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### Neeraj Chopra's homecoming delayed, in Germany to consult doctor

ST Correspondent

New Delhi, August 12: Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has left for Germany after winning a silver medal in the Paris Games to take medical advice regarding a possible surgery and to decide whether to feature in the upcoming Diamond League meetings, according to sources. A family source told PTI that he has left for Germany and is unlikely to return to India for at least one month. In Paris, Indian Olympic Association sources also confirmed that Chopra has left for Germany. "Chopra has left for Germany and he will not return to India for another month and a half," a family source told. "I am not aware of the much of the details, but for sure he will consult a doctor there (Germany)," he added. After winning at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland in June, Chopra had said that he would consult doctors after the Paris Olympics to deal with his injury. He had won the World



Championships in 2023 while carrying the groin injury. Before the Paris Olympics this year, he took a break of more than one month due to adductor muscle niggle. The 26-year-old Chopra had earlier also consulted a doctor in Germany regarding his injury. He also had a short training stint in Saarbrücken in Germany last month before the Olympics. During the Paris Olympics, Chopra had expressed his desire to play in the Diamond League Final to be held in Brussels, Belgium, on September 14. For that to happen, he will have to play at least one DL Meeting—either in Lausanne on August 22 or in Zurich on September 5. "His team (of coach and physio) will decide whether he will play in the DL Meetings (and the DL Final), according to his condition," the family source said. Chopra has played in just one Diamond League Meeting—on May 10 in Doha where he had finished second to reigning DL trophy winner Jakub Vadlech of Czech Republic. Chopra, who had won the DL Trophy in 2022, is currently at joint fourth position with seven points in the DL Final points standings. The top six finishers in the DL Meetings series will compete in the DL Final. If he misses both Lausanne and Zurich, Chopra might miss the top-six spot. After winning a silver in the Olympics with a season's best throw of 89.45m, Chopra had hinted that he would have to undergo surgery on his groin injury, which has been troubling him for the last couple of years.

### Vikram Misri meets Nepal Deputy PMs, Foreign Secretary

Sanjay Kumar

Kathmandu, August 12: Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Monday met his Nepalese counterpart Sewa Lamsal and other senior political leaders of the Himalayan nation and discussed the steady growth of bilateral ties and ways to take it forward. Misri's two-day visit is the first by the Indian foreign secretary to Nepal after the formation of the new government led by Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli last month. "Foreign Secretary @VikramMisri met his counterpart Ms. Sewa Lamsal @sewa\_lamsal. They discussed the steady growth of India-Nepal cooperation and ways to take it forward.

#IndiaNepalFriendship," the Indian embassy in Nepal said in a post on X. "They discussed various topics, including economic and development cooperation, expediting the construction of ongoing projects and the mutual relations between the two countries," The Himalayan Times newspaper reported. Misri met Deputy Prime Minister Singh, who also holds the Urban Development Ministry portfolio, and discussed various issues, including problems related to cross-border movement at the Nepal-India border. India's ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava was also present during the meeting.

## Supreme Court must transfer Adani probe to CBI or SIT given 'likelihood of SEBI's compromise'

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, August 12: Amid the raging row over the Hindenburg Research's allegations against SEBI chairperson Madhabi Buch, the Congress on Monday demanded her resignation and urged the Supreme Court to transfer the Adani probe to the CBI or a Special Investigation Team given the "likelihood of SEBI's compromise". The opposition party also reiterated that the path forward is to immediately convene a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to investigate the full extent of the "scam". The Congress's assertions came a day after the SEBI said allegations against the Adani Group have been "duly investigated", and chairperson Madhabi Buch disclosed and recused herself from time to time when dealing with matters. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said that in its statement on the on-going investigations into certain financial transactions of the Adani

Group, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has sought to project an image of hyperactivity, stating that it has issued 100 summonses, 1,100 let-



ters and emails, and examined 300 documents containing 12,000 pages. "This must have been very exhausting, but it diverts attention from the core issues involved. Actions matter, not activities," Ramesh said in a statement. "On

February 14, 2023, I had written to the SEBI chairperson urging SEBI to play its role as the steward of India's financial markets on behalf of the crores of Indians who have faith in the fairness of India's financial markets. I never received a reply," the Congress leader said. On March 3, 2023, the Supreme Court directed SEBI to "expeditiously conclude the investigation" into allegations of stock manipulation and accounting fraud against the Adani Group within two months, he pointed out. Now, 18 months later, SEBI has revealed that a critical investigation, likely regarding whether Adani violated Rule 19A relating to minimum public shareholding, remains incomplete, he said. "The fact is that SEBI's seeming inability to close two of its 24 investigations delayed the publication of its findings for over a year. This delay conve-

niently allowed the prime minister to navigate an entire general election without addressing his role in facilitating his close friend's illicit activities," Ramesh alleged. Despite the Adani Group's claims of receiving a 'clean chit', SEBI has reportedly issued show-cause notices to several Adani firms concerning these allegations, he said. However, the slow pace of these investigations, especially compared to the swift 'justice' that the prime minister's investigative agencies usually deliver to opposition leaders, remains inexplicable, Ramesh said. "Moreover, recent revelations raise disturbing questions about SEBI's integrity and conduct in investigating the Adani mega scam," he said. "SEBI, long considered a trustworthy global financial market regulator, is now under scrutiny. It is shocking to discover that SEBI chairperson and her husband invested in the same opaque Bermuda and Mauritius-based offshore funds where Vinod Adani and his close associates, Chang Chung-Ling and Nasser Ali Shaban Ahli, also invested," he said.

### ED attaches Rs 122 crore worth assets of Haryana Congress MLA

New Delhi, August 12: More than 100 acres of agricultural land and other immovable assets worth about Rs 122 crore of Haryana Congress MLA Surender Panwar, former INLD legislator Dilbag Singh and some other individuals have been attached under the anti-money laundering law in an alleged illegal mining case, the Enforcement Directorate said on Monday. "All these properties are registered in the name of persons and entities, running a syndicate managed and controlled by Dilbag Singh and Surender Panwar, who indulged in large-scale illegal mining of sand, boulder and gravel in the Yamuna Nagar district of Haryana and some adjacent districts," the central agency said in a statement. Dilbag Singh and Panwar, a 55-year-old Congress legislator from the Sonapat Assembly seat, were raided and arrested by the ED recently in this case. The 145 immovable properties include more than 100 acres of agricultural land, some commercial plots and buildings—all worth about Rs 122 crore. These assets are located in Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonapat, Karnal, Yamuna Nagar, Chandigarh, Panchkula and other districts of Punjab and Haryana and they belong to Dilbag Singh, Panwar, Inderpal Singh, Manoj Wadhwa, Kulwinder Singh (of PS Buildtech), Angad Singh Makkar and Bhupinder Singh, it said.

