

Delhi High Court restrains Ramdev from claiming Coronil cure for Covid

Sanjay Kumar

New Delhi, July 29: The Delhi High Court on Monday restrained yoga guru Ramdev from making claims that "Coronil" is a cure for Covid and directed him to take down such assertions with respect to the Patanjali product from all websites and social media platforms with-

in three days.Justice Anup Jairam

Bhambhani, in an interim order on a law-

suit filed by several doctors' associations,

observed that statutory approvals

allowed the tablet to be used as a "sup-

porting measure for Covid", which was a

"far cry" from Ramdev's claim of it being

a treatment for the viral disease. Allowing

such advertisement and promotion of the product would not only put the public at

risk, but may also bring "disrepute" to

Ayurveda, the judge opined. The doctors' associations had filed the lawsuit in 2021

against Ramdev, his associate Acharya

Balkrishna as well as Patanjali Ayurveda,

claiming that they had made "unsubstan-

tiated claims" with respect to "Coronil"

being a cure for Covid, contrary to the

licence granted to the drug for merely

being an "immuno-booster". "The contest-

ing defendants have represented to the

public at large that the said tablet is a

treatment, medicine and even cure for

Covid. Such statements and representa-

tions are clearly contrary to, and in fla-

grant violation of, the statutory approvals,

certifications and licences issued by the

Ministry of AYUSH and/or by the licens-

ing authorities," the court said in its judg-

ment passed on an application moved by

the doctors seeking interim relief."The

said tablet is, at best, an immunity boost-

er, which strengthens the immune sys-

tem in a general sense, and the said tablet

cannot be advertised or promoted as a

treatment, medicine or cure for Covid. To

be clear, anecdotal evidence of some per-

sons can never be a substitute for statuto-

the said tablet as a treatment, medicine or cure for Covid," the court held.Emphasising that the world was facing the "most serious health crisis that humanity had seen in the last century" when the claims were made and "people were at their most vulnerable", the court said the plaintiffs had made out a "very strong prima-facie case" for the grant of

interim relief and that the conduct of the contesting defendants - Ramdev and the others had been "egregious", with "continuing potential of public nuisance and mischief"."This court is constrained to observe that if the contesting defendants are permitted to continue to promote and advertise the said tablet, not only would the public at large be at risk of their health, the ancient and venerated system of Ayurveda may itself

come into disrepute," the court said."The contesting defendants are directed to forthwith delete and take down from all websites on the internet and social media platforms (that are within their management and control) all statements ... (specifically out in the judgment).

Coaching centre deaths: 5 more arrested, bulldozer action as anger, anguish mount

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, July 29: Five more people were arrested on Monday and bulldozers began demolishing encroachments as anguish over the death of three civil services aspirants who drowned in the basement of a coaching centre echoed across the city, from Parliament to the streets of Old Rajinder Nagar.While Lok Sabha members across party lines demanded an inquiry, hundreds of students continued their protests near Rau's IAS Study Circle in the west Delhi locality where the horror unfolded on Saturday night, killing the three students trapped in the basement illegally used as a library as floodwaters rose outside. The driver of an SUV which drove through the flooded street, causing the water to swell and breach the gates of the three-storey building and inundate the basement, was among the five arrested. The SUV was also seized.With this, the number of arrests has gone up to seven. The owner and the coordinator of the coaching institute have already been nabbed and booked for culpable homicide.Later, the five were sent to judicial custody for 14 days by a court. The five accused – four co-owners of the coaching centre

at Rajinder Nagar and the driver of a car - were water drains will be demolished," produced in the court, which sent them to judi- Commissioner Ashwani Kumar cial custody till August 12. The Municipal reporters. The MCD commissioner had told PTI

Corporation of Delhi, battling charges of negligence and not desilting storm water drains, terminated a junior engineer and suspended an assistant engineer of the area for alleged lapses on their part."Encroachments covering storm told

earlier that storm drains were covered by encroachers, leading to waterlogging and rainwater entering the basement.For many, the civic apathy was underscored by a civil service aspirant, Kishore Singh Kushwah, saying he had complained to the MCD about classes and libraries being operated from the basements of Rao's IAS Study Circle and other institutes on June 26.He said in a video that he was demanding strict action against big coaching institutes which were allegedly putting the lives of students at stake.Not too far away from west Delhi, the tragedy found quiet denouement with the body of Nevin Delvin, the 28-year-old Jawaharlal Nehru University Student who died,

being handed over to his uncle at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital."We will take ... his body to Trivandrum, his native place for the funeral. We learnt about the incident on Sunday morning," the grieving uncle said.

MCD House adjourned after massive uproar over coaching centre deaths in Delhi

New Delhi, July 29: Opposition councillors on Monday trooped into the well of the MCD House on Monday protesting the Rajinder Nagar coaching centre deaths and demanding resignation of the mayor and Delhi chief minister over the incident.BJP and Congress councillors also raised slogans and carried posters against the AAP-led MCD. Amid the ruckus, the mayor adjourned the House even before it could begin and left the House. After the adjournment, BJP councillors staged a protest on the fourth floor of the agency headquarters, demanding the mayor to resume the House. They also raised slogans against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and demanded an inquiry into the deaths. A heavy deployment of police force was seen at the civic centre at the agency headquarters. The uproar erupted over the deaths of three UPSC aspirants, two females and a male, who were killed after the basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle in central Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar area was flooded following heavy rains on Saturday.

Atmosphere of fear prevails in country, Opposition will break BJP's 'chakravyuh': Rahul Gandhi

Navdeep Singh Sahni

New Delhi, July 29: Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi speaking on the Budget in Lok

Sabha on Monday cited the battle of Mahabharata to accuse the ruling BJP-led NDA of creating a 'Chakravyuh' (vortex) to trap the youth, MSME sector, farmers and middle class."...but they are not like Abhimanyu, they are Arjuna and will break the Chakravyuh", Gandhi added.He went onto promise the 'INDIA alliance' parties would get a bill for legal guarantee on the minimum support price (MSP) passed in 🎑 this House. Also, a bill for having caste census would be passed in this house, the INDIA alliance would get it done," Gandhi said.Probably, he was hinting that the two crucial NDA

allies, the Janata Dal United led by Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu-led TDP, would be also okay with having a caste census and providing a legal guarantee on MSP and that could pressure ry approval, certification or licensing of the NDA. The Leader of Opposition made the

'Chakravyuh' as the centre point of his political attack saying there is an atmosphere of fear prevailing in the country. He cited the Mahabharata and the killing of Abhimanyu when he was



trapped in 'Chakravuyuh' saying it is actually shaped like a lotus flower - (the party symbol of the BJP)."Entire India is now trapped in this 'Chakravyuh' that includes the Youth, MSME sector, our mothers and sisters", he added.Gandhi said the 'Chakravyuh' in Mahabharata was created by six people, the modern day 'Chakravyuh' also has six people including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat, the National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and business tycoon Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani.Speaker Om Birla objected to naming people who are not present in the House to which Gandhi retorted okay will not name those not in the House and term the other two as 'A-1' and 'A-2'."The fight is between the creators of the Chakravyuh and those who believe in the 'Shiv ki Baraat'", said Rahul, adding that everyone from multi-faith and diverse background were part of the 'Baraat'.Gandhi said the 'Chakravyuh' has three forces behind it - first is idea of monopoly capital that two people should own wealth of entire India; second institutions and agencies like CBI, the ED and the Income Tax department; third is the political executive."These three together are at the heart of the Chakravyuh," he added."My expectation was that this budget would help farmers, youth and labourers of this country, but the sole aim was to strengthen big business, create a political monopoly that destroys the democratic struc-

tures," Gandhi added.

Supreme Court junks ED's petition against

Customs seize Tramadol worth Rs 110

bail to Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, July 29: Holding that the June 28 Jharkhand High Court order granting bail to Chief Minister Hemant Soren in a money laundering case related to a land deal was "very well-reasoned", the Supreme Court on Monday dismissed the Enforcement Directorate's petition against it."We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned order," a bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice KV Viswanathan told Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, who represented the ED."We clarify that the observations made by the learned single judge are relating to the consideration of bail and the same would not influence the learned trial judge in trial or any other proceedings," the Bench said.As Raju sought to emphasise that the High Court disbelieving the statements of witnesses recorded by the ED under Section 50 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act was not right, the Bench said, "We don't want to observe anything further. If we observe anything further, you will be in difficulty."The rejection of the ED's petition by the Supreme Court

comes as a major relief to the JMM executive president who had resigned as Chief Minister shortly



before the ED arrested him on January 31 in the case. After coming out of jail on bail in the case, Soren took oath as the Chief Minister of Iharkhand again on July 4. The ED's counsel had contended before the high court that if Soren was released on bail, he might commit a similar offence. He had also referred to cases against ED officers in the SC/ST police sta-

tion. However, the high court had said, "Though the conduct of the petitioner has been sought to be highlighted by the Enforcement Directorate on account of the First Information Report instituted by the petitioner against the officials of the ED, but on an overall conspectus of the case, there is no likelihood of the petitioner committing a similar nature of offence."The HC said the consequence of the findings recorded by the court "satisfies the condition as at section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 to the effect that there is reason to believe that the petitioner is not guilty of the offence as alleged". The ED had alleged that he misused his position as the chief minister to "unlawfully" acquire 8.86 acres of land in the Bargain area in the state capital. The agency had claimed that during the probe,

Soren's media consultant Abhishek Prasad admitted that the JMM leader instructed him to manipulate official records to change the ownership details of the plot. The ED had also claimed that the original owner of the land, Raj Kumar Pahan, had tried to lodge a complaint when his land was usurped but it was never acted upon.

crore in Gujarat set for fraudulent export to west Africa

Ahmedabad, July 29: The Customs department at Mundra port in Gujarat's Kutch district seized 68 lakh Tramadol tablets worth Rs 110 crore from two export containers destined for the West African countries of Sierra Leone and Niger.Tramadol has gained notoriety in recent times as the 'fighter drug' after it was reported that ISIS fighters consume it to stay awake for long hours, said a PIB release on Monday.Tramadol, an opioid pain medication, was notified as a psychotropic substance under the NDPS Act in 2018 and its export is restricted. This seizure by Mundra Customs is among the largest seizure of Tramadol since it was notified under the NDPS Act, said the release." Based on specific intelligence gathered by Special Intelligence & Investigation Branch of Mundra Customs, two export consignments of a Rajkot-based merchant exporter were intercepted and examined at Mundra

port on Sunday. In the official documents, the merchant exporter has declared the shipment contains Diclofenac and Gebedol tablets," said the release."While the declared item was found in the front-end of the container. detailed examination revealed boxes containing undeclared medicine strips having labels as 'Tramaking 225' and 'Royal-225', both containing Tramadol Hydrochloride Tablet 225 mg. Neither the strips nor the boxes had any details of the manufacturer." the release added.A total of around 68 lakh tablets of Tramadol with an international street price of around Rs 110 crore were recovered by the Customs officers during the examination, and follow-up searches are underway at Rajkot, Gandhinagar and Gandhidham, said the release. The synthetic opioid drug is reportedly in high demand in African nations like Nigeria and Ghana.

Allahabad High Court sets aside Afzal Ansari's conviction

Prayagraj, July 29: The Allahabad High Court on Monday set aside a Ghazipur court order sentencing Samajwadi Party MP Afzal Ansari to four years' imprisonment under the Gangsters Act over the murder of BJP MLA Krishnanand Rai in 2005.With Justice SK Singh allowing his plea against the conviction, the SP MP can now continue as a member of Parliament. The court also dismissed pleas by the UP government and Piyush Kumar Rai, Krishnanand Rai's son, seeking enhancement of the Ghazipur MP's sentence.An MP-MLA court in Ghazipur had on April 29, 2023 convicted Ansari and sentenced him to four years in jail and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh in the Gangsters Act case.Following this, Ansari was disqualified as an MP. He then filed a criminal appeal before the high court.According to the Representation of the People Act, any MP or state legislator sentenced to imprisonment of two years or more is disqualified "from the date of such conviction" and remains disqualified for another six years after serving time.On July 24, 2023, the high court granted bail to the five-time MLA and two-time MP but declined to stay his conviction in the case. As a result, though Afzal Ansari was released from jail, his membership of Parliament was not restored.

Education minister evades direct reply on Delhi coaching tragedy todav.

Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, July 29: The government issued guidelines on the regulation of coaching centres in January this year, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed Lok Sabha on Monday, even as he evaded a direct reply to a question on the death of three IAS aspirants in Delhi due to flooding.During the Question Hour, Congress MP KC Venugopal mentioned the death of the three students and said the institute had no approved building."Without an approved building, without any facility, some of the coaching centres become mafia... is the government going to take any action?" he said.Venugopal also raised concerns about students' suicides.Quoting information provided by the ministry in an earlier written reply, he said that between 2018-2022, around 80 students committed suicide in topranking institutions like IITs and IIMs, adding that caste discrimination is a major reason behind it.In his response, Pradhan said, "The member has raised a question which is not related to the question put

"But I like to assure the House drain" with students going abroad for higher also said there is no dearth of high quality through you. This government is committed education. The students who go outside education institutions in the country. He

to total socio-psychological and mental protection of all students, whether they are studying in a coaching centre, institution, school education or higher education," he said. He said exhaustive and detailed guidelines on coaching centres were issued to all states in January, 2024."Some states also have regulations, like Rajasthan, Bihar and Goa. They have their own regulations to look he said."Regarding the protection, this is a socio-psychological issue.

We all have to take care. This is have made the country proud, he said.TMC not an issue to be dealt with through only allegations and answers," he said. Three civil MP Saugata Roy asked if the number of stuservices aspirants died on Saturday after the dents going abroad is increasing. He said basement of a building housing a coaching good quality higher education not being centre in central Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar available in India was the reason behind the area was flooded following heavy rains. In his "brain-drain". The education minister assertreply to another question, Pradhan dised the intelligence of Indian students should missed that India was witnessing "brain- not be criticised for political reasons, and

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named Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, Google CEO Sundar Pichai, Adobe Systems CEO Shantanu Narayen, and IBM CEO Arvind Krishna among those who came out of the Indian education system. India is proud of them, he said."Go to any economic hotspot, Indians are thriving there... We grow due to this connectivity. The globe is shrinking into a village. Depriving our next generation of good standards of the world is wrong," he said.However, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor

said that the top institutions named by the minister are like just a "few islands of excellence in a vast ocean of mediocrity", and improvement is required. Pradhan in his reply said he is open to suggestions, and added that the government is stressing on quality education, and there are ranking systems to evaluate it.

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News box

Belapur building crash: How alert auto driver saved 55 lives

- **NAVI MUMBAI.** The 55 survivors of the crash will forever be in Aakash Babu's debt. The 29-year-old auto driver who used to sleep in a hair salon on the building's ground floor had just arrived around 2am on Saturday when he heard a rumble from the first floor.
- Babu reacted swiftly. He began waking others up. He said groggy residents were initially reluctant to leave; a woman on the ground floor even rubbished his warning. "Minutes later, her family came on the road and saw the building collapse," he said. "First floor occupants followed my advice and quickly exited. Many occupants started leaving after I raised an alarm."
- Babu, who did a second job at the salon every Sunday to pay off the debts incurred during two sisters' marriages and to save up for the remaining four's weddings, said earlier, residents used to avoid speaking to him owing to his "drinking habit". "Now, they have begun appreciating me."

HC: Just chats with accused cannot point to major role

- **Mumbai.** Bombay HC, while granting bail to a stock broker in a Rs 10 cr cheating case, said merely being in touch with the main accused and forwarding some Whatsapp messages about dormant shares cannot be the sole basis that he played a major role. The police alleged Manish Shah had forged documents and created fake demat accounts, claiming unclaimed shares of customers. He was arrested in February.
- The statement of Mahadev Gavde, employee of the main accused, described how the main accused opened such fake accounts, but did not ascribe any role to Shah. The court said there was no evidence to suggest Shah benefited from the alleged fraudulent activities.Advocate Sujay Kantawala, representing Shah, argued that evidence against his client was insufficient, citing primary material consisted of WhatsApp chats and call records indicating communication between Shah and Goyal. —SAhmedAli
- BJP MP Piyush Goyal slams Sharad Pawars externment comment on Amit Shah; d e m a n d s a p o l o g y f o r 'f a l s e allegations'Sharad Pawar faced calls from BJP leaders, including Union minister Piyush Goyal, to apologize to Amit Shah for accusing him of being externed by the SC. BJP asserted the SC had cleared Shah of the charges and criticized Pawar for making personal attacks. Pawar made the comments following Shah's allegations of corruption against him.
- CM Eknath Shinde urges opposition to introspect on allegations Amit Shah's remarksChief Minister Eknath Shinde urged the opposition to introspect on corruption allegations following Amit Shah's remarks

Impasse over technicians' boycott of director remains unresolved, West Bengal Artists Forum offers to mediate

Kolkata. Amid the ongoing impasse over technicians' refusal to work under a film director, the West Bengal Motion Pictures Artists Forum on Sunday offered to mediate for ending the impasse.

Voicing apprehension that the boycott of the director by technicians and protests by other directors may snowball into a major crisis affecting shoots of films, serials, web series in Bengali film industry, forum president and veteran actor Ranjit Mallick and secretary Santilal Mukherjee requested all sides to

sit for talks immediately and thrash out the differences."Any disruption of shooting will affect actors, directors, technicians, producers – every stakeholder in the industry – which will do not good. We therefore call upon every side to sit for talks for the interest of industry and iron out differences. If required the artist's forum can mediate to resolve the issue. Let's not allow the situation to snowball into a major crisis that will only affect everyone in the industry as



well as the audiences," the forum said.

The forum, the apex body of actors in the entertainment industry in Bengal, also stressed nothing should be done which will tantamount to showing its respect to anyone including directors.

On Saturday, despite the clean chit given to film maker Rahool Mukherjee by the Directors' Guild allowing him to work as creative producer in an upcoming film, no technician turned up at a Kolkata studio on the first day of shooting of the movie produced by a big production house. The development comes despite the Federation of Cine Technicians and Workers of Eastern India (FCTWEI) on July 26 clarifying that Mukherjee is free to work as a creative producer of the film but not as a director for three months.

Federation president Swarup Biswas said Mukherjee was being debarred from directing films for three months for violating norms by visiting Bangladesh for shooting another movie without intimation to the federation and taking the help of technicians in Dhaka. "Neither

the federation nor the Directors' Guild was informed by Mukherjee about his visit to Bangladesh for shooting a film, which is against the rule," he had said on Friday.

In fresh development after an urgent federation meeting on Saturday evening, Biswas told reporters that while it had been amicably decided earlier that Mukherjee would be the creative producer of the film to be shot from July 27, the call sheet given to them for the shoot referred to Mukherjee as the director and he was seen taking every initiative during the shoot as the de facto director.

