

Simmi Kaur Babbar

Wayanad, July 30: As many as 93 people have been killed and 128 injured in massive landslides triggered by heavy rains in Wayanad on Tuesday and hundreds.Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan confirmed the number of deaths and injured. The landslides that occurred in the early hours of Tuesday caught the sleeping villagers offguard. It quickly turned otherwise picturesque hamlets in the hilly district into a picture of gloom, as the natural tragedy left behind a trail of destruction and despair in the southern state.Rescue teams comprising the Army, Navy, and NDRF are collectively looking for survivors amid rough weather and multiple agencies are working in tandem to provide critical assistance to those affected.According to a senior government source, heavy rains triggered a series of massive landslides in hilly areas of Meppadi in the district, sparking apprehensions of a possible increase in fatalities. There are several women and children among the dead. The bodies of the deceased are being taken to various hospital morgues for identification and autopsy.Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Attamala, and Noolpuzha villages were

No state has been denied money in Union Budget

New Delhi, July 30: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday termed misleading claims by opposition leaders that if any state is not named in the Budget speech, then it does not get any budgetary allocation. Replying to the Budget discussion in the Lok Sabha, Sitharaman asserted that no state was being denied money.She recalled that in the past Budgets, the UPA government also did not mention names of all states in their Budget speech."I have been picking up on Budget speeches since 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and so on. The Budget of 2004-2005 did not take the name of 17 states. I would like to ask the members of the UPA government at that time - did money not go to those 17 states? Did they stop it?" Sitharaman said.She was responding to comments by several opposition members that the Budget has provided funds only to Bihar and Andhra Pradesh and nothing to other states.Sitharaman said India is the fastest-growing economy globally and has overcome the after-effects of the pandemic due to heavy capex push.She said the government is complying with the fiscal deficit trajectory. It will bring down the deficit to below 4.5 per cent by 2025-26 from the targeted 4.9 per cent for the current fiscal.

landslides, authorities said.Frantic phone calls made by people desperately pleading for help after being trapped under destroyed houses and piles of debris highlighted the intensity of the deadly landslide.Several people who were injured in the landslides have been admitted to various hospitals.Meanwhile, the Kerala government has also sought the assistance of the defence forces to augment rescue operations. A 43-member team from the 122 Infantry Battalion (TA) MADRAS has been deployed to aid in the efforts.Reinforcing the rescue efforts, additional columns comprising 200 sol-

diers, medical teams, and equipment from the Defence Security Corps (DSC) Centre, Kannur, and the Territorial Army from Kozhikode have been pressed into service.In a bid to rapidly evacuate stranded persons, two Indian Air Force helicopters from Air Force Station Sulur have been dispatched to the affected area.Furthermore,

among the areas affected and cut off by the Ezhimala Naval Academy, Kannur, is set to Vijayan and assured all possible help from join the rescue efforts, as per a request made by the Kerala government. The multi-

pronged rescue operation is unde rway to provide critical assistance to those affected by the landslides in Wayanad.Kerala Chief Minister Vijayan's OSD S Karthikeyan was tasked with coordinating the rescue operations, the CM's office said in a statement.Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed concern over the incident and the Navy's River Crossing Team from the said he spoke to Chief Minister Pinarayi authorities.

the Centre to the state. Kerala declares 2-day state mourningAn official notification issued by Chief Secretary V Venu has

declared official mourning on July 30 and 31.As per protocol, the National Flag will be kept half-mast and all public functions and celebrations will be cancelled. Army dogs that can sniff out life from under mud deployed in be WayanadExpertly-trained dogs from the Army's elite canine unit of breeds such as Belgian Malinois, Labradors, and German Shepherds, which can smell human remains and even the faintest of breath buried deep under

mud, are on their way to the landslide-ravaged Meppadi in Wayanad. Landslide hits high range areas of KozhikodeLandslide and mudslide reported in Maruthongara village and Kaithappoyil-Anorammal road respectively.Malayangadu bridge washed away, resulting in as many as 15 families being cut off from the main area, say

NCP leader Nawab Malik on medical grounds

ST Correspondent

New Delhi, July 30: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail on medical grounds to former Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik in a money laundering case.A bench of justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma took note of the submissions of a counsel, appearing for Malik, that he was suffering



from various ailments. The top court said medical bail to Mailk will be valid till disposal of the regular bail plea before the Bombay High Court.Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for the ED, did not oppose grant of bail, and said the interim medical bail may be made permanent. The ED had arrested Malik in February 2022 in the case allegedly linked to the activities of fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim and his associates.Malik had sought relief from the high court, claiming he was suffering from a chronic kidney disease apart from various other ailments. He also sought bail on merit. The ED's case against Malik is based on an FIR filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) against Ibrahim, a designated global terrorist and a key accused in the 1993 Mumbai serial bomb blasts, and his associates under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Techie in Hyderabad 'gang-raped' by childhood friend

Hyderabad, July 30: A 24-year-old software engineer was allegedly raped by two men, including her childhood friend, police here said on Tuesday. The woman's complaint to the police said that on Monday night, her childhood friend, who also was her classmate earlier in school, wanted to celebrate her getting a new software job and both went to a restaurant-cum-bar in Vanasthalipuram. Both consumed liquor there, after which the man took her to a room on the restaurant's premises and raped her when she was in an inebriated condition, following which a cousin of his also entered the room and raped her. The two men then left the place, and the woman called up her brother and informed him of the crime, the complaint added.

Military school passout vs serving officer: Akhilesh Yadav, Anurag Thakur's fiery exchange in Lok Sabha

Sanjay Kumar New Delhi, July 30:

saw them citing their links with the military.Akhilesh claimed that the Agnipath The Samajwadi Party (SP) scheme has turned out be

Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka to visit landslide-hit Wayanad today

Navdeep Singh Sahni

New Delhi, July 30: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will visit landslidehit Wayanad on Wednesday morn-

ing, party sources said.Landslides hit the hilly Wayanad district on Tuesday, leaving 70 people dead. The landslides triggered by heavy rainfall, which occurred early on Tuesday, have left a trail of destruction in its wake, with several houses destroyed, water bodies swollen and trees uprooted.Congress chief 🝧 Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi condoled the loss of lives in the landslides and urged United Democratic Front (UDF) workers to provide all help

to those affected.Rahul Gandhi, who represented Wayanad in the 17th Lok Sabha, said he has spoken to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and the Wayanad district collector, who have

assured him that rescue operations are underway. The former Congress chief expressed deep anguish over the loss of lives in the massive landslides near Meppadi in Wayanad."My heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved families



who have lost their loved ones. I hope those still trapped are brought to safety soon," he said in a post on X."I have spoken to the Kerala chief minister and the Wayanad district collector who assured me that rescue operations are underway. I have requested them to ensure coordination with all agencies, set up a control room and inform us of any assistance needed for the relief efforts," Rahul Gandhi said. The Congress leader said, "I

will speak to the Union ministers and request them to provide all assistance possible to Wayanad."He urged all UDF workers to assist the administration in the rescue and relief operations.Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi said she was deeply saddened to see the devastation caused by the massive landslide near Meppadi in Wayanad."My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones. I hope and pray that everyone is brought to safety as soon as possible," she said."I urge the government to take immediate action to

expedite relief and rescue operations and request UDF workers to step forward to do all they can to be of support and comfort to all those affected by this tragedy," Priyanka Gandhi said on X.

Arvind Kejriwal Life In Danger: Sunita Kejriwal

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, July, 30: Sunita Kejriwal claimed her husband's life is in danger in Tihar jail and criticized BJP's politics of hatred. She argued that Arvind Keiriwal was arrested due to conspiracy and pressure. Despite granted bails, his health has deteriorated, worsening his diabetes. She alleged BJP's actions are a dictatorship to halt Delhi's progress.Read More Arvind Kejriwal life in danger: Sunita Kejriwal says BJP's politics about 'hatred' Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's life is in danger in Tihar jail, wife Sunita claimed on Tuesday. She slammed the BJP saying their politics is about "hatred" and "stopping" the work of residents of the national capital even. Addressing the INDIA bloc rally here, Sunita Kejriwal claimed that her husband's arrest was because of the conspiracy and pressure. "Why did the ED (Enforcement

because of a conspiracy and pressure."

She pointed out the three bails that were issued to the Delhi CM in the Excise Policy case but still he is in the jail as his bail has been rejected after the ED moved to higher court. The ED arrested the keiriwal in March on charges of money laundering. She further said that while ED took a stay on the bail and the CBI (central Bureau of Investigation) arrested him on June 26 from diabetes for last 22 years but we had to approach the court to get him insulin," she added. Talking about the health

Directorate) arrest Kejriwal? It was Kejriwal said there is a sensor tied to few days back, we learnt that in jail his his arm that records his sugar levels. "If



Tihar jail. "He has been suffering from sugar levels go down below 50, the patient starts shivering. While he was at home, such things happened once in five months and we would give him condition of her husband, Sunita something sweet to stabilise him. But a people does not suffer."

sugar levels have gone down multiple times," she said. The AAP has

been accusing the BJP of "conspiring to kill" Kejriwal in jail and cited his medical report to show that his sugar levels have fallen 34 times between June 3 and July 7. "I am thankful to God that nothing untoward happened with him. His life is in danger," she said. Recently LG sir wrote a letter saying that chief minister is "wilfully" reducing his food intake. "What joke this is! He also said he is taking less insulin. When sugar levels are high, then insulin is administered," she said. Hitting out at the BJP, she said, "Is this not dictatorship and conspiracy of the BJP? They have framed him in a fake case to stop the work of people of Delhi. He would always fight to ensure that the work of

supremo Akhilesh Yadav and BJP MP Anurag Thakur engaged in a heated war of words in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, over the issue of Agniveers and



their 'sub-par treatment' as compared to regular jawans in the Armed Forces.Their verbal duel prompted the Chair to intervene but the duo kept having a go at each other and also went to recall their association with military establishment to buttress their claims. The noholds barred altercation

a "disaster" for the youth and the Central government is also realising its mistake of late.He alleged that many state governments are being

pushed and pressurised to "absorb" the Agniveers by providing 'quotas' in respective police and Provincial Armed Constabularies."If the Agnipath scheme had no shortcomings and

loopholes, then why BJPled state governments are announcing programmes to enrol them, one after another," Akhilesh asked.Former Union minister Anurag Thakur objected to SP Chief's statement and said there is provision for 100 per cent employment under the Agnipath scheme.

India's growth, stability an exception in an uncertain world: PM M

Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, July 30: In his first post-budget remarks on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described himself as an "exception to the rule of political class forgetting promises once elections are over", and assured the industry that it won't be long before India became the world's third largest economy.Highlighting strong macro fundamentals of the economy, PM Modi said the BJP led NDA dispensation had brought the industry "out of the mega crisis in which the Congress led UPA had left it".He said India's growth and stability was an exception in today's world fraught with uncertainties and its fiscal prudence a role model for all."Even in these uncertain times, our forex has grown considerably. Today, when most nations are struggling with low growth and high inflation, India is the only country with high growth and low inflation. India today contributes 16 per cent to global growth. We have achieved this despite several setback encountered by the economy over the past ten years—once in a century pandemic, global conflicts, and natu-

said asking industry to "seize the golden chance when global investment interest in India is peaking."Addressing a CII conference, PM Modi went on to list "merits of the just announced Union Budget" adding: "Often early debate around the Budget is driven by media and agenda but when you see the takeaways calmly you realise the depth.""Some less talked about budget takeaways are raised allocations for nuclear power generation; focus on digital public infrastructure in agriculture with plans to issue identity cards-Bhoo Aadhar-to farmers for their lands; Rs 1,000 crore venture capital fund for space economy, preparations for auction of offshore mining blocks. These budget announcements will

unleash further growth potential," the Prime Minister said, calling industry leaders "the

ral calamities at home," the Prime Minister principal drivers of India's growth story and attacked Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani important pillars of Viksit Bharat."The Prime



Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi

while targeting the union budget as anti-peo-

ple.Countering the opposition narrative the Prime Minister today said "unlike past governments that believed in hogging headlines by making lofty budget announcements and never implementing those, the speed and scale at which we are today growing is unprecedented."PM Modi compared the budgets of BJP led NDA government with those of former PM Manmohan Singh led UPA saying "The last Budget of the UPA in 2014 was Rs 16 lakh crore. Today, our budget is three times at Rs 48 lakh crore."The Prime Minister also said capital expenditure under the BJP rule had grown six times as against twice in the ten years of UPA."Capital expendi-

Minister was speaking a day after Leader of ture, the most productive medium of resource investment, was Rs 90,000 crore in UPA's first

budget in 2004. They could only take it to Rs 2 lakh crore by 2014. We have provided Rs 11 lakh crore for Capex in this budget-a fivefold rise since 2014," PM Modi said adding that the NDA had pulled the industry out of "mega crisis and sustained 8 per cent growth in the past three years despite Covid, wars and a range of natural calamities at home."The Prime Minister also said the Rs 2-lakh crore package for jobs and skilling of youth was an "end to end solution and not a fragmented policy".Listing lower taxes under NDA, PM Modi said budgets have risen across sectors-eight times in railways and highways, and four times in agriculture since he took over.On taxes, the Prime Minister said MSMEs earning Rs 50 crore annually had to pay 30 per cent tax under UPA as against 22 per cent today. Companies earning Rs 400 crore today invite corporate tax rate of 25 per cent against 25 per cent in UPA times."The issue of not just lowering taxes and raising budgets but also of good governance. Past governments believed in headline grabbing through budget announcements and had no care for timely completion of projects.



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rescued, boy not found in Maharashtra

News box

MUMBAI. Two teenagers, a boy and a girl, who escaped from a police station jumped into the sea at Arnala in Virar (West) this past Saturday, after they were traced and handed over to their parents. While the 16year-old girl was rescued by locals, the 17year-old boy was swept away by strong water currents

- On Saturday evening, police tracked down the teens who had left their homes three days earlier. A missing persons complaint was registered by their respective parents. The teens were residents of a housing society in Virar. Their parents were called to the Arnala police station and the teens were handed over to them.
- When the families were completing formalities at the police station, the teens slipped out and ran towards the nearby beach and jumped into the water. Alert locals managed to pull out the girl but not the

4 injured in fire at residential building in Mumbai's Lalbaug area

MUMBAI. Four people, including a woman and two 10-year-old children, were injured when a fire broke out in a ground-plus-three storey Meghwadi building opposite Shirsagar Hotel in Mumbai's Lalbaug area on Tuesday morning.

The fire was reported at around 5am. The fire, which started in a house on the third floor of the building, was confined to domestic utensils, kitchen goods, clothes, and other household items. The injured were sent to Masina and Kasturba hospitals for treatment. Kunda Rane (48), Atharva Rane (10), and Vaishnavi Rane (10) are currently being treated at Kasturba Hospital. Aniket Dikvalkar (27) was taken to Masina Hospital, where his condition is reported to be critical.

Man who sought action on Andaman ex-CS dies

PORT BLAIR. Markande Tiwari, who had been advocating action against arrested former Andaman and Nicobar Island chief secretary Jitendra Narain amid allegations of his involvement in a rape case, was found dead inside his car in Port Blair.

Eyewitnesses claimed around 2.30pm on Sunday, Tiwari was reversing his car near his residence in the Chakkar Gaon area under Aberdeen police station area when the vehicle veered off the road and collided with an electric pole.

Upon reaching the scene, bystanders found Tiwari unconscious inside the car. He was taken to GB Panth Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead, police said. "A postmortem examination was conducted on Monday, and we are awaiting the report to determine the exact cause of death. No external injuries were found," a senior police officer said.Narain was arrested in connection with a gang rape case filed by a 21-year-old woman in 2022 after his anticipatory bail plea was denied by a local court.

Teens jump into sea; girl Bottled up! How corporation tackled unsegregated waste menace

KOCHI. It is hard to spot plastic bottles being strewn around the city these days, thanks to innovative waste collection bins – designed in the shape of a bottle – placed by the Kochi corporation at every nook and corner. The huge response has meant the corporation is now set to appoint a separate agency for the collection of plastic bottles as the bins are getting filled in no time at many places.

"Now, there's a noticeable change in the mentality of citizens and instances of people throwing away used plastic bothes at public places have come down significantly," said Clean City Manager Sudheesh Kumar G, the brain behind the initiative.

"We'll soon issue a tender to appoint a separate agency which will collect the plastic bottles twice a week and hand the same over to recycling companies. Currently, they are collected once in a while by the Haritha Karma Sena and the agencies that collect waste," he said. It all started in March 2023, when the corporation was embroiled in a

Ahmedabad. A video of a man

lighter!

with a pistol-like weapon



controversy following a fire outbreak at its solid waste dumpsite at Brahmapuram, and was facing flak for a failure to segregate waste. A solution had to be found in quick time.

We thought of the idea of placing unused containers to temporarily store plastic waste collected, instead of setting up a shed or a

permanent building. They are easy to install as well. We placed 20 mini containers. It was a success and so far we've set up 66 containers. Thirty more will be placed soon," Sudheesh said. Even then, the issue of unsegregated waste lingered on. People throwing single-use plastic at public places compounded the issue further as drains started getting clogged. It was then that Sudheesh suggested the idea of bottleshaped collection bins.

The shape reminds the citizens of their civic responsibility every time they see the bins. Now, the habits of the citizens have changed for good. At first, we placed 52 such bins (pink-white in

colour) through sponsorships. Following the heartening response, another 250 have been set up using the plan funds. Many institutions like Federal Bank have now evinced interest to set up such bins using their CSR funds following the success," the official said.

Already the bins have been placed in all 74 divisions and tourist destinations like Fort

Kochi. The corporation has identified more spots such as those at Marine Drive, market area, and Durbar Hall, where crowds assemble, to place the bins. Fifty additional bins will be installed this year itself. Meanwhile, the "small initiative" has won praise from foreign tourists as well, who are

impressed by the fact that there is no littering even in areas near such collection bins. "The foreign tourists are impressed by the results and say that the very view will convey the message. This has reduced littering in places like Fort Kochi to a great extent," said Rajesh PR, a tour guide.

