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Fake call centre duping people on pretext of offering jobs busted in Gurugram

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Gurugram, July 7: Gurugram cyber crime police busted a fake call centre in sector 49 area here and arrested 17 people, including 15 women, officials said on Sunday. The accused were duping people on the pretext of offering jobs and loans. Fifteen mobile phones and three laptops were recovered from their possession, they said. According to the police, they got a tip that a fake call centre is being run in an office in the Space IT park in sector 49 wherein people are being defrauded on the pretext of providing jobs and loans. A raid was conducted by the team of cyber crime, south police station on Saturday night. The operators failed to show any valid OSP licences of Department of Telecommunications or any other agreement/ MoU related to their work, they

said. Seventeen people, including 15 women, were arrested from the call centre, the police said. Those nabbed have been identified as Faizal, Fuzail, Priti, Sarveet, Aanchal, Sania, Muskan, Anita, Anjali, Shivani, Manisha, Keena, Kajal, Anjali Singh, Radha, Anushka and Priya, they said. During interrogation, it was revealed that Faizal is the team leader. Through this call centre, these people used to commit fraud on the pretext of giving jobs and loans in the name of a finance company, they said. The 15 women were hired to call people and offer jobs and loans, they said, adding the fraudsters used fake SIM cards and bank accounts to commit fraud. "They used to get a salary of Rs 10,000-20,000 and 2 per cent commission of the cheated amount for committing fraud."

Law Commission should draft crucial Bills, not panel with 'part-time' members: Chidambaram

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, July 7: A day after Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar lashed out at him over his "part-timers" remark on the new criminal laws, Congress leader P Chidambaram on Sunday said drafting of such crucial bills should have been entrusted to the Law Commission and not to a committee whose members served part time. Chidambaram said in a post on X that the Union home ministry constituted a committee in May 2020 for reforms of criminal laws that had a chairman, convenor and members. Its composition was changed from time to time but, in the end, the committee had a chairman and five members, the former Union home minister said. All but one member were serving professors of various universities and served as part-time members of the

committee, Chidambaram said. It is this committee that submitted drafts of the three new criminal laws, he said. Eventually, Parliament passed the laws, he



added. "I maintain that the drafting of such crucial bills should have been entrusted to the Law Commission and not to a committee whose members served part time and had other responsibilities," the Congress leader said. His remark came a day after

Dhankhar lashed out at him over his comment that the three new criminal laws were "drafted by part-timers". The vice-president termed the comment "inexcusable" and urged the Congress leader to withdraw his "derogatory, defamatory and insulting" observation. Dhankhar said he was "shocked beyond words" when he read Chidambaram's interview to a leading national daily in which he had said that "the new laws were drafted by part-timers". Addressing an event in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday, Dhankhar referred to Chidambaram's comment and said, "Are we part-timers in Parliament? It is an inexcusable insult to the wisdom of the Parliament... I do not have words strong enough to condemn such a narrative being set afloat and an MP being labelled as a part-timer." "I appeal to him (Chidambaram) from this platform, please withdraw this derogatory, defamatory and highly insulting observation about the Members of Parliament (MPs). I hope he does it," the Vice-President had said.

Rath Yatra: Amid 'Jai Jagannath' chants, chariot pulling begins in Odisha's Puri

Puri (Odisha), July 7: Thousands of people pulled forward giant chariots from the 12th-century Jagannath temple in Puri towards Gundicha temple, around 2.5 km away, on Sunday afternoon. The chariot pulling started around 5.20 pm after Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalanada Saraswati visited the chariots of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra with his disciples and the Puri's titular king completed the 'Chhera Pahanra' (chariot sweeping) ritual. The wooden horses were fitted to the chariots and the servitor pilots guided the devotees to pull the chariots in the right direction. President Droupadi Murmu performed a 'parikrama' of the three chariots and bowed down before the deities. The President, Odisha Governor Raghuraj Das, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan symbolically started the mammoth exercise by pulling the ropes connecting the principal Jagannath chariot. Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik also had a 'darshan' of the sibling deities. Thousands of people pulled the nearly 45-foot tall wooden chariot of Lord Balabhadra.

After Rahul Gandhi's blistering attack on BJP

Bhopal, July 7: Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Sunday asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to "recognise reality" before making statements, his comment coming a day after the latter said the IND alliance had ended the BJP's Ram Temple movement by winning Faizabad Lok Sabha seat, of which Ayodhya is a part. During a tour of Ahmedabad on Saturday, Gandhi had also said the Congress will defeat the BJP in its foremost stronghold of Gujarat (in the 2027 Assembly polls there). "There are many people who are given to dreaming. The Congress could not open its account in 13 states (in the recent Lok Sabha polls). Their strike rate is just 26 per cent in the states where they had a direct fight with the BJP," Scindia said here. "Not accepting



the mandate, showing intolerance, abusing Sanatan Dharma. The public has made them sit in the opposition three times in a row but look at their arrogance," he said further attacking the Congress. The BJP won more seats than what the Congress cumulatively got in the 2014, 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Scindia pointed out. While the BJP won 240 seats in the 2024 polls, the Congress improved its tally but ended up just short of the three-figure mark at 99. "They should look within themselves. Recognise reality. Realise where the ground has slipped and then give statements," he said without naming Gandhi. Scindia, who quit the Congress in March 2020, was in Bhopal to take part in the BJP's state working committee meeting. He won the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from Guna by a margin of more than 5.40 lakh votes. "By defeating the BJP in Ayodhya, INDIA bloc has defeated the Ram Mandir movement that was launched by the BJP veteran Lal Krishna Advani. What I am saying is something very big... Congress party and INDIA bloc defeated them in Ayodhya," Gandhi had said in Gujarat on Saturday.

FIR against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra for 'derogatory' social media post on NCW chief

New Delhi, July 7: Delhi Police have registered an FIR against TMC Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra for her "derogatory" social media post on National Commission for Women chief Rekha Sharma. The Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader commented on a video posted on X that showed Sharma arriving at the site of a stampede in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras. The original post showed a man holding an umbrella and walking behind the National Commission for Women (NCW) chief.

'Who insults parliamentary procedures on daily basis? Not us!'

New Delhi, July 7: Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Sunday hit out at Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar over his criticism of Congress leader P Chidambaram's remarks on the new criminal laws, and said it was not the Opposition that insults parliamentary procedures on a daily basis. Sibal's remarks came a day after Dhankhar lashed out at Chidambaram over his comment that the three new criminal laws were "drafted by part-timers", terming it as "inexcusable" and urging him to withdraw his "derogatory, defamatory and insulting" observation. Dhankhar had said he was "shocked beyond words" when he read Chidambaram's interview to a leading national daily wherein he had said that "the new laws were drafted by part-timers". In a post on X, Sibal said Sunday, "Dhankhar: Criticised Chidambaram's statement that part-timers drafted the three criminal laws was an 'inexcusable insult to the wisdom of Parliament'. We are all part-timers Dhankhar ji!" "And who insults parliamentary procedures on a daily basis? Not us!" said Sibal, a prominent Opposition voice and an Independent Rajya Sabha MP. Addressing an event in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday, Dhankhar had referred to Chidambaram's remarks and said, "Are we part-timers in Parliament?"

Punjab Governor inquires about health of Shiv Sena (Punjab) leader Sandeep Thapar

Navdeep Singh Sahni

Ludhiana, July 7: Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Sunday inquired about the health of Shiv Sena (Punjab) leader Sandeep Thapar who was attacked with swords here two days ago. After reaching the Circuit House here, Purohit spoke to the doctors attending to Thapar who is admitted in a private hospital. He also talked to Ludhiana Police Commissioner Kuldeep Singh Chahal and Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney, and asserted that he came to the city to gather first-hand information about the incident. The Governor asked Chahal to supervise the investigation personally. Shiv Sena (Punjab) leader Thapar got grievously injured after he was attacked with swords by three assailants in full public view here on Friday. "As far as his treatment is concerned, he is being given the best available treatment," Purohit said, adding that the Shiv Sena (Punjab) leader was fortunate that he survived the murderous attack. He suffered head

injuries, but "luckily, his brain and skull remained intact which saved his life," Purohit told reporters. Thapar also has fractures on his hands, he said. "There



will be no disability and he will be able to work normally." Purohit said investigations are being conducted to know the motive of the culprits. "No guilty will be spared whoever he may be," he asserted. He said some senior police officials should monitor investigations so that

there should be no loophole in findings. Purohit further said he will also monitor this case. The governor said when security is provided to somebody, he is given a guarantee of total protection. "But here, there was a total failure of security." To a question, the governor said such isolated incidents are taking place in the state which is a matter of worry. But the people of Punjab will not allow such elements to succeed in their plans to disturb brotherhood and peace in the state, he added. In a purported CCTV footage of the Friday incident, the assailants dressed as Nihangs approached Thapar while he was on a scooter with his security personnel riding pillion. While Thapar was speaking to the assailants with folded hands, one of them suddenly attacked him with a sword as passersby looked on. Another assailant appears to be pushing Thapar's security guard away. After Thapar fell down, the third assailant also started hitting Thapar with a sword. Later, two of the accused fled on Thapar's scooter, leaving him in a pool of blood.

Will question anyone required for Hathras stampede probe: Judicial panel

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

Noida, July 7: The judicial commission set up by the Uttar Pradesh government will speak to anyone required for its inquiry into the July 2 Hathras stampede, a probe panel member said on Sunday when asked if self-styled godman Bhole Baba would also be questioned. The commission will also issue a public notice soon, asking local people and witnesses of the tragic incident to share any evidence related to the stampede, along with their statement, another member and chairperson of the panel retired Allahabad High Court judge Brijesh Kumar Shrivastava told reporters in Hathras. "The commission will speak to anyone required for the Hathras stampede probe," former Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Bhavesh Kumar said when asked if the judicial panel would question the 'godman' as well. Related News Some people opened cans of poisonous substance in crowd, triggered stampede: Bhole Baba's

lawyer The three-member judicial commission, also including former IAS officer Hemant Rao, on Sunday interacted with locals in Hathras, besides officials and witnesses of the tragedy that claimed 121 lives. The panel reached Hathras on Saturday and visited the



stampede site near Phulrai village along National Highway 91. On Sunday morning, the team camped at the PWD Guest House along the Aligarh Road in the district and continued its inquiry. "We have been mandated to

file our inquiry report within two months," Shrivastava told reporters on Saturday after reviewing the incident site. Hathras District Magistrate Ashish Kumar and Superintendent of Police Nipun Agarwal accompanied the team. So far, nine people, including key accused Devprakash Madhukar, have been arrested in connection with the stampede. On Saturday, Hathras police said they are also probing the suspected funding of the congregation by a political party and warned of the "strictest possible" action against it. Madhukar was the main organiser and fundraiser of the July 2 'satsang' of self-styled godman Surajpal alias Narayan Sakar Hari alias Bhole Baba where over 2.5 lakh people had gathered, much beyond the permitted limit of 80,000, according to officials. The godman was not mentioned as accused in the FIR lodged at the local Sikandra Rao police station on July 2. Separately, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the Uttar Pradesh government is also probing the episode.

INLD to join hands with BSP again for Haryana Assembly polls

Chandigarh, July 7: The Indian National Lok Dal will enter into a tie-up with its former ally Bahujan Samaj Party for the Haryana Assembly polls, which are scheduled later this year, INLD's state unit chief Rampal Majra said on Sunday. "The two parties have in principle agreed to enter into an alliance for the upcoming Haryana assembly and a formal announcement in this regard will be made on July 11," Majra told PTI over phone. He said seat sharing and other issues related to the alliance are being firmed up. Notably, INLD secretary-general Abhay Singh Chautala met BSP president Mayawati at the latter's residence in Lucknow on Saturday. "Various issues related to the state were also discussed by the two leaders during the meeting," Majra said. All non-BJP and non-Congress outfits should "come together and strengthen the hands of Abhay Singh Chautala, the well-wisher of the farmers and the labour class", he said. "Many such outfits are already in touch with us," he said. The INLD and the BSP fought the recently held Lok Sabha polls separately in Haryana and both received a severe drubbing.

CJI-led Supreme Court Bench to hear today petitions seeking scrapping of NEET-UG 2024 exam

Nareesh Malhotra

New Delhi, July 7: Amid allegations of paper leak and other irregularities, the Supreme Court will hear today petitions seeking scrapping of NEET-UG 2024 examination held on May 5 and conducting it afresh. There is another set of petitions, including the one filed by 56 Gujarat-based successful medical aspirants, seeking to restrain the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) from going for a re-test. Both sets of petitions - totalling 38 - are listed before a Bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra. The top court has so far refused to stay the counselling of the successful candidates for admissions to MBBS, BDS and other courses. The Union Health Ministry on Saturday refuted reports of postponement of NEET-UG counselling, saying the process was yet to be notified. Earlier, the NTA had told the top court that

counselling would begin on July 6. However, now it's learnt that counselling will begin in the third week of July as the process of issuing permission letters to a section of medical colleges was under way and additional seats were likely to be added. Both the Centre and the NTA - which conducts the NEET-UG test - have opposed scrapping the examination. In an affidavit filed in the top court, the Centre said scrapping the entire examination would seriously jeopardise lakhs of honest candidates who didn't adopt any unfair means. "In the absence of any proof of any large-scale breach of confidentiality in a pan-India examination, it would not be rational to scrap the entire examination and the results already declared," the Union Ministry of Education said in an affidavit filed in the

top court. "It is submitted that in any examination, there are competing rights

to protecting the interests of lakhs of students who have attempted the question paper fairly and after years of hard work, without trying to obtain any illegal advantage," the Centre submitted. In a separate affidavit, the NTA also opposed cancellation of the controversy-ridden NEET-UG 2024, saying it "would be hugely counterproductive and significantly harmful to the larger public interest, especially to the career prospects of the qualified candidates". Around 24 lakh students appeared for NEET-UG 2024 examination conducted on May 5 by the NTA across 4,750 centres in 511 cities and 14 centres abroad for admission to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in more than 700 government and private institutions.



that have been created whereby the interests of a large number of students who have taken the examination without adopting any alleged unfair means must not be jeopardised," the affidavit read. "The Union of India remains committed

Surat building collapse death toll rises to 7

Surat, July 7: The death toll in the collapse of a six-storey building in Gujarat's Surat city has gone up to seven with the recovery of six more bodies overnight, police said on Sunday. A person who collected rent from the building occupants has been arrested. He and two owners of the structure have been booked on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, they said. The residential building, which was in a dilapidated condition and located in the Pal area, collapsed at around 2.45 pm on Saturday, as per the police. A team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), two teams of the State Disaster Response Force, police personnel and fire brigade were involved in the rescue operation, the Surat police said in a statement. After around three hours of operation, they managed to rescue a 20-year-old woman, named Kashish Sharma, and rushed her to the hospital for treatment. The

body of a man was pulled out on Saturday night, an official earlier said. Rescue teams later pulled out six more bodies from the debris, according to police. Seven bodies were recovered from the debris in the operation that continued through the night. Sachin GIDC police station inspector Jignesh Chaudhari said. The deceased, most of them textile workers from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, have been identified as Hiranam Kevat (40), Abhishek (35), Brijesh God (50), Shivanjan Kevat (26), Anmol Harijan (17), Parvesh Kevat (21), and Lalji Kevat (40), the statement said. An FIR has been registered under Section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita against the building owners Raj Kakadiya and his mother Ramilaben Kakadiya, and one Ashwin Vekariya, who collected rent from the occupants, inspector Chaudhari said.

CB-CID begins probe into Annamalai University fake certificate case

UDDALORE: The CB-CID commenced its probe into the Annamalai University fake certificate case on Friday, following transfer of the case from Killai police by the DGP. According to police, examination officials from the university, acting on a tip-off from



residents of MMI Nagar in Kovilampoondi near Parangipettai, inspected garbage bins in the area on June 18 and found university certificates, which were confirmed to be fake. The officials immediately informed the Killai police station. Police seized the fake certificates, documents and filed a case under four sections, based on a complaint from Dr A Prabakaran, the registrar in-charge of Annamalai University. Two suspects were identified and arrested. Following a recommendation from Cuddalore SP R Rajaram, DGP Shankar Jiwal ordered the case be transferred to the CB-CID on June 19 and nominated an investigating officer. He also requested the Cuddalore SP to hand over all related records to the CB-CID. After completion of formalities, the CB-CID team, led by Villupuram range ADSP V Gomathi, began the probe on Friday.

Poor upkeep, Ezhil Nagar TNUHDB tenements falling apart

CHENNAI: The buildings of Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development board tenements in Ezhil Nagar, near Kannagi Nagar, are degrading by the day, say residents. They point out to damages in the walls due to water seepage, apart from shoddy electrical cable installations that are an open hazard. The lack of common lighting in the corridors adds to their woes. Water for daily use is pumped to overhead tanks on the terrace of each block, using motors operated by the water supply board officials. However, during pumping, the pipelines along the rear walls begin to leak owing to damages and broken valves. This continuous leakage has dampened the walls and floors. The overflow from the overhead tanks exacerbates the situation. When TNIE visited the spot, water was found dripping from the terrace to the lower floors, leaving the corridors wet and slippery. "Whenever the motor pump is operated, water overflows into the building due to poor roofing and damaged pipelines. Leaking drainage pipelines on the rear walls cause water damage inside the houses. Despite numerous complaints and paying maintenance charges, no proper maintenance or repairs have been done," said M Sivaprakash, a 47-year-old resident. "A pipeline in our block broke a month ago, causing water to drip into my bedroom and bathrooms. Additionally, the drainage sumps are not being desilted, leading to breeding of mosquitoes," said a 33-year-old woman from block 1.



Water spills on to the corridors whenever water is pumped to the overhead tank. Water spills on to the corridors whenever water is pumped to the overhead tank (Photo | Express). There are around 8,048 houses constructed under two different schemes at Ezhil Nagar. Apart from water seepage, the wiring works have been carried out in a haphazard manner posing great risk to residents. "The electrical boxes are situated near the narrow staircase, creating a cramped exit for residents. Electrical cables near the narrow staircase are precariously touching the ground without proper protective doors and are within reach of children.

Two days ago, a cat died after touching a wire. Despite informing TNEB, we had to clear it ourselves. This neglect is common with electrical or any issues in the apartment. We fear for our children who use this exit daily," said R Senthamarai Kannan, 32, from block 35. Despite multiple petitions to the authorities concerned and during council meetings, no action has been taken. "There are many infrastructure gaps here in Ezhil Nagar slum clearance buildings, and the concerns have been raised in every council meeting. However, no stringent action has been taken," said ward councillor K Ekambaram. Attempts to contact TNSCB for a comment went in vain.

Chaos at GHMC council meeting as corporators clash over political allegiances

HYDERABAD: Unprecedented scenes were witnessed during the GHMC council meeting on Saturday with corporators of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) almost coming to blows over saffron party leaders displaying caricatures targeting Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and BRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao. Even as AIMIM corporators objected to the placards and tried to forcibly remove them, BRS corporators repeatedly stormed the podium, demanding the resignation of Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalaxmi for switching loalties to the Congress. It was only due to the presence of marshals who were forced to intervene multiple times that the meeting did not descend into physical violence. However, it was no less than a street fight as leaders from all parties cast decorum aside and accorded scant respect to the situation. The meeting, held after a six-month gap, was adjourned without any agenda items being taken up, resulting in lakhs of rupees spent on arranging it going down the drain. Even before the meeting began, BJP and BRS corporators made their intentions clear, reaching the venue wearing black scarves and black ribbons respectively. They also carried sewage pipelines and hyacinths from polluted water bodies to the GHMC head office. As soon as the session began, BRS, BJP and Congress corporators began heated exchanges and disrupting proceedings. Calls for Mayor Vijayalaxmi's resignation dominated through the session, with BRS corporators stating that she now lacks the majority support needed for her position. They also demanded the resignation of Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha Reddy who also joined the Congress.

