm of China's Ministry of State Security. Officials reeled off a laundry list of targets: White House staffers, US senators, British parliamentarians, and government officials across the world who criticised Beijing.

#### Cops storm rapper Sean Combs' residences in sex trafficking probe

**World.** Residences of rapper and Grammy Award winner Sean 'Diddy' Combs in Miami and Los Angeles were raided by US Department of Homeland Security agents in connection with a sex trafficking probe, a report in CNN said. The raids come after five individuals accused the 54year-old rapper of rape and sexual harassment.

At the same time, Combs' private plane travelled from California to Antigua, as per data from flight trackers. However, it is unknown if the rapper, who founded the music label Bad Boy, was actually on the plane or not. Videos showed armed officials storming the properties and taking people into custody. The rapper's sons - Justin and King - were seen in handcuffs. However, it is unclear if any arrests took place.

#### WHAT ARE THE CHARGES AGAINST **SEAN COMBS?**

Last year, a lawsuit was filed against the rapper by his former girlfriend accusing him of raping her and subjecting her to years of physical and other abuse. In her suit, the woman alleged that



Combs forced her to engage in sex acts with male prostitutes while he watched and filmed the encounters. Combs later settled the suit.

Soon, two other lawsuits were filed in New York against Combs by women alleging sexual assault. Another lawsuit was filed in December that accused Combs of sex trafficking. A former male employee has also accused Combs of sexual assault and harassment in another civil

However, Combs has denied the allegations and said that his accusers were seeking "a quick payday", Reuters reported.

#### WHO IS SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS?

The rapper has played an instrumental role in the growth of the hip-hop genre. Combs has won three Grammys, along with 14 nominations. He is also a notable producer as well as an entrepreneur, and manages the Sean John clothing line. The music mogul also launched Revolt TV network, which focusses on social justice issues targeting African Americans. He also produced the reality show "Making the

## Trump urges Israel to 'finish up' Gaza offensive: 'Got to get to peace'

Washington. Former President Donald Trump said he would have responded the same way as Israel did after the October 7 attack by Hamas but urged the country to "finish up" its offensive in Gaza and "get this over with," warning about international support fading."You have to finish up your war. You have to finish it up. You've got to get it done," he said in an interview with the Israeli newspaper Israel Hayom. "We've got to get to peace. You can't have this going on, and I will say Israel has to be very careful because you are losing a lot of the world. You are losing a lot of support."rump, who earlier this month became the Republican Party's presumptive nominee, brought up global criticism of Israel's offensive even as he has repeatedly attacked



President Joe Biden's handling of the conflict. According to the newspaper's transcript of the interview, Trump said "Israel made a very big mistake" in releasing photos and videos of its offensive in Gaza, commenting that the country's public image is "in ruin". A video shared of the interview does not show those comments."That's a terrible portrait. It's a very bad picture for the world," Trump said. "I think Israel wanted to show that it's tough,

but sometimes you shouldn't be doing that."The Israel Hayom is widely seen as a mouthpiece for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Soon after the attack in which Hamas militants killed 1,200 people and took 250 hostages, Trump denounced Netanyahu for allegedly letting him down while he was in the White House. He also said Netanyahu "was not prepared" for the deadly incursion from Gaza.More than 30,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's offensive, according to the Health Ministry in the Hamasruled territory.Trump also again suggested that American Jews were wrong to support Democrats, days after being criticised by some Jewish advocates for saying Jewish Democrats were being disloyal to their

# Florida clears law banning social media for children under 14

Florida Governor has cleared a bill that bans children aged under 14 from social media platforms and requires 14- and 15-year-olds to get parental consent in an attempt to protect them from mental health risks.

Florida. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis on Monday signed a bill that bans children aged under 14 from social media platforms and requires 14- and 15-yearolds to get parental consent, a measure supporters say will protect them from online risks to their mental health. The measure requires social media platforms to terminate the accounts of people under 14 and those of people under 16 who do not have parental consent. It requires them to use a third-party verification system to screen out those who are underage. The state's Republican-led legislature passed a bill in February that

would have banned children under 16 from social media entirely. DeSantis, a Republican, vetoed that bill earlier this month, saying it limited parents' rights. The amended version allows for parents to provide consent for older children to engage on social media platforms. It will become law on Jan. 1, 2025."Social media harms children in a variety of ways,' DeSantis said in a statement. He said the legislation "gives parents a greater ability to protect their children.

Supporers have said the legislation will stem the harmful effects of social media on the well-being of children who use such platforms excessively and may experience anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses as a result.

Critics have said the bill violates the US Constitution's First Amendment protections for free speech and that parents, not the government, should make decisions about the online presence of



(META.O), the parent company of Instagram and Facebook, opposed the legislation, saying it would limit parental discretion and raise data privacy concerns In March 2023 Utah became the first US because of the personal information users would have to provide to be age-verified. Meta has said it supports federal legislation, opens new tab for online app stores to secure parental approval for downloads by children.

their children of all ages. Meta The bill does not name any specific social

media platforms, but states that its targets are social media sites that promote "infinite scrolling," display reaction metrics such as likes, feature auto-play videos and have live-streaming and push notifications. It would exempt websites and apps whose main function is email, messaging or texting between a particular sender and recipient.

The measure requires social media companies to permanently delete personal information collected from terminated accounts and let parents bring civil lawsuits against those

failing to do so.

state to adopt laws regulating children's access to social media, followed by others including Arkansas, Louisiana, Ohio and Texas, according to a legislative analysis prepared for the Florida bill. The analysis said numerous other states were contemplating similar regulations.

#### Pawan Kalyan to kick off threephase poll campaign from Pithapuram on March 30

VIJAYAWADA. Jana Sena Party (JSP) president Pawan Kalyan is set to commence his 'Varahi Yatra' from Pithapuram in Kakinada district on March 30.

During a meeting on Monday, the actorpolitician instructed senior party leaders to prepare his schedule for the three-phase election campaign keeping in mind that his base will be Pithapuram, the Assembly constituency he will contest the polls from.

"Chalk out my schedule in such a manner that all the Assembly constituencies that the Jana Sena Party is contesting are covered," he told



his party men.On the first day of electioneering, Pawan will offer prayers at the Shri Puruhutika Shaktipeeth in Pithapuram. A special puja will also be performed on his campaign vehicle 'Varahi'. Later, he will offer prayers at Datta Peetham.

Additionally, he will visit Bangarupaapa Dargah at Ponnada, meet Christian elders and participate in religious prayers. He will also celebrate Ugadi, the Telugu New Year in Pithapuram. The Jana Sena chief will be in Pithapuram for three days from March 30. He will conduct meetings with leaders of the JSP as well as with active members of the alliance partners: TDP and BJP.

# Telangana's Sircilla weavers jobless due to lack of orders

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RAJANNA-SIRCILLA. Many weavers in Sircilla and surrounding areas are currently unemployed as operations have almost halted due to a decline in both government and private work orders. Since their profession is primarily caste-based, they are now facing challenges in finding jobs in alternative sectors due to their lack of skills beyond weaving. For the past seven years, there has been limited work, primarily from government orders including the weaving of Bathukamma sarees. During the six months of Bathukamma saree orders, the powerloom sector sees continuous work. Annually, the Sircilla powerloom sector used to produce approximately seven crore metres of saree cloth. The weaving community, comprising 15,000 families, has urged the state government to expedite approving pending orders and clear outstanding bills reportedly amounting to Rs 270 crore, including



electricity charges which have escalated following the scrapping of electricity subsidies. They said that this decision has significantly impacted powerloom owners and workers alike. One powerloom worker, Bejgam Suresh, aged 36, complained over the lack of marriage prospects for the past three months due to the shutdown of the powerloom sector in Sircilla. He said, "I am exploring alternative employment options, but my lack of skills outside my caste

profession complicates matters. Prospective brides' families prioritise employment and income stability."Vijay Tatimula, another powerloom worker, lamented the daily struggle of idleness and the challenges of supporting his family. Speaking to TNIE, Kodam Ramana, district president of the Powerloom Workers Association, said that it is high time for the government to intervene and revive the sector, which has been virtually dormant for the past three months

due to an absence of orders. He said releasing pending bills could provide a major relief. Ramana further highlighted the necessity for skill development initiatives and modernisation of outdated looms.V Ashok Rao, Regional Deputy Director of the Handlooms and Textiles Department, said that they are adhering to government directives and presently, orders have been placed for 45 lakh metres of cloth production from textile parks and powerloom sector.

# Karnataka Woman Dies By Suicide After Husband Racks Up Betting Debt Of 1 Crore

Ranjitha was found hanging at her home in Karnataka's Chitradurga on March 18. According to the family, Darshan had raked up a debt of over 1 crore.

**Bengaluru.** Darshan Babu is an engineer who is fond of betting on cricket matches and has been placing major bets on Indian Premier League (IPL) games since 2021. He often borrows money after losing a bet, or to place one when he is short on funds. His 23-year-old wife, tired of the constant harassment by creditors, died by suicide.Ranjitha was found hanging at her home in Karnataka's Chitradurga on March 18. According to the family, Darshan had raked up a debt of over ? 1 crore.He worked as an assistant engineer in the Minor Irrigation Department at Hosadurga and had been ensnared in the realm of IPL betting from 2021 to 2023. This took a major toll on the couple's finances. Allegedly, he had borrowed over? 1.5 crore to place bets after his luck ran out and he lost all his money. While he managed to return? 1 crore, cops say that he still has a pending loan allegedly lent the money.



She realised the truth about Darshan's with a promise of quick money. involvement in betting in 2021, claims her "He (Darshan) was not willing to get into betting, father Venkatesh.

In his complaint, Venkatesh said that his daughter was extremely distressed due to the constant harassment by moneylenders and this led to her suicide. He has also named 13 men who had

of? 84 lakhRanjitha married Darshan in 2020. He said that his son-in-law was lured into betting



but the suspects forced him saying it was an easy way to get rich. They promised to finance his betting activities against some blank cheques as security," he said. Cops during their investigation found a suicide note, where she detailed the harassment they faced. Darshan and Ranjitha have a two-year-old son.

### Kerala elections: 36 social media accounts flagged for circulating catty content

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. Ahead The social media monitoring team of the Lok Sabha polls, the police social media monitoring team has flagged 36 personal and group accounts for circulating malicious content depicting various political parties and their leaders in poor light and directed social media houses to take down the offensive content. The social media monitoring related to the Lok Sabha polls was commenced by the cyber wing after the Election Commission issued a notification for the polls on March 20.Police sources said they have managed to get the offensive contents removed in 13 cases. In as many as five cases, the contents were removed by the social media platforms on the request of the police, while in the rest of the cases, the uploaders themselves purged the contents after being warned of legal action by the cops. Most of the contents flagged as offensive by the monitoring team were trolls. Those trolls were largely political in nature and were uploaded onto the cyberspace by social media groups as well as individuals.

decided to keep a close watch on the election campaigning in cyber space following the Election Commission directive. This is the first time social media platforms were scrutinised by law enforcement agencies to curb the spread of toxic and inflammable content."All 36 instances were noticed by us in the past six days alone. We are expecting a rise in malicious use of social media platforms as the campaign progresses," said a police source.

According to the source, the team suo motu took note of the offensive content that was mostly circulated via Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

"Since the campaign is in the early stages, the slander and disinformation campaign via social media is yet to pick up pace. The content that we found offensive was mostly trolls, where the faces of the political leaders were juxtaposed with the images of comedians and movie actors. Texts that could offend people also accompanied them," the source said.

# Five devotees die in two months while trying to climb Velliangiri hills in TN's Coimbatore

To address the issue of rising fatalities, the state forest department issued an advisory on Monday warning that Velliangiri hills is one of the most difficult trekking routes in Tamil Nadu.

COIMBATORE. At least three devotees died while climbing up the Velliangiri Mountains, a group of seven hills, in Coimbatore district over the last two days. A total of five pilgrims had died in the last two months, sources said. Devotees from across the country who visit the Velliangiri Aandavar Temple located atop the hill must climb up the mountains for a distance of six km

to visit the temple.o address the issue of rising fatalities, the state forest department issued an advisory on Monday warning that Velliangiri hills is one of the most difficult trekking routes in Tamil Nadu. The Coimbatore district administration has now decided to collect a mandatory undertaking on health from visitors. According to police sources, the first death was reported around 1 pm on Sunday when devotee CH Subba Rao (68) of Hyderabad developed breathlessness while he was on the fourth hill. The Alandurai police were intimated about the death and volunteers brought the body downhill. Three hours later, the second death was reported at the first hill when M Thiyagarajan (35), a pilgrim from Salem, collapsed when he was climbing down the hill.In yet another fatality on Monday, S Pandiyan (40) of Theni collapsed at Vazhukkuparai on the second hill and died before volunteers rushed to his rescue. All three bodies were shifted to the Coimbatore

Medical College Hospital for postmortem and Alandurai police are investigating the cases.