## Congress's demand for JPC probe a sham, aim is to weaken economy

Navdeep Singh Sahni

New Delhi, August 12: The ruling BJP on Monday flagged the Goerge Soros connection with the latest Hindenburg allegations against industrialist Gautam Adani and the SEBI chairperson and accused the Congress of spreading economic anarchy in India based on "fictitious reports". Addressing a press conference here, BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said George Soros, the US billionaire, who openly called for a regime change in India on the Lok Sabha election eve, was the biggest investor in the American short selling firm Hindenburg, which has accused the SEBI chairperson of going soft on Gautam Adani's alleged market manipulation because she had shares in one of his offshore firms. A day after SEBI denied charges and defended chairperson Madhabi Buch saying she had recused from the Adani issue probe disclosing

conflict of interest, Ravi Shankar Prasad said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had tried to crash the stock markets in India by citing risks to small investors in the wake of Hindenburg's latest allegations. Noting that Hindenburg never replied to



a July notice by SEBI in the matter pertaining to its previous charges against Adani and has now responded with "another fictitious report", Prasad said, "What does Congress want? In their pathological hatred for PM Narendra

Modi led by Rahul Gandhi and the toolkit gang they have developed hatred towards India. If stock market is disturbed who will be impacted? Small investors." "They first got chits on Rafale, then Hindenburg. Now they want a JPC. The purpose is to crash the stock market, prevent FDI and FDI from coming to India. I ask those Congress leaders who opened the Indian economy till when they will remain silent," asked Prasad, noting that the stock market is stable even today and the small investors have seen through the Congress and Hindenburg conspiracy. "We salute small investors for not believing in this conspiracy. We also want to question the timing of the Hindenburg report right after the Parliament session. There are too many suspicious circumstances surrounding the matter," the former minister said. The BJP plans to hold a nationwide outreach to "expose this Congress conspiracy all over the country and Congress attempts to create economic anarchy in India".

## IAF seeks urgent upgradation of MiG-29 fighters to carry long-range

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

Chandigarh, August 12: The Indian Air Force has projected an "urgent requirement" for upgrading its MiG-29 fighter aircraft with new stand-off ground attack weapons and associated avionics and control systems that would enhance their operational capability. Initially, 24 MiG-29 aircraft would be modified to carry the High Speed Low Drag (HSLD) Mark-II stand-off weapon, having a strike range of over 180 kilometers, that would require retrofitting additional hardware as well as software on the aircraft. The MiG-29 is primarily an air defence fighter. Stand-off weapons are missiles or bombs which are launched from a sufficient distance away from the target to allow the attacking aircraft to evade enemy retaliation. These are used against surface targets and in most cases are pre-

cision guided. IAF officers said that a request for proposal was floated by the Ministry of Defence on August 7, inviting industrial partners to undertake the proj-



ect that would be overseen by the IAF's No.11 Base Repair Depot. According to a statement of case issued by the IAF for the indigenous production of HSLD Mk-II, these missiles are already deployed on

the IAF's Su-30 and Jaguar fighters and there is a requirement to manufacture these weapons within the country. Modifying the MiG-29 for the HSLD would involve designing and integration of suitable bomb racks to be carried on the aircraft's external hard-points under the wings or fuselage and development of an avionics and software package along with cables and associated rigs. Inducted into the IAF in 1986, about 66 of the Soviet/Russian origin fighters are in service in three squadrons. Two of them are based at Adampur and Jammu, while the third recently moved to Srinagar to replace a MiG-21 squadron that was phased out. In addition, the Navy also procured 35 MiG-29s for its fleet air arm. The modification of the IAF's MiG-29s for carrying HSLDs could also have spin-off benefits for the Navy.

## Will hand over Kolkata doctor murder probe to CBI if police fail to solve case by Sunday: Mamata Banerjee

Naresh Malhotra

Kolkata, August 12: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday said her government will hand over the RG Kar hospital doctor murder probe to the CBI if the police are unable to solve the case by Sunday. Banerjee said she wants the case to be tried in a fast-track court. "I want the police to arrest the culprits as soon as possible. If they are not able to crack the case by Sunday, we will hand it over to the CBI. I don't have an issue with the central agency taking over, but its success rate is low," she told reporters here after visiting the residence of the deceased doctor. The body of the woman post-graduate trainee, who was allegedly raped and murdered inside a seminar hall of the hospital, was found on Friday morning. A civic volunteer was arrested on Saturday in connection with the case. Banerjee said the family

members of the deceased doctor suspect that an insider was involved. "I have told the police that if there is any such doubt



against anyone - the victim's friends and others - they should be questioned," she said. Banerjee also said the principal of the hospital had resigned from the post. "He

has spoken about the abuses hurled at him (after the incident). We have shifted him to another department. We have also removed the MSVP (medical superintendent and vice principal) due to negligence. The head of the chest medicine department and Kolkata Police's ACP in charge of RG Kar hospital's security have also been removed," she said. The CM had on Saturday vowed to seek death penalty for the accused in the case. Facing backlash over the incident at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, its principal Sandip Ghosh resigned from his post and government service on Monday morning, days after junior doctors demanded his removal for failing to provide security to

the staff. "We want this case to go to a fast track court. We will also demand capital punishment. Some people may have forgotten how to behave in society. It is a heinous crime to engage in such violence against women," Banerjee said. Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal also accompanied Banerjee to the victim's residence. "All those who were near the place of occurrence and have a connection or involvement are being called and will be summoned if they haven't been yet. We are certain that within the next four to five days, if there are more culprits, we will be able to arrest them," he said. "If even after that, the family is not satisfied (with the probe conducted by the police), then whatever the chief minister has said will happen (handing over the case to the CBI)," Goyal said. Goyal said the police have already opened a helpline number regarding the case. "Doctors can share information if they wish to communicate anonymously. They can come and talk to us in person as well," he added.

### Pawar assures Opposition's cooperation if Centre takes initiative on quota cap removal

Pune, August 12: Amid the Maratha-OBC quota tussle in Maharashtra, NCP (SP) leader Sharad Pawar on Monday said the Opposition will cooperate if the Centre brings a policy to remove the Supreme Court-mandated 50 per cent quota ceiling on reservations. At the state level, Pawar appealed to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to convene an all-party meeting to discuss the quota dispute. Pawar's call for collective discussion comes a day after he faced the ire of Maratha protesters who stopped his SUV in Solapur district and asked him to clear his stand on the quota issue. On Monday, a delegation led by Maratha Kranti Thok Morcha leader Ramesh Kere Patil called upon the NCP (SP) chief at his residence



in Pune. It sought to know Pawar's stand on the community's demand for the reservation in government jobs and education. "There is an obstacle (on increasing reservation ambit) as the Supreme Court had ruled that the 50 per cent quota ceiling cannot be breached while granting reservations. The onus is on the Centre to draft an appropriate policy," Pawar told reporters after Kere Patil met him and submitted a memorandum. The Centre's policy needs to change, and if it takes the initiative, the opposition will cooperate, said Pawar, one of the tallest leaders of the INDIA bloc. Pawar said he met Chief Minister Eknath Shinde recently and suggested convening a meeting of all political parties to resolve the (quota) issue. "He (Shinde) should invite leaders he feels appropriate, and we, as an opposition, will also attend and cooperate," Pawar said, adding that quota activist Manoj Jarange and OBC leaders, including state Minister Chhagan Bhujbal, should be invited for the meeting. Pawar on Sunday faced angry Maratha protesters who stopped his SUV in Solapur district seeking to know his stand on the quota issue.