Mayor Vijayalaxmi condemned the BRS corporators for their actions, accusing them of encouraging defections. "For the last two years when BRS was in power, development has come to a standstill, whereas developmental works have been carried out since the last six months after Congress came to power. You did do any development of the city," the Mayor shouted at the BRS members. Following an adjournment, BJP corporators displayed the contentious posters, provoking AIMIM corporators resulting in pandemonium. Marshals intervened to diffuse the situation. Despite efforts to resume the session and offer condolences to deceased leaders, disruptions continued, leading to further adjournments. BJP corporators demanded to know why HMWSSB MD Ashok Reddy was not present when most of the issues are concerning water and sewerage issues. The Mayor directed GHMC commissioner Amrapali Kata to talk to him.

Only seven of 39 safari jumbos are registered, says Kerala forest department

KOCHI: Thirty-nine elephants were utilised for illegal elephant safaris in Idukki district, the forest department has revealed. Yet, only seven of the animals possess the requisite 'performing animal' registration from the Animal Welfare Board of India. An inquiry was conducted following an incident in which a mahout was killed by a pachyderm that had been used for safari in Kallar. Despite frequent violations, the number of cases registered by the department is surprisingly low. In the Peermade range, only one case was registered in 2019, with two more in 2022. Similarly, in the Munnar range, two cases were recorded in 2023, followed by one this year. The department filed the report in compliance with a High Court directive, which sought information regarding the legal framework governing elephant safaris conducted by private individuals. The report said the department has issued notices to all illegal elephant camps and as of now none of them are operational. During surprise inspections or the tri-monthly verification of captive elephants,



safaris or ticketed viewing of elephant baths and hand feeding of the animals had not been noticed, it said. Communication was also issued to the district monitoring committee, chaired by the district collector, to control and curb all illegal safaris in the district. It claimed that frequent raids and surprise checks have resulted in nine cases being registered in the last four years. The court questioned the government on

compensation paid to the family of the deceased mahout. The department replied that it has no provision to provide compensation to the victims of captive elephant attacks. Moreover, earnings from captive elephants are utilised by the owner of the animal and not the department. In 2018, the word 'captive elephant' was repealed from the Kerala Rules for Compensation to Victims of Attack by Wild Animals, 1980 and hence compensation should be paid by the owner. The onus of compensation rests with the owner of the elephant. In the Kallar incident, the dependents of the deceased are eligible for CMDRF assistance. The illegal safari was held in 'Kerala Farm', a cardamom plantation within the boundaries of the Adimali-Munnar highway. Recently, a Kozhikode native had taken the land on lease and started the elephant safari without the permission of the forest department. The incident leading to the death of the mahout happened on June 20. Now the department has taken all steps to curb illegal elephant safaris, the report said.

Cue that! International students queue up as Cusat gains more global attention

KOCHI: Reinforcing its reputation in the higher-education sector, the Cochin University of Science and Technology has seen a significant surge in applications from foreign students. For the 2024-25 academic programmes, Cusat received a record 1,590 international applications. Since 2021, the university has witnessed a remarkable growth in the number of international students joining its various programmes. The majority of foreign students apply for scholarships offered by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), which ensures free education and accommodation on the campus. Through ICCR, Cusat received 603 international applications in 2021. This was 800 in 2022 and 1,100 in 2023.

This year, the number stood at 1,410. Coupled with the 180 applications received through



the recently introduced Study in India (SII) programme, the total number of international applications touched 1,590. This year, the university has received applications from students from around 40 countries, including Kenya, Iraq, Ethiopia, Botswana, and

Syria. Among the fields of study offered by Cusat, BTech in computer science has emerged as the most sought-after course, reflecting the global demand for expertise in technology and computing. Of the 180 applications received through the SII programme, 80 were for BTech in computer science. Additionally, there has been a notable increase in applications from overseas citizen of India (OCI) students, highlighting the institution's growing recognition among the Indian diaspora seeking educational opportunities in their home country. Currently, students from the US, Maldives, Poland, Ireland, Tanzania, and others study at Cusat.

Karnataka High Court quashes disproportionate asset proceedings against 11 state government officials

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High Court has quashed the proceedings against 11 officials of various departments, accused in disproportionate asset cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act, on the technical ground that the investigation was initiated without prior permission of the Superintendent of Police of the Lokayukta. Justice Hemant Chandangoudar quashed the proceedings while allowing a batch of petitions filed by Sathish S, Range Forest Officer, Channagiri taluk; Venkateshappa N, Executive Officer, Bangarpet taluk panchayat; Nagesh A, Assistant Executive Engineer, Mysuru Urban Development Authority; Shivaraju, tahsildar, Davanagere taluk; Nagarajappa N



J, tahsildar, Shivamogga taluk; K T Srinivas Murthy, Survey Supervisor, Tumakuru, and five others -- B K Shivakumar, Lakshmiopathi, Rajeshwari BH, Pushpakala K T and Nataraja S. Referring to the decisions of the Supreme Court and high

courts, the judge said when a first information report (FIR) is registered for an alleged offence under Section 13(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, the police officer must submit the report to the Magistrate under Section 157 of the CrPC. Additionally, the police officer should forward it to the Superintendent of Police along with the source information report and other materials that form the basis for preparing a credible source report. This is to request an order of investigation under Section 17(2) of the Act. However, in these cases, the authorisation granted to investigate preceded the registration of FIRs, which is impermissible and nullified, he said.

Karnataka records first suspected Zika death this year

BENGALURU/SHIVAMOGGA: A 74-year-old man died of suspected Zika virus infection in Shivamogga on Thursday. This is the first suspected death due to Zika virus infection in the state this year. However, the health department maintained that the Zika-positive case is only an 'incidental finding' and that the man died from Multi-Organ Dysfunction Syndrome (MODS) and breathing difficulties. The patient, who

hailed from Gandhi Nagar in Shivamogga, was under treatment for cold, cough and fever from June 19. He tested positive for Zika virus on June 21. According to a statement from the health department, the patient's WBC count dropped gradually and there were indications of secondary bacterial infections, including Sepsis, which resulted in MODS. He was discharged from a private hospital against medical advice on July 4 and

died the same day. Fever surveillance and source reduction measures have been taken up at the Gandhi Nagar ward. No fresh fever cases have been reported. The situation is under control, the statement said. **Zika vs dengue** Zika and dengue are vector-borne diseases. However, dengue is considered more dangerous and fatal. With Zika, most people experience no symptoms.

VIJAYAWADA: The YSRC has described the decision to constitute a committee with senior officials to resolve pending bifurcation issues between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana at the meeting of Chief Ministers of the two States as a delaying tactic. In a press release issued on Saturday night, soon after the briefing of the meeting outcome by the ministers of the two States, YSRC leaders Perni Venkataramaiah (Nani) and Gadikota Srikanth Reddy said when both the States have clarity on the issues between them, setting up of another committee is only meant to drag the process further. The YSRC leaders pointed out that the Sheela Bhide Committee had already submitted its report on the implementation of the AP Reorganisation



Act, 2014 and in the last 10 years, several meetings were held on it. Though some of the recommendations were accepted by the Telangana government, they have not been implemented. "Constitution of another committee is nothing but taking the entire matter to square one," they observed

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NEWS BOX

Nuh yatra this year too, say outfits

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Nuh legislator Aftab Ahmed of Congress said, "I am worried because of last year's violence. The district administration and police must look into all aspects of law and order."

Doctor accused of negligence lodged false FIR too: Cops

Gurgaon: More than a year after an FIR was filed against a relative of a medical negligence victim, police in the city have filed a closure report and cancelled the FIR, stating it was found to be false and malicious.

Simran Chhabra died on Jan 21, 2023, at Jagdamba Hospital in Jyoti Park, Gurgaon, amid allegations of medical negligence. Advocate Nishant Bharihoke, representing the woman's family, said that the 22-year-old resident of Jyoti Park had admitted herself to the hospital complaining of a stomach ache on Jan 21 and passed away within a few hours. "She had arrived at the hospital on her scooter and did not have any prior history of illness," he added. When her family pursued the case, Dr Rohit Lalit, doctor who was accused of negligence, filed an FIR on April 11, 2023, accusing the deceased's family of trespassing, intimidation, and causing hurt. The crime branch of Gurgaon police investigated the allegations made by Dr Lalit and found them to be "baseless". Consequently, the police submitted a closure report for the FIR with judicial magistrate first class (JMFC) Anil Kumar Yadav earlier this week. Advocate Bharihoke further added that the false FIR was an attempt to intimidate the bereaved family amid their pursuit of justice.

"Now that the police have filed a closure report before the court and cancelled the FIR, our case against the doctor strengthens and aids in our fight for justice for Simran Chhabra," said Bharihoke, adding that Dr Lalit is also facing criminal charges for allegedly assaulting the family's advocate on Aug 27, 2023.

"The incident is recorded under FIR No. 173/2023 at Police Station New Colony, Gurgaon. Stricter regulations are needed to prevent such incidents. The case highlights the critical importance of transparency and integrity in the medical field," said Bharihoke. The court will consider the closure report on July 23, 2024.

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Hotel construction case: EOW files closure report in FIR against Shiv Sena MP Ravindra Waikar
Learn about the closure report filed by the EOW in the case against Shiv Sena MP Ravindra Waikar for building a luxury hotel in Jogeshwari. Find out more about the investigation and the BMC's role in this legal matter. 111527190

Bandra police file FIR against ex-employees for data theft impacting real estate firm
Find out about the case involving three ex-employees accused of stealing valuable client data from a real estate service company in Mumbai. The company has faced significant financial impact, leading to a police investigation. Stay updated on the latest developments.

Gang stealing IDs for a/c's busted; 4 held

Noida. Four persons were arrested on Saturday for allegedly stealing personal data to purchase SIM cards and fraudulently open bank accounts. The accused would later resell the SIM cards at higher prices on Telegram. Seventy SIM cards, 43 empty SIM boxes and various IDs were recovered from the accused.

The accused—Faizal alias Faizi alias Daante (24), Jani alias Akshat Kumar (29), Vishesh Saini alias Vishwas alias Sundar (28), and Gaurav Kumar (23)—told cops they obtained fake SIM cards and created counterfeit bank accounts with their accomplice, Hani, in Delhi.

They allegedly stole the identities of drug addicts, rickshaw pullers, and other individuals they encountered in Noida by obtaining their biometric data. ACP Ravi Kumar Singh Gaurav, a B-Tech graduate, would sell these SIM cards to cybercriminals. They sold each SIM for Rs 400-500, while bank accounts fetched Rs10,000-15,000 each. They also converted cryptocurrency earned by their associates into money through WhatsApp, the ACP added.

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eSIM vs physical SIM: Making the best choice for your needs
Discover the advantages and disadvantages of physical SIM cards versus eSIM technology for smartphones. Find out which type may suit your requirements better and enhance your mobile experience. WVE Money in the Bank 2024: Full match Card Predictions
Discover the match card for WVE Money in the Bank 2024 with thrilling bouts and unpredictable finishes. Read on for predictions on potential winners and the excitement that lies ahead in Toronto.
Fake cop case: Tailor in dock for giving uniform, ID card to accused
Arrest made in Ludhiana for extortion scam involving fake Punjab Police officer. Accused bought uniforms from local tailor and forged ID card. Another person nominated in case. Police investigating tailor's role in the scam.

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members. All participants have been asked to think twice before making any posts on social media. Nobody should give any political colour to the yatra," Kulshrestha added. In the aftermath of the violence, police had made many arrests for social media posts that threatened to foment tension. Nuh DC Dharendra Khadgata said nobody had written to the authorities seeking permission for the march. "The district administration is not aware of any such yatra so far. If we receive information, we will initiate action," he said. Police chief Vijay Pratap

said no permission had been given for any yatra so far, adding that the cops would ensure there was no untoward incident like last year. "If a yatra is indeed brought out, we will ensure it is carried out peacefully. There will be no lapses on our part. Whatever happened last year was extremely unfortunate. Nuh has always maintained brotherhood, and will continue to do so in the future. The administration will be on its toes," said Pratap, who took over as SP recently. Nuh legislator Aftab Ahmed of Congress expressed concern over the yatra.

Name Change

It is for general information that I, KUBER CHANDRA S/O DAYAL RAM, R/O 738, Singal Endave, Delhi-11001, declare that name of mine and my minor son have been wrongly written as ARMAN CHADRA and KUBER CHN-DRA in my minor son ARMAN CHANDRA aged 15 years in his Aadhaar Card No. 7245 7882 1483, and name of mine and my wife have been wrongly written as KUBER CHAN-DA and MINNI CHANDRA in his 10th class educational documents. The actual name of mine, my minor son and my wife are KUBER CHANDRA, ARMAN CHANDRA and MINNI CHAND respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

Name Change

I, BHARATI DAS Wife of No. 157883898 Rank-HAV Name DHANANJAY SAHOO Presently residing at VILL-JIRIDAMALI, PO+TEH-KAMAKHYA NAGAR, DIST-DHENKANAL, ODISHA-759018 have changed my name from BHARATI DAS to BHARATI SAHOO for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 06/07/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change

I, Lila Rawat w/o Shri Ratan Singh Baral R/o R-30/6, Gali No.-1, R-Block Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Leela Baral for all future purposes

Name Change

I AHMED ALI S/O ABDUL AZIZ R/O D-1214 JAITPUR EXTN.PART-2, BADAPUR DELHI-110044 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AHMAD ALI FOR ALL PURPOSE.

Name Change

It is for general information that I, ALISHA NAZ D/O SHAUKAT ALI R/O V-35, GALI NO-27, VIJAY PARK, MAJUPUR, NORTH EAST DELHI, DELI-110063, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as ALISHA and SHOKAT ALI in 10th class and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of mine and my father are ALISHA NAZ and SHAUKAT ALI, which may be amended accordingly.

Name Change

I, Nirmal Kumar S/o Ram Prakash Mishra R/o E-134, Gali No-5, Hari Nagar Ext. Badapur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044, Have Changed My Name To Nirmal Mishra for Future Purpose.

Name Change

I KOSAR JAHAN W/O AHMAD ALI R/O D-1214 JAITPUR EXTN.PART 2, BADAPUR DELHI-110044 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KOSHAR JAHAN FOR ALL PURPOSE.

Name Change

I MOHAMMAD ARIF SIDDIQUE S/O HAFEEZ MANZOOR AHMED R/O H.NO-331 A DABUA COLONY, NIT, FARIDABAD-121001 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHAMMAD ARIF FOR ALL PURPOSE.

Name Change

I JEENAT BANO W/O MOHAMMAD ARIF R/O H.NO-331 A DABUA COLONY, NIT, FARIDABAD-121001 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JINAT BANO FOR ALL PURPOSE.

Name Change

I, Sanjay Kumar Jain S/o Late T.K. Jain R/O 53-A, Pocket A/10, Kohinor Apartments Kalkaji Extension New Delhi 110019 declare that Sanjay Kumar Jain & Sanjay Jain both are the same person.

Name Change

I, Sachdev Priya Vasudev W/o Jitender Kumar R/O C-13 Duggal Colony, Delhi road, Delhi 110062 have changed my name to Priti Sachdev for all future purposes.

Name Change

I, hitherto known as AJAY GAHLOT alias AJAY S/O ISHWAR GAHLOT R/O 206, KAKROLA VILLAGE SECTOR-16B, DWARKA, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110078 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AJAY GAHLOT.

Name Change

I hitherto known as K S Saggu alias Kuljeet Singh S/O Jaswant Singh R/O IX/6122 GURU HARKISHAN STREET, NEAR POLICE STATION GANDHI NAGAR, East Delhi Delhi-110031 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KULJEET SINGH.

Name Change

I, Mohan Goyal S/O Pawan Kumar R/O 160, sandesh vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Mohan Lal for all future purposes.

Lost & Found

I, Manish Jaiswal S/o Ram Tirath R/o DDA Flat No. 55, Ashoka Pahani, Faiz Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 hereby in general form to my grandfather Sh. Moti Lal's following original documents as (1)- Offer for Alternative Allotment of Plot issue by DDA serial No. 190. (2)- Registration Receipts issued by DDA on 12/01/2002. (3)- Old Ration Card issued on 19/7/1996. and (4)- Telephone bills installed at property T2261, Ashoka Pahani, Faiz Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi, have been lost somewhere in Delhi and FIR lodged via LR No. 18716032024. If someone may find, please return to my above address.

Name Change

I, SHALINI KANDARI wife of NO-18003298P Rank-HAV Name-ANOOPT SINGH R/O VILL-KUMARI, PO-SIMILI, TEH-JAKHOLI, DIST-RUDRAPRAYAG, UTTARAKHAND-246475 have changed my name from SHALINI KANDARI to SHALINI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 08/07/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change

I, Mursaleen Bhatti S/o Ausaf Ali Bhatti, R/O C-132, Shaheen Bagh, Abul Fazal Enclave Part 2 Okhla, Jamia Nagar New Delhi, New Friends Colony S.O., South Delhi, Delhi, 110025 have changed my name from Mursalin to Mursaleen Bhatti for all future purpose.

Name Change

I, Ausaf Ali Bhatti S/o Nawab Ali Bhatti, R/O C-132, Shaheen Bagh, Abul Fazal Enclave Part 2 Okhla, Jamia Nagar New Delhi, New Friends Colony S.O., South Delhi, Delhi, 110025 have changed my name from Mursalin to Mursaleen Bhatti for all future purpose.

Name Change

I, AMRITA PATHAK wife of JC-431596A Sub Maj Ck (SD) Ranjan Kumar Pathak residing at Vill : Lohrwar, PO: Mushapur, Tehsil : Khizersara Dist : Gaya (Bihar) Pn : 824233 has changed my name from SMT AMRITA to AMRITA PATHAK for all future purpose vide affidavit No 1055 dated 27 Jun 2024 before Notary Public, Ranchi (Jharkhand).

Name Change

I,Aqila Begum W/O Ausaf Ali Bhatti, R/O C-132, Shaheen Bagh, Abul Fazal Enclave Part 2 Okhla, Jamia Nagar New Delhi, New Friends Colony S.O., South Delhi, Delhi, 110025 have changed my name from Munni Begum to Aqila Begum for all future purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I MEENA PANDEY D/O ANAND PANDEY R/O A-29, GULMOHAR PARK, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110049 declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as CHAMELI in my 10th, 12th and B.A educational documents. The actual name of my mother is CHAMELI PANDEY which may be amended accordingly.

Name Change

I, Sumit Kumar S/o Mahesh Chandra Sharma R/O House No-83A, Gali No-2 Near Mata Mandir Defence colony Bhondsi, Gurgaon Haryana -122102 have changed my name from Sumit Kumar to Sumit Kumar Sharma for all future purposes.

Name Change

I, Gulshan kumar S/o Chaman Kumar Rastogi R/O House number-115312 street number 12 Balbir nagar extension Shahdara Delhi 110032 have changed my name from Gulshan kumar to Gulshan Kumar Rastogi for all future purposes.

Name Change

I, hitherto known as RANJEET SINGH alias RANJEET SINGH RAWAT S/O RAI SINGH R/O A-151-A, G/F, TYPE-2, ARAM BAGH, PAHAR GANJ, CENTRAL DELHI, NEW DELHI-110055 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RANJEET SINGH RAWAT

Name Change

I, MANMEET KAUR W/O HARMEET SINGH residing at G-149A FIRST FLOOR RAJOURI GARDEN DELHI 110027 Declare that MANMEET is my first name and my surname is kaur

Name Change

I, hitherto known as RANJEET SINGH alias RANJEET SINGH RAWAT S/O RAI SINGH R/O A-151-A, G/F, TYPE-2, ARAM BAGH, PAHAR GANJ, CENTRAL DELHI, NEW DELHI-110055 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RANJEET SINGH RAWAT

Name Change

I hitherto known as Shahjahan Khan alias Shahjahan W/O: Basir Khan R/O E-204, 1st floor, Road side, 25 foot Road, Jaitpur extension, Part-2 khaddia colony, Badapur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHAHJAHAN.