The nudge to change

When the corporation was embroiled in a controversy following a fire outbreak at its solid waste dumpsite at Brahmapuram in 2023, it drew flak for a failure to segregate waste. Despite placing mini containers around the city, people continued to throw single-use plastic in public places. It was then that Clean City Manager Sudheesh suggested the idea of bottle-shaped collection bins, which remind citizens of their civic responsibilities

Cops gun for the man with a lighter!

into his pockets as usual but the others saw it and mistook it for a weapon," said the officer. A senior crime branch officer said

that Thakor has been booked under the charges of creating public nuisance under the BNS and the Motor Vehicle

Organ transplant Racket: Delhi crime Branch hospitals seeking detailsDelhi police have sought details from 11 private hospitals linked to a recently busted

investigation is underway, including verifying documents with the Bangladesh embassy.112063859

Desi branches of foreign companies to take deeper rootsThe corporate tax rate for foreign companies operating in India was reduced from 40% to 35%, benefiting branches and project offices but not Indian subsidiaries of foreign companies. Additionally, the 2% equalisation levy on digital sales will no longer apply from August 2024, though a 6% levy on digital advertisements remains in place.

writes to 11 private Kolkata doctor to plough back royalty from his book to hospital for childrenDr. Sandipan Dhar pledged all royalties from his paediatric dermatology book to the Institute of Child Health (ICH) Kolkata, aiding underprivileged children's medical care. On Thursday, he handed an initial cheque of five lakhs to Dr. Apurba Ghosh. The book, written for parents, simplifies various skin disorders in children and includes visual illustrations and recent advancements.11

Sec'bad Club knocks HC door against expressway

Hyderabad. Telangana high court has directed HMDA to issue a notice to Secunderabad Club and follow the due process of law after the club filed a petition, questioning the govt's plan to construct a six-lane elevated expressway spanning 18 km from Paradise junction to Shamirpet junction.

Justice CV Bhaskar Reddy, who heard the plea of club secretary G Srinivas Reddy, also directed HMDA to see if the elevated corridor project is affecting the club and its property in any manner. The club claimed its buildings and 22-acre land would be adversely affected by the proposed corridor. Srinivas questioned the approval by the secretary of defence estates in Delhi, representing the Union govt, for raising the corridor over and above the 148-year-old club buildings, without issuing any notice to the club.

Appearing for the club, senior counsel Sunil B Ganu said the state govt and HMDA were going ahead with the project."Neither the central govt nor the Secunderabad Cantonment Board has any rights or title over the club property. The buildings and the 22-acre land are the exclusive property of the club," he said. The Centre granted working permission to HMDA on March 1 to go ahead with the construction of an elevated corridor and tunnels at some places without making any reference to the rights of the club and without following the procedure as prescribed under law, the senior counsel said."Petitions filed by the state and the central govts claiming title over our club land were earlier dismissed by courts. They were asked to determine the rights of the parties under section 184 of the Cantonments Act, 1924," Sunil said. The state was under obligation to pay compensation for acquiring the property of a person and forcible dispossession of a person, who is having right over the asset. Without following due process of law, it would not only amount to violation of rights guaranteed under Articles 21 and 300-A of Constitution but also violation of human rights, he



developer. It turned out that he had slid a lighter in his back pocket, which was filmed by some commuters."Thakor told us that he had

bought the lighter from Abu in Rajasthan and used to keep it inside the pocket of his trousers. On Sunday night, he told us that he was in a bit of a hurry, so he just slid it

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international organ transplant racket. The Crime Branch has arrested 15 individuals and discovered that Sandeep Arya, the mastermind, worked at multiple hospitals. The operation involved 35 transplants and utilized fabricated documents. Further

Thiruvananthapuram: LED streetlights to become operational by Aug 30, says corporation

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM . A special council meeting held on Monday to discuss the delay in implementation of the LED streetlight project turned slightly stormy when the Opposition alleged corruption. The special council meeting called by the BJP councillors levelled serious allegations against the LDF-led and BJP councillor M R Gopan alleged that many of the newly installed streetlights are not functioning and accused the company executing the project for negligence. The Opposition alleged the company has failed to adhere to the terms and conditions in the contract and that there was corruption involved. Mayor Arya Rajendran said that the installation of the LED lights in the city will be completed within the stipulated time. She pointed out that the installation of lights is ongoing and the work in the Thiruvananthapuram division would be completed by September 12.

standing committee chairman Medayil Vikraman promised that all streetlights in which had received approval from the district planning committee (DPC).

The council decided to postpone the agenda which came for approval in the meeting. The council has also approved the proposal to fund Rs 5.36 crores from corporation's own fund to complete the sewage line installation in Karimanal area. ruling council. Parliamentary party leader Responding to the discussion, works The project which was initially taken up in Amrut 1.0 couldn't be completed because of a missed deadline. The project includes

Supreme Court ex-judge Madan B Lokur to head probe panel on power purchase deals

HYDERABAD. Justice Madan B Lokur, a former judge of Supreme Court, will head the commission of inquiry (COI) constituted by the Telangana govt to probe into the alleged irregularities in the power purchase agreements made during the previous BRS govt.Following the resignation of Justice L Narasimha Reddy, who was heading the oneman COI, the state govt has decided to appoint Justice Lokur on Monday.

Sources said the govt has already completed the necessary formalities of his appointment. The Supreme Court took exception to the press meet that was held by Justice Reddy during the conduct of confidential inquiry into the alleged irregularities in the power sector during the tenure of former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao.Before being elevated to his six-and-a-half year stint in the apex court, Justice Lokur served as chief justice of AP high court from Nov 15, 2011 to June 3, 2012. As the high court was composite at that time for both AP and Telangana, the former judge is familiar with the affairs of both states.Justice Lokur was keen on judicial reforms, computerisation of courts, judicial education, legal aid and services, juvenile justice and alternative dispute resolution.

Justice Lokur had long stint in apex court During his long stint in the apex court, Justice Madan Lokur functioned as incharge of the e-Committee of Supreme Court.He was also appointed as a oneman committee to suggest improvements in the working of homes and organisations under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection and Children) Act, 2000, and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2007. He was also a member of the mediation and conciliation project committee of SC.Legal experts recalled how he guarded the independence of judiciary resolutely and never minced words to criticise the ways of judiciary and its collegium whenever he found their functioning irksome.

the city will be made operational by August 30. The council meeting held after the special council on Monday has temporarily withdrawn the proposal for major modifications to this year's project,

installation of a pumping station and laying of sewage lines from Arashumoodu to Karimanal and construction of manholes. The extended deadline for the completion of the project ended last March.

said.HMDA counsel Narasimha Goud said HMDA took up Rajiv Rahadari elevated corridor from Paradise junction to Shamirpet at outer ring road junction to minimise traffic congestion in the core city and also to enhance safety of commuters.

Paldi shopkeeper, staffer robbed of 3L at knifepoint

Ahmedabad. A 49-year-old man from the Chandranagar locality on Sunday filed a complaint with Vasna police stating that three men robbed his father and a staffer of Rs 3.35 lakh at his grocery store in Paldi on Saturday night by threatening to kill them with a knife.

The complainant, Anil Jain, a resident of Samast Brahmkshatriya Society in Chandranagar, runs four grocery stores in the city, including one in the Bhattha locality of Paldi. Jain said that his father, Sumatilal Jain, manages the store in Bhattha where around 20 employees work. On Saturday, Anil did not go to the grocery

store in Bhattha as he stayed to attend to his ailing son, who was diagnosed with dengue. At around 9.30pm, when all the employees except one named Jamak Jain, along with Sumatilal, were at the store, three men, who had their faces covered with handkerchiefs, barged into the store.

They pointed knives at Sumatilal and Jamak, and one of them snatched the cellphones of



Sumatilal and Jamak. The three men began threatening to kill them while demanding money from them. They took Rs 3 lakh cash from the store and fled on Jamak's scooter

Anil said as his father and Jamak were scared after the incident and he was busy with his son's treatment, he did not approach the police earlier. Vasna police registered a complaint of robbery under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita along with charges of the Gujarat Police Act against three unknown men and began an investigation.

Price drop sparks gold rush at jewellery storesGold prices decreased significantly after the Union finance minister reduced import duty, leading to increased customer interest in jewellery stores across India. Despite being an inauspicious season, footfalls surged by 60% and sales rose by 75%. The decline in prices spurred a buying frenzy, particularly for upcoming weddings.112119925

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Kerala: Row ends as Muvattupuzha Mahal Committee backs college

The conflict arose when a group of students protested in front of the principal's room on Friday afternoon, alleging that some girls were stopped from performing prayers in the waiting room.

KOCHI. The recent tension at Muvattupuzha Nirmala College over the demand for a room for Friday prayers has come to an amicable end after leaders of the Muvattupuzha Mahal Committee visited the college and extended support to the management. According to the college management, the Mahal committee denounced the demand and assured to discourage activities that disturb the harmonious atmosphere of the institution.

The conflict arose when a group of students protested in front of the principal's room on Friday afternoon, alleging that some girls were stopped from performing prayers in the waiting room.On Monday, Mahal committee leaders, including general convener K M Abdul Majeed and Muslim League Muvattupuzha mandalam president P A Basheer, visited the college and held talks with the management.

The demand for a prayer room at the college was raised without the knowledge or consent of the Mahal Committee. The name of the Muslim Students Federation (MSF) was dragged into the row with an ulterior motive. The Muslim community in Muvattupuzha wants to protect communal harmony and won't support such moves," said Basheer. The Mahal committee made it clear that they will not support the demand for a prayer room on the college premises and instead, arrangements will be made in the mosque located close to the institution for students, including girls, to perform noon prayers.

Meanwhile, the district committee of the MSF also issued a statement denouncing the demand. "The MSF does not support the protest. We will not support any move that would disturb harmony on the campus," said MSF district president Rameez Muthirakalayil.

Principal Fr Justine Kannadan expressed gratitude to the social organisations for supporting the college. "Some of the students who participated in the protest visited me and apologised for the incident," he said.

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Haryana Midday meal workers stage protest, seek hike in wages

GURGAON. Members of the Haryana Mid-Day Meal Workers' Union organised a protest on Sunday over various demands and submitted a memorandum to education minister Seema Trikha. Around 30,000 midday meal workers employed in govt primary schools are seeking a revision of the minimum wage to Rs 26,000 per month, a retirement benefit of Rs 5 lakh, and an annual uniform allowance of Rs 2,000, among other requests.Surekha, the state president of the Centre for Indian Trade Union (CITU), mentioned that mid-day meal workers receive a low salary of only Rs 7,000, which is often not paid on time.

According to Saroj Dujana, president of the Mid-Day Meal Workers' Union, the matter will be discussed at a state-level association meeting next week, during which further course of action will be determined.

Man refuses to share hookah in Gurgaon club, thrashed; 5 arrested

- GURGAON. Three people were arrested on Sunday night and two others on Monday for allegedly thrashing a businessman outside Concient One mall at sector 109 last Friday. One of the accused called his associates and attacked the businessman because he refused to share his hookah at a club the two were in a few hours prior, police said.
- Complainant Pankaj Sharma (29), who runs a petty business in New Palam Vihar, told cops he had gone to a club in Concient One mall at Sector 109 during the early hours of Friday. At the club, he had been consuming alcohol and enjoying hookah when he was approached by Sonu Saini alias Chiku around 3.30am. Saini, a newspaper vendor from Surat Nagar Phase-2, allegedly asked Sharma to let him join the table and share the hookah."I refused to let Saini join me and he left the table. After a while, he returned with the same request and I again said no to him. At 5.15am, I left the club and went to my scooter parked outside the mall. Saini followed me in the elevator and while I was trying to leave, he suddenly pushed me down from the two-wheeler," Sharma alleged.
- Saini was then joined by a few others and they attacked him with sticks, rods and stones, Sharma said, adding that the accused also threatened to kill him if they ever met him again.Sharma called his family for help and was brought to Manipal hospital in the city. He suffered injuries from the attack but his condition is stable.
- An FIR was later registered on Sunday evening under section 191(2) (punishment for rioting), 191(3) (rioting, armed with deadly weapons), 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 126 (wrongful restraint), 351(2) (criminal intimidation) of the BNS at Bajghera police station.Saini and his associates, Harendra

GMDA drain construction project along SPR facing delays

GURGAON. GMDA is set to miss its deadline for the construction of a drain between Vatika Chowk and NH-8 along the Southern Peripheral Road (SPR). Slated to be finished in Oct this year, only 25% of the project is ready so far. This is a crucial project to address the perennial problem of waterlogging in the city during monsoons. Officials said that rain affected the work, which involves digging up the soil by 8-9 metres. This, during rains, increases the

risk of soil collapse.With just three months left to the deadline, the project's timeline is likely to be pushed to March next year. "It is not an easy task to excavate 30 feet deep when there is a risk of soil collapse and we also have to ensure On July 4, a four-hour heavy spell inundated there is no settlement of the road as the soil becomes loose. We have to take extra precautions to prevent any accidents," a senior official of GMDA said. The project is estimated to cost Rs 105 crore, and when completed, it is said to reduce the burden on the existing Badshapur drain by almost half during the monsoon season.



The RCC box drain will be constructed along sectors 69, 70, 75, and 75A, and it will cater to rainwater discharge between sectors 68 and 80. The project was approved in May 2019.

the CPR-SPR junction with vehicles breaking down in the middle of the road, prompting traffic police to deploy a crane to ensure a smooth flow. Similarly, in June, when the city saw the first monsoon spell, parts of Sohna Road were also flooded.Besides, other drainage projects, including the renovation of Leg-I between

Palam Vihar and railway culvert 47, revamp of the drain from Umang Bharadwaj Chowk to railway culvert near Basai Chowk and AIT Chowk to SPR, have been missing deadlines constantly. GMDA officials are claiming to complete the work by the end of October. For the past decade, there has been a pressing need for a proper drainage system in the city. "Though

GMDA is taking the initiative in this direction, the construction progress has been notably slow, especially on SPR, leading to severe waterlogging and traffic jams at SPR T-Points during heavy rain. We are experiencing delays of 30 minutes to an hour due to poorly managed construction work and flooding, even with minimal rainfall. We hope GMDA will expedite the completion of the drainage construction to alleviate these issues," said Dhirendra Singh, a resident of Mount Ville.

Drones set to monitor Kanwar routes in Gurgaon, ensuring they aren't clogged

GURGAON: As the kanwar yatra commenced on July 22, the police have now deployed drones to monitor the movement of the pilgrims in the city's congested and crowded areas."Gurgaon police have made comprehensive security arrangements. Several measures have been taken to ensure the safety and security of the pilgrims," said DCP (traffic) Virender Vij. The city has been divided into different zones, and each zone has been assigned a dedicated team of police personnel. The health department has stationed ambulances at key locations such as Sirhaul Toll, IFFCO Chowk, Rajiv Chowk, Kherki Daula, and Ghamdoj Toll for



immediate medical assistance. The department has also set up several medical camps along the route of the kanwar yatra. Separate lanes have been created using ropes, cones, barriers, poles, and sandbags from the Sirhaul Border to the Kapdiwas Border and Rajiv Chowk to the Sohna area, Pataudi Road, etc. The police have also deployed several cranes and recovery vans along the route to ensure that any vehicles that have broken down are promptly removed. An advisory has been issued to the public to avoid using the routes designated for the yatra. DCP said all pilgrims are requested to travel in the safe lane created by the traffic police on the left side of the roads.sPosters and banners have been put up by the traffic police at various places, which contain important information such as the route maps.

Gurgaon set to have 100% doorstep garbage pickup by next March, MCG tells Centre

GURGAON. The city will achieve 100% door-todoor waste collection by March next year, MCG informed the Union ministry of environment, forests, and climate change. For construction waste, the civic body is planning to set up a processing plant by March 31, 2025. The action plan that MCG submitted to the Centre will be forwarded to the Supreme Court, which is hearing a case related to untreated solid waste in Delhi-NCR.The corporation is considering separate municipal solid waste management for Faridabad and Gurgaon."We have signed an MoU with

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Family narrow escapes car crash on Delhi-Mumbai Expressway



GURGAON: Five members of a family from Ferozepur Jhirka had a narrow escape when their car crashed into a divider on the Delhi-Mumbai

Expressway in Sohna on Sunday evening.Ashok Kumar and his family members were pulled out by motorists minutes before the

Gurgaon to add 234 new booths for elections in 4 assembly seats

GURGAON: A total of 234 new polling booths will be added in four assembly constituencies of the district for upcoming assembly elections. New booths will be set up where the number of voters is more than 1,400. While 90 new polling booths were added in Badshapur assembly constituency, which is the largest seat in the state with more than 5 lakh registered voters, Gurgaon assembly constituency will have 84 new booths, Sohna 48, and Pataudi 12. Of a total of 1,504 booths, Badshapur will have 518, Gurgaon 435, Sohna 291, and Pataudi 259. District election officer and deputy commissioner (DC) Nishant Kumar Yadav said as per the directives of the chief electoral officer of

venience during the upcoming assembly elections. "Booths with over 1,400 voters have been identified across the four assembly constituencies of the state. A total of 234 new auxiliary booths have been established alongside these identified booths. It will be ensured that

said.Officials said Sohna fire station received an alert regarding a vehicle catching fire in Lohatki village at 5.44pm."A fire tender was immediately dispatched. Officials found a Tata Nexon had veered off the road, overturned and caught fire on one side of the road," said Devender Kumar, an official from the fire station.According to police, Ashok was with two men, a woman, and a child from his family. They were travelling

car went up in flames. The car

was gutted by the time a fire

tender arrived. The victims

suffered minor injuries, and

no case was registered, police

travelling from Delhi to Bhilwara caught fire in Hilalpur on the Delhi-Mumbai expressway. A fire tender promptly reached the spot and extinguished the fire. Kumar added.

Chuni Lal Pandit, S/o Prem Nati

from Ferozepur Jhirka to

Gurgaon when the accident

occurred."The cause of the

accident is yet to be

determined. We have not

registered any case as no other

vehicle or person was involved," inspector (Sohna

Meanwhile, another vehicle fire was reported at Sohna fire station at 7.09pm on

Sunday.According to fire

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Sadar) Jagjit Singh said.

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Kumar and Aman Verma, were arrested from Surat Nagar Phase-2 on Sunday night. "The accused were produced before the court and they were joined in the investigation," said ASI Surender Singh. On Monday night, cops arrested two others in the case - Sumit (19) and Sachin (22), both friends of Saini's.

