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Decomposed bodies of woman, her lover recovered from car in Madhya Pradesh

Sanjay Kumar Morena, June 19: Four months after a married woman and her brother-in-law eloped, their highly decomposed bodies were recovered from a car that got submerged in a stop dam in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh, police said on Wednesday. The car with their bodies was spotted, on Tuesday, by the residents of a village after the water level of the stop dam receded, they said. According to the police, the deceased woman, identified as Mithlesh (30), and her brother-in-law, Neeraj Sakhwar (34), were in love and left their homes in February. Their highly decomposed bodies were recovered from a car that was found in a stop dam built on the Kwari river in Gopi village. Sihoniya police station in-charge Dharmendra Gaur said, "Every year, water is released from the stop dam in order to clean it. After the water level receded, a car was seen in the middle of the stop dam when water was released from it on Tuesday afternoon," he said. A police team reached the spot after being alerted by villagers, who saw the car in the middle of the stop dam. They found that the highly decomposed bodies were that of a man and woman. "During the probe, the police established the identity of the deceased. The woman, Mithlesh, was a sister-in-law of another deceased Neeraj Sakhwar. From the interrogation of their family members, it came to light that both of them were in love and fled from home on February 6," he said. Mithlesh's husband, Mukesh Sakhwar had complained that his wife had gone to the market and then eloped with his cousin Neeraj from there.

PM Modi inaugurates new campus of Nalanda University in Bihar's Rajgir

Simmi Kaur Babbar New Delhi, June 19: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday, inaugurated the new campus of Nalanda University in Bihar's Rajgir. After being sworn-in as the Prime Minister for the third term, this is his first official visit to the state. On the occasion, PM Modi said that Nalanda University is a symbol of India's academic heritage and vibrant cultural exchange. "This new campus will give the world an example of India's potential. Nalanda will tell that nations which are based on strong human values know how to revive the past and lay the foundation for a better future," he said. Earlier in the day, the PM visited the ruins of the ancient Nalanda University which were declared a United Nations Heritage site in 2016. "Education is beyond boundaries; it is beyond perspective of profit and loss. It is education that defines us, gives us views and shapes them. In ancient Nalanda, admission of children was not done on the basis of their nationality. Youth from every country used to come here. In this new campus of Nalanda University, we have to strengthen the same system in a modern way," he said. Foreign envoys from 17 countries, including Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, Mauritius, Myanmar, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, were also present at the event. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, "It underlines Bharat's endeavour to emerge as a Vishwa Bandhu, extending the hands of friendship and co-operation." The educational institute, built at a cost of Rs 1,748 crore, was established through the Nalanda University Act in 2010. It started functioning in 2014 from a temporary building. The ancient Nalanda University, which existed since the fifth century, attracted students from all over the world. It flourished for 800 years before being destroyed by invaders in the 12th century. It was on the suggestion of then President APJ Abdul Kalam that the Bihar assembly passed a bill to build a foundation for the university. Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar said, "The Nalanda University has a glorious history. In ancient times, Nalanda University was identified as the centre of education. There were about 10,000 students and about 2,000 teachers in the old Nalanda University."



Haryana CM Nayab Saini accuses Congress of nepotism, predicts more senior leaders' departure from Congress

Karnal, June 19: Launching a scathing attack on Congress, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini accused the party of promoting nepotism, causing several senior leaders to feel suffocated within the organisation. He specifically targeted former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, accusing him of working solely to launch his son. "Several major leaders have left the party due to former CM Hooda as they feel suffocated. Hooda is focusing on launching his son, much like the entire Congress is working to promote Rahul Gandhi. The former CM has forced several key leaders to leave the party," said CM Saini at the residence of rice miller Raj Goel in Sector 13 on Wednesday morning. He predicts that many senior leaders will leave the Congress, which he claims is dominated by a single family, sacrificing prominent figures. The CM attacked former CM Hooda, questioning why the Congress did not fill vacant job positions during Hooda's 10 years as the chief minister. Congress MLA Kiran Choudhary, who belongs to the former CM Bansilal family, has done significant work in Haryana, but she was being ignored in the party, leading to her departure, Saini explained. Taking a dig at INLD leader Abhay Chautala's statement that the next government in Haryana will be formed with the help of the party, CM Saini reminded that Abhay Chautala was the first to call for the opposition to unite against him (Saini) when he contested the by-election from Karnal Assembly. "All the leaders came together under one banner. PM Narendra Modi entrusted a poor man's son with the responsibility of the chief minister. All the opposition tried to defeat me, but it was the blessings of the people of Karnal that ensured my victory. I will be thankful to the people," said Saini. CM Saini also congratulated Neeraj Chopra on winning the gold medal.

Ration scam: Actress Rituparna appears before ED officers in Kolkata Kolkata, June 19: Bengali actress Rituparna Sengupta appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at its city office on Wednesday in connection with the ongoing investigation into the multi-crore ration distribution scam, an officer said. The actress was asked to present some "specific" documents related to her bank transactions, he added. "We have a few questions for the actress. We will also verify other details, particularly some transactions made through her bank accounts. We need to know the source and destination of those transactions," the ED officer told PTI.

24-year-old tries to appear as elderly man while travelling to Canada

New Delhi, June 19: A 24-year-old man allegedly impersonating an elderly man bound for Canada has been apprehended by the CISF at the Delhi international airport, a senior officer of the force said on Wednesday. Gursewak Singh, with dyed hair and beard, was intercepted on Tuesday evening at Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport and has been handed over to Delhi Police, he said. The man was first checked by CISF personnel as his activities were found suspicious. He initially produced his identity in the form of a passport bearing the name Rashvinder Singh Sahota, 67. He was supposed to board an Air Canada flight flying out of Delhi on Tuesday, the officer said. "The man's appearance, voice and skin texture seemed significantly younger than the details provided in the passport. Closer observation revealed that he had dyed his hair and beard white and was wearing glasses to appear older," he said. The passenger, following further interrogation, disclosed his correct identity as Gursewak Singh, 24, and the photo of a passport in this name was also found in his mobile phone, the officer said.

Congress demands disqualification of MLA Kiran Choudhry from Haryana assembly

Navdeep Singh Sahni Chandigarh, June 19: The Haryana Congress on Wednesday wrote to the state assembly Speaker seeking disqualification of Kiran Choudhry as member of the Vidhan Sabha. Kiran Choudhry and her daughter Shruti Choudhry along with their supporters joined BJP in Delhi on Wednesday. Both Kiran Choudhry and Shruti Choudhry had resigned from the primary membership of the Congress on Tuesday, alleging the state unit of the party was being run as a "personal fiefdom", in an apparent reference to former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda. In a communication addressed to Speaker Gian Chand Gupta, Deputy Leader of Congress Legislature Party (CLP), Aftab Ahmed, and CLP chief whip, BB Batra, mentioned that Kiran Choudhry had been elected as MLA of the Congress party from Tosham in Bhiwani after the assembly polls in 2019. "It has come to our notice that Kiran Choudhry has resigned from the primary membership of the Indian National Congress party on June 18. Furthermore, she has joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the presence of BJP leaders on June 19. A copy of her resignation letter addressed to Congress president Mallikarjun

Assembly for any intent and purpose on June 19, 2024," they further wrote, requesting that a suitable notification or declaration regarding her disqualification may be made.

House belonging to any political party shall be disqualified for being a member of the House if they voluntarily give up their membership of such political party." Ahmed and Batra said given that Kiran Choudhry was elected as a candidate of the Congress and has now voluntarily given up her membership by joining the BJP, she stands disqualified under the provisions of the Tenth Schedule. "She has incurred a clear disqualification and cannot be counted as a Member of Legislative Assembly for any intent and purpose on June 19, 2024," they further wrote, requesting that a suitable notification or declaration regarding her disqualification may be made.



Atishi threatens indefinite fast from June 21 if water issue in capital not resolved

Tejinder Kaur Babbar New Delhi, June 19: Delhi Water Minister Atishi on Wednesday threatened to go on an indefinite fast if the water issue is not resolved till June 21. She has also written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the water crisis issue in the national capital. Speaking at a presser said that the water crisis in Delhi has aggravated since neighbouring Haryana is not releasing the capital's share of water. "Yesterday, Haryana released 513 MGD of water to Delhi as against 613 MGD. One MGD of water is for 28,500 people. This means that water was not released for over 28 lakh people," she added. PM Modi caught unawares as Nitish Kumar checks indelible ink on his finger - Watch VIDEO The couple captured the entire incident on camera and said that they also have eyewitnesses of the incident (Photo: X/Tanvxo) Video | Couple orders Xbox controller from Amazon, receives live cobra snake inside package Cabinet Ministers List, Election 2024, Lok Sabha

Election 2024, Cabinet Ministers of India 2024 Full List with Portfolios Cabinet Ministers of India 2024 Full List with Portfolios: Meet the ministers in Modi 3.0 Cabinet "The people of Delhi are troubled. We have made all efforts to solve this problem. We have spoken to the Chief Minister of Haryana, but the BJP government of Haryana is not giving Delhi its share of water," Atishi said. She added that people are not only suffering due to the heatwave conditions, but also due to water shortage. "I have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the water crisis requesting him to resolve the issue. If the crisis is not solved within two days, I will go on an indefinite strike from June 21," she said. Delhi water crisis: Washing cars with hoses, overflowing tanks to attract Rs 2,000 fine from tomorrow The PWD and Water minister also said the AAP government has written multiple letters to the Haryana government to resolve the issue.

No power plant set up in Haryana in 10 years, says Bhupinder Hooda

Chandigarh, June 19: Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda today said that there was an outcry in the state due to a shortage of electricity and water, but the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) could not fulfil even the basic needs of the public, and hence had no right to remain in power. He claimed that during the Congress tenure, Haryana had become power surplus. "The state has many power plants and production capacity of its own and is capable of meeting the needs of the state," he said. "The BJP is not producing enough electricity from these plants. Many units are closed. Due to this, the state has to depend on private companies. No new plant was started in the past 10 years," he said. "Private companies take advantage of the shortage of electricity and sell it to the government at expensive rates. The payment is made by looting the hard-earned money of the common people," he added.

Government raises paddy MSP by Rs 117 per quintal

Naresh Malhotra New Delhi, June 19: The government on Wednesday raised the minimum support price (MSP) for paddy by 5.35 per cent to Rs 2,300 per quintal for the 2024-25 kharif marketing season, a move that comes ahead of key state assembly polls. The Rs 117 per quintal hike in paddy support price comes despite the government grappling with massive rice surpluses but it is significant ahead of elections in states like Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi. The MSP increase in the 14 kharif (summer) crops is the first major decision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third term in office and shows the government's "clear policy" to keep support prices at least 1.5 times the cost of production, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. Paddy is the main kharif crop. Sowing of kharif crops usually begins with the onset of the southwest monsoon in June. Announcing the MSP increase,

Vaishnaw said the Cabinet has approved the minimum support prices boosting farmers' income, the minister said. The MSP for 'common' grade paddy has been raised by Rs 117 to Rs 2,300 per quintal, while for the 'A' grade variety, it has been hiked to Rs 2,320 per quintal for the upcoming kharif season, Vaishnaw told reporters. Among cereals, the MSP for 'hybrid' grade jowar has been raised by Rs 191 to Rs 3,371 per quintal, while for the 'Maldani' variety, it has been hiked by Rs 196 to Rs 3,421 per quintal for the 2024-25 marketing season (October-September). The support price for bajra has been increased by Rs 125 to Rs 2,625 per quintal, for ragi by Rs 444 to Rs 4,290 per quintal and for maize it has been increased by Rs 135 to Rs 2,225 per quintal for 2024-25. To reduce the country's dependence on import of pulses, the MSP for tur has been raised by Rs 550 to Rs 7,550 per quintal, for urad by Rs 450 to Rs 7,400 per quintal and for moong by Rs 124 to Rs 8,682 per quintal for the 2024-25 kharif marketing season. Similarly, the support price for sunflower seed has been raised by Rs 520 to Rs 7,280 per quintal, for groundnut by Rs 406 to Rs 6,783 per quintal, for soybean (yellow) by Rs 292 to Rs 4,892 per quintal for the upcoming kharif season. The support price for sesamum has been increased by Rs 632 to Rs 9,267 per quintal, and for nigerseed by Rs 983 to Rs 8,717 per quintal for 2024-25.



Over 7,000 people to join PM Modi in Srinagar on 10th Yoga Day

Srinagar, June 19: More than 7,000 people from different walks of life will join Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday, to celebrate International Yoga Day on the banks of the famous Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir. Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha said that it is an honour for the entire Kashmir valley to have the prime minister here on the International Yoga Day. "It's an honour for the whole valley to have Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on the International Yoga Day. He will perform yoga on the banks of Dal Lake with more than 7,000 people who will participate in the event on June 21," Sinha said. The LG said the prime minister has a special connection

with Jammu and Kashmir which is the reason that he chose to celebrate the 10th International Yoga Day in Srinagar. "In the past 10 years, yoga has got a recognition at both national and international levels. More than 23.5 crore people have participated in the event so far. In Jammu and Kashmir, last year 23 lakh people participated on Yoga Day and I am seeing an increase in people performing Yoga on everyday basis.



90-year-old killed in bomb blast in Kannur

KANNUR : An elderly man was killed in a blast when he unwittingly tried to open a steel bomb he found from his neighbour's uninhabited plot at Eranholi in Thalassery on Tuesday. The deceased, Velayudhan K K, 90, had gone there to collect coconuts. Velayudhan suffered fatal injuries to his head and his hands were shattered in the impact of the blast, the police said.

The house and the farmland where the blast occurred has been uninhabited for a long time. According to local residents, Velayudhan frequented the place to collect coconuts. The Thalassery police, who have launched an investigation, confirmed to TNIE that the blast was accidental. "The victim is an old man. The incident occurred when he went there to collect coconuts. The bomb squad conducted detailed examination at the site and no other bombs were found from there," said a police officer with the Thalassery station. Senior police officials, including Kannur range DIG Thomson Jose IPS, visited the spot. The police said a special team will be formed to investigate the case. Velayudhan's body will be released to relatives on Wednesday after completing the postmortem, they said. Kannur has had a long history of country bomb attacks and related mishaps. The bomb blast at Panur on April 5 which led to the death of a CPM worker had a major impact on the election results in the Vadakara LS constituency. CPM & BJP making bombs, police inefficient: DCC prez. Even after the election results were declared, several incidents of bomb attacks were reported from the district. DCC president Martin George said even as the CPM and the BJP continue to make bombs in Kannur, the police department remains inefficient. "Earlier, the police used to conduct raids regularly to check such illegal activities. However, with Pinarayi Vijayan taking charge of the police.



BENGALURU: Indian Institute of Science (IISc) researchers have accidentally stumbled upon a new finding -- a new series of representing the age-old mathematical formula of pi. While investigating how string theory can be used to explain certain physical phenomena, they found a new series representation for the irrational number pi.

Aninda Sinha, Professor at the Centre for High Energy Physics, IISc, one of the researchers of the study, told The New Indian Express that the new formula is different from the ones taught in schools

and colleges. The formula taught then has a never ending series of digits. He added that there have been many derivations of formulae over time. The formula the team has found is close to what was found by Indian mathematician Sangamagrama Madhava, which was written in the 15th century, in a poetic language. It is now universally accepted, and was the first ever series of pi recorded in history. Aninda Sinha was also a part of the new study at IISc, which is now published in Physical Review Letters. Sinha said they were studying high energy physics in quantum theory and were

working on developing a new model on how particles interacted and their accurate parameters. A new model was being developed when this finding happened.

A release from IISc said researchers were interested in string theory -- the theoretical framework that presumes that all quantum processes in nature simply use different modes of vibrations plucked on a string. Their work was focused on how high energy particles interact with each other, such as protons smashing together.

What the team found was not only an efficient model that could explain particle interaction, but also a series representation of pi. In mathematics, a series is used to represent a parameter such as pi in its component form. Pi can be represented as a combination of many numbers of parameters (or ingredients). Finding the correct number and combination of the parameters to reach close to its exact value has always been challenging. The series found by IISc researchers combines specific parameters in such a way that scientists can rapidly arrive at the value of pi, which can then be incorporated in calculations, like those involved in deciphering scattering of high-energy particles, the release said. Sinha said though the findings are theoretical at the moment, it is not impossible that they may lead to practical applications in future. "Doing this kind of work, although it may not see immediate application in daily life, gives the pure pleasure of doing theory for the sake of doing it," Sinha added.

Sterlite firing: Madras HC says need to look into rights violations



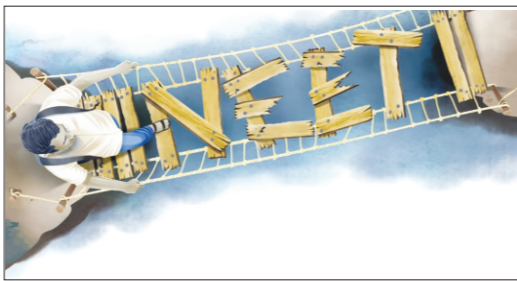
CHENNAI: The Madras High Court on Tuesday stated that the issue does not end with payment of compensation to victims, even as it is laudable on the part of the government, but human rights violations have to be ascertained before proceeding further against revenue and police officials in connection with the police firing on anti-Sterlite protestors in Thoothukudi in 2018.

A division bench of justices SS Sundar and N Senthikumar made the remarks while hearing a public interest litigation petition filed by People's Watch executive director Henri Tiphagne, seeking a direction to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to reopen the probe into the firing which took the lives of 13 protesters. The court had impleaded then Thoothukudi collector N Venkatesh, three revenue department officers and 17 police officers including then IG (south zone) Shailesh Kumar Yadav, DIG Kapil Kumar C Saratkar and SP Mahendran in the previous hearing, and directed them to file counter-affidavit.

Objecting to certain submissions by additional advocate general J Ravindran, appearing for the state, the bench said that the state's interest is well protected if it does not open its mouth. "We get the impression that you seem to be more interested in not serving the interests of the public," the bench stated. The bench further stated that the matter does not end with compensation to the victims and the question is whether human rights violations were committed or not, adding that if there were violations, and if the bench made some observations, the parties concerned (impleaded officers) must be heard because such observations may affect them. The counsel for CBI informed the court that an additional charge sheet has been filed, after holding further investigation, before the special court in Madurai as per the orders of the court which had rejected the original charge sheet. The bench adjourned the hearing to July 1.