News box

Krishna water revives major irrigation projects in YSR district

**KADAPA.** The Krishna river is reviving two major irrigation projects in Kadapa district, with water from upstream reservoirs now flowing into the Telugu Ganga and Gandikota canals. This development comes as a much-needed relief to the local farmers following a difficult year marked by drought. According to officials, 2,500 cusecs of water are currently being channelled into the Telugu Ganga project, while 11,500 cusecs are flowing from the Owk reservoir to the Gandikota project.

On Saturday, Kadapa district Collector Siva Sankar Lotheti and Mydukur MLA Putta Sudhakar Yadav officially released water from Subsidiary Reservoir-1 (SR-1) to SR-2 within the Telugu Ganga project. The water had travelled from Velugodu in Kurnool district to SR-1, and is expected to significantly improve irrigation across the catchment area. Meanwhile, at the Owk reservoir, Jammalamadugu MLA Adinarayana Reddy, YSR district Joint Collector Aditi Singh, former MLC B.tech Ravi, and local leader Bhupesh Reddy oversaw the release of 11,500 cusecs of water towards the Gandikota project. This water is expected to reach the Gandikota reservoir by Sunday evening or night.

Recent heavy rains in upstream areas of Maharashtra and Karnataka have resulted in increased inflows into the Srisailem project, which subsequently supplies water to the Owk and Velugodu reservoirs.

Officials are optimistic about filling the Brahma Sagar reservoir, a critical part of the Telugu Ganga project, to its full capacity of 17 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) within the next 60 days. This would potentially benefit 96,000 acres of land under the Telugu Ganga project in the district. The Gandikota reservoir, part of the Galeru-Nagari project, currently holds only 1.44 TMC, despite its capacity exceeding 27 TMC. Officials expect it to crucially fill up over the next five weeks.

Six acquitted for lack of evidence 18 years after NCB seized 650 kg of ‘drugs’

**Mumbai.** Nearly 18 years after 650 kg of drugs was seized by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in the city, a special court acquitted six persons for lack of evidence.

The accused, most of whom are now senior citizens, were out on bail, with the trial taking nearly two decades to complete due to delays. In 2006, the NCB claimed to have received information that two of the accused were going to be carrying illicitly produced 650 kg of anthranilic acid in a tempo. The controlled substance, usually used in perfumes, was also used as a precursor substance used to make other narcotic drugs. When the tempo was seized by the officials, it was claimed that 650 kg of the substance was seized in 26 polythene bags. The NCB arrested six persons, claiming that they were involved in the conspiracy with different roles, including procurement, storage and delivery.

The accused through their lawyers Taraq Sayed, Bhumika Gada and Munira Palanpurwala, had said that procedure was not followed by the NCB during the seizure. The lawyers had submitted that the NCB had to record the tip-off received about the drug and the accused in an information register.

DRI seizes MD worth Rs 78 crore in Nagpur, nabs mastermind, 3 others

**Mumbai.** The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) Mumbai unit raided an under-construction site in Nagpur on Saturday and seized 51.95 kg of Mephedrone (a psychotropic substance) in liquid form worth approximately Rs 78 crore. The agency also arrested four persons including the mastermind, who was manufacturing the drug. Acting on specific intelligence about manufacturing of Mephedrone at an isolated location of an under-construction site, the agency on Saturday conducted a well-coordinated search operation at an under-construction building in Panchpaoli area of Nagpur, with the help of the Nagpur police. During the search, it was revealed that a small laboratory, well equipped with all the chemicals, material and machinery required for the production of Mephedrone, was set up at the site. The mastermind of the group had first procured and set up a complete set of machinery and also acquired raw material which had the potential to manufacture more than 100 kg of Mephedrone, the DRI said. The syndicate had already prepared more than 50kg of Mephedrone in liquid form and was under process of further processing the same to bring out the product in crystallized or powder form, DRI officials stated. The 51.95 kg of Mephedrone in liquid form worth Rs 78 crore along with raw material and equipment was seized. The apex anti-smuggling agency stated that the mastermind or the financier of the syndicate along with his three associates who were involved in the manufacturing have been arrested under the provisions of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) Act, 1985.

More than 12L hectares of land could be flooded as Tungabhadra dam's crest gate collapses

Discharge of 3L cusecs, will risk loss of more crops; Why no maintenance in past 2 yrs question farmers

**HOSAPETE.** Nearly 12 lakh hectares of agricultural land in Ballari, Raichur, Koppal and Vijayanagara district could be marooned, as the excess water is being released from the Tungabhadra dam since Sunday afternoon, after one of the dam's crest gates was broken.

When the dam discharges water above 1.5 lakh cusecs, many agricultural fields get inundated due to floods, and now, the current discharge of the dam has crossed 2 lakh cusecs. The numbers are causing a worry for farmers who may be not able to save their current crop.

To ensure early repair for the broken crest gate, the authorities are planning to increase the outflow to 3 lakh cusecs. Farmers say that if the discharge reaches 3 lakh cusecs, more agricultural land will be at the risk of losing crops. Some of the farmers from Hosapete alleged that TB Dam Board failed to maintain the dam when there was less rain in



the state in the last two years. The farmers' organisations are now planning to submit a memorandum to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who will be visiting the dam

on August 13.

President of Tungabhadra Farmers Association, Hosapete, Purshottam Gowda J said in the last two years farmers faced drought situations and the recent rain had brought cheers among the farmers. "This year, by end of July, the Tungabhadra reservoir was filled completely. Few months ago the farmers had requested the authorities to ensure proper maintenance. The officials used to come up with smart excuses to push the maintenance work ahead at every meeting, but now who is responsible for the incident?" he asked.

"From four districts Ballari, Koppal, Vijayanagara and Raichur farmers depend on the dam water to yield 12 lakh hectares of agricultural land. We don't hope for rain in upcoming days. It's a clear negligence from the dam authorities and the responsible officials must be punished," he demanded.