"This was seen as violating the spirit of our agreement and we technicians don't want to work under the instruction of Mukherjee who had not taken any technician from Kolkata to complete 10 days of shooting of another film 'Lohu' in Bangladesh. Mukherjee himself had admitted his mistake at the first meeting with the federation and guild earlier in July but now retracting," Biswas said. "We also don't wish to stop work in Tollygunge studios as the livelihood of 7,000-8,000 technicians revolve around shootings for films, serials and web series. We had never failed in our commitment. But the fact remains that someone must not undertake shootings in a clandestine manner keeping the local technicians of his project in dark and hiring crew from outside the country," another senior federation member said about the controversy revolving another film Lohu shot in Bangladesh creating all problem.

How a 6-km stretch became a lifeline for commuters in Jalandhar

However, the road needed major patch works and laying of bituminous concrete at several locations. Finally around six months ago it was again opened to public after the required maintenance.

Jalandhar. With the completion of maintenance work on a 6-km four-lane road project, commuters in Jalandhar are releived. The Olympian Marg was constructed a few years ago to connect NH-1 near Pragpur with Nakodar, Nurmahal, Jandiala towns, several dozen villages and also to Moga district directly. Standing at a length of 6.625 km, the road reduces travel distances to Nakodar, Nurmahal, and Jandiala by around 30 minutes. It also decreases the traffic load of passengers going to the other side in Jalandhar city. However, the road needed major patch works and laying of bituminous concrete at several locations. Finally around six months ago it was again opened to public after the required maintenance. The Olympian Marg, which was earlier known as GT Road used for commute from Jamsher to Khusropur, was part of a 2018-19 road plan.

"Though the road is in use for a few years now but it needed maintenace for three years. As the road provided a major relief from congestion earlier, periodic maintenace from time-to-time was needed," said a PWD official, adding that for maintenance, the administration approval was given in December 2021 with a budget of Rs 6.22 crore and then the project started on January 6, 2022 after a tender of Rs 4.41 crore was floated. Residents have expressed gratitude for this infrastructure and it's maintenance including a major patch work needed on it, highlighting its transformative impact on



their daily lives. Villages along the route now enjoy seamless connectivity to NH-1, while commuters praise the hassle-free journey and reduced dependency on congested urban routes.

This new road has made a significant difference in our daily commute," said, Pawan Kumar, a resident of Nurmahal.

'Earlier, going towards Nakodar and Jandiala involved navigating through Jalandhar city, which was timeconsuming and stressful. Now, the Gagandeep Kaur, a teacher from Khusropur village who travels to Phagwara daily. In addition to benefiting residents, the road also serves as a crucial link for travelers from Jalandhar Cantonment and surrounding areas, offering them a direct route to NH-1 in mere minutes.Gurmeet Singh, Executive Engineer (XEN) of PWD B&R (Building and Roads) Provincial Division Jalandhar Cantt, said, "This route is one of the most important connecting routes of Jalandhar

Moga woman duped by Oman employer; tricked into paying lakhs to return by travel agent

<u>Her family in Moga was in dire financial straits,</u> <u>and so she went to the Gulf to work as a</u> <u>housemaid in the hope of improving the</u> monetary situation back home.

Jalandhar. This is a tale of a young woman from Moga district who went to Oman seeking greener pastures only to find herself short-changed by her employer there and her travel agent.

Her family in Moga was in dire financial straits, and so she went to the Gulf to work as a housemaid in the hope of improving the monetary situation back home. But her trip backfired. Rather than serving the purpose, it involved more than she bargained for. She had to pay a huge sum, losing all her savings, to the travel agent to return home. Today things at home are worse than when she left for the Gulf. Her ordeal reveals a harrowing tale of exploitation, deception, and ongoing distress.

Last September, under the guidance of her relativecum-travel agent Amarjot Kaur, she invested Rs 25,000 to secure a job in Oman. Kaur assured her of ample job opportunities and a decent salary of 100 Omani Riyals per month (approximately Rs 22,000). However, the ground reality was totally different. The woman was paid only for five months, receiving a total of 500 Riyal, against her work for almost 10 months. Her troubles began when she developed a severe skin condition on her hands. When she sought medical attention, her employer responded by locking her in a room after work hours. Furthermore, instead of working in a single household, she was forced to do chores in three other houses also. Despite her pleas for better conditions, her relative-cum-travel agent dismissed her concerns, telling her she was "sold" and had no right to demand fair treatment. Physical abuse and further exploitation followed, leaving her in a dire situation. To make matters worse, when her family demanded her return, Kaur extracted an additional Rs 2 lakh - which included her five-month salary and more — from her before agreeing to facilitate her repatriation.

about Sharad Pawar. He highlighted that no corruption charges against his government have been substantiated since he took office. Shinde also referenced Shah's recent comments about Uddhav Thackeray during the Lok Sabha elections.Meta removes 63,000 Nigerian Instagram accounts accused of sextortion scandalsMeta removed 63,000 Instagram accounts from Nigeria involved in sextortion scams targeting mostly US adults. The crackdown, focusing on the 'Yahoo Boys,' also led to the removal of thousands of Facebook accounts. Some accounts targeted minors, reported to NCMEC. Meta introduced new features to warn users about potential scams and detect nudity in direct messages.

Narcotics drugs worth over Rs 100 cr seized from Mundra

Gandhinagar. Two consignments of illicit narcotic drugs worth more than '100 crore that were being allegedly exported to Western African countries of Sierra Leone and Niger were seized by the customs department in Mundra, the office of the Principal Commissioner of Customs in Kutch said in a statement Sunday. The seized consignment contained Tramadol tablets that has gained notoriety as the 'fighter drug' after it was reported that ISIS fighters used it to stay awake for long hours. Follow-up searches are underway at Rajkot, Gandhinagar and Gandhidham following the seizure, the release added.Tramadol export is restricted under the provisions of Narcotic Drug and Pshychotropic Substance (NDPS) Act. The seizure is considered as among the largest of Tramadol since it was notified under the NDPS Act in 2018. Acting on intelligence inputs, the two export consignments of a Rajkot-based merchant exporter that was declared as diclofenac tab and gebedol tab were "intercepted and examined", the release stated."While the declared item was found in the front end of the container, detailed examination revealed boxes containing undeclared medicine strips bearing labels of 'Tramaking 225 and 'Royal-225' both containing Tramadol Hydrochloride Tablet 225 mg. Neither the strips nor the boxes had any details of the manufacturer. Around 68 lakh tablets of Tramadol with an International Street Price of around `110 crore were recovered," it added.

journey is smooth and quick. The road needed maintenance as some patch work was needed on it and because of that people were inconvenienced. But now that has also been repaired," said

and it's maintenance is the crucial component like any such infrastructure and we are taking care that everything gets done on time to avoid any damage to the basic structure.

Call to relocate Tasmac outlet near Otteri bus stop

According to locals, the Tasmac outlet in ward 71 has been functioning for over two decades.

CHENNAI. Commuters boarding buses from the Otteri bus stop on Brick Kiln Road are demanding the relocation of a nearby Tasmac outlet, as drunkards are posing a safety concern for women, children, as well as motorists.

According to locals, the Tasmac outlet in ward 71 has been functioning for over two decades. The nearby bus stand, often used by commuters on the 29C route, has become extremely busy, especially after the relocation of 29A bus stop due to metro rail work. The Tasmac outlet is situated between two vegetable supermarkets, in close proximity to the bus stop.

Commuters say that the shop opens after 11am, when the morning rush begins, while at night, people are often seen drinking at the bus stop. The vehicles parked by customers to buy liquor also causes traffic congestion.

"After the 29A bus stop was shifted here due to the ongoing metro work, the rush has

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of the Railway

official.

Board," said an



increased. Moreover, working people, school, and college students use this bus stop. It is inappropriate to have a Tasmac outlet near such a heavily used public facility, and it

needs to be relocated. Additionally, at night, men who drink at the bus stop or pass out under the influence of alcohol and create nuisance," said C Susila (50), a resident.

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Railways' decision to compensate Joy's family caught in legal tangle

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

Nearly two weeks after the tragic death of Joy, the Railways' decision to compensate the sanitation worker's family is entangled in legal complexities. The Thiruvananthapuram Railway Division has reached out to the National Commission on Labour to explore the possibility of providing compensation under the Workmen Compensation Act.

"We are looking into options to compensate the family in the best possible way and have the support of the Railway Board. However, as an organisation, the Railways must adhere to the rules set by the Union government," an official

stated.

A favourable decision from the Labour Commission is crucial, as it would qualify the family for a more substantial compensation package. The Act mandates that certain classes of employers provide compensation to their workers for injuries resulting from accidents. The Railways entrusted the cleaning and desilting work of the Amayizhanchan canal with Joy through the irrigation department on July 13.



However, Joy went missing in the canal filled with waste from the city. His body was found after 46 hours of search.

The state government has already provided an ex-gratia payment of Rs 10 lakh to the worker's family. There has been significant pressure from state ministers and members of parliament on the Railways to offer compensation. Rajya Sabha MP A A Rahim raised the issue in Parliament and criticised the Railways for its

delay in addressing the matter.

News box

Sewage overflowing, 'contaminating drinking water' in Gurgaon's Sushant Lok 1

GURGAON. Residents of Sushant Lok 1 have been grappling with the problem of overflowing sewer lines for the past two years. They said on Sunday that the situation worsened over the last few months because sewer lines were not desilted, causing wastewater to back up and overflow on to streets across the colony. The stench of sewage on roads is nauseating and stagnant water is becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes, they said. MCG, in Sept last year, allotted Rs 30.7 lakh for desilting of sewer lines in the area with the help of a bucket machine. But no work has been done on the ground, residents alleged.

The RWA has repeatedly complained about the problem, but MCG hasn't taken any action, they said. Moreover, residents suspect that sewage is mixing with the drinking water supply, raising concerns about contamination.



"The situation is unbearable, and it has impacted our lives severely. Even devotees are forced to navigate through dirty water to get to the colony temple.MCG needs to carry out the desilting of sewer lines in the colony on an urgent basis to prevent further overflow and contamination of the drinking water supply," said Deepak Verma, president of Sushant Lok-1 RWA. "MCG does not have adequate super sucker machines and they don't know how to tackle the situation. We have shown them pictures and videos, and officials have visited the site, but the situation remains the same.MCG lacks the will to resolve people's problems," said Ashok Dalwani, RWA general secretary. MCG executive engineer Harish Kumar, said, "We have been regularly attending to the problem. If there are any further issues, we will get it checked and action will be taken accordingly

Youth comes in touch with wire, dies of electric shock

- GURGAON.A 20-year-old labourer was electrocuted when he came into contact with an overhead electric wire in Tigaon on Sunday morning. He was among a group of kanwariyas from Nawada and Tigaon villages in Faridabad preparing for the Kanwar yatra to Haridwar.
- According to the police, around 25 kanwariyas had hired a DCM van for the yatra. On Sunday morning, nine members of the group went to Ballabgarh to decorate the vehicle

Hot & humid weather causes uptick in flu, typhoid, eye infection cases: Doctors

GURGAON. Scant rainfall, high humidity and warm days are reasons that doctors suspect more people are being diagnosed with viral fever, diarrhoea, typhoid, jaundice, eye infections, abdominal pain and skin rashes.Doctors in the city said on Sunday that they have noticed a 35-40% increase in the number of patients complaining of similar ailments in OPDs over the past few weeks.Dr Pankaj Verma, a senior consultant in internal medicine at Narayana Hospital, said hot and humid weather "fosters an optimal environment for the proliferation of bacteria and viruses". Children, the elderly, and individuals with compromised immune systems are particularly vulnerable to these

ailments," he said.Dr Rimi Dey, senior registrar in critical care and emergency at Marengo Asia Hospital, said she noticed an increase of 40% cases of viral fever and similar infections.

Others pointed out that brief spells of rainfall can lead to accumulation of water



in residential areas, and contamination of water supply if not kept properly."During periods of high humidity, people commonly experience gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhoea, vomiting, and abdominal pain as well as viral and bacterial infections. To prevent these issues, it is imperative to maintain proper hydration, practice good hygiene, consume well-cooked food and avoid stagnant water sources. We are treating patients with a combination of rehydration therapies and antibiotics for

bacterial infections, antiviral medications and symptomatic relief measures," said Virender Yadav, chief medical officer, Gurgaon.Some doctors said there was an uptick in the number of patients diagnosed with jaundice and gastroenteritis.Dr Amitabha Ghosh, a consultant for internal medicine at Manipal Hospital in the city, emphasised on the importance of maintaining good hygiene practices such as use of clean utensils, regular washing of hands and raw food. Dr Ghosh added that respiratory tract infections can also

spread quickly from person-to-person. Residents of the city said they, too, knew someone or the other recovering from fever or other infections.Kavita Mishra, who lives in Sector 48, said: "It is disconcerting to see so many people falling ill. Despite taking all possible precautions, weather conditions are not conducive to the well-being of the elderly and children. I also experienced some weakness, headaches and body ache over the past 12 days."

Man dies, daughter injured as auto flips on Gurgaon-Delhi Expressway

GURGAON. A 50-year-old private company employee died, and his daughter suffered injuries when the auto-rickshaw they were travelling in overturned on the Gurgaon-Delhi Expressway near Beriwala Bagh on Saturday afternoon. After the accident, the auto driver abandoned the vehicle and fled the spot. Based on the daughter's complaint, police registered a case against the accused auto driver.Mahendra Kumar was from Jakhour village in UP's Hardoi . In her complaint, Puja said she and her father had travelled to Naharpur to visit her sister, Laxmi. "After meeting my sister, we were on our way back to Jakhour. We boarded an autorickshaw in Naharpur to go to Gurgaon bus stand. The auto driver was driving carelessly at a high speed, despite our warnings. When we reached Beriwala Bagh on the Gurgaon-Delhi Expressway, the auto-rickshaw went out of control and overturned on the highway in front of the Nexa showroom near Beriwala Bagh," Puja said

- According to police, Mahendra was stuck under the overturned auto and suffered severe injuries, while Puja sustained minor injuries. Furthermore, Puja added that the auto driver fled from the spot. Other motorists and locals pulled the two out and admitted them to the nearby Medanta Hospital, where Mahendra was declared dead.
- Subsequently, passersby alerted the police about the incident, and a team of officers from Shivaji Nagar police station rushed to the spot. They found the overturned auto-rickshaw on the highway near Beriwala Bagh. The injured passengers had already been taken to the hospital by that time, officials said.
- "Based on the complaint of Puja, police registered a case under BNS sections 106(1) (causing death by negligence) and 281 (rash driving or riding in a public way). Police have seized the auto and are trying to trace the accused," police said.

Cameras to check waste management ops & curb illegal dumping at 14 sites in Gurgaon soon

GURGAON: Secondary waste collection points and Bandhwari landfill site will be monitored via CCTV cameras to prevent unauthorised dumping and improve checks on garbage management services in the city.GMDA will install a total of 62 CCTV cameras at the cost of Rs 4 crore during the first phase of the project at 14 waste collection sites, including Dundahera, Atul Kataria Chowk, Sheetla Mata Mandir, Roshanpura Sabji Mandi, Sector 37, Khandsa, Beriwala Bagh, opposite court parking, Prempuri Jharsa, Nathupur, Chakkarpur, Wazirabad, Kanhai and Sector 70.

Name Change

hitherto known as Manisha harma,W/O Deepak J Sharma,R/O I.No, L-81, Jalvayu vihar, Sector-25 VTC: Noida PO: Noida, District: Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201301, have changed miname and shall hereafter be known as MANISHA KAUSHIK.

Name Change

hitherto known as JAI PRAKASH BHARTI alias VINOD KUMAR BALMIKI S/o ISHWAR SINGH R/o B-2/149, Sultan Puri, C - BLOCK, North

Maun Road, Shasti Park, East Delhi Delhi-110053, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MOHD GUZAR. I have changed my name only, not my religion. Name Change

I, hitherto known as CHANDAN KUMAR alias CHANDAN KUMAR MAHINDRU S/o PAWAN KUMAR MAHINDRU R/o C-8/257 A, Lawrence Road, Keshav Puram, North West Delhi, Delhi -110035 pave changed my pame and shall

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Name Change

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/ADDE NARESH KUMAR R/C /PO-VISWANADHAPALLI, TEH

SINGARENI, DIST-KHAMMAM, TELANGANA-507122 have changed my name from VADDE SWETHA to KOINI SWETHA for all future purpos-

vide affidavit dated 29/07/2024

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before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change

I hitherto known as VISHAL AHMAD alias MOHD GULZAR son of MOHD YAQUB, residing at C-31/1, Gali No. 2

this key city road riddled with potholes GURGAON. The master water Dwarka Expressway, traffic on this route has increased supply line along the road between manifold as commuters take this stretch to reach Udyog Vihar. This has put additional

Gurgaon: How leakages in a pipeline leave

RezangLa Chowk and Krishna Chowk is old and in dilapidated state, leading to frequent leaks. Commuting, therefore, becomes difficult on the stretch that is a crucial link to Palam Vihar, and sectors 23A, 110A, 112, 113, and 115. Encroachments and illegal cuts add to woes.Frequent damage to the pipeline also forces authorities to repeatedly dig the road, leaving behind patchwork repairs and sections riddled with potholes.

Commuters said they have been driving through this stretch for three months. Moreover, the road has not been maintained properly over the last four years, they said. The situation has been aggravated by unauthorised cuts made by locals and shops, causing traffic snarls daily.Despite several complaints made to GMDA, no permanent solution has been



provided so far. Lajpat Gupta, a resident of Palam Vihar, said, "Repeated repair of the pipeline has worsened the road condition and I have not seen GMDA carrying out the recarpeting of this stretch for the last four years. We have been asking GMDA to come up with a permanent solution.Crossing this stretch has been a daily hassle." Residents also pointed out that after the opening of

Sahib Singh: A Rising Star in International Chess

New Delhi: Sahib Singh, a 16-year-old genius currently studying at Prudence School Ashok Vihar, is a highly promising and passionate international chess player. Since beginning his chess journey in 2015, Sahib has accumulated a remarkable list of achievements. Over these eventful years, Sahib has won numerous accolades at the State level, National Schools, Asian

Youth championships, and a remarkable gold hattrick at the Western Asian Youth Chess Championship in

hitherto known as Renu alias Ran Sala W/O Sudesh Sharma,R/C (191 TAGORE GALI RAGHUBAR changed my name and shall hereafter be known as JAI PRAKASH BHARTI. PURA NO-1, Gandhi Nagar S.O East Delhi, Delhi,110031 have changed my name and shall here after be known as RANU BALA.

112), Gurgaon, Haryana-122004

Have Changed My Name to Sheela Devi For All Future Purposes.