NEET-UG 2024: Calls for transparency, state control amid allegations of malpractice

VIJAYAWADA: The alleged malpractices in the conduct of the NEET-UG 2024 exam have raised significant concerns among students and parents, affecting both top performers and those who qualified. The controversy began with the awarding of grace marks to 1,563 students and escalated due to allegations of a paper leak. As counselling dates approach, tension among students is increasing daily, especially since the Supreme Court postponed the case hearing to July 8. The controversy continues to evoke diverse opinions and calls for action to ensure transparency and fairness in medical admissions across India. Previously, the purview of the conduct of entrance examinations was under State government jurisdiction, but the Central government's decision to conduct nationwide NEET has faced opposition from States like Tamil Nadu. B Jahnavi from Visakhapatnam, who secured 326 marks, demanded the release of the list of



1,563 students who benefitted from the grace marks allocated by the National Testing Agency (NTA). She emphasised that the re-exam, scheduled for June 23, must be conducted by another agency instead of NTA for all 1,563 students without any clauses and appealed that no grace marks should be added in the future for any reason. Jahnavi accused the NTA of concealing information to protect themselves and alleged that fraud had been committed the previous day of the exam, which the NTA was aware of. She expressed her doubts about how the 1,563 students would be able to appear for the

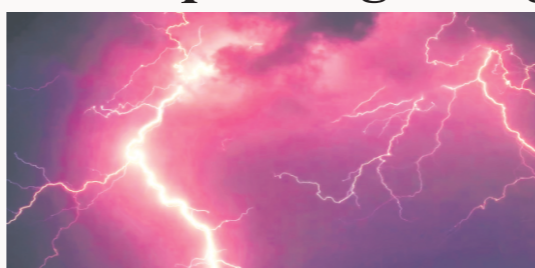
re-exam within the time given by the NTA, given that the exam is scheduled for June 23 and the results are to be announced on June 30. Speaking to TNIE, Member of Legislative Council (Krishna-Guntur Teachers Constituency) KS Lakshmana Rao emphasised India's federal structure and criticised the Centre's control over the education system. He supported conducting examinations like NEET at the state level and echoed Tamil Nadu's demands. Rao called the situation a failure of the Centre and National Testing Agency (NTA), urging a thorough investigation into the allegations and advocating for a possible re-conduct of NEET to ensure fairness for talented students, following the Supreme Court's directives. Dr AN Radhakrishna Yadav, a Professor in Pediatric Dentistry, expressed deep concern for the 24 lakh students affected by the irregularities in the exam. He told TNIE that he supported students' calls to abolish NTA, citing evidence of malpractice, such as unusual

patterns where several students from the same exam centre scored full marks. Yadav urged State governments to take a firm stance against such irregularities and recommended considering a re-examination to uphold integrity. Speaking to TNIE, AP Medicos Parents Association State President Dr Ala Venkateswarlu dismissed the possibility of a NEET re-exam due to students' unwillingness to go through the labour of preparing for one of the toughest exams in India. Stating that the alleged malpractices in conducting Neet in other States have affected the students across the nation, particularly the students of Telugu States, Venkateswarlu proposed cancelling the national pool of 15% this year to prioritise local talent. This move would reserve the national quota of 400 medical seats in Andhra Pradesh to State rankers. Pointing out anomalies in the exam results where 67 candidates scored 720 out of 720, unprecedented in previous years, he highlighted the possibility of paper leakage impacting the fairness of NEET.

Cloud changes linked to frequent lightning

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Once confined to specific months, lightning has become a year-round occurrence in Kerala, including during the monsoon season, mainly due to shifts in cloud structure and extended dry periods. This monsoon, lightning strikes have already claimed four lives, two each in Thrissur and Kollam, in the state. Experts attribute the increased occurrence of lightning to the frequent presence of Cumulonimbus clouds, heavy and dense cloud of considerable vertical extent, during the monsoon. Rajeevan Erikulam, a meteorologist with the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), said the frequency of lightning increases in the break period during the monsoon.

The southwest monsoon this year is characterised by longer breaks interspersed with shorter active spells. Notwithstanding the prediction of an above-normal rainfall, the state has recorded a rainfall deficit so far this season. "Earlier, Cumulonimbus clouds were seen during pre and post-monsoon periods only. Monsoon is characterised by stratus clouds. However, this structure seems to have altered in recent years," Rajeevan said, while also highlighting recent studies, especially by the Cochin University of Science and Technology, on the presence of Cumulonimbus during monsoons. "After a longer break period, winds carrying rain-bearing clouds are expected to get stronger from June 21," he



said.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has declared an orange alert in Malappuram, Kozhikode and Kannur on the day. The state gets more lightning during pre-monsoon period between April and May and during the northeast monsoon season starting from October. "Kerala is one of the major states

affected by lightning though deaths due to it have declined owing to better awareness and development," said a hazard analyst, who did not wish to be named.

He said casualties of lightning strikes in Odisha and West Bengal are higher as more people work in fields. "In Kerala, pucca houses, tall trees and fewer field activities have prevented a high number of casualties. However, construction workers, MGNREGA workers, and painters are a risk category," he said. A study by National Centre for Earth Science Studies in 2016 said earlier, over 70 people died of lightning each year. In 2015, the Kerala government classified lightning as a state-specific disaster.

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Other than the vehicular movement, there are no establishments in most of the areas.

Kovai cops to set up check post on NH following Friday's attempted robbery

COIMBATORE: In the wake of a highway robbery attempt on the Salem - Kochi National Highway in the Coimbatore district on Friday, Coimbatore (Rural) police are planning to set up a check post along the 26-kilometre stretch and increase patrolling. According to sources the stretch between Neelambur and Walayar usually witnesses highway robberies. The number of such crimes is high between Neelambur and Madukkarai, where the road has just two lanes and a large area is vacant on both sides. Other than the vehicular movement, there are no establishments in most of the areas. Taking advantage of this, gangs attempt robbery on the

moving vehicles.

"We had one patrol team on the stretch and now it has been increased to four. Each team attached to the stations Madukkarai, Chettipalayam and Sulur police stations would have at least three policemen and they would work continuously for two shifts," said police superintendent V Badrinayanan. The police superintendent also added that the CCTV monitoring system installed on the stretch played a significant role in tracing the gang engaged in a robbery attempt on Friday morning.

"We have been discussing opening a check post or outpost on the Salem-Kochi national highway in the view of

strengthening the monitoring and vehicle checking. Also, we are working to increase the CCTV surveillance system to monitor the vehicle movements," he added. According to police sources the Kerala-based gang on Friday targeted the car belonging to a Kerala businessman based on information about transporting money (Hawala). But no cash was transported in the car and we suspect that the gang attacked the wrong vehicle. However, it was confirmed that illegal money transportation is being held on the route. Intensifying the vehicle check through check posts would prevent such activities and police outposts will help the public by regular monitoring.



NEWS BOX

Factory gets land to shift, key NH-8 link may finally be ready

Gurgaon. HSVP has agreed to provide alternative land to an auto parts factory that had held up the construction of a crucial road linking NH-8 to new sectors for almost a decade. While the rest of the road has been constructed, just around 190 metres is left to be laid. Once complete, it will provide direct access from NH-8 to Pataudi Road and Sultanpur Lake via sectors 82-89. Earlier, the private company, whose manufacturing unit is spread across 1,500 sq yds, had approached the high court. But the court asked both parties to find an amicable solution. HSVP then prepared an exchange proposal offering alternate land, which has recently been approved by the state govt. An official from HSVP confirmed the development and said they will hand over possession of the land to GMDA soon so that the road can finally be completed. "The exchange proposal has been approved by the govt, and we are in the process of completing all necessary legal formalities. This should be finalised within a month, after which land will be handed over to GMDA for construction of the missing link," said Vikas Dhandra, HSVP estate officer-1.

GMDA said construction would be "taken up promptly" once the plot is handed over. "The road dividing sectors 88 and 89 is not connected to Pataudi Road because of the acquisition dispute. As soon as we receive possession, we will construct the remaining portion of the 60m-wide road. This will further improve connectivity in new sectors," a senior official from the metropolitan authority said.

Residents and commuters welcomed the move, saying the road is crucial for reducing travel time and enhancing access between key sectors and Pataudi Road. "This road has been lying incomplete for so long. There is a dead end on the road dividing sectors 88 and 89, and we are either forced to drive on an adjoining unpaved stretch to reach Pataudi Road or get stuck in traffic jams at the roundabout near Aary Hospital. The unpaved stretch is unmovable during rains, as the area gets muddy and slippery. We are happy that the issue is finally getting some resolution. Once the road is ready, we will direct connectivity to NH-8," said Jai Prakash, general secretary of NBCC Heights RWA in Sector 89. We also published the following articles recently

Restoration of road connectivity to North Sikkim underway: BROBRO is working to restore road connectivity in North Sikkim after landslides and heavy rainfall, causing casualties, property damage, and service disruptions.

Man asked to rate hotels online, loses 20L in WFH scam

Noida. A Greater Noida resident was cheated of over Rs 20 lakh after a fraudster contacted him through WhatsApp and offered a work-from-home job in Jan. The man was asked to rate hotels on Google. Initially, he paid Rs 50,000 as an investment and later got into a trap and lost more than Rs 20 lakh.

Sandeep Kumar (27), who resides in Chi 3 of Greater Noida, received a WhatsApp message from an unknown person offering him a job to rate hotels on Google Maps. The offer seemed legitimate as he was added to a Telegram group with around 100 other people who shared their respective tasks on the group, Kumar said. "I started rating hotels on Google Maps. Later, they approached me to invest in a website they recommended, promising significant profits. Initially, I invested Rs 50,000, and eventually, I invested Rs 20.5 lakh in multiple transactions. On January 21, when I could not withdraw my funds from the provided website, I realised that I was being defrauded," he stated in his complaint. Kumar froze his bank account and filed an online complaint, after which an FIR was registered on Monday. "Now the fraudsters are threatening me of dire consequences if I don't unfreeze my account," he said. A case was registered on Monday under IPC sections 420 (cheating), 506 (criminal intimidation), and relevant sections of the IT Act. We also published the following articles recently Noida man loses Rs 28 lakh to trading scam that started on WhatsApp Group giving stock market tips Noida-based businessman Dinesh Kumar lost Rs 28 lakh in an online share trading scam after joining a WhatsApp group promising lucrative trading tips.

The sun staring at them, they scale up poles to fix faults

Noida. With daytime temperatures refusing to come down from the upper levels of 40s, overheated power equipment is leading to voltage fluctuations and tripping and forcing discom officials to resort to outages. TOI has learnt after speaking to several linemen. Outages continued in several areas of the twin cities of Noida and Ghaziabad on Tuesday, when the mercury touched 46 degrees Celsius. In Ghaziabad, power cuts were reported in Vijay Nagar, Sudamapuri, Siddharth Vihar and so on.

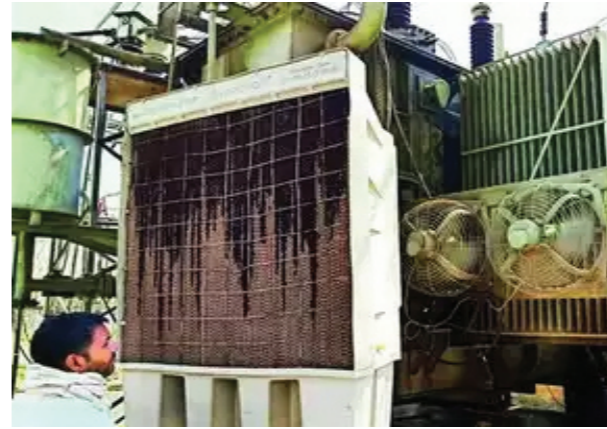
Residents of Gaur Siddharth said they had no power since Monday night. Rajesh Kumar, junior engineer at Abhay Khand 1, agreed the feeder had tripped because of overheating. Earlier, a shutdown was taken because of a fire on a pole in Makaanpur Vistar area," said Kumar. The situation in Noida wasn't any better. Outages were reported from sectors 55, 56, 71, 122, 50, 117 and 104 and more, with officials blaming them on overheating of the supply network.

Officials said when the system heats up beyond capacity, it either trips on its own or they have to resort to "rostering". In both cases, houses plunge into darkness — which can range from 3 minutes to an hour. "Line workers and engineers have been working day and night to supply power to consumers. In this scorching heat, transformers have even been exploding because they are overloaded. There are faults in cables too," said an official of the power department. With the sun blazing with all its might, the linemen have a tough job at hand. "When the mercury is hitting 46-47 degrees Celsius in some parts, they still have to climb up iron poles, which are boiling hot. Some of them even get blisters in their hands," the official added. Neeraj Kashup, a lineman working in sectors 19 and 27, described it as a professional hazard.

Transformers added, yet 12 of 71 Gurgaon's substations overloaded

GURGAON. Twelve of the city's 71 substations, including two with a capacity of 220kV, are overloaded and have been the prime reason for recurrent outages in the city. None of these substations were overloaded last year. This time, however, the city has seen a 60% to 80% rise in power demand compared to the same period in 2023, and the surge has put a strain on the existing infrastructure, causing frequent power disruptions. To mitigate the issue of overloading, Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (HVPNL) has decided to install additional transformers. In the past two months, around 150 transformers have been installed to deal with the additional load. But these measures have been insufficient to meet the growing power demand, resulting in many parts of the city facing power cuts lasting up to four hours daily. The overloaded substations cater to areas such as Vipul World, Mayfield Garden, Sushant Lok, Ardee City, Malibu Towne, sectors 10A, 22, 23, 45 and 46, Sohna Road, Palam Vihar, Old Gurgaon, and sectors along Dwarka

Expressway and Southern Peripheral Road. Ajay Kaura, a resident of Sector 23, said they are facing frequent power cuts and not getting any response from the discom. "All calls to the discom's customer care, linemen, and power officials are going unanswered. The recurrent power outages are disrupting daily life. People are falling sick due to the weather," said Kaura. Abhilash Chetia, who lives in Palam Vihar, said the heat is already unbearable and power cuts are making the situation worse. "We are facing several hours of power cuts daily, yet there is no confirmation of work even being started to address this issue. This is the situation of Millennium City," he said. iscom officials, meanwhile, are having a hard time dealing with consumers' grievances. "Our phones never stop ringing; we are on our toes all the time. We are doing all that is in our capacity to ensure power supply, but still face the anger of residents," a DHBVN



official said. The discom said it is closely monitoring the load at all substations round the clock and has sufficient power supply. "As a precautionary measure, whenever the load increases beyond a point that could potentially damage the substation, we have to resort to cutting power supply for a few hours to prevent any long-term damage to the

infrastructure," the official added. While these temporary measures are helping manage the immediate crisis, there is a pressing need for a more comprehensive and long-term solution to address the root cause of the problem. The official said after summer, they will have to go back to the drawing board to make a fresh plan for the upgrade of power infrastructure, considering the increasing power demand. The city requires more substations due to the development of new sectors and the increase in the population of the existing infrastructure. According to DHBVN, there is a need for new substations in Pataudi and sectors 5 and 29. While construction of a substation in Sector 29 is a future requirement, substations will be needed in the next few years at Sector 5 and Pataudi, but availability of land is an issue in both areas, officials said.

State got 77 new govt colleges in 9 years but not enough teachers in regular posts

Gurgaon. In the past nine years, 77 new govt colleges were opened in the state, but the colleges — both old and new — lack permanent employees or professors and lecturers on regular posts. According to an RTI reply, 15 govt colleges in Mahendargarh district have the highest number of vacant posts. Against the requirement of 913 teachers, there are only 198 regular teachers and 240 guest or extension lecturers in the Mahendargarh colleges. According to RTI activist Subhash, there are only 195 regular and 176 guest and extension lecturers in the 11 colleges in Bhiwani, while the requirement is for 574 teachers. He added that govt colleges in Gurgaon, Faridabad, Panchkula, and Ambala also have a similar situation. With over 50% of regular posts of assistant professors lying vacant across the state, lecturers in contractual roles are filling the need as a stop-gap arrangement. "There are 182 govt colleges in the state. According to the state higher education department, there is a requirement of 8,843 posts.

However, there are only nearly 3,300 regular assistant professors," Haryana Sookhna Adhikar Manch convener Subhash said. According to the higher education department, the state has 7,986 sanctioned posts of assistant professors. In the state, the department of higher education, dismissing the concerns of staff shortage, claimed that only 25% of the posts are vacant, as more than 2,000 guest teachers or extension lecturers are also working in the colleges, apart from regular assistant professors. "Extension lecturers and contractual teachers are filling in for the vacancies. Through the same, nearly 70% of our posts are occupied," said an official from the education department. Shweta Dhull, recruitment activist turned politician, said on Tuesday, "The state has made it a habit of filling vacant posts with guest teachers, extension lecturers, or contractual teachers. But this is just a stopgap arrangement as they have not been regularised despite long-standing demand for the same. The absence of the regular assistant professors

adversely affects the education in government colleges." Recently, chief minister Nayab Singh Saini announced the initiation of recruitment for 50,000 posts across various categories soon in the state. He added, "Group-D jobs will also be available to the youths." We also published the following articles recently State starts training higher education teachers to leverage AI Directorate of higher education in Goa is training teachers to use generative AI tools, aligning with NEP's vision of integrating technology for better education quality. State starts training higher edu teachers to leverage AI Directorate of Higher Education in Goa is training teachers to use generative AI tools, aligning with NEP's vision of integrating technology in education. Uniforms for students of govt, aided colleges in state from next semester The directorate of higher education in Goa has issued a circular mandating uniforms for government and government-aided college students from 2024-25 to bridge socio-economic disparities and.

Pvt company fails to sweep roads, MCG goes to police

Gurgaon: Days after chief secretary TVSN Prasad declared a solid waste management exigency in the city, an FIR has been filed against a private agency given the contract to sweep roads and ensure cleanliness in some parts of city.

In his complaint to police, MCG senior sanitary inspector Devinder Kumar accused the private firm of neglecting their responsibilities in sweeping the designated areas or providing efficient services as per their contract with the corporation. The corporation awarded the contract for sweeping roads, cleaning drains and uprooting bushes in zones 1A and 2B to the firm last Aug. Moreover, the company failed to deploy sufficient manpower and resources to carry out the sweeping tasks effectively, which led to its inability to maintain cleanliness in the assigned zones, the complaint said. According to the civic body, the agency is also not dumping waste after manual sweeping at the designated sites, which is also a violation of the contract.