Name Change

It is for general information that I, PRAVESH KUMAR GUPTA S/O ONKAR NATH R/O C-187, SAHU BHAWAN BACK SIDE, HARI NAGAR, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110064, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as PARVESH GUPTA in my minor daughter PAVIKA GUPTA aged 13 years in her school records and birth certificate - MCDOLIR 0111004675991. The actual name of mine is PRAVESH KUMAR GUPTA, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I VIKASH KUMAR S/O VIPIN KUMAR R/O B631, GALI NO-8, SONI MODEM SCHOOL, KHADDA COLONY, JAITPUR, SOUTH DELHI-110044 declare that name of mine, my father and my mother has been wrongly written as VIKAS KUMAR, VIPIN Poddar and LAKSHMI DEVI in my 10th class and name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written as VIPIN Poddar and LAKSHMI DEVI in my 12th class educational documents. The actual name of mine, my father and my mother are VIKASH KUMAR, VIPIN KUMAR and SONI DEVI respectively which may be amended accordingly.

Name Change

I, JASLEEN KAUR D/O HARMEET SINGH residing at G-149A FIRST FLOOR RAJOURI GARDEN DELHI 110027 Declare that JASLEEN is my first name and my surname is kaur

Name Change

I, Urvasi Mehta W/o Rahul Mehta R/o A-202, Umang Monsoon Breeze, Near Karma Lakelands, Sector-78 Gurgaon, Haryana-122051, Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name, Varsha To Varsha Mehta For All Purpose.

CHIRAG BUILDTEC PRIVATE LIMITED
Corporate Office: ROF Group, Building No. 80, First Floor, Sector-44, Gurugram-122003, Ph.0124-4399399

Applications are invited from general public out for booking of residential apartments in the Affordable Housing Project **"ROF ANANDA"** being developed by **M/s. CHIRAG BUILDTEC PRIVATE LIMITED.**

On first come first serve basis at **Sector 95, Gurugram, Haryana (License No. - 17 of 2016 dated: 25.10.2016)** which have been either surrendered by the applicants or allotment of which has been cancelled by the Developer due non-payment or any other reason in terms of the Haryana Affordable Housing Policy 2013 dated 19.08.2013 (as amended):

Application No.	Carpet Area (Sq. Ft.)	Apartment No.
15704, 9822	554.77, 2BHK (TYPE-E)	A-704, E-204

* Payable as per payment plan.

The Applications forms containing detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from our office situated at **First Floor, Building No. 80, Sector-44, Gurgaon-122003**

For **CHIRAG BUILDTEC PRIVATE LIMITED**
Place: Gurugram (Haryana)

PEGASUS LAND AND HOUSING PVT LTD

Applications are invited from general public for booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Housing Project **"PROF ABILISH"** proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 and amended from time to time (details available at the Department website, i.e. tcepharyana.gov.in)

PROJECT DETAILS

1. Coloniser/Developer	PEGASUS LAND AND HOUSING PRIVATE LIMITED, Building No. 80, Sector-44, 2nd Floor, Gurugram, Haryana-122003
2. Project Approvals	License No/Year: 58 of 2022 Dated: 13-05-2022 Building Plan Approved vide sanction no. PF-1584/AD(RA)/2022/20998 Dated: 19-07-2022 HRERA No.: 74 of 2022 Dated: 01-08-2022, Project ID-182
3. Location	Village-Sikohpur, Sector 78, Gurugram
4. Provisions Project Area	5.375 acres comprising a total 798 no. Now the Application are being called for 13 Apartments. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq. ft and One Anganwadi-cum-crerche of 2000 sq. ft.
5. Apartment Details, Allotment Rates & Payment Terms:	BASIC SALE PRICE ON CARPET AREA- Rs. 5,000/- per sq.ft. Excluding Tax (Additional Balcony Cost@ Rs.1200/-per sq.ft. Excluding Tax)

Category(Type)	Carpet Area Sqft (approx)	Balcony/Terrace Area Sqft (approx)	No of Unit	Allotment Rates of Apartment (Excluding Tax)	With Application Booking amount 5%	On allotment 20%
TYPE-3G (2BHK)	503.540	167.811	5	2637700	131885	527540
TYPE-4G (2BHK)	493.206	125.078	8	2586030	129301.5	517206
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Balance 75% of the amount as per the actual construction stage. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rule 2017 on the delayed period.

6. Parking	Two-Wheeler Parking with each apartment.
7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	Flooring: Living/Dining, Bedrooms/Kitchen/Toilets/Balconies - Vitrified & antiskid Ceramic Tiles. Wall Finish: plaster with OBD. Kitchen: Tiles up to 2 feet high above Marble/Granite counter & OBD/Color Wash in balance area/Ceramic Tiles. Slab platform, single bowl SS sink. Door Frame/Doors: Painted wood / M.S / Fiber Door framed with flush door / Skin Door / Fiber Door. Windows: M.S. Powder coated / anodized frame windows. Bathrooms: Upto 5 ft height finish ceramic tiles on wall, with WC and Washbasin along with C.P fittings and fixtures. Electrical:- ISI Marked, products for wiring, switches/sockets. Common Area Flooring:- Kola Stone / Tile. Security: Gated Colony.
8. Applications Timelines	Application form will be filled on line by registration on https://edraw.tcepharyana.gov.in/tcpcdms/home Online Application start Date: 09-07-2024, Payment Start Date: 09-07-2024 Online Application End Date: 26-07-2024, Payment End Date: 24-07-2024

Eligibility:

- The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law.
- Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna - Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State Of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, person which include their spouse or dependent children who do have not any flats/plot in any Huda development colony/sector or any licensed colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats. (PMAY Certificate Mandatory)
- Any applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice to retain only one flat.

Allotment Criteria:-

- The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of colonizer concerned.
- After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued.
- For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Housing Policy 2013 notified vide no. **PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013** and the amendments thereof (available at the Department website, i.e., tcepharyana.gov.in).

Disclaimer:-

The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016 and the rules made there under have bought significant changes to the real estate sector. The Promoter/Developer is fully committed to be compliant with the provision laid down under RERA. Promoter/ Developer urges every applicant to inspect the site where the project is proposed to be constructed and shall not merely rely upon or to be influenced by any architectural impression, plan or sales brochure and therefore requested to make personal judgment prior to submitting an application for booking. The images shown here are indicative of design and for illustration purpose only further the actual design may vary in fit and finish from the one displayed above, project details / specification can also be accessed at the office of Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, website <http://haryana.in/Rates> mentioned above does not include GST and other statutory charges if applicable, T&C Apply. 1 sq.mt=10.7639 sq. ft.

Place: Gurugram (Haryana)

Contact Number: +91-124-4399399

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

No. 2018/Track-4(P)/RSP-EUR/Vol. I Date: 05.07.2024

CORRIGENDUM NO. 6

Sub : E-Tender No. TKP-1-2024 for Supply of Long rail exchange (unloading and loading) System and its Annual Maintenance Contract for 05 (Five) years (Existing EURs to be provided by Indian Railways).

The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://lireps.gov.in> for Corrigendum details.

Further, the tender closing date and opening date of e-bids have been changed to 30.07.2024.

(Alok Kumar)
Executive Director/Track (P&P)
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New Delhi-110001
Phone: 011-23304852
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NANI RESORTS AND FLORICULTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
Corporate Office: ROF Group, Building No. 80, First Floor, Sector-44, Gurugram-122003, Ph.0124-4399399

Applications are invited from general public out for booking of residential apartments in the Affordable Housing Project **"ROF AALAYAS"** being developed by **M/s. NANI RESORTS AND FLORICULTURE PRIVATE LIMITED**

On first come first serve basis at **Sector 102, Gurugram, Haryana (License No. - 11 of 2014 dated: 10.06.2014)** which have been either surrendered by the applicants or allotment of which has been cancelled by the Developer due non-payment or any other reason in terms of the Haryana Affordable Housing Policy 2013 dated 19.08.2013 (as amended):

Application No.	Carpet Area (Sq. Ft.)	Apartment No.
11394	301.60, 1 BHK (TYPE-8)	F-1404

* Payable as per payment plan.

The Applications forms containing detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from our office situated at **First Floor, Building No. 80, Sector-44, Gurgaon-122003**

For **NANI RESORTS AND FLORICULTURE PRIVATE LIMITED**
Place: Gurugram (Haryana)

AMARNATH YATRA SPECIAL TRAIN-2024

In order to clear extra rush of pilgrims during Amarnath Yatra, Railways will run the following Special Train between Jabalpur & Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra as per

NEWS BOX

US elections: At Essence, Black Democrats rally behind Biden and talk up Kamala Harris

NEW ORLEANS.As President Joe Biden tries to revive his embattled reelection bid, Vice President Kamala Harris led a parade of Black Democrats who warned Saturday that the threat of another Donald Trump presidency remains the most important calculation ahead of November.Yet in more than 20 minutes on stage at the Essence Festival of Culture, Harris did not acknowledge Biden’s dismal debate performance or calls for the 81-year-old president to end his reelection bid. In fact, she barely mentioned Biden at all – a stark contrast to the Congressional Black Caucus members who forcefully and repeatedly defended the president by name.“This is probably the most significant election of our lifetime,” Harris said, before riffing on Trump musing about being a dictator, pushing the Supreme Court rightward and promising retribution on political enemies. “In 122 days, we each have the power to decide what kind of country we want to live in.”

Harris’s appearance at the nation’s largest annual celebration of Black culture underscores what a difficult task it is for the White House and campaign to navigate questions about the president’s aptitude. The dynamics are especially fraught for Harris, the first Black woman and person of South Asian descent to be elected vice president, and for the Black Democrats who were so instrumental in electing Biden and her in 2020.On one hand, Harris fills the traditional role of loyal lieutenant, a job she did enthusiastically — and on the fly — in television appearances immediately after Biden’s lacklustre debate ended. Yet should Biden ultimately decide to step aside as presumptive nominee, she would be among the favourites, if not the favourite, to carry the Democratic banner against Trump.

Black leaders and voters who gathered in New Orleans, meanwhile, walked the line Saturday between backing Biden and insisting that, if he does end his campaign, the party should elevate the barrier-breaking vice president rather than consider governors like Gavin Newsom of California or Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, both of whom are white. The purpose of a vice president is to be a No. 2, to be able to step in,” said Glynda Carr, who leads the Higher Heights political action organization that works to elect more Black women. “If this was an all-white male ticket, would we be talking about other people who have less experience, less qualifications?”

It's France's moment of truth. Here's how its snap elections work and what comes next

PARIS. French voters face a decisive choice Sunday in the runoff of snap parliamentary elections that could produce the country’s first far-right government since the World War II Nazi occupation — or no majority emerging at all.Marine Le Pen’s anti-immigration, nationalist party National Rally stands a chance of winning a legislative majority for the first time, but the outcome remains uncertain because of a complex voting system and tactical maneuvers by political parties.

What’s happening Sunday?

Voters across France and overseas territories can cast ballots for 501 of the 577 seats in the National Assembly, the lower and most important of France’s two houses of parliament. The other 76 races were won outright in the first round of voting.

The National Rally and its allies arrived ahead in Round 1 with around one-third of the votes. A coalition of center-left, hard-left and greens parties called the New Popular Front came in second position, well ahead of President Emmanuel Macron’s struggling centrist alliance.In the frantic week between the two rounds, more than 200 centrist and left-wing candidates pulled out of races to boost the chances of their moderate rivals and try to keep National Rally candidates from winning.Final pre election polls suggest that tactic may have diminished the far right’s chances of an absolute majority. But Le Pen’s party has wider and deeper support than ever before, and it’s up to voters to decide.

What are the possible outcomes?

Polling projections suggest the National Rally is likely to have the most seats in the next National Assembly -- which would be a historic first.

If it wins an absolute majority of 289 seats, Macron would be expected to appoint National Rally president Jordan Bardella as France’s new prime minister. Bardella could then form a government, and he and Macron would share power in a system called “cohabitation.”

France is voting in key elections that could see a historic far-right win or a hung parliament

PARIS. France will vote Sunday in pivotal runoff elections that could hand a historic victory to Marine Le Pen’s far-right National Rally and its inward-looking, anti-immigrant vision - or produce a hung parliament and years of political deadlock.Sunday’s snap elections in this nuclear-armed nation have potential impact on the war in Ukraine, global diplomacy and Europe’s economic stability. And they’re almost certain to undercut President Emmanuel Macron for the remaining three years of his presidency.Racism and antisemitism have marred the electoral campaign, along with Russian cybercampaigns, and more than 50 candidates reported being physically attacked - highly unusual for France. The government is deploying 30,000 police on voting day.The heightened tensions come while France is celebrating a very special summer: Paris is about to host exceptionally ambitious Olympic Games, the national soccer team reached the semifinal of the Euro 2024 championship, and the Tour de France is racing around the country alongside the Olympic torch.Meanwhile, 49 million voters are in the midst of the country’s most important elections in decades.France could have its first far-right government since the Nazi occupation in World War II if the National Rally wins an absolute majority and its 28-year-old leader Jordan Bardella becomes prime minister. The party came out on top in the previous week’s first-round voting, followed by a coalition of center-left, hard-left and Green parties, and Macron’s centrist alliance.The outcome remains highly uncertain. Polls between the two rounds suggest that the National Rally may win the most seats in the 577-seat National Assembly but fall short of the 289 seats needed for a majority. That would still make history, if a party with historic links to xenophobia and downplaying the Holocaust, and long seen as a pariah, becomes France’s biggest political force.

Israeli strike in Gaza school kills 16, army says targeted Hamas gunmen

An Israeli strike on a school sheltering displaced Palestinians in Gaza has killed at least 16 and wounded dozens. Israel claimed it targeted militants, while Hamas denied their presence and described the civilian toll as catastrophic.

Cairo/Gaz. At least 16 people were killed in an Israeli strike on a school sheltering displaced Palestinian families in central Gaza on Saturday, the Palestinian health ministry said, in an attack Israel said had targeted militants.The health ministry said the attack on the school in Al-Nuseirat killed at least 16 people and wounded more than 50.The Israeli military said it took precautions to minimize risk to civilians before it targeted the gunmen who were using the area as a hideout to plan and carry out

attacks against soldiers. Hamas denied its fighters were there.At the scene, Ayman al-Atouneh said he saw children among the dead. "We came here running to see the targeted area, we saw bodies of children, in pieces, this is a playground, there was a trampoline here, there were swing-sets, and vendors," he said.Mahmoud Basal, spokesman of the Gaza Civil Emergency Service, said in a statement that the number of dead could rise because many of the wounded were in critical condition.The attack meant no place in the enclave was safe for families who leave their houses to seek shelters, he said.Al-Nuseirat, one of Gaza Strip's eight historic refugee camps, was the site of stepped-up Israeli bombardment on Saturday. An air strike earlier on a house in the camp killed at least 10 people and wounded many others, according to medics.In its daily update of people killed in the nearly nine-month-old war, the Gaza health ministry said Israeli military strikes across the enclave killed at least 29 Palestinians in the past 24 hours and wounded 100 others.Among those killed in separate air strikes on Saturday were



five local journalists, raising the toll of journalists killed since October 7 to 158, according to the Hamas-led Gaza government media office.Gaza health authorities say more than 38,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's offensive. The health ministry does not distinguish between combatants and non-combatants but officials say most the dead are civilians.Israel has lost 323 soldiers in Gaza and says at least a third of the Palestinian dead are fighters.Israel launched its offensive, aimed at eliminating the militant Islamist group Hamas, in response to a Hamas-led assault on Israel on Oct. 7 in which 1,200 people were killed and over 250 taken

hostage, according to Israeli tallies.

RAFAH OPERATIONS

Israeli forces, which have deepened their incursions into Rafah, in the south of the enclave near the border with Egypt, killed four Palestinian policemen and wounded eight others, in an air strike on their vehicle on Saturday, health officials said.

A statement issued by the Hamas-run interior ministry said the four included Fares Abdel-Al, the head of the police force in western Rafah neighbourhood of Tel Al-Sultan.The Israeli military said forces continued "intelligence-base operations" in Rafah, destroyed several underground structures, seized weapons and equipment, and killed several Palestinian gunmen.

Israel has said its operations in Rafah aim to eradicate the last Hamas armed wing battalions.e Israeli military said it eliminated a Hamas rocket cell in Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza that operated from inside a humanitarian-designated area. It said it carried out a precise strike after taking measures to ensure civilians were unharmed.

Joe Biden says only 'Lord Almighty' could convince him to quit White House race

World. US President Joe Biden insisted that his goal was to defeat his Republican rival and former President Donald Trump, adding that only "Lord Almighty" could persuade him to withdraw himself from the race, The Guardian reported.His remarks came amid a section of Democrats calling on the 81-year-old president to pull himself out of the race following a shaky performance at the June 27 presidential debate, which saw him slipping up, stammering, appearing confused and perceived loss of train of thought.Biden, who is the oldest US President, has been under the scanner over his mental health and age concerns and whether he is fit to serve another four-year term. The Democrat leader has repeatedly insisted he was fine.In an interview with George Stephanopoulos of ABC News on Friday, Biden said, "Look. I mean, if the Lord Almighty came down and said, 'Joe, get out of the race', I'd get out of the race," he said, adding, "The Lord Almighty's not coming down."He also dismissed his lacklustre performance at the presidential debate as a "bad



episode" and took full responsibility for what transpired. "I just had a bad night. I don't know why," he said.Biden also refused to get a detailed cognitive test done and make the results public to reassure voters he is fit to run for a second time in office."I have a cognitive test every single day. Every day I have that test - everything I do (is a test)," he said.The 81-year-old Democrat insisted that fatigue was the only issue and that there were “no indications of any serious condition”. "I was exhausted. I didn't listen to my instincts in terms of preparing," Biden said.He further said it was no one else's fault but his own, admitting that he had been feeling "terrible" before the debate and mentioned undergoing a Covid-19 test and checks for other

infections, all of which came back negative. "I just had a really bad cold." The President also mentioned the ongoing assessments by his personal doctors, who he said would not hesitate to inform him if something were wrong. "Can I run the 100 in 10 flat? No. But I'm still in good shape," Biden remarked.Despite the debate setback, Biden exuded confidence about having what it takes to beat Trump, brushing off growing concerns and polls showing him trailing the Republican. "I don't think anyone is more qualified," he stated.He also noted that Trump's disruptions during the debate had been distracting, admitting, "I realised that, even when I was answering a question and they turned his mic off, he was still shouting and I let it distract me. I'm not blaming it on that. But I realised that I just wasn't in control."he interview, along with campaign stops in battleground states Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, is part of Biden's effort to win back voters after his faltering debate performance. At the Wisconsin rally, he doubled down on staying in the race, declaring.

France to vote in presidential runoff today as far-right bids for power

Paris. France is set to vote in a presidential runoff on Sunday that will reconfigure the political landscape, with opinion polls forecasting the far-right National Rally (RN) will win the most votes, but likely fall short of a majority.Such an outcome could plunge the country into a chaotic hung parliament, severely denting the authority of President Emmanuel Macron.Equally, if the nationalist, eurosceptic RN did win a majority, the pro-business, pro-Europe president could find himself forced into a difficult "cohabitation".Marine Le Pen's RN scored historic gains to win last Sunday's first-round vote, raising the spectre of France's first far-right government since World War Two. But after centrist and leftist parties joined forces over the past week in a bid to forge an anti-RN barricade, Le Pen's hopes of the RN winning an absolute



majority in the 577-seat National Assembly seem less certain.Polls suggest the RN will become the dominant legislative force, but fail to reach the 289-seat majority that Le Pen and her 28-year-old protege Jordan Bardella believe would allow them to claim the prime minister's job and drag France sharply rightward.