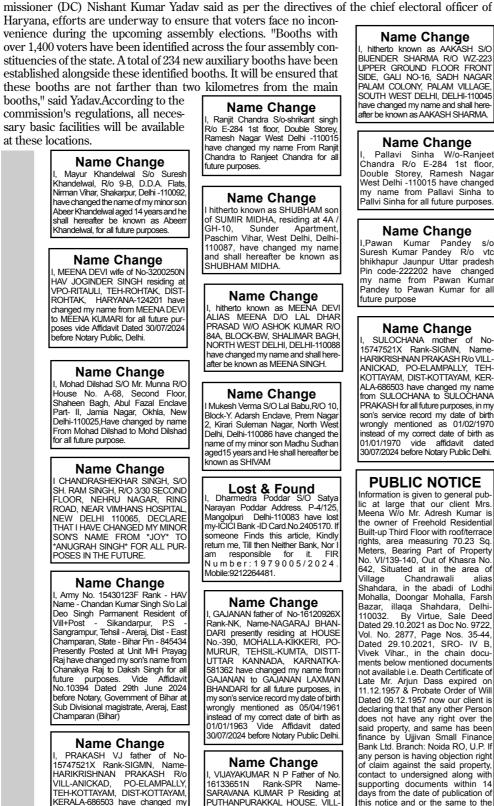
Gurgaon Water **Treatment Plant** upgrades: New motor pumps to boost water supply in city

- GURGAON: Two new motor pumps will be installed at the Chandu Budhera Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to boost the raw water supply to the Basai treatment plant.
- The move is aimed at addressing the shortage of raw water supply at the Basai WTP, an official said.Earlier this year, the authority had laid a pipeline to supply raw water from Chandu Budhera to Basai plants.
- "Presently, the achinery deployed has insufficient head to pump water effectively to



the Basai plant, necessitating the upgrade. We will be installing two motors which will have the capacity to boost 25 MLD water each, while one machinery will be kept on standby in case of an emergency. We have prepared the estimate for the installation of the motor pump. We will soon float the tender for the same once we get the approval from the authority," a senior official of GMDA said. The project is estimated to cost GMDA Rs 1.6 crore.Currently, 270 MLD of water is being supplied in the city from the Basai plant.

Higher head values indicate that a pump can move water to greater heights, which is essential for transferring water between different elevations in a water supply system, the official said.



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nformation is given to general pub-c at large that our client Mrs. Meena W/o Mr. Adresh Kumar is the owner of Freehold Residentia uilt-up Third Floor with roof/terrace rights, area measuring 70.23 Sq. Meters, Bearing Part of Property No. VI/139-140, Out of Khasra No 642, Situated at in the area o Village Chandrawali alias Shahdara, in the abadi of Lodhi Mohalla, Doongar Mohalla, Farsh Bazar, illaqa Shahdara, Delhi-110032. By Virtue, Sale Deed Dated 29.10.2021 as Doc No. 9722, Vel No. 9777, Dace Nor. 925, 44 Vol. No. 2877, Page Nos. 35-4, Dated 29.10.2021, SRO- IV B, Vivek Vihar., in the chain docuents below mentioned documents ments below mentioned documents not available i.e. Death Certificate of Late Mr. Arjun Dass expired on 11.12.1957 & Probate Order of Will Dated 09.12.1957 now our client is declaring that that envy other Borgen leclaring that that any other Persor does not have any right over the said property, and same has been finance by Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd. Branch: Noida RO, U.P. I any person is having objection righ of claim against the said property

sontact to undersigned along with supporting documents within 14 lays from the date of publication of his notice and or the same to the indersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be enter-[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA] Advocate

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Dated : 26-07-2024 Advocate Ghanshyam Sing Ch. E-713 Karkardooma Cour Delhi-110032: Ph-881021207



lic at large that our client Mrs. Babl w/o Mr. Anil Kumar is the owner of Freehold Residential Built-up House area measuring 50 sq. yds Out of Khasra no. 173. Situated a Bhim Nagar, Village Mevai (East) Pargana Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh. By Virtue of Gift Deed dated 21.06.2024 as Doc no. 7660, Vol no. 1882 Page no. 255-274 SR-GZB-III. In the chain Document below mentioned not available i.e. SMC of late Mrs. Vidya Devi died on 18.08.2017, now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and same property sold too be Mr. Ankit Rana and same has been finance by Pirama Capital & Housing Finance Ltd Branch: NSP, New Delhi. If an person is having objection right of claim against the said property, con-tact to undersigned along with supporting documents within 07 day rom the date of publication of thi notice and or the same to the unde signed if found by anyone Thereafter no claim shall be enter ned

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South Africa's Zuma expelled from ruling party for backing rival group in polls

South Africa's ruling ANC on Monday expelled its former leader ex-president Jacob Zuma for leading a rival party into elections following disciplinary proceedings. The African National Congress, which lost its absolute parliamentary majority for the first time in May largely due to Zuma's defection, said the veteran politician's conduct was "irreconcilable" with its constitution."Former President Jacob Zuma has actively impugned the integrity of the ANC and campaigned to dislodge the ANC from power while claiming that he had not yet severed his membership," ANC Secretary General Fikile Mbalula told a press conference.He was thus "expelled" from the party, Mbalula said. The ANC first suspended the scandaltainted ex-leader in January, 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.

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. The result forced it to form a coalition government with nine other parties. MK was left out and is leading the opposition, with 58 lawmakers in the 400seat National Assebly.MK, a populist, radical leftist party, initially disputed the election result."His platform is dangerous, appeals to extremist instincts in our body politic and riles up a political base that may foment social unrest," Mbalula said of Zuma's MK.Zuma has been barred from serving as an MP because of a 2021 conviction for contempt of court. After news of his upcoming expulsion was leaked, the party lashed out at the "grave injustices against its leader.

Maduro's disputed poll victory leads to protests in Venezuela, cops use tear gas

Caracas. Venezuelan security forces fired tear gas and rubber bullets Monday at protesters challenging the reelection victory claimed by President Nicolás Maduro but disputed by the opposition and questioned abroad.

Thousands of people flooded the streets of several neighborhoods of the capital, chanting "Freedom, freedom!" and "This government is going to fall!"Some ripped Maduro campaign posters from street posts and burned them. Two statues of Hugo Chavez, the late socialist icon who led the country for more than a decade and handpicked Maduro as his successor, were knocked down by protesters.Venezuelan security forces fired tear gas and rubber bullets Monday at protesters challenging the reelection victory claimed by President Nicolas Maduro but disputed by the opposition and questioned abroad. Thousands of people flooded the streets of several neighborhoods of the capital, chanting "Freedom, freedom!" and "This government is going to fall!"Some ripped Maduro campaign posters from street posts and burned them. Two statues of Hugo Chavez, the late socialist icon who led the country for more than a decade and handpicked Maduro as his successor, were knocked down by protesters.AFP observed members of the national guard firing tear gas and rubber bullets at protesters, some wearing motorbike helmets and bandannas tied over their faces for protection.

Trump calls Kamala Harris 'worse candidate' than Biden for presidential polls

Washington Former president and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has called his likely Democratic opponent, Vice President Kamala Harris, a 'worse candidate" than President Joe Biden, who she replaced more than a week ago."I think she (Harris) is the worst candidate than him (Biden). She is far more radical left," Trump told Fox News host Laura Ingraham in an interview on Monday, his first after Harris, 59, became the presumptive nominee of the Democratic Party.Harris officially declared her candidacy after incumbent President Biden withdrew from the race for a second term on July 20. She is expected to be officially declared as the presidential candidate by the Democrats next month.I thought she was a little younger. I mean, she's 60 years old. I didn't realise she was 60. She's talking a big game. But her game is pretty bad. She was the border czar. She's trying to pretend that she wasn't," Trump said."She was for defunding the police. She was for open borders. She was for having anybody come in. Now I notice that they're actually saying they want to have immunity for everybody that came into the country,



and they want to have citizenship," Trump alleged, asserting that giving citizenship to everybody would destroy the country."It's in such bad shape. Our country has never been in a position like this. In addition to which we could end up in a third world war. We have 20 million people that have come into the country. I would say by now 20 (million) is probably going over that number," he said. Trump reiterated his allegations that the

Democratic establishment staged a coup against Biden."They staged a coup against the president of the United States. They went to him and told him 'You are leaving. You are way down in the poll'. Seventeen points, I think," he said. "It's like you're in a fight with somebody, and you're really winning, and they take him out and they put somebody else in. Nobody ever heard of this before," he added. "This is a coup. They took him. They said even though you got 14 million votes, you're out. And he said 'I am not going out'â& They took him out. He was losing badly, so they took him out. He wants something to say. He's sitting there with nothing to do, nobody to talk to. They threw him out. This was a coup, the first one of the president of the United States," Trump said.rump also said that while he "probably" will debate Harris, he "could also make a case" to avoid a face-to-face confrontation with her, CNBC News reported.

After the interview's broadcast, the Harris for President campaign said Ingraham practically begged Trump on Fox News to commit to debating Harris.

"Why won't Donald Trump give a straight answer on debating Vice President Harris? It's clear from tonight's question-dodging: he's scared he'll have to defend his running mate's weird attacks on women or his own calls to end elections in America in a debate against the vice president," said Harris for President spokesperson Ammar Moussa.

"Vice President Harris will be on the debate stage (on) September 10th. Donald Trump can show up, or not," Moussa said.

Spain PM to testify in graft probe into wife's business dealings

Madrid, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez is set to testify on Tuesday in a preliminary graft probe into his wife's business dealings, a case that has piled pressure on his fragile minority government.He has denied any wrongdoing by his wife, Begona Gomez, and dismissed the allegations as part of a right-wing smear campaign against his leftist government.

But the case has stoked acrimony in Spanish politics, with the conservative opposition calling on him to resignGomez is being investigated for alleged influence peddling and corruption following a complaint filed by an antigraft NGO with links to the far right called "Manos Limpias" -- Spanish for "Clean Hands". Judge Juan Carlos Peinado, who is heading the inquiry, is scheduled to question the Socialist premier as a witness at his official residence at 11:00 am (0900 GMT). The only other time a sitting Spanish prime minister had to testify in a judicial case was in 2017, when Mariano Rajoy was summoned in a graft case that led to the conviction of several members



of his conservative Popular Party (PP).

Sanchez asked to testify in writing as is allowed under Spanish law for top government officials, but Peinado rejected the request, arguing he would quiz him as Gomez's spouse. The premier can now choose to remain silent but "politically this could look bad", said University of Alicante criminal law professor Bernardo del Rosal. "Not answering the judge, or answering in writing, could create the image that he is arrogant," Del Rosal told AFP.Gomez, who has worked in fundraising for years, invoked her right to remain silent under questioning by the judge earlier this month.She is alleged to have used her husband's position as leverage within her professional circles, notably with businessman Juan Carlos Barrabes, who was seeking public funding.In his testimony, Barrabes -- who teaches part of a master's course at Madrid's Complutense University that is run by Gomez -- acknowledged meeting her five or six times at Moncloa, the premier's official residence.Sanchez

was also present at two of those meetings, he said.Barrabes -- who got two letters of recommendation from Gomez before pitching for a public tender worth several million euros -- said they only talked about matters of innovation, judicial sources said.Manos Limpias has said its allegations against Gomez were entirely based on media reports, which could turn out to be false.Spanish prosecutors have failed to get the case dismissed.Even if a court eventually decides to shelve the case without a trial, "all this noise" will damage the PM's image, Del Rosal said.

US claims manipulation in disputed Venezuela polls, may reassess sanctions

Washington. The Biden administration said on Monday that electoral manipulation had stripped Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's claim of reelection victory of "any credibility," and Washington left the door open to fresh sanctions on the OPEC nation. Senior U.S. officials, briefing reporters on Sunday's election, sharpened Washington's response to the disputed vote, in which Venezuela's electoral authority declared Maduro had won a third term, extending 25 years of socialist party rule. The U.S. and a number of other governments cast doubt on the official vote count. Maduro's opposition rival, Edmundo Gonzalez, asserted that he was the true winner.

The U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, amplified public demands by President Joe Biden's senior aides that Maduro publish a detailed tabulation of votes and said a failure to do would leave the international community unwilling to accept the announced outcome. The officials did not unveil any new punitive measures but said Washington would assess its sanctions policy toward Venezuela based on whatever actions Maduro took going forward."We are faced with potentially a new scenario," one official said. "We are going to take that into account as we map forward where we may head with respect to sanctions toward Venezuela."Washington, which rejected Maduro's 2018 reelection as a sham, broadly eased sanctions on Venezuela's oil industry last October in response to a deal between Maduro and opposition parties. But in April the U.S. reimposed the sanctions, accusing Maduro of reneging on electoral commitments."By engaging in repression and electoral manipulation, and by declaring a winner without the detailed precinct

2 children dead in 'ferocious' knife attack at UK dance workshop, teen arrested

London. At least two children were killed, and nine people injured during a "ferocious" knife attack at a dance workshop in northwest England on Monday, police said. A 17-year-old boy has been arrested, and a knife seized after the bloody attack.A witness described seeing bloodied children running from a community center where a Taylor Swift-themed dance and yoga event for children aged about 6 to 11 was

making."Merseyside Police said officers were called at about noon to an address in Southport, a seaside town of about 1,00,000 people near Liverpool. It called it a "major incident" but said there was no wider threat to the public. Detectives were not treating the attack as

terror-related, the force said. The suspect, who has not been identified, lived in a village about 5 miles (8 kilometers) from the site of the attack, police said.The North West Ambulance Service said medics treated eight people with stab injuries. The injured were taken to local hospitals, including a children's hospital.Bare Varathan, who owns a shop down the street, said he saw between seven and 10 bleeding children running from the Hart Space, a community hub that offers classes for expectant mothers, babies and children."They had been stabbed here, here, here, everywhere," he said, indicating the neck, back and chest. "They were all aged about 10. One of them was really seriously injured."Ryan Carney, who lives with his mother in the

Venezuelan opposition says it has proof its candidate defeated President Maduro in disputed election

- **CARACAS.** As thousands of people demonstrated across Venezuela, opposition candidate Edmundo González on Monday announced that his campaign has the proof it needs to show he won the country's disputed election whose victory electoral authorities handed to President Nicolás Maduro.
- González and opposition leader Maria Corina Machado told reporters they have obtained more than 70 per cent of tally sheets from Sunday's election, and they show González with more than double Maduro's votes. Both called on people, some of whom protested in the hours after Maduro was declared winner, to remain calm and invited them to gather peacefully at 11 a.m. Tuesday to celebrate the results.
- "I speak to you with the calmness of the truth," González said as dozens of supporters cheered outside campaign headquarters in the capital, Caracas. "We have in our hands the tally sheets that demonstrate our categorical and mathematically irreversible victory."Their announcement came after the National Electoral Council, which is loyal to Maduro's ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela, officially declared him the winner, handing him his third six-year term.
- In the capital, the protests were mostly peaceful, but when dozens of riot gear-clad national police officers blocked the caravan, a brawl broke out.

taking place in Southport, a seaside town near Liverpool. An advertisement for the event promised "a morning of Taylor Swift-themed yoga, dance and bracelet

Carney, who lives with his mother in the street, said his mother saw emergency workers carrying children "covered in red, covered in blood. by precinct polling results ... Maduro representatives have stripped the supposed election results they announced of any credibility," a U.S. official said.Speaking earlier in Tokyo, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said:

Protests resume in Bangladesh after PM ignores ultimatum to free student leaders

Bangladeshi studentshave called for newprotests after thegovernment ignoredtheir ultimatum torelease detainedleaders and apologisefor deadly violence.The unrest, sparkedby civil service jobquotas, has led towidespread arrestsand internetshutdowns.

Dhaka Bangladeshi students called new street protests for Monday after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government ignored an ultimatum to release their leaders and apologise for those killed in deadly unrest.Student rallies against civil service job quotas this month sparked days of violence that killed at least 205 people including several police officers, according to an AFP count of police and hospital data. The clashes were some of the worst of Hasina's 15-year tenure but her government has since largely restored order by deploying troops, imposing a curfew and shutting down the internet nationwide.At least half a dozen leaders of Students Against Discrimination, the group that organised the initial protests, are among thousands since taken into police custody."The government is continuing to show complete and utter insensitivity to our movement," Abdul Kader, one of the group's coordinators, said in a statement."We are calling for a protest rally across the country," he added. "We are requesting all citizens of Bangladesh to show solidarity with our demands and join in our



movement."Students Against Discrimination leaders had vowed to end a week-long moratorium on new demonstrations if police failed to release their leaders by Sunday evening. The group's demands also include a public apology from Hasina for the violence, the dismissal of several of her ministers, and the reopening of schools and universities around the country that were shuttered at the height of the unrest. At least 9,000 people have been arrested nationwide since the unrest began, according to Prothom Alo, Bangladesh's largest daily newspaper. Troops are still patrolling urban areas and a nationwide

curfew remains in force but it has been progressively eased since the start of last week.Bangladesh's mobile internet network was restored on Sunday, 11 days after a nationwide blackout imposed at the height of the unrest, in another sign of the government's confidence that it was in control of the situation.Protests began this month over the reintroduction of a quota scheme reserving more than half of all government jobs for certain groups.With around 18 million young Bangladeshis out of work, according to government figures, the move deeply upset graduates facing an acute jobs crisis.Critics say the quota is used to stack public jobs with loyalists to the ruling Awami League. The Supreme Court cut the number of reserved jobs last week but fell short of protesters' demands to scrap the quotas entirely. Hasina, 76, has ruled Bangladesh since 2009 and won her fourth consecutive election in January after a vote without genuine opposition.Her government is accused by rights groups of misusing state institutions to entrench its hold on power and stamp out dissent.

26,000 people under evacuation orders as massive wildfire rages in California

UPDATED Throngs of firefighters were mobilized in California Monday to battle the state's largest blaze of the year, which has prompted thousands of evacuations and already burned an area larger than the city of Los Angeles.

The Park Fire outside of Chico in the state's north has been raging since Wednesday in a rural region about three hours' drive northeast of San Francisco.It has now ravaged more than 370,000 acres (149,700 hectares) according to the Cal Fire agency, making it one of the largest fires in state history.No casualties have been reported so far, and firefighters benefitted from a slight drop in temperatures over the weekend that allowed them to make some progress, with the fire now 12 percent contained.Nearly 4,900 firefighters have been mobilized, with 33 helicopters, 400 fire trucks and numerous planes battling the conflagration.

More than 26,000 residents were under evacuation orders Monday afternoon, with authorities calling for extreme caution due to a high risk of fire escalation."This fire is extremely unstable and unpredictable," Tehama County Sheriff Dave Kain told a press conference Monday.