"We have served multiple notices to the firm and imposed a penalty on it. The areas that fall under the agency's jurisdiction for sweeping have mounds of garbage and the drains in these areas are also blocked with trash," an MCG official said. The case was registered on Tuesday under IPC sections 420 (cheating), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 336 (endangering lives), 278

Landfill up in flames once more after 4 fires in April

Gurgaon. A massive fire erupted on one side of the Bandhwari landfill site due to methane combustion on Saturday afternoon. The fire department said 10 fire tenders were sent from Gurgaon and Faridabad to douse the flames. When TOI visited the site at 3pm on Saturday, the fire had engulfed the left side of the landfill. Fire fighting operations were still underway. A total of 10 fire fighting vehicles — eight from Gurgaon and two from Faridabad — were rushed to the landfill site. The incident happened at 2pm on Saturday and we received a call at 2.30pm. It took two hours for the fire fighters to bring the fire under control. It takes time to completely extinguish the blaze at landfill sites," Gulshan Kala, deputy director (technical), Haryana fire services, said. "The fire at the landfill was caused by combustion of methane due to high temperature. MCG has implemented preventive measures, including monitoring the temperature and stationing a fire tender at the site. However, despite these efforts, the fire still occurred. We are committed to preventing such incidents and are working diligently to address the issue. We are focusing on the root cause of the problem, which is the legacy waste. Once this waste is completely processed, the likelihood of such fire incidents will be significantly reduced," MCG commissioner Narhari Singh Bangar told TOI. This was the fifth fire of the year at Bandhwari landfill. Previous blazes were witnessed on April 6, 7, 17 and 23. The fire on April 23 prompted the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to take suo moto cognizance of the incident.

Name Change
I, SHIKHA RATHORE D/o SANJAY SINGH R/O 5/976A, Gali No. 4, Rama Garden, Karawal Nagar, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as SANJAY SINGH RATHORE in my CBSE class 10th and 12th Educational Documents. The actual name of my father is SANJAY SINGH.

Name Change
I, Nisha W/o Vikram Mittal R/o H.No.918 Huda near Shani mandir sector 13-17, Panipat Haryana -132103 have changed my name from Nisha to Harshita Mittal for all future purposes.

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I, Nisha W/o Vikram Mittal R/o H.No.918 Huda near Shani mandir sector 13-17, Panipat Haryana -132103 have changed my name from Nisha to Nisha mittal for all future purposes.

Name Change
I, No-479 Rank-VI Name-RAMESH SINGH BISHT (Existing Name of self) S/O PRATAP SINGH R/O VILL-MANPUR, PO-KALALGHATI, TEH-KOTDWARA, PAUJI GARHWAL, UTTARAKHAND-246149 have changed my name from RAMESH SINGH BISHT to RAMESH SINGH for all future purposes vide Affidavit Dated 19/06/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I, Jc-471832Y Rank-SUB MAJ Name- HARI RAM GODARA S/O PURKHA RAM R/O TEJAJI MANDIR KE PASS CHOUDHARY COLONY, PO-GANGASHER, TEH-BIKANER, DIST-BIKANER, RAJASTHAN-334401 have changed my daughter's name from SUNITA to SUNITA GODARA for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 19/06/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that Ms. Nitika Satija is the owner of Society Flat No. 21, First Floor, Delhi University Staff Co-Operative Group Housing Society Limited, Plot No. 19, Kadambani Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi vide Sale Deed dated 21.09.2023 executed Mrs. Tanya Batra & Mrs. Manisha Tyagi in favour of Ms. Nitika Satija (document no. 10943, Vol. No. 11067, Book No. 1, Page No. 24-34, dated 25.09.2023, SR-VI-C). Initially Conveyance Deed dated 13.03.2012 executed by POI through Delhi Development Authority in favour of Mrs. Rama Sethi (Doc. No. 4429), Later Mrs. Rama Sethi expired on 21.07.2015 and her husband Mr. Gulshan Rai expired on 22.07.2006 leaving behind following legal heirs Mrs. Manisha Tyagi and Mrs. Tanya Batra who sold said property to Ms. Nitika Satija vide Sale Deed dated 21.09.2023, who intends to sell said property to Intended Borrower who further intends to mortgage the said immovable property for their bonafide requirements to L&T Finance Limited. Whoever is having any objection to the said mortgage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days falling which it shall be presumed that there stands no objections.
PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE
Enrt. No. D/721/02
Office: L-27, GF, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-48
Mob.: 9968006418

Name Change
I, No-482935X Rank-NB SUB Name-AJAI PAL SINGH (Existing name of Self) S/O CHHO G SINGH Permanent address VPO-DHANI BARDHAN, TEH-KHETRI, DIST-JHUNJHUNU, RAJASTHAN-333514 have changed my name from AJAI PAL SINGH to AJAYPAL SINGH for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 19/06/2024 before Executive Magistrate, Delhi.

Name Change
I, Jc-471832Y Rank-SUB MAJ Name- HARI RAM GODARA S/O PURKHA RAM R/O TEJAJI MANDIR KE PASS CHOUDHARY COLONY, PO-GANGASHER, TEH-BIKANER, DIST-BIKANER, RAJASTHAN-334401 have changed my son's name from SHARAD KUMAR to SHARAD KUMAR GODARA for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 19/06/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I, No-15427546K Rank-HAV Name-AUTADE AJINATH LAXMAN R/O VILL-BABHULKHEDE, PO-SALABATPUR, TEH-NEVASA, DIST-AHMADNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA-414603, have changed my father's name from LAXMAN to LAXMAN DNYANDEO AUTADE for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 19/06/2024 before Executive Magistrate, Delhi.

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)
No. 2018/Track-(P)/RSP-EUR/Vol. I Date: 19.06.2024
Corrigendum No. 5
Sub : E-Tender No. TPK-1-2024 for Supply of Long rail school (unloading and loading) System and its Annual Maintenance Contract for 05 (Five) years (Existing EURs to be provided by Indian Railways).
The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://ireps.gov.in> for Corrigendum details
(Alok Kumar)
Executive Director/Track (P&P)
Room No. 256-D, Rail Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001
Phone: 011-23304852
E-mail: alokkumar.g@gov.in

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
The Dy. Chief Engineer/TMCLINE, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tender under One Packet System for the under noted work:-
1. Name of work and location: POH of Track Machines UTV, 2001, 2002, 2004, 3061 and 10072 at TMMD KKDE, LKO and TKD working under Dy. CE/TMCLINE/NR.
2. Completion period of the work: 08 Months
3. Approx. cost of work: Rs. 24641384.55
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online): Rs. 273200.00
5. Cost of Tender Document (to be deposited Online): Rs. Nil
6. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: Tender document remain available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 19.06.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs. on 12.07.2024. Tender Bids may be uploaded from 28.06.2024 upto 15:00 hrs on 12.07.2024 on IREPS web site. The tender will be opened soon after 15:00 hrs 12.07.2024.
7. Detailed Tender Notice & Document: The detailed tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for online submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 28.06.2024 to 12.07.2024. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.
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Name Change
I, No-15427546K Rank-HAV Name-AUTADE AJINATH LAXMAN R/O VILL-BABHULKHEDE, PO-SALABATPUR, TEH-NEVASA, DIST-AHMADNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA-414603, have changed my mother's name from AUTADE LILIBAI LAXMAN to LILIBAI LAXMAN AUTADE for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 19/06/2024 before Executive Magistrate, Delhi.

Name Change
I, DIPIKA LAMA Wife of Jc-779674H Rank-NB SUB Name- RAJESH RAI Presently residing at VILL-MANJU LEPCHA VILLA, PO-LOWER SOURENI, TEH-HIRKIL, DIST-DARJILING, WEST BENGAL-734214 have changed my name from DIPIKA LAMA to DIPIKA LAMA RAI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 19/06/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I Shivankar Saha S/O Mangal saha, Permanent address Bhaluka, Bhaluka bazar, Malda, West Bengal. -732125, Present address E- 67, sanjay colony Okhla phase-2,delhi 110020 declare that name of mine and my mother has been wrongly written as shivankar and sujata in my 10th and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of mine and my mother are SHIVANKAR SAHA and SUJATA SAHA respectively which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that my client SHRI Balwant Singh AND SMT. Sudha Devi BOTH R/O HOSEA, No. G-1030, District GHAZIABAD, New Delhi-110080 have disowned their son namely Pradeep Pappu, daughter-in-law namely Smt. Manju and four children of their aforesaid son and daughter-in-law from their all movable and immovable properties and severed their all relationships with them due to their disobedience and bad behaviour. Anybody dealing with them will do at his/her own costs, risks and responsibility.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHAMBER NO.125 OLD BLOCK PATIALA HOUSE COURTS NEW DELHI-110001
SUBHASH SINGH YADAV ADVOCATE
CHAMBER NO.125 OLD BLOCK PATIALA HOUSE COURTS NEW DELHI-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is given to general public at large that our clients Mrs. Pavitra Devi & Mr. Jeet Bahadur is the owner of Freehold Residential Plot area measuring 100 sq. yds (83.61 sq. mtrs) out of Kharsa no.31 situated in Village -Yakubpur, Pargana & Tehsil-Dadri, District-Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. By Virtue of Sale Deed dated 10.11.2014 duly registered at the office of Sub-Registrar-II Noida, as Document no-4719 in Book no.1 Volume no-4546 on Pages-381 to 402 dated 10.11.2014 & Sale Deed dated 27.09.1999 duly registered at the office of Sub-Registrar, Dadri, as Document no.3715 in Book no.1 Volume no.1008 on Pages.51 to 56 dated 27.09.1999 till date and has lost/Misplace his (First Page on Original Sale Deed dated 27.09.1999 it was executed in favour of Mr. Jeet Bahadur S/o Mr. Goure, now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and same property sold too be Mr. Durga Prasad and same has been finance by GRIHUM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (Formerly known as Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited) Branch- Noida, Uttar Pradesh. If any person(s) has any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or to the undersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained.
[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]
Advocate
F-21,sector-3 Vashiakh Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 0956871432

NEWS BOX

US Secret Service agent robbed at gunpoint during Biden's Los Angeles trip

World . A Southwest Airlines flight came within 400 feet of crashing into the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Hawaii after pilots were forced to change course as they were unable to see the runway due to unfavourable weather conditions. Passengers travelling on the Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft from Honolulu International Airport to Lihue Airport in Kauai had their hearts missing the beats when the plane dropped from an altitude of 16,000 feet to 409 feet. The incident occurred on April 11 when the pilots were forced to abort a landing attempt after bad weather blocked them from seeing the runway, according to a Southwest Airlines memo to pilots accessed by Bloomberg. The first officer, who is less experienced, "inadvertently" pushed forward on the control column, which controls the plane's pitch and roll, then reduced the speed, causing the flight to lose altitude and descend rapidly. According to the memo, the captain opted to put the first officer in command of the 100-mile flight despite the adverse weather. The captain ordered the first officer to increase thrust, which resulted in the plane "climbing aggressively" at 8,500 feet per minute.

Amidst this, an alarm on the warning system was sounded to signify that the aircraft was coming very close to the terrain due to the pilot's aggressive movement. The flight, which was to be completed in around 22 minutes, left Honolulu at 6:45 pm (local time) and returned to Hawaii's capital again at 8:09 pm after the incident. Nobody suffered any injuries during the white-knuckling ride. A Southwest Airlines spokesperson told Fox News Digital in a statement that the issue "was being addressed appropriately." "Nothing is more important to Southwest than safety. Through our robust Safety Management System, the event was addressed appropriately as we always strive for continuous improvement," the spokesperson said. The Federal Aviation Administration, the US's civil aviation agency, told Fox News Digital that it was "investigating the incident". This came after a similar incident involving a United Airlines flight occurred off Maui on December 18, 2022. The plane, a Boeing 777-200, plummeted to 775 feet above sea level from 2,200 feet for almost 20 seconds after it took off from Maui.

Vladimir Putin meets Kim Jong Un in first visit to North Korea in 24 years

Seoul,UPDATED. Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in North Korea early on Wednesday, after saying the two countries want to cooperate closely to overcome U.S.-led sanctions in the face of intensifying confrontations with Washington. Putin was met at Pyongyang's airport by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. They shook hands and embraced, and Kim later joined Putin in his car to personally guide him to Pyongyang's Kumsan State Guest House, North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said. The agency described their meeting as a historic event that demonstrates the "invincibility and durability" of the two nations' friendship and unity.

Putin, making his first trip to North Korea in 24 years, said in comments that appeared in its state media hours before he landed that he appreciates the country's firm support of his military actions in Ukraine. The Kremlin launched a full-scale invasion of the neighboring country in 2022. He said the countries would continue to "resolutely oppose" what he described as Western ambitions "to hinder the establishment of a multipolar world order based on justice, mutual respect for sovereignty, considering each other's interests."

Putin's visit comes amid growing concerns about an arms arrangement in which Pyongyang provides Moscow with badly needed munitions to fuel Russia's war in Ukraine in exchange for economic assistance and technology transfers that would enhance the threat posed by Kim's nuclear weapons and missile program. In the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, the streets were decorated with portraits of Putin and Russian flags. A banner on a building said: "We warmly welcome the President of the Russian Federation."

Putin also said in his published remarks that Russia and North Korea will develop trade and payment systems "that are not controlled by the West" and jointly oppose sanctions against the countries, which he described as "illegal, unilateral restrictions."

North Korea is under heavy U.N. Security Council economic sanctions over its nuclear weapons and missile programs, while Russia is also grappling with sanctions by the United States and its Western partners over its aggression in Ukraine.

Justin Timberlake Was "Wasted" Before Drink Driving Arrest, Say Witnesses

World Pop star Justin Timberlake was arrested early Tuesday morning in the Hamptons on charges of driving while intoxicated or impaired (DWI). Despite Timberlake's claim that he only had "one martini" during his night out, sources suggest he was actually "wasted". Later, the star was produced before the court on one charge of DWI and released from police custody in New York, CNN reported. According to the arrest report, officers detected a "strong odour of an alcoholic beverage". The pop star-turned-actor also received citations for running a stop sign and failing to stay in his lane. Timberlake refused three attempts at a breathalyzer test during the incident, reported Page Six. He 43-year-old was dining and drinking at The American Hotel, according to NBC News. The hotel offers a wide range of beverages, including single malt Scotch whiskies and Armagnacs, with some bottles priced up to \$5,100. At one point, just before closing, somebody got up to go to the bathroom and left his drink on the table. When the guy came back, Justin was drinking his drink," an insider told The NY Post. "The guy goes, 'Justin, that's my drink!'" It remains unclear what exactly the singer was drinking or what he accidentally sipped from the other person's drink.

Timberlake was reportedly visiting the hotel "with a bunch of friends."

550 Haj pilgrims die amid scorching heat in Mecca, mercury rises to 51 degrees

Riyadh. Diplomats on Tuesday said at least 550 pilgrims died during the Haj, underscoring the grueling nature of the pilgrimage which again unfolded in scorching temperatures this year.

At least 323 of those who died were Egyptians, most of them succumbing to heat-related illnesses, two Arab diplomats coordinating their countries' responses told AFP. "All of them (the Egyptians) died because of heat" except for one who sustained fatal injuries during a minor crowd crush, one of the diplomats said, adding the total figure came from the hospital morgue in the Al-Muaiseem neighbourhood of Mecca. At least 60 Jordanians also died, the diplomats said, up from an official tally of 41 given earlier on Tuesday by Amman. The new deaths bring the total reported so far by multiple countries to 577, according to an AFP tally. The diplomats said the total at the morgue in Al-Muaiseem, one of the biggest in Mecca, was 550. The Haj is one of the five pillars of Islam and all Muslims with the means must complete it at least once.

The pilgrimage is increasingly affected by

climate change, according to a Saudi study published last month that said temperatures in the area where rituals are performed were rising 0.4 degrees Celsius (0.72 degrees Fahrenheit) each decade. Temperatures hit 51.8 degrees Celsius (125 Fahrenheit) at the Grand Mosque in Mecca on Monday, the Saudi national meteorology center said.

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Earlier on Tuesday, Egypt's foreign ministry said Cairo was collaborating with Saudi authorities on search operations for Egyptians who had gone missing during the Haj. While a ministry statement said "a certain number of deaths" had occurred, it did not specify whether Egyptians were among them. Saudi authorities have reported treating more than 2,000 pilgrims suffering from heat stress but have not updated that figure since Sunday and have not provided information on fatalities. At least 240 pilgrims were reported dead by various countries last year, most of them Indonesians.

AFP journalists in Mina, outside Mecca, on Monday saw pilgrims pouring bottles of

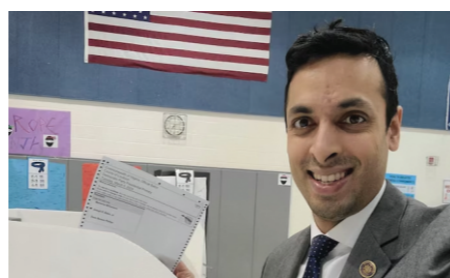


water over their heads as volunteers handed out cold drinks and fast-melting chocolate ice cream to help them keep cool. Saudi officials had advised pilgrims to use umbrellas, drink plenty of water and avoid exposure to the sun during the hottest hours of the day. But many of the Haj rituals, including the prayers on Mount Arafat which took place on Saturday, involve being outdoors for hours in the daytime. Some pilgrims described seeing motionless bodies on the roadside and ambulance services that appeared overwhelmed at times. Around 1.8 million pilgrims took part in the Haj this year, 1.6 million of them from abroad, according to Saudi authorities.

UNREGISTERED PILGRIMS

Indian-American Suhaz Subramanyam wins a

Indian-American Suhaz Subramanyam emerged victorious in the Democratic primary for a Congressional seat in Virginia. The 37-year-old was born in Houston to Indian-American parents who migrated to the US from Bengaluru.



Washington. Indian-American Suhaz Subramanyam has won the Democratic primary for a Congressional seat in Virginia, defeating 11 other candidates, including fellow Indian-American Krystle Kaul. The first Indian-American, South Asian and Hindu to be elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 2019 and to the Virginia State Senate in 2023, Subramanyam was running for the US House of Representatives from the 10th Congressional District of Virginia, which has a sizable Indian-American population. Its current occupant, Democrat Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton, announced last year that she would not be running for the

seat. Subramanyam, 37, was born in Houston to Indian-American parents who migrated to the US from Bengaluru. In 2015, he was appointed by then-President Barack Obama to serve as a White House technology policy advisor. Wexton had endorsed Subramanyam, who now faces Mike Clancy from the Republican Party. In an interview with news agency PTI early this year, Suhaz said he was running for Congress to ensure a better future for the US. "The Congress is here to solve problems and to be proactive about the future. We should not be legislating not just for the next two years, but for the next 20 or 30 years. I want my children -- I've got two girls who are two and three -- I want them to

live in a better country and in a better world than what we found," he said.