Polls open at 8 am and close at 6 pm in towns and small cities and 8 pm in larger cities, with initial projections

expected the moment voting ends, based on partial counts from a sample of polling stations.Much will depend on whether voters follow the calls of leading anti-RN alliances to block the far right from power, or support far-right contenders.Raphael Glucksmann, a member of the European Parliament who led France's leftist ticket in last month's European vote, said he viewed Sunday's runoff as a simple referendum on whether "the Le Pen family takes over this country".

"France is on the cliff-edge, and we don't know if we're going to jump," he told France Inter radio last week.A longtime pariah for many due to its history of racism and antisemitism, the RN has increased its support on the back of voter anger at Macron, straitened household budgets and immigration concerns.

Trump distances himself from 'Project 2025' to overhaul US administration

The Project 2025 outlines a dramatic expansion of presidential power and a plan to fire as many as 50,000 government workers to replace them with Trump loyalists.

Washington Former President Donald Trump tried to distance himself on Friday from a conservative group's sweeping plans for the next Republican presidency, days after its leader claimed a second American Revolution was underway that would "remain bloodless if the left allows it to be."The Republican presidential candidate renounced any connection with Project 2025, a plan Democrats have been attacking to highlight what they say is Trump's extreme policy agenda for a second term should he beat President Joe Biden in the Nov. 5 election.Many people involved in the project led by the Heritage

Foundation, America's top conservative think tank, worked in the Trump White House and would likely help fill out his administration if he wins in November.But Trump said on his Truth Social platform he had nothing to do with the plan."I know nothing about Project 2025. I have no idea who is behind it," he wrote."I disagree with some of the things they're saying," he continued, adding some of their assertions were "absolutely ridiculous and abysmal."

Trump's post came three days after Heritage Foundation president Kevin Roberts' comments on Steve Bannon's "War Room" podcast about a second American Revolution. Democrats and others criticised what they viewed as a veiled threat of violence.In a statement provided by a Project 2025 spokesperson on Friday, Roberts repeated his claim that Americans were carrying out a revolution "to take power back from the elites and despotic bureaucrats" and said it was the political left that had a history of political violence.The spokesperson said that



while Project 2025 provided recommendations for the next Republican president, it would be up to Trump, should he win, to decide whether to implement them.Trump's move to create distance with Project 2025 could in part reflect an effort to moderate his message in the final months of the race, especially with Biden's campaign faltering after the Democratic candidate's June 27 debate, said James Wallner, a political science professor at Clemson University."Trump is basically now seeking to appeal to a broader audience," Wallner said.The Biden campaign has stepped up its efforts to tie Trump's

campaign to Project 2025.“Project 2025 is the extreme policy and personnel playbook for Trump’s second term that should scare the hell out of the American people,” campaign spokesperson Ammar Moussa said in a statement.The 900-page blueprint calls for drastic reform of the federal government, including a gutting of some federal agencies and a vast expansion of presidential power. Trump’s statements and policy positions suggest he is aligned with some but not all of the project’s agenda.The plans have been drawn up by the Heritage Foundation in coordination with a collection of other like-minded groups.A number of people who worked on Project 2025 have close ties to the former president. Russ Vought, who was Trump’s director of the Office of Management and Budget and is heading up a key committee at the Republican National Convention, authored one of the project’s chapters.Stephen Miller, a former senior adviser to Trump who is widely expected to be tapped for a top job in a second Trump administration, heads up a legal group on Project 2025’s advisory board.

Forgery ‘scandal’ surfaces in Nellore

NELLORE: A major controversy has erupted in the Nellore Municipal Corporation (NMC) following allegations of forgery and misconduct, involving several officials and the husband of Mayor. A complaint filed by advocate Kaku Murali, it was alleged that mortgage release deeds were processed without obtaining the necessary Occupancy Certificates from the NMC, with the forged Municipal Commissioner’s signature, by four officials.

According to the complaint, the illegal activity had facilitated the premature release of mortgage deeds for more than 70 building files. The operation was alleged orchestrated by P Jayavardhan, husband of the Mayor, and his assistant G Siva Krishna.

In response to these serious allegations, the NMC issued show-cause notices to the officials involved, including B Praveen, M Devendra, P Nagendra Babu and K Karthik Malavaya. Their explanations ranged from outright denial of involvement to claims of being manipulated by Jayavardhan and Siva Krishna. Following an initial investigation, the NMC has suspended the four officials pending a full inquiry by the Vigilance Department. A request has been made to the Regional Vigilance and Enforcement Officer of Nellore District for a detailed investigation. A letter has also been sent to the Director General of Vigilance and Enforcement in Vijayawada for a comprehensive inquiry into the matter. A show-cause notice has also been served to Dileep Kumar Chinthada, a structural engineer and licensed technical person, allegedly involved in the scandal. On Saturday, Municipal Commissioner Vikas Marmat asked for a full-fledged criminal inquiry into the matter, focusing on the main accused Jayavardhan and Siva Krishna as well as the officials involved in it. The case has raised serious concern about the integrity of administrative processes in the municipal corporation.

Trains in Chennai railway division flunk punctuality test, passengers hit hard

CHENNAI: Why are long-distance trains increasingly running late in Chennai? The punctuality of express and passenger trains operated by the Chennai division of the Southern Railways has dropped substantially in 2023-24, compared to the previous year, shows official data. The punctuality of mail and express trains dropped in 11 of 12 months from April 2023 to March 2024 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The punctuality of passenger trains witnessed a reduction in all 12 months. Chennai division operates around 300 mail and express trains and 170 passenger trains every day, apart from other special trains. Majority of these trains originate/terminate at Dr MGR Chennai Central and Chennai Egmore, which together account for around 60 pairs of daily trains and many other weekly, bi-weekly, and tri-weekly trains. The punctuality of mail/express trains dropped to 79.58% in July 2023 compared to 92.67% in July 2022. Punctuality reduced to 86.3% in April 2023 compared to 96.06% in April 2022. The punctuality of trains indicates the percentage of trains that reached the stations on time. Similarly, in case of passenger trains, the punctuality was 88.49% in August 2023 while it was 96.15% in August 2022. Responding to the information, a Southern Railway spokesperson said the cause-wise analysis of punctuality cases in Chennai division for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 showed that the planned upgradation works in infrastructure, including tracks and signal



equipment, had caused a rise in punctuality issues. These works were carried out in addition to the mandatory scheduled maintenance work for assuring safety in train running, he added. “Similar infrastructure upgradation and scheduled maintenance work in adjacent railways and divisions caused reception of trains already running late at interface point stations such as Jolarpettai, Gudur, Renigunta, and Katpadi. This was also a cause for the increase in punctuality loss in the division,” the official said.

Train timings to be monitored on daily basis

However, punctuality of the trains is set to be monitored at a higher level on a daily basis to achieve improvement in the current year, he added. Another spokesperson rejected allegations that other trains are delayed as Vande Bharat trains are given precedence.

Sridhar Joshi, a Chennai-based rail enthusiast, said the railways should be proactive in informing passengers about train delays, even if it was at the last minute. “This will also help in decreasing the strain on station facilities such as toilets, food stalls, and seating areas,” he said.

Andhra Pradesh: CBI arrests 5 Guntakal railway officials on corruption charges

ANANTAPUR: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested five senior officials of Indian Railways at Guntakal, including Guntakal Divisional Railway Manager Vineet Singh, on charges of corruption late Friday night. The arrested officials were taken to the government hospital for medical checkup. According to CBI Deputy SP Jai Kumar Bharatiya, New Delhi, the arrests were made in connection with a case registered under U/s 61(2)-BNS and Sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) on July 4, 2024. The operation targeted alleged irregularities involving financial transactions and administrative processes within the railway division. The CBI special teams arrested Vineet Singh, DRM, Guntakal division, Kunda Pradeep Babu, Senior Divisional Finance Manager, U Akki Reddy, former Senior Divisional Engineer, Coordination, now transferred as Deputy CEN Track, South Central Railway, Secunderabad, M Balaji, Office Superintendent, Engineering Section, SCR, Guntakal Division, and D Lakshmi Pathi Raju, Accounts Assistant, Gati Shakti Office in the office of Chief Project Manager, SCR, Guntakal.

The CBI teams seized substantial amount of cash from the houses of some of the accused. About Rs 7 lakh was seized from the house of Vineet Singh, Rs 10 lakh from Pradeep Babu, Rs 50,000 from Balaji and Rs 50,000 from Lakshmi Pathi Raju.

It may be noted here that the CBI teams, camped in Guntakal for the past three days, gathering comprehensive information, before carrying out inspections and searches. They initially questioned Office Superintendent Raju from the Gati Shakti Department, Office Superintendent Balaji from the Budget Department, bill clerk Prasad, and Johnson, an attendant in the Accounts Office. Following it, searches were conducted at the DRM office.

Take a green break at this post office in Karnataka!

GADAG: Which is one of the most favoured picnic spots in Nargund town? Though hard to believe, it is the post office, whose premises have been turned into a lush green, mini-forest. All this is because of the interest and effort of one postal staffer, Maritimappa Karigar, who transformed the space when he was posted here in 2017. When he first visited his workplace, its premises were covered in bushes and thorns. He sought the permission of his superior and Gadag Postal Superintendent K Basavaraju to clean the place and plant trees. Once the green signal came, he went about planting saplings of several species, and today, those plants have grown, and the post office has turned into a mini-forest. The staff from the postal department and social forestry division of the forest department helped him with saplings, but most of the time, Karigar spent from his pocket to buy the saplings. However, his colleagues crowd-funded to build a pond. Karigar, who hails from Asundi of Gadag district, has taken part in many awareness camps as he knows his plants very well. Karigar, who is posted at Koppal now, says he learnt which trees have more oxygen and how to make a mini-forest from the elders in his village and guides. Residents from nearby areas visit the post office instead of parks or

gardens, for their morning and evening walks.

After hearing about it, Mundargi Taluk Government School Principal Ravi Devareddy and some environmental enthusiasts met Karigar. Devareddy said, “Karigar has a good knowledge of trees and has planted many varieties. We like to thank the staff who encouraged Karigar, and joined hands with him to create this beautiful green space for the people.” Mahesh Hanganakatti, a schoolteacher from Nargund, said, “We have visited the post office many times. It has become a small forest and many children too frequent this place. It is now one of the favourite picnic spots for the people of the town.”

Karigar said, “I was transferred to Nargund in 2017. I spoke to the other staff and Basavaraju. I got permission to plant saplings, and met the social forest department and other departments before buying seeds and saplings. We also built water ponds to irrigate the mini-forest. Now I am working at the Koppal post office, but many people still call me and express their gratitude and pleasure for the changes we brought in at the Nargund post office. I thank all the staff at Nargund and Gadag post office who were involved in the process and who helped me.” MS Nayak, a school principal from Nargund, said, “Nargund post office is an example.

FSSAI issues summons to KFC over use of chemical to clean oil

THOOTHUKUDI: Following the seizure of magnesium silicate-synthetic (MSS) from a KFC outlet on Thursday, the Thoothukudi unit of the Food Safety and Standards of Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued summons on Saturday to the restaurant chain’s Indian headquarters in Mumbai. As per the summons issued to the KFC licensee of the Thoothukudi outlet, KFC material godown in Tiruppur, and the nominee of KFC headquarters in Mumbai, they have been asked to appear before the FSSAI’s designated officer on July 8. A Delhi-based manufacturer of MSS and a packing unit in Telangana have also been summoned for an inquiry on July 15. Meanwhile, the American restaurant chain, in a statement, said, “KFC India is committed to follow the best practices and international standards. High-quality oil and chicken is sourced from reputed suppliers, and all applicable safety and quality standards laid down by the FSSAI and other authorities are stringently followed. The use of Magnesium Silicate as a clarifying agent is approved as per FSSAI, and KFC chicken is completely safe for consumption after cooking.”

‘MSS has no place in food service businesses’

Speaking to TNIE, Food Safety Designated Officer Dr Mariappan said they carried out a surprise inspection at the outlet against the backdrop of declining quantity of disposal of used oils to the authorised biodiesel dealer from the outlet. “The KFC restaurant was returning only 100 litres of oil per month to the FSSAI authorised used



oil aggregators though it was consuming nearly 1,350-1,500 litres of refined edible vegetable oil every month. Thus the inspection turned towards management of used oil by the outlet as oil once used cannot be reused as per FSSAI rules,” Dr Mariappan said. MSS was being used for polishing or cleaning used oil which is against

FSSAI standards, sources said. The FSSAI has permitted MSS to be used as a food additive, but restricted it to certain foods like salt and that too in manufacturing units. MSS has no role in food services businesses like restaurants. The FSSAI does not permit any additives to purify or polish used oils, Mariappan said. Disputing the claims of KFC on two counts, Mariappan said reuse of used edible oils/recycle of oil is not acceptable as per regulations governing food safety. “Also nowhere the FSS Act or rules or regulations permit the use of MSS, a food additive, to polish or clean used oil. Hence, there is no role for MSS in food services establishments like restaurants,” he said.

On the seizure of marinated chicken, the designated officer said that the frozen chicken should be used within 12 hours after ‘thawing’ as per FSS (Licensing and Registration) Regulations, 2011. But it was being used even after 24 hours, he said

Late on Thursday, the food safety department officials confiscated 18kg of MSS, 45 litres of polished used oil and 56kg of marinated chicken allegedly kept beyond the prescribed time limit.

Minority panel blames Kerala government's laxity for accidents at Muthalapozhi

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The Kerala State Minority Commission on Saturday heavily criticised the government departments for their laxity in addressing the recurring accidents and deaths at Muthalapozhi harbour. The commission criticised the government departments for their apathy in implementing the terms and conditions in the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed with Adani Ports in 2018. The agreement aimed to deepen the port to prevent recurring accidents at Muthalapozhi. During a special sitting held at the commission’s headquarters



in connection with the suo motu case taken by the panel, it criticised the lack of coordination by the departments for the recurring accidents at Muthalapozhi.

Based on the reports submitted by various agencies concerned, the commission observed that there was negligence in coordinating activities among government departments. Adani Ports relied on Muthalapozhi for transporting materials required for the construction of Vizhinjam Port. The commission flayed various agencies for failing to evaluate the compliance of the MoU by the Adani Ports or add additional terms. The MoU with the Adani Ports was renewed twice. As per the reports, Adani Ports conducted dredging at Muthalapozhi solely to facilitate the smooth passage of barges carrying construction materials.

Incubation centre for lab-grown seafood set up in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: To take advantage of Bengaluru’s growing demand for seafood, companies are now exploring cultivating seafood. IKP Knowledge Park recently announced an incubation collaboration with Umami Bioworks, a Singapore-headquartered tech bio platform to cultivate seafood. Last month, IKP launched the Centre for Smart Protein and Sustainable Material Innovation to develop alternatives to meat and help startups in this space. The India team will lead the engineering and validation of their manufacturing hardware.

Mihir Perhsad, Founder & CEO, Umami Bioworks, said, “As a growing biomanufacturing powerhouse with strengths in bioreactor engineering, process development, and large-scale production, India is a great location for our engineering and tech transfer teams. IKP brings facilities and knowledge of the local ecosystem, helping enable



our launch in India.” Industry experts believe that with the country already being a big name in the biotech industry, it can become a leader in cultivating smart protein for the entire world.

“This partnership is an example of how India’s booming biotech industry and growing smart

protein ecosystem are attracting global players. This will pave the way for further innovation and investment in India, ultimately contributing to a safe, secure, and just future for food,” said Aiyanna Belliappa, Senior Innovation and Entrepreneurship Specialist at the Good Food Institute India.

Kottayam MCH performs first paediatric liver transplant in govt sector

KOTTAYAM: The Government Medical College Hospital (MCH) in Kottayam has achieved a significant milestone by performing the first-ever paediatric liver transplant in the government sector. The recipient of this life-saving procedure is a five-year-old, whose 25-year-old mother donated a portion of her liver. Mother and child are reported to be stable and are currently recovering. Dr R S Sindhu, head of surgical gastroenterology at MCH, led the surgery which began at 6am and concluded at 10.30 pm on Friday. The child was diagnosed with biliary atresia, a rare condition in infants that causes scarring and blockage of the bile ducts inside and outside the liver. The procedure marks a significant achievement for the MCH as it is only the second government hospital in India, after

the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) in Delhi, to successfully perform paediatric liver transplantation.

Dr Sindhu attributed the success to the collaborative efforts of various departments. “Performing a liver transplant on a child carries inherent risks, but in cases of congenital diseases like biliary atresia, it is often the only viable treatment option,” she said. The recipient and donor have both been removed from ventilator support, with the child expected to remain in intensive care for observation for at least three weeks. The true success of the transplant will be determined after the highest risk period has passed, as acute cellular rejection (ACR) can occur within five to 30 days post-transplantation, or even



later, according to experts. The team included anaesthesia department head Dr Latha,

Dr Jayaprakash from the paediatrics department, and Dr Sajitha from the radiology department. In addition to local medical staff, two doctors from the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences in Kochi — Dr Sudheendran and Dr Unnikrishnan — joined forces to support the transplant team. Health Minister Veena George commended the team. She expressed her admiration for the rare achievement, emphasising that such procedures, especially live transplantations, are uncommon in government medical colleges across the country. “Heartfelt congratulations to Dr Sindhu and the entire team for their expertise and dedication in completing this highly complex surgery,” the minister posted on her Facebook page.

Kya Pappu pass ho gaya

PAPPU, as Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has been pejoratively called for several years by the ruling BJP, has cleared the people's test, as we know by now, with pretty good marks. Not with a 'first class first', as was said in the good old days, nor with 'distinction' or 'flying colours', because that would have meant that the Congress or the INDIA bloc was voted to power in the recent elections. But certainly enough to make a difference in the 18th Lok Sabha — as well as in the rest of the country. Rahul's speech in this short, inaugural session in which he invoked the gods and saints — from Shiva to Guru Nanak and Jesus Christ — as he sought to draw a distinction between the all-encompassing spirit of Hinduism and a more muscular Hindutva that the BJP has recently espoused, was long needed to be made in Parliament. Meanwhile, fiery Trinamool Congress leader Mahua Moitra quoted both Pablo Neruda and Punet Sharma ("tum kaun ho bey/mujhe poochhley ho/iss desh se mera rishta kitna gehra hai") to assert the new 'freedom from fear' that she insisted was the new leitmotif of the land.

Significantly, neither Chandrababu Naidu's TDP nor Nitish Kumar's JDU, which help keep Prime Minister Modi in power, made much of a noise. It was almost as if they didn't care. Seems both Naidu and Nitish are keenly aware — despite the latter's alleged medical condition — that this is the time to strike while the iron is hot. Meaning, now is the time to demand cash from the Centre to refurbish their states, with or without 'special category status'. Naidu especially, who furnishes 16 key MPs to the NDA, well understands the nature of his newfound power. He's been in a few political parties, doesn't mind the tag of a turncoat, and as Modi's ally intends to extract his pound of flesh. So, on Thursday in Delhi, he met six ministers — Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, Piyush Goyal, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Manohar Lal Khattar and Hardeep Puri — apart from the PM. The Centre, he added, should set up a mechanism to 'effectively coordinate' with his state's officials for 'timely intervention' in the issues flagged — from building a ring road around the new, unbuilt capital at Amravati to demanding that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announce the establishment of a new oil refinery for Andhra Pradesh in her Budget speech. It's not clear how much money Naidu wants. Some say Rs 1 lakh crore; others say half of that. What is crystal clear is that he is going to get it. According to this hyper-realist school of thought, warm and fuzzy speeches in Parliament, like those made by Rahul and Mahua, are, frankly, irrelevant. That Modi 3.0 will last only as long as Naidu remains fully satisfied, and that therefore it will be in Modi's interest to keep him in that state of pleasure.