Name Change

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deteriorating road condition. 'Traffic has increased over the past few months and illegal cuts have also added to our woes.Moreover, there is no safe space for pedestrians because of encroachments, which the

(west zone), said on Sunday. A senior GMDA official said, "The authority will carry out repair work immediately after the rainy season as this weather is not conducive for bituminous work. We will also undertake necessary actions on unauthorised cuts to ensure smooth flow of traffic.

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Name Change , MOHMMED ALI S/O AHMED ALI residing at D-3, NEW SEE AMPUR DELHI 110053 have changed my name to MOHMMAE

Name Change MOHD AMIR S/O MOHD IDRIS

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Name Change

authorities concerned have repeatedly failed to notice," JP Dahiya, president of Sector 23A RWA

and set up a DJ sound system. The incident occurred when the group was at Nawada after getting the van decorated.

"The DJ boxes were placed on top of the driver's cabin, and some people sat on top to lift the overhead electric wires. As they were returning to Tigaon-Nawada, the youngsters used bamboo sticks to lift the wires and clear a path for the van. During this process, a live wire slipped from the stick and came into contact with Nitin and eight others around him. This resulted in a severe electric shock," said inspector (Tigaon) Bhagwan. Upon hearing their screams, the van's driver immediately pulled the vehicle aside, the inspector said. The group was rushed to a nearby private hospital in Tigaon. As Nitin's condition was critical, he was referred to a 'civil hospital in Faridabad, where he was declared dead, said an official.

Sewage flows into Ghaziabad forest, none to take care of trees here

- GHAZIABAD. Lush jamun, banyan, kanakgandha, amaltas and neem trees spread over a 200-acre forest crisscrossed by quaint walking trails and sporadic faded thatched huts for walkers to take rest - sitting just across the Hindon banks, Sai Upvan often referred to as the Ghaziabad's "green lung" has long countered the city's carbon output and provided scores of walkers a green oasis of calm amid the hub drub of the industrial city.Initially a vast agricultural land, the municipal corporation earmarked the area as a 'city forest' around 2001. It boasted of 2.5 lakh trees of various varieties and those with medicinal properties.
- Fast forward to 2024, the green area lies submerged in a thick five-to-six-foot layer of slime and sewage water. The remaining area is strewn with rotting garbage. A pungent odour hangs over the area. People living nearby say parts of the forest, especially areas near the Mahamaya stadium, are a breeding ground for flies, mosquitoes and other insects
- Green activists said around 2008, a drain that meanders through the forest started to overflow and, in the absence of any other outlet, sewage water started gushing directly into the forest. In a matter of months, in destroyed trees on at least 32 acres.



category of 2008 born kids and in the prestigious list of top 100 players in India over all age categories. He achieved the title of CM (Candidate Master) in 2022 and FM (FIDE Master) title in 2023. Currently, with 2 IM norms and 1 GM norm under his belt, He is only one norm shy of becomng an International Master. Sahib's dedi-

cation to chess requires intensive training and hard-work under the guidance of his coach, GM Swayams Mishra while maintaining an extremely delicate balance of Chess with his Academics. Sahib's commitment to his passion sees him traveling extensively with his father to participate in

various events worldwide, all in pursuit of his ultimate dream: Becoming the first Sikh IM/GM and then fetching the prestigious title of Super Grandmaster and making his country proud.

> Name Change I, VINITA MARWAHA D/ KRISHNAKANT SHARMA residin D/O at B-32, 2ND FLOOR, AMAR COLONY, LAJPAT NAGAR-4 DELHI-110024 have changed my name to VINITA KRISHNAKAN SHARMA for all future purpose.

DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE RAJKALI PAL mother of NC 5789544A Rank-HAV Name-AMI (UMAR PAL R/O VILL-BHUALPU) DOMIPUR. TEH-SADAR. DIS PRATAPGARH, UTTAR PRADESI have changed my date of birth from 01 Jul 1963 to 14 Apr 1957 vide affidavit No-GP 817780 dated 24/07/2024 from Tehsildar Sadar ucknow (UP) India.

Name Change

It is for general information that SATISH KUMAR S/o SUBE SING R/o 877, Kheri Naru, Kheri Naroo Karnal, Haryana-132036, declar that name of my wife has bee wrongly written as SUSHILA DEVI i ny minor son's namely DIPANSHU aged 17 years in his CBSE 10th and 12th class Educational Documents The actual name of my wife SUSHEELA DEVI

Name Change I, LALITA CHOUBEY mother of NO-15702425W Rank-HAV Name-RITESH KUMAR CHOUBEY residing at H.NO-592K/861, PRABHAT NAGAR, KHARIKA, TELIBAGH, LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH-226002 have changed my name from LALITA CHOUBEY to LALITA DEVI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 29/07/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

Name Change

JC-674872P Rank-SUB Name ANJAY KUMAR S/o CHANDRA AL SINGH R/o VILL-AURANGPUR MOHSAN, PO-BHIROLI, DIST BULANDSHAHR, UTTAR PRADESH-245409 have changed ny minor daughter's name from KUMARI JEEVIKA SIROHI to JEEVI-KA SIROHI for all future purposes ide affidavit dated 29/07/2024 Befor lotary Public, Delhi.

Lost and found , BRAHAM PRAKASH, S/O SHIV LAL

HOUSE NO. 182 GALI NO. 5-B, VIL-AGE GOPALPUR DELHI-110009 AVE LOST DRIVING LICENCE OF AMIT KUMAR (DL) NO. D120050089773 BHARAT GAS AGENCY NAME OF DHANESH, CONSUMER NO. 95040753 REGIS TRATION CERTIFICATE (RC) NAME OF AMRITA, NO.- DL10CW8458, APER OF GPA SMT DHANESH W/C RAHAM PRAKASH PLOT NO. 22A (HASRA NO. 41, GALI NO. SD, VIL-LAGE GOPAL PUR DELHI-110009 DATE: 24.09.1992. If anybody finds ease contact me

Name Change SURENDER SHARMA S/C HARIRAM SHARMA residing at B-1/3, STREET NO-4, BHAJANPU-RA, DELHI 110053 have changed my name to SURENDER KUMAR SHARMA for all future purposes

Name Change I, IDREESH S/O BUNDU KHAN residing at C-112/20 GALI NO 17, SUBASH MOHALLA, NORTH GHONDA, DELHI 110053 have changed my name to MOHD IDR-SH for all future purposes

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I, JAMIL AHMED S/O KALLOO MISTRI residing at K-106, NEW SEELAMPUR, DELHI-110053 have I, SHUBHAM JAIN S/O ASHOK JAIN R/O 14, JANTA COLONY, ROHTAK HARYANA - 124001, have changed my name from SHUBHAM TO SHUB HAM JAIN for all future purpose. hanged my name to JAMEELUD DIN for all future purpose.

Name Change INDER JEET SINGH SOO AMAF

JEET SINGH residing at F-1/185 MADANGIR, DELHI-110062 Declare chan R/o H NO 115 115 A and E184 FLAT NO 3-C, THIRD FLOOF BACK SIDE GALI NO 7, ZAKIF that INDERJEET is my given name and my surname is SINGH BACK SIDE GAL NO 7, ZARIR NAGAR, Okhla, PO: New Friends. Colony, DIST: South Delhi, Delhi -110025 declare that my father's correct name is Md Qaium khan instead of Kayum khan. That Md Qaium khan and Md kayum khan is one and same nerson Name Change one and same person PUBLIC NOTICE BASANTI ARYA D/O HARISH LAL ARYA ,R/O Parmanent address

prrect date of birth as 01/01/1955 vide Affidavit dated 29/07/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi. PUBLIC NOTICE

BEEN WRONGLY WRITTEN as HEERA LAL in my 10th class educa is for general information that ARE LAL KUMAR S/O DASHRATI MANDAL R/O 339. BEHIND RAM my father is HARISH LAL ARYA respectively which may be amended MARKET, MUNIRKA VILLAGE MUNIRKA, SOUTH WEST DELH accordingly. DELHI-110067 declare that name of mine and my minor son has been wrongly written as BADELAL MANDA / and ASHU KR in my minor son ASHU KUMAR aged 13 years in his School Leaving Certificate. The actual name of mine and my minor son are BARE LAL KUMAR and ASHU KUMAR, which may be amended accordingly.

No. 2018/Track-I(P)/RSP-EUR/Vol. I

Sub : E-Tender No. TKP-1-2024 for Supply of Long rail exchange (unloading an loading) System and its Annual Maintenance Contract for 05 (Five) years (Existing EURs to be provided by Indian Railways). Kotla The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website http://ireps.gov.in for Corrigendum details. The tender closing date and opening date of e-bids have been changed to 13.08.2024 回於望 2310/2024 e amended accordingly

Name Change I, Sheela Bangarwa W/o Balra Singh Bangarwa R/o SCE-074, The Skycourt, DLF Garden, City, Sector-86, Nawada, Fatehpur

NO-18003982X Rank-HAV Name SHALENDRA SINGH S/0 HAREN RASINGH R/O VILL-KUSHMAR PO-ETORA, TEH-KALPI, DIST JALAUN, UTTAR PRADESH 85001 have changed my Mind on's name from SHRIYANSH t SHREYANSH for all future purpose ide affidavit dated 29/07/2024

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efore Notary Public, Delhi.

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Name Change

t is for genral information that I, Birvat WO Late Dhan PAL R/O A-157 Sangam Vihar Delhi 110062 Declare hat the name of mine has beer wrongly written as veerbati respec ively in my pension Payment order and in my Husband Ex Services book. The actual name of my birvat Which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that MANOJ ARYA S/O OM PRAKAS ARYA R/O Z-118, PREM NAGAF 2ND, NEAR DURGA CHOWK, SULE MAN NAGAR. SULTANPURI BLOCK, NORTH WEST DELH DELHI-110086 declare that name of nine and my father has been wrong written as MANOJ KR JHAROTIA and OP JHAROTIA in my Driving License No. DL-0420010265418 and name of my father has been wrongly written as OP ARYA in my Voter ID Card No. UDL6861793. The actual name of mine and my father are MANOJ ARYA and OM PRAKASH ARYA, which may e amended accordingly.

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श्री तेजलाल टेलर एवं आशा टेलर (गौत्र सोदिया) के रूप में जाना जाएगा। (श्री पंचायती अखाड़ा बड़ा उदासीन निर्वाण नर्द दरवाजा, उज्जैन, जिला उज्जैन मध्य प्रदेश-456 006) के प्रमाण पत्र की कॉपी सलंगन है। यह है कि मझे भविष्य में अनिरुद्ध सिंह (गौत्र सोदियाँ) के नाम से जाना जाय। यह कि गपथी दवारा इस शपथ पत्र में कोई तथ्य छिपाय नहीं गया है। अगर कोई तथ्य गलत पाया जात

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that I SANJEEV KUMAR S/O SHRI R.K SINGH R/O 1433/7. Mubarakpur, Lodhi Road, South Delhi, Delhi- 110003, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as SANJEEV KUMAR SINGH and SWEETY SINGH in my minor daughter AKSHITA KUMAR aged 14 years in her Educationa ocuments. The actual name of mine and my wife are SANJEEV KUMAR nd SWEETI respectively, which may

I, JC-313933M, SUB, GARIBNAVA. MULLA S/0 MUBARAK MULLA Residing at VIDYA NAGAR HEBBAI HOUSE NO-1679, HUKKERI, BEL-GAUM, KARNATKA-591221 have changed my mother's name from SHAM SHADBI MM to SHAMSHADBI MUBARAK MULLA for all future purposes and in my service records my mother's date of birth wrongly men-tioned as 01/07/1955 instead of her /illage Bhakunkhola, Post office Baijnath, Garur, District Bageshwar, Uttarakhand - 263641, Present adress- S606/607 Park end apart-

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Venezuela's President Maduro wins 3rd term in historic election: Poll body

Caracas Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has won a third term with 51 per cent of the vote, the country's electoral authority said just after midnight on Monday, with 80 per cent of ballot boxes counted. The result announced by the authority came despite multiple exit polls which pointed to an opposition win. The authority said opposition candidate Edmundo Gonzalez won 44 per cent of the vote, though the opposition had earlier said it had "reasons to celebrate" and asked supporters to continue monitoring vote counts."The results cannot be hidden. The country has peacefully chosen a change," Gonzalez said in a post on X at around 11 p.m. local time, before the results were announced.Opposition leader



- Maria Corina Machado reiterated a call for the country's military to uphold the results of the vote
- "A message for the military. The people of Venezuela have spoken: they don't want Maduro," she said earlier on X."It is time to put yourselves on the right side of history. You have a chance and it's now."Venezuela's military has always supported Maduro, a 61-year-old former bus driver and foreign minister, and there have been no public signs that leaders of the armed forces are breaking from the government.

19 dead after boat overturns in Ethiopia

Addis Ababa. At least 19 people are dead in Ethiopia after a boat capsized on a river in the country's northwest, a state-run media outlet said on Sunday. The tragedy occurred in the Amhara region on Saturday as a group of people were crossing the river Tekeze, which partly forms the border between Ethiopia and Eritrea, the state-run Ethiopian Press Agency (EPA) reported.Seven people including a child have been rescued while only two bodies have been retrieved so far, according to EPA.t was second major incident in Ethiopia in recent days. On Monday, a landslide in the south killed over 250 people.

Ex-US Vice President Al Gore endorses Kamala Harris's bid for presidency

Venezuelan President Maduro seeks 3rd term as nation awaits historic poll results

Caracas Venezuelans were awaiting results late on Sunday in the most consequential election in a quarter-century of socialist party rule, with President Nicolas Maduro confident of victory even as the opposition has attracted impassioned support and warned of possible irregularities.Opposition leader Maria Corina Machado has been the star of the coalition campaign, despite a ban on her holding public office that forced her to pass the torch to candidate Edmundo Gonzalez, a 74-year-old ex-diplomat known for his calm demeanor.Gonzalez has won backing even from some former supporters of the ruling party, but the opposition and observers raised questions ahead of the vote as to whether it would be fair, saying decisions by electoral authorities and the arrests of opposition staff were meant to create obstacles.Maduro – whose 2018 reelection is considered fraudulent by the United States, among others - has said Venezuela has the world's most transparent electoral system and has warned of a "bloodbath" if he loses.

Attorney General Tarek Saab told Reuters on

Sunday evening that he did not anticipate any violence and that except for some isolated incidents voting had been peaceful.

He expected results on Sunday night, he added.

ess than a block from Saab's office in central Caracas, dozens of ruling party supporters arrived together on motorcycles outside Andres Bello secondary school, the country's largest voting center, scuffling with opposition supporters gathered outside. The crowd dispersed after about 20 minutes. The Venezuelan

Observatory of Social Conflict said on X that armed groups of the motorcycle-riding ruling party supporters known as 'collectives' were reported in six states and Caracas.Earlier, Marlyn Hernandez, the head of voting at the school, told Reuters about 50% of the 11,493 people registered at that polling place had voted as of 5:20pm. The figure was in line with estimates released by the opposition campaign that just under 55% of people had voted



nationwide.Government officials cheered the voting in evening comments on state television."Love won," said Jorge Rodriguez, a ruling party lawmaker and the television."Love won," said Jorge head of Maduro's campaign.In their own evening remarks, Gonzalez and Machado repeated a call for opposition witnesses to remain at polling places for the vote count and not leave until they had their copy of the results. The opposition official meant to observe the overall national count at the electoral authority, Delsa Solorzano, had not

been allowed to enter the facility, though other opposition witnesses had, the opposition said. A legal restriction bars publication of polling from a week before the election until official results are announced, although several exit polls began circulating on social media in the late afternoon.Reuters journalists in seven locations around the country had reported morning lines outside polling stations, including some that opened late or where voting was moving slowly. Many voters had arrived before dawn.

but not the next," said Luisa Gonzalez, 61, who voted in the state of Bolivar, traditionally a ruling party bastion.

We have spent years looking for change. I was a Chavista, but people have changed," she said, using the term for ruling party supporters, a reference to the late President Hugo Chavez.

TikTok collected views of US users on abortion, gun control: Justice Department

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Washington. In a fresh broadside against one of the world's most popular technology companies, the Justice Department is accusing TikTok of harnessing the capability to gather bulk information on users based on views on divisive social issues like gun control, abortion and religion.Government lawyers wrote in documents filed late Friday to the federal appeals court in Washington that TikTok and its Beijing-based parent company ByteDance used an internal web-suite

system called Lark to enable TikTok employees to speak directly with ByteDance engineers in China.TikTok employees used Lark to send sensitive data about US users, information that has wound up being stored on Chinese servers and accessible to ByteDance employees in China, federal officials said. One of Lark's internal search tools, the filing states, permits ByteDance and TikTok employees in the US and China to gather information on users' content or expressions, including views on sensitive topics, such as abortion or religion. Last year, the Wall Street Journal reported TikTok had tracked users who watched LGBTQ content through a dashboard the company said it had since deleted.

The new court documents represent the government's first major defence in a consequential legal battle over the future of the popular social media platform, which is used by more than 170 million Americans. Under a law signed by President Joe Biden in April, the company could face a ban in a few months if it



doesn't break ties with ByteDance.The measure was passed with bipartisan support after lawmakers and administration officials expressed concerns that Chinese authorities could force ByteDance to hand over US user data or sway public opinion towards Beijing's interests by manipulating the algorithm that populates users' feeds.

'Intelligence' reporting further demonstrates that ByteDance and TikTok Global have taken action in response to (Chinese government) demands to censor content outside of China," Casey Blackburn, a senior US intelligence official, wrote in a filing that supported the government's arguments. The Justice Department warned, in stark terms, of the potential for what it called "covert content manipulation" by the Chinese government, saying the algorithm could be designed to shape content that users receive."By directing ByteDance or TikTok to covertly manipulate that algorithm, China could for example further its existing malign influence operations and amplify its efforts to undermine trust in our democracy and

exacerbate social divisions," the brief states. The concern, the Justice Department said, is more than theoretical, alleging that TikTok and ByteDance employees are known to engage in a practice called "heating" in which certain videos are promoted in order to receive a certain number of views. While this capability enables TikTok to curate popular content and disseminate it more widely, US

officials posit it can also be used for nefarious purposes.Federal officials are asking the court to allow a classified version of the legal brief, which would not be accessible to the two companies.Nothing in the redacted brief "changes the fact that the Constitution is on our side," TikTok spokesperson Alex Haurek said in a statement.

The TikTok ban would silence 170 million Americans' voices, violating the 1st Amendment," Haurek said. "As we've said before, the government has never put forth proof of its claims, including when Congress passed this unconstitutional law. Today, once again, the government is taking this unprecedented step while hiding behind secret information. We remain confident we will prevail in court.In the redacted version of the court documents, the Justice Department said another tool triggered the suppression of content based on the use of certain words. Certain policies of the tool applied to ByteDance users in China, where the company operates a similar app called Douyin that follows Beijing's strict censorship rules.