Suhaz said he wanted everyone to have a chance at the American dream. "My parents are from Bengaluru and Chennai and spent some time in Secunderabad as well. They came here because they wanted to start a new life here. They wanted to be physicians and you can make a great life in America as a physician," he said. He added that his parents didn't have much when they came here but they became successful through education and hardwork. "I want to make sure that everyone has a chance at that American dream. Everyone has a chance of creating a great business if that's what they want to do or being a part of a great business and that they can empower themselves economically," he said. "But it really started with the fact that our community education is the great equaliser, and you can lift yourself up from any situation if you do well and study hard and work hard. I want to make sure that stays the same way," he further said.

Kuwait to give \$15,000 to families of victims who died in building fire: Report

World The Kuwaiti government will give USD 15,000 (approx Rs 12.50 lakh) as compensation to the families of the victims of the devastating fire at a building housing migrant workers, which killed 50 people, including 46 Indians, according to a media report.

On June 12, a massive fire broke out at the seven-storey building in Mangaf in southern Kuwait due to a short circuit in the guard's room on the ground floor, Kuwaiti authorities said. The building housed 196 migrant workers, mostly Indians. According to an Arab Times report, the victims' families will receive compensation on the orders of the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The compensation payments will be processed and delivered to the respective embassies, including India's, the newspaper said, citing Kuwaiti government sources. The newspaper said the concerned embassies would

ensure that the compensation is distributed to the families of the victims and ensure that the aid reaches them promptly.

The compensation will be given to support bereaved families during their



difficult times. On June 13, a special Indian Air Force flight went to Kuwait to bring back home the remains of 45 Indians. The plane arrived in Kerala's Kochi the next day and the bodies were transported to the victims' respective

native places.

Most of the victims (23) belonged to Kerala, followed by seven from Tamil Nadu, three each from Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, two from Odisha, and one each from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana and Jharkhand.

According to reports, one more Indian who was undergoing treatment in Kuwait succumbed to his injuries, pushing the overall toll to 50. Efforts were on to establish his identity.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's public prosecutor initiated an investigation into the fire tragedy and the probe aims to uncover the circumstances behind the incident.

A Kuwaiti citizen and several foreigners were arrested so far on charges of manslaughter and causing injuries due to negligence in security and safety measures following the incident.

Each year, tens of thousands of pilgrims attempt to perform the Haj through irregular channels as they cannot afford the often costly procedures for official hajj visas. This places these off-the-books pilgrims at risk as they cannot access air-conditioned facilities provided by Saudi authorities along the Haj route. One of the diplomats who spoke to AFP on Tuesday said that the Egyptian death toll was "absolutely" boosted by a large number of unregistered Egyptian pilgrims. "Irregular pilgrims caused great chaos in the Egyptian pilgrims' camps, causing the collapse of services," said an Egyptian official supervising the country's hajj mission. "The pilgrims went without food, water, or air conditioning for a long time." They died "from the heat because most people had no place" to take shelter. Earlier this month, Saudi officials said they had cleared hundreds of thousands of unregistered pilgrims from Mecca ahead of the Haj. Other countries to report deaths during the Haj this year include Indonesia.

Indian-origin man jailed for 5 weeks for punching Singapore cop while drunk

Singapore A court in Singapore has sentenced an Indian-origin man to five weeks in jail for punching a Singapore police officer in an inebriated state while arguing in a rowdy crowd of over 10 men.

The single punch was so powerful that it knocked the officer unconscious "for at least a minute" and caused him to suffer temporary memory loss, according to a report by TODAY newspaper.

On Tuesday, Devesh Raj Rajasegaran, 24, was sentenced to five weeks in prison. He had pleaded guilty in March this year to one count of voluntarily causing hurt. Devesh will appeal against the sentence, according to the report.

The court heard that the victim was one of four police officers dispatched to an area in Circular Road in the central business district on June 25, 2022, after a member of the public informed them around 3 am of "more than 10 people having an argument". Prior to this, Devesh and his friend Eeshwar Ravi were drinking alcohol nearby.

When the police arrived, they spotted a group of individuals, including Devesh and Eeshwar, involved in a "commotion" in Circular Road.

The officers, who were wearing civilian clothes at the time, approached the group, identifying themselves as police officers. Three of them were volunteer police officers. While the victim and another officer were interviewing a member of the group, Devesh approached them to confront



the individual who was being interviewed. Soon after, Devesh threw a punch, hitting the police officer on the left side of his head. Deputy Public Prosecutor Brian Tan said in court documents, "The accused was intoxicated when he punched the victim. As a result of the accused's punch, the victim lost consciousness for at least a minute." The officer was later taken to the Singapore General Hospital by ambulance. Between the time he was punched and when he reached the hospital, he drifted in and out of consciousness several times. The victim was given seven days' hospitalisation leave and reported suffering temporary loss of memory and bad headaches for at least three days after the incident.

Netanyahu slams Biden for withholding weapons, slowing Israel's Rafah offensive

President Joe Biden has delayed delivering certain heavy bombs since May over concerns about Israel's killing of civilians in Gaza.

Jerusalem Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday claimed the United States is withholding weapons and implied this was slowing Israel's offensive in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, where fighting has exacerbated the already dire humanitarian situation for Palestinians. President Joe Biden has delayed delivering certain heavy bombs since May over concerns about Israel's killing of civilians in Gaza. Yet the administration has gone to lengths to avoid any suggestion that Israeli forces have crossed a red line in the deepening Rafah invasion, which would trigger a more sweeping ban on arms transfers. Netanyahu, in a short video,

spoke directly to the camera in English as he lobbed sharp criticisms at Biden over "bottlenecks" in arms transfers. "It's inconceivable that in the past few months, the administration has been withholding weapons and ammunition to Israel," Netanyahu said, adding, "Give us the tools and we'll finish the job a lot faster." Netanyahu also claimed U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, in a recent visit to Israel, said he was working around the clock to end the delays.

However, Blinken said Tuesday the only pause was related to those heavy bombs from May. "We, as you know, are continuing to review one shipment that President Biden has talked about with regard to 2,000-pound bombs because of our concerns about their use in a densely populated area like Rafah," Blinken said during a State Department news conference. "That remains under review. But everything else is moving as it normally would," Netanyahu didn't



elaborate on what weapons were being held back, and the Israeli military declined to respond to a request for comment. Ophir Falk, a foreign policy adviser to Netanyahu, deferred questions on details to the U.S. government. Responding to Netanyahu's claim Tuesday, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said, "We generally do not know what he's talking about. We just don't." She added that the U.S. is having "constructive discussions" with Israel about the paused shipment of heavy bombs and that it's the only transfer being delayed. Two top Democrats in Congress cleared the way this week for a \$15 billion U.S. sale of F-

15s to Israel to move forward, after a delay while one lawmaker sought answers from the Biden administration on Israel's current use of U.S. weapons in the war in Gaza. With Israel's war against Hamas now in its ninth month, international criticism is growing over U.S. military and diplomatic support for the Israel's campaign of systematic destruction in Gaza, at a huge cost in civilian lives.

The top United Nations court has concluded there is a "plausible risk of genocide" in Gaza — a charge Israel strongly denies. Israel blames civilian deaths on Hamas, saying militants operate among the population. Both Netanyahu and Biden are balancing their own domestic political problems against the explosive Mideast situation, and the embattled Israeli leader has grown increasingly resistant to Biden's public charm offensives and private pleading.

Experts say Netanyahu's message — delivered only in English — is likely meant to shore up U.S. arms support and doesn't appear to indicate on-the-ground shortages.

THE JANATA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

32, NETAJI SUBHASH MARG, DARYAGANJ, NEW DELHI-110 002

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Schedule As at March 31, 2024 (Current year)	As at March 31, 2023 (Previous year)
Capital and Liabilities		
Capital	4,88,47,330.00	4,93,89,030.00
Reserve and Surplus	13,01,83,908.46	13,11,00,139.34
Deposits	1,88,52,15,585.94	1,80,60,67,820.98
Borrowings	-	-
Other liabilities and provisions	21,19,29,833.57	18,60,94,027.43
Total	2,27,61,76,657.97	2,17,26,51,017.75
Assets		
Cash and balances with Reserve Bank of India	8,77,09,736.30	9,12,84,580.01
Balance with banks and money at call and short notice	25,51,74,258.52	18,29,55,386.54
Investment	67,25,15,578.00	68,57,88,498.00
Advances	97,79,06,236.19	94,59,67,876.10
Fixed Assets	8,59,42,884.95	8,91,72,641.29
Other Assets	19,69,27,964.01	17,74,82,035.81
Total	2,27,61,76,657.97	2,17,26,51,017.75
Contingent liabilities	4,28,95,194.60	2,89,16,190.98
Bills for collection	72,69,798.92	60,33,098.00

Significant Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts 18
The Schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Balance Sheet. The Balance Sheet has been prepared in conformity with Form 'A' of the Third Schedule to the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (Government of India Notification SO 240(E) dated March 26, 1992)

Auditors' Report

As per our Report of even date attached for SRVM & ASSOCIATES Chartered Accountants FRN 004761N

For THE JANATA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD

Sd/- VIJAY MOHAN Chairman Sd/- Prof. A. A. ANSARI Vice-Chairman

Seal & Sd/-

M.P. KAUSHIK PARTNER M. No.081426 UDIN 24081426BKIAHX8349 PLACE:NEW DELHI DATE : 07.06.2024

Sd/- P. C. NARANG Director Sd/- P.S. PATHANIA Managing Director

THE JANATA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

32, NETAJI SUBHASH MARG, DARYAGANJ, NEW DELHI-110 002

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended on 31st March 2024

Particulars	Schedule As at March 31, 2024 (Current year)	As at March 31, 2023 (Previous year)
I. Income		
Interest earned	15,26,85,514.17	14,24,24,252.04
Other income	85,04,133.12	62,55,235.42
Total	16,11,89,647.29	14,86,79,487.46
II. Expenditure		
Interest expenses	8,58,90,501.63	7,44,18,991.90
Operating expenses	6,57,31,564.54	6,21,12,053.33
Provisions and contingencies	4,25,000.00	67,00,000.00
Total	15,20,47,066.17	14,32,31,045.23
III. Profit/(Loss) before tax (I) - (II)	91,42,581.12	54,48,442.23
IV. Provision for Tax		
Provision for Current year Income Tax	11,50,000.00	19,00,000.00
Deferred Tax Liability/(Asset)	6,80,000.00	8,72,000.00
Total (IV)	18,30,000.00	27,72,000.00
V. Profit/(Loss) after Tax = III - IV	73,12,581.12	26,76,442.23
VI. Reserve written-off/(Written-back)		
Reserve for Building Fund written back		(20,00,000.00)
Reserve for Investment Fluctuation Reserve written Back		(60,00,000.00)
Provision of Income Tax of previous year written back		(7,97,740.00)
Total (VI)		(87,97,740.00)
VII Profit/(Loss) transferred to Balance Sheet (V) - (VI)	73,12,581.12	1,14,74,182.23

Significant Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts 18
The Schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Profit and Loss Account. The Profit and Loss Account has been prepared in conformity with Form 'B' of the Third Schedule to the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (Government of India Notification SO 240(E) dated March 26, 1992)

Auditors' Report

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Statutory Auditors' Report for the year ended 31st March, 2024

To, The Members of The Janata Co-Operative Bank Limited New Delhi

Report on the Financial Statements

1. We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of The Janata Co-operative Bank Limited, 32, Netaji Subhash Marg, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002 as at 31st March, 2024 alongwith the Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto wherein are included accounts of branches at Darya Ganj including its extension counter at New Horizan School, Nizamuddin, Palam Colony, East Krishna Nagar, Naraina Branch and Laxmi Nagar Branch. A summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and Long Form Audit Report (LFAR).

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

2. Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Bank in accordance with Banking Regulation Act 1949(AACS) & Delhi Co-operative Societies Act 2003 and Delhi Co-operative Societies Rules 2007 in accordance with the Accounting Standards / Principles Issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error..

Auditor's Responsibility

3. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards required that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

4. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Bank's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

5. We believe that the audit evidences we have obtained are sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

6. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said Financial Statements together with the Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to the Accounts, forming part of aforesaid accounts and our Comments and Observations contained in Audit Reports enclosed herewith, give the information required by Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as well as Delhi Co-Operative Societies Act, 2003 and Rules made there-under in the manner, so required for Urban Cooperative Banks and give a true fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- a. In the case of the **Balance Sheet** of State of Affairs of the Bank as at **31st March, 2024**;
- b. In the case of the **Profit & Loss Account** of the profit for the year ended on that date.

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

7. The Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss account have been drawn up in Form "A" and "B", respectively of the Third Schedule of the provision of section 29 of Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (AACS) and Delhi Co-Operative Societies Act, 2003, and rules made there under.

We report that

- a. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
- b. In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Bank, so far as appears from our examination those books.
- c. The transactions of the bank which came to our notice, has been within the powers of the Bank.
- d. The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss account referred to in the report are in agreement with the Books of Accounts and Returns.
- e. In our opinion, books of accounts have been kept by the bank as required under the Act.
- f. In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and profit & Loss Account comply with the applicable Accounting Standards, issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), to the extent applicable.
- g. In our opinion, there has not been any irregularity in the expenditure or in realisation of money due to the Bank except as reported in Para '7(k)', below.
- h. To the best of our belief and according to information and explanation given to us, the transactions of the Bank, which have come to our notice, have been within the competence of the Bank and are in compliance with RBI guidelines, as applicable to the Bank from time to time.
- i. Money belonging to the Bank which appears to be bad or doubtful for recovery have been classified as per IRAC Norms as prescribed by the RBI from time to time.
- j. Bank has not granted loans to directors and their relatives except as permitted under RBI guidelines, issued from time to time (For details, please refer "Note No. 7" to the "Notes to Accounts in Schedule - 18").
- k. Our detailed observations are contained in Parts - A & B of this Report along with Long Form Audit Report (LFAR).

for SRVM & Associates Chartered Accountants FRN 004761N

Sd/- M. P. KAUSHIK Partner M.NO. 081426

Place : New Delhi

Dated : 07.06.2024

UDIN 24081426BKIAHX8349

सदस्य एवं जमाकर्ता बैंक में जमा की गई धनराशि की सुरक्षा के लिए निक्षेप बीमा और प्रत्यय गारंटी निगम (Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation) को सितम्बर 2024 तक की अवधि के अग्रिम प्रीमियम का भुगतान कर दिया गया है।

RATE OF INTEREST ON DEPOSITS

PERIOD	RATE OF INTT.
14 days to 30 days	3.75% p.a.
31 days to 90 days	4.00% p.a.
91 days to 180 days	4.50% p.a.
181 days and above but less than 1 year	5.50% p.a.
1 year and above but less than 2 years	6.50% p.a.
2 years and above but less than 3 years	6.75% p.a.
3 years and above	7.00% p.a.
Saving Bank Deposits on Daily Balance	3.00% p.a.
* For Senior Citizens on Term Deposits	0.50% extra

- Note : 1. No Penalty on pre-mature encashment interest shall be paid at rate applicable for the period deposit has run.
2. Interest on Saving deposit shall be calculated daily product basis and credited on 30th June, 30th September, 31st December and 31st March every year.
3. TDS on interest on Deposits will be deducted @10% on interest paid or payable exceeds Rs.40,000/- in a financial year, if the depositor furnishes its PAN Number and @20% who does not furnish his PAN Number.

RATE OF INTEREST ON LOANS AND ADVANCES

Unsecured Loan	
Personal Loan Upto Rs. 5.00 Lakh	17.00% p.a.
Secured Loan	
Housing Loan	
Up to Rs. 50.00 Lakh	9.00% p.a.
Above Rs.50.00 & upto Rs.140.00 Lakh	9.50% p.a.
Business Loan	
Against Hyp. of Machinery, Hyp. of Stock/Book Debts for Cash Credit, Mortgage of Business/purchase/construction of Commercial Building	
Property expansion of business and other activities	
Up to Rs. 25.00 Lakh	11.00% p.a.
Above Rs.25.00 Lakh	11.50% p.a.
Rebate on interest @1% p.a. is allowed to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	
Vehicle Loan	
for personal use	9.00% p.a.
for Commercial use	9.50% p.a.
Education Loan	
Higher Education Abroad	11.50% p.a.
Higher Education India	10.50% p.a.
Others	
Against pledge of NSCs/LIC Policy/Eligible Bonds	11.00% p.a.

RENT ON LOCKERS

Small : Rs. 1200.00 p.a. Medium : Rs. 2500.00 p.a. Large : Rs. 4000.00 p.a.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- CRAR of the Bank is 15.15% Net NPA -23.53% CD Ratio 53.35% as on 31.03.2024 and paying dividend 18% continuously to its members for the last 23 years.
- Audit classification A.
- The Bank is dedicated to the uplifting of economic, social and cultural status of its members specially to the economically weaker & minority sections of the Society.
- Deposits up to 5,00,000/- fully insured with Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.
- Business Promotion Loans/Home Loans/Automobile Loans/Personal Loans/Asset finance/Loans to professional & self employed members of the Bank.
- Cash Credit facilities against Stock in Trade & Book Debts.
- Loan/Overdraft Facility against National Saving Certificates (NSC) and Bank's own terms deposits.
- Demand Draft Facilities on all India basis through HDFC Bank.
- Local Pay Order issue facility.
- Fund transfer through RTGS, NEFT, and online E-tax payment i.e. Income Tax/GST, Aadhar Bridge Payment System etc., ATM & SMS Alert facilities, IMPS, POS facility are also available.
- Internet facility only to view the detail of accounts.
- Safe Deposit Locker facilities available.
- Direct member of New Delhi Clearing House.
- All branches are Fully C.B.S. and air conditioned.
- First and the only co-operative bank in Delhi who had been awarded CORPORATE AGENCY for procuring or soliciting life insurance business and General Insurance business vide License No. CA0213 by I.R. D. A.
- Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Surksha Bima Yojna(PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojna (APY) are available in all branches of the Bank.

विशेष सूचना

सभी सदस्यों से निवेदन किया जाता है कि वह अपने KYC (के.वाई.सी.) RBI द्वारा निर्धारित मापदण्ड का अनुपालन करते हुए इसके सम्बन्धित दस्तावेज की स्वयं प्रमाणित प्रतिलिपियाँ बैंक की किसी भी शाखा में जमा करा दें, अगर पहले जमा नहीं कराई गई है, अन्यथा माननीय रजिस्ट्रार, सहकारी समितियाँ, को-ऑपरेटिव सोसाइटीज, दिल्ली सरकार के आदेशानुसार KYC की स्वयं प्रमाणित प्रतिलिपियाँ जमा न कराने पर बैंक नियमानुसार उचित कार्यवाही करने पर बाध्य हो जाएगा।

Why G7 needs allies like India

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's presence as an outreach guest at the G7 summit in Italy is a useful backdrop for the launch of the new government's foreign and security policy. The G7 meeting has brought out just how fragile the world order is these days. India occupies a unique position here as an oasis of political and economic stability, but it cannot but take into account the turbulent waters that are washing its shores.