CM Revanth and delegation bag Rs 31K crore investments during US tour

**HYDERABAD.** Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy concluded his tour of the US, securing over Rs 31,500 crore investments that will bring over 30,750 new jobs. After concluding his visit to the US, the chief minister embarked on a tour of South Korea, a CMO press release said.

The delegation, comprising IT & Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu, Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari and other officials, held over 50 business meetings and three roundtable conferences in New York, DC, Dallas and California, and received support for various major initiatives, including creation of a Future City, AI City, rejuvenation of Musi river, and its pitch to shape Telangana as the right fit for the quest of America Inc. for a China+ one alternate, the release added.

The delegation held roundtable conferences on business, AI and semiconductors, spanning coast to coast, and also met with CEOs, founders and business alliances and groups, inviting them to come to Hyderabad and consider Telangana in their future plans.

The delegation pitched to business heads and investors across different sectors and closed new expansion deals in IT, GCC, lifesciences, pharma, data centres, AI, cloud and data centres, electric vehicle and batteries, green energy, FMCG and manufacturing.

The major announcements in the IT sector include the deal with Charles Schwab, one of America's leading financial sector corporations. The Trinet deal opens up



areas in the HR solutions sector. The significant expansion announcements by global IT major Cognizant, and Arcesium, reinforced the edge of Hyderabad in the IT/GCC space. The pharma and life sciences sectors saw fresh investments from nearly dozen American companies.

Reinforcing R&D capabilities

The MoU with Corning on skilling and flow chemistry reiterates the company's commitment to grow in Telangana and also reinforces the city's R&D capabilities. The announcement by Amgen, top biotech company, to set up a new R&D tech facility is a major breakthrough for Hyderabad, the CMO said.

A new GCC by Zoetis Inc, leader in animal health sector, and significant expansions by HCA and Thermofisher are set to give a further boost to the life sciences ecosystem of Telangana.

"Another major takeaway of the visit was

the decision by Amazon to make significant expansions in their data centre presence in Hyderabad and use the city as a hub in a big way to drive their India presence.

Aurum Equity too made a significant announcement to set up an AI-powered green data centre. Monarch Tractors adds a crucial fillip to Telangana's ambition of growing in high-end manufacturing," the CMO press release added. The delegation also engaged with Apple, Google and Stanford University.

Before leaving for South Korea, Revanth Reddy said: "The trip opened a myriad of areas for accelerated partnerships, setting new horizons and showcasing our wealth of potential for newer opportunities.

From our plans in AI to building the Future City, corporations, startups, business leaders, tech and business associations and influencers have agreed to take our breathtaking vision to more people."

Minister Sridhar Babu said: "We have exceeded our goals, which were audacious to begin with. I am delighted that we could generate so much excitement in American business world, which will lead to a multi-fold impact on investments and new jobs. The pipeline ahead is exciting."

Number crunch

- 50+ Business meetings
- 3 Round table conferences
- Rs 31,500 cr Secured investment plans
- 30,750 Potential jobs to be created with these investments

Karnataka BJP chief BY Vijayendra can't seek CM's resignation: Minister Madhu Bangarappa



**SHIVAMOGGA.** Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa said that BJP state chief BY Vijayendra doesn't stand the ground to question Siddaramaiah, or demand resignation from him.

Speaking after offering Bagina at the Bhadra dam, Lakkavalli on Sunday, Madhu Bangarappa said, "BJP state chief BY Vijayendra does not have the morality to ask resignation from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Did he participate in any movement? What is his achievement? Both the sons of former chief minister BS Yediyurappa are responsible for sending him to jail. They were corrupt, and Yediyurappa paid the price by resigning from his post as the CM during the last BJP tenure." He also told that even after Raghavendra brought Union Steel Minister HD Kumaraswamy to the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant in Bhadravathi, the Union government has initiated the process to shut it down.

"When Raghavendra raised the issue in the Lok Sabha, and asked whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) proposes to resume production activities at the plant, the centre responded that the process to close VISL has been initiated. If VISL is shutdown, BY Raghavendra is solely responsible for that," alleged Madhu.

Hit by plethora of problems, Peddapalli ITI cries for help from Telangana govt

Established in 1964, the institute has provided training to students who later found jobs at reputed organisations

**PEDDAPALLI.** Classrooms have been locked up in the government-run Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Peddapalli district due to water seepage. Since the rooms are dilapidated and the ceilings are on the verge of collapse, classes are now conducted in workshops, with both practicals and lectures taking place in the same space.

Established in 1964, Peddapalli ITI is one of the oldest government institutes in the region and has provided training for students who have later found jobs in organisations such as Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), NTPC, Kesoram Cement Factory and other industries in Ramagundam.

However, the ITI, which spans 20 acres, is now in bad shape. The institution is facing a teaching and practical staff crunch, with only 17 members on duty against the required 25. It also lacks adequate furniture for students. There are no restroom facilities for male students, who are forced to relieve themselves in open areas. Over the past decade, the institute has received no funds for machinery maintenance, including oil purchases. But the current government is providing funding for ITI improvements as part of its skill development initiative, said



training officer N Mallikarjuna Swamy.

Principal B Venkat Reddy said: "Admission process is ongoing for 472 seats this academic year. Training is being provided in trades such as electrician, fitter, mechanic, motor vehicle machinist, turner,

electronics mechanic and welder."

An Advanced Technology Centre (ATC) is under construction in collaboration with Tata and the state government. The ATC will offer advanced trades such as Advanced CN Machining Technician, Artisan using advanced tools, Industrial Robotics, Digital Manufacturing Technician, Mechanical Electric Vehicle, Basic Designer and Virtual Verifier and Manufacturing process control and automation. As part of the ATC, two electric vehicles (trolley autos) were delivered to the ITI on Friday.

Guntur witnesses sharp rise in dengue cases

As of July this year, 152 cases were reported in the district as against the total of 234 cases in the last four years

**GUNTUR.** Urban areas in Guntur district are witnessing a significant rise in dengue cases since last year due to water stagnation in colonies and a lack of proper sanitation. With the active monsoon prevailing over the State, both urban and rural residents are being urged to exercise caution and take necessary measures to prevent mosquito spread. As per official data, 152 dengue cases have been reported in the district as of July 25, with 82 cases recorded in the city alone and 37 in the Tenali division. Over the last four years, 234 dengue cases have been reported in Guntur, while the district recorded 447 cases in 2021, 168 in 2022, and 375 in 2023. The rise in viral diseases is

attributed to unchecked water stagnation in vacant lands and improper sanitation.