S Jaishankar meets Australian counterpart Penny Wong in Tokyo, discusses ties

Tokyo. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday met his Australian counterpart Penny Wong and discussed steps to intensify bilateral ties, including in security, trade and education, and deepening practical cooperation across the Indo-Pacific.Jaishankar and Wong are in Tokyo to attend a meeting of foreign ministers of the four-nation grouping Quad or Quadrilateral coalition.

A great start this morning meeting Australian FM @SenatorWong in Tokyo," Jaishankar said in a post on X."Spoke about further steps to intensify our bilateral ties including in security, trade and education. Also discussed deepening our practical cooperation across the Indo-Pacific. Look forward



to continuing this at the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting shortly," he said.Australia, India, Japan, and the United States are members of the Quad.In November 2017, the four nations gave shape to the long-pending proposal of setting up the Quad to develop a new strategy to keep the critical sea routes in the Indo-Pacific free of any influence.On Sunday, Jaishankar held "wide-ranging" talks with his American counterpart Antony Blinken against the backdrop of an unease in India-US ties following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to

Washington. Former US Vice President Al Gore has endorsed Kamala Harris as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate for the high-stake election in November, citing her long record of standing up against oil and gas executives in support of the middle-class and the climate. Vice President Harris, 59, launched her presidential campaign hours after incumbent President Joe Biden withdrew from the race for a second term on July 20.he is, however, yet to be officially declared as the presidential candidate by the Democrats.She will be up against former president Donald Trump, the Republican Party's presidential candidate for the November 5 general elections.

"With so much at stake in this year's election from strengthening democracy in the US and abroad, to expanding opportunity for the American people, to accelerating climate action - I'm proud to endorse Kamala Harris for President," Al Gore said in a statement on Sunday."As a prosecutor, Kamala Harris took on Big Oil companies and won. As Vice President, she cast the tiebreaking vote to pass the most significant investment in climate solutions in history, the Inflation Reduction Act. That's the kind of climate champion we need in the White House," the former vice president said, endorsing Harris.Earlier, four leading environmental groups also announced their endorsement of Harris' White House bid.

The environmental groups endorsing Harris include the League of Conservation Voters Action Fund, the Sierra Club, the NRDC Action Fund, and Clean Energy for America Action."Vice President Harris has been at the forefront of protecting our planet from the climate crisis and creating good clean energy jobs that will power our future and grow our middle class. We are deeply honoured to have the support of Vice President Gore and these leading environmental organisations in the fight to protect our planet for our kids and grandkids," said 'Harris for President' campaign manager Julie Chavez Rodriguez. "Meanwhile, Donald Trump continues to sell out our future to his friends in Big Oil in exchange for campaign cash. Donald Trump is trying to take us backwards and let oil and gas executives write their own rules - Vice President Harris won't let that happen,' Rodriguez said.Endorsing Harris, the four leading environmental, clean energy, and climate organisations said the Biden-Harris administration has done far more to address the climate crisis and environmental injustice than any administration in American history.

Russia three weeks back.Earlier in the day he also unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Freedom Plaza in Edogawa, Tokyo.Jaishankar arrived in Japan on Sunday from Laos for a two-day visit for the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting.

South Africa's Zuma faces expulsion from party for backing rival group in polls

Several media outlets, citing a leaked

document reported that South Africa's ruling ANC has decided to expel former president Zuma for leading a rival group into the May

elections.

July 29."The charged member has the right to appeal to the National Disciplinary Committee of appeal within 21 days."The African National Congress suspended the scandal-tainted ex-leader in January, a month after he endorsed the newly formed uMkhonto weSizwe (MK). MK cut into the ANC's share of votes in the May 29 elections, taking third place with 14.5 percent.

Zuma now leads the party, which has 58 lawmakers in the 400-seat National Assembly. The ANC managed 40 percent in the May vote -- its weakest



score since it came to power three decades ago to replace the apartheid government.Barring a successful appeal against the ruling, Zuma could have his ANC membership terminated, several media reported. He joined the ANC via its youth league as a teenager in 1959. Elected South African president in 2009, Zuma was forced from office in 2018 under the cloud of corruption allegations and was replaced by long-term rival, President Cyril Ramaphosa. The charismatic and outspoken 82-year-old still carries considerable political clout in South Africa, even enjoying support within some factions of the ANC.

Many believed his political career would end when he was sentenced to 15 months in jail in June 2021 after refusing to testify to a panel probing financial corruption and cronyism under his presidency.

His imprisonment triggered riots that sparked South Africa's worst episode of violence since the fall of apartheid, leaving more than 350 dead.He spent

only two months behind bars and was released for health reasons, after which Ramaphosa commuted his sentence. damning 2022 report concluded that Zuma had played a central role in state corruption during his nine-year tenure.

36 killed in armed clashes between two tribes in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Peshawar.At least 36 people were killed and 162 others injured in armed clashes between two tribes fighting over a piece of land in Pakistan's restive tribal district in northwest, officials said on Sunday.fficials said that heavy clashes started five days ago in Boshera village in Upper Kurram district, which has witnessed deadly conflicts among tribes and religious groups as well as sectarian clashes and militant attacks in the past.he Deputy Commissioner Kurram, Javedullah Mehsud, said that the tribal clashes left 36 people dead and 162 others injured in the last five days in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Kurram district, bordering Afghanistan.Officials with the help of tribal elders, military leadership, police and district administration have brokered a truce between Shia and Sunni tribes in Boshera, Malikhel and Dandar areas a short while ago, police said. However, firing is still continuing in some other parts of the district.n official



said efforts were being made to reach a ceasefire in the remaining areas too. The tribal fighters have vacated the trenches, which are now under the control of the law enforcers.Clashes broke out between the two tribes over a land dispute four days ago. The clashes spread to other areas, including Peewar, Tangi, Balishkhel, Khaar Kalay, Maqbal, Kunj Alizai, Para Chamkani and Karman.Locals residents said rivals were using heavy and sophisticated weapons, including mortar shells and rocket launchers, against each other. They said that mortar and rocket shells were also fired on Parachinar and Sadda, the main cities in the Kurram tribal district. There were at least four waves of attacks in last night's gunbattle resulting in more casualties," an official said.All educational institutions and markets were closed, while traffic on main roads remained suspended during the day. Heavy contingents of police and security forces have been deployed in the

affected areas, officials added.

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On picnic with family,

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former Shiv Sena leader's son collapses, dies during group clash at Virar resort

- MUMBAI. Milind More (47), the son of former Thane district undivided Shiv Sena President Raghunath More, passed away suddenly on Sunday after a violent altercation between two groups at a resort in Virar. The incident occurred when an auto rickshaw hit one of their family members. Milind and his family were heading home after enjoying a picnic at the time. Although the exact cause of death remains unknown, family members reported that a group of men struck the victim on his chest, possibly triggering a cardiac arrest. Raghunath had taken over as Thane district president following the passing of Anand Dighe in August 2001.
- The Arnala police have filed a case against the accused men, charging them with culpable homicide not amounting to murder, rash driving, and rioting. No arrests have been made thus far. The incident took place around 5.30 pm when Milind and his family of over 15 members were preparing to leave the Seven Sea Waterpark and Beach Resort in Navapur for their home in Thane. As the auto rickshaw driver was reversing, he accidentally hit Milind's nephew, trapping the nephew's leg under the rear wheel. In response, Milind slapped the driver, which prompted a group of 8 to 10 men from the resort to begin assaulting Milind, allegedly punching him repeatedly. The resort's closed circuit television captured the incident on video.
- According to the family's statements to the police, the mob targeted Milind's chest and abdomen during the assault, potentially causing him to suffer a heart attack. Milind was immediately taken to a nearby hospital, but unfortunately, he was pronounced dead upon arrival. The police have stated that the autopsy report will help determine the cause of death.

'Denied feeding, 26 stray dogs died', FIR against couple in Mumbai

- MUMBAI. An FIR has been registered against two persons at Vanrai police station after a couple working for animal welfare complained that they are not being allowed to feed community dogs inside Nesc Compound at Goregaon, allegedly resulting in the death of 26 dogs.
- The FIR states that of the two accused, one is a member of the management while the other is a security guard. No arrest has been made. The couple said in their complaint that they had been feeding about 35 to 40 community dogs inside Nesco compound over a year with their funds. However, for the past three to

Revenue department sits on land transfer, Infopark residents' wait for road continues

KOCHI. The long wait of residents of Pinarmunda for a short road that will give them easy access to Infopark Phase II Eastern Gate, continues as the revenue department sits on a proposal to hand over 22 cents of puramboke land to Infopark authorities.

This even though the Kunnathunad grama panchayat passed a resolution back on November 10, 2009, stating that they had no objection to transferring the land for setting up of the much-needed road. The Infopark authorities too promised that they would build the proposed road that would directly benefit nearly 40 per cent of the residents in Pinarmunda, a stone's throw away from Infopark Phase 2 Eastern Gate.

"My two children are studying in a school on the other side. At present, we've to wade through a narrow mudway to take them to the school and back. One has to pass through overgrown bushes and the path will get easily waterlogged at the slightest of rains," said Surumi Subair, a resident.A lot of Infopark employees too are residing in the area and a road would give them easy access to their offices.

This is just a 12-m-long road that we require. Otherwise, we have to circumnavigate over three kms to reach the other end. The panchayat has no objection, but the revenue department is taken no action for years altogether as we continue to suffer," Surumi added.

Moideen Sahib, another resident, said they had given a complaint to the chief minister, local MLA and the collector.

but to no avail. "We've even filed a complaint during the Nava Kerala Sadas, the outreach programme of the Kerala Government. But no action has been

taken yet," he pointed out When contacted, Kunnathunad panchayat president Nithamol M V said she would look into the issue

ADM headbutts man during demolition drive, claims he 'acted out of frustration'

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) carried out the demolition drive on Saturday and a video of the incident is circulating on social media.

Lucknow. An Additional District Magistrate (ADM) was seen hitting a hotel owner on the face with his head during the demolition of two hotels constructed allegedly in violation of norms in the Varanasi Cantonment area. The Varanasi Development Authority

(VDA) carried out the demolition drive on Saturday and a video of the incident is circulating on social media.

The two hotels were built on the banks of the Varuna river. When contacted, ADM Alok Verma said he hit the man, Kursheed Alam, with his head "out of frustration" following "abuse" from those protesting against the demolition drive. Alam sustained an injury on his

face. On Saturday, the VDA team, along with police and administrative officials, reached Budh Vihar Colony to demolish the two hotels. The hotel owner and his family objected and created a scene. Additional police force was called in to bring the situation under control. "The demolition of the two hotels was An official said the VDA in 1999 have completed by late night," a senior VDA official said.

Meanwhile, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav shared the video of the incident on X, formerly Twitter, saying officials under the BJP government in the state have started "a unique freestyle head strike Olympic game in the so-called Kyoto of UP"."It remains to be

CISF personnel dies after being hit by drunk driver at Bhubaneswar

seen what medal the state government will award in this game. The action against him will depend on which camp he belong to. This is the golden era of administration in the country's prime parliamentary constituency. Is anyone in Delhi?" he said.

approval to Kursheed Alam's father Mohammad Jafar Ali for constructing a three-floor building. In 2012, the authority gave Ali another approval to construct a three-floor building on another piece of land in the locality. But an illegal construction was carried out as the the owner combined the plots and built two five-storey hotels, he claimed.

Rain to continue across state, may lose intensity

- Ahmedabad. The city experienced yet another cloudy day without much of rain on Sunday as the maximum temperature remained low at 31.7 degrees celsius.Relative humidity in morning hours remained high at 89%.
- The forecast for Monday by India Meteorological Department (IMD) indicated chances of light to moderate rain. The forecast indicated that while rain will continue across the state, the intensity may get reduced a bit.
- On Monday, some parts of districts such as Anand, Vadodara, Chhota Udepur, Narmada, Bharuch, Surat, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Morbi and Botad may receive heavy to very heavy rainfall. According to IMD forecast several districts in central and south Gujarat may receive heavy rains, indicated the forecast.
- The state currently has 20% excess rain compared to normal so far, with Saurashtra and Kutch regions receiving 53% excess rains, and rest of Gujarat having 5% deficit. We also published the following articles recently
- IMD forecasts moderate rain falling in Delhi; minimum temperature slightly elevatedDelhi experienced moderate rainfall, cloudy skies, and a slight rise in temperature on Saturday. The minimum temperature recorded was 28.2C, with an expected maximum of 34C. Heavy rainfall disrupted activities in the Delhi University area on Friday, recording 93 mm. Despite this, air quality remained 'moderate' with an AQI of 122. Residents are advised to stay updated and take precautions.
- IMD upgrades rain alert, heavy rain 'very likely' in Mumbai, ThaneMumbai and Thane experienced heavy to very heavy rainfall as per the IMD's 'orange' alert issued for Wednesday. 'Red' alerts for Palghar and Raigad indicated extremely heavy rainfalls at isolated locations. The BMC warned residents to expect significant rain from July 24 to July 28 and advised against unnecessary travel.

This monsoon, heavy rain continues to elude capital, says IMDDelhi experienced heavy rainfall on June 28, marking the monsoon's arrival. Since then, only light to moderate rain has been recorded. The India Meteorological Department noted the variability in rainfall patterns, and August typically sees the highest monsoon rainfall. Some areas in Delhi recorded heavy rainfall on specific days. Overall, heavy rain days are rare in the capital.

TMC leader 'thrashes' woman, arrested and released soon

Kolkata. After a video of a man beating a woman went viral, police in Purba Bardhaman district arrested a local TMC leader from Kalna on Saturday evening. The local TMC leader, Gopal Tiwari, seen in the purported video was released on bail on Sunday. Sources said that police did not oppose the bail plea in the court. According to police, the incident took place over a land dispute. "On Friday, Gopal and his gang members thrashed my mother-in-law. On Saturday, they came again and beat me and other family members in my house. I was slapped repeatedly, the woman, who has filed the complaint, said, adding that the dispute began after a brick wall was raised on the land adjacent to her house. In the



four months, they have been prohibited from entering the compound, which resulted in the starvation of the community dogs. The couple further stated that when they got an ambulance to take sick dogs to a vet, the vehicle was not allowed entry into the Nesco compound.

The FIR states that on July 22, the Nesco management had called them for a meeting. However, their photos were clicked, and they were forbidden from feeding any dogs or entering the premises.An animal welfare group, PAL Foundation, whose members comprise lawyers, helped the couple register a police complaint. The FIR has been registered under section 325 of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita which deals with killing or maiming of an animal.

Plant miRNA mechanisms can help fight cancer: Researchers

Ahmedabad. A team of researchers from Gujarat University (GU) has identified the molecular mechanisms by which plant-based micro ribonucleic acids (RNAs) can help fight cancers and other ailments in humans. The team used supercomputers to run simulations based on laboratory-based findings to arrive at the results, which were presented at the recently concluded Albany Conversation in Biomolecular Stereo-Dynamics at Louisiana Tech University in the US. MicroRNAs or miRNAs - small non-coding RNAs - are found in mammalian and plant genetic systems and play a key role in regulating gene expression. The miRNAs are known to influence processes linked to carcinogenesis. However, the mechanisms by which plantbased miRNAs can affect human gene expression are still being researched.

Saumya Patel, assistant professor at GU's botany department, said that the paper 'Dietary Epigenetic Modulators: Unravelling the cross-kingdom regulation of plant miRNAs in Nutrition and Disease' coauthored with Prof Rakesh Rawal was based on multiple studies carried out at the department in the past couple of years.

'We have been attempting to understand the drug delivery systems employed by plantbased substances mentioned in traditional healthcare systems such as ayurveda for specific diseases and their scientific basis.

(CISF) on their way to perform his duty at Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) here, was killed after being reportedly hit by a speeding car on Saturday night.

BHUBANESWAR. A personnel of

Central Industrial Security Force

Police said assistant sub-inspector of CISF Niranjan Pradhan was travelling from Pokhariput to Palaspalli on a twowheeler when he was hit by the car of accused Sovan Mohapatra who was reportedly driving under the influence of alcohol. Eyewitnesses told police that Mohapatra was driving recklessly

when he hit Pradhan's motorcycle headon near Kargil Basti. The CISF personnel



suffered serious injuries and was shifted to hospital where he succumbed at around 3 am on Sunday.On receiving information,

alcohol test. Sources said his blood alcohol content (BAC) was found to be around 200 mg/dl.

police arrested Mohapatra, a painter

by profession, and conducted his

'During investigation, it was ascertained that Mohapatra had purchased a second-hand car for Rs 80,000. He was arrested and his car seized," said an officer of Airport police station.

Sources said police submit prosecution reports against people whose BAC is found to be between 80 mg/dl and 150 mg/dl. A cognisable case is

registered against violators having BAC level of more than 150 mg/dl.

viral video of the purported incident, Tiwari is allegedly slapping a woman and then entering into a scuffle with others.

Tiwari said, "I had bought a piece of land and erected a boundary wall. They (the complainant's family) broke the wall. When I went to their house, I was beaten up." Meanwhile, the incident took a political turn with the opposition BJP accusing the TMC of hooliganism. "After the kangaroo courts of JCB, Jamal and bullying of Jayanta and his gang, a new name in the TMC's hooliganism crown is Gopal Tiwari. This person is the general secretary of TMC's Kalna town. Common people were beaten up by the TMC leader and his followers," senior BJP leader and former MP Dilip Ghosh said.

Manjolai tea estate workers will be given free houses in village or flats in apartments: Min Thangam

TIRUNELVELI. Manjolai tea estate workers who wish to settle in the plains will be provided with free land and houses in villages or free flats in apartments located in Tirunelveli or Pappankulam, announced Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu on Sunday. In a statement, Thennarasu said Chief Minister M K Stalin has instructed the officials concerned to relax government norms and provide all assistance to the tea estate workers, who are willing to relocate to the plains.

The lease period of Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation Limited (BBTCL) for the Manjolai tea estate ends on February 11, 2028. Hence, the private company a few months ago issued a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) notification for its 559 workers. The state government then formed a team of officials led by

Cheranmahadevi Sub-Collector Arpit Jain to look into the labourers' issues. The team met with the workers and union office bearers, and advised them to submit a complaint if the private company was forcing them to leave the job.

"Apart from 23 people, all the remaining 536 workers applied for VRS and received 25% of the ex gratia. As many as 33 workers, aged 59, received monetary benefits of Rs 4,60,985 - Rs 6,36,153 along with an ex gratia of Rs 3,63,876, while 39 workers, aged 58, received monetary benefits of Rs 4,30,969 - Rs 6,42,110 along with an ex



gratia of Rs 3,33,324. Another 291 workers, aged between 50 and 57, received Rs 2,85,785 - Rs 5,83,628 along with an ex gratia of Rs 2,83,314. The remaining 171 workers received Rs 2,18,428 - Rs 4,71,490 as monetary benefits and Rs 2,12,486 as ex gratia," the minister said.