The political situation in four of the G7 nations appears brittle — the US and the UK are going to the polls amid uncertainty, while Germany and France are witnessing the rise of right-wing forces. Two of the big world powers are, of course, entirely out of the G7 process, which purports to promote democracy. But those two, China and Russia, are making major efforts separately and collectively to challenge the G7's purported global hegemony. The presence of India, Turkey, Brazil and some other countries is an acknowledgement that the G7 needs allies to manage issues relating to migration, climate change, economic competition with China and the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. In turn, these countries are seeking to persuade the G7 nations, which are increasingly economically and demographically challenged, on the need for more equity and balance in global decision-making. In all this, Modi's central challenge and opportunities are in India's neighbourhood and beyond. While continuity has been the central message that the BJP-led NDA government has sent out, there will be inevitable changes arising from the very fact that the General Election has shifted the national political paradigm.

The presence of leaders from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles at the swearing-in of the new government speaks for itself, as does the fact that the leaders of Myanmar, Pakistan and Afghanistan were not invited. India's relations with those invited are fairly even, even though we face challenges in Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. The participation of Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu was significant because of our strained relations with the island republic. The Indian strategy of riding out the Chinese challenge in the neighbourhood was most visible last year when Sri Lanka faced a financial crisis. China played hard to get, but New Delhi immediately provided humanitarian and financial assistance of \$4 billion, surpassing even the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) 48-month bailout package of \$3 billion. By providing financial assurances, New Delhi also shored up Sri Lanka's IMF presence. The absence of Pakistan, whose then Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had attended PM Modi's 2014 swearing-in, has its own story of just how sharply India-Pakistan relations have deteriorated, even though the government in power is that of the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz), albeit in a coalition.

India says it emphasises its Neighbourhood First policy as well as SAGAR (Security and Growth for all in the Region) for the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). It has China very much on its mind. Whatever may be the military challenge India confronts along the disputed border, the one it faces from China in South Asia and the IOR is equally significant and has implications for the geopolitical future of the region. China, too, is a neighbour and, it too, was not present. In an interview to Newsweek on the eve of the General Election, Prime Minister Modi had noted that there was a need to "urgently address the prolonged situation on our borders so that the abnormality in our bilateral interactions can be put behind us." Last week, speaking in Mumbai after taking charge of the Ministry of External Affairs for a second term, S Jaishankar said India would focus on finding solutions to the border issues that had bedevilled their relationship.

American ties with New Delhi are on a high after Modi's Washington visit last June. While US elections could disrupt some of the bonhomie, they are unlikely to lead to any major change. But managing ties in a potential Trump presidency will definitely be a strain, though the Gurdipat Singh Pannun issue is unlikely to create major problems. The American focus, regardless of who wins, is likely to be China, though there is a danger that another US-China tariff war could affect us in the form of collateral damage.

Agnipath, other questionable schemes under scrutiny

The adage that a soldier is never off duty was applied literally by the ruling party to boost its political prospects and force-multiply its message via the country's soldiery.

THE advent of a genuine coalition government has kindled hope among a cross-section of defence veterans and security analysts regarding a salutary makeover of some questionable schemes and directives imposed upon the military by the political leadership over the past decade.

The foremost among these is the Agnipath scheme, launched in mid-2022, to recruit personnel below officer rank (PBOR), known as Agniveers, for a limited tour of duty (ToD). The Janata Dal (United), a critical constituent of the National Democratic Alliance, has demanded a review of the scheme amid public disaffection with it in Bihar and other states. According to reports, the government has tasked a group of secretaries from 10 ministries to review Agnipath and suggest ways to make the recruitment programme more attractive. Under Agnipath, PBOR are being recruited for all three services for a four-year ToD, following which just 25 per cent of them would be retained to complete 15 years of military service. The remaining 75 per cent — the demobilised Agniveers — would reportedly be provided employment in the paramilitary, state or railway police forces or other attendant security agencies. Public sector banks and insurance companies and other associated state-run financial organisations, too, would be called upon by the government to absorb these disbanded soldiers, airmen and sailors, each of whom would receive around Rs 12 lakh, tax-exempt, as their severance pay. Meanwhile, a series of directives from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to the armed forces, which triggered unease within the services as well as among veterans, are likely to be reassessed or quietly abandoned.

One such was the mandate issued last May by the Army headquarters at the MoD's behest, requiring all soldiers on home leave to promote 'nation-building' endeavours in their respective village, town and city neighbourhood communities by publicising the merits of government welfare schemes like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. The scheme was to be monitored by the soldiers' individual units through a quarterly feedback, supported by photographs and video clips.

Additionally, these 'soldier ambassadors' were directed by the Army's Ceremonials and Welfare Directorate, which functions under the Adjutant General's office — responsible for the forces' overall administration — to instil patriotism and nationalism in their respective

circles, motivate and mentor the youth and organise sports events for them. Senior military officials said the Army Training Command in Shimla had issued guidelines for these soldiers to follow with regard to these 'educative' tasks with the aim of 'leveraging' their skills and innate discipline towards augmenting nation-

In its directive, the MoD had declared that these 'selfie points' would also be located at prominent locations with the "maximum footfall and the potential of attracting public attention", like war memorials, rail and Metro stations, bus terminals, airports, malls, schools and colleges and even festival gatherings. The ministry had

also suggested a 'feedback mechanism', including a dedicated app which would enable people to upload selfies and post them on social media platforms to further transmit the ruling party's message in the election season. A bunch of veterans, all of whom requested anonymity, criticised Project Udbhav (genesis), launched late last year to "synthesise ancient wisdom with contemporary military practices to forge a unique and holistic approach to address modern security challenges". This joint



building. Senior veterans had estimated that at any given time, the armed forces would have 3,50,000 'social warriors' engaged in this government-led mega publicity drive. All soldiers are entitled to two months' leave annually, in addition to 30 days of casual leave, but for now it remains unclear how successful this scheme has proved to be. At that time, many veterans had said that this scheme had been foisted upon the services, its instructions framed by the MoD to make it appear voluntary to ward off protests and court cases. In short, the adage that a soldier is never off duty was applied literally by the ruling party in a bid to boost its political prospects and force-multiply its message via the country's soldiery. Concomitantly, the MoD had also directed the installation of geo-tagged 'selfie points' by its various departments and related organisations to showcase the achievements of the government in the military realm. The proposed 820-odd selfie points, in most instances carrying PM Modi's picture, were focused on defence public sector undertakings, the Border Roads Organisation, the Coast Guard, the Defence Research and Development Organisation, Sainik schools and the National Cadet Corps, among other associated bodies.

venture between the Army and the United Services Institution think tank, aimed at capitalising on India's 5,000-year-old civilisational legacy to "comprehend its enduring connect, relevance and applicability in modern times" is in consonance with the BP's penchant for invoking India's ancient glory. This included studying, examining and analysing the writings of Chanakya (Arthashastra), post-Mauryan Kamandaka (Nitisara) and Tamil saint-poet Thiruvalluvar (Thirukkural), all of which the Press Information Bureau (PIB) declared "aligned with modern military codes of ethics or just war and principles of the Geneva Convention". The PIB went on to state that Udbhav was a "visionary initiative by the Army seeking to integrate age-old wisdom with contemporary military pedagogy", in addition to enhancing "strategic thinking, statecraft and warfare". In short, Udbhav, according to the government, was poised to "foster deeper understanding of military matters and contribute to enriching military curricula". Regrettably, it was left to veterans, albeit sotto voce, to flag these political and contentious enterprises, and to those still in service to implement this publicity blitzkrieg. Perhaps after the recent electoral verdict, both domains will breathe somewhat easier.

Bengal train tragedy

No lessons learnt from 2023 Odisha mishap

A year after India witnessed one of its worst rail disasters — a collision involving Coromandel Express and two other trains in Odisha's Balasore district had claimed over 290 lives — nine persons were killed and over 40 were injured after a goods train ramed into the stationary Sealdah-bound Kanchanjunga Express in West Bengal's Darjeeling district. The deceased included the pilot and co-pilot of the goods train. According to reports, the automatic signalling system between the Ranipatra railway station and the Chattar Hat junction had been defective since 5.50 am — around three hours before the mishap happened. Railway Board chairperson Jaya Varma Sinha has stated that the collision happened because the goods train disregarded the signal. As usual, an inquiry is underway to identify the lapses and fix accountability, while the Centre has announced Rs 10 lakh each for the kin of the deceased.

The Balasore tragedy had raised hopes that lessons would be



learnt in order to prevent or minimise rail mishaps. However, the situation on the ground doesn't seem to have changed. In October last year, a collision between two

passenger trains on the Howrah-Chennai line in Andhra Pradesh's Vizianagaram district had claimed 14 lives; in February this year, a freight train ran driverless for about 70 km from Kathua (Jammu) to Dasuya (Punjab) — it was just a stroke of luck that no major accident happened.

The spotlight is back on Kavach, the 'train collision avoidance' system aimed at preventing accidents due to human error. It is being implemented in a phased manner, but the pace of route coverage is rather slow — in stark contrast to the government's emphasis on speed on the rail tracks. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida have pledged to expedite the bullet train project, but the Bengal mishap has shown that safety must take precedence over the glitz and glamour of ultra-fast trains.

Clean up NEET to restore public confidence

The National Testing Agency must live up to expectations and, together with the Centre, take immediate remedial measures that reassure all stakeholders.

IN an article published in The Tribune (August 5, 2023), I had argued that the NEET (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test) system was a desirable and essential piece of reform, but it required fine-tuning. The recent controversy surrounding NEET-UG 2024 underscores the urgency for improvement, though it points only towards the mishandling of the NEET exam and not the redundancy of the system itself. The issue is now before the Supreme Court. We must realise that an exercise that borders on the sacred for our students and their parents must be executed flawlessly and in a manner that inspires the highest measure of confidence in the system. Events such as those that have transpired this year erode confidence in the system and demoralise students. NEET was introduced to bring about transparency and meritocracy in the admission system. Genuine concerns had been raised about the earlier admission system adopted by some private medical institutions being opaque and dishonest. Evils like capitation fees had tainted the system. Besides, candidates were forced to undergo multiple entrance examinations across the country to maximise their chances of getting admission to one medical college or another. A single nationwide examination like NEET was necessary to address this.

Unsurprisingly, this much-needed measure of reform was resisted by some. NEET, though initially planned in 2010, could not be implemented for a year or so on account of perceived flaws in its initial notification. It was only in 2012 that the Medical Council of India, in consultation with the Union Government, properly notified it. The exam could not be conducted that year since students did not have enough time to prepare. Before it could be rolled out from the next year onwards, the apex court intervened. The notification of the exam was set aside by a three-judge Bench with a 2:1 verdict. The court was approached to review and reconsider its decision. Ultimately, it reversed the decision and allowed NEET to be implemented.

This landmark ruling paved the way for a major overhaul of

the medical admission system in India. The NEET system could finally be put in place. Wider consultations with stakeholders and state governments had also brought out the need to hold NEET in local languages in addition to English. This was important to ensure equity among students coming from different regions. Of course, it was visualised by the policymakers that once NEET was rolled out, improvements would be made whenever necessary.

Over the years, the conduct of NEET has, more or less, been free from controversy. In this backdrop, this year's events are unfortunate. It is vital that all issues that have arisen be resolved as soon as possible. The National Testing Agency must live up to expectations and, together with the Central Government, take immediate remedial measures that reassure all stakeholders. Honesty, transparency and accountability in the admission process must be seen and felt as having been restored. If there are any systemic issues that call for change, those must not be swept under the carpet. They must be urgently and constructively addressed.

One oft-debated area of concern is whether a multiple-choice question (MCQ)-based examination is the best method of selecting medical students. A related and valid criticism is that this format of examination has resulted in the mushrooming of private coaching academies to prepare students for the high-level competition. These academies are prohibitively expensive and concentrated in tier I and tier II cities and towns. As a result, students whose families cannot afford to pay such high fees are deprived of this valuable training tool. Urban students are able to gain an unfair advantage over their rural counterparts, who may lack easy access to coaching academies. There is a widespread belief that without the benefit of coaching in



these expensive academies, it is very difficult to compete for admission to medical colleges. Many meritorious students from a poor or rural background thus feel handicapped.

Additionally, students begin to ignore their Class XII board exams, where a 50 per cent score is sufficient to be eligible for taking NEET. Consequently, students do not take their Class XI and XII studies or exams seriously, losing out on the development of analytical and scientific skills. I am shocked to learn from some students that many of their classmates join such academies and don't attend classes at school. It appears that some schools are keen to certify them as regular students so as to allow them to sit in the Class XII board examination. Some alterations to the current system must be considered. The NEET question papers could include questions framed on the basis of the state board syllabi, so that an equal opportunity is available to

balance weightage for the score in the Class XII board examination or other similar (objective and transparent) performance criteria. This approach may not be met with much objection as far as the state quota seats are concerned. However, in view of the differing standards and the evaluation process across different states, it may be less than ideal for the all-India quota seats and Central institutes like AIIMS unless some system of equalisation or normalisation is put in place to be applied to various education boards.

NEET was an essential step in the right direction. The present controversy has impacted its credibility. Necessary action must be taken immediately to restore public confidence. Politicisation of the issue must be avoided at all costs. We cannot afford to return to the old ways of doing things. The very future of our young citizens is at stake.



24 hours in Guwahati

Guwahati has been hovering a tad below the radar as a tourist destination of choice, which is surprising because it sits on a cultural and spiritual epicenter and is fast emerging as a world-class city. A silent witness to some epic moments in history stretching back to the days of the Mahabharata, it was in this city where the winning march of the seeming to be invincible Mughals came to a grinding halt. Giving the city its majestic charm, is the river Brahmaputra, which flows through its heart and which is intrinsically linked to its destiny. Add to it the gigantic Himalayan ranges and what you get is a tourist's paradise, a city that could be the answer to your spiritual quest. Incredibly, the city is so green that you might be pardoned for mistaking it for a resort and falling madly in love with it at first sight.

Interestingly, Guwahati refuses to rest on its laurels or live in the past. It has marched on with time and has truly grown into a cosmopolitan city complete with bustling markets, a happening nightlife, a vibrant social circle and modern infrastructure. If you happen to be a wildlife enthusiast, this land of the one-horned rhino could throw one charming bait after another at you, ensnaring you till you get fully entangled! However, just in case you have only 24 hours to explore this beautiful city, here is how you should go about it.

Paltan Bazaar

Sitting next to Guwahati railway station and home to Assam State Transport Corporation bus terminal, Paltan Bazar is a thriving market place and trade centre. The entire area is stuffed with hotels, restaurants, shopping complexes and street shops. Due to the railway station and the bus terminal, Paltan Bazar is one place in Guwahati that never sleeps; so whatever time of the day it is, there is something or the other for the compulsive shopper! A word of caution-this market is always crowded so be prepared to face an army of busy foot soldiers (read commuters). The furniture market here is the answer to all

home and office needs. Home decoration materials are also in plenty in the myriad shops and stalls. Go busy bargaining over bamboo products, north eastern tribal garments and articles made of clay and wood in the roadside establishments or shop for various types of tea at the Indian Tea House. As mentioned before, Paltan Bazar is home to many restaurants and dhabas serving Indian and Chinese food items and you will never feel the hunger pangs after all the walking and haggling!

See the sun rise across the Brahmaputra from Fancy Bazaar

You might be an intrepid traveler who has travelled across the world and witnessed many a sunrise, but the one from across the river Brahmaputra is sure to leave you speechless. This is because, the interplay of soft sunrays and the gentle blue waters of the river, with a few boats drifting on the horizon, seems completely out of this world. Add to this, a deafening silence, broken only by the occasional chirping of a bird and some early riser who has come for a jogging session along the river bank. Take your time and watch the sun make its way through the clouds and shower its warm rays on the city which gets back to life like a well-oiled machine. If you want a specific location to watch the sunrise, the spots near Fancy Bazaar, which sits pretty on one side of the river, are just ideal. There is also a park along the bank of the river; you will find heaps of bamboo piled up just a few yards

away. The well-maintained park has sufficient benches and looks colorful with many native and exotic flowers adorning its space; the fine combination of aroma wafting from them makes the sunrise even more sensational and a great way to start the day!

Morning Restaurant

Just a heartbeat away from the Guwahati railway station, Morning is a hot favorite among tourists who want to delve into food of the region. Located opposite Acoustic Zone in Bhangagarh, on Rajgarh Road, it is easily accessible from the city. With an assortment of Chinese and pork-specialties native to the region, it will surely set your tongue on fire. The only question is, are you up for the challenge?

The restaurant is known for using local herbs in its dishes which lend them a distinctive taste and color. Some special mentions that you shouldn't miss at any cost include Local Chicken with Dry Bamboo Shoot and Assamese-style Chicken with Sesame Gravy. As for the Chinese menu, you may select from its wide range of dishes such as creamy butter garlic prawn, chilli paneer and chilli pork. The fun of eating at Morning is further intensified by the fact that it has a calm, appetizing environment. To add to that, the owner as well as the staff never tire of offering their warm services.

Kamakhya Temple

If you are a devotee of Maa Durga, the Kamakhya Temple is your place of solace and

redemption. Even if you are not, it deserves a look in just for the sheer history and religious following it continues to draw from across the country. One of the oldest temples in the country, its original date of construction is lost in the mists of time. It was damaged by invaders during the 16th century and has since been renovated. One of the 51 Shakti Peethas of Goddess Durga, it is believed that the temple stands on the spot where the yoni (female genitalia) of the Devi fell when Lord Shiva was dancing with the corpse of the Goddess. The temple is a magnet for Tantric worshippers and an important pilgrimage destination among the Hindus. The sanctum sanatorium of the temple lies deep inside the temple and can be reached following a flight of stairs. Another interesting anecdote about the temple is that it is a natural cave.

The atmosphere around the temple is a somber one, thanks in part to the huge trees surrounding it which cast long shadows and also the mountains in the backdrop.