District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr K Vijaya Lakshmi stated that around 5.40 lakh gambusia fish have been released into stagnant water bodies and drains across the district to combat mosquito breeding. "Our staff regularly conducts awareness drives, but people must also take more precautions," she emphasised. She also urged residents not to self-treat when they fall ill with symptoms of dengue or any other seasonal diseases and to immediately consult a doctor for proper medical treatment. Untidy vacant lands with stagnant water and overgrown plants are

causing severe inconvenience to residents. According to official reports, over 12,000 vacant lands are present in the city, with many left unattended for years. The Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) has instructed landowners to clean and maintain their properties and has issued orders to levy additional taxes on non-compliant owners, but the results have not been as expected.

Speaking to TNIE, K Devayani, a resident of Ramireddy Nagar, said that the vacant land beside their apartment is filled with stagnant water and weeds, breeding mosquitoes. "When the civic body issued clear instructions and set up a notice board on the vacant land, the owner did conduct a

cleaning drive, removed overgrown plants, and levelled the land with sand to prevent water stagnation. But after a few months, the weeds overgrew again, and the situation is the same now. We request the officials to take this issue seriously and provide a permanent solution," he added.

Following this, GMC officials have been directed to expedite water bailout works across the city and immediately take up silt removal efforts to prevent the spread of seasonal diseases. Sanitation workers have been deployed to conduct regular cleaning and unclogging operations across the city to minimise the risk of water stagnation and subsequent disease outbreaks.

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News box

## Haryana: Parents of kids died in school bus accident seek justice

**GURGAON.** Four months after the school bus accident in Mahendragarh, which claimed the lives of six school children, bereaved parents are still struggling to find justice. They said they will return Rs 3 lakh that the govt had provided as financial assistance since they haven't got justice yet. Over the past four months, the families have sought help from local MLA Sitaram Yadav, MP Chaudhary Dharmveer, CM Nayab Singh Saini, MP Rao Inderjit Singh, and even PM.

The school principal was recently granted bail. They said they were not interested in the compensation amount if the govt continued with its apathy. The BJP govt had assured at the time of the accident that their demands would be met after the Lok Sabha election code of conduct was lifted. Families say they are now compelled to protest on the streets. If their demands are not met by Aug 17, they will be holding a demonstration in front of the SDM office in Kanina. "We demand an investigation by the Supreme Court," said Sandeep Yadav, one of the protesting members.

## Gurgaon: Men perform stunts with SUVs; one of them lands in police net

**GURGAON.** A man was arrested on Sunday after a video of a black Thar and a Scorpio performing stunts on Sohna road went viral on social media. Police are looking for the other man who drove the Scorpio.

The video also shows a cyclist being hit by one of the vehicles during dangerous stunts. He had a close shave, police said.

The 27-second video shows a youth spinning his Thar at a high speed in the middle of the road. At one point, the driver turns the vehicle around in circles, posing a significant risk to others on the road. Police took note of the video and arrested the Thar driver, Harish Kumar (28), from Badshapur. The second accused is yet to be arrested, said an official.

According to police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar, "The video was shared on Instagram by a user and subsequently was circulated on other social media platforms. The police took suo motu cognizance of the offence, and registered a case under BNS sections 281 (rash driving or riding on a public way), 285 (danger or obstruction in a public way or line of navigation), and 125 (act endangering life or personal safety of others) on Saturday."

Inspector Satish of Badshapur police station said that the incident had happened several days ago and came to light after the video went viral.

## Two die as truck rams bike on Delhi-Jaipur Highway, drags it for 50 meters

**GURGAON.** Two men died after their bike was hit by a truck on Delhi-Jaipur Highway (NH-8) at Bilaspur on Saturday. The bike was dragged by the truck for around 50m and got stuck under it. The driver abandoned it and fled the spot soon after the incident, police said. Vipul (23) and Abhijeet Chauhan (20)



were headed home in Bilaspur's Bhora Kalan when the incident happened. Vipul was a graduate in civil engineering, while Abhijeet had cleared BA. The police seized the truck but are yet to arrest the truck driver. According to Vipul's elder brother Amit Pal, the two youngsters were friends. They met at Bhora Kalan and went to Bilaspur on a friend's bike for some personal work.

"I met them at Bilaspur Chowk around 2pm. They left the place, saying they were going home. Shortly afterwards, I came to know from a few locals that they met with an accident near the CNG station on Delhi-Jaipur Highway at Bilaspur," Amit said.

According to SI Sazid Hussain of Bilaspur police station, a truck rammed into the bike from behind on the highway and both the youngsters fell on the road. "Both suffered severe injuries. They were rushed to the civil hospital and were declared dead on arrival," the SI said. According to Hussain, the truck dragged the bike for around 50m on the highway after it got stuck under it. "As the bike got stuck under the truck, the accused had to abandon the truck on the highway. He fled the scene. We have seized the truck," the SI said. Based on the complaint filed by Amit, police registered a case under BNS sections 281 (rash driving or riding on a public way) and 106 (causing death by negligence) on Saturday night at Bilaspur police station. "We are trying to identify and arrest the accused truck driver," the SI said. Bodies of the victims were handed over to the families after the post-mortem examination on Sunday and their final rites were performed. SI Sajid said they will issue a notice to the owner of the seized vehicle to identify the accused driver.

# GMCBL restarts bus service to new sectors from IFFCO Chowk

**GURGAON.** In a relief for residents of new sectors along the Dwarka Expressway, GMCBL has resumed the city bus service on Sunday connecting residential societies in sectors 92 and 95 to IFFCO Chowk metro station. The newly extended route, which previously ended at DLF-91, now reaches Sector 92, benefitting a number of societies, including Bestech Sanskriti, Raheja Navodaya, Ansal Heights, GLS Avenue, SARE Homes, ROF Ananda, AWHO Shanti Vihar, and Saan Verdante. Additionally, the bus service will also serve the nearby villages of Dhorka, Mevka and Wazirpur. Two buses - air-conditioned and non-AC - will be operating on hourly basis, starting at 7.50am. GMCBL officials have emphasised that they are working on improving bus services in newer areas of the city. "Considering the residents' demand, we have started the bus service



till Sector 92. We are also in the process of augmenting the city buses, which will further enhance the service in the area. New routes have already been identified and once new buses are added, we will deploy them," the official said. The bus route will begin at SARE Homes Society, passing through key locations such as Sector 90, Dadi Sati Chowk, Iris Mall, Jai Singh Chowk, Mapsko Royal Ville, Sapphire Mall, Hero Honda Chowk, and

to improve public transportation, reduce travel time, and provide a safer and comfortable commute," said Praveen Malik, president of the United Association of New Gurugram. Kuldeep Mehta, a resident of GLS Avenue, said, "In the absence of public transportation in the area, we are forced to use personal vehicles, which not adds to congestion and affects the environment."

# Rains leave a mark: Revamped in June, Gurgaon road now riddled with craters

**GURGAON.** Recarpeted in June, an 18-metre road in Sector 57 was washed away in showers this month. Tar, laid on it recently, has eroded, leaving behind potholes and uneven patches. The road was revamped after an year-long struggle by residents who complained to authorities about the stretch's condition.