"We've seen many places that we thought were going to be safe to move back into erupt in flames again," he added. The fire progressed during the first 48 hours at the speed of a person walking and has spawned fire tornadoes and generated smoke shaped like mushroom clouds. The fire was able to spread quickly following multiple heat waves that have struck California and the western United States since the beginning of June. Vegetation "is still super, super dry," said Daniel Swain, an extreme weather specialist at the University of California, Los Angeles, adding that this was caused by "a month of record-breaking heat and evaporative demand."While the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains burn regularly, the particular canyons where the Park Fire is located have not seen fires in decades, meaning there is plenty of fuel for the flames.Despite the massive resources deployed by California, which has special

expertise in firefighting, "it's still beyond technology to address a fire at that scope," Swain said. The enormous Park Fire brings back bad memories: the town of Paradise, where 85 people died in 2018 in the deadliest fire in state history, is only about 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the flames. Its residents have already been put on alert. Some inhabitants of evacuated towns have chosen to stay until the last minute, such as Justin Freese, who is waiting with a firehose and 10,000 gallons of water at the ready."I'm prepared, but I'm not stupid," he told the New York Times. "If there's a 100foot wall of flames coming, I'm not going to stay put and melt my skin."The Park Fire was caused by arson, according to authorities. A 42-year-old man was taken into custody Thursday morning after being spotted pushing a burning car into a ravine, according to the local prosecutor's office. The United States is presently battling about 100 large fires according to the National Interagency Fire Center, mainly in the west of the country and in particular Oregon



Forest officials successfully rescue 'Makhna' elephant near Bannerghatta

News box

- **BENGALURU.** Resolving the back-to-back human-animal conflict incidents on the outskirts of Southern Bengaluru around the Bannerghatta National Park (BNP), the forest officials on Monday successfully rescued a 'Makhna' (tuskless male elephant) which had come into conflict with the local population, resulting in three casualties in recent times. Amidst pressure to capture and relocate the Makhna and Koli jumbo, the BNP officials successfully rescued the Makhna and are on the hunt to rescue and radio-collar the Koli elephant in BNP.
- Planning to capture and rescue the Makhna elephant, the BNP officials, led by Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Prabhakar Priyadarshi, had made elaborate arrangements and even deployed a team of about 100 personnel comprising veterinarians, sharpshooters, and forest officials, along with eight trained elephants from Dubare and Mattigodu elephant camps in Kodagu. Determined to locate and capture the elephant, the BNP officials meticulously tracked the movements and presence of elephants inside the forest for about a week.

Locating the whereabouts of the Makhna elephant on Monday morning, the officials, divided into eight groups, launched the combing operation along with the trained elephants Bhima and Mahendra. After zeroing in on the Makhna elephant in a valley by the afternoon, sharpshooter Ranjan successfully darted the elephant from a distance. After walking for about a kilometre, the Makhna elephant collapsed under the influence of sedatives. The veterinarians-Dr Kiran and Dr Ramesh—quickly revived the elephant. Elephant experts from Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, Ramesh, and Wasim from Bandipur Tiger Reserve assisted in the operation.

Later, the Makhna elephant was brought out of its hideout by Mahendra and Bhima elephants. Assisted by the trained elephants and a crane, the Makhna elephant was loaded onto a truck and later rehabilitated at Seegekatte elephant camp. Chief Wildlife Warden and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Subhash Malkhede told that the operation was successful.

Rainwater harvesting cuts freshwater use at Hwh stn

Kolkata. In a step towards sustainability, Howrah station of Eastern Railway has implemented an innovative rainwater harvesting system. This has also stopped the use of freshwater for cleaning and washing purposes. The station manages to recharge around 7,300,000 litres of rainwater to groundwater annually (calculated as 20,000 litres per day over 365 days). The station collects and reuses around 97,524.5 cubic meters of rainwater annually through this advanced system. The annual rainfall intensity is 164.9 mm.A damaged PVC tank has been transformed into a recharge pit, which allows the rainwater to replenish groundwater. Eastern Railway now wants to replicate this model at other major railway stations, said Eastern Railway's chief public relations officer, Kaushik Mitra. Howrah station has a total roof area of 78,831.6 square meters. It has sheds and roofs covering over 90% of its total area. The remaining runoff rainwater, amounting to 90,224,540 litres per year, is directed to a settlement tank at the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP). After undergoing full treatment at the ETP, this water is reused for station washing, track cleaning, and apron washing.

Mumbai: Hand over 1.4K flats in Kurla buildings, Rs 35 crore in rent arrears, MMRDA tells broke HDIL

MUMBAI. MMRDA has sought eviction of illegal occupants of 1,336 tenements in two buildings in Kurla meant for transit accommodation for slumdwellers on airport land. The notices were issued to the resolution professional of HDIL, a developer from the city facing insolvency proceedings, to hand over the 1,336 residential units and 50 commercial units in two buildings of Premier Compound in Kurla.

MMRDA (Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority) also sought more than Rs 35 crore in rental arrears with GST within a month. MMRDA asked the police to

provide protection from Oct 7 to 10 to evict the illegal occupants in building numbers 5 and 6, which were allotted to HDIL 9 years ago. Residents alleged the tenements were illegally handed over by HDIL to ineligible people.

Illegal occupants found in Kurla buildings in 2021The MMRDA has asked HDIL to hand over to ti 1,336 residential units in two buildings in Premier Compound in Kurla.HDIL constructed 30 buildings in Premier Compound under the slum rehabilitation scheme in 2009 as transit accommodation for Bharat Nagar residents and slum families near the airport who were eligible for



rehabilitation.Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) had signed an agreement with the MMRDA in Dec 2006 to facilitate the rehabilitation of slums on airport land. In 2007, HDIL received a letter of intent from MIAL for resettlement and rehabilitation of airport slums.In 2021, after the MMRDA was appointed the competent authority and special planning authority for the rehabilitation of slum-dwellers in the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Notified Area, the Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) transferred these buildings to the MMRDA.Atri-party agreement existed among SRA, HDIL, and MIAL, and flats in building numbers 5 and 6 were given on temporary lease to PAPs. The Sarang Wadhawan promoted HDIL has been facing corporate insolvency resolution proceedings (CIRP) under the Insolvency Bankruptcy Code 2019.

"The lease agreement was only for three years and they were to pay Rs 8,000 for each unit. HDIL defaulted on the payment. There was no renewal of the agreement and this went on till 2021," advocate Yusuf Khan said. In 2021, when the SRA handed over these buildings to the MMRDA, it was discovered that there were illegal occupants and trespassers in

these flats

"The original allottees were missing, and it was found that someone else was staying in their names. We wrote to the authorities at MMRDA and the police to register an offence against those illegal occupants and investigate how they took over these flats meant for PAP," Imran Khan, alocal activist, said.

Javed Sayyed, who lives in one of the buildings, said he took the place on rental basis by handing over Rs 5 lakh to agents, and like him many of them were living there."Now if the MMDRA evicts us how will we get back the deposit as most have taken the rooms on rental basis without any documentations?" he said.

Youth assaulted for objecting to splash

Bengaluru. A 20-year-old youth who objected to a speeding electric scooter rider splashing rainwater on him was assaulted by a gang of four at Rajendranagar in Koramangala on July 26.

The injured, Ashok V, told Adugodi police he was standing in front of a chicken shop near his house at 9pm as it was raining.Vijay, resident of the same area who was astride the scooter, sped past him and splashed rainwater on him. When Ashok objected, Vijay warned him and left the spot. But he returned within a few minutes with three other youths, including Vishal and Naveen. Police said Vijay hit Ashok on the head with a wooden log, Naveen threw a cement brick and Vishal and the fourth person punched him in the face and kicked him before escaping. Police registered a case under Bharathiya Nyaya Sanhita Sections including 115 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 118 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means). Watch: Bengaluru youth kick moving Grand i10 from scooters, arrestedIn Bengaluru, a group of youngsters on scooters aggressively kicked a moving Hyundai Grand i10, violating multiple traffic laws. The incident, caught on video, led to their swift arrest by Bengaluru Traffic police. The department humorously shared the news on social media, emphasizing the dangers of such reckless stunts on roads.

- 'I saw him hug the T20 World Cup and cry': Ashwin shares the moment that left him touchedRahul Dravid concluded his tenure as India's head coach with a T20 World Cup victory over South Africa, marking India's first ICC title in 11 years. Ashwin highlighted the emotional moment when Dravid hugged the trophy and cried. Gautam Gambhir will succeed Dravid, starting with the white-ball tour of Sri Lanka on July 27.
- Vishal denies misusing the funds after Tamil Film Producer Council accuse him of loss of Rs 12 croreVishal, the former president of the Tamil Film Producer Council, was accused of misusing Rs 12 crore of the organization's funds. He denied the allegations, claiming the funds were used for welfare projects. Despite the controversy, Vishal stated he will continue working in films. His upcoming project is 'Thupparivalan 2,' where he will make his directorial debut.

BBMP garbage truck kills two bike-borne techies in Bengaluru; driver held

BENGALURU. A 27-year-old techie, whose wedding was finalised Sunday morning, and her 25-year-old colleague were killed in the night when a rashly driven BBMP garbage truck hit their bike on Seshadri Road near KR Circle. The deceased are L Prashant, 25, a resident of Subbaiahnapalya near Banaswadi, and Bayyana Gari Shilpa, 27, who lived in a paying guest accommodation in Whitefield and is from Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh. Both were working with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

Around 9pm, the truck rear-ended Prashant's Harley-Davidson X440 a little away from Maharani College underpass. Both vehicles were moving in KR Circle direction. While Prashant's bike had come from Freedom Park side, the truck came from Chalukva Circle and took a left turn just before ramming the bike. The impact was so severe that the truck dragged their bodies for some distance before coming to a halt. Police and passersby immediately shifted the two to ST Martha's Hospital where doctors declared them dead. The truck driver, Rajappa, fled the scene leaving behind his vehicle. Ulsoorgate police arrested him Monday afternoon.Prashant is survived by parents and a younger sister while Shilpa is survived by parents and two elder sisters. According to family sources, Shilpa's parents had finalised her marriage talks and conveyed the same to her Sunday morning. "Sunday being a holiday, Prashant left home by 9am. He picked up Shilpa from her PG and went out.

Metro work, rain take toll on Technopolis road

Kolkata. Movement of heavy vehicles due to an ongoing metro construction work and continuous rain have left the road in front of Technopolis in Sector V cratered. According to motorists, vehiclular speed has reduced to 5-7 kmph even during nonpeak hours and it was taking up to 15 minutes to negotiate a 150m stretch, leading to traffic jams. "We can understand traffic snarls during peak hours but cars take several minutes to cross this stretch even during non-peak hours," said Kaushik Chanda, a resident of New Town.

A senior traffic officer said they had ensured multiple patchwork repairs but the newly laid bitumen layers were wearing off too, thanks to constant movement of heavy vehicles and rain. "Managing this Like Sen, many motorists coming from situation is difficult. Additional traffic New Town are now taking Ring Road to police have been deployed to keep the vehicles moving," said the officer. RVNL has deployed 40 traffic marshals to ease traffic congestions in the stretch. The construction work for the Orange Line

the road falls under the NDITA jurisdiction, Metro authorities are the custodian of the stretch for the time being. To facilitate traffic movement, a new road was carved from near the Technopolis building with Salt Lakebound traffic from New Town being diverted along the new road. "The new road was in perfect shape and even with a large portion of the main road barricaded, there was no major congestion in the initial phase of the work. But such has been the condition of the new road now that many of us have started taking a detour," said Anindya Sen, who drives regularly between New Town and his home at Kankurgachhi.

exit near Nicco Park and then taking a Uturn to enter Salt Lake. Salt Lake-bound vehicles are taking Street No. 9 and 13 to reach the main Sector V thoroughfare and turn left to head to Salt Lake.

had started earlier this month. Although Metro officials said they had already started patchwork repair works with paver blocks. "A full-fledged relaying of the surface isn't possible till the rain stops,' the official added.

VNIT detour fails to ease traffic chaos on South Ambazari road The recently opened VNIT road aimed to ease traffic congestion on South Ambazari Road failed to provide significant relief. Limited to two-wheelers for a few hours daily, it barely diverted traffic. Persistent jams at Mate Square and surrounding areas continued, exacerbated by heavy vehicles and encroachments. Motorists suggested permitting autos to further alleviate the traffic situation.112054283 Rain-battered DH Road stretch in Kolkata to shut for concrete block layingA portion of Diamond Harbour Road in Kolkata was closed to traffic for road repair work. The PWD began laying concrete blocks to prevent further damage from rain. This process was divided into segments to avoid a full blockade.

Ukrainian war veteran finds solace in Shiva temples, revives one in Thailand

HYDERABAD. A Ukrainian war veteran, who embraced Hinduism, is



centuries. My husband and I organised Ganesh Chaturthi and Navratri (last year) at the site. We had invited two priests - Ganapathi and Karthikeya from Palakollu - to conduct a ceremony which I organized officially with the govt and local Thai community. Due to short notice, Sringeri Peetham priests were not able to attend the first event. This site has prehistoric evidence, dated nearly 6000 years, and also some evidences from the 1st century BC."With the help of Sringeri Peetham, Lidiya plans to hold 'Viraajati Sampurnata Dharmapradeepah' at Nakhon Si Thammarat soon.

Kolkata: Teen lovers kill girl's mom, 'threatened' dad keeps mum since June 6

KOLKATA. A 14-year-old girl and her boyfriend, also a teenager, strangled the girl's 54-year-old mother to death, obtained a natural death certificate from a local Behala doctor and then cremated the body last month, managing to keep everything under wraps till the girl's dad finally broke the story to a neighbour on Sunday night. The neighbour alerted the cops, leading the latter to detain both the alleged killers for the crime committed on June 6. The two will be produced before the Juvenile Justice board on Tuesday. The girl and her boyfriend had threatened or convinced her father into keeping quiet all this while, cops said. But the man spoke to a neighbour on Sunday, leading to the unravelling of a crime that has shocked the entire neighbourhood as well as the investigators themselves. The two teeangers, officials said, had confessed to the crime. But there were several loose ends that needed to be tied up, including the doctor's role in giving the natural death certificate, investigators said. Senior cops said this crime was a throwback to the Sajal Barui case of 1993. Barui was convicted of killing his dad, stepmom and stepbrother and served a prison term till 2010. The Behala girl, investigators said, met the boy on Facebook one and a half years ago. "But her family did not accept the relationship and her mother used to scold her regularly. This prompted them to plot the murder," an official said, adding that both of them had confessed to the crime.

working with authorities in Thailand to revive an ancient Shiva temple in Nakhon Si Thammarat in south Thailand

Two priests from Palakollu in Andhra Pradesh even performed rituals at the temple earlier. Now, she has roped in priests from Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, Karnataka, to conduct various pujas and ceremonies.

Lidiya Lakshmi Zhuravlyova, a classical Bharatanatyam dancer from Kyiv in Ukraine, works at the Ukraine Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. She recently found Sanskrit inscriptions at Nakhon Si

Thammarat."The site in Nakhon Si Thammarat was discovered in 2016. Since its discovery, the temple has been rebuilt in Thai style to protect it from natural calamities. We did our first puja after

Contest hotting up in Congress for Palakkad bypoll ticket

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM . The candidate selection for the Palakkad assembly byelection is turning out to be a tough affair for the Congress with leaders pulling strings for their favourites. After the impressive victory in the Lok Sabha polls, the Congress leadership expects nothing short of a win in Palakkad and Alathur assembly constituencies.

At the same time, the Congress leadership is aware that a setback in Palakkad, being a general seat, would be treated as a failure of the state leadership. Hence, winnability has been placed as the prime criterion. However, as sitting Palakkad MP V K Sreekandan and former Palakkad MLA and current Vadakara MP Shafi Parambil are batting for their favourites, a tough challenge awaits the leadership. Youth Congress state president Rahul Mamkootathil and party digital media convener P Sarin are the favourites. The names of former ambassador Venu Rajamony, KPCC vice-president nd former Thrithala MLA V T Balram and former KSU state president K M Abhijith are also being considered. However, the main contenders are Rahul, who has the support of Shafi, and Sarin who is supported by Sreekandan.

Being the previous MLA of the constituency with a support base cutting across party politics, Shafi's opinion is crucial. Apart from that, Shafi has considerable influence among a large section of the Muslim voters. "Though Shafi is considered an 'A' group leader, he has been keeping a close



relationship with Leader of Opposition VD Satheesan. A section of the leaders thinks that Shafi's proposal should

primarily be considered," a KPCC office-bearer told TNIE on condition of anonymity. Meanwhile, V K Sreekandan's support to P Sarin's candidature is considered a huge challenge for Rahul. The KPCC leadership can hardly dismiss Sreekandan's opinion given his huge victory

margin in the recent Lok Sabha election. However, those supporting Rahul have pointed out Sarin's low profile as a drawback.

The leaders supporting Sarin are of the view that a candidate from within the constituency would be ideal to fight a byelection. They point out that Rahul, being a native of Adoor in Pathanamthitta district, cannot be as suitable as Sarin. And the leadership knows that selecting either of them is a challenge. Meanwhile, some party leaders wanted K M Abhijith as a compromise candidate if a tussle breaks out between the factions supporting Shafi and Sreekandan.

According to them, if Shafi can represent the Vadakara constituency being a Kozhikode native, Abhijith can represent Palakkad too. Further, the clean image of Abhijith is a plus point. Though V T Balram had reportedly made some moves earlier, no one in the Congress sees him winning from Palakkad. His derogatory comments against A K Gopalan had invited criticism even from the

Congress and the UDF."Shafi and Sreekandan had won in Palakkad by attracting the broader Left votes. If Balram is the candidate, the party doesn't have a chance," a DCC member said. The Congress leadership is unhappy with Venu Rajamony, as his inconsistent stand has been deemed a negative aspect by a large section of leaders.

EDITORIAL

Shifting realities of India-US ties

EYEBROWS were raised in the Western world over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Moscow at the invitation of Russian President Putin just when the NATO alliance was meeting in Washington to take decisions on the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Like his past visits to Russia, this one was successful in addressing a number of issues - most importantly, energy and defence cooperation. The trip came weeks after the US Department of State published a report on alleged human rights abuse in India. The report described India as a country where human rights were violated routinely. It asserted that Manipur had been shaken by instances of rape, armed conflict and assaults, accompanied by the destruction of homes, shops and places of worship. The US report noted that activists and journalists in India had reported violence in the northeastern state. This can happen in any democracy when sections of the people take to arms. Media coverage of such happenings is not new in India. The media is free to cover incidents across India. The Modi government predictably deployed security forces to enforce curfews in response to the growing violence in Manipur. The Supreme Court has also intervened over the developments in Manipur, calling for effective measures for restoration of peace. The violence in Manipur, which is located near the border with China, has largely ended. There has been criticism of the government's policies in Manipur by the Opposition. Such issues are resolved within the framework of the country's Constitution, with the active participation of the Opposition and often the involvement of the Supreme Court. The US report on the developments in India, however, appears one-sided, unrealistic and undiplomatic. It can only be described as an ill-advised effort, set to lead to a downward spiral in the India-US relationship. The main question for India now is whether Kamala Harris, if she wins the presidential race, will follow the confused and somewhat less-than friendly path of her mentor Joe Biden or focus on the strategic ties that have taken the US-India relationship to a new high. One can only hope for a new beginning in India-US ties.Interestingly, The Wall Street Journal has noted: "Democrats are newly energised as they rally behind Kamala Harris for President." One has to take note of the growing readiness and confidence of the Democratic Party to take on former President Donald Trump in the presidential elections.