Go party hopping to Kamakazi and Blues

The nights in Guwahati are alive and kicking, which is a good thing considering that after a hectic day of exploring, one needs to let one's hair down. Also, who, in their right mind, would pass up an opportunity to make new friends over a few drinks? If you haven't figured out the most happening places already, opt for either Blues or Kamikaze, which are the best options the city has to offer by a long shot. For instance Blues has some of the finest wines and other beverages to keep you going through the night. There's live rock music to give you company. If you have saved a few dance moves for a special occasion, this is it, bring them out and showcase them in front of the world! Kamakazi, likewise, is a fabulous place to spend the evening in the company of exquisite cocktails and sway to the beat of the energetic and peppy tunes that is being played there. But there is a slight and interesting twist to the tale; the discotheque is a floating one and is perched atop a ferry, which adds to its allure.



With Singapore being one of the most-visited destinations by Indians, there has been a huge surge in the visa requirements for the same. While this fact might not be news to you, the easy process of applying for a visa would surely be. To start with, you do not need an entry visa to visit Singapore if you have an official or diplomatic passport! Add to it the fact that the entire process is online since Singapore High Commission does not accept individual walk-in applications.

The process of applying for a Singapore visa ?

With the process of applying for a visa entirely online, you need to file for an e-visa and submit the application to an authorized visa agent. You can download the visa application form from the ICA website or obtain one from any of the authorized travel agents/any

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Singapore Overseas Missions. You can also submit it via a local sponsor, who should essentially have a SingPass Account. Do remember that you need to apply for a visa for Singapore at least 30 days prior to your intended date of arrival in Singapore.

Documents required ?

While applying for a Singapore visa for Indians, you need to have the following

documents in place or else your visa application would not be accepted.

- 1) A valid passport that is valid for at least six months from your date of departure from Singapore.
- 2) Form 14A, completed and signed,
- 3) A coloured photograph measuring 33 mm (width) and 45 mm (height). This should have been clicked during the past three

months from the date of your visa application.

- 4) All the supported documents that are mentioned in the application form.

Essential Singapore visa information ?

There is a processing fee of S\$ 30 for a visa. In addition to that, you will also need to submit a fixed fee of another INR 300 per application that should be paid to the authorized visa agent. Once you've submitted the completed visa application form along with the required documents, you can check the status of your application online. If approved, you can get a printout of your e-visa from the authorized travel agent.

List of authorized travel agents ?

Singapore High Commission accepts visa application only through local sponsors or authorized travel agents. Here's a comprehensive list of the authorized agents across India; you can submit your visa application form with them at any of their branches in India -

- 1) Cox & Kings Ltd.
- 2) Club7 Holidays Ltd.
- 3) D.Pauls Travel & Tours Ltd.
- 4) FCM Travel Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- 5) Jetsave India Tours Pvt.Ltd.
- 6) Make My Trip(India) Pvt.Ltd.
- 7) J & S Travels Pvt. Ltd.
- 8) Riya Travel & Tours(India) Pvt. Ltd.
- 9) Skyline India Travels Pvt. Ltd.
- 10) SOTC
- 11) Thomas Cook India Ltd.
- 12) Zenith Leisure Holidays Ltd.



Nalanda University: Then and Now

A 1600-year transformation in pics

Nalanda University was established in 450 CE by Gupta Emperor Kumaragupta I. Later, it also received patronage from Harshavardhana and the Pala rulers. According to legends, invaders destroyed this university in the 12th century. Before that, this ancient institution had been providing education for approximately 800 years.

New Delhi: Established around 450 CE by Gupta Emperor Kumaragupta I, Nalanda University was a beacon of learning in ancient India. Nestled in the heart of Bihar, this institution was not just a university but a monumental centre of education, attracting scholars from across the globe. Over time, it garnered the patronage of prominent rulers like Harshavardhana and the Pala kings, which allowed it to flourish for centuries.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the new campus of Nalanda University, worth Rs 1700 crore. This marks his first official visit to the state since being sworn in for a record third term as Prime Minister. PM Modi in his address expressed his pleasure at visiting Nalanda University within just 10 days of beginning his third term as Prime Minister. He emphasised that Nalanda represents more than just a name; it embodies identity, reverence, and enduring values. He underscored the resilience of knowledge, noting that while fire may consume books, it cannot eradicate

knowledge itself. Located about 90 kilometers from Patna and approximately 12 kilometers south of Bihar. Located about 90 kilometres from Patna and approximately 12 kilometres south of Bihar. Sharif, the ruins of this world-famous ancient Buddhist university still stand today. Regarded as the second-oldest university in the world after Takshashila, it served as a residential campus and existed for 800 years. Nalanda University was the world's first residential university. Nalanda University was the world's first residential university where students from around the globe came to study. It had over 300 rooms, seven large halls, and its library, named Dharmagunj, spanned nine stories. Turkish Muslim ruler Bakhtiyar Khilji set fire to Nalanda University. The library housed so many books that the fire burned for three months continuously. The Dharmagunj



Library housed more than 9 million books. In its time, the university was known for teaching Hindu and Buddhist studies. In ancient times, subjects such as literature, astrology, psychology, law, astronomy, science, military strategy, history, mathematics, architecture, linguistics, economics, and medicine were taught here. In the new campus, the university has established separate schools for Buddhist

studies, philosophy, comparative religion studies, history, environmental and ecological studies, and management studies. The Dharmagunj Library housed more than 9 million books. The Dharmagunj Library housed more than 9 million books. In the new campus of Nalanda University, there are two academic blocks with 40 classrooms. The campus accommodates seating for a total of 1900 students. The university also features two auditoriums. Additionally, an International Center and an amphitheater have been constructed, with a capacity to seat 2000 people. Furthermore, there are faculty clubs and a sports complex for the students. Foreign envoys from a total of 17 countries attended the ceremony. The inauguration ceremony was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Bihar Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and Nalanda University Chancellor Arvind Panigariya.

Delhi Burger King shooting: Portugal-based gangster claims responsibility

New Delhi: A day after the Burger King shooting that claimed one life, Himanshu Bhai, a wanted gangster who fled India and is currently in Portugal, shared a post on social media claiming that he and Naveen Bali (currently lodged in Tihar Jail) are responsible for the murder that took place in west Delhi's Rajouri Garden on Tuesday night. A total of 40 gunshots were fired outside a Burger King outlet in west Delhi's Rajouri Garden, in which a person was killed, claimed the gangster. "The person killed in Rajouri Garden was



involved in the murder of our brother Shakti Dada, and this was an act of revenge. Everyone else involved will also be targeted soon," the gangster said on his social media post.

Interpol had issued a red-corner notice against Himanshu. About a month ago, Himanshu ordered his shooters to fire at a Fusion car in West Delhi, in which one shooter was later killed by the Special Cell. Himanshu is a rival of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang and has recently orchestrated a series of violent incidents in and around Delhi and Haryana.

Some Indian Millionaires Are Migrating To This Country, Says Report

New Delhi: Approximately 4,300 millionaires are projected to leave India this year, with a significant number choosing the UAE as their destination, according to a recent report by international investment migration advisory firm Henley & Partners. Last year, the same report noted that 5,100 Indian millionaires relocated abroad. India, the fastest-growing economy in the world, is expected to rank third globally in terms of millionaire migrations, following China and the UK. While India has now overtaken China as the world's most populous nation, its net millionaire exodus is less than 30% percent of China's.

"While India loses thousands of millionaires each year, with many migrating to the UAE, concerns over the outflows may well be mitigated as with wealth growth of 85% over the past decade, the country continues to produce far more new high-net-worth individuals than it loses to emigration," the report states.

The report highlights that many of the departing millionaires retain business interests and second homes in India, which suggests ongoing economic ties.

UAE's Investment Advisory Sector

Indian private banks and wealth management platforms are actively expanding into the UAE to offer seamless investment advisory services to their clients. Recent examples include Nuvama Private and LGT Wealth Management, both known for supporting Indian clients with global diversification and expansion needs. Similarly, other banks are also bolstering their presence in the UAE, ensuring competitive wealth management services for Indian families. "Kotak Mahindra Bank and 360 ONE Wealth are joining the dots to provide Indian families with wealth management services on the ground in the UAE, ensuring that they don't lose out to their competitors," the Henley report said.

Around 1,28,000 millionaires worldwide are expected to relocate in 2024, with the UAE and the USA topping the list of preferred destinations.

AC blast triggers another massive fire in Ghaziabad flat

New Delhi: A blast in an indoor air conditioner unit triggered a massive fire in a flat in Ghaziabad's The Merlin society in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday night. This was the second such fire caused by an AC blast in Ghaziabad in two weeks. There were no injuries or casualties. Six fire tenders had to be deployed to bring the blaze under control. Two fire tenders were deployed from Vaishali, two from Sahibabad and two from Kotwali fire station.

As per a report, Ghaziabad has recorded 518 fire incidents in April and May. Of these, 32 incidents of fire reportedly were due to short circuits or blasts in AC units. Last week, five members of a family, including a seven-month-old boy and a seven-year-old girl, were killed



after a massive fire broke out in a residential building in Ghaziabad's Behta Hazipur locality. A short circuit led to the fire, police said. In the first week of June, a fire broke out at a house in Ghaziabad following a

blast in the compressor of an air conditioner. A portion of the house was gutted in the blaze. The residents of the house climbed onto the terrace of the building to escape from the fire. They were then rescued by the fire department personnel. A month ago, four flats in Arihant Harmony high-rise in Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, suffered major damage due to a fire. The blaze was likely caused due to overheating in a diesel generator (DG) set. The development comes as North India, including Ghaziabad, continues to reel under an unprecedented heatwave, forcing residents to seek comfort in ACs. ACs running for hours at a stretch causes extreme heat in the compressor, leading to an explosion.

Tihar Jail Ordered To Provide Air Cooler To Conman Suresh Chandrasekhar

New Delhi: Delhi's Patiala House Court, in a recent order, directed the jail authorities to provide an air cooler to Suresh Chandrasekhar on medical grounds at his own expense. Chandrasekhar, who is in judicial custody in connection with the 200 crore extortion case, had sought relief on the medical grounds that he had developed skin problems due to a high temperature. After considering the submissions and facts that centralised air conditioning system at Mandoli jail is under repair, Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Chanderjit Singh passed the direction. The court said that it is a matter of record, being the report filed by Jail Authorities, that the applicant/accused



has been advised to maintain optimum temperature for recovery and to avoid further exposure to skin disease. "Therefore, it is directed that jail authorities shall take all measures to maintain the optimum room temperature in the cell where accused/applicant Suresh Chandrasekhar is lodged and if need

be, to achieve this optimum temperature, to provide private cooler to applicant/accused at his own expense," ASJ Singh ordered on June 3.

The court observed, "The scorching heat Delhi is experiencing is unprecedented. At the time of framing the Delhi Prison Rules 2018, such a circumstance may not have been contemplated to emerge in the future." "Therefore, in the backdrop of this unprecedented situation, contention relating to health of inmate/accused Suresh Chandrasekhar has to be interpreted under the umbrella of the general principle that careful attention is not only to be given for treatment to sick people but also to matters connected with the health prisoner," the court said.

How WhatsApp text led to woman's arrest for husband's murder after 3 years

The police found that the entire murder was plotted by the wife of the deceased so that she could marry her gym instructor.

New Delhi: A mini truck hits a man near his house, leaving him seriously injured and both legs broken in 2021. The driver of the truck, Dev Sunar, forces the victim, Vinod Barara, to withdraw the case. However, the victim refuses, and the truck driver shoots him dead inside his house. An open and shut case, one would presume. However, there is more to this grisly murder case than meets the eye and

three years on, police have finally managed to crack the mystery thanks to a WhatsApp message and an IPS officer's pursuit. The police found that the entire murder was plotted by the wife, Nidhi, of the deceased so that she could marry her gym instructor.

Vinod Barara, who ran a computer institute, was married to Nidhi and the couple had a daughter. They lived in Haryana's Panipat. However, things took a turn in their life after Nidhi fell in love with her gym trainer, Sumit, and an affair started. Vinod soon got a whiff of their affair and confronted his wife. The issue led to frequent arguments between the couple. Nidhi, unable to take the daily altercations, plotted to kill her husband with Sumit. The duo gave contract to Dev Sunar of Punjab to kill Vinod by crushing him under his truck. Sunar was paid around Rs 10 lakh in cash for the hit job. However, Vinod managed to survive

the accident, which occurred on October 5, 2021, even though he suffered serious injuries. Desperate to get Vinod killed, Nidhi then activated plan B and asked Dev Sunar to shoot her husband. Around two months after the accident, Sunar barged into Vinod's home and shot him



dead at point-blank range. Sunar was arrested and he confessed to the crime. He claimed that he killed Vinod as he refused to reach an out-of-court settlement. While Sunar was in jail, Nidhi and Sumit

took care of his family members and legal fees. After the incident, Nidhi sent her daughter to live with her uncle in Australia. Her lavish lifestyle, however, made Vinod's family suspicious. However, three years later a WhatsApp message landed on Panipat SP

Ajit Singh Shekhawat's phone that claimed Sunar was not the only culprit and Vinod's close family members were also involved in the conspiracy behind his murder. The message was sent by Vinod's brother Pramod, who stays in Australia. The police formed a team and started looking into Sunar's call details. Police found that Sunar was constantly in touch with Sumit. As police started to dig deep, they found several calls were made by Sumit to Nidhi, Vinod's wife. Some of the calls were of long durations. Sumit was taken into custody by police and he eventually confessed that he got Vinod killed on the orders of Nidhi.

Over 1,200 illegal structures razed in Lucknow's Akbar Nagar in demolition drive

New Delhi: More than 1,200 illegal properties in Uttar Pradesh's Akbar Nagar (a neighbourhood in Lucknow) have so far been demolished as part of the Kukrail river beautification and rejuvenation project. The demolition drive, which began on June 10, was being carried out by the Lucknow Development Authority (LDA). The drive was launched following a court order for the demolition of 1,068 illegal residential and 101 commercial constructions in Akbar Nagar I and II.

THE BACKGROUND

Last year, the LDA, citing illegal construction on Kukrail's riverbed and banks, told the Allahabad High Court that the Kukrail water channel be kept clean. The authority told the court that slum dwellers, over a long period of time, have unauthorisedly occupied the banks of the Kukrail water channel. All the drains of the slum, containing its waste (such as fecal matter) were let loose in the Kukrail water channel, which flows to the river Gomti, it said.

Thus, around 1158 constructions raised by the petitioners were required to be removed. For the rehabilitation of the slum dwellers, the LDA came up with a rehabilitation policy under which all the BPL (below poverty line) persons were offered appropriate flats made for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) on the production of their ration card or other appropriate documents, proving that they belong to BPL category. Later, in a relief to the residents of Akbar Nagar 1 and 2 areas in Lucknow, the Allahabad High Court on March 6 allowed them time till March 31 to vacate the disputed premises. Thereafter, it shall be open for the LDA to clear the said area, the court ordered.

Upholding the High Court's order on the demolition drive, the Supreme Court on May 10 clarified that no slum dweller should be evicted without being given alternative accommodation. The Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta upheld the Allahabad High Court's observations.

YOGI ADITYANATH'S DIRECTIONS

On June 14, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath asked officials to immediately remove encroachments on the banks of rivers and ponds. "There are encroachments on the banks of the Ramganga river in Moradabad. A similar situation can be seen in Kashi, Saharanpur and other districts," the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said in a post on X quoting Adityanath. "At present, efforts are being made for the revival of the Kukrail river in Lucknow. Illegal settlements have been removed and (their residents have been) rehabilitated elsewhere."



When it rains, it pours in

South India



Goa

Swaying palms, white sands and swirling waters coupled with torrential rains make Goa a must-visit during the rainy months. While swimming is not advisable as the waves can be dangerously big, and the water can get murky, there's no reason not to take a walk along the beach with wet sand between your toes and a gaze at the cloudy horizon over the ocean. Sip on a hot cup of tea, sample delectable Goan cuisine in a roadside cafe, or go biking in the meandering pathways of the state while the rain pours down. Even better, head into the forested hinterland of Goa where the jungle comes alive during the monsoon. Since it's the lean season, don't be surprised if you get some great deals and offers too.

Coorg

Nestled amidst verdant landscapes, acres of coffee plantations, and rugged mountain terrain interspersed with cardamom-growing fields, Coorg is one of the wettest places in southern India during the monsoons. A six-

hour-drive from the Bangalore airport, Coorg is often praised as 'Scotland of India' on account of its unending green slopes. While a thin layer of mist that haunts over the lush valleys of Coorg, the hill town transforms into a palette comprising many shades of green when the rain comes down. The majestic beauty of this hill town with its cascading waterfalls and cool ambience make Coorg a perfect destination to visit provided you've got your rain gear and are prepared to step out in a

downpour.

Pondicherry

Mustard-yellow tinted villas, old colonial houses, cobble-stoned streets and a surfeit of seafront restaurants, cafes and bars—the postcard-perfect city of Pondicherry lures you in with its old-world beauty and quaint charm. The wet months of August to December add a dash of romance and create a cool ambience in the city, with its scenic wet trails, cloudy skyline,



and water dripping down the sloping roofs. Take a walk under your umbrella, hire a bicycle to explore this picturesque town or hop on a ferry to get to the beaches nearby—Pondicherry is anything but dull and grey during the monsoon season.

Munnar

Carpeted with emerald-green tea plantations, the valleys of Munnar get even more mesmerising when dark clouds come rolling in and engulf the hilltops in the months of June to November. Those who want to witness nature at its best can go hiking in the Periyar National Park where a rich variety of flora comes alive during the monsoon. So does the fauna, and it's best to be protected against insects and other creepy crawlies which abound in the forest. The rain-drenched greenery is especially captivating around the many waterfalls around Munnar which become deluged during the monsoon.



The long hot summer comes to an end as the month of June elapses, and the parched Earth cools down with the incessant downpour which rides in on the Monsoon winds. If you are one of those who don't mind getting a wee bit wet, then there's really no place like South India to truly enjoy the Monsoon. From sipping a cup of hot tea and enjoying hot pakoras at a roadside stall to taking a walk under the umbrella in cool breezy weather, these destinations in the southern part of the country will mesmerise you during the rainy season.