It connects Boom Plaza to the boosting station in the sector. Now, the road has developed cracks and potholes, causing several accidents as motorists lose control of their vehicles and skid, residents allege. "We were hopeful that after a long wait, the road would finally be in a good condition. However, the current state of the road is worse than before. Such is the poor quality of the

material used in resurfacing and workmanship that it has failed to withstand the first rainy season. The road has become a safety hazard for commuters, especially during the rains, when potholes get filled with water, making it difficult for motorists to

navigate," Sandeep Dixit, a resident, said. Residents have also complained to MCG officials, urging them to inspect the road and get it recarpeted again, but their pleas have been ignored. "There is a need to conduct a thorough probe as the road has washed away in such a short time after construction. A vigilance enquiry should be carried out and those accountable for such irregularities should be brought to task," Roshan Lal Yadav, RV

president, said. When contacted, MCG chief engineer Manoj Yadav said, "I civic body will repair the road under a defect liability period after monsoon, the current weather is not conducive, there are any quality issues, the contract will be penalised."

### Name Change

I, SUDHA, W/o. PANKAJ NAGIA, R/O, RD-243, U6, RAJ NAGAR-2, PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110077, have changed my name from SUDHA to SUDHA NAGIA for all future purposes.

### Name Change

I, JC-472348Y SUB SUBHASH CHAND S/O BABU LAL R/O VILL-TAJPUR, PO-TSINGA, TEHSIL-SADABAD, DISTT-HATHRAS, U.P.-281302 have changed my name from RISHAV KUMAR to RISHAV for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, JC-472002P Rank-SUB Name-RAJENDER SINGH S/O LAKHMI Presently residing at VILL-NEEMLI, PO-NEEMLI, TEH-CHARKH DADRI, DIST-CHARKH DADRI, HARYANA-127306 have changed my mother's name from HAWA KADRI to HAWA KADRI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, GAGANDEEP SINGH son of Sh. Tirath Singh R/O Flat No. 254 Plot No. 18, Sector 12 Shivani Apartments CGHS Ld Dwarka New Delhi-110078 have changed my name from Gagandeep Singh to GAGANDEEP DHINGRA for all future purposes.

### Name Change

I, BINU B Father of No. NO-16133778W Rank-SPR Name-ANU B Presently residing at KUNNATHU THEKKATHIL-HOUSE, ORIENT NAGAR-88, VILL-VADAKKEVILA, PO-PATTATHANAM, DIST-KOLLAM, KERALA-691021 have changed my name from BINU B to Binu for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, JC-472693M Rank-SUB Name-KRISHAN KUMAR S/O MANGE Presently residing at VPO-JHAMRI, TEH-MATANAHIL, DIST-JHAJJAR, HARYANA-124146 have changed my daughter's name from MANASHI to MANSI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, hitherto known as KASHISH alias KASHISH ADHIKARI D/o PURAN CHANDER ADHIKARI, R/O 194-195, 4th Floor, Block No. 9, Dekhshinpur, Extension, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi - 110062, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KASHISH ADHIKARI.

### Name Change

I, hitherto known as ROHAN alias ROHAN CHAUDHARY S/o DEEP CHAND, R/O 187-A, First Floor, Rishi Nagar Rani Bagh, Shakurpur Basti, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110034, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ROHAN CHAUDHARY.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Vivek Gupta S/O: Gopal Prasad Shah, R/O L-71, 1st Floor, Bk-L, J J Colony Wazirpur, Near Opp Samuday Bhawan, VTC, Ashok Vihar, PO: Ashok Vihar, Sub District: Sarawati Vihar, District: North West Delhi, State: Delhi-110052, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Vivek Kumar shah and Gopal prasad shah in my driving Licence, no DL20180007943. The actual name of mine and my father are VIVEK GUPTA and Gopal Prasad Shah, respectively which may be amended accordingly.

### Name Change

I, JC-472693M Rank-SUB Name-KRISHAN KUMAR S/O MANGE Presently residing at VPO-JHAMRI, TEH-MATANAHIL, DIST-JHAJJAR, HARYANA-124146 have changed my wife's name from SUMAN DEVI to SUMAN for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, JC-472494Y SUB SATYABIR SINGH S/O LAKSHMAN SINGH R/O VILL-NERA, PO-NERA, TEHSIL-MAHAVAN, DISTT-MATHURA, U.P.-281301 have changed my son's name from MANISH KUMAR to MANISH CHAUDHARY for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I Umer Mukhtar S/O Mukhtar Ahmad Wani Residing At House No. 9 (Old No-D-3) SF, Park Avenue, Mahanagar, Bagh, New Delhi, East Of Kailash, South, South-East, Nct Of Delhi-110065 Have Changed My Name From Umer Mukhtar Wani to Umer Mukhtar For All Future Purposes

### Name Change

I, JC-708911X Rank-NB SUB Name-M KALAVANAN R/O RICE MILL STREET, OLD VATHALA-GUNDU, PO-BATLAGUNDU, TEH-NILAKOTTA, DIST-DINDIGUL, TAMIL NADU-624022 have changed my mother's name from PANDIAMMAL to PANDEESHWARI MURUGAN for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, Mohd Akil S/O Mohammad Habib Ansari H.no-B-55, Gali no-5, near Imam bada rashid market, ext. Krishna Nagar Ho, East delhi, delhi-110051 have changed my name from Mohd Akil to Mohammad Akil Ansari for all future purpose.

### Name Change

I hitherto known as Nalini Shama alias Nalini D/O Bhajan Lal W/O Subhash Shrivastava, R/O 12285 RAM NAGAR, MANDOLI ROAD, NEAR G.S.S.SCHOOL, SHAH-DARA, East Delhi, Delhi-110032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NALINI.

### Name Change

It is for general information that I, RIYA SOOD D/o VINOD KUMAR R/O H-120, PAL WALI GALI, TIKRI KHURD, NORTH WEST DELHI, Delhi-110040 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as VINOD KUMR in my 10th class educational documents. The actual name of my father is VINOD KUMAR, which may be amended accordingly.

### Name Change

I, SANDEEP KUMAR SAINI S/O B L SAINI R/O D-530/A, SECTOR-11, BEHIND GOLDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL PRATAP VIHAR, GHAZI-ABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201009 have changed my minor son's name from B VEERA RAGHAVAN to B VEERARAGHAVAN for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

It is for general information that I, SAMAR SINGH S/O MAAN SINGH R/O 1235, Block-12, Triok Puri, PO Patparganj, Dist. East Delhi, Delhi-110091 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SAMAR in my 12th class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is SAMAR SINGH, which may be amended accordingly.