Velliangiri, one of the most difficult trekking routes With these three deaths, the total number of pilgrims who had died in the ongoing pilgrimage season since February has gone up to five. Two more pilgrims, A Tamilselvan (24) of Vellore and R Kiran (22) of Coimbatore, had died on February 25 and March 10, respectively, police said. Coimbatore Collector Kranthikumar Pati said, "The undertaking letter should have the declaration that the person knows that trekking on Velliangiri Hills is risky. Those who want to climb up the hills should read the conditions about physical fitness and health status. People would be allowed to climb the hills at their own risk only after giving the undertaking. Simultaneously, they would also be explained about the risks involved in climbing the hills at the government office located at the foothills." "As the

number of pilgrims visiting Velliangiri has gone up, we are discussing ways to conduct physical fitness screening for all in a short period before allowing them to climb the hill," the collector said. According to Boluvampatti Forest Range Officer T Suseendranath, the number of devotees who climb up the hills during weekends will be around 5,000 to 6,000 and it crosses 15,000 on special pooja days. "While 13 people died in four months (February to May) in 2022, the count decreased to eight in 2023. This year we have lost five lives so far," he said.

Visit the hills in groups, not as individuals: Advisory

The forest department on Monday issued an advisory saying that Velliangiri hills is one of the most difficult trekking routes in Tamil Nadu. "Senior citizens, those who have undergone intensive care treatment for Covid, and those with heart ailments, breathing problems, diabetes and other health issues must undergo a detailed.

## Kerala elections: The Mahe question: Takes two to tango or tangle

KOZHIKODE. Sandwiched between Kozhikode and Kannur districts of Kerala, Mahe could likely throw up an amusing political scenario, courtesy the local political compulsions that are at variance with the scene in Kerala. The CPM, which is locked in a tough fight with the Congress in Kerala, is likely to ask its cadre in Mahe to back the Grand Old Party. Mahe assembly constituency, which has about 32,000 voters, is part of

the Puducherry Lok Sabha constituency. The INDIA bloc has fielded Congress leader V Vaithilingam, former chief minister of Puducherry and sitting MP, to take on Minister for Home and Education A Namassivayam of the BJP.The CPM has declared that all avenues should be explored to ensure the BJP's defeat wherever possible. If the party sticks to the stand in Puducherry, party workers in Mahe will be voting for Vaithilingam even as their comrades in neighbouring

constituencies - Vadakara and Kannur will be striving to defeat Congress candidates Shafi Parambil and K Sudhakaran, respectively."We are fighting the elections as the United Democratic Secular Front (UDSF) in Mahe, of which Congress and IUML are main constituents," said Ramesh Parambath, Congress leader and Mahe MLA. "Unlike in the past, a good number of CPM voters do not harbour any antagonism towards the Congress this time."There are two local committees in Mahe and Palloor, which are under the Thalassery area committee of the CPM. As a spill-over of the political climate in Kannur and Kozhikode, the CPM workers have an inherent dislike for the Congress."Earlier, the CPM had fielded its own candidate in Mahe for the Lok Sabha elections to respect the sentiments of the party cadres," Ramesh recalled "The Congress is directly taking on the BJP this time. The Muslim cadres of the CPM may

not like a split in the anti-BJP votes in a crucial election that is going to decide the future of the nation."Sunil Kumar K P, Mahe local committee secretary of the CPM, said the party had fielded its own candidates in the past. "In the last Lok Sabha elections, we supported the party launched by film actor Kamal Hassan," he said. "It is up to the Kerala state committee of the party to take a decision on the election strategy as we come under the Kerala unit. A decision will be taken soon considering all the factors." Mahe will go to polls in the first phase of the elections on April 19. "The campaign is moving at a slow pace here, and we hope that it will gain momentum with the UDSF convention, to be held next Sunday," said Ramesh. "We use the DMK flag, which leads the front, in the campaign. In some places, we also use the flag of the CPI, which is a part of the INDIA bloc. However, the CPM flag has never been used during our campaigns.'

### Eight die during Holi celebrations in Telangana

ADILABAD/HYDERABAD. As many as eight persons, including two children, died during Holi celebrations across the state on Monday. A Class 7 student, Lakshmi Pranathi, who had gone near an overhead water tank in Gopalpet

street in Narayanpet district to fetch water for Holi celebrations, died when the tank collapsed on her. Two more girl students sustained injuries in the incident and they were shifted to Mahbubnagar government hospital for treatment. At Pedda Cheruvu in Nandipalli of Rangareddy district, two youths Sangham Jagan, 29, and Kommu

Surender, 30, drowned while they were swimming. Later, officials retrieved their bodies. Meanwhile, four youths, all in their 20s, went to bathe in the Wardha river near Thatipelli village of Koutala mandal in the Kumarambheem Asifabad district after celebrating Holi with colours. However, they reportedly accidentally ventured into deep waters and drowned. The victims have been identified as Alam Sai, 22; Panasa Kamalakar,

22; A Praveen, 23 and U Santosh, 25. They belong to Nadimabad in Koutala mandal. The Koutala mandal police, along with a team of swimmers, visited the spot and recovered the bodies after being alerted by local herders. They

said that a case has been filed and an investigation is underway.

In another incident, G Karthik, aged 15, drowned in a lift irrigation canal near Thanimadugu village of Dandepally mandal in Mancherial district. He had visited his grandmother's house to celebrate Holi. After

playing with colours, he entered the canal for a bath, and while bathing, he drowned. It is learnt that Karthik did not know how to swim. He belonged to Dharmaram village of Peddapalli district. Upon receiving information, the police visited the spot and recovered his body, which was then shifted to Luxettipet government hospital for a postmortem examination. The Dandepally mandal police have filed a case and are investigating the incident.

# What to expect from Putin's new term

FOR a week now, since Vladimir Putin's re-election as Russia's President, the world has been divided as Russia's President, the world has been divided — although not equally — in congratulating him or deriding his re-election. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was swift in messaging his "warm congratulations" and "looking forward to working together... in the years to come." Two days later, as soon as a phone call could be scheduled, Modi had an extended conversation with Putin.Equally swiftly, European Union foreign ministers said the Russian presidential election was a fraud — just as Western countries prematurely wrote Putin's political obituary in June 2023 after segments of the Wagner militia organisation revolted against the Russian army's hierarchy! Or like two years ago when the US, in particular, fantasised that Russia would be crippled by its illegal sanctions, which do not have United Nations' approval.

The normally cautious and reticent Kremlin Press Office has made an intriguing announcement that Modi-Putin "meetings will take place in the first half of this year, we hope, in a multilateral format, and there will also be bilateral talks on the margins." Realising that he had revealed too much, and, perhaps, out of turn, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov hastened to tamp down speculation about a Modi visit soon after the new government is formed in India. "This has yet to be agreed through diplomatic channels," Peskov added as a rider. Clearly wishing to understate his own curious statement, the spokesperson added: "Of course, the Prime Minister of India has an open invitation to visit our country."The next summit of the plurilateral BRICS group, hosted by Russia, is not scheduled to take place in Kazan until October when the Tatarstan capital will have its most salubrious weather. So, clearly, there is much that is going on behind the scenes. Adding to the intrigue is the sudden speculation that Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba will visit India this week. New Delhi's grapevine began buzzing about Kuleba's visit as soon as Modi put his phone down after a surprise call to Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Wednesday. If Kuleba's visit takes place, he will be the highest-ranking Ukrainian minister to travel to New Delhi since the conflict with Russia began. Ukraine's First Deputy Foreign Minister Emine Dzhaparova was in New Delhi last April, but she had clearly invited herself to India with help from her spiritual connections in this country, according to resourceful grapevine. Dzhaparova did not get much access to Raisina Hill, the seat of power in the national capital, during her visit.

To presume that Putin's new presidential term will maintain the status quo, merely because his victory was widely anticipated, is to misread Russian politics. Since oil and gas will continue to be the main sources of prosperity for Russia in the medium-term future, Putin's focus in his next six years as President will be to redraw its energy markets. He will no longer trust Europe to buy Russian oil and gas as it did before the Ukraine conflict — and Europe would not trust him. Turkey and China will be critical to these diversification efforts through gas hubs and pipelines while prioritising collaboration with the Gulf states, both in production stability and infrastructure-building for an Arctic energy corridor. India, for its own energy security, must choose where it fits into this scheme of things. Modi and Putin have signed on to bright ideas previously — such as the Vladivostok-Chennai Eastern Maritime Corridor. But like many Indian projects, such as the decades-old, slow-paced Chabahar port project in Iran, the corridor has remained in limbo. The Vladivostok-Chennai link was conceived to bring coal, oil, liquefied natural gas, fertilisers and so on from the fabulously resource-rich Russian east, which is Asian, to meet India's growth needs. Unlike in the US, there has been no discussion in Russia even in private — about its ageing President. Donald Trump is 77, and Putin will be of the same age when his new six-year term in office ends. Joe Biden, too, was 77 when he moved into the White House. There is no obvious successor to Putin and all his trusted top aides are older than him, even if slightly. Putin is likely to induct next-generation leaders into his administration as his next term gets underway

## China losing economic heft amid widespread trust deficit

Global interest in visiting, understanding and doing business with China has waned of late.

IN an interview to Bloomberg Television on March 5, Sharmin Mossavar-Rahmani, chief investment officer of the Private Wealth Management Company at Goldman Sachs, advised investors not to invest in China's stock market despite the CSI 300 index hitting a five-year low in February. There were many uncertainties in China's policy direction, the recent security measures had worsened the global sentiment, and there were worries over its declining domestic demand and escalating Besides trade and investment, expatriates from the West

geopolitical tensions, she explained. Though the stock market had improved after the regulators took steps to reduce selling and increase institutional purchases, there were doubts whether the measures would lift the economy. China claimed that its economy grew by 5.2 per cent in 2023, but many economists and China experts doubt this figure, given the ailing property sector, declining foreign investment, trade and low consumption expenditure. The gloomy economic scene in China is borne out by facts and figures. China's net FDI plummeted to \$33 billion in 2023, about one-tenth of \$344 billion in 2021, as per China's State Administration of Foreign Exchange. The American chiprelated global investments in China plunged from 48 per cent in 2018 to 1 per cent in 2022, shifting to India, Singapore and Malaysia. A US company, Teradyne, which manufactures testing equipment for

chip fabrication, and British company Graphcore, which makes chips for artificial intelligence, recently shifted out of China. Japanese automakers such as Mitsubishi Motors, Toyota and Honda have either closed or reduced their presence in China, even as Chinese companies have become more competitive.

The situation worsened after China's crackdown on foreign companies, including the arrest of business executives on the charges of commercial espionage, since May 2023. The competitive manufacturing, efficient supply chains, streamlined logistics and increasing exports supported by the government have been the hallmarks of the Chinese economy. China has been responsible for 31 per cent of the global manufacturing (value-added). After years of rising trade with advanced economies, China's exports to the US and EU countries, which account for about 40 per cent of its total exports, declined by more than 10 per cent in 2023 due to the high tariffs imposed by the US, efforts to

diversify purchases of certain items and declining economic growth in the EU. Last year, China's total exports declined for the first time after 2016 (compared to 2022) by 4.6 per cent to \$3.38 trillion. The saviour was China's exports to Russia, which surged by 46.9 per cent; otherwise, the decline would have been sharper. China is trying to find new markets in the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.



and other regions stationed in China are also decreasing. China gave 7,11,000 residence permits to foreigners in 2023, down by 15 per cent from 2019, as per its National Immigration Administration. The US State Department has kept China on its 'reconsider travel' list since March 2023, citing the risk of "detention and arbitrary enforcement of local laws". The number of passport renewals, as per the US Embassy in Beijing, has sharply reduced from the pre-pandemic level. The number of British nationals in China has declined by about 50 per cent from 2019 to about 16,000, as per the British Chamber of Commerce in China. The number of the Japanese has reduced by about 13 per cent and South Koreans by around 30 per cent from 2019, as per official figures. Similarly, foreign tourist arrivals in 2023 were down by about 60 per cent from the pre-Covid level. As per a Chinese analyst, major airports in the country are 'eerily empty', with international flights bringing few foreigners due to China's increasing quarrels with the US and other countries, reports of arbitrary arrests and detention, its obsession with security and China's support for Russia in the Ukraine war.