The US Administration's major attention in the coming months will be on the Russia-Ukraine conflict; the Western world, led by Biden, continues to pour in money, arms and ammunition to the Ukrainian government. According to a German institute, the US and the European Union have pledged or provided "more than \$380 billion" in military, financial and humanitarian aid to Ukraine since 2022. The impact of the Ukraine conflict is being felt across Europe. Even Azerbaijan has supplied bombs to the conflict zone via Sudan. Not to be left behind, Pakistan has also reportedly provided Ukraine with Kamikaze drones, man-portable air-defence systems and surface-to-air missiles. One wonders how long this conflict will continue, with the loss of lives mounting. This is a war that will go on, unless Trump, who has opposed US involvement, is elected President. Trump has left no doubt that he is not interested in spending US taxpayers' money on the conflict in Ukraine. There are, however, serious challenges ahead if Harris

Stagnation impeding Railways' efforts to address new challenges

Without a vision, the Railways cannot determine which of the past methods and rules it should retain and which it should jettison.

THE political justification for merging the railway budget with the Union Budget in 2017 was ostensibly to streamline the financial framework of the government. It was expected to improve financial planning and the allocation of resources across different sectors. It would potentially lead to the synchronisation of railway policies with other infrastructure sectors, resulting in the coordinated development of transport infrastructure, which is crucial for holistic economic development.

To what extent these objectives have been achieved is still an open question, but it has made the Railways a full partner in the infrastructure development initiative. This has led to the investment of ever larger sums in the Railways, with the objectives of enhancing freight growth, infrastructure upgrades and safety enhancements.As part of this infrastructure development initiative, this year's railway budget has a capital expenditure allocation of Rs 2.62 lakh crore, the highest ever. It is nearly 0.8 per cent of the GDP. A similar sum was provided in last year's budget. These allocations are significantly above the Rs 28,174 crore provided in the 2013-14 budget. Such large investments should have shown up in an increase in the market share of the Railways, but that has not happened. Nor has the situation improved in the passenger sector. Waiting lists still remain, and coaches continue to be overcrowded even though the passenger market share of the Indian Railways (IR) is falling. The railway budget makes no mention of how these issues, especially the steady erosion of market share, will be addressed. Why the huge investment has not shown up in a rise in the market share of the IR is a bit of a mystery. On the other hand, when it comes to roads, a similar level of investment is visible in a larger and improved road network. In the 1950s, the market share of the Railways stood at 85 per cent. It was, however, clear that this was nothing but the concomitant outcome of the undeveloped road network and would start shrinking as the economy grew and the road network expanded. Based on the experience of some developed countries, it was felt that the Railways should move to holding on to 40 to 50 per cent of the share by evolving appropriate marketing and network development strategies. To enable the Railways to maintain a market share of 40 to 50 per cent, the incremental loading growth rate had to be about 1.5

per cent above the economic growth rate. If the Railways had been able to achieve this, its market share would have stabilised around 40 to 50 per cent. This change should have taken place in the 1990s. But it did not, and the growth continued to be



1.5 per cent lower than the economic growth rate, resulting in a steady decline in the Railways' market share.In 2001, it was around 36 per cent. And today, it is hovering around 25 per cent. And it seems that the government, despite pumping in huge amounts, is unable to reverse the trend. This is quite a serious issue because, in order to reduce logistic costs and carbon emissions, the Railways needs to move at least 40 per cent of the in-land freight demand by 2030. This is a huge challenge for the reason that the consolidated in-land freight demand forecast for 2030 is 8,220 MMT (million metric tonnes). And if the Railways is targeted to move 45 per cent of it, the IR will have to ramp up its capacity to moving 3,700 MMT from the current 1,539 MMT by 2030. This requires the IR to grow by 15.7 per cent CAGR (compound annual growth rate). This is a tall order. The budget documents give no clue on how the IR proposes to achieve this or why the huge capital expenditure fails to increase the market share.

The problem of falling market share seems to be perennial. It has been declining since the 1960s, suggesting that the Railways has some broad structural problems that need to be fixed. In a way, these has been recognised. The IR is one of those organisations that has been the subject of study by numerous committees and commissions before and after Independence. The first one was the Robertson committee of 1902. And the last one in the series of panels was the 2014 Bibek Debroy committee on railway reforms. Where do we go from here? It is one of those difficult questions, especially when so

Agnipath row

<u>Govt must thoroughly review the scheme</u>



many expert committees have not been able to find an answer to get the IR out of the rut. This does not mean that all is lost. But it does bring home the need to re-look at what the IR has been doing right and what it is getting wrong. The IR, the main mode of transport after Independence, has helped build the economy. It is still capable of doing so, provided its structure is adapted to confront the novelty of the new technologies and the resultant complexities. It is clear that there has been a drift that has led to stagnation because of a lack of vision on how to address the novelties. Without a vision, the Railways cannot determine which of the past methods and rules it should retain and which ones it should jettison to become the premier mode of transport of the 21st century. This lack of vision is perhaps one of the reasons why the Railways has not been able to address the issues, restraining it from playing its due role in the economic development of this country and raising the market share. What should this vision centre on? It should focus on changing the rule structure of the organisation. After all, it is rules, formal and informal, as Nobel laureate Douglas North puts it, that constrain human behaviour. And these rules evolve in accordance with the intentionality of those who make them. Intentionality is the product of social learning and how it shapes the structural foundation of the organisation and its capacity to adapt to changing circumstances. The IR suffers from various instabilities. They come from the very short tenures of the board members and the constant change in ministers, which is inevitable in a democratic system. A new minister brings in his or her own intentionalities, which have an impact on how the rules are interpreted. It may explain why the market share has been eroding. The current Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw, is confronted with the problem of addressing the endless novelty of issues arising from the increasing complexities of the IR's evolving technical and market environments. These problems will only mount as new technologies like AI (artificial intelligence) bring in fresh complexities. He is already facing that problem with new signalling systems, which have led to accidents. Besides, many decision-makers do not even understand the 'true' nature of these issues. A challenge for the minister, hence, is to bring in new decision-makers.

> Congress, several Opposition parties have demanded that the scheme be scrapped. Notably, some allies of the ruling BJP, especially the Janata Dal (United), have sought its comprehensive review.

The government cannot afford to let things drift as the lack of consensus will have a bearing on the combat preparedness of the armed forces. Several BJP-ruled states have announced reservation or preference for former Agniveers for jobs in uniformed services like the police.

chooses to continue the Biden policy of pouring in money and armaments into a seemingly unending conflict. While Russia may be willing to cede some territory it has taken over, it will never agree to a settlement without retaining a firm control of its access to the sea, which it has historically controlled. The Russian military intervention in Ukraine started only after it became evident that Ukrainian President Zelenskyy was joining the US in measures which would compromise Russia's territorial integrity and national security. over the prospects of recruits after they are released from service. Some veterans have even stated that the time-tested recruitment system should not have been tinkered with.Apart from the disagreement within the military community, Agnipath has become a bone of contention in the political arena. In his address on Kargil Vijay Diwas last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only stoutly defended the scheme but also accused the Opposition of playing politics over the recruitment

THE Agnipath scheme has been under intense scrutiny ever since it was launched two years ago.

From time to time, retired defence officers have

voiced concerns over the scheme for short-term

recruitment into the armed forces, flagging issues

such as inadequate retention - only 25 per cent of

the Agniveers will be absorbed in the permanent

cadre — and manpower shortage. Recent incidents

of Agniveers reportedly being involved in criminal

activities are worrisome, even as questions remain

process. Asserting that Agnipath was aimed at making the forces younger and fitter, he trashed the claims that the scheme was launched to save pension money. Led by the However, this may not be enough to silence the naysayers. The Centre must be receptive to the feedback and take pains to remove the scheme's shortcomings. An inflexible attitude can be counter-productive, as shown by the year-long protests that followed the enactment of the three Central farm laws (which were eventually

repealed). At stake are national security and the morale of the troops. Political grandstanding must take a back seat.



without Indian assistance."On May 14, 2024, the

Ministry of Home Affairs extended by five years the

ban on "a disintegrated LTTE". It is instructive to

recall the deeds and dilemma of the IPKF, which,

despite a mission-creep mandate and the absence of

IPKF did the job in Sri Lanka despite heavy odds



A grateful Sri Lanka has raised a war memorial honouring the gallant Indian soldiers who shed their blood for its security IT was exactly 37 years ago (July 29, 1987) that the India-Sri Lanka Accord was signed; under its mandate, the Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) was formed and Operation Pawan was launched. It task the Sri Lanka neuronal and the provided in the provided in the security of the former of the security of the security of the security of the former of the security of the sec

mandate, the Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) was formed and Operation Pawan was launched. It took the Sri Lankan security forces another two decades to end the civil war.Last week, the country celebrated 25 years of the Kargil 'skirmish', the official term used for the limited campaign that was launched to throw out Pakistani intruders - at an avoidably high cost. The war was fought during the BJP-led government's term; it exposed major deficiencies in intelligence and higher defence management that triggered off the biggest defence reforms through the Kargil Review Committee report. But India's first out-of-area force projection, masked as a pacifying force to subdue a deadly guerrilla force (LTTE), has been consigned to oblivion. IPKF veterans have been urging the government for the past few years that they be permitted to 'officially commemorate' the sacrifice of 1,172 bravehearts (and 3,000-odd wounded) at the National War Memorial with the authorised panoply of ceremonial honours. Their pleas have fallen on deaf ears; as a former GOC, IPKF (South), I am adding my voice to theirs. On a visit to Colombo some years ago, I met the then Sri Lankan Army Commander, Gen Hamilton Wanasinghe, who told me: "Your boys did a splendid job. Our task was made easier as you had broken the back of the LTTE despite your mission getting mired in domestic politics of Colombo and New Delhi. Thanks to the IPKF, we managed to defeat LTTE in 2009, even then not



strategic guidance (armed with a British tourist map), achieved its military and political objectives. After initial setbacks in Jaffna following LTTE supremo Prabhakaran reneging on the Delhi agreement, the IPKF, which constituted the military component of coercive diplomacy, succeeded in creating a security environment conducive to holding the first-ever provincial as well as parliamentary and presidential elections in the merged northeastern region, enabled by the 13th amendment of the Sri Lankan Constitution. Restoring the democratic process in insurgency-rocked provinces entailed systematic marginalisation of the LTTE, including pushing its members into the jungles. Taking over security duties in the northeast, the IPKF freed the Sri Lankan security forces to eliminate Marxist JVP (Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna) rebels in the south. By degrading the LTTE's capability and motivation, the IPKF prevented he creation of the Eelam (separate homeland for the Tamils), thereby protecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Sri Lanka. All this was done despite the severe handicap of a regime change in Sri Lanka and India. Then President Jayewardene was replaced by Premadasa, who had engineered a secret deal with the LTTE to evict the IPKF. He served a notice on the IPKF to vacate Sri Lanka, a move that was endorsed by then Prime Minister VP Singh, who succeeded Rajiv Gandhi.

This double jeopardy represented a clear failure of coercive diplomacy and political intelligence. But conveniently, the IPKF was made the scapegoat. The Sri Lankan imbroglio required a political antidote, and as PM Narendra Modi recently told Russian President Vladimir Putin: "The solution to any war does not lie on the battlefield". Op Pawan was the first triservice campaign with a joint command and overall force commander. In their new book on the IPKF, Valiant Deeds – Undying Memories, Col Atul

Kochhar and Col Ravi Nair recall the gallantry and bravery of the force. One Param Vir Chakra and Uttam Yudh Seva Medal each, six Maha Vir Chakras and 98 Vir Chakras, besides other medals, were won by the force consisting of four infantry divisions (70,000 personnel) supported by the artillery, a tank regiment, special forces, paramilitary forces, combat helicopters, the IAF and the Navy. A grateful Sri Lanka has raised a war memorial honouring the gallant Indian soldiers who shed their blood for its security.A group of committed veterans has been waging another battle in the corridors of South Block, calling for recognition of Op Pawan as an honourable and successful military campaign where Indian peacekeepers became peace enforcers. The performance of soldiers is measured by acts of valour and gallantry, which are commemorated regardless of victory or defeat. The British-led campaign in Gallipoli during World War I was an acclaimed fiasco. Yet, Australia and New Zealand (Indian units were also involved) commemorate it on April 25 annually. The US honours its brave soldiers who fought in Vietnam on March 29; Russia, Ukraine and Belarus commemorate the Afghanistan expedition on February 15. And the list goes on. Op Pawan was a military success, even though there was a political and diplomatic failure. In India, the wars of 1971 (liberation of Bangladesh) and 1999 (Kargil) are officially commemorated and celebrated.

IPKF veterans recently wrote to the Service Chiefs and the Minister of State for Defence and have received the reply: "the matter is under consideration". They want 'official recognition' and declaration of July 29 as the date of commemoration, besides an enlisted bugler to play the Last Post in memory of their fallen comrades. Operation Pawan was definitely neither a minor operation nor just a skirmish.

RELATIONSHIPS



5 ways to get back to normal life after having a

Having babies is surely one of the best experiences in the world, as they say, there's no greater feeling than motherhood.

However, with parenthood, come responsibilities, most of which cannot be shared. Mothers have to invest a great deal of time and energy with the newborn, while fathers feel to have been ignored by their wives. Here's how you can strike a balance and live life your way, even after babies.

Go out on coffee or dinner dates with **vour spouse**

Make sure you do not give up on spending quality time with your spouse, as the newborn will take up a lot of your time. Making it a routine won't be possible since kids don't have a fixed routine either, but you can always sneak out for a while, when he/she is asleep. You can always use your balcony as a perfect setting for long night chats over coffee, or a cozy candlelight dinner whenever you have reliable help to take care of your kid for a while.

Catch up on some gossip while shopping with your girlfriends

Nothing beats an afternoon of shopping followed by loads of juicy gossip over sumptuous lunch. It doesn't have to be dragged for hours, even three- four hours of outing with your friends will rejuvenate you. You must understand that although taking care of your baby is Make your baby nanny and

important, it is equally important for you to stay fresh and excited about motherhood, than being tired and hassled.

Never think of giving up your career

After a maternity break, you wouldn't feel like joining back soon since your baby needs you a lot this time, you can try working from home. If your employer is considerate enough, you can opt for a work-from-home set up, if not take up some freelance assignments. Your career is your high-point, even if you are a woman; get out of home and look at new opportunities.

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This will prove to be of great help, since the kid won't be too dependent on you, which will ensure you have enough time for yourself. Moreover, he/she would also learn values from the grandparents. This will also help you when you start working full-time or have to go on social outings without your baby.

Indulge in quality 'me' time

Do anything you love, read, listen to music, yoga or simply 'do nothing'. Spend enough time, just for

yourself, this will help you de-clutter and start afresh. Indulge in 'me' time more often, since a happy you will keep everyone around happy.

Kids with disability don't affect couple's Divorce

Risk

Couples raising a child with developmental disabilities do not face a higher risk of divorce, especially if they have larger families, as compared to those couples raising typically developing kids, new research has found.

Parenting a child with a developmental disability involves challenges and rewards that are unique to each family and prior research has shown that parents of a child with a developmental disability tend to experience greater marital stress compared to peers raising typically developing children. As a result, there has been "a conception that, in general, parents of children with disabilities are more likely to experience divorce, and we wanted to test that assumption", said first author of the study Eun Ha Namkung from University of

Wisconsin-Madison, in the US. The team used data from the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study that has been following more than 10,000 men and women who

graduated fro



m Wisconsin high schools in 1957 and some of their siblings for more than 50 years.

The researchers found that about 22 percent of parents with a child with developmental disability experienced divorce over the span of the study.

They also found that among couples with children without any disabilities, the risk of divorce was lowest for couples with one child and increased with each successive child.

In contrast, the risk of divorce for parents of children with developmental disabilities remained unchanged with increasing family size.

"Our results clearly show that the effects of having additional children are different for families of individuals with developmental disabilities compared to the effects on the

He suggested that "other children in the family may be a vital support system for parents coping with the care of a child with a developmental disability".

How to have a pet-friendly Diwali

While you might be planning on having a blast during Diwali, it's your pet who will suffer from all the noise pollution during the festival.

No matter how happy-go-lucky your pet is, he or she will end up hiding somewhere in the house for fear of those noisy crackers. This Diwali, ensure that you take care of your pets so that they stay protected.

Stay Around them

One of the best means to make pets feel comfortable is to not leave them alone as the sudden noise caused by firecrackers can scare them or cause discomfort. Anchal Animesh Devjani, who has two Labradors, of two months old each, said, "My pets are still young, so

I am going to take special care of them. In our colony other residents also have pets, so we are going to take special care not to burst crackers inside the colony premises and will avoid creating any unnecessary noise that would alarm our pets. Even the children in our society will be using only phuljhadi or a chakri." Supriya Pathak, another dog lover who owns three pets ---one German Shepherd, one Labrador and one Pomeranian, said, "We have an underground room in our apartment specially constructed for the dogs. During a festival like Diwali, we take them to this room where we have a play area built for them. Either someone from my family or I always takes care of them." Rashmi Raja who owns a six-year-old pug, said, "A festive day like Diwali also means one has to be more attentive towards one's pet."

For my pet's sake There are some people who prefer a cracker-free Diwali. Pradeep Tiwari who owns a three and a half year old German Shepherd, said, "Ever since Sheru became part of our family, we have not burst crackers in order to ensure that he is comfortable. We keep the windows closed to create a protected environment and never leave him unattended." Meghna Kumar who owns a Pomeranian, said, "My Pom, Goli,



is very disciplined. She feels comfortable with my mom and stays with her during the festive period. However we only buy a packet of phuljhhadi and chakri so that our pet is not hassled by the noise. In fact Goli sits besides my mom while we burst the

crackers. We ensure that she remains at a specific distance to avoid accidents."