### Name Change

It is for general information that I, SEKH MUSTAKIM S/O SEKH ASRAFUL R/O House No. 348, Sahapurat, South Delhi, Delhi - 110049 declare that name of mine and my Father has been wrongly written as MUSTKEEM and SK ASRAFUL in my 10th and 12th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is SEKH MUSTAKIM and SEKH ASRAFUL, respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

### Name Change

I, Rajinder S/O Babu Lal R/O 512/6-Govindpuri Kalkaji Delhi -110019 Have Change My Name From Rajinder to Rajinder Dhiman For All Future Purposes

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Umesh Kumar Bhatolia S/O Vijendra Singh, R/O Ward No. 6, Bhaloth, Bhaloth, Jhunjhun, Buhana, Rajasthan - 333515 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Umesh Kumar Bhatolia in my 10th class educational document. The actual name of mine is Umesh Kumar Bhatolia, which may be amended accordingly.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I KAUSHAL KISHORE TIWARI S/O RAM VED TIWARI R/O H.NO. 20, KHASRA NO. 93, TIKAL KUNJ COLONY, NEAR SHAKUNTALA PUBLIC SCHOOL, GIRDHAR PUR ROAD, CHAPROLA, CHHAPRAULA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-273413 have changed my mother's name from SHOBHA SINGH to SHOBHA DEVI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, JC-473683K Rank-SUB & Hony Lt Name-SURENDRA SINGH S/O BEGRAJ R/O VPO-GIDANIA, TEH-CHIRAWA, DIST-JHUNJHUN, RAJASTHAN-333027 have changed my mother's name from KESAR DEVI to KESHAR for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, NO-16119077P Rank-HAV Name-BALA MURALI K Father of B VEERA RAGHAVAN R/o 1/20, GOUNDER STREET, VILL-PILLAYARNATTAM, POST-PITHALAIPATTI, DISTT-DINDIGUL, TAMIL NADU-624002 have changed my son's name from B VEERA RAGHAVAN to B VEERARAGHAVAN for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Karma Tsondue son of Phuyung is applying to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs for naturalization and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written signed statement of the facts to the said Secretary.

For detailed information, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit enquiry website: [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in)

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# Showers cause flooding on Dwarka eway service roads; underpass shut

**GURGAON:** Heavy downpour on Sunday triggered flooding on the service roads of newly inaugurated Dwarka Expressway too, underscoring several deficiencies in the city's infrastructure. The authorities had to shut Bajghera underpass due waterlogging. Several internal roads in new sectors along the expressway also witnessed flooding on Sunday. Residents, who began moving into these areas as early as 2017, are expressing frustration as the inadequate infrastructure continues to exacerbate the problem. GMDA had earlier claimed the drainage network would be completed by 2025. However, recent developments indicated that this timeline may be overly optimistic.

Commuters were left stranded, unable to navigate flooded service roads. Rakesh Rana, president of RWA at Sai Kunj, criticised NHAI and civic authorities for their failure to tackle flooding. "The Bajghera underpass is often shut due to waterlogging. Whether it's a design flaw or something else, the problem persists with every heavy rain. Also, service roads near Daultabad were also flooded due to a lack of proper drains. Even Bajghera road is severely flooded," Rana said.

HSVP, which is responsible for laying the drainage network in sectors 81 to 110, has completed only 90% of the work. The progress has been sluggish, hindered by hurdles, including land acquisition and compensation issues. Last month, the govt approved a Rs 32.8 crore to build a drainage network for sectors 112 to 115. However, this project may take at least 19 months to complete.

A GMDA official said efforts are being made to improve drainage. "The project has got financial approval. We will begin construction after monsoon," the official said. An NHAI official blamed GMDA for the lack of drains on service roads. "Showers triggered waterlogging due to lack of master stormwater drains," the NHAI official said.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

That my clients, Sh. Sunil Kumar & his wife Smt. Sonia R/o House No. E-161, Sec-24, JJ Colony Rohini, North-West, Delhi-110085 have disowned/debarred his/her son, Karan from their all movable, immovable properties due to his bad conduct, behavior towards my clients and he is not in my clients' control and if any one keeps relation with his will be on their own risk, cost and consequences and my clients have no responsibility for her act, omission etc. in this regard and if any one keeps relation with his/her it will be on their own risk, cost and consequences and my clients have no responsibility for her act, omission etc. in this regard.

### NAME CHANGE

I, SARUBAI DINKAR INGULKAR mother of No.15417105A, Rank-NK, Name-INGULKAR SURESH DINKAR R/O AT POST-KAMTHADI, TEH-BHOR, DIST-PUNE, STATE-MAHARASHTRA, PIN-412213, in my son's service records my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 12/03/1954 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/06/1958 vide affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, NO. 16015685W Rank-HAV Name-PUSHPHAWAJ SINGH S/O NAR BADESHWAR SINGH Presently residing at VILL-PANDEYAPAR, PO-KAURI RAM, TEH-BANSGAON, DIST-GORAKHPUR, UTTAR PRADESH-273413 have changed my mother's name from SHOBHA SINGH to SHOBHA DEVI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

It is for general information that I, HARDIK MALIK S/O SANDEEP MALIK, R/O 87/43, Hero Wali Gali, Babra Mohalla, Rohtak, PO: Rohtak, Dist Rohtak, Haryana - 124001, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as HARDIK in my 10th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is HARDIK MALIK Respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Karma Tsondue son of Phuyung is applying to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs for naturalization and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written signed statement of the facts to the said Secretary.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, RAJESH JHA S/O FARINDER JHA R/O H.NO. 23, POCKET-4, SECTOR-2, VTC: ROHINI, NORTH WEST DELHI-110085 declare that name of my minor son has been wrongly written as YASH KASHYAP in my minor son YASH JHA aged 13 years in his school record. The actual name of my minor son is YASH JHA, which may be amended accordingly.

### Name Change

I, K JAYALAXMI Mother of NO-16119077P Rank-HAV Name-BALA MURALI K R/O 1/20, GOUNDER STREET, VILL-PILLAYARNATTAM, POST-PITHALAIPATTI, DISTT-DINDIGUL, TAMIL NADU-624002 have changed my name from K JAYALAXMI to JEYALAKSHMI for all future purposes and in my son's service records my name from SUKHI DEVI mentioned as 29/08/1971 instead of my correct date of birth as 17/05/1971 vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### Name Change

I, NO-2897384P Rank-HAV Name-MAHENDRA SINGH R/O VILL-KHANGTA, PO-KHANGTA, TEH-PIPAR CITY, DIST-JODHPUR, RAJASTHAN-342606, have changed my mother's name from SUKHI DEVI to SUKHI DEVI for all future purposes and in my service records my mother's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01 July 1960 instead of her correct date of birth as 07 July 1958 vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client Sh. Neeraj Mohan & Sh. Harsh is the owner of Freehold Residential Entire Built-Up property bearing NO. - S-108, area measuring - 101 sq. mtrs., out of Kharsa No. - 198, situated in School Block, Shakurpur, Delhi-110092. By Virtue, Relinquishment Deed dated 16.06.2024. In the chain documents below mentioned documents not available i.e. SN of state rent Sanyogita Rani who expired on 08.06.1998 now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and same has been finance ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Gurgaon, Haryana, Nagar, Delhi. If any person is having objection right of claim against the said property, contact to undersigned along with supporting documents within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice and or the same to be understood by found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained.