Moreover, it's not as if Delhi doesn't have the money — it does. It also has the smartest bureaucrats to figure out how to pay it out. Both Modi and Naidu know that. Nor has it escaped them that Nitish may be the more dangerous man today because Bihar will go to the polls next year and that a desperate man may go to any lengths to get his needs met — including switching political parties. Fortunately for all sides concerned, India is one of the few sweet spots in the world today, because its economy is doing fairly well — although it's another matter whether a substantial part of the money should be used to dress up just two states.

Which version of Delhi, then, is more true? The one that insists that India has changed because the BJP is not just no longer in majority, but on the back foot, and that people will no longer bend towards the ruling party's majoritarian agenda? Or the one that believes that Parliament must necessarily remain an upscale debating club, because the real exercise of power will always take place outside.

UK poll verdict more a Tory defeat than a Labour victory

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THE overwhelming conclusion that emerges from the UK general election results is that it is more of a defeat of the Conservative Party and less of a victory for the Labour Party. Though voters demonstrated their deep disenchantment with the ruling party and the government, they did not show much enthusiasm for Labour. The protest vote against the Conservative government ensured a massive Labour majority. The electoral contest witnessed one of the lowest voter turnouts in the UK's electoral history. Many Conservative supporters simply did not turn out to vote or voted for the more extreme right-wing party, Reform UK. This contributed significantly to the devastating rout of the Tories, to the extent that former Prime Minister Liz Truss and dozens of ministers suffered humiliating defeats.

The lack of enthusiasm for Labour was a result of the general perception that party leader Keir Starmer could not be trusted because he kept making U-turns on policies regarding green transition, taxing billionaires, improving workers' rights, child benefits and the welfare regime. He opted for politics of ambiguity by focusing on promising change, based on his assessment that voters were unhappy with the Conservative Party's governance, but stopped short of offering concrete proposals. The dissatisfaction with the Tories also benefited the Liberal Democrats — the third largest party, after the Conservatives and Labour — who were the main opponents of the Conservatives in some regions, especially South West England. Their tally of 71 seats (in a Parliament of 650 seats) is their best electoral performance since 1923. The Green Party has achieved great success. For over a decade, the party could secure just one seat. But it broke through that barrier this time, winning all four seats it had targeted with massive margins. The party had contested 574 seats all over England and Wales to ensure the presence of its vision and programme even in those places where it did not have an adequate party structure. It emerged in the second place in a substantial number of seats, suggesting the possibility of further expansion. The increasing influence of the Green Party is an indication of the growing consciousness, especially among

younger and university-educated voters, of the urgency of green economic policies to avert a climate catastrophe. The party bagged nearly 8 per cent of the votes in the country, indicating that if there were to be a proportional representation system of election, the party's seats and influence in Parliament and policy-making would achieve a substantial boost.

The shift from the flawed first-past-the-post system of elections to the proportional representation system is strongly supported by the Liberal Democrats and the



Green Party. The Labour Party conference has also formally passed a resolution in favour of proportional representation, and it remains to be seen whether the new government will actively seek to bring about this change in the electoral system. The UK is the only country in Europe that does not have any proportional representation dimension in its election system. Unfortunately, the first-past-the-post system followed in the UK has left its impact on its erstwhile colonies, such as some countries in South Asia.

The mismanagement of the economy during the past five years of Conservative rule, with an emphasis on a market-oriented mode of governance, led to the weakening of public services — the National Health Service, schools, social care, sewerage and the public transport system, especially the railways. This mismanagement became most glaring during Truss' brief tenure as the PM. Her drastic policy of reducing

taxes and depending on debt to finance governance rattled the markets and led to a rise in inflation, which then fuelled an increase in interest and mortgage rates. The rise in mortgage rates, coupled with a surge in food prices because of the Russian-Ukraine conflict, led to a drastic increase in the cost of living for a wide section of the population. Rishi Sunak and his Chancellor (Finance Minister) Jeremy Hunt had little time to undo the damage inflicted on the economy by her mismanagement. Both did demonstrate some economic competence, which is partly the reason that they have won from their respective constituencies, while many of their colleagues have been badly defeated. However, their social base — richer sections of the population — led them to pursue economic policies like reducing welfare expenditure, which damaged their political support.

The UK is composed of four regions (called nations) — England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland — and each of them has its own specific political culture and complexities. England is the biggest of the four nations.

In Scotland, the Scottish National Party (SNP), whose programme centres on seeking independence from the UK, faced a huge defeat despite no decline in the demand for independence.

Scottish voters rejected SNP candidates because of the financial mismanagement of the party and voted Labour after a long time to both punish the SNP and defeat the Conservatives. In Wales, the Conservative Party did not win a single seat. Plaid Cymru, a votary of Welsh independence from the UK, increased its seat count and vote share, though Labour won a majority.

In Northern Ireland, Sinn Féin, which advocates for a united Ireland, emerged as the single largest party for the first time; none of the England-based parties has any presence there. The incoming Labour government led by Starmer faces myriad challenges. It has to steer the economy to improve public services, manage immigration to minimise the dangers of the rise of the anti-immigrant Reform UK, devolve power to meet aspirations for independence of non-English regions, contribute to reducing tensions in Ukraine and Gaza and tackle the problems emerging from climate change.

Learn from tragedies

Like Naina Devi, ensure safer gatherings

IN the wake of yet another stampede in the country — at Hathras this time, where over 120 lives were tragically lost during a religious congregation — the spotlight falls on the sad fact that we rarely learn from past mistakes. Such tragedies are usually followed by a knee-jerk reaction comprising a patch-up job — thereafter, it's business as usual. Till another tragedy strikes. The urgency of bringing into effect stringent long-term measures and proactive planning to prevent such avoidable disasters is missing in our policies. A case in point is the 2008 Naina Devi temple stampede, in which the lives of 146 devotees were lost due to panic triggered by the rumour of a landslide. It led to some improvements in crowd control, with the implementation of batch-wise movement of pilgrims and enhanced facilities for their comfort and safety. However, all is not hunky-dory as certain other recommendations made by the committee set up for the purpose then have either not been implemented, or are a work in progress even 16



years down the line. Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi's meeting with families of some Hathras victims and his call for timely and substantial compensation highlight two crucial aspects

of leadership in times of crisis — empathy and accountability. Regardless of political affiliations, the demand for a thorough investigation into the lapses by the administration is a necessary step towards ensuring justice and preventing similar mishaps.

The authorities must adopt robust crowd management strategies, including adherence to venue capacity limits, effective emergency response plans, adequate deployment of security and medical personnel and real-time monitoring through CCTV cameras and effective communication channels. We owe it to the victims of stampedes that their deaths are not in vain but rather catalysts for lasting improvements in crowd safety protocols nationwide.

Acrimony again trumps parliamentary norms

It will be good for the country's politics if, at a time when India faces grave security challenges, all political leaders eschew the temptation of making personal remarks.

THE hope that the acrimony of the recent elections and political divisions would be put behind as the 18th Lok Sabha convened has been belied. Both the ruling BJP and the Congress-led Opposition have become more combative, and no accommodation is being shown by either side. In the process, established norms are being abandoned, with both sides blaming each other for doing so. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is attempting to impress upon the nation that the loss of the BJP's majority in the Lok Sabha will not lead to a material change in either his priorities or the manner in which he has led the government over the past decade. The steps he has taken in government formation and his addresses to both Houses of Parliament make that abundantly clear. On the other hand, the Congress and its allies are pushing the idea that the BJP's loss of 63 seats (from 303 in 2019 to 240 this time) has materially altered the political situation and that Modi cannot run the government as he did in his first two terms.

The lack of adherence to parliamentary norms and rules as well as decency by both sides during the debate on the President's address is a precursor to their approach towards each other in the coming months and years. In this context, three points can be made straightaway.

First, Rahul Gandhi, who is the first Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha in a decade, made a bitingly critical speech against the ruling dispensation, including its policies and governance style as well as methods. He was within his right to do so. Parts of his speech were expunged, and he protested to the Speaker against the action. It was perhaps the expunging of portions of his speech that led the Opposition to make a ruckus during Modi's speech. This was wrong and disrespectful to the office of the Prime Minister. It was also noteworthy that the treasury benches did not really interrupt Rahul's speech. Hence, it would have been appropriate if the same courtesy was extended to Modi.

Second, no real political gains were made by the Congress

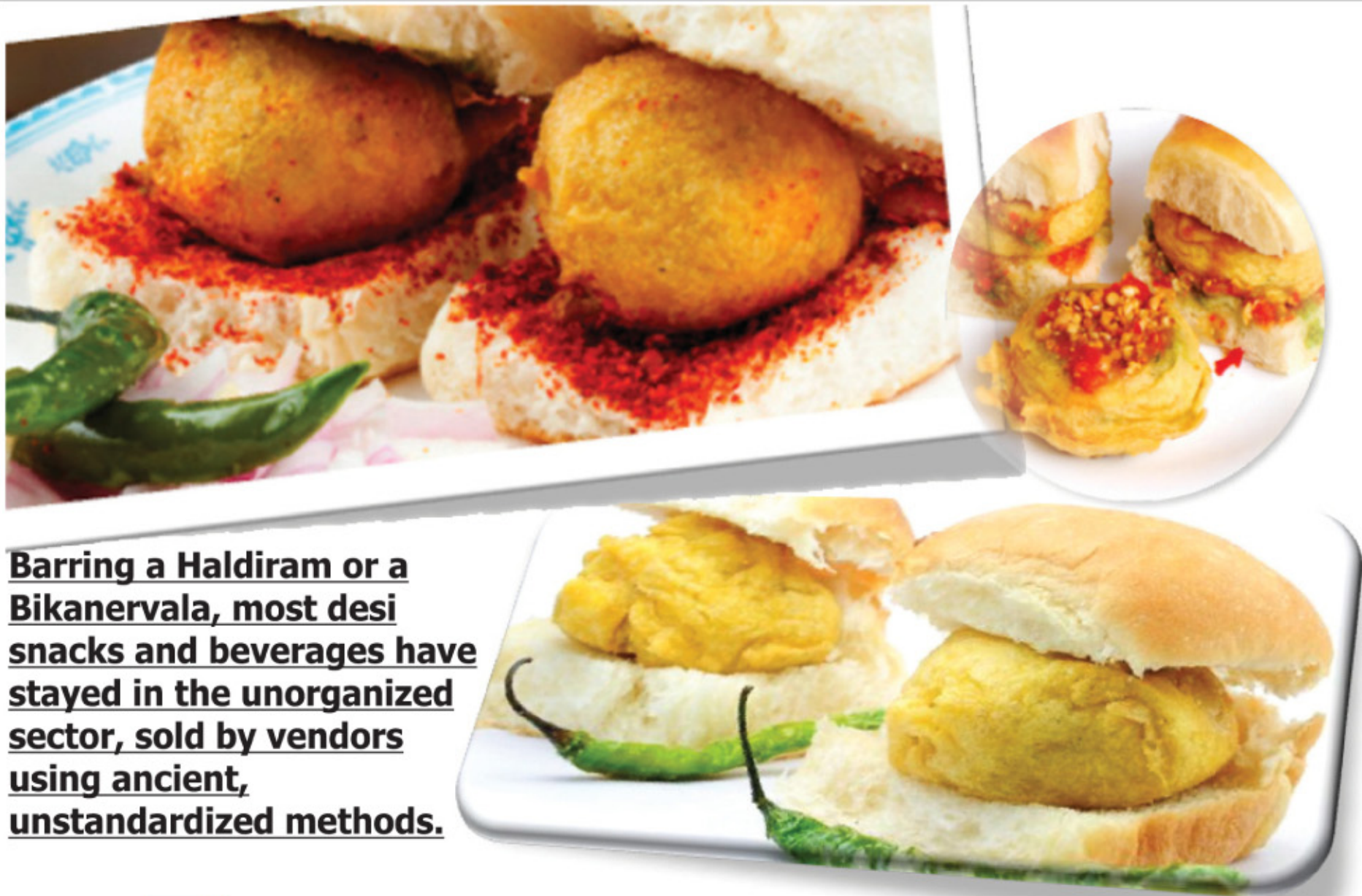


in going against convention by having a contest for the Speaker's post. What has been lost, though, is a good convention. Also, the convention that the Deputy Speaker's position goes to the Opposition was followed by previous governments. They did not suffer any political damage by doing so. The Modi government could allow the Deputy Speaker's job to go to an Opposition MP. Third, towards the conclusion of his speech in the Lok Sabha, Modi said (roughly translated from Hindi to English): "They may claim whatever they may about numbers. When we came in 2014, our strength was low in the Rajya Sabha and the chairperson's leaning was somewhat towards the other side. But we remained firm and determined in our commitment to serve." It is sad that the PM cast

aspersions on the neutrality of then chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, Hamid Ansari, while speaking in the Lower House. Normally, no remarks are made about the conduct of the chairperson of one House in the other. This principle should extend to former chairpersons too. This is because they belong (or have belonged) to different political formations. Hence, if one party or formation criticises the conduct of a particular ex-chairperson, others are likely to do the same to others. Hence, till now, ex-chairpersons' conduct or inclinations were not commented upon. Allegations of a chairperson lacking neutrality are serious because the first requirement of the chairperson of either House is to treat all members equally. Naturally, if a chairperson does not do so, he or she violates the basic trust reposed

in him or her by the House. Here is another aspect: Should a charge of this kind be made when the person who held the chair is not present to mount a defence? This is an additional reason why such charges of partiality or impropriety should not be made. In view of these factors, it was surprising that neither the Speaker nor any member of the Opposition came to Ansari's defence. The Speaker could have gently pointed out to the PM that the comment on Ansari was not in keeping with the high standards of Parliament. The LoP could have done the same. It has been seven years since Ansari demitted vice-presidency. But that should not make a difference to the need to omit the PM's remarks on him from the record. Indeed, it would be gracious of Modi himself to ask that they be removed. This would add to his stature, not diminish it.

During the course of his address in the Lok Sabha, Modi — without naming Rahul — made it clear that he thought the Congress leader had exhibited 'balak buddhi' (childish behaviour/intelligence). This is reminiscent of Rahul being referred to as 'Pappu'. That word is no longer used for him. The attention he gained from his Bharat Jodo Yatra and Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra led to him being taken seriously by a large section of the people. The additional seats won by the Congress — though Modi is right when he says that the NDA won the election — and Rahul becoming the LoP have also meant that he is a pushover no more. The BJP will, therefore, have to do a lot of work to make the term 'balak buddhi' stick in the public imagination for Rahul. It will be facilitated if he makes inaccurate or unsubstantiated comments on matters that are vital to the national interest. Hence, it will be good for the country's politics if, at a time when India faces grave security challenges, all political leaders eschew the temptation of making personal remarks. Instead, they should join hands to address the demands on them for ensuring India's progress and security.



Barring a Haldiram or a Bikanervala, most desi snacks and beverages have stayed in the unorganized sector, sold by vendors using ancient, unstandardized methods.

First-gen Foodpreneurs pack old vada in new pav

Several entrepreneurs are trying to change that by using global practices to sell Indian street food. Green mangoes are hard. And no one knows this better than Neeraj Kakkar, co-founder of Paperboat. Hector Beverages, the makers of Paperboat, has been selling its aam panna drink (green mango juice flavoured with roasted masalas) for a while. Green mangoes are notoriously hard to process because they are tough, and Kakkar says his team had to innovate extensively to make Paperboat's aam panna flavour taste like its fresh, home-made version. "So our biggest challenge is today our biggest advantage. Nobody has done this kind of thing before and it is difficult to replicate," says Kakkar. Paperboat now boasts an array of 10 distinct beverages including jaljeera, golgappe, kokum and chilled rasam. Many more innovative

products are under development including coconut water and the juice of purple carrots. The company, which opened its biggest factory in Mysuru a few months ago, works with agricultural universities and farmers across the country to figure out best practices, as they break new ground on products. Across the country, entrepreneurs are picking up traditional Indian food and beverage products to challenge Western imports like colas and burgers. In some cases they are reimagining the products and offering innovative variants. Mr & Mrs Idli and Idli Factory offer exotic stuff like Idli Manchurian, Kanchivaram Idli and Punjabi Idli. Faaso's, with funding from Sequoia and Lightbox, and Kaati Zone do a variety of Indian rolls, including Cheesy Corn Salsa and Chicken Mushroom. In other cases, they are using technology to

make the products at scale and sell them around the country, the way McDonald's and KFC do. Ammi's Biryani, with funding from Saif Partners, is doing that with biryani, as is the Hyderabad-based chain Paradise which is opening outlets in cities like Bengaluru at a fast clip. At Paradise, the self-service counter is clearly modelled after the McDonald's and Burger Kings of the world, with combos and packages and easy-to-select options. Similarly, Jumboking pioneered the organized vada pav business, and was quickly followed by Goli Vada Pav, which has received funds from Ventureast. Dheeraj Gupta of Mumbai initially dabbled in the Indian mithai (sweet) market. But the technology needed to keep sweets fresh was expensive and since the venture wasn't very profitable, Gupta was finding the going difficult. He looked at India's streets and realized how disorganized the vada pav business was. "Vada

pav was the largest selling snack in Mumbai but no one had thought of organizing that segment," he says. He borrowed Rs 2 lakh from his father and founded Jumboking. The venture is about to open its 100th store and is present across the top eight cities in the country. The company charges a 30% premium on vada pavs compared to the street pavs. It also focussed on the bread size, weight and size of the patty and eliminated wastage. The patties needed instant quick freezing at minus 18 degrees centigrade, and with hygiene a priority for Gupta, he invested in the required technology. Hygiene is a big focus for most, because for many middle class Indians today, that's the concern they have about food offerings from the unorganized segment. "Tea is available in all corners of this country but our focus is the white collar corporate employee in the top seven cities who are conscious about cleanliness and consistency," says Amuleek Singh Bijral, founder of Chai Point. Most tea joints in India end up being smoking joints, which discourages nonsmoking customers. Chai Point does not allow smoking and so enjoys a broader clientele. The average price of a glass of tea at Chai Point is less than Rs 20, less than a fourth of the price at leading cafe chains, and is designed to drive volumes. The company's 50 outlets sells more than three million

glasses a month. Hygiene, comfort and innovation is also the focus of Chennai's Idli Factory. "My biggest driver is to create food for travelling, which means comfort food that is well-packaged and easy to carry," says R U Srinivas. The company's flagship product is its 'Madras bars' which are idlis shaped like bars coated with powders such as milagai podi, garlic podi and curry leaf podi. Srinivas researched and tested 300 different batters before arriving at the best combination of rice and dal to create idlis that would remain soft and fresh even after they are cold. Arvind Singhal, chairman and MD of retail consultancy Technopak, says native food offers great opportunity in terms of revenue. "Indian food has long been neglected," he says, and appreciates startups like Chaayos and Chai Point that have leveraged Indian tea rather than going after coffee, like many others. Singhal also notes that many Indian startups in this space fail because they complicate their menus by adding too many different items. Keeping it simple helps with handling the supply chain, quality assurance and faster service across all outlets, and in keeping prices low. Bijral of Chai Point agrees. While expanding his food variety option looks enticing - currently it contributes 25% of topline - Bijral wants to reduce it to 20% and focus even more on tea. "Let others sell food," he says. Idli Factory also has a skeletal menu, and Srinivas intends to keep it that way. So does Jumboking's Gupta, who notes that multinational food chains too stick to a narrow menu but offer different versions of that menu. "Once this mindset (to complicate menus) changes, it will benefit a lot of entrepreneurs," he says. But that strategy could have its limitations too. When Mohan Kumar, partner with Norwest Venture Partners, received a request from a food startup for investment, he analysed a number of companies in the space. He found that some 25 companies in the space had touched revenues of Rs 200-300 crore, but then stopped growing. "Probably there aren't enough categories to scale up and these companies tend to get acquired by bigger ones. Big Indian players like ITC and Marico understand the market well. Some of the MNC competition too could catch up," he says. Jacob Kurian, partner at private equity fund New Silk Route, which has invested in Bengaluru-based Vasudev Adigas, a south Indian food retail chain, feels that Indian food businesses tend not to grow beyond the local area as the promoters tend to be contented at a certain size. One exception, he notes, is Haldiram. "The skill set needed to grow till Rs 200 crore and to grow beyond that are different," he says. Kurian also notes that unlike the earlier family-owned Indian businesses, those like Paperboat and Chai Point are not family businesses and don't have legacy issues. "Let these guys reach around Rs 200 crore and then we will see," he says. That could happen if the brands can go into smaller towns or even global. Paperboat's Kakkar is not sure if his drinks can be as popular as Coke in small towns. But he notes with some satisfaction: "Cola sales are declining globally."