Feed them and keep them in a protected room

Most festivals bring in lot of engagements that might lead to pets staying unattended at times. So it is essential to ensure that the pet does not starve while you are busy attending to guests. Dr Parag Pandya, a veterinary surgeon, said, "It's better to feed the pet ahead of the celebrations. Pets are not habituated to sudden loud noises and are taken by surprise on occasions like Diwali. Pets should be fed in a room where windows are closed so that they have no fear of loud noise. It is advisable to allow pets to get acquainted with the surroundings."

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Vistara Offers Voluntary Retirement To Staff Ahead Of Air India Merger

A joint venture between the **Tatas and Singapore** Airlines, Vistara has around more than 6,500 employees, including permanent and contract staff.

New Delhi: Vistara has offered voluntary retirement as well as voluntary separation schemes for its non-flying staff, ahead of the full service carrier's merger with Air India, according to officials.A joint venture between the Tatas and Singapore Airlines, Vistara has around more than 6,500 employees, including permanent and contract staff. The Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) and Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) have been offered for the nonflying permanent employees. Eligible staff can apply for the schemes till August 23, they said.

While VRS is for those who have completed five years of service, VSS is for the staff who are yet to complete five-year service at the airline.

The schemes are similar to those offered by the Tata Group-owned Air India earlier this month. The schemes are not be applicable for pilots, cabin crew and those holding licences for carrying out their duties. There was no official comment from Vistara on



the schemes. The airline started flying in 2015.Earlier this month, sources had said about 600 non-flying staff of Air India and Vistara are likely to be impacted by the two airlines' mega-merger, and efforts will be made to provide job opportunities to the affected employees within Air India group

and Tata companies. Tata Group-owned lossmaking full-service carriers -- Air India and Vistara -- together have more than 23,000 employees.

Meanwhile, the fitment exercise -- which involves the evaluation of the roles and responsibilities of staff of both airlines -- in

the run-up to the merger has been going on for the past few months. The exercise takes into account an individual's prior experience, performance and other factors.On May 12, Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson, along with Vistara CEO Vinod Kannan, held a one-and-a-half-hour town hall meeting with employees of both carriers about the proposed merger.At that time, Wilson and Kannan also assured that the fitment, or assignment, of existing employees into the new structure was being done based on merit and competency.

The merger, which will create one of the biggest airline groups, was announced in November 2022. Once the deal is complete, Singapore Airlines will have a 25.1 per cent stake in Air India. Vistara is a joint venture between Singapore Airlines and the Tata Group.In June, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) cleared the merger, and in March, Singapore's competition regulator CCCS gave a conditional nod for the proposed deal.

These rules were violated

UP Proposes Life Term In 'Love Jihad' Law. How BJP, Samajwadi **Party Reacted** New Delhi: The Yogi Adityanth-led government has

introduced the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2024 in the Assembly, which proposes harsher punishment, leading up to life imprisonment in 'love jihad' cases.The proposed amendments have been welcomed by the BJP as a step in the right direction while the Samajwadi Party has termed it a 'divisive' move, aimed at creating 'animosity' in society.UP Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya who reached the Assembly, this morning told reporters that the legislation should be welcomed as this would act as a 'deterrent' against such practices.

BJP leader Mohsin Raza said that the law, when amended, will help greatly in tackling illegal religious conversions as many 'love jihad' cases have emerged where impersonators marry a girl by hiding their identity and then force her to convert."If any impersonator plays with the life of your daughter, why shouldn't the culprit be held accountable? If an imposter marries any girl by hiding his identity and with malicious intent, why can't such peope be brought to book," asked the BJP leader.Samajwadi Party, on the other hand, slammed the Yogi Adityanath government for brining amendments in the existing laws regarding 'love jihad' and said that it nothing but negative politics and motivated by the BJP's 'aversion' towards a particular community.

Samajwadi Party leader Fakhrul Hasan Chand in a video message said, "UP has already a law on love

Days after US woman found tied to tree in Maharashtra, case against ex-husband

New Delhi: An attempt to murder case has been registered against the former informed the police. She was initially husband of an American woman, who was found tied to a tree

with an iron chain in M a h a r a s h t r a ' s Sindhudurg district.The case was registered based on the statement given by the woman when she was in hospital, police officials said.In her statement, the woman claimed that her former husband had tied her with an iron chain in a forest in Sonurli in Sindhudurg.

The woman, identified as Lalita Kayi Kumar S, was from the US and lived in Tamil Nadu. A shepherd found the woman with her leg chained

to a tree on July 27, following which he rushed to a nearby hospital, before



being shifted to one in Goa. The police also found her Aadhaar card and a photocopy of her American passport. Her visa had expired, and she had been

Kerala Landslides That Killed 54 Triggered

By Record 372mm Rain In 24 Hours

New Delhi: At least 54 people have died announced compensation of ? 2 lakh Support from central agencies for relief

after massive landslides hit the hilly for the families of those killed in the has reached there. Work is being done

in India for the past 10 years, the police said.Several medical prescriptions were found in her possession, which suggest that she had

psychiatric issues, PTI reported.

Based on the note written by the woman at the hospital, a case has been registered against her former husband on charges of attempted murder, act endangering life or personal safety of others and wrongful confinement under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)," police was quoted as saying by PTI.The woman's statement is yet to be officially

recorded.An investigation has been launched and search is on for her husband, police said.

by Delhi coaching centre where 3 students died New Delhi:Classrooms and libraries in basements,

no proper drainage facilities are some of the rampant safety violations found in several coaching centres across Delhi. These violations were also found at Rau's IAS Study Circle coaching institute in Rajinder Nagar, where three civil service aspirants lost their lives on Saturday evening due to flooding in the basement.

The victims, Shreya Yadav from Uttar Pradesh, Tanya Soni from Telangana, and Navin Dalwin from Kerala, were caught in the deluge after heavy rains inundated the basement of the centre. The incident has ignited widespread student protests, with protesters accusing local authorities of severe negligence in ensuring the safety standards of educational institutions.Meanwhile, the total goods and services tax collected (GST) from coaching centres across the country has more than doubled in the last five years, according to the government data shared with the Rajya Sabha. From 2019-20, the total GST collected from coaching was Rs 2,240.73 crore. It grew to Rs 5,517.45 crore in 2023-24.

How many coaching institutes are there in Delhi? After the Delhi High Court took note of the Mukherjee Nagar fire incident in June last year, the Delhi Police submitted a status report in which they mentioned that as many as 583 coaching institutes were running in Delhi. According to the report, out of 583 coaching institutes, only 67 have fire safety certificates, while 516 institutes do not have a fire safety certificate

jihad. If someone traps someone in his/her love trap with some motive, then there is a law for it but the BJP only wants to do negative politics. It does not want to do anything about unemployment and paper leak."

Indian Navy, NDRF search for missing Kerala native underway after Karnataka landslide

New Delhi:A severe landslide triggered by incessant monsoon rains on July 16, 2024, in Shirur, located 40 kilometers south of Karwar in Uttara Kannada district, Karnataka, has caused significant disruptions, including the closure of National Highway 66 between Kumta and Karwar. The landslide led to several vehicles, including a Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) tanker, being washed away into the nearby Gangaveli River.The Uttara Kannada district administration quickly requested assistance from the Indian Navy to



locate and recover the missing HPCL tanker.In a swift response, the Indian Navy dispatched two diving teams, comprising twelve divers and six hydrographers equipped with inflatable craft and necessary equipment, from the Naval Base at Karwar to Shirur.In a joint operation with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), the Naval personnel recovered the HPCL LPG tanker on July 17, 2024. The tanker was subsequently drained of gas by HPCL representatives, ensuring safety and averting any potential danger.

- ince July 19, 2024, the Indian Navy teams, equipped with high-resolution sonar, have been tirelessly searching for another missing truck driven by Kerala native Arjun Mooladikuzhiyil. "The strong currents in the river, dislocated debris from the hill, and adverse weather conditions have made searching the riverbed difficult," the Indian Navy stated in an official statement.
- A coordinated response involving the Indian Navy, the NDRF, and the district administration is ongoing to locate the missing personnel and truck in the landslideaffected area.

areas in the Wayanad district in Kerala calamity. Those injured would be given this morning.fficials said landslides were triggered by incessant rain in the region. The state recorded 372 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours.Multiple agencies, including NDRF, have joined the rescue ops in the hilly areas near Meppadi. Officials said that 250 people have been rescued so far and were shifted to

temporary sheltersPrime

Minister Narendra Modi

has spoken to Kerala Chief Minister ? 50,000.

the LDF government. He has also asked BJP chief JP Nadda to ensure that party workers assist in rescue "PM Modi spoke with the Kerala Chief Minister and gave him assurance. work. The Prime Minister's Office has

Pinarayi Vijayan and assured all help to BJP chief JP Nadda said the priority of the government is to rescue the trapped people and pull out the dead bodies.

government. Right now, the primary thing is to recover the bodies and save those who can be saved," Mr Nadda said. The Kerala Chief Minister's office said that a control room has been set up to provide immediate relief and rescue assistance following the landslides.

in coordination with the state

Among the affected areas are Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Attamala and Noolpuzha, authorities have said. Many roads have collapsed and a bridge has been swept away and several areas have become unreachable, Health Minister Veena George told news agency ANI, "We have to re-establish the connectivity. Helicopters will also be brought in, but the weather is bad."

Can a coaching institute run classes in the basement?

The use of the basement shall be subject to clearance from the fire authorities and other statutory bodies as per the relevant provisions of the Master Plan of Delhi (MPD) 2021 and the Unified Building Bye-Laws, as amended from time to time.As per Unified Building Bye-Laws 2016, for educational buildings (schools or colleges), a basement or cellar room may be designed, constructed, altered, converted, or used for the purpose of study or instruction, provided it meets fire safety requirements.

What are the basement construction rules?

As per rules laid down in the Unified Building Bye-Laws for Delhi, 2016, the construction of the basement shall be allowed by the Sanctioning Authority in accordance with the land use and other provisions specified under the Master Plan for Delhi/Zonal Development Plan.

"For How Many Years...": Court Raps Centre **Over One Rank One Pension Dues**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court came down heavily on the Centre on Tuesday he bench said, "For how many years will for failing to take any decision for years on the pension payable to retired regular captains of the Army in accordance with the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme and imposed a fine of ? 2 lakh on it.A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and R Mahadevan gave one last opportunity to the Centre till November 14 for resolving the anomalies with regard to the pension of such retired officers under the scheme.It said the cost of ? 2 lakh shall be deposited in the welfare funds of the Army and warned the government that if the decision is not taken by November 14, it will direct for enhanced pension by 10 per cent to the retired regular captains. Appearing in the court on behalf of the Centre, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhatti said six anomalies have been pointed out by the Kochi bench of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT), which need to be rectified, but the government is yet to

take a stand in the matter.

this go on? Either you pay an enhanced pension by 10 per cent or we are imposing a cost on you. We wanted a decision to be taken, but you have not taken it. This matter came up in 2021 but still no decision has been taken." Bhatti said the government cannot take a piecemeal decision, it has to look at the issue holistically and consider all the six anomalies as the decision may affect others."All I can do is tender my apology. Please give us one more chance, we will take a decision in this regard. We will file

an affidavit in this regard. Give us three months' time, we will take a decision," the additional solicitor general said. The bench initially refused to give any further time to the Centre and accept any affidavit and said it will direct an enhanced pension to these retired officers.Justice Khanna said, "What is this? If the government is not taking a

decision, I cannot do anything. This does not give solace to these officers. They are retired captains. They have no say. They have no access to you people. Either you



start paying 10 per cent more or pay the cost. The choice is yours." As soon as the bench started dictating the order for enhanced pension for the retired captains, Bhatti asked it to kindly impose a cost because that will serve equity better than enhanced pension. The bench then gave time till November 14 to the government as a last opportunity but imposed a cost of ? 2 lakh on it, saying the amount has to be deposited in the welfare fund of the armed forces in four weeks.On July 23, the top court had noted that the regional

bench of the AFT had passed an order on December 7, 2021 according to which the government was to take a decision on the pension payable to the retired regular captains, noticing that there was an anomaly that required to be resolved for the implementation of OROP. The Centre has challenged the AFT order and arrayed 13 retired regular captains as a party to the dispute.

The bench noted that this court has repeatedly adjourned the matter to enable the appellant government to take a decision on the pension of the retired regular captains."In these circumstances, we are inclined to impose exemplary costs and also direct that the regular captains will get pension enhanced by 20 per cent from the date the OROP scheme is applicable.

New Delhi, Wednesday, 31 July 2024

RELATIONSHIPS



Corporate hacks you can try while dealing with

Flexibility and willingness to adapt and adjust your parenting style will make your journey much easier. Rehana says, "The work environment at a new office will be different from the one at your old place. You need to be flexible to sail through smoothly . When my daughter was two, she would listen to everything I said, even though she wouldn't understand most of it. But now, she is eight and has formed her own opinions.So, instead of mollycoddling, I behave like an adult with her.We reason things out and choose what's best."

AT TIMES, IT'S OKAY TO CALL IT A DAY

Overworking and burning yourself out at your workplace will lead to no good. It's fine to just go home when you know things are going nowhere. Adapt the same policy with your kids as well.Rashmi adds, "It's perfectly fine to give in to your child's tantrums, but only sometimes. If they insist on staying up late on weekend, tell them it's fine as long as they don't create a ruckus and finish their school work the next day. If they don't want to eat their spinach, give them a healthy

BE CREATIVE

time. I give him a choice between doing his She presents the dishes creatively, just like differently to our clients."

Yes, parenting is a tough task, especially for two months, but I never manage to do that those who also juggle a career.

solutions are almost always interchangeable. they are two. But we kept racing between our accomplishments; this boosts their self celebrating my wedding anniversary. I now looking, interesting lunches every day so our The tactics that you apply at office can also bedroom and the restroom till they turned work wonders with your children," says four. Letting things take its own course is one and tone matters a lot. If your son has tied the parental adviser and psychologist Rashmi of the parenting mantras we follow now." Desai.Here are some simple corporate survival techniques you can try when dealing with your kids ...

because my goals are influenced by external "However, sharp and smart individuals know factors as well. In the end, I am left feeling that the scenario at work and at home are dejected. Similarly, my wife and I vowed that almost similar. The situations and the we would potty train our twins by the time Encourage your child by appreciating during the weekend when I had plans of Narendra says, "My wife whips out these nice

CITATION AND WORDS OF APPRECIATION ARE LIFESAVERS

esteem. Rehana adds, "Your body language use this on my son, who is in Class IV, all the twins gobble them up without making a fuss. shoelace on his own, make sure you that belittle his efforts. An employee who is encouraged by way of citation and letter of appreciation is more likely to work harder It's important for a boss to set a good example than the one who has been reprimanded in front of his colleagues."

Sri Dixit, communication head with a reputed MNC, says, "I learnt this trick from my boss, alternative. Parenting is all about little who casually told me I could either do the compromises." official tour I so hated with his team now or

SETTING OBJECTIVES MAY LEAD TO NOWHERE

The only place where 'goals' look nice is probably on your resume. For, many parents and father of two, says, "I convince myself parenting." that I need to achieve a specific target within

BONUS. INCREMENT, BRIBES ARE GOOD MOTIVATORS

'Carrot and stick approach' works brilliantly well both with kids and at office. Rehana K, an HR professional, says, "Just like how bonus and increment push staff to perform better, promise of extended playtime and a picnic vouch that setting objectives, both at home over the weekend motivates my daughter to and office, is almost always study and behave well. Bribery is a punishable

pointless.Narendra Jain, a marketing manager offence, but all is fair in love, war and

HEADS, I WIN, AND TAILS, YOU LOSE

It's okay to accede to your child's whims and fancies once in a while. But often, give them options such that they choose what you want.

homework now or when his favourite cartoon how we rack up our brains to present our ideas compliment him. Avoid making comments is on. Either way, I accomplish what I intended to."

BE A ROLE MODEL

for their subordinates to follow. Similarly, kids learn by watching their parents.Rashmi says, "If you lose your cool at the drop of a hat, your child will do the same. Children follow on their parents' footsteps. Be tolerant, softspoken, kind and selfless if you want your kid to be the same."

BE OPEN TO CHANGES

IT'S ALRIGHT TO FIB

While being transparent and honest are important for any relationship to survive, it's okay to lie sometimes. Gauri Manjrekar, a fashion consultant, says, "I fib to my six-yearold son so that he drinks his glass of milk, comes with me for a medical checkup, goes to bed on time and doesn't OD on chocolates. I'm not being dishonest, I just say few harmless lies so we both can co-exist peacefully."

Kids cause greater strain in relationships than illness



Having kids, the main purpose of matrimonial relationships, can bring in greater strains in romantic relationships than illness of partners, a new study suggests

The study looked at the relationship quality of 721 couples in Switzerland over a period of thirteen years.

"Transition to parenthood is associated with a higher degree of closure of the couple, as well as greater differentiation of functional roles," said researcher Manuela Schicka from the University of Geneva in Switzerland in an official statement.

Schicka, who conducted the research as part of her PhD thesis, explained that women often abandon or substantially reduce their participation in the labour market once they become a mother, because of lack of institutionalised child care facilities. This also generates a great deal of frustration. On the other hand, illness and accidents are seen as linked to

bad luck and not personal

responsibility.

There is therefore less grief and bitter thoughts between partners when the latter occur, Schicka stated.

The study also found that transition to retirement succeeds in reuniting couples at an age that is generally not perceived as the most romantic one.

The research demonstrated that while the various styles of conjugal interactions generally remain stable along the life course, some critical life events and transitions weigh much more on relationship quality than others, sometimes in unexpected ways.



With the proliferation of new technologies and social media apps, it seems these days as if our children are almost constantly online, and as parents/guardians, we sometimes have a tough time keeping pace.

How can we ensure that we are as good parenting online, as we are offline? Use these five tips to educate, empower and protect yourself, as well as your children, to have safer and more meaningful online experiences.

Use technology together This is a good way to teach online safety, and it creates the opportunity for you to address safety issues as they arise. Be involved in your child's online

life. Discuss also the importance of Teach your family to communicate unplugging from their mobile responsibly: one good thumb rule is, device, and establish phone-free if you would not say it in person, then times such as during class, at family do not text it, email it, instant dinners or after a certain time on message it, or post it as a comment school nights.