Istanbul is a pearl embedded in between Asia and Europe, a bridge between western and eastern culture. It's not a coincidence that many of the biggest civilisations of the past centuries, from Romans to Ottomans, fought for its control, transforming it into an ever-changing melting pot. The Silk Road as well as the hippie trail passed through it and till today, it is considered to be the gateway to Asia and a preferred destination for travellers. While many archaeological sites and museums have an entrance fee there are a plenty of attractions, markets and neighbourhoods in Istanbul where you don't have to spend a dime. There is enough entertainment to make an enjoyable stay. Following are some of the top free attractions in Istanbul:

Princes' Islands

A favourite escape of Istanbul from chaos and crowd, Princes' Islands are an archipelago located around 20 km south east of the city. It comprises nine islands, four of which are easily accessible by a public ferry. The main feature of this retreat is that no vehicle is allowed on any of the islands, except for police and rescue services. It's like going back in time, enjoying an afternoon stroll in the alleys of the villages, before exploring the natural beauty of the islands and

ending the day with a swim and sunbath on one of the beaches. If moving on feet all day long feels too much, then the other possibility is to hire a bicycle to explore this beautiful stretch of land. Horse drawn carts are also available for the more romantic. Buyukada is the biggest of the islands known for its clock tower, Victorian mansions and its vibrant streets filled with cafes and restaurants. Places like mosques, churches and monasteries are also there if you are into architectural heritage. Heybeliada is another favourite with picturesque bay and lush forests that can be the perfect setting for a well-deserved day of relaxation before going back to the hustle and bustle of the

city. Given their easy accessibility, as Princes' Islands can be quickly and cheaply reached by boat from both European and Asian sides, the archipelago gets quite crowded during the weekend. Come here on a weekday or early in the morning to enjoy the quietness that these islands have to offer. In summers, ferries are usually running from sunrise to midnight, and if you get late at night, there are a few accommodation options.

Ortakoy

If you have ever seen a postcard with a picturesque mosque standing in front of the Bosphorus Bridge, then you know what Ortakoy looks like. Ortakoy is a small neighbourhood on

Top free attractions in

Istanbul

the European side of Istanbul, next to the entrance of the Bosphorus Bridge. Formerly a separate village, it is now a part of Besiktas district and has been integrated into the main city of Istanbul after its expansion.

While walking along its small alleys and cobblestone streets flanked here and there by traditional wooden houses, you'll wonder if you have travelled back in time. Stop in one of the many cafes and relax—a Turkish tea is an affordable choice even for travellers on a shoestring budget. On Sundays, do not miss to visit the popular market with stands selling food and handicrafts. Do try the local delicacy 'kumpir', which is a big baked potato split in two and stuffed with all sorts of good things that can easily replace a whole meal.

The most important landmark and the reason why most of the people come to this neighbourhood is Ortakoy Mosque, completed in 1856 in Ottoman Neo Baroque style. While it cannot compete with Sultanahmet Mosque in size, it's the grandeur that astonishes visitors. With its finely decorated interior, it looks more like a Beaux Arts Parisian residence than a mosque.

Istiklal Street

Istiklal Street, the main arterial road of Istanbul, is a 1.3-km-long avenue in the heart of the European side of the city, the Beyoglu (Pera) district. It connects Taksim Square all the way down to Tunel, one of the oldest metro stations in the world used since 1875, located not far away from Galata Tower. Its name translates to Independence Avenue, which was given after the birth of the Republic of Turkey in 1923.

The architecture is a variegated mix, including late Ottoman houses to Art Nouveau buildings and Neo-Gothic residences. While exploring the main avenue and its alleys, you will see mosques as well as Catholic, Armenian and Greek Orthodox churches existing side by side. A not to be missed highlight is Cicek Pasaji (Flower Passage), a beautiful gallery built in European style. However, its most distinctive feature is probably the historical

tram making its way through the crowds of people on the pedestrian avenue. Sitting, eating and relaxing are some of the favourite activities that can be done on Istiklal Street, but many still prefer to go shopping and browsing fashion outlets, vintage shops, fancy bakeries and musical records.

Walking the length of Istiklal Street can sometimes be intimidating because of the massive presence of police at every corner that is ready to take action against any possible revolt.

Suleymaniye Mosque

Dominating the skyline of the Sultanahmet area at the entrance of the Golden Horn, Suleymaniye Mosque was built on top a small hill on the order of Sultan Suleyman and completed in 1558. It was built by the famous architect Mimar Sinan, and later served as a reference for the construction of the Blue Mosque, and even of the Taj Mahal in Agra. Built at an elevated position as compared to the surrounding buildings, the mosque stands out and can be seen from a distance, making it a well-known landmark. A mere glance at this massive edifice with glorious design, and it remains deeply entrenched in one's memory.

Suleymaniye Mosque was originally a big complex including a caravanserai, a Koranic School and a hammam, among others. It's considered to be the biggest mosque in Istanbul with a majestic colonnade topped with 28 domes and with a minaret in each corner. The interior might not be as inspiring as that of Sultan Ahmed Mosque, but it still impresses for its size and architectural details. Features of Byzantine architecture were borrowed from the close by Hagia Sophia, with the abundance of perforated walls allowing natural light to enter and semi-domes used as buttresses.

Once you are done with your visit and go back to the ferry landing for a view of the Galata Tower, do have a look at the locals fishing and then grilling and serving their prey to visitors.



Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang gains \$4 billion in a day, becomes 11th richest

NEW DELHI. Jensen Huang, the CEO of Nvidia, has climbed to the position of the 11th richest person globally, according to Forbes's real-time billionaire rankings, after his net worth surged by over \$4 billion in just one day.

The CEO's surge in wealth comes on the back of Nvidia's rise to becoming the world's most valuable public company, led by a significant boost from advancements in artificial intelligence. Nvidia has dethroned Microsoft and Apple, which had been vying for the top position in recent days. Nvidia saw its stock rise by 3.5% on Tuesday, reaching a market value of \$3.34 trillion, which contributed to Huang's total net worth climbing to nearly \$119 billion.

Nvidia's shares have shown exceptional growth, more than doubling in value this year after tripling in 2023. Over the past five years, the shares have gained almost 28 times. The company's shares have skyrocketed over 170% this year alone, and 1,100% since their October 2022 low. This growth has been driven by Nvidia's dominance in AI technologies, especially chips, powering everything from advanced data analytics to autonomous vehicles. In its latest quarterly report, revenue more than tripled to \$26 billion, while net income surged seven-fold to \$14.9 billion. According to Forbes, Jensen Huang, who was ranked as the 546th wealthiest individual globally in 2019, has seen his net worth surge by over \$114 billion in the last five years. This represents a remarkable increase of more than 2250%. By the end of 2023, Huang's net worth had reached \$21 billion, making him the 76th richest person in the world.

Explained: Why Indus Towers shares plunged 10% in early trade

New Delhi. Shares of telecom infrastructure developer Indus Towers tumbled as much as 9.6% to Rs 344.70 in early trade on Wednesday. As of 10:19 am, the shares of the company recovered slightly and were trading 4.28% lower at Rs 329.80. The steep decline followed news that Vodafone Group has significantly increased its share sale in Indus Towers. It may be noted that the Vodafone Group has raised its stake sale in Indus Towers to nearly 18%, up from about 10%, for up to Rs 16,500 crore, according to a term sheet seen by news agency Reuters.

This block sale by Vodafone Group affiliates has been increased to a 17.98% stake, compared to the previous 9.94%. The sudden increase in the share sale has led to a sell-off in Indus Towers' stock, with shares sliding nearly 10%. Despite the current trading price drop, analysts on average rate Indus Towers as a "hold" with a median price target of Rs 350, which is slightly higher than the current trading price, according to LSEG data quoted by Reuters.

Record run continues on D-Street as Sensex, Nifty hit all-time highs

New Delhi. Benchmark stock market indices continued their record run on Dalal Street as the S&P BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50 hit all-time highs.

The S&P BSE Sensex gained 0.31% to 77,543.22 at 9:15 am, while the NSE Nifty 50 also rose 0.31% to open at 23,629.85. It may be noted that 12 of the 13 major sectors posted gains, with 46 of the Nifty 50 companies advancing. Small-caps and mid-caps also climbed, rising 0.5% and 0.35% respectively, reaching all-time highs. Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said, "Market sentiment has been bolstered by increasing bets on a US soft landing and a potential September rate cut by the Federal Reserve. Technically, Nifty targets are set at 23,750 and 24,000, with critical support at 23,250 and the 200 DMA at 21,268. Options data suggests a trading range of 23,000-24,000, with significant resistance at 24,000 and support at 23,000." Meanwhile, Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Higher highs and higher lows are clear indicators of a strong bull rally. This is happening now in the Nifty which has set four days of record highs. Net institutional activity has turned positive with both FIIs and DIIs turning buyers."

Bank deposits outshine credit by Rs 1 lakh cr in May

MUMBAI. Banks' continuous efforts to mobilise deposits are finally bearing fruit with the funds mobilised during the last fortnight of May overshooting the loans provided to customers in absolute terms. Deposits totalled at Rs 2.7 trillion (Rs 2.7 lakh cr) as against credit offtake totalling at Rs 1.7 trillion, something that has been the opposite in over two years. Banks have been chasing deposits with attractive pricing as the people were parking their money in stocks and mutual funds which have been offering more returns. Leading banks have increased their deposit pricing many times in the past a few quarters as there were more demand for credit.

However in percentage growth terms, credit expansion is higher by 19.8% year-on-year (YoY) to reach Rs 167.8 trillion for the fortnight ending May 31, 2024. In absolute terms, credit expanded by Rs 27.7 trillion during the past 12 months to reach Rs 167.8 trillion as of May 31, while deposits grew by 12.8% YoY for the fortnight or by Rs 25.1 trillion over the last 12 months to reach Rs 210.9 trillion. However for the fortnight to May 31, in absolute terms, deposit expanded by Rs 2.7 trillion as against credit expansion of Rs 1.7 trillion, according to the RBI data collated by Care Ratings. While sequentially credit expansion was up only by 1%, deposits increase has been by 1.3% in the reporting fortnight, said Sanjay Agarwal, a senior director with the agency. This has had the credit-to-deposit ratio, which has been hovering around 80 since September 2023, has declined marginally or by 20 bps to 79.6 for the fortnight ending May 31. Deposit growth, though showing improvement, has lagged credit growth in the past year. It is expected to be prominent in FY25 as banks intensify efforts to strengthen their liability franchise. This focus aims to prevent constraints on credit uptake due to deposit growth, the agency said, adding deposit growth is likely to range between 13 and 13.5 percent in FY25.

Decoding Nvidia's meteoric rise: From gaming GPU maker to world's most valuable company

Nvidia's rise to the top spot in global market value is more than a financial achievement; it's a testament to the transformative power of AI.

NEW DELHI. Once known for developing graphics cards for gaming on laptops and PCs, Nvidia has now clinched the title of the world's most valuable company—a journey that's nothing short of epic. Just this Tuesday, Nvidia's shares shot up by 3.5%, pushing its market value to a mind-blowing \$3.34 trillion. The reason behind Nvidia's rapid growth? The soaring demand for its AI-optimised chips, crucial for the development of advanced AI software and products. Nvidia's meteoric rise is a clear indicator of AI's transformative potential and the

company's stellar run also reflects it on Wall Street. The company's shares have skyrocketed over 170% this year alone, and 1,100% since their October 2022 low. This growth has been driven by Nvidia's dominance in AI technologies, especially chips, powering everything from advanced data analytics to autonomous vehicles. In its latest quarterly report, revenue more than tripled to \$26 billion, while net income surged seven-fold to \$14.9 billion.

These figures not only highlight Nvidia's current strength but also reinforce its future potential in an AI-driven world.

\$1 trillion in just 96 days

Nvidia's journey from a market value of \$2 trillion to \$3 trillion in just 96 days is unprecedented. For context, it took Microsoft 945 days and Apple 1,044 days to make the same leap, according to Bespoke Investment Group. This highlights the frenzied enthusiasm surrounding AI and Nvidia's pivotal role in this space.

AI-powered dream run

Nvidia's financial metrics are also impressive, indicating that its dream run



may continue in the AI-fuelled world.

Analysts project the company's revenue for the current fiscal year to double to \$120 billion, with an additional 33% growth expected in fiscal 2026, reaching \$160 billion, according to LSEG data quoted in a Reuters report. Meanwhile, Nvidia's net margin stands at a strong 53.4%, significantly higher than Apple's 26.3% and Microsoft's 36.4%.

Despite the rapid rise in its share price, Nvidia's forward price-to-earnings ratio is at 43. While this is higher than the S&P 500's 21 times earnings, it reflects a moderated valuation from last year's peaks. Even then, investor confidence

remains solid, driven by Nvidia's leadership in AI and its consistent growth.

Nvidia rides AI wave

Nvidia's success is emblematic of the wider AI-driven enthusiasm reshaping the tech industry. Companies like Super Micro Computer and Arm Holdings have also experienced significant gains, reflecting the broader market's embrace of AI potential. However, Nvidia's ability to maintain its growth and fend off competition will be crucial for its continued success. Bespoke analysts caution that "Nvidia's run has been incredible, but it will need to keep growing from here and stave off competition if its stock is going to keep putting up stellar returns." Nvidia's rise to the top spot in global market value is more than a financial achievement; it's a testament to the transformative power of AI. As the world increasingly relies on AI for innovation and efficiency, Nvidia finds itself at a distinct advantage, firmly positioned in the front seat as a leader in this space.

DEE Piping Systems IPO opens: Should you subscribe or skip

New Delhi. The initial public offering (IPO) of DEE Piping Systems (DEE Development Engineers Limited) opened for subscription on Wednesday.

DEE Development Engineers Limited provides specialised process piping solutions and manufactures industrial pipe fittings and accessories for various industries, including oil and gas, chemicals, and electricity. The public issue was already subscribed 0.5 times as of 11:21 AM with retail investors leading the bidding. DEE Piping Systems IPO has a price band of Rs 193 to Rs 203 per share and will close for bidding on June 21, 2024.

DEE Development Engineers announced on Tuesday that it has secured more than Rs 125 crore from anchor investors in a filing with the exchange.

The engineering firm said that it had allocated 61,62,777 equity shares to anchor investors at a price of Rs 203 per share.

Should you subscribe?

Swastika Investmart Ltd in its report said that DEE Development Engineers, a leading player in the Indian process piping solutions industry, has exposure



to a niche sector with high barriers to entry. "DEE boasts a strong competitive position with established client relationships and a diverse portfolio of specialised offerings. Notably, the

company benefits from a robust order book and consistent financial performance," said Swastika.

It further added that some key risks necessitate careful consideration.

"Despite the premium valuation of 82.85x P/E, DEE's market leadership, consistent growth trajectory, and strong order book warrant consideration for long-term investors. Thus, we recommend a 'Subscribe' rating for the long term," said Swastika Investmart. DEE Piping Systems IPO latest GMP

The latest Grey Market Premium (GMP) for DEE Development Engineers' IPO is Rs 80, as of June 19, 2024, at 10:55 AM. With an issue price of Rs 203 per share, the estimated listing price is Rs 283, with an anticipated gain of 39.41% per share.

Indus stake sale may fetch Voda \$1.1 bn

Last week it was reported that UK-based Vodafone was mulling to sell its entire \$2.3 billion stake in Indus Towers via block deals. Vodafone currently owns 21.5% in Indus Tower via different entities.

NEW DELHI. Telecom giant Vodafone Group is all set to sell about 10% stake in Indus Towers for as much as \$1.1 billion on Wednesday as a part of its efforts to repay debt. Vodafone will sell 268 million shares in Indus Towers via block deals at a price range of Rs 310 to Rs 341 per share (a discount of up to 10% from Tuesday's closing price), valuing the stake between \$996 million and \$1.1 billion. Shares of Indus Towers closed on June 18 at Rs 346.45, up 1.67% on the NSE.

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after Bharti Airtel denied reports that it was in talks to buy Vodafone's stake in Indus Towers. Airtel is Indus Towers' biggest shareholder, with 47.95% stake. Vodafone has hired Bank of America, Morgan Stanley, Jefferies and BNP Paribas to manage the deal.



It has plans to repay part of its \$42.17 billion net debt using proceeds from Indus stake sale. The company in 2022 had announced it would be offloading its 28% stake but has managed to sell only a small portion so far.

Brokerage JP Morgan in a note on Tuesday said Vodafone Group's probable stake sale in the company could drive cashflows of \$2.3 billion which could see accelerated repayment to vendors like Indus Tower and even drive a special dividend to the shareholders of the Indian tower company. "As per the security package agreed upon during merger of erstwhile Bharti Infratel and Indus Towers, Vodafone's 21% stake in Indus was the primary pledge by its lenders against \$1.4 billion loan Vodafone Plc taken in 2019 to participate in Idea's rights issue while Indus Towers had a secondary pledge with a maximum liability of Rs 42.5 billion," said JP Morgan.

Plans to repay part of \$42.17 billion net debt

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about Singhania's proposed remuneration, deeming it excessive for the size of the business and not in line with industry peers.

The proposed structure, effective from July 2024 to June 2027, could see Singhania's remuneration exceed regulatory limits, potentially amounting to around Rs 35 crore, or over 5% of the profit for FY24. This is significantly higher than the median salary of Raymond employees, with Singhania receiving approximately Rs 20 crore in FY24, added the proxy advisory firm.

On November 28, 2023, IAS urged Raymond's independent directors to investigate the allegations against Singhania and to ensure both he and Modi abstain from board activities during the investigation. In a stern letter, IAS emphasized the seriousness of the accusations and the negative impact on investor confidence, reflected in the recent decline in Raymond's stock price. The firm stressed the need for transparency and accountability, warning against the perception that such accusations are tolerated.

Nvidia surpasses Microsoft, Apple to become world's most valuable company

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NEW DELHI. Nvidia has surpassed tech giants Apple and Microsoft to become the world's most valuable company, a milestone driven by an unprecedented surge in its shares.

Shares of Nvidia climbed around 3.5% on Tuesday, pushing its market value to about \$3.34 trillion. With this leap, Nvidia has dethroned Microsoft and Apple, which had been vying for the top position in recent days. The unprecedented rise in Nvidia's market value is primarily fuelled by the soaring demand for its AI-optimized chips. The company's shares have surged over 170% this year alone, skyrocketing by around 1,100% since their low in October 2022.

The rise and rise of Nvidia Exceptional earnings and growing investor



enthusiasm for AI have supported the company's meteoric rise. Nvidia's market value surged from \$2 trillion to \$3 trillion in just 96 days. For comparison, Microsoft took 945 days and Apple 1,044 days to make the same leap, according to Bespoke Investment Group. Historically, only 11 US companies since 1925 have held the top spot in market value on a closing basis, Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices,

told news agency Reuters. The fortunes of these companies have varied widely. Microsoft, for example, hit the number one spot in the late 1990s but struggled post-dotcom bubble before rebounding strongly in the past decade.