Foreign students in China returned to their home countries after the outbreak of Covid-19 in 2020. Most of them are yet to return, deterred by the geopolitical tensions, reports of a decline in the Chinese economy, high unemployment, low prospects of getting a decent job and China's new counter-espionage law, which has made

> it difficult to do research work. Many keen on learning Chinese are instead going to Taiwan. The number of American students in China declined from about 15,000 in the 2011-12 academic year to about 350 in 2022, as per the US Embassy in Beijing. According to the Chinese Ministry of Higher Education, the number of foreign students freshly enrolled in higher education institutions dropped from 1,72,571 in 2019 to 1,14,112 in 2022

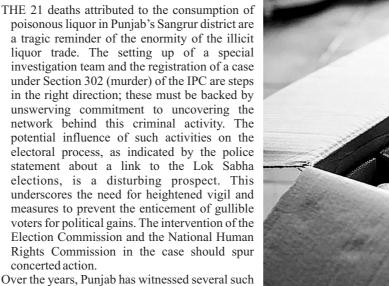
As remedial action, China has pledged to improve the participation of private companies in major national projects, to allow them to borrow more, expand consumption of consumer goods and promote high-technology industries such as those involved in electric vehicles, batteries and solar energy projects. China has scrapped tourist visa requirements for 15 countries, including France and Germany, broken down market

barriers for multinationals and eased restrictions on cross-border data flows. At the policy level, China desires self-sufficiency in critical technologies and food products, while making other countries more reliant on it. It wants to create new markets dependent on China, control supply chains and secure access to key resources for its industry, energy and food needs.

Not long ago, there was a lot of global interest in visiting, understanding and doing business with China. That has waned now as many countries, such as the US, UK, EU nations, Japan, India and the Philippines, consider China as a threat to the current world order as well as their security and are taking steps to reduce their dependence on her, establishing supply chains in their own or in friendly countries. While the complete exclusion of China from global supply chains is not possible, given its vast involvement and ability to manufacture many items at lower prices, the diversification of supply chains is underway for many items, though at a slow pace.

## Liquor tragedy

Combating underground trade a challenge





incidents. There was a spate of illicit liquor traderelated deaths in Tarn Taran, Amritsar and Batala in 2020 — the toll crossed 110 — leading to a clamour for holding the authorities accountable. Two years later, the Supreme Court expressed dissatisfaction over the progress of the probe into the case and pulled up the state government for treating the issue with 'kid gloves'. In February 2023, the Punjab and Haryana High Court said it was a known fact that the illegal liquor trade was a serious problem in Punjab. The recurrenceof such tragedies shows that the challenges persist despite a campaign to crack down on bootleggers. Sustained action is needed, including stringent law enforcement to curb the illegal, parallel sale of liquor and meting out exemplary punishment to the culprits. Also, efforts must be made to raise consumer awareness about the hazards posed by the consumption of liquor purchased from unauthorised shops or persons.

## Make couples aware of risks involved in IVF

#### India has come a long way by introducing and regulating infertility clinics as well as the whole process of donation and conception.

WHEN Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala was gunned down about two years ago, who would have thought that his mother would go on to have a baby, and that too at the age of 58? The surprise development has raised a host of questions about the safety of everything surrounding the in vitro fertilisation (IVF) procedure, which is used to help a woman get pregnant. During IVF, the ovaries are stimulated to produce multiple eggs, which are removed and fertilised with the man's sperm to create embryos in a laboratory setting. The embryo is later transferred back into the uterus, where it is expected to develop, grow and result in childbirth.ewspaper reports say that Moosewala's parents had gone abroad for IVF treatment, while the baby was delivered at a hospital in Bathinda. Regardless of the claims or the alleged harassment faced by the family, the regulation of IVF in general and its use on older women in particular remain pivotal for needy parents.

While the procedure has given hope and brought joy to countless couples, questions about the safety of the mother and child, the rights of women versus family pressure to bear a child, the legal status of the embryo and the care of a child born to older women are being raised. Under the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Regulation Act, 2021, the normal upper age limit to undergo the ART procedure is 50 years. The Department of Health Research of the Health Ministry has asked the Punjab Government to investigate the matter and report on the pregnancy, which Moosewala's mother underwent several years beyond the prescribed age limit. The ART Act restricts the upper age of the woman to 50 years because several adverse risks are associated with age. Dr Shalini Singh, Director of the National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research at the Indian Council of Medical Research, talked to me about the increased

risk of gestational diabetes, pre-eclampsia and multiple births, among other risks, that older women face. Hormones need to be pumped into the woman to stimulate conception, and it could have adverse fallouts, the extent of which may not be fully explained to or understood by the couples. The possibility of preterm deliveries, stillbirths and multiple births increases, which is why a comprehensive health check-up is essential even when IVF is sought to be undertaken in much younger women. Apart from age, there is also the question of clinical capability at the IVF facility. The 2021 Act lays down a slew of regulations with regard to registration with a national registry and freezing of gametes and embryos that clinics and assisted reproductive technology banks must adhere to. A national board is expected to lay down the code of conduct to be observed by persons

concerted action.

working at fertility clinics and set the minimum standards of physical infrastructure, laboratory and diagnostic equipment and the engagement of expert manpower. The state boards have a responsibility to follow the policies and plans prescribed by the national board. Sperm and egg donors must be registered and monitored by the banks, which are required to keep accurate and current records of all donors. The regulations also provide for a grievance cell, adhere to embargoes on genetic testing for sex determination or alteration of the genetic characteristics of the embryo, prescribe guidelines for cryopreservation and provide for insurance cover for unforeseen events. India has one of the highest numbers of ART centres that perform numerous cycles across the country. Though it has



come as a ray of hope for countless couples, numerous legal, ethical and social issues have complicated the picture. There is a need to balance the desire of a woman to become pregnant with the potential medical problems she might face. From a feminist point of view, socialists have highlighted that IVF technologies can further strengthen the prevalent patriarchal values, including the immense pressure on a woman to become a mother and produce a healthy baby.

The legal age limit of 50 years shows concern for the fact that as a woman grows older, her eggs also age, which increases the chances of genetic anomalies and miscarriage. That is the reason why some couples opt for donor eggs. Even so, the age limit of 50 years is not cast in stone because, under Section 21(g)(i) of the Act, exceptions are possible after a

medical evaluation that certifies that the woman is fit to undergo the procedure. The question is: how does one obtain that certification? That process is not widely known and needs to be publicised.

India has come a long way by introducing and regulating infertility clinics as well as the whole process of donation and conception. It speaks volumes about the technological prowess of the medical fraternity and the availability of regulations to administer the entire gamut of infertility treatment. What remains are concerns about the efficiency and reliability of law enforcement agencies in the states, where it is common knowledge that the capacity and willingness to enforce the law are irregular or even deficient. Only if the national registry and the board exercise tight control and do it without creating unnecessary hurdles can one hope for compliance, tempered with compassion.

The other important concern is the cost. While public sector hospitals that undertake IVF are reported to charge around Rs 50,000 for a procedure, private clinics are known to charge anything upward of Rs 5 lakh — it can double or triple, depending on the facility. It is difficult to regulate prices when there is a willingness to pay, but overt commercialisation must be reined in.

As hundreds of couples hope to have a child at long last, the onus is on governments to make them aware of the risks involved. Besides, there is a need to exhibit empathy and understanding when dealing with this sensitive area, and not just confine regulation to a narrow interpretation of a law that can gift a life!



How to keep skin problems away!

#### Avoid spicy and oily food:

To keep your skin healthy in the monsoon season, avoid spicy, oily and sour foods. The high humidity levels cause the digestive system to weaken and heavy food can lead to an upset stomach. These types of food also aggravate pitta which is responsible for a variety of skin breakouts and eruptions in this season. Eat light and easily digestible foods, cooked or steamed vegetables, zucchini, squash, pumpkin, steamed salad, fruits, moong dal, khichree, corn, chickpea flour, and oatmeal etc.

#### Say no to pitta aggravating beverages:

We understand that you can't begin your day without a cuppa but try to reduce your daily intake. Coffee and alcohol is a strict no because it is notoriously known for aggravating pitta and acidity. Replace them with pitta pacifying herbal teas.

#### Keep your skin dry:

Getting a little wet or sometimes getting drenched is not uncommon when you are outdoors during the rainy season. However,

important to keep your skin folds and feet dry and clean at all times. Damp skin is a breeding ground for fungal infections.

#### Wheat grass, a tonic for your skin:

Wheatgrass is a tonic for your skin. It is helpful in boosting the immune system and helping you in warding off or controlling skin disorders in monsoon. A healthy immune system is reflected in a healthy and glowing skin. Wheatgrass is rich in antioxidants and is instrumental in detoxifying the blood.

#### Drink a lot of fluids:

No, we are not talking about the one that gets you tipsy! Drink at least 8-10 glasses of clean water daily. Though you need to keep dry outside in this season to prevent skin problems it is important to consume adequate quantities of water to keep your skin hydrated.

Eat fresh: Eat fresh and unprocessed food to keep your body and your skin functioning at an optimum level. Don't rely on packed, refrigerated and processed food. Instead of ordering pizzas, burgers or feasting on chips, relish some fresh homemade food. Eat a lot of fruits and green vegetables.

# tips to keep skin problems away!

#### Avoid alcohol-based skin cleansers:

You should avoid alcohol-based skin cleansers because it irritates and dries your skin. Instead use a herbal soap or cleanser regularly to get rid of excess oil, grime and dust, and of course to keep you skin free of bacterial infections.

#### **Use cooling herbs:**

It is beneficial to use the herbs that have cooling effects on the body (pitta pacifying) such as fennel, coriander seeds and Indian gooseberry (amla) for a glowing skin in monsoon. Amla helps to detoxify the liver and aids digestion - and is also a good source of Vitamin C and other minerals. One of the benefits of taking it regularly is a flawless complexion.



# Three office Makeup

### looks for the season



#### **Boardroom presentation**

Highlight one of your features, either the lips or eyes. For instance, colour your lips in a bright shade and let your eyes have the bare minimum of colour. If red is too bright for you, pick lip colours like plum or burgundy.

#### **Dinner party**

An office party or post-work hangout allow you to bring a little drama to your look. Do a winged cateye and keep the liner thick on the lower inner rims as well. Use a pink lip gloss to finish off.

#### Corporate lunch

A hint of peachy blush will add some freshness to a dull afternoon. Outline your lips with a lip pencil in a corresponding shade and fill it in with a creamy matte lipstick in the same shade. You can choose from colours like light pink, peach, nude or even a lighter shade of brown. Make a thin outline around your eyes. and don't make it too high.

#### Dos and don'ts

Stick to neutral colours for a corporate office environment

Don't overdo the colours and compact Opt for blushers in colours like rose and apricot. Indigo blue, browns and grey are great options for eye shadows and liners.

Don't wear yellow-tinged colours like coral and fuchsia, since they could make your teeth appear vellow

Keep the foundation to a

minimum For an alert look, don't forget the mascara and curl your lashes with an eyelash curler before stepping out Air-conditioned environment dehydrates the skin. So, keep lip balm and hand lotion handy in your bag



# Why coconut oil is good for

# Your Skin

However, coconut oil according to Ayurvedic experts is also considered to be one of the best ways to treat any skin-related disorders. Here are a few problems that can be healed using coconut oil.

#### Acne and acne scars

The application of coconut oil can help reduce the occurrence of acne. Mostly acne happens

Coconut oil is considered one of the best oils that is mostly used for treating any kind of hair problems — be it dandruff, itchy scalp etc.

when the pores of your skin gets blocked. Coconut oil not only helps clear the pores but also reduce the swelling around the area. Further, acne scars can also be treated using coconut oil. Regular application of this oil will lessen the scar and also clear your complexion.

#### Itchy skin

Another advantage of using coconut oil on your skin is that it helps treat itchy skin. It soothes the skin and also hydrates it so there is no way you can develop dry skin.

#### **Cures skin rashes**

Skin rashes are common during this season. Thus, the application of coconut oil will make your skin super soft and will reduce the occurrence of rashes.