Use privacy settings/ parental what you say online might make control on devices There are many other people feel, and come up with sites for sharing ideas, photos, guidelines about what is appropriate videos and more. Many of these communication. Help them respect service providers offer privacy the privacy of others by keeping the settings and controls that will personal details about family or determine who can see your friends private, and by not content before you post it. Talk identifying people by name in with your family about what they publicly shared social media. This



on someone's page. Discuss how

rules and keep them near the computer. Check age restrictions

requirements; some email products ongoing conversations. are restricted to users who are 18 years and older. Always check a Staying safe is not a one-off event; website's terms of usage before technology evolves, and so will the allowing your child/ward to sign up needs of your family. Make sure for an account, and be clear with them if you have rules on which Check in on everyone's progress, websites and services they can use. change the rules if necessary, and Supervise computer use If set aside time to chat at regular possible, the family computer intervals, for example, at family should be kept in a common area of dinners. Encourage their the house. You should also set questions. Invite conversation. reasonable limits on computer

should include personal usage. Show your children the information such as phone value of privacy: encourage them numbers or home to protect their passwords and addresses. Teach your personal information, as they family not to accept files would with something like a diary. or to open email Children under eight should have attachments from direct supervision while online. strangers. Write down the Tweens, those from eight to 12, should have more freedom, but a parent/guardian should still be close by, with privacy settings at Many online services their highest level. Teens, due to have age limits restricting smart phones, laptops and school who can use their services. For computers will have more Internet example, for an email account, you access, which is why it is important would have to meet age to set the rules early and encourage

> Keep the conversation going you keep up an ongoing dialogue.

BUSINESS

Kishore Biyani's Future Retail for liquidation by law tribunal

- NEW DELHI. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Mumbai branch has admitted Kishore Biyanipromoted Future Retail for liquidation, citing the lack of a viable revival plan, reported The Economic Times.
- Sanjay Gupta has been appointed as the liquidator for the company, added the report. The division bench granted the application by the company's resolution professional, Vijaykumar V Iyer, to admit Future Retail for liquidation. The tribunal noted that the maximum period for the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) had expired without an approved resolution plan from the committee of creditors (CoC).
- Future Retail carries liabilities exceeding Rs 28,452 crore, including Rs 14,422 crore owed to financial creditors.
- The tribunal's order said, "We are of the considered opinion that this is a fit case for liquidation. To maximize the value of the Corporate Debtor, the Liquidator shall endeavour the sale of the Corporate Debtor as a going concern under Regulation 32A clause (e) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulation, 2016."The resolution professional had previously informed stock exchanges in November last year that the resolution plan for Future Retail had been rejected, necessitating liquidation.Future Group, heavily impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, also failed to complete a Rs 24,713-crore deal with Reliance Industries in April 2022, with lenders voting against the scheme of arrangement

ITR deadline: Can taxpayers avoid late penalty for filing after July 31 Only in some cases

New Delhi. The deadline for filing income tax returns (ITR) for the financial year 2023-24 (assessment year 2024-25) is tomorrow, July 31. Taxpayers must file their returns by this date to avoid late filing penalties.

As of now, the Income Tax Department has not announced any extension beyond the July 31 deadline. While most taxpayers will incur a late filing fee for missing the deadline, certain categories can file their ITR afterward without penalties.Income below basic exemption limit: If your gross total income below basic exemption limit: If your gross total income does not exceed the basic exemption limit, you will not face any penalties for filing your ITR late. However, this benefit does not apply if you have income from foreign sources.Agricultural income: Taxpayers whose sole source of income is from agriculture are exempt from penalties for late ITR filing.Exempt income: If your income is entirely exempt from taxation, and you have no other taxable income, you can file your ITR after the deadline without any penalties.

Penalties for late ITR filing

If you miss the July 31 deadline, you may be subject to penalties unless you fall into one of the above categories. For taxpayers with an annual income below Rs 5 lakh, the penalty for late filing is Rs 1,000.For those with an annual income above Rs 5 lakh, the penalty increases to Rs 5,000.

Glitches complicate ITR filing

Several taxpayers and chartered accountants have reported issues with the tax filing portal, including glitches in generating OTPs and problems with claiming rebates.Despite these issues, the tax department has not extended the deadline and is urging taxpayers to file their returns promptly. The department has provided support via toll-free helpdesk numbers (1800 103 0025 or 1800 419 0025) and email at Efilingwebmanager@incometax.gov.in for those

RVNL, IRFC, RITES, Juipter Wagons, IRCON: Will these railway stocks gain

Railway stocks trading below pre-Budget 2024 levels RITES, Texmaco, BEML, RVNL saw up to 5% gains Analysts expect continued rally

for some railway stocks

New Delhi Railway stocks, including Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC), Ircon International, Indian (IRFC), Ircon International, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC), and Jupiter Wagons Ltd, are trading below their levels from July 22, a day before the Union Budget 2024. However, RITES, Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd, BEML, and Rail Vikas Nigam (RVNL) saw gains of up to 5%, though a significant rally was absent as investors shifted their focus to as investors shifted their focus to

quarterly earnings.According to market data, Ircon International Ltd was the worst affected, with its stock at Rs 294.50, down 7.7% from its July 22 closing price of Rs 319.The stock had dropped 8.06% on Budget day.IRFC shares at Rs 194.45 are down 5% from the July 22 closing of Rs 204.55, having closed higher only once in the past 11 sessions.

RVNL gained 1.33% to Rs 614.70 on Tuesday but remains below its July 22 closing of Rs 623.95.

Will these railway stocks gain further? The FY25 Budget allocated Rs 2.55 lakh crore to railways, up from the revised estimate of Rs 2.4 lakh crore for FY24. Targets were increased for electric locomotives, coaches, and wagons.

Antique Stock Broking noted that the budgetary support was lower than expected for Ircon International Ltd, RITES Ltd, and RVNL, while the Rs 21,000 crore high-speed rail capital outlay is positive for L&T and Ircon



International.Jupiter Wagons at Rs 621.85 is 3.13% below its July 22 closing of Rs 642. The company reported its highestever Q1 revenue and profit after tax and is confident about delivering over 10,000 wagons in FY25, a 25% increase from FY24 levels. The company is also optimistic about its braking business, with a healthy order book of over 10,000 brake discs and a 1,000 million brake systems order. Despite this, Dalal & Broacha Stock Broking has set a target of Rs 500 for the stock.BEML shares, thanks to a

2.3% rise, are trading slightly above the July 22 level of Rs 4,716.30.IRCTC shares are down 1%. RITES Ltd shares are up 4%, while Kernex Microsystems (India) Ltd shares gained 7% since July 22. Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd edged 0.74% higher from the Budget day level. Texmaco Rail recently entered into definitive agreements to acquire wagon manufacturer Jindal Rail (JRIL) for Rs 615 crore.Nuvama

believes this acquisition will allow Texmaco to capture a larger share of the growing rail capex in the country, maintaining a 'BUY' rating on the stock with an unchanged target price of Rs 331 based on 50x Q1FY27E EPS.

It may be noted that most of these stocks, especially RVNL, RITES, Texmaco and BEML have witnessed strong gains over the past few sessions and analysts expect the rally to continue, in line with the broader market trend.

Al will not cause job losses, says Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

New Delhi. Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya told the Parliament that artificial intelligence (AI) will not lead to job losses in India. Instead, he believes that AI will create new job opportunities.Mandaviya addressed concerns raised by Kalyan Banerjee of the All India Trinamool Congress in the Lok

Sabha.Banerjee had questioned the potential impact of AI on employment in West Bengal. In his response, Mandaviya compared the current situation with past technological advancements.He said, When the internet was first introduced, people worried about job losses. The same concerns were raised when computers came into use. However, these advancements ultimately created more job opportunities. AI will have a similar effect."Mandaviya also mentioned the



employment situation in West Bengal, suggesting that ongoing protests in the state could be a barrier to job creation. He said that, given its large population, West Bengal should be drawing more investment and industries to boost job prospects.

The Labour Ministr highlighted the Modi government's efforts to reduce unemployment. He stated that the labour force participation rate in India had increased from 38% in 2017-18 to 44% currently. This improvement, according to Mandaviya, is a result of government initiatives aimed at boosting employment.

According to the Reserve Bank of India's KLEMS database, India created 4.7 crore new jobs in the 2023-24 fiscal year, marking the highest annual job creation in over 40 years.However, this data is provisional and lacks a detailed sector-wise breakdown. This has led to questions about the accuracy of

the data and whether it can be directly linked to AI's impact on the job market.While Mandaviya is optimistic that AI will generate new job opportunities, the provisional nature of the KLEMS database data means it is difficult to attribute this record job creation solely to AI.Without more detailed data, it is not clear whether AI is a major factor in this job growth or if other elements are influencing these numbers. Until more specific information is available, the precise effect of AI on employment remains uncertain.

Adopt precaution': Updated advisory for Indian SMEs trading with Chinese firms

The Trade and Commerce Wing of the Indian Embassy in China

with Chinese entities in the country.It advisory in case of large transactions. has requested Indian companies to "In case of large transactions, it is highly "take note of this advisory and its annexure documents and adopt precaution while deadline with Chinese may consult a business service company, which can provide a report on the business transparency, financial health, reputation, reliability and credentials of the Chinese entity," it said. \Furthermore, it has been recommended that before doing business with any Chinese entity, Indian companies should "collect and retain" copies of both the resident identity card, passport of the proprietor and other responsible interlocutor(s) of the Chinese entity.In addition, the embassy stated that it has observed that a majority of the trade dispute cases

Future retail ordered into liquidation by NCLT Mumbai bench

NEW DELHI: The Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has ordered liquidation of Future Retail as all the resolution bids have failed with the lenders after the committee of creditors led by Bank of India, opted for liquidation of the company that was once the poster boy of modern restock in the country.

This will be a big blow to lenders as the company has negligible assets to be sold off and recover the dues. Most of the yielding stores were taken over by Reliance after its aborted bid d to buy the company out. Even through resolution banks were on average



getting only about under a third of their dues so far and liquidation means at least 90% loss or hair cut as in the banking parlance. The lenders took Kishore Biyani who sold

facing technical difficulties

Power Grid shares hit record high. What's behind the rally

New Delhi. Shares of Power Grid Corporation rose over 4% to hit a record high in early trading on Tuesday. The surge followed the power transmission firm's announcement of a planned undersea interconnection project worth up to Rs 40,000 crore with countries in the Middle East. Power Grid shares climbed 4.24% to a record high of Rs 356.95, up from the previous close of Rs 342.40 on the BSE. The company's market capitalization reached Rs 3.29 lakh crore.It may be noted that the stock had fallen to a 52-week low of Rs 179.81 on August 9, 2023.From a technical perspective, Power Grid's relative strength index (RSI) stands at 57.8, indicating it is neither overbought nor oversold. The shares are trading above their 5-day, 10-day, 20-day, 30-day, 50-day, 100-day, 150-day, and 00-day moving averages. Chairman and Managing Director RK Tyagi stated that the company is exploring interconnected projects with countries exploring interconnected projects with countries beyond its immediate neighborhood, specifically in the Middle East. Discussions are ongoing with Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE for the interconnection.

Tyagi explained that the company has a 'pulling station' near the Arabian Sea in Gujarat's Bhuj, which will be connected to a similar station on the shores of a Middle Eastern country.A high voltage direct current cable will run along the scabed, with a capacity of up to 2,500 MW. The project is estimated to cost between Rs 35,000 and 40,000 crore and will take up to six years to complete.

Sensex, Nifty end higher in volatile trade; Tata Motors rises over 3%

New Delhi. Benchmark stock market indices ended the trading session on a positive note despite experiencing high fluctuation due to profit booking pressure. The S&P BSE Sensex ended 99.56 points higher at 81,455.40 at the closing bell, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 21.20 points to settle at 24,857.30.Most of the other broader market indices also ended the trading session on a positive note, especially smallcap and midcap stocks. Auto and energy stocks were among the top gainers, while FMCG stocks suffered significant losses. The top five gainers on the Nifty50 were Tata Motors, NTPC, BPCL, Power Grid and Titan. On the other hand, the top drags were LTIM, SBI Life, Cipla, Grasim and Sun Pharma. Aditya Gaggar, Director of Progressive Shares, said, "After a muted opening, the Index surged higher under the leadership of the Energy and Auto counters but then towards the end of the session, pared off a majority of its gains to settle the day at 24,857.30 with gains of 21.20 points."

has issued an updated trade advisory in the interest of Indian companies doing business with Chinese entities in the country.

New Delhi. An updated trade advisory has been issued by the Embassy of India in Beijing, China in the interest of Indian small and medium enterprises that are doing business with local entities in China.

The Trade and Commerce Wing of the embassy said that it has "regularly come across several problems" faced by Indian companies doing business

entities"."It is highly recommended that before doing business with any



Chinese entity, Indian companies write to the Indian Embassy or Indian Consulates in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hong Kong to verify the credentials of the entity," the embassy said.

"The respective Mission will respond in 4-5 days," it added. It also issued an

involve companies registered in Shandong, Hebei, Guangdong, Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces.

"Indian companies are advised to take extra precaution before trading with companies from these provinces," it added.

himself as the pioneer of modern retail in this part of the world and labelled himself as the Indian version of Sam Walton of the Walmart fame in the US, to the insolvency court in April 2022 after it failed to repay the lenders following Reliance Retail's refusal to honour its Rs 23400 crore takeover offer. The retail firm owes more than Rs 17,000 crore to both its financial and operational creditors.

The NCLT order on Monday comes after the resolution professional failed to get any resolution applicants to turn around the insolvent company. It's the end of the road for Kishore Biyani-led Future Retail, which once led domestic organized retail revolution. Liquidation means setting in motion a process that will see its assets being sold to pay off its dues. The bench appointed Sanjay Gupta as the liquidator.

India's digital economy set to double by 2026, RBI report reveals

India's domestic digital economy, currently at 10% of GDP, is on track to reach 20% by 2026, driven by the world's lowest data costs and rapid growth in internet users.

NEW DELHI. The sweeping digitisation of the financial markets and payments system will drive the country's digital economy, which currently accounts for a tenth of the GDP, and constitute a fifth or 20% of the GDP by 2026," says a report prepared by the Reserve Bank.

Several enabling forces have come together to energise this revolution. Though Internet penetration was at 55% in 2023, the Internet user base has grown by 199



million in the recent three years. In India, cost per gigabyte of data consumed is the lowest globally at an average of Rs 13.32 (\$0.16) per GB and the country also has one of the highest mobile data Governor Shaktikanta Das said, consumption in the world, with an average per-user per-month consumption of 24.1 GB in 2023, RBI said in its 'Report on Currency and Finance for 2023-24, released on Monday. "It is estimated that the domestic digital

economy currently accounts for a tenth of

our GDP and going by the growth rate observed over the past decade, it is poised to constitute a fifth of the GDP by 2026,' the report said.

"Digitalisation in finance is paving the way for next-generation banking; improving access to financial services at affordable costs; and enhancing the impact of direct benefit transfers by effective targeting of beneficiaries in a cost-efficient manner." The country is at the forefront of the digital revolution, he noted. The country has embraced not just financial technology by speeding up digital payments but has also celebrated India Stack comprising biometric identification, the unified payments interface (UPI), mobile connectivity, digital lockers and consent-based data sharing, the Governor noted and pointed out that the ongoing digital revolution is galvanising banking infrastructure and public finance management systems covering both direct benefit transfers and tax collections, while the vibrant emarkets are springing up and expanding their reach.

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Cost per gigabyte data in India lowest

SPORTS

NEWS BOX

Olympics 2024: Carlos Alcaraz reveals groin injury struggle during 2nd round win

- New Delhi Carlos Alcaraz admitted that he was struggling with a groin injury during his second round singles match against Dutchman Tallon Griekspoor in the Paris Olympics 2024 and is hoping he will be injury-free for the doubles tie alongside Rafael Nadal on July 30, Tuesday. Nadal and Alcaraz will be in second round action on Tuesday. However, during the match against Griekspoor, the World No.3 did have pain in the groin region.
- Speaking to the reporters, as quoted by Reuters, Alcaraz said that he knows how to deal with the pain and try to be at 100 percent for the match on Tuesday alongside Nadal. The World No.3 said that he was feeling pain in the adductors and will see how he recovers on Monday night."I know the way that I have to deal with this pain, it is normal for a tennis player, the schedule is so tight, so demanding, so I will try to recover as soon and as well as I can tonight to be ready at 100% tomorrow in the doubles," the 21-yearold told reporters."It is in the adductors, so it is a muscle that requires a lot in the movement, but I will see tonight."
- Alcaraz and Nadal will be facing Griekspoor and Wesley Koolhof on Tuesday.
- How did Alcaraz vs Griekspoor unfold? Alcaraz demonstrated his resilience and skill at Roland Garros, even while experiencing some discomfort, proving that he will be a formidable contender. The world number three, fresh off winning the French Open and Wimbledon titles this year, made an impressive return to Court Philippe Chatrier. He set the tone early with an ace and two
- strong forehand winners. With the crowd still buzzing from Rafael Nadal's defeat by Novak Djokovic, Alcaraz seemed eager to assert himself as the next big name in tennis. He quickly broke his opponent, Tallon Griekspoor, and dominated the first set, taking it in just 32 minutes.

Hardik Pandya's special wish for son Agastya: Happy Birthday my partner in crime

- NEW DELHI. Hardik Pandya shared an emotional birthday wish for his son Agastya on his 4th birthday. Hardik and Natasa Stankovic's son was born on July 30, 2020 and, ever since, has been the light of their lives. Hardik posted a special video in which Agastya could be seen copying his father's actions. The father-son duo were also playing a game named 'jenga' together and Hardik looked all smiles while being surrounded by Agastya. In the caption, Hardik even called Agastya his "partner in crime"."You keep me going every single day! Happy birthday to my partner in crime, my whole heart, my Agu. Love you beyond words," Hardik captioned the post. The star all-rounder shares a great bond with his son and often posts with him on social media. However, Hardik no longer lives with his son after his divorce with model and actress Natasa Stankovic.Hardik-Natasa divorce
- Hardik Pandya had announced his separation with wife Natasa Stankovic after a relationship of four years. Hardik announced his decision on Thursday, 18 July

16-year-old Jiya Rai becomes youngest para swimmer to cross an English Channel

Jiya Rai, at just the age of 16, became the youngest para swimmer to cross an English Channel. The teenager is not just the youngest, but also the fastest para swimmer in the world to achieve this feat on July 28-29.