On the other hand, Exxon Mobil, once the world's most valuable company, saw its shares decline due to falling oil prices. Cisco, another former leader, serves as a cautionary tale, peaking during the

dotcom boom only to see its shares plummet afterward. Nvidia's exceptional performance is highlighted by its recent quarterly results, where revenue more than tripled to \$26 billion and net income surged seven-fold to \$14.9 billion. The company's revenue for the current fiscal year is projected to double to \$120 billion, with an additional 33% growth expected in fiscal 2026, reaching \$160 billion, according to LSEG data quoted by Reuters. Despite the rapid increase in its share price, Nvidia's forward price-to-earnings ratio is at 43, which is elevated compared to the S&P 500's 21 times earnings but has moderated from last year's levels. While Nvidia stands out, other technology companies like Super Micro Computer and Arm Holdings have also seen significant gains, driven by the burgeoning AI market. Nvidia's continued success hinges on its ability to sustain growth and fend off competition, noted Bespoke analysts. For now, its robust earnings and optimistic forecasts keep it ahead of the pack, securing its position as the world's most valuable company.

NEWS BOX

Cristiano Ronaldo mocks Czech Republic goalie after Portugal winner

New Delhi. A video of Cristiano Ronaldo mocking the Czech Republic goalkeeper after Portugal's winner during the Euro 2024 clash has now gone viral. The 2016 Euro winners secured a comeback win against Czech Republic on June 18, Tuesday, after going behind in the 62nd minute to a goal from Lukas Provod. However, Portugal equalised in the 69th minute through a Robin Hranac own goal. As the match edged into stoppage time, Francisco Conceicao became the hero for the former champions as he scored in the 92nd minute to seal all 3 points for his side. As Conceicao wheeled off celebrating his goal, cameras caught Ronaldo mocking the Czech goalkeeper Jindrich Stanek, who was left in anger after seeing his side concede the late winner. Ronaldo had a chance in the first half, that was blocked by Stanek as it prevented Portugal from taking the lead. While the Portuguese superstar didn't find himself on the scoresheet, he was a constant threat inside the box and led the line well. Ronaldo had 100 percent pass accuracy on the day. The Al-Nassr star had thought he had helped his side score yet



again when his header was deflected on to the path of Diogo Jota. However, Ronaldo was a fraction off-side for it.

Ronaldo sets new Euro record

The match against the Czech Republic also unlocked a new milestone for Ronaldo. The Portuguese superstar became the first player in the history of football to take part in 6 different editions of the Euros. Ronaldo announced himself at the Euros in 2004, where Portugal reached the final to end up as runners-up.

Ronaldo has since gone on to be Portugal's main man in the competition and holds the record for most appearances and most goals in the tournament's history. Portugal will next be in action against Türkiye on 22nd June, who also started with a 2-1 win against Georgia.

Virat Kohli meets West Indies legend Sir Wesley Hall, receives signed book in Barbados

New Delhi. Star India cricketer Virat Kohli met West Indies legend Sir Wesley Hall at the Kensington Oval in Barbados. Kohli shared a heart-warming interaction with the 86-year-old West Indies legend after the team's practice session in Barbados. Kohli also received a signed book from Hall as they were clicked by the media at the stadium. Hall gifted the 35-year-old his autobiography book named "Answering the Call - The extraordinary Life of Sir Wesley Hall". Kohli is currently with the Indian team at the Caribbean island for the T20 World Cup 2024. Kohli has not been in the best of form in the T20 World Cup 2024 so far. The batter, who was asked to open alongside Rohit Sharma, has managed to score only 5 runs in 3 matches. Kohli has been India's top-run scorer in T20 World Cups since 2014. However, he has been dismissed at the scores of 1, 4 and 0 against Ireland, Pakistan and the USA. However, certain experts have showcased their trust in Kohli and have backed him to do well in the West Indies leg.

Kohli's form in T20 World Cup 2024



Yeah, I think he's just in America. I think he's relying on the other players to get him through there. But I think he's really got to step up over in the Caribbean. And I think the likes of Mitchell Starc and other left-arm bowlers bowling to Virat Kohli, he'll be looking for that ball to come in. The one, the straight one is the one, it worries me because he's been playing away from his body a little bit of late," Brad Hogg told Star Sports.

Hall played 48 Test matches and claimed 192 wickets. He also took 170 wickets in his first-class career. The 6 ft 2 inch tall cricketer terrified batters all over the world. It was a fearsome sight with Hall running in to bowl with the red cherry in his hand.

Ready to make another upset: USA train hard ahead of Super 8 clash vs South Africa

France captain Kylian Mbappe broke his nose in the team's first match at Euro 2024 against Austria. Mbappe had to be subbed off after he was left bleeding due to an aerial clash late in the match.

New Delhi. The USA team has been running hard yards in the nets ahead of their Super 8 clash against South Africa at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua on June 19, Wednesday. It must be a pinch-me moment for the Americans who reached this far in the T20 World Cup 2024 and that too in their very first appearance at the big stage. The USA team is ensuring that they break a sweat and leave no stone unturned in the Super 8s as well. USA cricket posted a special video on their Instagram, giving a sneak-peak into the team's practice session. The players were doing their respective training drills as they covered the bowling, batting and fielding



departments on a sunny day in the Caribbean. The USA were sensational in the group stage as they registered 2 wins and made it to the Super 8s alongside India. The American team managed to edge past Pakistan as they knocked them out of the race to the Super 8 stage. USA's journey to Super 8sUSA hammered

Canada in the tournament opener and went onto pull off a massive upset over Pakistan in their next match. They held their nerves till the end to register a Super Over win against Pakistan. They had a close contest against India in the Group A match as well, which they eventually lost. The washout game against Ireland in Florida resulted in the Monank Patel-led side qualifying for the Super 8s. In the Super 8s, the USA are placed in the Group 2 alongside heavy-weights like England, West Indies and South Africa. After showcasing their prowess in the group stage, the USA will be eager to pull off an upset or two in the Super 8s as well.

The USA opener Aaron Jones showed his confidence in the team getting the better of South Africa.

"I mean I don't want to get into too deep about the whole meetings and stuff we have but I'll say we have some guys that played against South Africa and played with South African guys in the past and we have some South African guys on our team as well. So, we have a bit of insight on the team and yeah, hopefully everything goes well," Jones told the media in the pre-match press-conference.

Belief of beating any team: Aaron Jones reveals USA's Super 8 mantra before SA match

New Delhi. USA opener Aaron Jones reveals the team's mantra for the Super 8s before the match against South Africa at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua on June 19, Wednesday. Jones said that their side has carried a belief of beating any team in this world before coming into the T20 World Cup 2024. As a host-nation, the USA created a lot of buzz in a country which was not so familiar with cricket. The Monank Patel-led side managed to enter the Super 8 stage of the tournament by putting up stellar performances in the group stage. The USA have had a dream run in the T20 World Cup 2024 so far in their home leg. Before coming into the tournament, marking their first-ever appearance, they beat Bangladesh 2-1 in a T20I series. The USA hammered Canada before pulling off a massive upset over Pakistan by beating them in the Super Over. The side also challenged India in the Group A match before losing the contest. Their



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The USA team's strong belief

Jones affirmed that the USA will take on the big teams like South Africa, West Indies and England with a similar mindset. Well, to be honest to you, I think it starts with the belief

that we could beat anybody. Even before the World Cup. We've had a few series and obviously everybody knows we came out on top against Bangladesh, which is a really good team to be honest. So, we always believed before the World Cup that we could beat bigger teams or better teams, and obviously we showed it against Pakistan," Jones told the media in the pre-match press-conference.

Can USA pose a threat to South Africa

"And it's going to be the same mindset going into the Super 8 now starting tomorrow we play against South Africa we want to play hard cricket and if you come out on top it's good if you don't come out on top then we learn." The USA have been placed in the Group 2 of the Super 8s alongside some big teams in the world cricket.

Not a small team anymore: Markram says SA will need to be at their best to beat USA

New Delhi. South Africa skipper Aiden Markram has claimed that his side would need to be at their best if they have to beat surprise package USA, who feels aren't a small team anymore. The USA side shocked everyone when they came out of Group A, which included both India and Pakistan. USA defeated Canada in their first game with a fantastic chase before pulling off a big upset over Pakistan via a Super Over. They then went on to give India a good test and finished behind Rohit Sharma and his men to finish second and reach the Super 8s. Ahead of the Super 8 opener in Antigua, Markram said at the press conference that South Africa will need to be at 100 percent to beat the USA side. Markram said he is excited by the challenge of facing Monank Patel and his men. "Yeah, they've been really good I think not just them but a lot of the people will sort of say smaller nations, but they're not and they've proved that they're not anymore. So,



we're going to 100% have to be on our best game tomorrow to, hopefully for things to go well, but I'm excited for that challenge. A team that we haven't played much cricket against so looking forward to that and different conditions here in Antigua as well so all those things sort of together, we probably have to assess pretty quickly and develop plans out there on the field that can hopefully do the job for us," said Markram. The USA can make life very difficult for you

Markram was asked if he had followed the USA a lot in the campaign and he said he did catch a few highlights of their game. The Proteas skipper said that the USA team does have an explosive batting lineup, a good seam and spin attack. Markram said the USA can make things difficult for anyone on their day and they will need to get their plans spot on. "You haven't watched much cricket to be very honest with you it's been pretty busy, but you catch a few highlights here, and then it looks pretty explosive - so a good seam attack, good couple of spinners and then an explosive batting order that any one of those guys on their day can make life really difficult for you.

Explained: How Kane Williamson will continue to play for NZ after central contract snub

New Delhi. On June 19, Wednesday, big news came out from New Zealand that Kane Williamson would be stepping down as the skipper of the nation's white-ball teams. Apart from this, Williamson also decided to snub the central contract offered to him by New Zealand cricket for the 2024/25 season. The star batter said he made the decision to prolong his international career. Williamson took the decision to snub the contract offer as New Zealand wouldn't be playing a lot of international cricket at home during the January 2025 window. The star batter also said that it doesn't mean he will be taking a hiatus from international cricket and will be available for selection in all formats of the game. The New Zealand Cricket CEO Scott Weenink welcomed the move by Williamson and said they are ready to make an exception to have Williamson as a part of the team despite the contract snub. "This is a good way to help keep Kane in the international game so that he continues to play a major role for the BLACKCAPS - both now and in the years to come," said Mr Weenink. "We have very little international cricket in New Zealand through January and outside that period he's still available for the BLACKCAPS." NZC has a strong preference to select centrally contracted



players for the BLACKCAPS, however we're happy to make an exception for our greatest ever batter - especially as he remains so committed to the team. "I know it sounds a bit counterintuitive, but I'm very encouraged by this development."

Williamson takes the Trent Boult route While Williamson may have rejected the central contract from New Zealand cricket, it doesn't mean that his international career is over. A similar move was done by Trent Boult in 2022 when the pacer decided to snub the deal from the Blackcaps and focus more of his time on family and playing in

Kane Williamson may have announced that he has decided to snub a central contract from New Zealand cricket, but expect the star batter to remain one of the main players for the nation in probably all formats of the game. Here's how Williamson can continue to play for New Zealand despite the contract snub.

franchise leagues. However, the pacer has since played the T20 World Cups in 2022 and 2024 and also spearheaded the attack in India during the ODI World Cup 2023 as New Zealand went all the way to the semi-finals, where they were defeated by the hosts. Apart from the Test cricket format, Boult has been ever-present in the New Zealand side in major tournaments and has always made himself available for selection. The pacer could be winding up his international career after saying the T20 World Cup 2024 would be his last major tournament in the shortest format of the game.

Not a small team anymore: Markram says SA will need to be at their best to beat USA

South Africa skipper Aiden Markram is wary of the threat posed by the USA side and claimed they weren't a small team anymore. USA shocked the world when they defeated Pakistan in the group stages of the T20 World Cup 2024.

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USA vs SA: Weather report

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Khatron Ke Khiladi 14 Krishna Shroff

Sustains Injuries While Performing Stunt



Season 14 of the show Khatron Ke Khiladi has been making headlines lately. According to reports, the shoot is currently going on in Romania. Many stars from the entertainment industry have participated in the show including Shalin Bhanot and Jackie Shroff's daughter, Krishna Shroff. Known for her adventurous lifestyle, Krishna recently showcased her strength and flexibility by performing a stunt in the show. However, while performing the stunt, she suffered a serious elbow injury. The show Khatron Ke Khiladi is known for its tough tasks and dangerous stunts. The show tests a person's physicality level and mental endurance. As per the reports, Aashish Mehrotra has also suffered an elbow injury. Aashish Mehrotra shared a picture on his Instagram handle where the celebrity duo was seen showing off their scars. The picture went viral soon after it was posted. The actor captioned the pictures, "Flexing bruises with this power hustler." The photos were widely spread on various social media. One user commented, "Take care guys. I am eagerly waiting to see you and Krishna Shroff in the Khatron Ke Khiladi season 14," while another user wrote, "Excited to see you both on Khatron Ke Khiladi 14! All the best guys." A third user commented, "How you people are getting injured? Please take proper care and win the competition." Several other users commented with heart and fire emoji to extend their best wishes to the celebrity duo. Earlier, Shalin Bhanot also posted on Instagram about the injury he received while performing a stunt. According to a report by The Times of India, the actor was bitten by more than 200 scorpions while performing a stunt. In the video, Bhanot's appeared to be swollen and dislocated. The team of the show rushed with medical help soon after the actor received the injury. Despite the severe pain and discomfort, he interacted with the crew members with a smiling face.

Sunil Lahri DISAPPROVES Sai Pallavi as Sita, Says Actress Doesn't Have Beautiful Face Like the Goddess



Ramayana actor Sunil Lahri does not approve of Sai Pallavi as Goddess Sita in Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana. In a recent interview, Sunil said Sai doesn't have the features of the Goddess. He described Sita as a woman with 'beautiful and perfect' face. However, Sunil confessed he doesn't see that perfection in Sai's face. The South Indian star will be making her Bollywood debut with the Ranbir Kapoor-headlined film. "I don't know how she is as an actress, I have never seen any of her work. But, looks wise, I am honestly not very convinced. In my mind, Sita has a very beautiful and perfect looking face, and I don't think Sai's face has that perfection," Sunil told Hindustan Times. "In Indian mindsets, all the Devis are out of this world, it should be extraordinary. I don't know how they are going to make this actress look that attractive that Raavan would fall for her," the 63-year-old said. Sai is yet to react to the comments. Meanwhile, last year, Pinkvilla reported that Sai Pallavi is charging Rs 6 crore for her portrayal of Goddess Sita. She has doubled her reported fees of Rs 2.5 crore to Rs 3 crore for the film.

Director Nitesh Tiwari began shooting for Ramayana earlier this summer. Actress Akruti Singh took to her Instagram stories and shared a video from the film's grand Ayodhya set in Mumbai. Later, photos of Lara Dutta and Arun Govil from the sets have been leaked. Following the leak, Nitesh took a drastic step to combat these measures. According to a report by India Today, director Nitesh Tiwari was quite upset with the leak and thus, a "strict no-phone policy has been imposed on the set". The director has also mandated that extra staff and crew be off the set when the shooting begins. As per the report, only required actors and technicians can be on set.

Sharmin Segal ANSWERS If She Was 'Arrogant' With Heeramandi Co-Star Aditi Rao Hydari: 'My Co-stars Have...'



Ever since the release of Heeramandi, several videos of Sharmin Segal surfaced on social media which left many wondering if she was "arrogant" on sets with her co-stars, especially Aditi Rao Hydari and Sanjeeda Sheikh. Recently, Sharmin also opened up about such allegations and explained that her interview clips were "being taken out of context." Sharmin revealed that she shared a "cordial" relationship with Aditi and urged people to watch her full interviews rather than judging her based on 10-second edited clips. "Some of my co-stars have spoken graciously as to how these interviews were taken out of context. I share a very cordial equation with both Aditi and Sanjeeda. I wish that people would not use 10-second out-of-context clips to define the relationship I share with them," Sharmin told Zoom as quoted by Indian Express. The clarification comes days after Sharmin called Aditi a 'school girl' for punctuality on sets. In a viral video on Instagram, Sharmin talked about Aditi when she said, "Aditi is a good school girl, please understand that. Teacher will say you have to submit your home work at this time and Aditi will do exactly that and not one more word than the word count limit. That is Aditi for you. So, according to her everyone is late and she is on time." The actress was criticised for her behaviour.

Meanwhile, Sharmin was also criticised for her performance in the show. She played the role of Alamzeb in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's directorial. Recently, Sharmin was speaking exclusively to News18 Showsha when she opened up about the trolling and said, "I had given my all to Alamzeb's character. We tend to fixate on the negatives but there are so many positives that have also come along, which we don't talk about. It's perhaps not interesting enough to talk about positives and we tend to look over them to some degree." "There was a point when I was not looking at many things [reviews] but then slowly, I realised that I was also missing out on a lot of love that I was getting."

Anushka Sharma

Enjoys Art Session With Daughter Vamika, Shares Aww-Dorable Photo Online

Anushka Sharma is spending some quality time with her daughter, Vamika. On Tuesday, the actress took to her Instagram stories and shared a picture of her drawing session with her daughter. In the photo, a blackboard was seen divided into two halves with Vamika and Anushka's names written on it in Hindi. While Vamika also made a cute attempt at drawing, Anushka also drew some beautiful flowers with chalk. This comes a couple of days after Anushka also shared a sweet post for Virat Kohli on behalf of their children on the occasion of Father's Day. She shared a photo of a chart paper on Instagram which had two yellow footprints — one large and one small. It also had "Happy Father's Day" written on it in red paint. "How can one person be so good at so many things! Baffling we LOVE YOU @virat.kohli," Anushka wrote in the caption. Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli married in December 2017. The couple welcomed their first child, a baby girl in January 2021 and named her Vamika. "We have lived together with love, presence and gratitude as a way of life but this little one, Vamika has taken it to a whole new level! Tears, laughter, worry, bliss — emotions that have been experienced in a span of minutes sometimes," Anushka had written on Instagram back then.



In February this year, Anushka and Virat became parents once again when they welcomed a baby boy. Later, Anushka took to her Instagram handle and revealed that they had named the boy Akaay. "With abundant happiness and our hearts full of love, we are pleased to inform everyone that on 15th February, we welcomed our baby boy Akaay and Vamika's little brother into this world!" the couple announced. Meanwhile, on the work front, Anushka Sharma will next be seen in Chakda Xpress. It is a biopic on the life of cricketer Jhulan Goswami. The movie also marks her comeback to film after six years. She was last seen in Zero with Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif. The upcoming sports drama will be released on Netflix. However, its release date has not been announced as of now.