He further added that 418 workers from 389 families had already applied for livelihood assistance. "Of them, 266 workers wished to settle in Tirunelveli district, 76 in Tenkasi, 49 in Thoothukudi, 18 in other districts, and nine in other states. The government has issued an order to help

these workers. Those who want to settle in the villages will be provided with free land and a house under the Kalaignar Kanavu Illam scheme," Thennarasu said.

Workers who do not have a house in the plains can apply for a free flat in the apartments constructed under the Tamil Nadu Urban Livelihood Mission in Pappankulam of Ambasamudram taluk and Reddiarpatti of Tirunelveli corporation. Scheduled Caste workers, aged below 55, will be granted a loan under the Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme with a 35% subsidy to start a business. Workers of other communities are eligible for a loan of up to Rs 75 lakh with a 25% subsidy. These workers will be trained by the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation and the Tamil Nadu State

Rural Livelihood Mission. They will also be helped to find jobs in the private sector.

The minister added that the state government would also provide the workers with interest-free loans to purchase cows and goats to set up cattle farms. "The women workers will be given a loan of up to Rs 1.5 lakh through self-help groups. The children of the workers will be admitted to government schools and hostels in the plains. Special camps will be held to change the workers' address on the ration card, Aadhaar and voter ID," he further said.

EDITORIAL

THE SIKH TIMES

Geeta Bali stardom, Amritsar to Bombay

- Like a typical heroine of yesteryear, Geeta Bali's real life story, too, reads like a script of her black and white films. She dropped out of school after Class 6 to help her family — a blind father, a partially deaf mother, a partially deaf elder brother and a sister. Her family would travel to Burma, Malaya and Sri Lanka, along with her father Kartar Singh, who was a religious preacher. The family lived in the vicinity of Chowk Baba Sahib, near the Golden Temple in Amritsar.
- During their trips to other countries, Geeta born Harkirtan Kaur — and her elder sister Hardarshan Kaur gave stage performances. Both were excellent dancers. Geeta had learnt classical dance and music, horse riding and Sikh martial art 'gatka' at a young age. However, these performances by the two young girls did not find favour with conservative Sikhs. In December 1939, they were not allowed to perform at Lahore. The nine-year-old Harkirtan vowed that she would come back and perform at the same venue. The resolute girl kept that promise — nine years later, she performed at the same stage as a star, Geeta Bali. As a child, Geeta was selected to sing for a programme at the All India Radio, Lahore. The vivacious girl wanted to emulate Shirley Temple, an immensely popular American child star of her era. She was noticed by Pt Gyan Shankar, a leading choreographer, who selected her for a documentary film, 'The Cobbler' (1942). Her agility and sense of rhythm won her a solo performance in RK Shorey's Punjabi film, 'Badnami', in 1946. The same year, Mazhar Khan, a renowned producer-director from Bombay, signed her for a film. Geeta shifted to Bombay, along with her family and Pt Gyan Shankar.
- Mazhar's film got delayed and Pt Shankar came across well-known film-maker Kidar Sharma, whom he had known since his Amritsar days. Geeta was not beautiful in the traditional sense. She was quite thin, but Sharma was impressed by her sense of humour and eloquent eyes. He signed her for 'Suhaag Raat' (1948) at a princely sum of Rs 26,000, against the wishes of his brother and the studio staff. The film turned out to be a blockbuster.
- Sharma repeated her in more films, including 'Neki Aur Badi' (1949), 'Bawre Nain' (1950) with Raj Kapoor, and 'Rangeen Raaten' (1956) with Shammi Kapoor, whom she married in a temple on August 24, 1955, with only one other person in attendance.Earlier, Dev Anand had cast her in Navketan production 'Baazi' (1951), in which Guru Dutt made his debut as a director. 'Baazi' was a super hit. People thronged theatres just to see her song 'Tadbir se bigdi hui taqdeer bana le', and her superb dancing. Anand and Geeta went on to give five more hits — 'Jaal' (1952), 'Kishti' (1954), 'Farar' (1955), 'Milap' (1955) and 'Pocket Maar'(1956).
- Considered inimitable, Geeta worked with top names like Madhubala in 'Dulari' (1949), 'Neki Aur Badi' and 'Nishana' (1950); with Suraiya in 'Bari Behen' (1949); and with Kamini Kaushal in 'Jailor' (1958). However, in all these films, only her superb performances are remembered. Meena Kumari once said, "Geeta is more accomplished than me as an actress. She has a much wider range."She became so popular that whenever she came on screen, the crowds would chant, "Geeta Bali, chai ki pyali". Her 'Anand Math' (1952) is remembered for its patriotic fervour and the song 'Vande Matram', which has been ranked as one of the best composed songs in Hindi cinema.
- Having seen hardship, Geeta would often help her colleagues in need. She helped Guru Dutt to first turn producer and then a hero in her production

A tailor and a man on the moon

It took a while to mollify Chooru Ram that wanderings into space were not in search of god

Fifty-five years back, almost to the day in July 1969, two events took place. The major event was that Chooru Ram, the resident tailor at my school, was steeling himself to believe in science and space travel. The minor event was that Neil Armstrong had landed on the moon. Both, as I learnt, were interconnected.Like many other boarding schools, Shimla's Bishop Cotton School was a tiny 'nationstate' in itself. Apart from its administration and hierarchy, it was also fairly self-sufficient. There was a very obvious requirement of a huge kitchen, and there was an infirmary, a bakery and 'dhobi ghat'. It also had its own barber and tailor. The barber's mandate was to cut hair as close as possible, preferably without injury to the scalp. Then, the tailor, ah, well, he was the one and only Chooru Ram. By his own assertion, Chooru Ram had been prescribed a medicine which was only to be taken in the evenings when the lights were low and the comings and goings in the tailor room had decreased. He would pull the bottle out of a cupboard and place the medicine next to his miracle-working sewing machine. With each swig of medicine, the foot pedal of the sewing machine would go faster. The hand wheel would accelerate to an indeterminate speed. School uniforms would be stitched or repaired in the twinkling of an eye by this one-man assembly line. The fact that he was the senior tailor in school did not deter him from having a mind of his own. He had his own version of the sciences and was an original 'flat-earther'. He did not believe that the planet was round and coaxed by the wheels and windmills of his mind, also dismissed the planet's rotation on its axis or around the sun. Those were days before television and various people, ranging from schoolmasters to pupils, showed him books and magazines with graphic depictions of the solar system. Chooru Ram was neither interested, nor impressed. He had a simple answer to all this badgering, "If what you say is true, and the earth goes round and round, then, why is this door in the same place in the evening? It should be in the opposite position." And further, "Has someone seen that the earth is round? You show me pictures which have been made by people who have not seen the earth except from earth." The simplicity of this logic, while fallible, could not be explained or discussed, especially after he had had his medicine.On July 24, 1969, the space harvest It took a while to mollify him that these wanderings



sown by American President John F Kennedy some years earlier was reaped by President Richard Nixon. A manned mission landed on the moon. On their return, the astronauts of Apollo 11 were feted and this historic moment reverberated around the world. This also led to a slew of brightly coloured print coverage. In August that year, a special edition of the iconic 'Life' magazine carried a grand visual spectacle of the moon landing. This publication, among others, was something that came home regularly.My father, who taught physics at Bishop Cotton, in his wisdom, decided to loan this and some other publications with pictures of the earth taken from the moon, to a group of students who sallied forth to show them to Chooru Ram. These, once and for all, were expected to prove that the earth was round.Reports came back that when these publications were shown to the tailor, sparks prepared to fly from the sewing machine. Chooru Ram was in distress and as far as he was concerned, these scientific measures were blasphemes. "Why did they do that?" he is said to have cried. "Why do they want to look for god when he is in our hearts?" For him, the moon mission was taken as man's temerity to look for the divine. No more, no less.

into space were not in search of god. As far as one knew, the so-called 'seekers' believed more in empirical science, as compared to something else. Then came the day when matters between science, the moon mission and Chooru Ram came to be sorted. President Nixon decided to gift a piece of the moon that had been brought back by the astronauts, to various countries around the world. India also received a small moon rock and this was then sent on tour across the country. In Shimla, this was placed for display in the old band stand on the Ridge, the structure that now houses a restaurant. Some of us went to take a look and as far as we were concerned, this priceless object looked no different from any other stone. The matter was dutifully reported to Chooru Ram. His reaction is not known.

Now, for a disclaimer: there may be some embellishments in this story, but those are only in terms of language. A little 'verbal decoration'. 'Dal pe tadka', coriander and chilli garnish, if you will. However, the dish remains intact. The facts in this story remain correct to the best of my knowledge. Neil Armstrong, despite what conspiracy theorists may say, did walk on the moon. More importantly, Chooru Ram started believing in a miracle called science and even began passing the message along.



PRIME Minister Narendra Modi chose a befitting occasion - the 25th anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil War - to warn Pakistan that Indian soldiers would foil all its attempts to perpetrate terror. Addressing a ceremony at the Kargil memorial in Dras in the presence of the military top brass, Modi said falsehood and terror were brought down to their knees by the truth in the 1999 war. He also lamented that Pakistan had not learnt any lesson from the past. His sharp remarks came amid a spate of terror attacks in the Jammu region after he took oath last month as the PM for the third time. The message sent out to Pakistan is loud and clear: Sponsor terrorism and proxy wars at your own peril. However, it seems unlikely that such tough talk would suffice to make the neighbour see reason and mend its ways.

Warning to Pakistan

India must do more to curb cross-border terror



the clock. Despite its economic woes and political mess, Pakistan has no qualms about targeting India by plotting terror attacks and sending drones with payloads of drugs and arms. The onus is on India to recalibrate its counter-terror strategy in J&K or plan something similar to the 2016 surgical strikes and the 2019 Balakot airstrikes.

Unfortunately, the PM struck a discordant note by raking up the frauds allegedly committed by previous governments in defence deals. He also tore into the Opposition for opposing the Agnipath scheme. With the entire nation remembering the supreme sacrifice made by 559 bravehearts, political one-upmanship should have been avoided. The Opposition has only added to the acrimony by accusing the PM of spreading lies about the contentious recruitment scheme. This slanging match can be detrimental to national security and may render the country vulnerable to a Kargil-type misadventure by Pakistan.

'Baaz' (1953). Surinder Kapoor, actor Anil Kapoor's father, was Geeta's secretary. She also helped him become a producer. Rajesh Khanna, who was doing theatre, would visit the building where Geeta had her office. She wanted to cast him as a hero in her last incomplete film 'Rano' (1964), based on Rajinder Singh Bedi's novel 'Ek Chadar Maili Si', but it was Dharmendra who bagged the role.eeta would get 10 per cent of her earnings from her mother. She kept this money in a cupboard in Kidar Sharma's office.

The menace of infiltration — which had sparked off the war on the icy heights — is nowhere near being wiped out. Pakistan-trained terrorists continue to sneak in, keeping Indian security personnel on their toes round



COMPARED to habitats in the plains, wildlife across the Himalayas, particularly in the western sections of the mountain range, is known to be less in diversity and numbers. This conforms to the ecological reality that 'species' diversity decreases from the lower to higher altitude'. That said, the Himalayan landscape harbours some magnificent fauna, unique to the area and vehemently sought after by wildlife enthusiasts. The sheer hostility of the terrain and harshness of the climate makes wildlife viewing more exciting and adventurous.My profession has provided me opportunities to explore the Himalayan wildlife across the mountainous regions of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. I am among the lucky and privileged ones to have sighted and photographed all but a few of the wild mammal species of the region from the snow leopard, the grey ghost of the trans-Himalayas, to the largest carnivore of the entire Himalayan range, the brown bear, to the most critically endangered of the mountain deer, the Kashmir red deer or Hangul. One species that eluded me for long is the musk deer, an enigmatic creature, which by taxonomic nuances is not even a true deer! It is a smaller antler-less, large-eared 'deer', standing 40-50cm at the shoulder, having unequal hind and forelimbs, whose males sport a distinct pair of fanglike canines — all un-deer-like characters!

I did have my chances of sighting the animal on a couple of occasions, first during my student days while surveying in the hills of Ranikhet, Uttar Pradesh (now Uttarakhand), in 1995, and then five years later during my early professional life, in the Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary, near Pahalgam, Kashmir. On both the occasions, it was just a snapshot glimpse, neither long enough to be registered in the brain, nor good enough to be captured in a frame. All these years, I have longed for a more satisfying view of this magical animal. Finally, the opportunity came when I was sent off on

90 minutes with a musk deer in Gurez



an official assignment to Gurez, north Kashmir, this summer.Flanking the valley on its north-eastern side, Gurez is a picturesque vale surrounded by dense conifer forests of fir, spruce and blue pine, with cliffy peaks towering overhead, supporting patches of birch and juniper. There may not be any officially notified national park or wildlife sanctuary in Gurez, but its forests, home to a variety of bird and animal life, merit its inclusion in the Protected Area map of

the country. After a disappointing rainy morning and forenoon that upset all my plans of watching birds, the sun finally shone in the afternoon, allowing me to venture out with two local guides from Barnai, a small hamlet 16 km south-east of Dawar, the administrative headquarter of Gurez. We crossed a log-bridge on the stream near the village and took a trail into the Chek nullah. The trail soon became steep and led us to a narrow gorge overlooking a road and



the stream, running parallel to each other.

- On the opposite side, about 90 metres from where I stood with my camera and binoculars, I noticed a rocky cliff that rose almost vertically from the road below. My attention was caught by some protruding rocks and a few crevices, ideal for vultures to perch on and nest. I scanned the cliff with my binoculars, hoping to see a Himalayan vulture or a lammergeier. Suddenly, I noticed movement in one of the crevices which supported a bit of grass. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw a musk deer standing still, holding on firmly to the little ground available under its hooves. The animal was panting with its tongue out as if it had escaped a predator, or was running away on being disturbed by a human. Whatever the reason, it had found the perfect spot to take refuge.
- watched more keenly and could see it was a female, as it lacked the canine tusks, prominent in males. The grey face and throat and greyish brown back with prominent spots confirmed her to be a Kashmir musk deer, a species endemic to the Kashmir Himalayas.
- handed over the binoculars to my companions for them to have a look while I set my camera on one of the rarest subjects it had ever clicked. I took as many pictures as I could, fearing that the animal may vanish as soon as she saw us. But, to my surprise, she remained right there, undeterred by our presence and unaffected by the noise of the traffic on the road beneath. After a few minutes, she stopped panting and made a slow but steady move up the rocky cliff.
- She was now on a better perch with greener surroundings and gave a sideways pose for my camera, with the flowering foxtail lily in the background. For the next hour-and-a-half, I remained glued to my binoculars, cherishing every blink of her eye and every flick of her ear. I was finally able to see the animal in a manner that satiated the appetite of the 'wildlifer' in me.

BEAUTY

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When it comes to beauty, it's always a confusion between what you need, what you want and what really works. Produts come and go, few making it to your permanent beauty kit. Charcoal beauty products were there since long but showed ! great effects only recently. Sure, a lot of people are intimidated by the colour of a skin product but trust us to say that it can make a huge

A new polish to Jewellery Jewellery has been as integral part of our culture since time immemorial.

Trendy designs and deeper pockets jewellery stores and many others. have resulted in rise in jewellery Gold, silver and diamond have demand The best way to make a man always been an attraction for all, feel like a king, or a woman, a queen, but the catching trends of various is by way of precious gems and other genres of jewellery in the jewels. An adornment beyond ages market has allured a lot of locals as and boundaries, it has reached new well as tourist crowding for heights with innovations and everything Indian. The economical affordability is crucial for its realisations. The amalgamation of skill and design over the years has liking. A lot of markets in the city resulted in con temporary pieces that showcase only jewellery and have leave one awestruck. From sparkling ladies on the hunt for the most stones to solitaires, all of us have our appealing pieces. personal favourites. Speaking more Jewellery plays an important role on it, Kunal Narula, an entrepreneur, in not only representing one's own said, "Jewellery caters a variety of self, but also expressing their demand today. India proudly boasts liking and personality as it has its

of a large number of legacy workers mastering jewellery making and that of various intricacies including polki, kundan, cut work and others. The modern age sees an emergence of simple and elegant designs as well as

recycled and junk jewellery, which have become a part

of the run. Adding on, he said, "Today, gems or other precious stones are not only the definition of primness, but it is the way they are carried and that makes the difference. Junk jewellery has reached the pinnacle of its curves and is widely worn and appreciated." Other jewellery that is gaining popularity is the one made of silver. It is affordable and is seen having wide options. The jewellery industry has also given rise to many new

professions due to its increasing

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Beauty benefits of Charchoal

Gone are the days when you walk into a beauty store and the saleswoman tries to sell you products with tea tree oil extracts or salicylic acid. If you are looking for an excuse to lay off the chemicals in skin products available in the market, charcoal is the best option.With international celebs posting pictures of wearing charcoal face masks on social networking sites, it's definitely on our lust list this month. CT finds out what's there to love about it.

THE SECRET OF BLACK MAGIC ...

If you think charcoal has made it to the beauty and the health market recently, you cannot be more wrong! This ingredient first started doing the



rounds in the 19th century as a cure for hangovers and flatulence. Beautician Nishi Anand explains, "Charcoal has come back to the beauty market again because of its ability to absorb toxins and cleanse the system. Whether it is in the form of capsules, beauty masks or otherwise -this product is nowadays used for a maximum number of beauty and health purposes."

PURIFIES AND DEEP CLEANSES THE SKIN

Charcoal is known to absorb 100 to 200 times its weight in removing impurities from your system, thereby keeping your skin clean, youthful and flawless. Beauty professional Riddhima Negi says, "When it comes to domestic market, the beauty industry is opening up to

the benefits, charcoal has to offer. It's effective in treating body odour, acne and relieving from insect bites and rashes."

OFFERS ANTI-AGEING BENEFITS TOO ...

Due to its ability to prevent cellular damage to the adrenal glands, its important to cleanse toxins and chemicals routinely from your body. Health experts and doctors often recommend the use of creams or face masks that contain charcoal in it to prevent ageing and delay the signs of it. It tightens skin to shrink bags and smooth fine lines. Take that, saggy jawline and wrinkly neck! jawline and wrinkly neck!

look.