4 not-so-known uses of peanut butter



Removes foul smell This one's especially for those homemakers who spend a lot of time in the kitchen. Peanut butter is very effective in removing the smell of fish from your hands and as well as utensils. Simply, rub some peanut butter on to your hands after washing them as well as spread some of the utensils and keep them for a while to get rid of the smell. To clean leather Cleaning leather furniture is one of the most challenging things we do, since maintaining them is a tedious task. But, using peanut butter will solve a great deal of your problem. Rub it in a gentle circular motion on the surface and wipe away with a clean cloth. Mix it with some scented oil to mask the smell

While, we all know the health benefits of peanut butter and the fact that it makes for a yummy breakfast, not many of us know about its unusual uses. of peanut butter. To fix scratched CDs With pen drives and portable hard drives, a lot of our old storage methods have been rendered useless. Hence, if you find any of your old CDs getting scratched and damaged, peanut butter can fix the problem. Rub some peanut butter gently on the scratched CDs and wipe it off with a dry cloth to see the magic. For scratch-free furniture Our home furniture is subject to a lot of scratches and damage due to daily use. If you do not want the pain of polishing your furniture after every scratch, just apply peanut butter directly on the scratched areas and wipe it off with a dry cloth after a while, and see the scratches disappear.

Recipe: Coconut Flavoured Alu Vadi

Also known as Patra, Alu Vadi is a popular preparation by the Maharashtrian community. While, some people steam and shallow fry the rolls, some just add a mild tempering of sesame and mustard seeds.

You can also add a dash to freshness to this dish by adding some thick coconut milk to recipe as well as some freshly grated coconut over it and make it even yummiest. This dish is a perfect tea time snack, light on the stomach and extremely delectable.

Ingredients
Alu leaves- 7-8 nos.
Besan (gram flour)- 100gms
Chilli powder- 2 tsp
Coriander powder- 2 tsp
Tamarind pulp- 2 tsp

A pinch of finely chopped Coriander leaves
Salt as per taste
Oil- 2 tsp
1 cup of grated coconut
Method: - Mix all the ingredients together - gram flour, chilli powder, coriander powder and tamarind pulp.
- Put in on the leaves and roll it.
- Heat oil in the pan.
- Add clove, cinnamon, pepper.
- Cut the aloo roll and put it in the pan and put



coconut milk over it.
- Keep for 20-25 minutes on a slow flame.
- Boil it till the milk dries.
- Serve it with grated coconut and finely chopped coriander leaves spread over it.
- Also, garnish it with some freshly grated

Cheese Khakra Pizza

Cheese Khakra Pizza
Ingredients: 8-10 pieces of khakra
2 cups tomato & cucumbers evenly cut into small pieces,
1 cup any farsan of your choice,
1 chopped capsicum
1 cup Green chutney (thick),
1 chopped onion
Pinch of rock salt & black pepper,
Crated cheese,
Coriander leaves.
Method:



Take 1 khakra and spread the green chutney evenly over it. Then spread tomatoes, cucumbers, capsicum and onions over the layer of chutney. Add salt, pepper powder, and farsan over it. Then grate a generous amount of cheese over it, and garnish it with some coriander leaves. You can also top it with some oregano and chilli flakes for a slightly authentic feel. How to make the green chutney Take a bowl of coriander & mint leaves, 4 green chillies, ½ table spoon lemon juice, salt & some sev for thick consistency, jaljeera powder & grind all together in mixer with a little water.

Hathras Stampede Puts Spotlight On India's Craze For Godmen

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New Delhi: Just a pat on the back by preacher "Bhole Baba" and Ramkumari said a stone in her kidney vanished. The 85-year-old gave no proof but this story and countless others of similar "miracles" led to Baba's following rocketing in India's northern states.

A gathering addressed by the former police head constable in a crowded field last week drew a quarter of a million people and caused one of the deadliest stampedes in the country. Bhole Baba was born Suraj Pal Singh Jatav. He quit the police in 2000 to join a series of Hindu preachers and gurus who are sought by millions for miracle cures and spiritual advice. They are often called godmen, and many have been wooed by politicians for the influence they wield.

Their patrons have included international celebrities like the Beatles, who spent days in the ashram of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in the late 1960s. Some of these gurus expanded beyond India, most famously Osho, who lived and preached in the United



States in the early 1980s.

Almost all of them are credited by their followers with miraculous powers. "I had gone to one of his early gatherings and told him I had chronic pain from a kidney stone for many months," said Ramkumari, Baba's former neighbour in Bahadurnagar village in India's Uttar Pradesh state, where he was born and still has a home. The village has only about 50 homes in all and is set amid fields which grow corn, wheat and rice. On the periphery is a sprawling, pearly-white ashram run by devotees of Baba. "He smiled

and blessed me with a pat on the back. The stone vanished soon after," said Ramkumari, who gave just one name. Another resident in the village, 55-year-old Surajmukhi, said Baba's blessing helped her give birth to a son after seven daughters. Sons are sought after in many Indian families. "We desperately wanted a boy," said Surajmukhi. "Then I met Baba with my husband. He made me chant some mantras (verses), gave me some water to drink and patted me on my back. After nine months I had a baby boy."

Lying on a cot next to her, Baba's older sister Sonkali, thin and frail, said: "It was a miracle". Baba, formally known as Narayan Sakar Hari now, is estimated to be about 72 by his family and followers, who are spread across India's heartland states of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh.

LINE TO GOD

Two neighbours who have known him since his childhood, including Ramkumari, said he took the path after a dream one night

about 25 years ago that a divine spirit had given him supernatural powers. He quit the police in the city of Agra and started preaching, they said. Baba would later claim he had a direct line to God and could channel divine blessings to people. "Soon after we saw a line of cars bringing Suraj Pal into the village and people said he would henceforth be called a Baba (elder)," Ramkumari said.

Reuters could not contact Baba. He told Reuters partner ANI that he was grieving and his aides would help the injured and the families of those who died. The stampede at his gathering on Tuesday killed 121 people, mostly women, and injured scores out of about 250,000 who had congregated in a canopied paddy field to listen to him, many trampling over one another as they ran after his car when he was leaving.

Police say authorities had allowed only 80,000 to attend, and have arrested six aides to Baba who were involved in organising the event. The main organiser surrendered to police on Friday.

7 Dead, Many Trapped As 6-Storey Building Collapses In Gujarat's Surat, Rescue Underway

New Delhi: At least seven people died and 10 others were injured when a multi-storey building collapsed on Saturday in Surat, Gujarat, amid heavy rains. Rescue operations are underway in the Sachin area, where many are feared to be trapped under the debris. Commissioner of Police, Surat, Anupam Gehlot, informed ANI, "Rescue operations are being conducted by the SDRF



and NDRF teams. According to the information received, 6-7 people are trapped, and three bodies have been retrieved."

The incident occurred around 3 p.m. during heavy rainfall. Residents of the six-storey building became trapped, prompting immediate responses from the fire department, NDRF, and SDRF. Gehlot noted that the building contained around 30 flats, of which 4-5 were occupied. Many residents were at work, while those who were sleeping after a night shift became trapped in the collapse.

"We Bow To Mahaprabhu Jagannath": PM Modi's Rath Yatra Greetings

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Sunday wished the people on the occasion of Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath. The President, in X posts in Odia and Hindi, greeted people on the auspicious day I extend my heartiest greetings to all people of our country on the occasion of the world-famous Rath Yatra of Mahaprabhu Shree Jagannath. Countless Jagannath lovers of the country and the world are eagerly waiting to see three deities on the chariot today," she said. Notably, President Murmu is in Odisha and is scheduled to witness Rath Yatra in Puri this afternoon.



On the occasion of the mega festival, she prayed to Lord Jagannath for everyone's happiness, peace and prosperity. PM Modi posted on X, "Greetings on the start of the sacred Rath Yatra. We bow to Mahaprabhu Jagannath and pray that His blessings constantly remain upon us."

Similarly, in a video message, the Chief Minister expressed his heartiest greetings to the people of Odisha on Rath Yatra. He prayed before Lord Jagannath for the development of Odisha in every sphere and for building a new prosperous Odisha with the cooperation of all. Among others, Odisha Governor Raghubar Das, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw have extended their greetings to the people of India on this special day.

Mayawati Demands CBI Probe Into Aide's Murder In Chennai

Chennai: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati on Sunday demanded a CBI probe into the death of her party's Tamil Nadu president K Armstrong, who was hacked to death in Chennai on Friday.

She claimed those who have been arrested so far were not the real culprits and urged Chief Minister MK Stalin to refer the probe to the central agency to ensure justice for the victim. Mayawati, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, paid homage to Armstrong here and placed a wreath before the body of the 52-year-old leader at a private school in Perambur in the city.



Expressing anguish over Armstrong's death, she also said the way he was killed, by a group of assailants late in the evening, showed "there was nothing called law and order" in the state. Mr Stalin must ensure justice for Armstrong and transfer the probe

to the Central Bureau of Investigation, he said. "The way he was killed, shows there is nothing called law and order in Tamil Nadu. Those who have killed him, the real culprits have not been nabbed," she said.

The real culprits have not been nabbed. Transfer the probe to CBI. We are not hopeful that the state government will ensure justice. So, refer the matter to CBI immediately," she demanded.

The BSP leader further said Dalits all over the state were apprehensive following Armstrong's killing and urged the Chief Minister to ensure their safety.

Soon, Food Packets Will Have Bigger, Bolder Info On Sugar, Salt, Fat

New Delhi: In a historic move, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has approved a proposal to make a bolder and bigger display of nutritional information regarding total sugar, salt and saturated fat on packaged food items, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) said on Saturday.

The proposal calls for packaged food items to carry the amount of total sugar, salt and saturated fat "in bold letters and relatively increased font size." The Ministry noted that "the information regarding per serve percentage contribution to Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) would be given in bold letters for total sugar, total saturated fat and sodium content." The decision that will amend the Food

Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 was taken in the 44th meeting of the Food Authority.

Regulation 2 (v) and 5(3) specify requirements to mention serving size and nutritional information on the food product label, respectively.

"The amendment aims to empower consumers to better understand the nutritional value of the product they are consuming and make healthier decisions," the MoHFW said. Healthcare and nutritional experts have been calling out the need to curb the intake of packaged food items, rich in sugar, salt and saturated fats -- a major reason for the rising incidences of non-communicable Diseases (NCDs). The proposal will enable

"people to make healthier choices as well as contribute towards efforts to combat NCDs and promote public health and well-being."

The FSSAI is also expected to share the draft notification for the said amendment in the public domain for inviting suggestions and objections. Further, FSSAI has been issuing advisories from time to time to prevent false and misleading claims such as 'Health Drink', '100% fruit juices', the use of the term wheat flour/ refined wheat flour, the advertisement and marketing of ORS along with prefix or suffix, nutrient function claim for multi-source edible vegetable oils etc. These advisories and directives are issued to prevent misleading claims by FBOs, MoHFW said.

Lashkar's Most-Wanted Terrorist Behind String Of Attacks In J&K: Sources

New Delhi: A Pakistan-based operative of Lashkar-e-Toiba arm, The Resistance Front, is behind the latest spike in terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, according to sources in security agencies. Saifullah Sajid Jatt is from Shangamanga village in Kasur district of Pakistan's Punjab and is a "hardcore terrorist", according to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). There is a bounty of 10 lakh on his head.

Jatt, sources said, is operating from a base camp in Pakistan capital Islamabad. His wife is of Indian origin and stays with him, they added. He has earlier worked in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and is currently handling Lashkar's recruitment and helping terrorists cross over into India, the sources said. Sajid Jatt is considered to be an operational commander of Lashkar and also handles its terror funding. He is on the most wanted list of the NIA. Security agencies suspect that he has a contact person named Qasim in Jammu and Kashmir, and a



search is on for him. Jatt, they suspect, is behind several terror strikes in the Valley over the past few years. The Union Territory has witnessed a string of terror attacks over the past couple of months. Last month, terrorists opened fire at a bus in which pilgrims were travelling. The bus fell into a gorge in Reasi district and nine people were killed. Days after the Reasi incident, two armed terrorists entered a village and opened fire. Villagers informed authorities and security forces arrived. In the gunfight that followed, a CRPF personnel was killed and the terrorists shot dead.

Over the past two days, five terrorists have been killed in separate encounters in the Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir. The encounters also left two soldiers, including a para-trooper, dead. The attack comes at a time when the Amarnath Yatra is on.

Heavy Rain In Early July Bridges India's Monsoon Deficit But Causes Flooding

India logged a rainfall deficit of 11 percent in June, with northwest India recording a shortfall of 33 per cent.

New Delhi: Heavy rainfall across large parts of India has compensated for the June deficit, bringing the overall monsoon precipitation into the surplus category. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), more spells of heavy to very heavy rain are likely over northwest India and the western parts of the peninsular India during the next two-three days and over the northeast during the next five days.

India, the world's top producer of critical

crops such as rice, wheat and sugarcane, logged a rainfall deficit of 11 percent in June, with northwest India recording a shortfall of 33 per cent. Heavy rain in the first week of July compensated for the shortfall but caused flooding in many northeastern states.

Since the four-month monsoon season began on June 1, the country has received 214.9 mm of rainfall against a normal of 213.3 mm, according to IMD data. Northwest India and the southern peninsula have recorded 3 per cent and 13 per cent above-normal rainfall, respectively. The heavy rain in the east and northeast region has reduced the deficit from 13 per cent on June 30 to zero on July 6. The rainfall deficit in central India has decreased from 14 per cent to 6 per cent during this period. The IMD data showed that 23 per cent of the sub-divisional area of the country experienced excess to large excess rainfall, 67 percent received normal rainfall, and only 10 per cent experienced



deficient rainfall.

After making an early onset over Kerala and the northeastern region on May 30, and progressing normally up to Maharashtra, the monsoon lost momentum. This delayed the rains in West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh and exacerbated the impact of a scorching heatwave in northwest India.

Monsoonal winds stalled from June 10 to June 18 and made slow progress until June 26-27. The annual rain-bearing system covered a major part of northwest

India after June 25, according to IMD data. The weather department on Saturday said heavy rainfall will continue in northeast India over the next five days.

The northeastern states are already grappling with severe floods. Assam's flood situation remains critical, with over 2.45 million people affected and 52 lives lost in the second wave of flooding this year. Heavy rainfall in Manipur, Mizoram, and Arunachal Pradesh has caused rivers to reach warning levels and triggered landslides. The IMD earlier this week said India could experience above-normal rainfall in July, and heavy rain may lead to floods in the hilly states and river basins in the central parts of the country. Experts from the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), a Nepal-based intergovernmental organisation, have also warned about a difficult monsoon season for the countries in the Hindukush Himalayan region, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Pakistan.

Recipe: Creamy vegetable dip

No house party is complete without serving a round of crackers and dip as the guests settle in. Here's how you can dish out the tasty, creamy vegetable dip.



4 mint leaves
1/4 cup grated cheese
Salt as per taste
How to make it:
- Tie homemade fresh curd in a soft, muslin cloth and squeeze all the water from it. -Do this routine twice so that all the water is drained out.
-Pour it in a bowl and whisk it to make a smooth paste. Add mayonnaise, grated cheese and mix well.
-Add the finely chopped bell peppers.
-Squeeze out all the water from grated cucumber and carrot before adding them

Prep time: 15 minutes
What you need:
1/4 cup fresh hung curds
1 tablespoon eggless mayonnaise
Half a cup of finely chopped red bell peppers
Half a cup of finely chopped green bell peppers
Half a cup of grated cucumber
Half a cup of grated carrot

to the mixture. Mix all the ingredients.
-Chop the mint leaves and add to the mixture.
-Add some salt and garnish with coriander.
-Refrigerate for an hour at least.
-Serve the dip along with cheese straws, crackers or even potato or banana chips.

Restaurant Review: The Glass House

The Glass House is the all-day dining restaurant and coffee shop of Eastin Hotel Ahmedabad.

Decor

The Glass House is a spacious restaurant on the first floor of Eastin Hotel, with an alfresco corridor around it which offers pleasant seating for a meal or snack with a view of the lawns. The restaurant has a glassed-in kitchen alongside so guests can watch some of the cooking live while they eat. They also have a good-sized screen for those who want to watch some TV while they dine - it can be a good venue to watch late night football matches as the coffee shop is open 24 hours.

Food

The Glass House does not have a large menu but offers a good selection of Indian, Italian, East Asian and other cuisine. Start with the Thai corn and coriander soup (with or without chicken), which is full of herbs and spices, and signature starters like kadak murg tikka

(the classic chicken tikka but with a crunchy exterior) and conjee baby corn and vegetables. They do an excellent paneer malai tiranga and also a good gilafi subz seekh. If you like basa fish, try the machli kali mirch or the South-East Asian style five spice chilli fish. They also offer assorted starter platter.

For the main course, the rarha gosht is excellent with tender mutton in mince meat (keema). The Lahori murg korma is also pretty good. Among the vegetarian dishes, the paneer shimla mirch and subz Jodhpuri are recommended. These go well with their breads like chilli milli paratha, til aur kalonji ki naan and masala missi. They have in-house specials from time to time, specially takes on Italian cuisine like the vegetable Siciliana which is a baked vegetarian dish using peppers in the sauce, and served with crispy garlic bread, and the chicken Milano which has the taste of fresh tomatoes, garlic and olives that are so much part of Milanese cuisine.

Decor

Black pillars support the gold and white dome, from the middle of which hangs a beautiful chandelier. Large draped windows surround the inner section of The Crown. It's wood and marble flooring suggest high maintenance. The draped windows did not do the view much justice. We opted to sit outside and it turned out to be a good decision. The Crown's majestic alfresco setup with candles and live music had romantic appeal. We actually witnessed a marriage proposal happen at a table near us.

Food

I was at The Crown for their Punjabi food, made using recipes by chef Sweetie Singh. We went the traditional way, beginning our meal with tikkas. The Patiala shahi paneer tikka was wonderful. All of it, veggies included, had a smoky feeling without the burnt taste that could happen to tikkas. I had a glass of red wine with

my Kapurthala Punjabi Chicken tikka and they went well



malai and nuts work on my taste buds. I left The Crown with a pleasant taste in my mouth.
Pluses and minuses:
Good food that could be great with a little more attention. Loved the live

with sarson da saag and makki ki roti. Somehow, the roti did not have the graininess I've grown to expect, but its smooth moist texture was good too. Pindi chana, another must have at any Punjabi restaurant, disappointed me as it was a little bland. Dessert, though, was a hit. I loved the creamy kulfi. It was not overly sweet and allowed the milky

band and the feeling of space both indoors and outdoors. If you like to stay cool, I suggest you dine inside, and be deprived of a

The Crown: 115, Sir Thyagaraya Road, T. Nagar, Chennai-600017
Meal For Two: 2,500
Timings: 6 pm-11pm
AC: Yes
Home Delivery: No
Veg/Non-Veg: Both
Parking: Yes
Credit Card: Yes
Liquor: Yes



How to utilise citrus fruit peels



Citrus peels can be used in various ways at home. It not only saves you money, it also brings wonderful results.