NEW DELHI At just the age of 16, Jiya Rai became the youngest para swimmer to cross an English Channel. The teenager is not just the youngest, but also the fastest para swimmer in the world to achieve this feat on July 28-29. Jiya swam through the English Channel from the Abbot's Cliff in England to Pointe de la Courte-Dune in France in a time of 17 hours and 25 minutes from July 28 to 29. She covered a distance of 34 kilometres



en route to her feat.Jiya, who hails from Mumbai with Autism Spectrum Disorder, is the daughter of Madan Rai, the MC-at-Arms serving in Mumbai. The Western Naval Command (WNC) congratulated the young Jiya achieves huge feat para swimmer on her momentous achievement. "All personnel of WNC convey their heartiest congratulations to Jiya Rai for becoming the world's youngest and

fastest female para swimmer to successfully swim solo across the English Channel," the Western Naval Command (WNC) wrote on

X.

"Jiya, a 16-year-old girl with Autism Spectrum disorder, is the daughter of Madan Rai, MCat-Arms, serving at Mumbai. She has many inspiring achievements to her credit,

Virat Kohli-Gautam Gambhir relationship: Case of wait and see, says Scott Styris



NEW DELHI Scott Styris feels that the equation between Virat Kohli and India coach Gautam Gambhir will be a case of 'wait and see' as they gear up to be reunited during the ODI series against Sri Lanka. Gambhir and Kohli have had spats in the past during the IPL but seemingly mended fences during IPL 2024. Gambhir would then go on to replace Rahul Dravid as the coach of the Indian team.

Gambhir has said that his relationship with Kohli is not public, and it is one between two

mature individuals. Speaking about the equation between both men in an exclusive interaction with Indiatoday.in, Styris said that both Kohli and Gambhir will 'tap to bite their tongue' a bit tongue and watch each other working in the side. The former New Zealand all-rounder feels that Kohli will be looking at how Gambhir will be looking to run the team and the coach will look towards the star batter to help the youngsters in the side."Yeah, it's a really good question. I think it's wait and see. I don't think anyone can sit here and say it's gonna work that well or it's not gonna work. I think both players will just tap to bite their tongue a little bit and and observe and watch the way that, in Virat's case, watch the way Gautham's looking to run the team and Gautham will be looking for Virat's leadership to help all the younger players," said Styris. They will work out a wayStyris also feels that both men have smart cricket brains and will work out a way to make their equation work and help the Indian team.

So there's so much that we don't know about that relationship and how it's going to operate in a team with two different players having two different levels of power in that group as well. So I think they're both. Firstly, they're both terrific cricketers. They both have very good cricket brains. I think they'd both be smart enough to work out a way where it can be beneficial to the team and their performances," said Styris.

Kohli is now in Sri Lanka and will be playing in the ODI series, which begins from August including swimming across the Palk Bay earlier," the WNC added.Despite all her disabilities, Jiya is on a mission to become the world's first and youngest para swimmer to swim seven oceans. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological and developmental condition which has an impact on how people interact with others, communicate, learn and behave.

Many more achievements for Jiya

However, she has achieved much more at such a young age, like in December 2022, she swam 1,100 kilometres. This was done as a part of a six-member relay team from Mumbai to Goa and back to Vasai Fort in 11 days, 22 hours and 13 minutes. She was the youngest and only female participant of the team.As per the Western Naval Command, Jiya has swum across the Palk Strait from Talaimannar, which is in Sri Lanka, to Dhanuskodi, which is in India. She managed to cover a distance of 29 kilometres within 13 hours and 10 minutes and created a world record on March 20, 2022. Hence, she became the world's youngest and fastest female to swim across the Palk Strait. Jiya has also won medals in the national and .

Men's triathlon postponed due to high levels of pollution in river Seine in Paris

NEW DELHI The Men's Triathlon event, which was initially planned to take place on July 30, Tuesday was postponed due to high levels of pollution in the river Seine in Paris. The race has now been moved to July 31, Wednesday at 10:45 pm, after the women's event scheduled for the same day at 8:00 am. The World Triathlon informed in a statement, dealing a blow to the organisers and leaving the athletes with more uncertainty. Earlier, the Olympic Games organisers had said that they were confident of the water quality improving in time for the race. They assured after the river was dirtied by the heavy rains last Friday and Saturday.

"Despite the improvement of water quality levels over the last hours, the readings at some points of the swim course are still above the acceptable limits," they said early on Tuesday. "Paris 2024 and World Triathlon reiterate that their priority is the health of the athletes." If the levels of bacteria remain too



high on Wednesday as well, then both the men's and women's races could likely be postponed to Friday, the contingency day

via an Instagram post after months of speculation. Natasa Stankovic had decided to fly out of the country and went back to her home in Serbia with son Agastya. She had recently shared pictures of her day out with son Agastya and Hardik was quick to react to the post with a comment. He commented with a red heart and evil eye emoji on the

Smiles, handshakes and selfies: Virat Kohli greets fans at **Colombo** airport

New Delhi. India's star batter Virat Kohli shared a heartwarming interaction with the fans at the Colombo airport in Sri Lanka. Kohli landed in the island nation for India's upcoming ODI series against Sri Lanka on July 29, Monday. He looked all smiles as he greeted the Indian fans and clicked pictures with them. He was patiently waiting for his turn at the check-in counter and the starstruck fans tried to capture him. Indian captain Rohit Sharma, alongside KL Rahul, Shreyas Iyer, Kuldeep Yadav and Harshit Rana arrived the day before yesterday.Kohli and Rohit will also kickstart their practice session in Colombo before the ODI series. There were speculations about if the star duo would take part in the series or not. However, Rohit was named as the captain of the team and Kohli was also included in the 15member squad. Kohli and Rohit will make a return to the ODIs after November 2023 and will aim to get in the groove. They both boast of a great record against Sri Lanka in the ODI format and will look to only better it in the series. They will both return to the cricket field a month after India's victory at the T20 World Cup 2024. That day itself, Rohit and Kohli announced their retirement from the shortest format for India and said that they will continue to serve the country in the rest of the two formats of the game.

Kohli's dominance against Sri Lanka

After Sachin Tendulkar, Kohli has the most number of runs against Sri Lanka in the ODI format. He has played 53 ODI matches and scored 2594 runs at an average of 63.26 at a strike-rate of 93.91 with 10 centuries and 12 fifties.The ODI side has started training under the assistant coach Abhishek Nayar in Colombo. Meanwhile, the other players from the T20Is will also join the team after completion of the series. India lead the series 2-0 against Sri Lanka in the shortest format and will aim for a clean-sweep as they play the 3rd T20I on July 30, Tuesday.

New Delhi. Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz' partnership has certainly caught the attention of the fans at the Paris Olympics 2024. While one is a record French Open champion, the other

just won at Roland Garros earlier in the year and appears to be the heir apparent to Nadal. The duo had certainly got going in the perfect way and the energy coming off both men during the first round match was a treat to watch. They have now been dubbed as 'Nadalcaraz' and considered as favourites for the gold medal at the Olympics.

When it comes to the singles competition, both men had contrasting fortunes on July 29, Monday. Nadal tried his best to

upstage long-time rival Novak Djokovic, but it was the Serbian who came out on top in the end. Alcaraz, on the other hand, was able to fend off a groin niggle to see off the Netherlands' Tallon Griekspoor 6-1, 7-6 to make himself a strong contender for the gold medal. Both men are now set to turn their attention towards their second round

loss to Djokovic and said he will now focus completely on the doubles match.

When is 'Nadalcaraz' next in action at

Paris Olympics 2024: All you need to know

"I came here to play two competitions, and



knowing from the beginning that I surely had more options in doubles."Today I'm sad, but tomorrow I'm going to get up with all the enthusiasm in the world to play doubles to the fullest," said Nadal.

Alcaraz had talked about his groin niggle and said he is confident he would be able to shake it off and be ready for the match alongside Nadal.

doubles match.Nadal had brushed off his "I know the way that I have to deal with this pain, it is normal for a tennis player, the schedule is so tight, so demanding, so I will try to recover as soon and as well as I can

tonight to be ready at 100% tomorrow in the doubles," the 21-year-old told reporters.

When and where will Nadalcaraz be in action next?Nadal and Alcaraz will be in action on July 30, Tuesday against Tallon Griekspoor and Wesley Koolhof. The match is scheduled to be the third on Court Suzanne-Lenglen, following a men's singles match between Taylor Fritz and Jack Draper and a women's singles match between Jasmine Paolini and Anna Karolina Schmiedlova. The action will begin after 12 pm local time. This

means that the match is set to happen after 3:30 pm IST.

Where can we watch Nadalcaraz live?

The coverage of the tennis action at the Olympics 2024 will be available on the Sports 18 1 and Sports 18 2 channels. The match can be livestreamed on the JioCinema app and website.

reserved for the events. If, by Friday as well the water quality does not improve and is still not good enough, then the swimming leg will be scrapped, and the athletes will compete in duathlon instead. For the mixed triathlon relay event on August 5, the contingency day is August 6. The Paris authorities have promised to make the river Seine swimmable as a key legacy of the Olympic Games. They had spent 1.51 billion dollars on wastewater infrastructure to contain sewage and minimise spillage into the waterway.

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo herself took a dip in the river earlier this month, in order to convince doubters. The gamble that the river would be clean enough on the day of the triathlon was not guaranteed, as the water quality varied widely day-to-day.

Seine river's pollution

Seth Rider, one of 55 triathletes who entered the men's race, has told reporters he took unconventional measures to prepare for exposure to bacteria."We know that there's going to be some E. coli exposure, so I just try to increase my E. coli threshold by exposing myself to a bit of E. coli in your day-to-day life," the U.S. athlete said in a press conference on Saturday.

Arjun Babuta underwent bad phase, legs went numb: Coach Deepali tells struggles

Paris Olympics 2024: Arjun Babuta's coach Deepali Deshpande revealed the shooter's struggles in the past after he finished fourth in the final of the 10m air rifle event. She mentioned that he went through a bad phase and suffered a back injury.

NEW DELHI. Arjun Babuta's coach and a former athlete herself, Deepali Deshpande, was left shocked after her student narrowly missed out on a medal at the Paris Olympics 2024. It was a heart-breaking moment as

Arjun finished fourth in the 10m air rifle final event. Deepali revealed about Arjun's struggles in the past and how he fought injury setbacks to make his debut appearance in the Olympics. Deepali has been Arjun's coach, ever since he joined the national squad at the age of 16. She has showcased confidence in Arjun and backed him to do well in the Los Angeles Olympics 2028."He passed through a very bad phase when he suffered a back injury that put paid to his hopes of making it to the Tokyo Olympics three years back. He fell twice

at the range while shooting as his legs used to go numb," coach Deepali Deshpande revealed how Arjun could not make a cut to the Tokyo Olympics 2020.Deepali revealed that despite being asked to rest, Arjun was always eager to begin practice."The Covid pandemic gave him time to rest and recover,



but every now and then he would call and request if I (Babuta) could start training, and every time I had to tell him, he needed to get fit first."Arjun was on the verge of bringing India their second medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics after Manu Bhaker's bronze. Despite a strong start, Babuta faltered by the end as his 13th shot of 9.9 and last or 20th

shot of 9.5 cost him, and he ended up slumping from second to fourth position.

A heartbreak for Arjun

Deepali was upset about Arjun's narrow miss from an Olympic glory. However, she was confident that Arjun would come back stronger and mentioned that his era would start from next year."Today was a tough day for me as well, and I threw my phone on seeing him slip from second to fourth in the finals. I know how hard I have worked with him during

his junior days and helped him through the injury phase. He is one of those who can shoot 10.8s in the finals, and I am sure his era will start in 2025."

The 25-year-old Arjun hails from a small town of Jalalabad in Punjab and drew inspiration from Olympic gold medallist Abhinav Bindra to take up the sport.

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Bigg Boss OTT 3's Ranvir Shorey Wants To Send His Son To College With Rs 25 Lakh Prize Money: 'I'm Clear...'



[hstep]Big Boss OTT 3 stirred up a big controversy last week during an episode where the top 7 contestants faced a media press conference. During the episode, actor Ranbir Shorey, a participant on the show, was asked if he participated in the show to revive his career. Ranbir denied this, explaining that he was offered two reality shows and chose Big Boss OTT 3 because he had no other work at the time.Ranvir said, "My son was out of the country, so I wanted to come here. He is 13 years old and now I want him to start living his life with a man around him." Ranvir Shorey married actress Konkona Sen Sharma in 2010. They separated in 2015 and got a divorce in 2020. They have a son named Haroon.

- In the same episode, Ranvir clarified his joke about only wanting the Rs 25 lakh prize, saying he meant he wants to win and use the money for his son Haroon's college. "It is not like that. The statement was made in jest. Obviously the combination of the trophy and prize money cannot be broken. At least I am clear when I say that I want myself to win first," he said.
- Ranvir is often seen wearing simple, worn-out clothes on the show, even during the weekend episodes with Anil Kapoor. However, last to last weekend brought a surprise for Ranvir when he received a designer suit. He wore a striking blue suit, and when Anil Kapoor asked about its, Ranvir revealed that while his shoes were inexpensive and his own, the suit was sent to him by someone named Shehnaaz. Initially, he assumed Shehnaaz was the name of the fashion designer.
- Bigg Boss OTT 3 featured Sana Makbul Khan, Sai Ketan Rao, Lovekesh Kataria, Sana Sultan, Shivani Kumari, Vishal Pandey, Deepak Chaurasia, Armaan Malik with his second wife Kritika, and Naved Shaikh AKA Naezy.

New Mom Richa Chadha And Her Baby Girl Pose With Shabana Azmi, Dia Mirza And Others, Photo Goes Viral



Shines In Stylish Sky-blue Dress For Khel Khel Mein Song Launch

Actress Pragya Jaiswal is known for her works in the Telugu cinema, appearing in superhit projects with the biggest of the names. Apart from her screen presence, the actress is a popular name on social media, where she updates her fans on her new ventures and breathtaking looks. Her latest Instagram entry is proof of her glam and how gracefully she can pull off any fashion.Pragya Jaiswal took to her official Instagram handle to share the new photoshoot, which captures her in a Western outfit, which shows off her fit body. The actress has donned a spectacular sky-

blue, off-shoulder dress, tailored with a Vshaped deep neck. The thigh-high dress hugs her body elegantly, as she poses for the camera embodying confidence. She has paired the fit with silver-hued, fan-shaped earrings, finger rings on each hand and transparent, stringed heels. As for her hair, Pragya has chosen to leave it free in the air, styled in waves of bronze and dark brown. She has captioned the post, "Game time," completing it with a wink and a blue-heart

emoticon. Fans share their appreciation and support for the shoot in the replies below. The first user wrote, "Sooo beautiful soo elegant just looking like a wow." A second fan shared, "Heyy so pretty." While a third fan stated, "Just stunning, as always." Most of the fans have left the comment section with heart and heart-eye emoticons. It has gained over 66,000 likes on the platform so far.

According to another post, the look

was for the song launch event of her upcoming film, Khel Khel Mein. The behind-thescenes clip shows the actress enjoying the whole process, as she expresses her



excitement for the event. The post is captioned, "A special day, a special moment."Her upcoming project is made under the direction of Mudassar Aziz, also credited as the writer. The cast includes names like Akshay Kumar, Taapsee Pannu, Fardeen Khan, Pragya Jaiswal, Vaani Kapoor, Ammy Virk and Aditya Seal. The film is set for an August 15 release.

Nikki Tamboli To Vaibhav Chavan, All The Contestants To Look Out For At Bigg Boss Marathi Season 5

Bigg Boss has been a famous reality show that is loved by audiences. The show has gained huge popularity in recent years. The Marathi version of Bigg Boss has also gained significant fame in the Marathi television industry. The show stars many well-known actors, social media influencers and internet personalities. Bigg Boss Season 5 started its journey yesterday July 28, 2024. Curious to know who are the popular influencers in the Bigg Boss Marathi show? Read this article to know more about this:

Nikki Tamboli

Nikki Tamboli is a well-known television personality and actress who became widely known after participating in Bigg Boss Hindi. Her strong and bold personality made her a standout contestant and she showed her daring side in Khatron Ke Khiladi as well. Nikki has also acted in Hindi and Telugu films and has earned a loyal fan following in the process.



Paddy Kamble

Paddy Kamble is a prominent figure in the Marathi entertainment industry, known for his exceptional skills as a comedian and actor. His unique sense of humour and impeccable comedic timing have made him an audience favourite. In his career spanning various successful projects, Paddy captivates his fans with his charismatic presence and talent. Shubhankar Tawde Shubhankar Tawde is an

upcoming talent in the Marathi industry who has quickly made a name for himself with some notable roles. Known for his charming personality and charismatic screen presence, Shubhankar has already earned a loyal fan following.

Manasi Naik

Manasi Naik is a versatile actress and dancer who has made a name for herself in both Marathi films and television. Known for her trendy and catchy dance numbers, she has garnered a huge fan following through her energetic performances and vivacious personality.

Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal are enjoying their new phase of life. They have welcomed a baby girl recently and are currently busy with their new duties. Well, today looks like the little munchkin has guests in the house to meet her. Shabana Azmi, Tanvi Azmi, Urmila Matondkar, and Dia Mirza came to meet new parents. Shabana Azmi shared the photo on her social media and wrote, "With the khala / Masis of the new mum and baby." In the photo, Richa Chadha is seen sitting on a couch with her baby on her lap. She has not revealed her face while others are standing behind her and posing. As soon as the photo was shared, fans reacted. One of the fans wrote, "Kya baat hai khoob Jamaica rang Jamil baithenge itne yaar aapke piche pyari bahana khadi hai Tanvi madam and meri pyari gudiya Shabana madam." Another wrote, "Congratulations... so happy for you."

The couple welcomed a baby girl on July 16, and since then, they have been having a fun time keeping up with their baby girl's schedule.Having said that, Richa recently dropped a fun video with Ali, as their new born kept them awake all night. In the video, they were seen, vibing to SRK's hit song from Kuch Kuch Hota Hai - Yeh Ladka Hai Deewana. While Richa lip synced, Ali did a funny dance in the background.Earlier this year, while announcing the arrival of their baby girl, Ali Fazal and Richa Chadha shared the picture of the little feet of their newborn daughter. Along with the photo, the couple also penned a note, expressing their gratitude towards fans and followers alike. The note read, "Doing a collab post to announce the biggest collab of our lives!! We've been blessed indeed. Our baby girl continues to keep us very very busy. So Thank you all for your love and blessings ...'

Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal got married in 2022 and announced their pregnancy earlier this year. In an exclusive conversation with News18 Showsha, Richa recently revisited her wedding day and also got candid about her interfaith marriage with the Fukrey co-star. "No one cares about people and what they think. And I come from a very liberal, lovely family. Ali comes from a very liberal, progressive family. We are both middle-class people. And we had a fantastic time. No one puts pressure on us. And if they did, we didn't take any pressure," she shared.