CHARCOAL AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS FORMS

Face wash: These days, markets are flooded with face washes that contain charcoal for both men and women. Formulated for all skin types, it prevents acne and pigmented skin. Toothpaste: Those that contain charcoal protects your gum, while whitening your teeth. A wide range of charcoal toothpastes are easily

available in the domestic market too. Soaps: While there is an abundance of face washes and toothpastes that contain charcoal in the market, soaps are easily available online. Apart from taking care of your facial skin, charcoal soaps ensure that if you have any skin problems on your hands, legs and other parts of the body, it prevents skin ailments like rashes, body odour etc.

own language beyond words. India

is a country, where jewellery is a symbol of riches and power. Hence, India is a hub of different and intricately-patterned jewellery that is appreciated and known worldwide. Jewellery is no more restricted to a domain of females only; males have taken on the adornment to show a to tally new dimension. Collar jewellery seems to have gained popularity with in the affluent class and is normally worn with kurtas and sherwanis



How to do Eyelash in five steps

Your home can be a great source for skin care products, especially your kitchen is full of natural elements that help take care of your kin.



These simple skincare techniques, are all homemade and can be easily done; they are excellent ways to help you achieve that flawless glowing skin.

1. Mash fresh fruits well and applied directly on the skin. It will give your skin a fresh glow.

2. Mix 1 part of lemon juice, 1 part rose water and 4 parts of chilled water. Spray it on your face regularly during the day. It will keep your skin dew fresh and cool.

3. Multani mitti or fuller's earth is the main element in major face packs. Known for its skin cleansing benefits, it is also rich in minerals to nourish your skin. Try this soothing face pack. Mix 2 tbsp of multani mitti with half a tablespoon of sandalwood powder and 2 tbsp of chilled rose water. Apply even on your face and neck. Leave it on till the mask dries. Rinse off with cool water and find your skin refreshed and clean.

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Homemade remedies for flawless and glowing

Skin

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Delhi coaching centre deaths: Building owner arrested, bulldozer action begins

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New Delhi: Delhi Police have arrested five more people in connection with the deaths of three civil service aspirants who drowned in the flooded basement of a coaching centre in Rajinder Nagar, bringing the total number of arrests to seven.Meanwhile, bulldozer action has commenced to remove encroachments near Rau's IAS Study Centre. Delhi Police had already granted permission for the operation. Among those arrested are the owners of the basement and a person whose vehicle was seen driving by the coaching centre and sending a huge wave of water crashing into the institute's gate, allegedly damaging it during the heavyrains, police said on Monday. The owner and coordinator of Rau's IAS Study Circle, where the tragedy occurred, were arrested on Sunday. Both were charged with culpable homicide, negligence and other charges, and sent to judicial custody."Whoever is at fault in this incident will not be spared," said Deputy Commissioner of Police M Harshavardhan. "We are taking strict action against those

responsible for the incident and maintaining law and order in the area."Among the latest arrests are four relatives of Amarjeet, the building owner, including his son. The different floors of the building were registered under the names of dAdditionally, the owner of a Force Gurkha car, which is

believed to have damaged the gate of the building, has also been taken in custody. A now viral video shows the SUV driving down the waterlogged road in front of the coaching centre, which results in a large amount of water hitting the institute's gate. The gate buckles under pressure, allowing water to gush into the basement.Police are scrutinising the

building's structure and the role of the local municipality in managing the area's drainage system. The Delhi Fire Service is inspecting the building and its basement, which was illegally used as a library. Sources said police will question municipal officials about the area's drainage system and issue a notice seeking information. Those responsible for maintaining the system have been named as accused in the FIR.

Bulldozers are removing encroachments near the coaching centre following prior approval by Delhi Police to carry out the operation. The absence of a proper drainage



system, safety violations at the coaching centre, and illegal basement operations have been blamed for the deaths. An MCD official highlighted "gross criminal negligence" on the part of the institute owner.

The Delhi government said in a statement that a civic body team visited the central Delhi

coaching hub to initiate action against institutes operating from basements. Thirteen such coaching centres were sealed during the action.

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Amid growing public anger, security has been tightened in the Old Rajendra Nagar area. Protests erupted outside the coaching centre,

with students demanding justice for the victims. "We have deployed paramilitary forces and police in the area to maintain law and order," a senior police officer said.More than 35 individuals, including students and staff, were trapped on Saturday evening when water began flooding the coaching centre's basement following heavy rains. Three students-Shreya Yadav from UP, Tanya Soni from Telangana, and Navin Dalwin from Kerala-lost their lives in the incident.Delhi Police have

registered an FIR and formed multiple teams to probe the incident. The Delhi government has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the tragedy.

Javed Akhtar Says His X Account "Hacked", Post On Olympics "Not By Me"

New Delhi: Noted lyricist-screenwriter Javed Akhtar has said his X account was "hacked", following which a "totally harmless" message about the Indian contingent for the Paris Olympics 2024 was sent under his name. The 79-year-old, who actively uses the micro-blogging site to express his views on a range of topics, shared the update on his page on Sunday night."My X ID is hacked. There is a message ostensibly from my account about our Indian team for Olympics. It is totally



harmless but not sent by me," Mr Akhtar wrote. He neither revealed when he found out about the alleged breach of security nor did he detail the contents of the alleged post that was sent out to from his verified handle. The industry veteran also informed his 4.6 million followers on X that "we are in the process of complaining" to the concerned authorities at the social media platform. His bio on the platform reads: "A poet, lyricist, scriptwriter, atheist and a die-hard optimist". His handle on X is "@Javedakhtarjadu".

Congress MP Says Some Coaching Centres Have Become "Mafias", Minister Responds

New Delhi: During the discussion on the Union Budget on Monday in the Lok Sabha, Congress MP KC Venugopal highlighted the tragic deaths of three UPSC students in the basement of a coaching centre in Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar and also raised concerns about discrimination against SC/ST students in higher educational institutions.Highlighting the rising suicides, he noted, "In the Upper House, a Minister answered this question in 2023, stating that from 2018 to 2022, around 18 students committed suicide in higher education institutions, including IITs and IIMs. One of the main reasons is caste The day before yesterday, a very sad discrimination occurring in these

institutions. This issue should be urgently considered."Mr Venugopal also addressed the issue of safety and

regulation in coaching centres across the country, pointing to the recent tragedy in the national capital's Old



Rajinder Nagar.

incident happened in a coaching centre in New Delhi, where three students lost their valuable lives. This centre, as per media reports, was operating without proper approval or facilities. Some coaching centres have become 'mafias'. Will the government take any action?" the Congress MP questioned.

n response, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan assured that the government is committed to the socio-psychological and mental protection of all students, regardless of where they study."Honourable member has raised a question, which is not related to the question of the day, but I would assure, through you, that this government is committed to socio-psychological and mental protection of all kinds of students, whether they are studying in the coaching centre, institution, school or high educational institutes," he said, replying to Mr Venugopal.

"Let Students Come": Supreme Court **Refuses To Hear Plea Over UGC-NET**

Monday refused to entertain a PIL challenging the government's decision

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on plea was filed against the decision of In the plea, Mr Gaur also sought a the Union education ministry and the direction to immediately stay the National Testing Agency to cancel the proposed re-examination of the UGC-NET exam until the CBI completes its its integrity may have been inquiry into the paper leak allegations."The petitioner asserts that the decision is not only arbitrary but also unjust, given the recent findings of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).The CBI's investigation brings the fact that the evidence suggesting the paper leak is doctored, thus nullifying the grounds on which the cancellation was based," the plea, filed through advocate Rohit Pandey, said. The petitioner submitted that the "unwarranted" cancellation of the exam has caused significant distress, anxiety, and an unnecessary expenditure of resources for the aspirants who have rigorously prepared for this crucial examination.

Student had flagged basement coaching centre risk month before deaths

A civil service aspirant had lodged a complaint with the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) about the basement of coaching centres being illegally used as libraries and study centres, around a month before three students died due to flooding at a coaching centre. The student, Kishor Singh Kushwah, filed a complaint on June 26 against several coaching centres in Old Rajinder Nagar and South Patel Nagar areas for illegally operating coaching classes and a library in basements. He had stated in his complaint, filed on the Public Grievance Portal, that there was "a possibility of major accident".Kushwah said that Rau's IAS Study Circle, where the incident took place, was included in his list.

Notably, three civil service aspirants died after a library housed in the basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle flooded during heavy rain on Saturday night. The coaching centre did not have permission to run a library in the basement."Despite not having permission, they are running a classroom without NOC (No Objection Certificate) in the basement. They are running test classes, which are affecting the lives of students and staff. There is a possibility of a major accident," he had stated in the complaint. When they didn't respond, he filed a complaint again on July 15 and July 22 and stated that it was an

"urgent issue" and "immediate action" was required. However, the civic body failed to take any action, he claimed."The responsibility for such incidents lies entirely with the administration. The government should take appropriate steps and take

"Main Opposition Does Not Favour...": Rajya Sabha Defers Delhi Horror Debate

New Delhi: The Rajya Sabha on Monday deferred a short discussion to flag the death of four students - three drowned in the flooded basement of an east Delhi coaching centre on Saturday and a fourth was electrocuted last week. Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar said he had received three notices for suspension of regular House business but this was opposed by the Congress, the primary opposition.

- 'This was conveyed to me by Jairam Ramesh (the Congress' comms chief) in categorical terms."The Congress reportedly also wanted a discussion on other issues affected students, including the contentious NEET-UG examination row, as well as violence and unrest in Manipur.
- Earlier Mr Dhankhar had slammed the business of coaching centres, telling the House, "Coaching has become virtually commerce. Every time we read a newspaper, front one or two pages are their ads ... "
- 'I have received notices under Rule 267...they (the MPs who served the notice) have demanded a discussion on the tragic death of three students in Delhi due to negligence of authorities..." he had said.Among those who served notice was Aam Aadmi Party MP Swati Maliwal - a political twist given her fractious current relationship with the party; the former Delhi Commission for Women chief is roiled in a court case with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide, Bibhav Kumar, whom she has accused of assault.Ms Maliwal who remains a member of the AAP, for now - said she was seeking "justice and compensation" for the families of the students, all of whom were studying to clear the UPSC exams."I have filed notice today for suspension of business... for discussion on the pertinent issue justice and compensation for the four UPSC aspirants who died... (the) voice of the students will not go unheard."Several BJP leaders, including Sudhanshu Trivedi and Ram Chandra Jangra, and the CPIM's John Brittas, had also served notices. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju also backed a discussion. Meanwhile, the tragedy was also mentioned in the Lok Sabha."It's a shocking situation... when you have a brilliant student (whose) dreams of serving the nation... have been shattered and the hopes of the family have been shattered. This is a matter which obviously calls for compensation... but no compensation can be enough..." Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said.

to cancel the UGC-NET examination following alleged question paper leak. A bench comprising Chief

Justice DY Chandrachud and justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, however, said the dismissal of the PIL does not amount to a decision on the merits of the PIL as it was filed by a lawyer and not by aggrieved students."Why are you (lawyer) coming? Let the students come here themselves," the CJI told the lawyer, adding "while declining the above PIL, we express nothing on merits".

The bench asked advocate Ujjawal Gaur, who has filed the PIL as a petitioner, to focus on some legal matters and leave such issues for aggrieved persons. The

UGC-NET exam following inputs that



compromised. The ministry on June 19 had ordered the cancellation of the UGC-NET exam and handed over the matter to the CBI for an investigation.

concrete action against such establishments," he said.In the wake of the deadly flooding incident, the MCD on Sunday sealed 13 coaching centres in the Old Rajinder Nagar area that were found violating rules.

A team from the civic body conductd searches at several coaching centres in the area and sealed institutes that were running commercial activities in the basement, Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi said.

The civic body has come under fire for not ensuring proper enforcement of building norms in the national capital after the flooding incident.Last year, after a massive fire at an IAS coaching institute in Mukherjee Nagar, a survey of coaching centres violating building rules was initiated. However, it is alleged that the civic ody's action was stopped mid-way.In May this year, the Delhi High Court directed the MCD and the Delhi Development Authority to immediately close down coaching centres that were operating in violation of fire safety norms.

Time to focus on medals: Tarun Tahiliani on criticism over Paris Olympics uniforms

New Delhi: Fashion designer Tarun Tahiliani, who was slammed for the Indian contingent's costume at the 2024 Paris Olympics, has said he stands by the design of the uniforms. Stressing it was time to focus on the medals, Tahiliani asserted several big-wigs had asked him to make a similar uniform for them."I stand by these uniforms," Tahiliani said, adding, "It was not my decision to put the ladies in sarees at the last minute, but still I wanted a cohesion between the flag and uniforms, and I stand by them."

The flotilla down the seinne is long over. Many industrialists who were there have asked me to make this uniform for them. A difference of opinion is totally fine," he added.Olympic outfits for the athletes faced heavy criticism on social media as many called the outfits an "eyesore" and a "work of absolute mediocrity". The uniforms saw male athletes dressed in a white kurta pyjama with a jacket featuring the saffron and green of the Indian tricolour, while the women athletes wore sarees.Following the backlash, Tasva, an Aditya Birla Group brand of which Tahiliani is the chief design officer, said they did not aim for

haute couture."We at Tasva by Tarun Tahiliani are aware of the comments doing the rounds but would request your consideration and support on the following.""We did not aim for haute couture; our focus was on creating functional and comfortable uniforms for our athletes. We are proud and gratified by the positive feedback we've received, especially from the athletes themselves."

"We recognise that in a diverse country like India, opinions will vary, and we welcome all perspectives. Our ultimate goal remains to represent India with dignity and pride on the global stage," a statement by Tasva read."We at Tasva feel that the best way to represent the country is the tricolor. And we feel that when the athletes wore the tricolor designs and sailed past the Seine River, it was a powerful imagery and a very proud moment for all us Indians," it read.



OLYMPIC UNIFORM FACES CRITICISM

Jwala Gutta, former Indian badminton star, in an X post, slammed those who were responsible for the uniform and said the garments made for the Indian contingent have been a huge disappointment."After not much of thinking.. The garments which was made for the Indian contingent participating in Olympics this time has been a huge disappointment!!

(Especially when the designer was announced I had huge expectations). First not all girls know how to wear a saree... why didn't the designer use this common sense and make pre draped saree(which is in current trend)," (sic), Gutta's X post read. The girls looked uncomfortable the blouse was of bad fit!! And second the colour and the print was so opposite of beautiful Indian!!! There was an opportunity for the designer to display the art of our

culture through embroidery or hand paint!! It was a work of absolute mediocrity and looked shabby!!!" she wrote."I really hope the sports family stops compromising on quality for our sportspersons looks on court and off court!!!!," Gutta tweeted.

BEAUTY

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Wear right Makeup during summer

Using the right makeup products during summer can be a tedious task for women, but keeping some factors in mind can help.



Makeup artist Rishab Khanna, who has styled some of the prominent Bollywood faces including Kajol, Karishma Kapoor and Neha Dhupia, suggests some quick tips

* Wear a primer after moisturising your face and before foundation. This extra * For eyes, wear a gel liner with water step will hold your foundation better and for a prolonged time.

* Instead of foundation, use tinted moisturiser that has SPF in it. This will make you feel light on the face while it is intact for long. hot and steamy outside and protect you * Use a light foundation for your neck from the sun.

bright and fresh colours on your lips. Use

bright coloured tinted lip balms and lip tints. These will add colour to your face.

* Try a subtle tint for your cheeks and avoid heavy cakey blush. If you love bronze, use bronzer on high points of your face to get a sun-kissed look.

proof mascara so that it stays in place even if you sweat. You can dab some powder eyeshadow with an angular brush on top of the liner to make it stay

and shoulders so that it does look * Instead of a thick layer of lipstick, use different from your face. Keep it light and always use a SPF sunscreeen.

Ayurvedic

How to keep skin problems away! Avoid spicy and oily food:

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

Say no to pitta aggravating beverages:

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

Keep your skin dry:

Getting a little wet or sometimes getting drenched is not uncommon when you are outdoors during the rainy season. However, don't let your skin remain wet for a long time while enjoying the monsoon showers. It is important to keep your skin folds and feet dry and clean at all times. Damp skin is a breeding ground for fungal infections.

Wheat grass, a tonic for your have cooling effects on the body (pitta skin:

Wheatgrass is a tonic for your skin. It is helpful in boosting the immune system and helping you in warding off or controlling skin

tips to keep skin problems away!

disorders in monsoon. A healthy immune system is reflected in a healthy and glowing skin. Wheatgrass is rich in antioxidants and is instrumental in detoxifying the blood.

Drink a lot of fluids:

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

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

Avoid alcohol-based skin cleansers:

You should avoid alcohol-based skin

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

Use cooling herbs:

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





Why coconut oil is good for Your **5**

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

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

Acne and acne scars

The application of coconut oil can help reduce the occurrence of acne. Mostly acne happens when the pores of your skin gets blocked. Coconut oil not only helps clear the pores but also reduce the swelling around the area. Further, acne scars can also be treated using coconut oil. Regular application of this oil

will lessen the scar and also clear your complexion.

Itchy skin

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

Cures skin rashes

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

hree office Makeup

looks for the season

Boardroom presentation

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

An office party or post-work hangout in with a creamy matte lipstick in allow you to bring a little drama to the same shade. You can choose your look. Do a winged cat-eye and from colours like light pink, peach, keep the liner thick on the lower inner nude or even a lighter shade of rims as well. Use a pink lip gloss to brown. Make a thin outline around finish off. Corporate lunch

your eyes. and don't make it too high.

Dos and don'ts

A hint of peachy blush will add

some freshness to a dull afternoon. Outline your lips with a lip pencil in a corresponding shade and fill it

> Stick to neutral colours for a corporate office environment Don't overdo the colours and compact Opt for blushers in colours like rose and apricot. Indigo blue, browns and grey are great options for eye shadows and liners.

Don't wear yellowtinged colours like coral and fuchsia, since they could make your teeth appear yellow Keep the foundation to a minimum For an alert look, don't forget the mascara and curl your lashes with an eyelash curler before stepping out Air-conditioned environment dehydrates the skin. So, keep lip balm and hand lotion your bag



BUSINESS

ICICI Bank shares gains 3% after Q1 results. Will it outperform peers

NEW DELHI. ICICI Bank Ltd is being viewed as a potential re-rating candidate by domestic brokerages, following its consistent performance in recent quarters. Analysts maintain their 'Buy' ratings on the stock, with price targets suggesting up to 20% potential upside. They believe ICICI Bank should continue to command premium valuations over other large peers.Nuvama Institutional Equities highlighted ICICI Bank as the most consistent lender in delivering core earnings and granular growth.Unlike its peers, ICICI Bank's earnings are free from the issues that affected others in Q1FY25, which supports the argument for a stock re-rating.