Use lemon peel to bathe. It leaves your body and hair smelling fresh and clean.

Add any citrus peel to a pitcher of water and put in the refrigerator. It gives a soothing fragrance and mild flavour to water.

Add a slice of citrus peel to brown sugar to prevent it from going hard.

Use dried citrus peel to freshen up that smelly sock or underwear drawer. Place the peels inside a sachet first and it will create a beautiful scent. Place dried citron peel into closets and wardrobes to ward off the moths.

You can use orange or lemon peels to make your breath smell great. Chew the peel and you'll find it's a good substitute for mints and gum.



Recipe: Stuffed cobra rice roll

Rice rolls stuffed with corn flavored with cobra chilli in oil
Preparation time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 25 minutes
Serves: 4
Ingredients: For stuffed cobra rice roll
1 tsp: Oil
1 nos. Naga Jholokia (Bhut Jholokia)
1 cup: Rice Flour
1/4 cup: Corn kernels
1/4 cup: Green tomatoes (finely chopped)
1" piece: Ginger (finely chopped)
1/2 tsp: Turmeric powder
1/2 tsp: Black pepper (crushed)
To taste: Salt
1 tsp: Lemon juice
For the chutney
1/2 cup: Raw papaya (julienned or thickly grated)
To taste: Salt 1/2 cup
Sugar 1 tsp
Oil 1/4 cup
Cumin seeds 1/4 tsp
Coriander seeds 2 tsp:



Coconut (grated)
For the smoothie
1 nos. Peach
4 tsp: Curd
1 tsp: Sugar
For garnish:
Melon seeds
Method:
-Heat 1 tsp oil and add Bhut Jolokia to it. When chilli splutters, remove from flame and keep aside.
-For the roll, mix rice flour with a pinch of salt and warm water to make a smooth dough. Keep aside.
-Mix corn kernels, green tomatoes, ginger,

turmeric powder, black pepper, salt, lemon juice and prepared chilli oil. Mix in 1 tsp of rice flour to help bind the mixture.
-Divide prepared dough into half. Flatten out one half into a rectangular shape, spread over with half the prepared stuffing and roll into a cylinder. Repeat procedure with remaining dough and stuffing.
-Boil water in a soup pot and add the cylinders. When cylinders start floating, remove, drain, pat dry and cut into slices.
-For the chutney, combine raw papaya with salt, 2 tsp water and sugar and cook till done. Heat oil and add in the cumin seeds and coriander seeds. When spices crackle, mix in coconut and cook till golden.
-For the smoothie, cut a peach into half and deseed carefully. Scoop out some flesh to form cups. Whip the scooped out peach with curd and sugar in a blender till smooth. Fill into prepared cups and garnish with melon seeds.
-To serve, spread chutney on a plate and arrange rice rolls on it. Serve alongside peach cups.



Union Budget: Infra Push, Structural Reforms For Sustainable Growth Key Industry Wish-List

New Delhi.With the government set to present the Union Budget 2024-25 on July 23, industry leaders and experts have reiterated the importance of structural reforms to drive sustainable and inclusive economic growth, especially the critical role of infrastructure development towards India becoming the third largest economy.

According to industry chambers, by prioritising structural reforms, strategic infrastructure development, targeted sectoral initiatives and a rationalised tax system, India can navigate current challenges and emerge as a stronger, more competitive economy in the long run.Assocham has recommended accelerating investments through public-private partnerships (PPPs) with a focus on key sectors like transportation, energy, water supply, and digital infrastructure. This will enhance connectivity, improve productivity, and bolster India's overall competitiveness.In order to address the growing concern for environmental sustainability, the leading chamber of commerce urged the government to introduce policies and incentives that promote clean technologies, renewable energy sources, and sustainable practices across industries like agriculture, manufacturing, and transportation.The government can further streamline regulations, expedite approvals and permits, and leverage digitalisation to attract investments and enhance operational efficiency, according to industry watchers.According to ICRA, the government's revenue receipts are likely to witness an upward revision of Rs 1.2 trillion in the 'FY2025 Revised Budget' over the 'Interim Budget Estimate' (IBE), while pegging a relatively shallower increase in the revenue expenditure (revex) target, largely focused on the rural economy.The rating agency expects the revenue receipts of the government to increase on the back of a higher RBI dividend and a rise in tax collections."The government is likely to set a fiscal deficit target at 4.9-5.0 per cent for FY2025, vis-a-vis the IBE of 5.1 per cent of GDP, without compromising the capital expenditure target of Rs. 11.1 trillion," according to ICRA. The Budget Session of Parliament will start on July 22 and extend till August 12.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the budget at a time when the Indian economy has clocked a robust 8.2 per cent growth in 2023-24, which is the fastest among the world's major economies, and inflation coming down to below 5 per cent.

The RBI has stated that the economy is headed to an over 8 per cent growth trajectory. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already declared that "the next five years will be a decisive fight against poverty".

Ola exits Google Maps, to save Rs 100 cr per year with in-house maps

NEW DELHI. After exiting Microsoft's Azure last month, Ola Cabs has now fully exited Google Maps, moving to its in-house Ola Maps, founder-CEO, Bhavish Aggarwal has said in a post on X. He said that the company used to spend Rs 100 crore a year on Google maps, which they have made zero by this move to in-house Ola maps.Aggarwal said that Ola Cabs will see a number of features in the coming months, which include street view, neural radiance fields (NERFs), indoor images, 3D maps and drone maps, among others.

In October 2021, Ola had acquired GeoSpoc, a Pune-based company specialising in geospatial services. Ola Maps now supports the mapping requirements of its primary ride-hailing application. Additionally, the company said that it will integrate Ola Maps into its electric two-wheelers through a software update in January.In May, Aggarwal had said that his company has decided to move its entire workload out of Microsoft Azure to its own cloud platform Krutrim.

The move was a reaction to Microsoft-owned LinkedIn removing Aggarwal's post on 'pronoun illness', in which he called out the platform for imposing a 'forced ideology' over gender pronouns.

Festive offer

This led to a loss of over Rs 100 crore for Microsoft in India, as Ola was its big customer. He also threw an invitation to other developers, saying if they wanted to move out of Azure, he will offer a full year of free cloud usage to them.The only condition being that they should not go back to Azure after that.

Hindenburg shared Adani report with client two months before publishing it: SEBI

NEW DELHI. US short-seller Hindenburg Research had shared an advance copy of its damning report against Adani group with New York-based hedge fund manager Mark Kingdon about two months before publishing it and profited from a deal to share spoils from share price movement, according to market regulator Sebi.The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), in its 46-page show cause notice to Hindenburg, detailed how the US short seller, the New York hedge fund and a broker tied to Kotak Mahindra Bank benefited from the over USD 150 billion routs in the market value of Adani group's 10 listed firms post-publication of the report.

ebi charged Hindenburg of making unfair profits from collusion to use non-public and misleading information and induce panic selling in Adani Group stocks.Hindenburg, which made public the Sebi notice, in its response, has described the show cause as an attempt to "silence and intimidate those who expose corruption and fraud perpetrated by the most powerful individuals in India" and revealed that the vehicle used to bet against Adani's flagship firm Adani Enterprises Ltd belonged to Kotak Mahindra (International) Ltd, a Mauritius-based subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.KMIL's fund placed bets on Adani Enterprises Ltd for its client Kingdon's Kingdon Capital Management.Sebi notice includes extracts of time-stamped chats between an employee of the hedge fund and KMIL traders for selling future contracts in AEL.

FSSAI Cracks Down on Misleading Claims on Packaged Food: Salt, Sugar, Fat Label In Bigger Font Soon

FSSAI proposes mandatory bold labeling of salt, sugar, and fat content on packaged foods

NEW DELHI. Food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on Saturday approved changes in nutritional information labelling on packaged food items, proposing that total salt, sugar and saturated fat should be displayed in bold letters and in bigger font size.he FSSAI will issue a draft notification on this and seek stakeholder comments.FSSAI is the national regulatory body for food in India. It is responsible for ensuring the safety and quality of food items manufactured, stored, distributed, sold and imported in India.n an official statement, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) said it has approved "a proposal to display nutritional information regarding total sugar, salt and saturated fat in bold letters

and relatively increased font size on labels of packaged food items".The decision to approve the amendment in the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 regarding nutritional information labelling was taken in the 44th meeting of the Food Authority, held under the chairmanship of Apurva Chandra, Chairperson, FSSAI.The amendment aims to empower consumers to understand better the nutritional value of the product they are consuming and make healthier decisions," the regulator said.The draft notification for the said amendment would now be put in the public domain for inviting suggestions and objections.The information regarding per-serve percentage (%) contribution to Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) would be given in bold letters for total sugar, total saturated fat and sodium content, the FSSAI said.

The regulator said that regulations 2 (v) and 5(3) of FSS (Labelling and Display) Regulation, 2020 specify requirements to mention serving size and nutritional information on the food product label,



respectively.Along with empowering consumers to make healthier choices, the amendment would also contribute towards efforts to combat the rise of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and promote public health and well-being," the statement said.The prioritisation of the development of clear and distinguished labelling requirements would help in the global effort to combat NCDs.FSSAI said it has been issuing advisories from time to time to prevent false and misleading claims.

These include advisories sent to e-commerce websites for removal of the term 'Health Drink' as it is not defined or standardized anywhere under the FSS Act

2006 or rules/regulations made thereunder.It has also recently asked all Food Business Operators (FBOs) to remove any claim of '100% fruit juices' from the labels and advertisements of reconstituted fruit juices.The regulator also directed FBOs not to use the term wheat flour/refined wheat flour.

These advisories and directives are issued to prevent misleading claims by FBOs.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; states and Union Territories attended the meeting.Representatives from industry associations, consumer organisations, research institutes and farmers' organisations were also present at the meeting.The FSSAI was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, of 2006 and has its headquarters in New Delhi. It functions under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

How Much Do High Net-worth Individuals Invest In Term Insurance Policybazaar Reveals Trends

More individuals are now opting for customising their coverage with suitable riders to ensure an additional layer of protection.



NEW DELHI. As the awareness and demand for term insurance gain momentum, Policybazaar has observed a steadily growing preference among High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs) for high-value insurance coverage. This shift is visible through an increasing number of HNIs opting for high-value policies of Rs 20 Crore over the last few years, the insurance marketplace said.The data pertains to trends on the Policybazaar platform only.According to Policybazaar, this trend reflects an evolving sense of risk management and financial planning in this segment. Also, this marks a departure from the conventional belief that online platforms are not favoured for high-value transactions.The shift in insurance choices is also clear with more people now opting for Rs 5 Crore policies, which was seen as very high

coverage.Currently, these policies are becoming as common as the Rs 1 Crore policies, showing that Rs 5 Crore is becoming the new norm in HNI term insurance.

Key Locations

The trend indicates a notable concentration of such purchases in key metropolitan regions. In the National Capital Region (NCR), followed by Pune, Hyderabad, and Visakhapatnam, several policies worth 20 Crore have been bought by HNIs, reflecting the growing demand for comprehensive financial protection.Similarly, cities like Bengaluru, Chennai and Mumbai have also shown a noticeable uptake, with policies ranging between Rs 10 to

15 Crore being bought by HNIs here.arbvir Singh, joint group CEO, PB Fintech, said, "We are delighted to witness the growing trust of HNIs in Policybazaar for their term insurance needs. The online sale of high-ticket size policies dispels the myth that digital mediums are not preferred by customers for such high-stake transactions. We will continue to provide the accessibility, transparency and convenience that our customers trust us with."There have also been several interesting trends that have been noticed in consumer buying behaviour;Rhishabh Garg, business head, term insurance at Policybazaar, added, "The increasing demand for high-value term insurance policies highlights the importance of growing awareness among HNIs. We are committed to providing solutions that meet our customer's needs at every step of their journey. We will continue to build products that help every customer find the right coverage to protect their loved ones."

Wealth creators, dharma & Bharat

NEW DELHI. World-wide, there is talk about India's economic growth over the past three decades. Estimates show the country could become the third-largest economy in the world by 2030 with a gross domestic product (GDP) of over 7.3 trillion USD. This is attributed to the overall improvement of labour conditions, innovation, research, a pro-entrepreneurial environment, growth of capital stock and the dedicated hard work of wealth creators in the country who contribute significantly to the economy.

This growth is a far cry from the economic-ecosystem of the country in the first few decades after its independence wherein policies were socialistic-leaning. Nationalization and inefficient handling of high-earning sectors created barriers to growth. The stringent "License Raj" regulations hindered the creation of entrepreneurship and free market competition. The 1990's saw the liberalization of the Indian economy, an influx of investments and alleviated over 270 million people from abject poverty.

Thanks to the colonial era and the period after that, it has been ingrained in the mind of the average Indian that those who have created wealth have done it illegally or at the cost of society. This conditioning and mindset will require some serious revisiting, especially considering the "Viksit Bharat" vision, which plans to transform India into a developed nation by 2047. With such a grand scheme, it is important that society supports the growing, aspirational, and young middle class which is a key ingredient in India's 2047 plan. It's time to see beyond the capitalism vs socialism models; a mixed economic model with the state playing the role of an enabler and encouraging businesses works for Bharat.The government plays a necessary role in the changing landscape of new-India. Policies (just to name a few) such the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana which aimed to support MSME businesses through loans without collateral have generated jobs, enabled expansion of enterprises, promotes skill development, and removed barriers for individuals from lower economic backgrounds.The Stand-Up India Scheme for entrepreneurs belonging to Scheduled Castes and Tribes has provided loans and assistance to dozens of innovative individuals.The Mahila Coir Yojana has given rural women-entrepreneurs a subsidy of up to 75% for machinery costs, which has also broken down other socio-economic barriers.In the next few decades, Bharat is primed to see huge multi-national companies originating from the country itself, just how the U.S. and China have seen the growth of multiple Fortune 500 companies from their territories. In the last decade, India has taken some significant policy measures to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation.

FPIs inject Rs 7,900cr in equities in the first week of July; investment surpasses Rs 1 lakh cr in 2024

NEW DELHI. Foreign investors infused over Rs 7,900 crore in Indian equities in the first week of the month amid a healthy economic and earnings growth momentum. With this, total FPI investment in equities reached Rs 1.16 lakh crore this year, data with the depositories showed.Going forward, the Union Budget and Q1 FY25 earnings could determine the sustainability of FPI flows, experts said.According to the data, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have made a net inflow of Rs 7,962 crore in equities so far this month (till July 5).This came following an inflow of Rs 26,565 crore in equities in June, driven by political stability and a sharp rebound in

markets.Before that, FPIs withdrew Rs 25,586 crore in May on poll jitters and over Rs 8,700 crore in April on concerns over a tweak in India's tax treaty with Mauritius and a sustained rise in US bond yields.Some funds were probably waiting on the sidelines for the election event to be over, Milind Muchhala, Executive Director, Julius Baer India, said."We believe that India remains an attractive investment destination amid a healthy economic and earnings growth momentum, and the FPIs cannot afford to ignore the markets for too long," he added.eoijt Financial Services Chief Investment Strategist VK Vijayakumar said a significant feature of FPI flows is that

their selling in India has been triggered by external factors like rising bond yields in the US and low valuations in other emerging markets. When that situation changes, they again become buyers in India.In the fortnight that ended June 30, FPIs bought heavily in telecom and financial services. Additionally, they were buyers in autos, capital goods, healthcare and IT. On the other hand, selling was seen in metals, mining and power, which had run up too fast in recent months.Apart from equities, FPIs invested Rs 6,304 crore in the debt market during the period under review. This has pushed the debt tally to Rs 74,928 crore this year so far.

Healthcare sector witnesses major consolidation

BENGALURU. The healthcare sector is on the verge of rapid consolidation as collaborations, mergers and acquisitions (M&A) have become the norm due to market dynamics in the space. Also, this is driven by cost factors and the need to make use of advanced technologies to serve patients better and faster.

The sector has been witnessing many major deals as this year alone it saw over 8 deals amounting to more than \$1,068 million. In 2023, PE-VC investments in India stood at \$4,506 million across 19 deals.

Dr. B S Ajaikumar, Executive Chairman, Healthcare Global Enterprises Ltd, told TNIE that consolidation is very helpful particularly in a niche space like oncology to bring about uniformity and standardisation of cancer care, as well as excellence in clinical innovation across the length and breadth of India.

HCG last month announced the acquisition of Mahatma Gandhi Cancer Hospital & Research Institute (MGCHRI) in Vizag, Andhra Pradesh, for an enterprise value of Rs 414 crore. HCG will have an initial 51% stake in the hospital, with plans to complete the acquisition of the additional 34% stake over the next 18 months.

Speaking about it, Ajaikumar said this consolidation will ease our process of key

data collection, as also the analysis of case histories and outcomes specific to the Indian sub-continent.

He is looking forward to scaling new highs by virtue of the hospital's association with a renowned surgeon like Dr. Murali Krishna Voonna (oncology surgeon). "This acquisition is a win-win for both partners given the financial fillip and economies of scale through shared services and tapping of growth opportunities in a strategic location like Vizag," he said.On July 1, global investment firm KKR announced the acquisition of a controlling stake in Baby Memorial Hospital, a multi-specialty hospital network in India. This transaction builds on KKR's track record in the healthcare sector in the country and across the Asia Pacific, which includes Max Healthcare, Healthium, and Infinx, among others.Early this year, New Delhi-based private hospital chain Max Health Institute made two big acquisitions – Nagpur-based Alexis Multi-Specialty Hospital for an enterprise value of Rs 412 crore and Lucknow-based Sahara Hospital for an enterprise value of Rs 940 crore.Can consolidation help boost healthcare?

Dr Debojyoti Dhar, Co-founder and Director, Leucine Rich Bio, a microbiome company, pointed out that as per the report by the National Conference of State Legislatures, consolidation of the



health system may improve care coordination, quality and efficiency. Consolidation in the healthcare sector is a crucial step towards simplifying the customer experience and accelerating the adoption of novel technologies.

"As new start-ups develop groundbreaking technologies, combining these different services into one place makes it easier for patients. This approach not only makes things run smoother but also speeds up

how quickly new technologies are used and expanded. It means that advanced healthcare solutions can get to people faster and be more accessible to everyone. Secondly, it helps to scale up the new technologies faster and make it more accessible to the end user," he said. Kaushik De, Manager, Growth Advisory, Aranca, pointed out a few examples including Apollo Hospitals, which acquired Artemis and Sanjeevani Hospitals, and Fortis Healthcare, which made multiple acquisitions such as SRL Diagnostics, Escorts Heart Institute, and Malar Hospitals. Manipal merged with Columbia Asia in 2021, enhancing its coverage to 7,300 beds across 27 hospitals.He said, "Key drivers include regulatory changes such as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policies and the National Health Policy 2017, which encourage mergers to meet standards and improve service delivery, as seen with IHH Healthcare Berhad, Malaysia, acquiring a controlling stake in Fortis Healthcare in 2018. Financial stability is another factor, allowing larger organisations to better absorb economic shocks and invest in growth."