# 'Topi Amma': The mystery 'Hat Mother' of Tiruvannamalai

people need no miracle to keep producing 'saints'. The most recent is 'Thoppi Amma' or Hat Mother of Tiruvannamalai, a pilgrimage the name 'Toppi' or 'Topi' Amma. While Hat Mother of Tiruvannamalai, a pilgrimage city in Tamil Nadu. There are hundreds of videos on social media sites of Thoppi Amma (also referred to as Toppi Amma) walking down the roads of Tiruvannamalai and people following her. At times, people pick up cups dropped by her and share them as 'prasad' (blessed offering)."I was so lucky to walk with Thoppi Amma (Toppi Amma) at Tiruvannamalai," an Oracle ACE Director, Sai Penumuru posted on X, along with a photo of a woman dressed in a shabby long skirt, a full-sleeved shirt and a hat. Opinions, however, are divided on Thoppi Amma (Toppi Amma) and many think that she requires urgent medical help.

A mentally disabled woman is being worshipped as 'Thoppi Amma' in Tiruvannamalai," wrote another person, along with a video of the lady walking as if in a daze.In the videos, Thoppi Amma doesn't

seem to care for her surroundings or the people paying obeisance to her.

people pay respect and admire her, there are many who say she is suffering from a psychiatric condition and is in need of help.

In fact, it is the place itself that has lent the mystic charm to Thoppi Amma. The temple town of Tiruvannamalai is one of the most venerated places in Tamil Nadu.Tiruvannamalai is one of the most ancient heritage sites of India and is a centre of the Saiva religion, according to the government's district information website. The Arunachala hill and its environs have been held in great regard by the Tamils for centuries," it says. Annamalaiyar temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to the deity Shiva, located at the base of Annamalai hills in the town of Thiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu.Multiple YouTube videos on Thoppi Amma try to call her the 'Enlightened Mother"In this video, we dive into the life and teachings of Thoppi Amma, shedding light on her profound spiritual wisdom and



the transformative impact she has on those fortunate enough to encounter her," the description of one of the YouTube videos reads. However, in the video, Toppi Amma is seen walking on the street, receiving some

food from a woman and eating it. She was not actually giving any "teachings". Thoppi Amma's life and how she came to Tiruvannamalai are cloaked in mystery. How the mysticism came to be attached to

around the Arunachalam Kshetra, a sacred hillock associated with Lord Shiva, some say, Toppi Amma is 'one of the three living Siddhas of the sacred land'.

In a videos, Thoppi Amma is seen flocked by a group of people, some with folded hands, others forming a chain around her, providing her with a passage to walk. In another video, Thoppi Amma is seen walking down the street and drinking something out of a paper cup. As soon as she drops the cup and walks on, a group of people share the remaining fluid of the cup, as an offering. "She never talks to anyone but at times mumbles something. People say it's some kind of dialect or ancient Tamil she talks in. ... Some say she is an avadootha, others say a Siddha," a blog post titled 'A Living Siddha - Toppi Amma' reads. Whichever side of the debate one is on, it has become difficult to ignore the popularity of Thoppi Amma. The interpret and the heliovers' power to spot a internet and the believers' power to spot a 'mystic' have taken the mystery of Thoppi Amma beyond the temple town of

#### **India Begins Anti-Dumping** Probe Into Aluminium Foil **Imports From China**

New Delhi. New Delhi: India has initiated an antidumping probe into the import of aluminium foil, used as a packaging material for conservation and preservation of edible and food products, from China following a complaint by domestic players. The commerce ministry's investigation arm, Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), is probing the alleged dumping of aluminium foil.Hindalco Industries, Shyam Sel & Power Ltd, Shree Venkateshwara Electrocast, Ravi Raj Foils, GLS Foils Product and LSKB Aluminium Foils have filed the application on behalf of the domestic industry seeking

They have alleged dumping of the product from China. The directorate, in a notification, has said that the applicants have provided prima facie evidence with respect to the injury suffered by the domestic industry because of the dumped imports."The authority hereby initiates an anti-dumping investigation into the alleged dumping and consequent material injury to the domestic industry," it said. If it is established that the dumping has caused material injury to domestic players, the DGTR would recommend the imposition of anti-dumping duty on the imports.

The finance ministry takes the final decision to impose duties. Anti-dumping probes are conducted by countries to determine whether domestic industries have been hurt because of a surge in cheap imports. As a countermeasure, they impose these duties under the multilateral regime of the Geneva-based World Trade Organization (WTO). The duty is aimed at ensuring fair trading practices and creating a level-playing field for domestic producers vis-a-vis foreign producers

India has already imposed anti-dumping duty on several products to tackle cheap imports from various countries, including China.

#### Varun Gandhi feels 'cheated' due to BJP snub, may not contest Lok Sabha polls

New Delhi. Varun Gandhi, the sitting BJP MP from Pilibhit, feels "cheated" after the party replaced him with former Congress leader Jitin Prasada to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha polls from the constituency in Uttar Pradesh. Sources told India Today TV that the MP might not contest the elections at all due to the BJP ticket snub.In its fifth list of candidates, the BJP dropped Varun Gandhi from the Pilibhit Lok Sabha seat but retained his mother, Maneka Gandhi, from Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh.Prasada, the former Congress leader who joined the BJP in 2021, was given the ticket from Pilibhit in place of Varun Gandhi.

The sources told India Today TV that the MP won't come to Pilibhit to even file his nomination paper.He allegedly told his close aides that he was "cheated" because of which he won't contest the elections, the sources added

However, Varun Gandhi is yet to make an official statement about his election moves. The sources also said that the 44-year-old BJP leader had recently purchased four sets of nomination papers via his associate and all his party workers were asked to keep two vehicles and 10 motorcycles ready at every village of Pilibhit for election campaigning. But ever since the BJP announced Prasada's candidature, there has been no word from Varun Gandhi's camp.

The former Congress leader is scheduled to file his nomination papers tomorrow. March 27 is the last to file nomination papers and since Varun Gandhi is yet to file his, speculation has increased that he won't contest.

After being declared as the BJP candidate, Prasada visited Pilibhit for the first time on Monday and held a meeting with the Sikh community, saying that he would stand by them "under any circumstances". Varun Gandhi allegedly fell out of the BJP's favour after he criticised the Yogi Adityanath-led government in Uttar Pradesh on several occasions. In an apparent dig at Yogi Adityanath last year, he advised people not to "disrupt a nearby sadhu" as nobody knows "when 'maharaaj ji' will become the Chief Minister".

In September 2023, he derided the Uttar Pradesh BJP government over the suspension of the licence of Amethi's Sanjay Gandhi Hospital after the death of a patient. Three years ago in 2021, Varun Gandhi and Maneka Gandhi were dropped from the BJP's 80member National Executive after his tweets on the Lakhimpur Kheri violence. Earlier this month, sources had revealed that he might contest the Lok Sabha elections as an independent candidate if the saffron party did not give him a ticket.

## Navy Operates 8 Submarines Together In Arabian Sea, Demonstrates Op Readiness

New Delhi. The Western Seaboard witnessed eight submarines operating together in a recently concluded exercise in the Arabian Sea, demonstrating their high levels of operation readiness, officials said on Monday.

In a post on X, Western Naval Command said, Vice Admiral Sanjay J Singh embarked the units at sea and reviewed the

conduct of the exercise. He complimented the pack for their On Saturday, addressing media persons professionalism and splendid conduct." As part of the demonstration, the Vice-Admiral also witnessed the bottoming of the



per the submariners' tradition," the post added.

on the completion of a hundred days of naval operations against operations for anti-drone, antimissile, and anti-piracy attacks in the Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, and Red

Hari Kumar said the Navy will continue taking affirmative action to prevent such incidents.

"Piracy has resurfaced as an industry to gain from the disorder in the region. We will take affirmative action to prevent that," the Navy chief said.

"Operation Sankalp has broken the myth of short and swift operations and

stressed the need for sustained operations to ensure safety and stability in the oceans. The pace of operations is quite high and we have 11 submarines and 30 warships operating in different parts of the ocean to ensure coverage of all areas

#### **Several AAP Members Detained As Cops Deny Permission To Protest**



New Delhi. Punjab Minister Harjot Singh Bains and Somnath Bharti were among the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) members who were detained by the Delhi police today as they protested against the arrest of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the liquor policy case. Several AAP leaders and workers - including women - were seen being shoved and dragged into the buses in which they were taken to various police stations in the national capital. While the Aam Aadmi Party had called a 'gherao' of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence today, the BJP is taking out a mega march demanding Mr Kejriwal's resignation, calling his 'work from jail' plan a

The Delhi Police has increased security along the roads leading to the Prime Minister's residence. Due to security reasons, some Metro stations are also shut today, officials said. Police said the AAP members did not the permission to protest. There is no permission to hold protest. We also got information that protesters will gather at the Patel Chowk metro station. In view of that, we stepped up security arrangements," said Devesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner of Police, New Delhi.

The BJP has been demanding that Arvind Kejriwal step down as the chief minister after his arrest. However, the AAP insists that Mr Kejriwal will remain the chief minister of Delhi, even if that meant functioning from inside the jail. A protest was organised by the Aam Aadmi Party on Sunday as well - in which the representatives of INDIA bloc also took part. At a joint press meet, Delhi minister Gopal Rai said there is anger among the people over the manner in which Mr Kejriwal was arrested. The INDIA Opposition bloc ha announced a mega rally at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan on Sunday to protest against Mr Kejriwal's arrest.

The Aam Aadmi Party chief was arrested on Thursday and, the next day, the Rouse Avenue court in Delhi had remanded him in the Probe Agency's custody till March 28.

# AAP Goa Chief Says No Proof Liquor Policy Money Used For Poll Campaign

on Tuesday rejected the claims that alleged excise policy-linked scam powered the party's campaign ahead of the 2022 assembly polls in the coastal state.Palekar, who was the chief ministerial face of the party for the polls, told PTI that there is no evidence to prove that any illicit money was sent to Goa, asserting that he and his party colleagues in the state are ready to face any inquiry by any agency. The Enforcement Director is fabricating the evidence against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). The agency has nothing to support its allegations,

As per ED, kickbacks received through the alleged Delhi excise scam were used by AAP in the 2022 Goa Assembly polls. It has arrested top AAP leaders, including Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, in a money laundering case tied to the alleged scam. Kejriwal is in the custody of the



agency till March 28.Palekar said that all AAP candidates spent from their pockets for the assembly election campaign. The party had won two of the 40 seats in the state. "While Congress and BJP were spending lakhs of rupees on their workers, AAP workers toiled voluntarily for the party due to the honest politics that we have been supporting," he said. The AAP leader said that he and all their candidates are ready to face any inquiry by any agency. Palekar said that

"attempts by BJP to target their About BJP nominating industrialist Pallavi Dempo for the South Goa

constituency in the Lok Sabha polls, Palekar said the saffron party has ignored its loyal workers."There are cadres who have been working for the party for 30 years. They were sidelined and it gave the ticket to Dempo," he said, adding that she was not

even a primary member of the BJP.He said the BJP gave the ticket to Union minister Shripad Naik for the North Goa seat as it feared losing votes of a "certain community". The BJP is rattled as it is set to lose both seats in Goa to the candidates of the opposition INDIA bloc, he added.In the 2019 general elections, the BJP had won the North Goa seat, while the other went to the Congress.Lok Sabha polls for the two seats in Goa will be held on May 7 and votes will be counted on June 4.