- 'ICICI Bank turned in strong earnings and outperformed on three key concerns plaguing its peers in Q1FY25: asset quality, LDR, and NIM. Loans grew 15% YoY/3% QoQ, while the 4bp QoQ dip in NIM is lower than expected. The QoQ increase in slippage of 11% YoY is also lower than peers and expectations," said Nuvama, suggesting a target of Rs 1,450 for the stock.
- Motilal Oswal Securities also praised ICICI Bank for reporting a steady quarter, unlike many of its large peers. The bank's NII growth has been consistent, the pace of NIM compression has slowed, and operating expenses have been well-controlled, even after accounting for employee increments in Q1
- 'The bank's substantial investment in technology offers some cushion against opex costs. A stable mix of a high-yielding portfolio (Retail/Business Banking) and ongoing growth in Business Banking, SME, and secured retail segments are driving broad-based growth, helping the bank maintain healthy business diversification," noted Motilal Oswal.The brokerage expects ICICI Bank to sustain a 12% CAGR in profit after tax over FY24-26E and reiterated their 'Buy' rating with a revised target price of Rs 1,400, up from Rs 1.350.

Sensex opens at record high, Nifty within touching distance of 25,000

NEW DELHI. Benchmark stock market indices opened Monday's trading session on a positive note, tracking positive developments in the US economy and sustained Q1 results momentum. The S&P BSE Sensex touched an all-time high of 81,720.25 at the opening bell, while the NSE Nifty50 rose to 24,980.45. There are strong chances that the Nifty50 may cross the 25,000 the the second s 25,000 milestone during intraday trade today.

At around 9:20 am, the Sensex was up 329.42 points to trade at 81,662.14, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 89.30 points to 24,924.15.Most of the other broader market indices also opened the trading session on positive note, with smallcap stocks making a strong comeback as market investors ignored the recent capital gains announcement in Budget 2024.

The top five gainers on the Nifty50 were NTPC, BPCL, ICICI Bank, SBI and Shriram Finance. On the other hand, the top losers were Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Titan, Cipla, Tata Consumer Products and SBI Life.

Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "The undercurrent of this bull market has turned stronger on positive cues. The soft landing scenario for the US economy and expectation of rate cut by the Fed in September are intact. This will provide the global support to this bull market. The decline in the US 10-year bond yield to 4.17% and decline in Brent crude to \$ 81.2 are other supporting factors.""In a departure from recent trends both FIIs and DIIs turned buyers last Friday resulting in a total buying of Rs 5320 crores pushing the market sharply up. DIIs which were sitting on cash waiting for clarity on tax proposals in the Budget have started deploying funds, particularly in quality largecaps, which explains the sharp rally in the Nifty," he added."In the current scenario, the market will likely ignore the valuation concerns and march ahead. ICICI bank has posted good Q1 numbers. The market is largely ignoring the good results of banking stocks on fears of potential margin compression due to slow growth in deposits."

Know which tax regime is more attractive for salaried people

NEW DELHI. The Union Budget 2024 has introduced enhanced tax relief in the new tax regime by adjusting the income tax slabs, making it more appealing compared to the old tax regime. As a result, taxpayers currently using the old tax regime may want to consider switching to the new tax regime for the 2024-25 financial year. According to the Budget 2024 proposals, the new tax regime has seen an expansion of income slabs, leading to a reduction in tax rates. Specifically, the tax rate for the income slab between Rs 6,00,000 and Rs 7,00,000 has been decreased from 10 per cent to 5 per cent. Additionally, for the income range of Rs 9,00,000 to Rs 10,00,000, the tax rate has been lowered from 15 per cent to 10 per cent. These adjustments result in a total tax saving of Rs 10,000 for individuals earning above Rs 10,00,000 under the new tax regime.Moreover, the standard deduction has increased from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000, contributing to potential overall tax savings of up to Rs 17,500 (before accounting for surcharge and cess) under the new tax regimeThe decision for each taxpayer to switch from the old tax regime to the new one hinges on the deductions they need to claim for their tax liability N under the old regime to be lower than that under the new regime. This required level of deductions fluctuates based on income levels.

It's important to recognise that the old tax regime allows for a variety of deductions against different allowances included in salaries, such as House Rent Allowance (HRA) and Leave Travel Allowance (LTA), as well as specific investments and expenses like the Public Provident Fund (PPF), National Pension Scheme (NPS), housing loan repayments, and tuition fees.Conversely, the new tax regime offers advantages such as a standard deduction and a full rebate for individuals with an annual income of up to Rs 7 lakh. Therefore, individuals earning more than



Rs 7 lakh must carefully evaluate their options between the new and old tax regimes, particularly since the old tax regime provides deductions under Chapter VI-A."With the changes in the new tax regime, for a salaried taxpayer, who is not a senior citizen (i.e. 60 years and above), with a regular income of R15 lakh and above, the break-even point to

choose between the old tax regime and new tax regime has increased from Rs 3.75.000 to Rs 4.33.333. This means that a person who is having exemptions and deductions under the old tax regime and are not available under the new tax regime below this break-even point, will benefit by opting for the new tax regime," said Poorva Prakash, Partner, Deloitte India.

'In addition, the limit for employer's contribution towards NPS has been increased from 10 per cent to 14 per cent under the NTR. This would allow the salaried taxpayers to avail additional tax benefit for employer's

contribution to NPS, subject to overall non-taxable threshold of Rs 7.5 lakh. These are welcome moves as eventually it will help in providing increased disposable income in the hands of the salaried taxpayers as well as easing the overall tax admin burden for both employers and the employees," Prakash

HDFC Bank changes credit card rules from August 1: What you need to know

NEW DELHI. HDFC Bank is set to introduce several changes to its credit card policies starting August 1, 2024. These updates will affect various types of transactions and fees for credit card holders.One of the significant changes is the introduction of a 1% fee on rental transactions made through third-party payment apps like PayTM, CRED, MobiKwik, and Cheq. This fee will be capped at Rs 3,000 per transaction, adding an extra cost for customers using these popular apps to pay their rent.For utility transactions, the bank has introduced a new fee structure. Transactions under Rs 50,000 will not be affected, but those above this amount will incur a 1% fee, also capped at Rs 3,000 per transaction. This change targets only higher-value utility payments.Insurance-related transactions will not be subject to these new fees, offering some relief for customers managing their insurance payments.Fuel transactions will now attract a 1% fee for amounts over Rs 15,000, with a maximum fee cap of Rs 3,000 per transaction. Smaller fuel purchases will remain free of this

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through third-party apps like CRED and PayTM will also face a 1% fee, with a Rs 3,000 cap per transaction. However, payments made directly through educational institutions' wabsite or POS machines will not be websites or POS machines will not be subject to this fee. International educational payments will be exempt from this new charge.For international transactions, HDFČ Bank will apply a 3.5% markup fee on all cross-currency transactions. This will affect customers who frequently make purchases or payments abroad. The late payment fee structure has been updated, with fees now ranging from Rs 100 to Rs 300, depending on the outstanding amount. This change aims to encourage timely payments and reduce overdue balances. charge.Educational payments made The cost to redeem rewards points for

statement credit or cashback has increased to Rs 50, adding a small expense to the rewards redemption process.Customers using revolving credit facilities will face a finance charge of 3.75% per month, calculated from the transaction date until the outstanding balance is fully paid. This change highlights the importance of prompt payment to avoid accruing significant interest charges.

For those using the Easy-EMI facility, a processing fee of up to Rs 299 will be charged for converting purchases into EMIs at both online and offline stores. HDFC Bank has also updated the rewards structure for Tata Neu Infinity and Tata Neu Plus credit card holders. Tata Neu Infinity HDFC Bank Credit Card users will earn 1.5% NeuCoins on eligible UPI transactions made with the Tata Neu UPI ID, while transactions with other eligible UPI IDs will earn 0.50% NeuCoins.Tata Neu Plus HDFC Bank Credit Card holders will earn 1% NeuCoins on eligible UPI transactions with the Tata Neu UPI ID and 0.25% NeuCoins for transactions using other eligible UPI Ids.

Narayana Murthy calls India's dream to become manufacturing hub 'audacious'

New Delhi. India's dream to surpass China and establish itself as a leading global manufacturing hub is facing major obstacles, according to NR Narayana Murthy, cofounder of Infosys.

Speaking at the 'ELCIA Tech Summit 2024,' Murthy voiced doubts about India's capability to compete with China in manufacturing, highlighting the importance of government involvement and improvements in public governance for any meaningful progress in this area.Murthy advised caution against using lofty terms like 'hub' and 'global leader' too early, according to a Business Today article.He said, "China has already become the factory of the world. Around 90% of items in supermarkets and home depots in other countries are manufactured in China. They have six times the GDP of India. It is too audacious of us to sayIndia will become the manufacturing hub."

Murthy explained that while India's IT sector benefits from exports, the manufacturing sector relies more on domestic inputs and government support.He said, "For manufacturing, by and large, the domestic contribution is more, and the government plays a big role in the success of manufacturing. Unfortunately, the response time, transparency, accountability, speed, and excellence in public governance in a country like India still need to improve."He highlighted the need to reduce the interaction between government and industry to boost

Ultratech Cement approves India Cements acquisition. Will shares gain expenditure and enhancing return ratios.Previously, UltraTech Cement acquired a 23% stake in India Cements

Shares of UltraTech Cement were trading 0.72% higher on the BSE at Rs 11,763.50, while



per cent CAGR). This will help the company achieve industry-leading volume growth, despite its large scale, and the lower opex/capex would boost return ratios," Emkay Global said

IRFC, RVNL, Ircon: These multibagger stocks gain up to 4%. Will rally continue

New Delhi Shares of several railway PSUs rebounded on Monday, gaining as much as 4% during intraday trade. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) shares surged 3.96% on the BSE to trade at Rs 574.60 at 12:28 pm.Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) shares were up 3.65% at Rs 190.15, while Ircon International shares were up 3.80% at Rs 285.15. In addition, shares of Titagarh Rail Systems also gained 4.46% to trade at Rs 1,682.95. It may be noted that the rally in these railway PSUs comes after a short period of heavy losses, triggered by a lack of announcements



of the railways sector in Budget 2024.RVNL and IRFC shares have fallen nearly 8% in the past five trading sessions, while Ircon International shares fell nearly 12%.However, all these stocks have given multibagger returns to investors in the past year, and despite being overvalued, analysts feel that these stocks are likely to feed off the broader rally on Dalal Street and gain.Focus on railway infrastructure to continueRailway stocks are also likely to gain due to the government's continued focus on infrastructure, a major part of which includes development of railways. Though there was no mention of Indian Railways in Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's budget speech, it is worth noting that the government has allocated record capex of Rs 2,62,2000 crore."I thank Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman for record allocation of Rs 2,62,200 crore for Railways.

shares of Indian Cements rose 0.81% to Rs 377.65.

New Delhi UltraTech Cement Ltd's board has approved the acquisition of an additional 33% stake in India Cements Ltd from its promoters and cements Ltd from its promoters and associates at Rs 390 per share. The acquisition, valued at an enterprise value (EV) of \$121 per tonne, involves an outflow of Rs 1,900 crore and is subject to regulatory approvals.Shares of Liltra Tach. Compart ware, tradian of UltraTech Cement were trading 0.72% higher on the BSE at Rs 11,763.50, while shares of Indian Cements rose 0.81% to Rs 377.65.Emkay Global suggests that this strategic move will bolster UltraTech's industry-leading volume growth, potentially reducing its capital

in June, increasing its total stake to 56% at an EV of \$108 per tonne. UltraTech has also made an open offer for an additional 26% equity stake at Rs 390 per share. According to Emkay Global, this acquisition significantly strengthens UltraTech Cement's market position, with the company's capacity market share in the South expected to more than double to 25% by FŶ27E.

"UltraTech India's grey cement capacity is likely to cross 200 mt by FY27E (12

However, the brokerage also cautioned that industry profitability might remain capped in the short term due to market share competition, which could persist for another 4-6 quarters. In the long term, this consolidation is expected to introduce price discipline and generate significantly better profitability and return ratios.Emkay Global maintains a 'Buy' rating on UltraTech Cement, with a target price of Rs 12,800 per share by June 2025, based on 20 tims EV/E.

Additionally, Emkay Global anticipates a further re-rating of the potential acquisition candidate. They also highlighted that profitability might remain capped in the near term as companies aim to improve utilisation, given that the acquired assets are operating at low utilisation levels.

manufacturing growth.

Additionally, Murthy discussed the importance of entrepreneurs accurately evaluating market conditions and using simple mathematical models to create value."Entrepreneurs need to learn to assess the market and estimate the possible size they can capture. They must be able to produce simple mathematical models to bring higher value leverage, compared to other ideas in the market. This knowledge and talent are mandatory for success," he explained.Looking forward, Murthy expressed confidence in the enduring role of human creativity in the face of growing artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities.

He said, "AI will not replace designers and individuals implementing large-scale application systems, simply because they are too complex.

Why long-term investing makes sense

As an individual taxpayer, you are not paying any significant tax up to Rs 15 lakh income annually.

New Delhi Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's record seventh budget has underscored the importance of an efficient tax system with an all-rounded budget. The reaction in the stock market was initial panic when she mentioned the word 'capital gains'. However, equity prices recovered quickly to end the flat trading session on Budget Day.As an individual taxpayer, you are not paying any significant tax up to Rs 15 lakh income annually. That means you have some more money in your hands. Your long-term financial plan will not be affected if you are a regular investor. There is a minor increase in the long-term capital gains tax in listed shares. However, if you are a day trader in equities and derivatives and earn well, you have to pay more taxes on capital gains. The Budget clearly states that you must pay taxes if you make money through capital gains. Capital gains in India are here to stay, and if some pundits

are believed, they will eventually be brought in line with the rate in rich countries. At 12.5 per cent, the long-term capital gains tax rate is still lower than that in the United States at 20 per cent. So, you may want to set your expectations accordingly.

Trading V Investing profits

The tax system in India encourages you to invest more than trade in the equity markets.A study published last week by the Securities and Exchange Board of India about intra-day trading in equities shows that 7 out of 10-day traders lose money. As the day trading activity intensified over the past three financial years to 2023, losses have increased, too. As a result, stock market day trading is not for those who cannot digest losses. Even then, more and more people are finding their way to start trading in the stock market from tier II and tier III cities in India. There is an attraction towards quick returns despite the data showing losses. The message from the Budget in that situation to you as a day trader is that if you are good at it, you must pay more taxes.At the same time, those playing in equity and index options derivatives are setting new records in the daily turnover. Last year, a US firm reported trading profits of 1 billion USD in India index options. If institutional traders are making



that kind of money, the finance minister is suitable to enhance the taxation on such gains. If you observe the budget speeches of the government over the past ten years, the government has gradually made it clear that India is not a tax haven country. From your standpoint, the message from the Budget is that derivatives are for hedging your risks. You must understand the tax implications of a derivatives trade before acting on it. The mutual fund

industry has witnessed a significant contribution from retail investors. The assets under management from systematic investment plans are at a record high of over Rs 10 lakh crore. However, a Sebi study of SIP investors in the past showed that barely a few accounts had a holding period of over three or five years. A lot of units were sold within a year. The Budget discourages you from doing that. You need to hold your mutual funds for a long time for them to give you any meaningful returns for your financial goals like retirement or children's higher education.Concerns about too much money chasing too few assets in equity markets exist. Equity market valuation is presently way higher than 10-year averages for most quality stocks. Few quality companies with a significant free float are available for investors who are not promoters. In such an environment, if more money keeps pouring from domestic and foreign investors into equity assets, valuations could be prohibitively expensive for entry to new investors. It would also be hard to generate returns that comfortably beat the consumer price inflation rate. Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch told wealth managers recently that new companies are getting listed to absorb the increased flow of investments.

SPORTS

NEWS BOX

France investigates death threats sent to Israeli athletes

- French police have opened an investigation into death threats received by three Israeli athletes at the Paris Olympic Games, the Paris prosecutors' office said on Sunday.
- Anti-cybercrime officers are also investigating the release of athletes' personal data on social networks on Friday and seeking to have it removed, prosecutors said in a statement.
- In a statement on Thursday, Israel's National Cyber Directorate said that after an investigation it had come to the conclusion that Iranian hackers were creating social media channels to publish personal information about members of the Israeli delegation and send them threatening messages.On the same day, Israel's foreign minister warned his French counterpart of a potential Iranian-backed plot to target Israeli athletes and tourists during the Paris Olympic Games.
- The Iranian mission to the United Nations said in a statement on Thursday: "Terrorist acts have no place in the principles of resistance groups; lies and deceit cannot switch the roles of the plaintiff and the accused."
- Israeli athletes at the Games are being escorted to and from events by elite tactical units and given 24-hour protection throughout the Olympics, officials say. Israel's internal security service, Shin Bet, is helping with security."Total support for the measures that are being taken by the French authorities," an



Israeli diplomatic source said. "This sends an important message to individuals and organizations attempting to threaten athletes," the source added.

If you want to grow the sport...': Rahul Dravid defends US leg of T20 World Cup

- NEW DELHI: In defence of the harshly criticized US leg of last month's T20 World Cup, former India head coach Rahul Dravid said that "playing at odd hours" and adjusting to "challenging" facilities were essential "compromises" made in order to bring cricket to a wider audience.
- Dravid stated he was okay with the 10.30 a.m. (local time) starts and the infrastructure used for the games in New York, Florida, and Texas given the enormous work needed in organizing the tournament in the area, according to PTI."Yes, in terms of facilities, it's challenging. But if you want to grow the sport and make it a global game, then you have to be at events like this and make compromises, even if it means playing at odd hours in conditions that might not necessarily be perfect," Dravid said in a panel discussion on 'Cricket at the Olympics: Dawn of a New Era', celebrating the sport's inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles

1 month to T20 World Cup triumph: Suryakumar reflects on his last over catch

Suryakumar Yadav reflected on his stunning and heart-stopping catch at long-off during the last over of the T20 World Cup 2024. His catch of David Miller was crucial in India lifting the T20 World Cup after 17 years.

New Delhi. It has been one month since Rohit Sharma-led India won the T20 World Cup 2024. Many things changed within the Indian cricket team during this period of time. A dawn of a new era in Indian cricket with Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja taking retirement from T20Is. This wave of happiness would not have spread across the country, had it not been for Suryakumar Yadav's catch. However, within this 30-day span, another



thing that changed was Suryakumar's elevation from being a player to now the captain of the T20I side. A month after his T20 World Cup winning catch, Suryakumar reflected on that moment. The official social media handle of the BCCI posted a special video, celebrating one month of India's triumph at the T20 World Cup 2024. The

newly-appointed captain Suryakumar revealed that he had always practised for moments like these, but never imagined that such kind of moment would come during the last over of a T20 World Cup final. Suryakumar Yadav's long-off catch

"This will stay with me forever because I've done those things in my practise sessions a

lot. But I didn't think that it will come at that moment, World Cup final and that situation. I'm very grateful for that to be doing something special on a special occasion. But yeah, as you said that will remain with me forever. It won't be a one-month challenge or a one-year challenge. I think it will be for a a one-year chanenge. I unlik it will be for a lifetime," Suryakumar said in the video.Suryakumar took arguably the catch of the tournament in the final of the T20 World Cup 2024 as he dismissed David Miller in the final over of the match on Saturday, June 29 at Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, Barbados, Notably, Miller stood as the last hope of South Africa as they needed 16 runs to win off the last over. However, the southpaw ended up hitting a full toss from Hardik Pandya on the first ball of the over, which went miles in the air and went straight down to the throat of Suryakumar Yadav at long off. The India star showed great presence of mind as he managed to grab hold of the ball inside the boundary and quickly got rid of it as he stepped over. Suryakumar finally managed to complete the catch after coming inside the boundary and ended up turning the game in India's favour.