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Wimbledon 2024, Day 7 Order of Play: Alcaraz, Sinner set for 4th round action

New Delhi. The Day 7 of Wimbledon 2024 will see several big names in action as defending champion and third seed Carlos Alcaraz will take on 16th-seeded Ugo Humbert from France in the round of 16 of men's singles at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (AELTC), London on Sunday, July 7.rench Open champion Alcaraz had to fight his way back against Frances Tiafoe in the third round as the Spaniard sealed the fourth set in a tiebreak before claiming a convincing victory in the fifth. He will be given some tough competition from Humbert who's coming into the fixture after beating Brandon Nakashima over four closely fought sets.World Number one Janik Sinner will be up against 4th-seeded American Ben Shelton in his fourth-round fixture while Fifth seeded Daniil Medvedev will take on tenth-seeded Grigor Dimitrov.Sinner faced some difficulty in the first two rounds where he dropped a set each but later sailed through third round with a straight-sets win over Miomir Kecmanovic. On the other hand, Shelton has been pushed into a fifth set in each round will look to gain confidence from his ability to perform under pressure.In women's singles, second seed Coco Gauff will face-off with the 19th seeded Emma Navarro. Gauff has reached the Wimbledon fourth round twice, but has never been able to progress further ahead. However, the 20-year-old looks in good form this year coming in from three straight-set wins.

Young India trying their best to carry forward Rohit, Virat's legacy: Ravi Bishnoi

New Delhi. India spinner Ravi Bishnoi has said that the young team is trying their best to take forward the legacy of Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Ravindra Jadeja, three modern-day greats who retired from the T20I format after India's triumphant T20 World Cup run in the USA and Caribbean islands. Speaking in Harare after India's loss in the first T20I against Zimbabwe, Bishnoi said that the Indian players were given their best.

World Champions India were shocked by minnows Zimbabwe in the first T20I match of the series on Saturday, 7 July. The Indian team failed to chase down 116 runs in Harare, and lost their first T20I match in 2024. The entire Indian batting unit, which included the likes of Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma, Riyan Parag and Rituraj Gaikwad failed, as Zimbabwe scripted a memorable victory.Indian Premier League stars Riyan Parag and Rinku Singh were heavily trolled by fans on social media after their loss. Both Riyan and Rinku got out to fast bowler Tendai Chatara. While Riyan scored 2 off 3 balls, Rinku got out trying to pull the fast bowler in the second ball of his innings, when he had not scored a single run.Speaking to the media after the game Bishnoi blamed the loss on the batting order collapse. At one point in time, India had lost 6 wickets inside the first 50 runs, while chasing only 116. Bishnoi felt that if India could have gotten a 20-30-run partnership in the middle overs, things might have looked different."We collapsed. The lack of partnerships, that made a difference. If we could have had 20-30 runs partnerships, the story could be different," Bishnoi said in Saturday after the match.

"The seniors handed the responsibility to us and it is our responsibility to take the flag ahead, we are trying our best," Bishnoi further said.

Euro 2024: Netherlands storm into semi-finals with comeback win over Turkiye

New Delhi, A spirited Turkiye were knocked out by Netherlands in the quarter-final of Euro 2024 on Saturday, 6 July. Playing at the Olympiastadion in Berlin, the Dutch held on despite Turkiye taking the lead the in first half, to reach their first Euro semi-final in 20 years.Turkiye were fantastic throughout the match, but were undone in two crucial moments. The first one came from de Vrij in the 70th minute of the game, when the Netherlands were frustrated and were looking out of the game. De Vrij converted the cross from Memphis Depay inside the box to help Netherlands draw level against their wily opponent. The second one came just 6 minutes later when Dezel Dumfries put in a harmless low cross into Depay and Cody Gakpo. Turkiye defenders, who had done so well till that time to push the attackers off were caught napping and it ended resulting in an own goal when Mert Muldur tried to slide tackle Gakpo from behind at the far post.Turkiye tried hard in the final 10 minutes of the game to search for the equalizer, but it never came. Dutch goalkeeper Bart Verbruggen made two crucial saves - first, a low freekick from Arda Guler that was finger-tipped into the side bar - and then a reflex save from close range to keep the Oranje ahead in the game.

Turkiye were the more creative of the two teams, breaking the lines from all parts of the pitch. Hakan Calhanoglu, Arda Guler ran the show in the attacking mid-field, while Baris Alper Yilmaz ran himself to the ground, driving the ball in the final third. Arda and Calhanoglu's street smarts, mixed with Yilmaz's character and ability to give hundred per cent in every single challenge he made helped Turkiye take the lead in the first half of the match.

Zimbabwe vs India 2nd T20I, Predicted Playing XI: Battered India eager to fightback

Zimbabwe and India will lock horns in the second T20I of the five-match series on Sunday, July 7. India will be eager to bounce back after humiliating loss in the first game.

New Delhi. A young team India was handed a surprise defeat by Zimbabwe in the first T20I of the five-match series on Saturday, July 6 at Harare Sports Club, Harare. Chasing a low total of 116, the Men in Blue were bundled out for 102 in 19.5 overs with captain Shubman Gill being the top scorer with 31 (29).

After a humiliating loss, India don't have much time to regroup as they will take the field in the second T20I on Sunday, July 7 at the same venue. The young Turks will be desperate to turn things around after tainting the crown of world champions handed over by the senior pros. There are a lot of areas to improve with the bat for the



young side as they failed to stitch small partnerships in the middle overs which eventually cost them the game. A total of three debutants featured for India in the first T20I namely Riyan Parag, Dhruv Jurel and Abhishek Sharma.

However, the trio had a game to forget with Sharma getting dismissed for a four-ball

duck while Parag (2 off 3) and Jurel (6 off 14) got dismissed cheaply. Ravi Bishnoi shone with the ball registering figures of 4/13 in four overs. Despite being hammered in the first T20I, the team management is unlikely to make any changes in the playing XI and will look to give more chances to the underperforming

youngsters.

ZIM vs IND Predicted Playing XI

On the other hand, Zimbabwe will be delighted with the clinical performances of their players which brought the world champions down to their knees. Captain Sikandar Raza was the star of the show as his all round show played a pivotal role in his team's win. Raza scored 17 (19) and later picked up 3/25 dismissing his counterpart Shubman Gill, Ravi Bishnoi and Mukesh Kumar.

Hence, changes are unlikely to happen in both the teams for the upcoming clash as both sides won't be willing to chop and change this early in the series.

India's Predicted XI: Shubman Gill (c), Abhishek Sharma, Rituraj Gaikwad, Riyan Parag, Rinku Singh, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Avesh Khan, Mukesh Kumar, Khaleel AhmedZimbabwe's Predicted XI: Wessly Madhevere, Innocent Kaia, Brian Bennett , Sikandar Raza (c), Dion Myers, Johnathan Campbell, Clive Madande (wk), Wellington Masakadza, Luke Jongwe, Blessing Muzarabani, Tendai Chatara

India announce squad for women's Asia Cup 2024 set to begin from July 19

New Delhi. The BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) announced the squad for the upcoming women's Asia Cup 2024 on Friday, July 6. The selection committee has retained 15 out of the 17 players currently playing in the series against South Africa and left out Amanjot Kaur and Shabnam Shakil.

Shakil was a late addition to the team for all three formats to reinforce the seam attack and is yet to make her debut for the national side. On the other hand, all-rounder Kaur also didn't feature in any of the matches of the tour.The rest of the squad contains all the familiar names with Harmanpreet Kaur set to lead the team with Smriti Mandhana acting as her deputy. Apart from the 15-member squad, the selection committee has also named Shweta Sehrawat, Saika Ishaque, Tanuja Kanwer and Meghna Singh as travelling reserves. The ninth edition of the women's Asia Cup will begin from July 19 in Sri Lanka with the final of the competition to be played on



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A total of eight teams will be seen participating in the event which have been divided into two groups. India have been put in Group A alongside Pakistan, UAE and Nepal. On the other hand, Group B contains Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

The opening game of the event will be played between UAE and Nepal on July 19 at Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium, Dambulla while India will begin their campaign against arch-rivals

Pakistan at the same venue later in the day.

India are the defending champions

The continental event will be held in the T20 format and will serve as a dress rehearsal for the women's T20 World Cup scheduled to be held later this year in Bangladesh from October 3. Notably, the Women in Blue are the defending champions of the event having won the trophy in the previous edition held in 2022. India are also the most dominant team of the tournament having won seven out of the eight editions contested so far with Bangladesh being the only other winner in 2018.Squad: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana (vc), Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (wk), Uma Chetry (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, Dayalan Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil, Sajana Sajeevan

John Cena announces WWE retirement, to finish up with company in 2025

New Delhi. John Cena has announced his shock retirement from WWE with the 16-time World Champion set to end his time inside the ring by 2025. Cena made the announcement during the Money In The Bank Premium Live Event in Toronto, where he made a surprise appearance. Cena was sporting a new t-shirt which had the words 'the Last Time is Now' written on it.

Cena was introduced by WWE Hall Of Famer Trish Stratus to the crowd in Toronto, before Cena would announce his retirement from the company. At first, it was thought that the 16-time World Champion would wrestle for the last time at WrestleMania. However, Cena stated in the post Money In The Bank media scrum that WrestleMania 41 would be his final appearance at the Show Of Shows and he aims to wrestle until



December 2025.

"Tonight, I announce my retirement from the WWE," said Cena inside the ring.Cena is expected to be on WWE RAW's debut on Netflix, Royal Rumble 2025, Elimination Chamber 2025 and WrestleMania 41.

John Cena's WWE career so far

Cena has had a Hall Of Fame career in WWE, since making his debut in the company in 2002 when he answered an open challenge

from Kurt Angle during an episode of SmackDown in June.enaquickly adopted the 'Doctor of Thuganomics' persona, that made him an instant hit amongst the fans and he would go on to win the WWE Championship for the first time in his career.Cena has then gone on to win the WWE title a total of 13 times, World Heavyweight championship 3 times and won the Royal Rumble 2 times. Cena has

adopted a lesser role in WWE over the past few years given his Hollywood commitments.Cena has taken time off his schedule to make appearances in WWE and also made the trip to India for the first time in his career last year. Cena's last appearance in the WWE before Sunday was during the WrestleMania 40 main event when he got involved in the match between Roman Reigns and Cody Rhodes.

ZIM vs IND, 2nd T20I: Prediction, team news, pitch conditions and predicted XI

India cricketer Krunal Pandya penned an emotional note for brother Hadik after his historic T20 World Cup 2024 triumph. Hardik was booed by fans during IPL 2024 after replacing Rohit Sharma as skipper.

New Delhi, Shubman Gill's India were handed a reality check by Sikandar Raza's Zimbabwe in the opening T20I of the 5-match series on Saturday, 6 July. India failed to chase down 116 runs in Harare, and were bundled out for their lowest T20I score in the last 8 years. Star players who have already made a name in the Indian Premier League miserably failed in the sticky track in Harare as India got bundled out for just 102 runs in

19.5 oversIndia captain Shubman Gill said that the team looked rusty and asked his batters to step up in the next game. The India side will do well to keep their ego and methods aside as the Harare track is not the one where they will get to make 200+ runs every day. The team will look to shake the defeat off and get into their zone quickly as they face Zimbabwe once again on Sunday, 7 July.

The batters including debutants Riyan Parag, Abhishek Sharma and Dhruv Jurel will hope to assess the situation quickly as India cannot let another game slip against a team that was not able to qualify for the T20 World Cup 2024. Zimbabwe were beaten by Uganda in the African qualifiers and had to sit out this year's competition despite being a legacy team in the history of African cricketIndia are likely to field an unchanged XI as interim coach VVS Laxman would hope that it was just one bad day at the office for the batters. There are several players in this team who are expected to take over the mantle from Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Ravindra Jadeja, and they will need to prove their worth on Sunday,



when India face the wily Zimbabwean team once again.

ZIM VS IND, 2ND T20I: PITCH AND WEATHER REPORT

Zimbabwe captain Sikandar Raza said after the first T20I that in the winter the pitch was expected to remain sticky, helping the spinners. Something similar can be expected in the 2nd T20I match as well. The weather is expected to be sunny without any rainfall at all.

ZIM vs IND: WHEN AND WHERE TO

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Harare Sports Club in Harare will host all the T20Is in Harare. The matches will get underway at 1 pm local time and 4:30 pm IST.

ZIM vs IND, 2ND T20I: PREDICTED PLAYING XIS

Both teams are unlikely to change their playing XI for the second match of the series. Zimbabwe have won the match and do not need to break their winning combination. On the other hand, it is too early for Team India to snatch away the trust from their preferred playing XI.

India Playing XI

Shubman Gill (c), Abhishek Sharma, Rituraj Gaikwad, Riyan Parag, Rinku Singh, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Avesh Khan, Mukesh Kumar, Khaleel Ahmed

Zimbabwe Playing XI

Wessly Madhevere, Innocent Kaia, Brian Bennett, Sikandar Raza (c), Dion Myers, Johnathan Campbell, Clive Madande (wk), Wellington Masakadza, Luke Jongwe, Blessing Muzarabani, Tendai Chatara

Taapsee Pannu

Reveals She Would Have Agreed To Star In Animal 'On Paper': 'But The Difference Is...'

The influence of films on audiences and the moral responsibilities of actors and filmmakers have been longstanding topics of discussion. This debate intensified following the release of director Sandeep Reddy Vanga's "Animal" last December, which faced criticism for allegedly glorifying misogyny and violence. In a recent edition of Expresso, Taapsee Pannu was asked whether she would have agreed to star in a film like 'Animal.' Her response was direct: "On paper, yes. She elaborated, "If I would have read the script of Animal, I would have been equally excited as Ranbir Kapoor... But, the difference is... when you read a script and when you see what you see, it is the director's medium. When I am reading a script, I don't know which shot he is putting low angle and high BGM on... I can't see that through script. It is only the director who can communicate that with the shot-taking and with the post-production. You conceive a certain scene and shot. Heroism, or how you celebrate (a character, depends on how the scene is shot), it will not be on paper." Using her role in the film 'Badla' as an example, Taapsee explained that she was fully aware of the character she was signing up for—a thoroughly dark character who would receive no redemption. "Nowhere in the entire film you will see them celebrating my darkness," she noted. She went on to emphasize, "Now, that's where director's politics comes in. That's why it is a director's

medium which no actor can read when they are reading the script." Reaffirming that she would have agreed to 'Animal' based on the script, Taapsee commented, "It was a little strange to hear cheers and whistles at certain moments and points where I wouldn't have liked the BGM to grow like that, where the audience is forced to cheer, clap and whistle at certain moments. That's the issue. In a star-studded cast including Ranbir Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, Anil Kapoor, and Triptii Dimri, 'Animal,' under the direction of Sandeep Reddy Vanga, raked in a staggering Rs 900 crore worldwide. However, the film faced significant criticism for its portrayal of misogyny and violence, sparking a heated debate amongst viewers and critics alike.



Juhi Chawla

Reveals Secret Wedding With Jay Mehta Was Due To Fear Of Losing Her Career: 'We Kept It Quiet...'

During the heights of her career in the 1990s, actress Juhi Chawla clandestinely tied the knot with businessman Jay Mehta, veiling their union from the public eye. In a previous interview, Juhi disclosed how the absence of mobile phone cameras in that era allowed their secret nuptials to remain hidden. Fearing for her career, Juhi opted for a covert marriage with Jay in 1995, and the couple now shares two children, Jhanvi and Arjun. In a conversation with former journalist Rajeev Masand on his YouTube channel a few years back, Juhi revealed, "I was just about established and just starting to do well. That's the time Jay was serenading me, and I was afraid of losing my career just when I kind of got there. So, I wanted carry on and this seemed the midway, that let's keep it quiet and it's okay, you carry on working." Reflecting on that period, Juhi shared the challenging circumstances she faced with the loss of her mother, expressing, "That year my mother passed away as well so I had another tragedy and that was a very difficult time for me as well because I felt I was going to lose everything I had, everything I loved, my work and my mum." During a recent discussion at an event organized by the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Juhi shared a heartwarming anecdote about her wedding. Juhi revealed how her mother-in-law intervened to simplify their grand wedding plans, prompting the cancellation of nearly 2000 invitations that had been dispatched worldwide. She recounted the intimate ceremony that followed, where they exchanged vows in a cozy setting surrounded by only their immediate family and closest friends, "She convinced the family to not have the big wedding and I got married at home with just the family and closest friends in attendance. So with just 80-90 people present. Imagine your mother-in-law cancelling the invites that had already been sent out," she stated. It was in the year 1998 when Juhi was shooting for the movie Duplicate, when she received the bad news about the untimely demise of her mother Mona Chawla, in an accident. Jay, who had seen his own share of misfortune as he lost his first wife Sujata Birla in a plane crash in 1990, comforted Juhi and helped her cope with the mammoth loss. "That was a very difficult time for me, because I felt I was going to lose everything I loved," the actress had earlier told CNN-News18. "From then on, everywhere I went, he turned up. Everywhere I looked, he was there with flowers and notes and gifts. Every day! On my birthday, I remember he sent me a truckload of red roses. I was like, 'What do you do with a truckload of flowers?' He really did all he could. After a year, he proposed," Juhi had recalled.



Manisha Koirala Reveals She Was Labeled 'Easy' for Dating Men: 'I Lead My Life On My Own Terms'



Manisha Koirala, who was one of the most popular Hindi movie stars of the 1990s, recently opened up about the time when she was asked to not reveal that she drank alcohol and had a boyfriend. Manisha shared that during the making of Saudagar, which was her debut in Hindi films, she was asked to hide the fact that she was having vodka at a party because "actresses are not meant to be drinking alcohol. Speaking to Filmfare, she said, "At the time of Saudagar, there was a coke mixed with vodka, and I was told by people around me not to tell people that I am drinking vodka because actresses are not meant to be drinking alcohol. I was told to say that I'm drinking coke. I learnt that new thing. I told my mom, 'I am drinking coke', and she knew I put vodka in it and she said, 'Listen, if you are drinking vodka, say you are drinking vodka, don't say you are drinking coke, don't lie for such small little things'."

Manisha said that she did not like the idea of keeping secrets, so if she was dating somebody, she would say it. "If I was dating somebody, I am dating somebody. You want to judge me? Go ahead and judge me but that's me, this is me and I lead my life on my own terms," she added. She also talked about the sexism in the movie industry, where male actors were seen as "macho" for having many girlfriends, but female actors were labeled "easy" for dating someone. Manisha said that she faced criticism because, in those days, male actors with many girlfriends were called macho, while actresses were expected to be "untouched." "I faced some flak for it because in those days, the heroes could have many girlfriends, and they were called macho men, but the actress was supposed to be this, 'no no no, nobody is touching me' and 'we are very untouched'," she said and added, "It was also misunderstood that (she is) very easy or easy girl to you know... But I took it on my stride."

Arjun Kapoor, Akash Ambani Turn DJ At Anant Ambani-Radhika Merchant's Sangeet, Groove To Arjan Vailly



Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant are all set to tie the knot on July 12, but their pre-wedding festivities have been a whirlwind since March. The Ambani family has pulled out all the stops by organizing a grand sangeet ceremony for the couple, scheduled for this Friday at the prestigious Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC). A video is going viral on the internet from the sangeet night. In the short clip, Arjun Kapoor can be seen taking over the DJ console and was soon joined by none other than the groom-to-be's brother, Akash Ambani. The duo jammed and grooved together to Arjan Vailly from Sandeep Reddy Vanga's film Animal, bringing the night to life. Judging by the video, they had an amazing time! Check out the clip here:

Bhupinder Babbal's powerful rendition of the song "Arjan Vailly" from Sandeep Reddy Vanga's film Animal created a buzz among movie enthusiasts. The song, featuring Ranbir Kapoor, Anil Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, and Bobby Deol, became a social media sensation, with users incorporating it into countless reels on Instagram. No wonder it was on playlist of the big night.

The highlight of the sangeet, however, was a performance by popstar Justin Bieber. The singer, whose triumphant return to the stage in an intimate Toronto concert at Drake's club earlier this year made a lot of noise, performed his popular songs such as Baby, Never Let You Go, Love Yourself, Peaches, Boyfriend, Sorry and Where Are U Now at the sangeet. Eliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani and his wife Nita Ambani kicked off the wedding festivities for their son Anant Ambani and his fiancée Radhika Merchant with the Mameru ceremony at their residence, Antilia, in Mumbai on Wednesday.