# Smriti Irani's "Courtiers" Swipe At Congress Leader's "Nari Shakti" Remarks

New Delhi. Union Minister Smriti Irani slammed Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh for making allegations that the Bharatiya Janata Party government's slogans of 'Nari Shakti' remain words without real action."Lashing out at Congress' criticism of the Central government over issues related to women, Union Minister Smriti Irani dubbed Jairam Ramesh as the "courtier" of the Gandhis in her post on social media platform X "For far too long, the dynastic rulers masquerading as the rightful heirs of India have plundered its wealth. Even after their downfall, their courtiers continue to distort facts, manipulating figures to undermine the BJP government's efforts for women's welfare."On Monday, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh alleged "massive failures" of the Ministry of Women and Child Development in the last 10 years.He said that the formation of a Congress-led government in June 2024 will end "10 years of anyaay-kaal for women." For 10 years, the WCD Ministry has seen only "incompetence, apathy, and an anti-women mindset," he alleged. After the allegation of Congress, Smriti Irani posted a long message thread

on X, stating, "When fools try to fool other, they actually manifest how foolish they are. In a blatant and somewhat pitiful attempt to curry favour with the perpetual heir apparent, a certain courtier has unwittingly exposed his own glaring incompetence. His misguided endeavours, under the guise of intellectualism, have resulted in an embarrassing misinterpretation of the role and mandate of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.""Nevertheless, here's a thread addressing his oversight and highlighting his ignorance, especially in the context of significant work done for the Nari Shakti by the BJP Government," she stated. She said that "The inept courtier glosses over NCRB data, blatantly ignoring the initiatives of the Modi government, which have emboldened women to boldly report crimes, while simultaneously spearheading vigorous efforts to combat crime against women.""In a brazen display of selective amnesia, he acknowledges the UPA's establishment of the NIRBHAYA Fund, yet conveniently omits the glaring fact that not a single rupee was deployed from this fund until



the watershed year of 2014," she said, adding, "Post-2014, under the Modi regime, a total of 40 projects have been rolled out across the nation through the NIRBHAYA Fund. As of FY 2023-24, a total sum of ? 7212.85 crore has been allocated, of which 75 per cent has already been utilised on initiatives implemented by the Central and State Governments," she added.The Union Minister said that the "courtier (read Jairam Ramesh) might also be glad to learn that an even basic measure, like the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), was put in place solely by the Modi regime"."With the 112-ERSS

number now active in all 36 states/UTs, it has efficiently managed over 30.34 crore calls. Additionally, since 2015, the Women Helpline (WHL) has been operational under the NIRBHAYA fund. The 181-WHL has supported over 71.31 lakh women, handling more than 1.39 crore calls. The list of projects under the NIRBHAYA Fund is extensive, including One Stop Centres, Women helpdesks at every police station, and the establishment of Fast-Track Courts for women and children," she said."The BJP government's track

record stands in stark contrast to the UPA administration's inaction, showcasing not iust numbers, but proactive governance and tangible change under Modi's regime," Smriti Irani added.Continuing her attack on Jairam Ramesh, the Union Minister said that "the truth, however, contradicts baseless accusations. The heir apparent would be disconcerted to learn that funding for women and girls has skyrocketed, tripling since 2014-15. The 2024-25 budget lays bare their lies, with gender-specific allocations soaring to over ? 3.09 lakh crore - a monumental 215 per cent increase from 2014-15."

**BEAUTY** 

# Go skintastic This summer!



Are skin woes dampening your summer spirit? Fret not, here's addressing a host of skin-related queries so that you can make the most of that gorgeous summer shift dress.

Sweltering weather is synonymous with rising hems and plunging necklines. So don't let problem-ridden skin come in the way of daring summer dressing. "Eat for beauty," advises nutritionist and food consultant, Naini Setalvad. Paying a little attention to the changing needs of your body this summer can go a long way.

#### What are the diet essentials for the summer months?

Setalvad recommends a heavy breakfast, a light lunch and a medium dinner. "Fried food, red meat and dry fruits (except raisins) should be avoided. Eggs are heat producing and should be kept to a minimum; fish is a good option. Light grains like rice and wheat are okay for the diet but millets should be avoided," she states."Yoghurt cools down the digestive system. So try to include raitas in your meals or use yoghurt as a salad dressing," she adds. Dr. Apratim Goel, dermatologist, says that antioxidants

helps to counter the damage caused by over exposure to the sun. "Raw tomatoes are an excellent source of antioxidants. The bottom line for great summer skin, however, is maximum hydration," she explains.

#### What does one drink in summer for optimum hydration?

Setalvad strongly recommends raw mango drinks (popularly known as aam panna in most parts of India). Avoid alcohol and sugary fluids like sherbets and aerated drinks. Salted lemon water, buttermilk, jal jeera and caffeine-free herbal infusions like peppermint or coriander drinks are ideal.

#### Does a predominantly fruit and vegetable diet ensure great skin?

Not all veggies are ideal for summer. Pumpkins, snake gourds, cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce are good for light summer meals. Setalvad suggests incorporating slices of raw mango into salads or snacks. "Mango pickle is an excellent option since it helps to re plenish the essential salts lost due to perspiration," she explains. Melons and mangoes are well known 'summer fruits'. However, the innocuous mango is often thought to be

responsible for pimples. "Don't blend mangoes with milk or sugar," warns Setalvad. Mango is alkaline while milk is acidic, resulting in a disrupted pH. This causes indigestion and skin break outs when the body tries to eliminate the accumulated toxins. Setalvad also suggests sprinkling dry ginger pow dry ginger powder on mango in order to reduce the risk of flatulence.

#### What is the basic skin care regimen that one should follow during summer?

Your skin needs moisturising even in summer.Dr Goel recommends making an emulsion of your regular moisturiser by mixing it with a little water and applying this to the face and neck. She suggests a natural remedy to rejuvenate tired, summer

skin."Pack grated cucumber in a piece of muslin cloth and place this on the face for 20 minutes," she suggests. Fungal infections proliferate in summer due to dampness induced by excessive perspiration. Using a light anti-fungal dusting power can help nix rashes and infections.

#### How does one choose the right sunscreen?

'Sunscreen' is a golden word in summer.

But it is a fact that it doesn't agree with all skin types. In such cases, make the most of physical protection in the form of broad-rimmed hats, sunglasses, full-sleeved cotton clothing, etc. "If sunscreen is too greasy for you, use aloe vera and calamine. This is especially good for acne-prone skin," says Dr Goel.He explains that overthe-counter sunscreens are of two kinds chemical and physical.

"The chemical ones need to be applied 20

to wash your hands as much as possible. 2. Do simple eye exercises every morning. This is especially essential for those who spend hours in front of the

minutes prior to sun exposure whereas the physical ones (that contain titanium or zinc oxides and benzones) act

#### instantly," she says. **Handy tips**

- As inviting as they are, avoid pack aged facial wipes as most of them contain alcohol that could eventually harm your skin.

- Mineral water sprays are a good alternative when there is no provision for a face wash.

- Use a cold compress after long periods of sun exposure. It helps to instantly cool down the skin. Applying tomato juice or buttermilk relieves minor sunburn.

## How mommyhood

# Changes a woman

Becoming a mother is one of those experiences that changes a woman forever — and not just physically. These alterations are subtly visible in the way her personality undergoes a makeover once she gives birth and becomes engrossed in rearing her child. There are psychological, physiological and emotional changes, most of which are for the better thereby elevating this phase in a woman's life to be one of the epitomes of her existence.

#### The deeply satisfying phase

enriches her Motherhood is demanding, however, at the same time, it is deeply satisfying too and this  $c\ o\ n\ t\ e\ n\ t\ m\ e\ n\ t$ enriches the mother to a large extent. Weight management and Ayurveda professional Dr Amrapali Patil says,

" A mother instinctively knows that she is a special creation because she alone has been given the power to bring forth another human life and this builds up her resilience, character, strength, happiness, confidence, faith, love — all these characteristics reflect externally, making the mother look more

#### charming and charismatic." Hormones play their magic and enhances her beauty

A new mom -to-be's body is flooded with pregnancy-related hormones,

say doctors. These tend to add a lovely glow to the skin, which make her appear radiant and fresh. The quality of her hair also improves, and hair fall reduces due to these hormones, say experts. The body develops soft curves and the breasts look fuller.

Cosmetologist Dr Jaishree Manchanda says, "A woman's blood flow changes during pregnancy. This increased blood flow happens in order to help nourish the growing baby, but by a happy accident, it can make a woman look gorgeous and radiant too. So, once a woman is pregnant, her skin glows with an unmistakable radiance.'

#### Motherhood becomes a source of strength

Being a mother requires strength and the

process of going into labour and delivering a baby requires a woman to have faith and vanguish fear. Patil says, "This enhances her confidence further (a concept referred to as the Aishwarya Bhava in Maharishi Patanjali and Ashthanga Yoga). This adds to her internal stamina to take on life and manifests externally as enhanced body confidence." And one of the best things that a woman can wear is her confidence.

#### The immense power of pure love becomes a reality

Becoming a mother increases a woman's ability to love by many folds. Patil adds, "Love is a very powerful emotion and tends to make the facial features become tender, soft and less fierce. Such a face is more joyful, appealing and attractive."

#### Tips a mother can follow to enhance her beauty

Though one day in the year is not enough to celebrate motherhood, at least on Mother's Day, many acknowledge the mother who is invariably taken for granted on all other days. Mothers need to take care of themselves - their hair, skin etc and Dr Manchanda gives us tips...

Have a healthy diet that is rich in antioxidants to strengthen the roots of your

#### Acne:

The best natural ingredients to deal with this are aloe vera and eucalyptus.

Dark circles and puffy eyes: Sleep for seven to eight hours, eat healthy

#### and stay hydrated. Skin:

Eat a lot of green leafy vegetables. Use cocoa butter, almond or olive oil on skin to avoid stretch marks.



# 10 Tips to rejuvenate your eyes this summer

You might have already started wearing your excellent for eye health. sunglasses and slathering on sunscreen thanks to the summer heat. In spite of taking all these precautions, there are still high chances that you may end up catching an eye allergy because of the rising temperature. Here are some simple yet effective tips that you can try to rejuvenate your eyes...

1. If you get conjunctivitis, ensure that you consult a doctor and use your eye drops regularly. Maintain hygiene so that it doesn't

6. Don't expose your eyes directly to air conditioner. This may cause your eyes to get dry and sensitive.

7. Don't share your makeup products, especially the ones that are applied on your eyes. This may also result in spreading infection.

8. Give yourself an eye massage. Use your thumb and index finger to give your eyes a

soothing massage. Much needed this summer! 9. If you are a swimmer, make sure to wear water

goggles.

10. Sleep for at least six to eight hours a day. That in itself is a good way to rejuvenate your eyes. If you suffer from dry eyes, use soothing eye drops to get some relief. Don't forget to blink your eyes often.



#### Donald Trump among world's richest after latest merger deal goes public

New Delhi With the campaign for the November elections heating up and a stiff challenge to take on the incumbent, Joe Biden, Donald Trump has just received a shot in the arm, as his net worth has just doubled up after Truth Social owner Trump Media & Technology Group finalised its deal to go public.On Monday, Trump's business empire was looking set to be in jeopardy like never before. However, it turned out to be the single-greatest day on record for Trump's wealth. The Trump Media & Technology Group closed a 29-month-long merger process, making shares worth billions of dollars on paper Trump's.After Trump Media announced it would debut on the stock market on Tuesday, the former US President entered the list of the world's 500 richest people on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index for the first time. Trump's net worth reportedly spiked by \$4 billion on Monday itself, pushing his fortune to \$6.5 billion. The latest development came on the back of him facing a deadline to post a bond to the tune of over \$500 million in a New York fraud case. Much to Trump's liking, a state appeals court provided him with some relief, cutting down the amount he was to post to \$175 million. The sealing of the deal between Trump Media and Digital World Acquisition Corp. makes it a multi-billion dollar windfall for Trump, who is the chairman and major shareholder of the new firm.

#### Sensex, Nifty open lower amid profit booking, Bajaj Finance gains

New Delhi. Benchmark stock market indices opened lower on Tuesday as investors booked profit to capitalise on the recent US Federal Reserve-driven

The S&P BSE Sensex was down 288.28 points to 72,543/01 at 10.06 am, while the NSE Nifty50 fell 72.75 points to 22,024. The broader market indices also struggled in early trade as volatility rose. Most of the sectoral indices were trading in negative territory, with heavyweights Nifty Bank, NIfty Financial Services and NIfty IT in the red. Nifty Metal and Nifty Realty were the only sectoral indices that saw marginal gains. The top five gainers on the Nifty50 were Bajaj Finance, Coal India, Bajaj Finserv, Adani Ports and Adani Enterprises. On the other hand, the top losers were Power Grid, Maruti, Divi's Laboratories, Tata Consumer Products and Britannia.

Deven Mehata, research analyst at Choice Broking, said, "Indian markets are currently trading in a range. On the lower side 21,800 is the strong support whereas on the higher side, 22,200 is the strong resistance.

"Traders are advised to take contra traders where buy on dips and sell on rise strategies will help traders to earn good profits. Positional traders holding long positions should hold with a stop loss of 21800 on a closing

#### Gold, silver price: Precious metals witness dip on MCX

New Delhi, Both gold and silver prices recorded a dip on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Gold futures, maturing on April 5, 2024, stood at Rs 65,919 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a marginal dip of Rs 103 or 0.16 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 66,022.Similarly, silver futures, maturing on May 3, 2024, witnessed a downfall of Rs 140 or 0.19 per cent and were retailing at Rs 74,783 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 74,923.

#### GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN MAJOR CITIES

The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors, including the value of the rupee against the dollar. Global demand also plays a key role in determining the trends observed in the rate of precious

#### GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN INTERNATIONAL

Gold prices were stuck in a tight range on Tuesday as investor focus turns to U.S. inflation data due later this week, which could shed more light on the timing of the Federal Reserve's first interest rate cut this year, news agency Reuters reported. According to the latest metal report, spot gold stood at \$2,170.59 per ounce by 0310 GMT, while, U.S. gold futures fell 0.2 per cent at \$2,171.20 per ounce. .

#### S&P Global Ratings ups India growth forecast to 6.8 per cent for Fy25

NEW DELHI. S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday raised India's growth forecast for the next financial year to 6.8 per cent, but flagged restrictive interest rates as a dampener for economic growth. The Indian economy is estimated to have clocked a growth of 7.6 per cent in the current fiscal.In November, last year, the US-based agency had projected India's growth to be 6.4 per cent in 2024-25 fiscal on robust domestic momentum."For Asian emerging market (EM) economies, we generally project robust growth, with India, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam in the lead," S&P said in its Economic Outlook for the Asia Pacific.In largely domestic demand-led economies such as India, Japan, and Australia, the impact of higher interest rates and inflation on household spending power reduced sequential GDP growth in the second half, S&P said.

"We expect India's real GDP growth to moderate to 6.8 per cent in fiscal year 2025 (ending March2025)," S&P said. Restrictive interest rates are likely to weigh on demand next fiscal year, while regulatory actions to tame unsecured lending will affect credit growth. A lower fiscal deficit will also dampen growth, it added.

"Even as we expect a mild slowdown in Asian EM economies, we generally see solid domestic demand growth and a pick-up in exports to drive robust growth, with India, Indonesia the Philippines and Vietnam in the lead," S&P said. It said high real policy rates will choke demand and are therefore likely to strengthen the case for lowering rates.S&P said it forecast rate cuts of up to 75 basis points in India this fiscal. "In line with our projection for US policy rates, we largely expect these moves to occur in the second half of the year," it said. In India, slowing inflation, a smaller fiscal deficit and lower US policy rates will lay the ground for the Reserve Bank of India to start cutting rates.

# IndiGo shares jump over 4% to hit 52-week high. Details here

New Delhi Shares of IndiGo's parent firm, InterGlobe Aviation, gained over 4% on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) to hit a 52-week high.At 12.30 pm, IndiGo shares were up 4.46% to Rs 3,432 apiece. The stock had hit a 52-week high of Rs 3,434.30 during intraday trade. The development comes after brokerage firm UBS continued with its positive stance on the stock, citing its rapid growth in the Indian aviation industry, international travel expansion plans, efficient cost structure and operational capability. The brokerage firm has maintained its 'buy' rating on the stock and raised the 12-month target price to Rs 4,000 per share from the earlier Rs 3,900. This implied an upside of more than 20% in comparison to Friday's closing price. The brokerage firm continues to value Indigo at 11x FY26E EV/EBITDA.

UBS bullish on IndiGo operations "Despite factoring in higher crude prices and pilot salaries, our estimates are flat to higher, driven by better Available Seat Kilometres (ASK) growth and yields.

yields in the near term and capacity/ demand growth and profitability over the medium term," UBS said in a report.It may be noted that IndiGo is India's largest commuter airline with a domestic capacity share of 55% in FY23. The company holds a positive outlook on the long-term growth prospects of the air travel industry in India. It anticipates a robust 15% Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for Indian air travel, encompassing both domestic

and international segments, from FY24 to FY30.For IndiGo, international expansion remains a key focus, with both the company and Indian regulators envisioning India's potential to emerge as a significant global hub for international-tointernational travel.It's worth noting that the airline added 10 new domestic and 7 international destinations in FY24.UBS remains optimistic about IndiGo's short-

that are likely to result in upgrades to consensus estimates.The company has signalled strong demand, leading UBS to project a low double-digit growth in Available Seat Kilometers (ASK) for FY25E, despite challenges in the supply chain. This forecast surpasses brokerage estimates, which had predicted a 6% growth rate.Furthermore, the brokerage said IndiGo's commentary on yield was optimistic, with year-over-year growth anticipated in Q4FY24E/Q1FY25E, contrasting with the previous expectation of flat growth during the Q3 earnings call. It is estimated that Aircraft on Ground (AOG) will persist at current levels (in the mid-70s) for the next 1 to 1.5 years, after which a significant decline is expected. "ASK growth of low double-digit in FY25 with near-term YoY yield growth is positive in our view and should result in strong near-term earnings. Also, AOG number should remain stable at the current level (we were expecting more aircrafts to be grounded soon), provides much better visibility/ stability to capacity/ earnings," UBS said.

## Adani Ports acquires 95% stake in Gopalpur Ports for Rs 3,080 crore

acquired a 95% stake in Odisha's Gopalpur Ports for an enterprise value of Rs 3,080 crore. This move is aimed at strengthening Adani Ports' presence on the east coast of India.

The deal involves acquiring a 56% stake from Shapoorji Pallonji Group (SP Group) and a 39% stake from Orissa Stevedores, two existing shareholders of Gopalpur Ports."We would like to inform you that the Company

has entered into a definitive agreement on March 25, 2024 to acquire 95% stake of Gopalpur Ports Limited ("GPL") from the existing shareholders [56% stake from SP Port Maintenance Private Limited ("SP Group") and 39% stake from Orissa Stevedores Limited ("OSL")] of GPL," said the company in a statement.Gopalpur Ports, located in Odisha, handles a diverse range of dry bulk cargo, including iron ore, coal,



limestone, ilmenite, and alumina. This acquisition is expected to complement Adani Ports' existing operations and contribute to its goal of achieving cargo volume parity between the east and west coasts of India."GPL (Gopalpur Port) will add to the Adani Group's pan-India port network, east coast vs west coast cargo volume parity and strengthen APSEZ's integrated logistics approach,' said Karan Adani, managing director at Adani Ports.In the financial year 2023,

Gopalpur Ports handled 7.4 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of Cargo, with a capacity of 20 MMT. Adani Ports projects that it will handle 11.3 MMT of Cargo in the current financial year, generating operational revenue of â, 1520 crore. Adani Ports further highlighted that the investment aligns with their strategy to achieve parity between the east and west coasts of India. The company noted that Gopalpur Port's strategic location will provide

neighbouring states. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) currently manages approximately 12 ports and terminals across both the west and east coasts of India.

Shares of Adani Ports rose in early trade as investors welcomed the acquisition. Adani Ports shares were up 1.40 per cent at Rs 1298.90 on the Bombay Stock

# unparalleled access to the mining hubs of Odisha and

## Vijaypat Singhania denies reconciling with son Gautam, doubts his 'real motive'

New Delhi Vijaypat Singhania has denied having reached any reconciliation with his estranged son and Raymond Group Chairman Gautam Singhania days after the latter shared a picture of them.

Speaking to, Vijaypat Singhana, who stepped down as Raymond Group chairman in 2015, said he received a call from his son's assistant on March 20 when he was on the way to the airport."Gautam

Singhana's assistant was repeatedly trying to persuade me to come to the house. When I refused, he (Gautam) came online himself and said he will take only five minutes of my time over a cup of coffee," said Vijaypat Singhania."I went most reluctantly, not realising that it was for an interior motive of taking my photograph with Gautam Singhania to send a strong



message to the media. A few minutes later, I came down and left for the airport. Soon after, I started receiving messages with my photo with Gautam on the Internet, claiming Gautam and I had made up, which was completely false," he added.Gautam Singhania had recently shared a picture with his father, Vijaypat Singhania, on social media platform X. "Happy to have my father at home today and seek his blessings.

Wishing you good health papa, always," Gautam Singhania captioned the post. The relationship between the 85-yearold businessman and Gautam soured after he stepped down as chairman of Raymond Group and handed over the reins to his son.

This disagreement reached a peak in 2017 when Vijaypat Singhania claimed that Raymond Ltd didn't give him a duplex in the familyowned JK House in south Mumbai. He was then removed as

Raymond's Chairman Emeritus in 2018. Doubting Gautam's "real motive" behind call him for a meeting, Vijaypat Singhania said, "I don't know what his real motive was, but it was certainly not for coffee not to resolve our differences. The fact is, it is the first time in 10 years that I have ever entered JK House and I don't think I'm going to have to enter it

#### 'Too many kids wasting time': Sanjeev Sanyal on **UPSC** exam craze

New Delhi Economist Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, expressed concerns about the extensive focus on UPSC (Union Public Service Commission) exams among young Indians.He believes that while these exams are crucial for selecting civil servants, many young Indians invest significant time and effort into them without considering alternative paths. In a recent discussion with Siddhartha Ahluwalia on the podcast "The Neon Show," Sanyal highlighted what he referred to as the "poverty of aspiration" in India.He pointed out that for decades, aspirations in regions like West Bengal and Bihar were limited, with roles such as intellectuals, union leaders, or local politicians being the

Sanyal suggested that this narrow focus often leads individuals to pursue careers in the civil services as a default option, rather than exploring diverse opportunities. According to Sanyal, pursuing UPSC exams should be a choice made only by those genuinely interested in becoming administrators."I think what is happening, thankfully our aspirations are changing. I still think way too many young kids who have so much opened are westing their time trains to much energy are wasting their time trying to crack the UPSC. I'm not saying you don't want people to take the exam," Sanyal said. "Yes, every country needs a bureaucracy. That's perfectly fine. But I think lakhs of people spending their best years trying to crack an exam, where a tiny number of few thousand people actually [are] going to get in, makes no sense," he added. "If they put the same energy into doing something else, we would be winning more Olympic gold medals, we would be seeing better movies being made, we would see better doctors, we would see more entrepreneurs and scientists and so on, Sanval stated.

Sanyal also urged young Indians to consider their passions and potential contributions to other sectors. Sanyal said there is a need to transform societal attitudes towards risk-taking and entrepreneurship. He noted a positive transformation in the middle-class mindset, with more individuals willing to take risks and venture into entrepreneurship. "In the middle class, it has significantly changed. People are taking risks, and this is going back to my original point. This is an opening of mind, which is not just happening in that little space of entrepreneurship. This is a change of attitude and this change of attitude will manifest itself in everything," he said.

It will manifest itself in science, it will manifest itself in music, in literature. There's an explosion of Indian literature as well. All kinds of innovation will happen. Because we will naturally live in this world, where doing new things and so on is thought of being as a natural thing, that people do and it is encouraged," he

# SRM Contractors IPO: Should you subscribe or skip

#### The SRM Contractors IPO opened with a positive response from investors, with retail and noninstitutional categories already oversubscribed.

New Delhi The initial public offering (IPO) of SRM Contractors opened for subscription on Tuesday and has already witnessed strong demand within the first

SRM Contractors' IPO was subscribed 0.82 times as of 11.50 am, with the portions reserved for retail investors and noninstitutional investors (NIIs) already oversubscribed. The IPO will be open for public subscription till March 28.It may be noted that the company has already raised over Rs 39 crore from anchor investors. The price band of the IPO, which aims to raise Rs 130.20 crore, has been fixed at Rs 200-210 per equity share.

On the grey market, SRM Contractors shares were trading at a premium of Rs 78, as per market observers. Its estimated



listing price stood at Rs 288.Subscribe or skip?SRM Contractors IPO has received positive feedback from several analysts from brokerages.Brokerage firm Anand Rathi said SRM Contractors Limited has emerged as a key player in the infrastructure construction industry in the UT of J&K and Ladakh.

"Executing several road, tunnel, and slope stabilisation projects over 15 years. The company has an experience and has Meanwhile, StockBox said the company developed technical capabilities to

execute projects in hilly/challenging terrain in the region, thereby being one of the reliable partners in nation-building, the brokerage noted. At the upper price band company is valued at P/E of 25.7x with a market cap of Rs 4,818 million post issue of equity shares. We believe that valuations of the company is fairly priced and recommend a "Subscribe-Long Term" rating to the IPO," it noted.

expertises in infrastructure construction

projects in difficult terrains, positions it as a key player in the sector in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.It said the company also has a impressive record of completing large-scale government projects. In view of this, StockBox feels that SRM Contractors has emerged as a key player in the infrastructure construction industry.

Stockbox has advised investors to subscribe to the issue for medium-tolong-term gains.