Heard dressing room conversations: Rahul Dravid on inclusion of cricket in Olympics

Steve Smith stars as Washington Freedom beat San Francisco Unicorns to win MLC title

New Delhi. The Washington Freedom capped off a dominant season by clinching the MLC 2024 title with a commanding performance in the final at Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas with captain Steve Smith leading from the front. Smith, who has been in stunning form throughout the campaign, scored 88 off just 52 balls as Freedom posted 207 runs in 20 overs. Washington's bowlers then overwhelmed their opponents, securing a 96-run victory-the largest margin by runs in the season-with Marco Jansen and Rachin Ravindra each taking three wickets.

The season's top two teams, Washington Freedom and San Francisco Unicorns, had split their previous encounters, with the Unicorns chasing down a target of 177 in just 14 overs in their earlier match. The stage for the final's victory was set by Freedom's captain, Smith, who scored a blistering 88, bringing his season total to 336 runs at a strike rate of 148.67. Smith had to shoulder the burden of setting a formidable target, as his usual opening partner, Travis Head, who had scored five consecutive 50+ runs in prior games, fell early. Head's innings ended at just 10 runs when Pat Cummins delivered a back-of-length ball that Head edged to



slip.Despite a slow start, scoring only 10 runs off his first 11 balls, Smith found his rhythm, aided by Andries Gous, who struck a pair of fours and a six off Cummins' second over before being dismissed for a quickfire 21 off 14 balls. Smith's steady progress led to a 49-run PowerPlay. He accelerated through the middle overs, using the field's dimensions and the wind to his advantage, hitting sixes off Carmi le Roux in the ninth over.Smith reached his halfcentury in 34 balls and continued to increase the scoring rate. Glenn Maxwell's arrival further boosted the scoring, as the two Australians scored 28 runs in Juanoy Drysdale's 13th over, with Smith hitting a four and two sixes, bringing his total to five sixes for the innings.Smith's innings ended at 88 when Cummins bowled a short ball

that Smith mistimed, missing out on a century. Maxwell, who scored 40 off 22 balls, was also dismissed, caught behind by Josh Inglis. Despite Cummins' effective death bowling, Mukhtar Ahmed and Obus Pienaar managed to score 16 runs off a Haris Rauf over, surpassing Washington's previous highest score of the season, 206, set against the Texas Super Kings 10 days earlier.

Chasing a daunting 208, the Unicorns stumbled early when Jake Fraser-McGurk chopped a Marco Jansen delivery onto his stumps. The situation worsened when Jansen also dismissed the in-form Finn Allen in a similar manner. Saurabh Netravalkar then removed Sanjay Krishnamurthi, who had been instrumental in the Unicorns' successful chase against Washington a week prior.

By the ninth over, the Unicorns were reeling at 56/6, and the outcome seemed inevitable. Andrew Tye struck twice in his second over, removing Josh Inglis and Corey Anderson, effectively ending any hopes of a comeback. Jansen returned to claim his third wicket, while Ravindra finished the job by taking three wickets, sealing a comprehensive win for Washington Freedom.

New Delhi. Former India head coach Rahul Dravid strongly supported the decision to introduce cricket in the Olympics. He also revealed that there has been a sense of excitement among the Indian players about participating in the Olympic Games. Dravid was invited as a guest panellist in the discussion themed 'Cricket at the Olympics: Dawn of a new era'. The event was to commemorate the groundbreaking decision to include cricket in the 2028 Los Angeles Games, marking a significant milestone for the sport and its enthusiasts worldwide."I've already heard a few conversations in the dressing room. People are talking about the 2026 T20 World Cup, there is an ODI World Cup in 2027, and you hear people saying there is the Olympics in 2028," Dravid said as

quoted by PTI during the discussion. "Excitement among players for Olympics"

Dravid revealed that there have been discussions about Olympic participation within the Indian team's dressing room and that the cricketers have been looking forward to clinch Olympic glory and interacting with athletes worldwide."People are going to want to win that gold medal, stand on the podium, and be a part of the Games Village, a great sporting event, and interact with so many athletes."As you get closer, I have no doubt that teams will be preparing and checking out facilities. They will take this seriously, and players will fight tooth and nail to be out



What's in a name US tennis player Danielle Collins getting Irish support at the Paris Olympics

Games, here on Sunday. In the event that saw the USA and the West Indies jointly host the knockout matches, Dravid led India to their first ICC title in eleven years. was thought that the USA's first-ever hosting of a major cricket tournament would serve as a springboard for developing a following in the area before the Olympics in Los Angeles. However, all India matches were arranged around 10.30am to accommodate the large sub-continental audience. This decision was met with some controversy, since it was perceived that local Americans were being overlooked.

I don't think starting at 10:30am was a problem for me, honestly. We are in the entertainment business, which caters to people who want to watch the sport. I had absolutely no problem with it." Dravid said.

Rohit pulls off Suryakumar Yadav-like heart-stopping catch

NEW DELHI. No one can forget Suryakumar Yadav's heart-stopping catch in the pulsating final against South Africa in Barbados, a moment that turned the match in India's favor. India went on to beat South Africa by seven runs, clinching the coveted T20 World Cup trophy.Following that thrilling T20 World Cup final, several players have attempted to emulate Suryakumar's brilliance. Recently, Nepal's star cricketer Rohit Paudel gave a glimpse of Suryakumar's breathtaking catch.Rohit, currently playing for the Toronto Nationals in the Global T20 Canada, was standing at the boundary ropes. Junaid Siddique bowled an outside off delivery to Brampton Wolves' Akhil Kumar, who hit the ball with sheer power.Rohit ran towards his right at the boundary ropes, caught the ball, released it just as he went over the boundary ropes, and then came back in to complete an astonishing catch.In fact, the social media account of the Global T20 Canada praised Rohit's efforts, writing: "A catch that would make even Suryakumar proud."Suryakumar received the Fielder Medal of the Match in the T20 World Cup 2024 final after making a stunning catch at long-off to remove David Miller. Miller's dismissal helped India make a comeback and secure the crucial win by seven runs.Needing 16 runs from the final over, South Africa had the big-hitting David Miller on strike. He hit a wide full toss from Hardik Pandya, but Suryakumar steadied himself on the ropes, caught the ball, released it just as he went over the boundary ropes, and then came back in to complete an astonishing catch.

PARIS. Red, white, and blue. And green. American tennis player Danielle Collins isn't just getting support from her own country at the Paris Olympics. Irish fans have adopted her as one of their own, too.Collins started to realize the extent of her new fanbase when she was warming up before her firstround victory over German opponent Laura Siegemund at Roland Garros on Sunday.

"A group of people that were Irish, and because of my last name, Collins, they came out to support me even though I'm American. Because my grandfather is Irish they wanted to support me. How cool is that?" Collins said."And a couple times when I was in the (athletes) village, some of the Irish came up to me and said, 'Oh my goodness, Collins, that's a very Irish last name.' And we got to talking and I made some new friends and got the Irish pin. So that has been so cool because we don't have a lot of Irish tennis players on tour."

The Irish also might have had a leading figure in Ireland's fight for independence in mind: Michael Collins, who was portrayed in film



by Liam Neeson.Collins' first name also comes from her late Irish grandfather, who was named Daniel Collins. She doesn't quite remember if it was her grandfather or her great-grandfather who emigrated from Ireland."Maybe somebody on ancestor.com can help me," Collins said. The ninth-ranked Collins, who is making her Olympic debut in her last season on tour, advanced when

Siegemund retired because of a left ankle injury. Collins was ahead 6-3, 2-0 at the time of the withdrawal. She next plays Caroline Wozniacki.The 30-year-old Collins, an Australian Open finalist in 2022, underwent surgery in 2021 to treat endometriosis. She has said she wants to have a child — which is why she plans to retire at the end of the year.She hadn't qualified for the Olympic team until this year. "It's even more special when you're an American getting the opportunity to do this because you don't get to be on the Olympic team unless you're like in the top 15 in the world," she said. "That really says a lot about the level that we have.""It's also special because I've known these women for so long," added Collins, who prepared "goodie bags" for her teammates. "I've known Jess (Jessica Pegula) since we were young teenagers. I've known Des (her doubles partner Desirae Krawczyk) since we were about 10 years old, playing the national tournaments together because we're the same age.



there," he added."You grow up watching the Olympics, seeing Carl Lewis winning the gold medal, watching the great athletes perform. You always want to be part of great events like this. The environment, the energy it's a dream come true."

Cricket in LAOlympics 2028

Dravid hoped that India would win both the men's and women's gold medals at the LA Games."The dream for me to have a fantastic cricket tournament, hopefully Indian men and women winning the gold which would be nice.But more than that, I wish for everyone here... So many Indian fans would be able to come there to LA and support cricket, and show the rest of the world how big and great a sport cricket is," he said."Unfortunately, I won't be able to play, but I will make every effort to be in LA in some capacity or another.

Paris Olympics 2024 Nadal vs Djokovic: When and where to watch epic battle live

All eyes will firmly be on the **Court Philippe-Chatrier on** Monday, July 29 as Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic will renew their rivalry at the Paris Olympics 2024.

New Delhi. All eyes of the tennis world will be firmly on the epic battle of the former World No.1s as Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal will lock horns in the second round of the men's singles at the Paris Olympics 2024. Since the draw was made, this was the match that everyone was waiting for given the storied rivalry between Djokovic and Nadal. This will be the 60th meeting between the two, and could be another classic.

This upcoming match will be the first encounter between Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal since their 2022 Roland Garros quarter-final clash on the same court, where Nadal secured a victory in four sets. Currently, Djokovic holds a narrow lead in their storied rivalry, with a 30-29 head-to-head record. Previously, the two tennis icons faced each other in the semi-finals of the Beijing Olympics, where Nadal won in three sets and went on to claim the gold medal. Djokovic finished the tournament with the bronze medal. When it comes to clay courts, where they will be playing on Monday, Nadal has the upper hand over Djokovic with a margin of 20-8.

hat Nadal and Djokovic said about their upcoming clash?

Nadal had said that Djokovic would be the Djokovic claimed that Nadal has always clear favourite heading into the clash on



Monday, despite holding the edge over the Serbian at Roland Garros.Situations are completely different for him, for me. He's being very competitive. I was not being very competitive for the last two years, so in that case, I think probably he is the clear favourite," said Nadal.

been his biggest rival in his career.

'Nadal is always my biggest rival," Djokovic said. "As long as Nadal is playing, as long as I'm playing, Nadal is always my biggest rival regardless of the rankings or what's going on on the tour just because of the history of our rivalry.

When will the Nadal vs Djokovic match take place?

The clash between Nadal and Djokovic will take place second on the Court Philippe-Chatrier not before 1:30 PM local time. This

will be 5 pm IST and the match will follow the tie between Iga Swiatek and Diane Perry. Where can we watch the Nadal vs Djokovic match?

The clash between Nadal and Djokovic can be watched live on Sports 18 1, Sports 18 2 channels and will be live-streamed on JioCinema app and website.

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Katrina Kaif Captures Vicky Kaushal Lounging On The Couch With A Soft Toy: 'Lazy Sunday Aur Wife Ke...'



icky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif are one of B-Town's most adorable couples, often sharing their love on social media. The couple spent their Sunday together, now that Katrina Kaif is back from Austria, where she was rejuvenating. On Sunday evening, Vicky shared a picture of himself lounging on the couch, clutching a soft toy and flashing a big smile. He wore a grey tee in the photo. What stood out, apart from Vicky's smile, was his sweet caption for Katrina. It seems Katrina channelled her inner photographer and took the picture. Vicky captioned the photo, "Lazy Sunday and wife ke andar ka photographer jaag gaya!"

Recently, Vicky Kaushal was asked during media interaction if he would work with wife Katrina Kaif and his answer is garnering everyone's attention. Replying to the question, Vicky said, "I hope that Katrina and I will be seen in a film soon. We are also looking for such a story, but we do not want to do a film that is made just by taking us together. Our pairing should be according to the demand of the story, only then will it be fun. We are waiting and we are not in any hurry for this."

Vickey will next be seen in the upcoming historical drama film Chhava. The film is directed by Laxman Utekar and produced by Dinesh Vijan of Maddock Films, with music composed by A. R. Rahman. The film stars Vicky Kaushal as Maratha emperor Sambhaji, son of Shivaji. Rashmika Mandanna, Akshaye Khanna, Ashutosh Rana and Divya Dutta play supporting roles. The film is scheduled to release on December 6.On the other hand, Katrina was last seen in the mystery thriller film Merry Christmas. It was directed by Sriram Raghavan and starring Katrina Kaif and Vijay Sethupathi as the main lead. The film was produced jointly by Ramesh Taurani, Jaya Taurani, Sanjay Routray and Kewal Garg under Tips Films and Matchbox Pictures.

Sonakshi Sinha Walks The Ramp First Time After Wedding; Exudes **Elegance In A Thigh-HIgh Slit Gown**



Urvashi Kautela **Reacts to Her 'Leaked' Bathroom Video That Went**

Viral: 'I Was Upset...'

Urvashi Rautela opened up about her 'leaked' bathroom video. The actress confessed that the video was from her upcoming film, Ghuspaithiye. Although it was from her film, she admitted she was upset that the video was 'leaked' online."The day the clip went out, obviously I was upset for that period of time. Of course it's not my personal life, it's not my personal clip, it's part of a movie, Ghuspaithiye," she told Instant Bollywood.

For the unversed, a few days ago, a video of Urvashi was widely shared online. While netizens debate whether the leak was a breach of privacy or a PR stunt, Urvashi's phone call recording with her manager has also leaked online. In the recording,

Urvashi can be heard asking her manager, "Have you seen the video? I just don't understand ki how are these things going out. I need to get on a call with them immediately." Her manager assured her that he was trying to get the video taken down from social media. He said that while he understands that "it's a sad stuation", they should talk in person and avoid talking on call.Meanwhile, Ghuspaithiye is set to release on August 9. Urvashi stars in the film with Akshay Oberoi. The film is

directed by Susi Ganeshan. Urvashi was also in the news after she was hospitalised. Urvashi was hospitalised in Hyderabad earlier this month. As reported by Free Press Journal, the actress was recently working on Nandamuri Balakrishna's upcoming Telugu film NBK 109 in Hyderabad when she suffered an injury while shooting an action sequence. Urvashi's team confirmed the news of her hospitalisation and revealed that she suffered a 'terrible' fracture. It further mentioned that even though the actress is currently in pain, she is receiving the best of all treatments.



Shehnaaz Gill **Shares About Paranormal Encounter** In Miami: 'There Was A Ghost...'

Actress and social media sensation Shehnaaz Gill, currently on tour in the US, recently shared an eerie experience during her stay in Miami. Shehnaaz claimed she "felt a ghost" in her room and sensed "negative energies" around her. On Sunday, she shared a vlog on YouTube, capturing her adventures as she explored the streets of Miami with her brother Shehbaz and other family members. The vlog captures Shehnaaz Gill visiting a makeup store and stopping by a restaurant to enjoy some carrot juice. During a brief walk, Shehnaaz asked her cousin to recount the previous night's events. Her cousin replied, "There was a ghost in the room."

Shehnaaz elaborated, "Guys, we experienced something. There were some negative energies in our room. She will explain it better and then share what Shehbaz did."Her cousin explained how they all went to sleep in the early hours but were awakened by a strange sound.



Shehnaaz added that Shehbaz was so scared he refused to enter the room until everyone else was there, saying, "How will I save you if I am not safe?" The vlog continued with Shehnaaz spending time on the beach and meeting some fans.Shehnaaz began her career in the glamour world as a model, featuring in the 2015 music video 'Shiv Di Kitaab'. She made her Punjabi cinema

debut in 2017 with 'Sat Shri Akaal England'. Her life took a significant turn in 2019 when she participated in the controversial reality show 'Bigg Boss 13', hosted by Salman Khan. The actress gained a massive fanbase after finishing third in the show, which was won by the late actor Sidharth Shukla. Shehnaaz has also appeared in films such as 'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan' and 'Thank You for Coming'. Shehnaaz is gearing up for her next project Sab First Class along with Varun Sharma. Helmed by Balwinder Singh Janjua, the film will be an out-and-out family entertainer. On January 20 this year, Shehnaaz officially announced the film by sharing an Instagram post. "2024 begins @fukravarun @balwindersinghjanjua @muradkhetani @cine1studios @officialjiostudios @movietunnelproductions," she wrote.

Sonakshi Sinha is making heads turn and how. She made a stunning return to the ramp as the showstopper for designer Dolly J's collection at India Couture Week in Delhi on Saturday. This marks her first runway appearance since tying the knot with actor Zaheer Igbal. A paparazzo captured the moment on video and shared it on Instagram, which showcased Sonakshi's confident stride and radiant presence on the catwalk.Sonakshi looked all things beautiful in a sequin thigh-high slit gown. She flashed her million-dollar smile, left her wavy locks open and was a complete vision to behold on the ramp. She styled her shimmery blush pink gown with a cape and heels.

- Post the event, Sonakshi also opened up about her wedding with Zaheer. In an interview with ANI she shared, "I genuinely feel the simpler bride is going to be back. I honestly had the freedom to enjoy my wedding so much because I was so comfortable. And I was able to breathe and move around. And I didn't stress myself out. So I think a simpler but beautiful bride, that's going to be a forthcoming trend for sure."She further added, about how she chose her wedding outfit, she said, "It took five minutes for both of us to choose outfits. I was very clear in my head that I wanted to wear a red saree. And I was very clear in my head that for my actual signing and the wedding, I wanted to wear my mother's saree and her jewellery, which is exactly what I did. So it was all in my head. And we just brought it to life on that day. We're very not so fussy people."Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal got married on June 23 in the presence of their loved ones at their residence in Mumbai. Their first post-wedding update featured beautiful photos from their civil ceremony, with a heartfelt caption revealing that they first committed to each other seven years ago. The caption read, "Today, that love has guided us through all the challenges and triumphs, leading up to this moment. With the blessings of both our families and both our gods, we are now man and wife. Here's to love, hope, and all things beautiful with each other, from now until forever." ??
- Following their intimate ceremony, the couple hosted a grand reception in Mumbai, attended by industry stars, including Salman Khan. Since their marriage last month, Sonakshi and Zaheer have been enjoying their newlywed life to the fullest.