Other details about SRM Contractors

SRM Contractors' IPO consists solely of 62 lakh new equity shares, totalling Rs 130 crore.It may be noted that approximately half of the offering is reserved for qualified institutional buyers, 15% for non-institutional investors, and the remaining 35% for retail investors.

The company intends to use the funds raised from the to buy machinery, support working capital needs, invest in joint ventures, repay debt, and cover general corporate expenses.Lastly, the allocation of shares for the IPO will be confirmed by April 1, with the stock anticipated to be listed on both the National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange on April 3.

#### **NEWS BOX**

#### RCB hero in WPL, fangirl in IPL: Shreyanka Patil cheers for Virat Kohli in Bengaluru

New Delhi. Young Indian sensation Shreyanka Patil graced the M Chinnaswamy Stadium with her presence when Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) faced the Punjab Kings (PBKS) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 match on Monday, March 24. Shreyanka, who idolises Kohli, posted a video on her Instagram story where Kohli was seen batting during RCB's run-chase at the iconic venue in Bengaluru.

Shreyanka was elated after RCB won the match by 4 wickets to open their account in the tournament after initially losing to the Chennai Super Kings (CSK). The 21-year-old captioned the picture and wrote, "What a Game". She also had a message for the fans who flocked to the Bengaluru stadium. "Are we the best fans in the world or what?"Shreyanka was recently a part of the Smriti Mandhana-led RCB team that won the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2024



title. In the final, Shreyanka picked up 4 wickets as the Challengers beat Meg Lanning's Delhi Capitals (DC) by 8 wickets at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New

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Shreyanka won the Purple Cap after RCB ended their 16-year-long wait to win a title at any level. Recently, the youngster got a chance to meet Kohli at the RCB Unbox event. "Started watching cricket cos of him. Grew up dreaming to be like him. And last night, had the moment of my life. Virat said, 'Hi Shreyanka, well bowled.' He actually knows my name," Shreyanka's post read.

#### Virat Kohli guides RCB to victory

As far as Virat is concerned, he struggled against the Super Kings after Mustafizur Rahman accounted for his wicket at the Chepauk. Against PBKS, he got a lifeline when Jonny Bairstow dropped him in the slips off Sam Curran.

But once he found his rhythm, there was no stopping him. He scored 77 runs off 49 balls with 11 fours and 2 sixes. He won the Player of the Match award after RCB romped home with 4 balls to spare.

#### Top-ranked Iga Swiatek, US Open champ Coco Gauff knocked out of Miami Open

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.. Top-ranked Iga Swiatek and US Open champion Coco Gauff have been knocked out of the Miami

Swiatek lost to Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-4, 6-2 on Monday night, hours after the thirdseeded Gauff fell in three sets to No. 23 Caroline Garcia 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.

In the men's draw, top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz advanced to the round of 16 with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Gael Monfils. Alexandrova beat a top-ranked player for the first time and advanced to face Jessica Pegula, a 7-6(1), 6-3 winner over Emma Navarro, in the quarterfinals. Alexandrova recorded her second win over Swiatek, following a 2021 victory in Melbourne. Swiatek had won their three matches since."We played quite a few times before and sometimes it was three sets," Alexandrova said. "I think sometimes I was quite close to it, but still far away. Winning against her, of course it feels great. I'm not sure if it's a surprise or not, but I just worked quite hard on the court and it paid off."Swiatek rallied from a set down and beat Linda Noskova a day earlier. Against Alexandrova, she struggled. "Disappointed for sure because Ithought I was going to play better here in Miami," Swiatek said. "But she played an amazing match and for sure, she was the better player out there today. Her serve, I had a had time reading it. I got a little bit tense when I couldn't return well."

Garcia defeated her second straight Grand Slam champion to reach Miami's quarterfinals. She ousted four-time Grand Slam winner Naomi Osaka 7-6 (4), 7-5 on Sunday.Garcia said it had been a while since she had a victory over a top-10 opponent like Gauff. You keep working and trying to stay positive about what's coming, that it's going to pay off," she said. "Sometimes, it's very hard. But I'm lucky enough to have very good people behind me to help me and stay positive when I'm struggling.'

"It means a lot to have this little reward and keep going in the tournament," she said.

Also moving into the quarterfinals was No. 4 seed Elena Rybakina, who defeated 17thseeded American Madison Keys 6-3, 7-5. Rybakina will next face No. 8 seed Maria Sakkari, who advanced to her second Miami Open quarterfinal when Anna Kalinskaya, seeded 22nd, withdrew with a right thigh

Victoria Azarenka, who's won the Australian Open twice, made the quarterfinals with a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Katie Boulter. Yulia Putintseva also advanced, defeating No. 27 seed Anhalina Kalinina straight sets, 6-4, 7-6 (5), and No. 5 seed Jessica Pegula beat Emma Navarro 7-6 (1), 6-3.

# IPL 2024, CSK vs GT Preview: Ruturaj vs Gill in battle of young captains in Chennai

**New Delhi.** Chennai Super Kings will host Gujarat Titans in Match 7 of IPL 2024 at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday and the focus will be on the two young captains, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Shubman Gill after their winning starts to the season. It will be a test of character for Ruturaj and Gill as the mid-week game in Chepauk promises to be a blockbuster. Chennai also have a jinx to break as they have never won a league-stage game against the Titans. It will be a repeat of last year's final, but both Chennai and Gujarat have new captains. The two teams contributed majorly to the pre-season drama as Hardik Pandya, the title-winning captain from 2022, left the Titans in a sensational trade move to Mumbai Indians. Despite the availability of more seasoned campaigners like Kane Williamson and Rashid Khan, Gujarat Titans backed Shubman Gill to lead the franchise that tasted so much success in its first two years. If early signs are anything to go by, Gujarat Titans seem to have found a calm and composed skipper in Shubman Gill. The young captain was at his best in a big-ticket, tense thriller against the starstudded Mumbai Indians in their season opener at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Saturday. Mumbai were cruising toward a 169-run target, needing just 43 runs in their last five overs. However, Gujarat's bowlers

World. Royal Challengers Bengaluru's

new recruit Yash Dayal said he went

through a lot emotionally after he was

hit for 5 sixes in an over by Rinku Singh in IPL 2022 and that comments

on social media only added to his frustration and anxiety. Yash Dayal

said it took him long to put it behind

and focus on doing well on the field

again as the 26-year-old recalled his

journey from that nightmarish over to

earning a Rs 5 corer contract with

Yash Dayal has made a sensational start

RCB in IPL 2024.

the target and getting off the mark in the season. The decision to give Umesh Yadav, who hasn't bowled a lot at the death, the final over with 19 to defend worked in favour of Gujarat as the seasoned fast bowler used all his experience and survived a Hardik Pandya scare.On the other hand, Ruturaj Gaikwad looked comfortable in the big IPL 2024 season opener against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. It all looked easy for the Super Kings against RCB and Ruturaj did not seem burdened by the weight of expectations after having taken over captaincy from one of the finest leaders, if not the finest, in the game.

#### CSK vs GT: HEAD-TO-HEAD

Chennai Super Kings and Gujarat Titans are meeting for the 6th time in the IPL. Gujarat have the wood over CSK, having beaten the Super Kings thrice in 5 meetings. However, Chennai defeated Gujarat in the play-offs and the big final last year, in which Ravindra Jadeja emerged as the hero of the big night in Ahmedabad.

#### CSK vs GT TEAM NEWS

Chennai Super Kings are facing a 'happy headache' as Sri Lanka's Matheesha Pathirana has joined the team after overcoming an injury scare. He missed the It hurt: RCB's Yash Dayal recalls redemption

pacer Mustafizur Rahman took his place. The left-arm pacer shone in his first outing, picking up as many as 4 wickets and winning the Player of the Match award. It remains to be seen if Chennai will tinker with their winning combination despite Pathirana's ability to deliver at the death. Chennai might

better and persist with Pathirana. Chennai also did not play Moeen Ali in the season opener and it seems the English man might have to wait longer for his chances. CSK are set to continue with Rachin Ravindra and Ruturaj at the top of the order. On the other hand, Gujarat Titans will be looking forward to make good use of the local knowledge of the conditions as the likes of Vijay Shankar, Sai Kishore and

recover and return and focus on playing

person to experience this and I won't be

the last. So I put it behind and started

focusing on the process again. I thought

games," Yash Dayal told IPL.

just allow Pathirana to settle into the camp

Shahrukh Khan have played most of their cricket in Chennai. Gujarat also have Mohit Sharma, who was an integral member of the Super Kings side in the past."Yeah, it could help. They have, for a few of their players, it will be a home game in terms of the conditions," CSK head coach Stephen Fleming said on the eve of the contest.

Sai Kishore and Rashid Khan will be looking to form a lethal partnership. The left-arm spinner, who led Tamil Nadu in Ranji

Trophy, made a terrific start to his IPL career, picking up the big wicket of Rohit Sharma in his miserly spell against Mumbai Indians.

#### CSK vs GT: CHENNAI PITCH AND **CONDITIONS**

There's no threat of rain in Chennai, but the humidity level is expected to be high and dew might come into play in the second innings. The pitch played well for both batters and bowlers in the first game and expect more of the same on Tuesday.

#### CSK vs GT, PREDICTED XIs

Gujarat Titans: Shubman Gill (captain), Wriddhiman Saha, Sai Sudharsan, Azmatullah Omarzai, Vijay Shankar, David Miller, Rahul Tewatia, Rashid Khan, R Sai Kishore, Umesh Yadav, Spencer Johnson.

#### Saans to lene de: Virat Kohli asks Harpreet Brar to slow down in on-field banter

New Delhi, Virat Kohli and Harpreet Brar were involved in an on-field banter during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Punjab Kings (PBKS) on Monday, March 25 at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. Brar seemed to be in a hurry to start his 3rd over when RCB needed 74 runs to win off their last 8 overs.

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That's when Kohli asked him to slow down and let them breathe. "Ruk jaa \*\*\*\*\*, saans to lene de," Kohli was heard saying on the stump microphone. Maxwell, at the other end, was left in splits as he took guard to face Brar. Interestingly, in the very first ball of the 13th over, Brar accounted for the crucial scalp of Maxwell.Maxwell tried to make room and hit Brar through the off side, but ended up chopping the ball onto his stumps. It was also the 4th time that Maxwell got out to Brar in the IPL.

#### Virat Kohli plays another blinder

Kohli, on the other hand, went on to bat until the 16th over. He scored 77 runs off 49 balls with 11 fours and 2 sixes before Harshal Patel dismissed him. On the back of his knock, RCB chased down the target of 177 with 4 balls to spare. After Kohli got out,



journey from that Rinku Singh over

Gujarat Titans pacer has looked more to life as a Royal Challengers Bengaluru confident than ever and it's that over from bowler. In two outings, Yash Dayal has the last season that has taught him plenty of looked the most impressive RCB bowler. The left-arm pacer from Uttar Pradesh has picked up 2 wickets and bowled miserly spells after getting the opportunity to start for the Bengaluru-based franchise. Against Characi Space Views Wesh David life lessons. Speaking to his RCB teammate Mohammed Siraj, Yash Dayal recalled how he checked social media despite warnings from his close ones after conceding 5 sixes in a final over against Rinku Singh in a game Chennai Super Kings, Yash Dayal got the between the Titans and Kolkata Knight Riders in Ahmedabad."After that match, big wicket of captain Ruturaj Gaikwad and conceded 28 runs in 3 overs while he stepped when I returned to the dressing room, I felt it up against Punjab Kings on Monday with a very bad. I was told not to check social terrific spell with the new ball. Yash got the media. But, I did check a few comments. I wicket of Sam Curran and conceded just 23 spoke to my family and I was hurting, thinking what people would be thinking runs in 4 overs. Yash Dayal has been moving the ball both ways in the powerplay and using variations, including the slower-ball about me after that over. In the next two days, I fell ill. It took some time for me to

the new season. He picked up 9 wickets in 6 matches for Uttar Pradesh in the Vijay Hazare Trophy 50-over tournament. He also was part of the India A squad that played against England Lions on the sidelines of the 5-Test series between Rohit Sharma-led India and Ben Stokes's England in February-March. Eyebrows were raised when Yash Dayal was bought for Rs 5 corer in the IPL auction in December, but the young left-arm pacer is proving his naysayers wrong."I have heard and seen that RCB's fan following is huge. From my childhood, I have been following two teams, one CSK and RCB. But I never thought I would get an opportunity to play with one of the two franchises. So after coming here and seeing the atmosphere, and playing will all of you feels like a dream only," Yash said.



Dinesh Karthik's unbeaten 28-run knock took the Challengers past the finish line.

Brar, in the meantime, was the pick of the bowlers for PBKS as he finished with impressive figures of 4-0-13-2. Apart from getting rid of Maxwell, he also removed Rajat Patidar. He kept the batters in check and did not allow them to get on top of him.

However, his efforts went in vain as he did not get enough support from the other bowlers, including Rahul Chahar, Harshal

### bouncers, wonderfully well. The former IPL 2024: Chennai to host final on May 26; Ahmedabad to host eliminator and qualifier 1

CHENNAI. The final of the 2024 Indian Premier League will be played at Chennai's MA Chidambaram Stadium on May 26, as the BCCI announced the schedule for the remainder of the tournament on Monday.Qualifier 2 will also be played in Chennai on May 24, while Qualifier 1 and Eliminator will be played at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, on May 21 and 22. The entire tournament will be played in the country despite the general elections, which will be held across seven phases from April 19 until June 1. The home and away format has been retained, with the

final league fixture set to be played between the Rajasthan Royals and Kolkata Knight Riders on May 19 in Guwahati. As has been the case in the past, Guwahati will host a couple of home games for the Rajasthan



Royals, and Dharamshala will host two matches for the Punjab Kings.

Chennai Super Kings' third home game will be on April 8 against KKR before they go on the road. Only after the first phase of the general elections, which will be held in Tamil Nadu back to the MA Chidambaram Stadium on April 23 to take on the Lucknow Super Giants. Similarly, Bengaluru will host only one game after May 12, as Karnataka will go to polls in four phases (May 13, 20, 25 and June 1).Lucknow, meanwhile, will host the Chennai Super Kings on April 19, the same day when Uttar Pradesh holds the first phase of polls. The other interesting thing is that the Indian contingent will have five days before the 2024 T20 World Cup begins in the United

on April 19, will CSK come

States. India will play their first game in New York on June 5, eight days after the IPL final. They will not have much time to adapt and recuperate to the conditions in New York, where they have never played before.

and Arshdeep Singh.

## Mustafizur or Pathirana CSK in with 'good headache' after Sri Lanka pacer gets fit

New Delhi. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) picked Mustafizur Rahman for INR 2 crore in the auction for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024. However, the Bangladesh pacer was not expected to be their first-choice pacer given that the 5-time champions already had Matheesha Pathirana, who had gained MS Dhoni's faith with his stupendous death bowling. However, things turned out to be slightly different. Pathirana sustained a hamstring tear during Sri Lanka's T20I series against Bangladesh. Subsequently, he missed CSK's opening match against the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on March 22 at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.Mustafizur, in the meantime, made sure that he gave the CSK management a massive headache to deal with. The left-armer won the Player of the Match award after he picked up 4 wickets of Virat Kohli, Faf du Plessis, Rajat Patidar and Glenn Maxwell. On the back of his spell, the Super Kings got off to a flying start after

Even as Mustafizur is basking in glory, Pathirana has joined the Super Kings camp. With quality pace-bowling options in their team, CSK need to take a call. Former India

beating RCB by 6 wickets.



speedster Laxmipathy Balaji said that it would be tough to bench a bowler of Pathirana's class, but said that the pacer may have to wait given how Mustafizur performed in the season opener.Pathirana might have to wait'According to Balaji, Mustafizur is good enough to keep Pathirana out of the playing XI because of his potential to bowl with the new ball and at the death."Obviously, for a new entrant like Mustafizur to perform on the very first game

was phenomenal. But what Pathirana did was he provided the cushion CSK wanted for a long time, especially after (Dwayne) Bravo, because Bravo used to provide that cushion during the death overs to CSK,"
Balaji told Star Sports."Pathirana straightaway got fit into that role and it probably depends on how well new ball bowlers bowl according to that, probably Pathirana might have to wait. Because Mustafizur can bowl in the death and in the

start as well. So probably in that aspect I feel it's a good headache to have when you have a fit Pathirana into the side," Balaji added. Can Mustafizur, Pathirana play together?

#### But is there a chance that both Pathirana and Mustafizur will fit into CSK's playing XI? Who amongst Rachin Ravindra, Daryl Mitchell and Maheesh Theekshana go out then?Ravindra is a makeshift opener for CSK after Devon Conway's injury. Also, after the knock he played against RCB, it would be tough to even think about leaving him out.Daryl Mitchell can hit the ball a long distance and showed his skills in the ODI World Cup last year where he scored 2 centuries against India. With an ability to

bowl handy medium pace, the Super Kings

may continue with persist with him.

That leaves CSK with Maheesh Theekshana who has been an asset for them over the last couple of seasons. On slow and low pitches at the Chepauk, the Sri Lankan spinner comes in handy. The Super Kings are set to face the Gujarat Titans (GT) on Tuesday and it remains to be seen what would be their foreign combination.CSK and MS Dhoni generally don't believe in changing playing XIs frequently. But given certain circumstances.



onam Bajwa sets Instagram on fire with her fiery new photos. The actress, who often treats her fans with sexy photos and videos, took to the social media platform to raise the heat with a new set of hot photos. In the photos, Sonam was seen wearing a strappy dress which featured a cut in the midriff. The dress also featured a plunging neckline, flaunting her curves. She styled the outfit with a pair of silver heels. Sonam was seen posing on the staircase and in her room for the camera. She shared the photos in two parts. While the first she shared with the caption, "Take notes...", the second post was shared with new moon emojis. "I would've taken notes but I lost everything to you," a comment read. "The Only Sonam We Want," added another. "In the era of curvy girls, you are the best," a third comment read. "So pretty looking and hot?????," a fourth user wrote.

Sonam has over 13.6 million followers and doesn't shy away from treating fans with stunning photos from her photo shoots. She also keeps fans posted about her whereabouts. Recently, she revealed that she was on a break. Sonam shared a photo from on board a flight

In the flight, she was seen enjoying a cup of tea and was reading a book titled, "It Starts With Us," by Colleen Hoover. She shared the post with the caption, "Some long flights have been therapeutic for me lately .... Such an amazing way to connect with yourself when you are disconnected with the world. Haina?"Sonam Bajwa is a popular name in the Punjabi film industry but she is yet to make her Bollywood debut. Speaking with News18 Showsha recently, Sonam said she's got offers from Bollywood. "Offers have been coming my way but it will happen when it's meant to happen. I don't want to do things here just because I should. I want to do something very, very nice because I'm also representing the Punjabi film industry. So, I know that my fans expect a lot out of me and I want to do justice to them when I come in as a Punjabi film actor," she told us.

Taapsee Pannu

Mathias Boe Are Married; Anurag Kashyap, Kanika Dhillon Attend Ceremony?

aapsee Pannu has married her long-term boyfriend, Mathias Boe, sources told News18 Showsha exclusively. The actor and the former Olympic medallist tied the knot on March 23. Their families and closest friends attended the ceremony. A source revealed, "The wedding took place in Udaipur and was an extremely intimate affair. The prewedding festivities kick-started on March 20. The couple was very sure that they didn't want any media attention on their big day. Both of them are known to be very private and reserved people and they wouldn't have had it any other way."Our source added the wedding didn't see the attendance of too many faces from Bollywood. However, Taapsee wanted only her closest peers to attend the wedding ceremony. "Taapsee's Dobaaraa and Thappad co-star Pavail Gulati joined the guests at her and Mathais' wedding. Anurag Kashyap, who shares a rather close bond with



Taapsee and has directed her in films like Manmarziyaan and Dobaara and produced Saand Ki Aankh also flew to Udaipur," says the source.We've also got our hands on the news that Kanika Dhillon, who has closely worked with Taapsee on Haseen Dillruba, Manmarziyaan, Dunki, and Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba as a writer, and her husband Himanshu Sharma were a part of their big day as well. Interestingly, two days ago, Kanika shared a series of pictures on her Instagram where she was seen wearing a pastel ensemble. One of the hashtags in the caption read '#MereYaarKiShaadi'. The pictures are apparently from Taapsee and Mathias' wedding.

Pavail also shared a snap on Instagram featuring Taapsee's sister Shagun Pannu, her cousin Evania Pannu, close friend and actor Abhilash Thapliyal and badminton player Chirag Shetty. The post saw a cryptic comment by Abhilash who wrote 'IYKYK'. Another comment by a user read 'Congrats coach'.

Taapsee Pannu and Danish badminton coach Mathias Boe met at the inaugural Indian Badminton League in 2013. Love blossomed between the two and soon the families met. While Taapsee largely managed to keep details about her love life under wraps, she once stated in an interview that they began chatting on X (formerly Twitter) and then proceeded to meet one another. A report recently stated that they are all set to get married in March after dating each other for over a decade. On the work front, Taapsee will be seen in Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba, Woh Ladki Hai Kahaan, and Khel Khel Mein. Her last release was Dunki where she was paired opposite superstar Shah Rukh Khan.

#### Ranbir Kapoor's Jiju In Animal Wishes To Date Triptii Dimri, Wants To Take Her Out For...

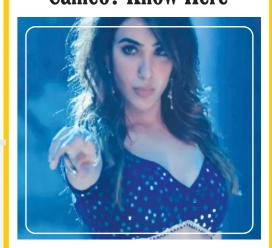




iddhant Karnick, who played Ranbir Kapoor's brother-in-law in Animal, admitted to having a crush on Triptii Dimri. The actress became the talk of the town after she starred in Animal. She played Zoya in the film and was dubbed as 'Bhabhi 2' courtesy of scenes in the film. In a recent chat, Siddhant opened up about the actress and admitted he would like to take her out on a cup of coffee some day. It is worth noting that Triptii is rumoured to be dating Sam Merchant. Speaking with Filmygyan, Siddhant Karnick was asked if he had a crush on anyone and he said, "I would love to date Triptii Dimri." He clarified that he did not want to kick up a controversy with his statement and added that he wanted to take her out for coffee. He added that he would also happily take on the bill.For the unversed, Siddhant was married to Megha Gupta. They got married in 2016 but hit a rough patch in 2019. In 2020, it was revealed that they have parted ways and are now divorced.

Meanwhile, Siddhant had reacted to Ranbir and Triptii's viral 'lick my shoe' scene from the film a few months ago. The actor confessed it was an unsettling scene but praised Sandeep Vanga Reddy for being courageous to feature the scene."It was unsettling, but I also felt, 'Wow what a choice for a character and a very courageous choice to make for the director.' At the end of the day, Sandeep sir is getting the flak. That's when he turned an anti-hero to me from a hero. That's what portrayed the man's psycho-ness. That he is good but he also has these deep dark traits. That was a very fine line for Vijay to turn villain, it is not easy to tread on. I felt damn unsettled with that scene. But now when I think about, it was also so good, it makes you react," he told Bollywood

### Samantha Ruth Prabhu To Return In Allu Arjun's Pushpa 2 For An Extended Cameo? Know Here



he Rule is undoubtedly one of the mostawaited movies. However, if recent reports are to be believed, it will not only mark Allu Arjun and Radhmika Mandanna's return as Pushpa and Srivalli, but might also seen the return of the Oo Antava girl. As reported by 123Telugu, director Sukumar wants Samantha Ruth Prabhu to have a cameo in the sequel.Reportedly, Sukumar wants Samanth to do a small song at the end of Pushpa 2: The Rule. Her character might also be extended to the third part of the film. Samantha set the dance floor on fire when she featured in Allu Arjun's Pushpa: The Rise with the song 'Oo Antava'. Released in 2021, Pushpa: The Rise was written and directed by Sukumar.

The film turned out to be a blockbuster and ruled the box office. Recently, Samantha opened up about shooting the Oo Antava track when she revealed that it was very 'uncomfortable' for her as an actor. She recalled that her legs were shivering while filming the song and went on to say that it was 'very difficult'. "I have always operated from a space of 'I'm not good enough, I don't feel pretty, I don't look like the other girls.' So for me, it was a huge challenge. It was actually the first shot of "Oo Antava"... I was shaking from fear because sexy is not my thing. It's not my thing. But how I've grown both as an actor and as a person is I've always made sure that I put myself in the most uncomfortable, unforgiving, very difficult circumstances." she said during the India Today Conclave.

However, when asked if she would do a dance number again in the future, Samantha made it clear that she would never do it. "No, I don't see the challenge in it anymore," she said. Meanwhile, the last leg of shooting for Pushpa 2 is currently underway. The film will hit theatres on August 15, 2024.