[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA] Advocate F-211, sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 09558871432

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client Mrs. Almas Arif D/o Mohd Arif who Mohd Shahid is the owner of Freehold Residential Entire Third Floor, area measuring 46 sq. mtrs., without rooftop/terrace rights, being the part of Built-Up Property bearing Municipal no.2282-A, Situated at Ward no. VIII, Gali Jitender, Kalan Masjid, Bazar Sita Ram, Delhi-110006. By Virtue of Sale Deed dated 08.04.2024 as Doc no. 2024/24/13258, Vol no. 20643 Page no. 165-184 SR. II Asaf Ali Delhi. In the chain documents below mentioned documents not available i.e. Death Certificate & SMC of Late Mr. Ram Dass & Death Certificate & SMC of late Mr. Ram Prakash now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and same property sold to be Ms. Irfana Parveen and same has been finance by Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. Branch: Narela, Delhi. If any person is having objection right of claim against the said property, contact to undersigned along with supporting documents within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice and or the same to be understood by found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained.

[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA] Advocate F-211, sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 09558871432



News box

Nepal's Oli extends invitation to PM Modi for visit

**Kathmandu** Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli on Sunday extended an invitation to his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi to visit the Himalayan nation.Oli extended the invitation to Prime Minister Modi for the visit through visiting Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, who paid a courtesy call on the Nepalese Prime Minister, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's secretariat here.Oli was sworn in as Nepal's prime minister for a fourth time last month. He assumed office after the government led by Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' lost the vote of confidence in the House of Representatives.Misri also called on the former prime minister and Nepali Congress president Sher Bahadur Deuba at his residence at Budhanilkantha on the outskirts of Kathmandu.During the meeting, they discussed various matters relating to mutual interest, according to Deuba's office. During the meeting, the two sides discussed subjects related to strengthening Nepal-India relations and further moving forward mutually beneficial cooperation, it said.

Helicopter crashes into roof of Australia hotel, pilot dead, hundreds evacuated

**Sydney.**A helicopter crashed into the roof of a hotel in the popular northern Australian tourist town of Cairns, killing the pilot and forcing the evacuation of hundreds of guests, authorities said on Monday.Emergency crews were called at about 2 am on Monday (1600 GMT on Sunday) after a twin-engine helicopter collided with the hotel roof, causing a fire on top of the building and triggering evacuations, Queensland state police said in a statement. ADVERTISEMENT Police said forensic investigations were underway to formally identify the pilot. He was declared dead at the scene. There were no injuries sustained by people on the ground," the police statement said.



The crash occurred at Hilton's Double Tree Hotel in the city of Cairns, a major gateway to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, Australian media reported.Two of the helicopter's rotor blades came off and one landed in the hotel pool, media reports said.The forensic crash unit will work with Australia's transport safety regulator to prepare an accident report, police said.

US orders guided missile submarine to Middle East amid Israel-Iran tensions



**Washington.**US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin has ordered the deployment of a guided missile submarine to the Middle East, the Pentagon said on Sunday, as the region braces for possible attacks by Iran and its allies after the killing of senior members of Hamas and Hezbollah. While the USS Georgia, a nuclear-powered submarine, was already in the Mediterranean Sea in July, according to a US military post on social media, it was a rare move to publicly announce the deployment of a submarine. In a statement after Austin spoke with his Israeli counterpart, the Pentagon said Austin had ordered the Abraham Lincoln strike group to accelerate its deployment to the region."Secretary Austin reiterated the United States' commitment to take every possible step to defend Israel and noted the strengthening of US military force posture and capabilities throughout the Middle East in light of escalating regional tensions," the statement added.The US military had already said it will deploy additional fighter jets and Navy warships to the Middle East as Washington seeks to bolster Israeli defences. Ismail Haniyeh, the political leader of Iran-backed Hamas, was assassinated in the Iranian capital Tehran on July 31, an attack that drew threats of revenge by Iran against Israel, which is fighting the Palestinian Islamist group in Gaza. Iran blamed Israel for the killing. Israel has not claimed responsibility.The assassination and the killing of the senior military commander of the Iran-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah, Fuad Shukur, by Israel in a strike on Beirut, have fuelled concern the conflict in Gaza was turning into a wider Middle East war.

Fast-moving wildfire near Athens burns houses, cars; residents evacuate

More than 400 firefighters backed by 16 waterbombing planes and 13 helicopters battled the blaze that broke out at 3 pm (midday GMT) and quickly reached the village of Varnavas 35 km (20 miles) north of Athens.

**Varnavas** Residents fled their homes on Sunday as a fast-moving wildfire outside Athens fuelled by hot, windy weather burned trees, houses and cars and sent smoke clouds over the Greek capital.More than 400 firefighters backed by 16 waterbombing planes and 13 helicopters battled the blaze that broke out at 3 pm (midday GMT) and quickly reached the village of Varnavas 35 km (20 miles) north of Athens.As night fell, firefighting aircraft ceased operations until morning. Flames turned the sky orange."The situation remains dangerous as the fire is spreading between residences," fire brigade spokesperson Vassilis Vathrakogiannis said.



He said the blaze spread fast, "like lightning", due to gale force winds. Flames as high as 25 metres swallowed up trees and shrubland. Varnavas is a sparsely populated area with about 1,800 residents, according to the latest census."The village was surrounded in no time, in no time. It's really windy," resident Katerina Fylaktou told Reuters. "It started

from one point and suddenly the whole village was surrounded," she said.Hundreds of wildfires have broken out across Greece since May and scientists attribute their frequency and intensity to the increasingly hot and dry weather conditions linked to climate change.After its warmest winter on record and long periods of little or no rainfall, Greece also registered its hottest June and

July and is forecast to record its hottest-ever summer."We are expecting a very difficult week," said Kostas Lagouvardos, research director of the Athens Observatory. "If the Varnavas blaze is not contained during the night, we will have a problem tomorrow," he said.Fires have also burned this summer amid extreme heat elsewhere in Europe, including in Spain and the Balkans. 'DANGEROUS CONDITIONS' Authorities sent evacuation alerts for nine areas near Varnavas. By early evening, thick brown smoke hung over much of Athens and had reached the island of Aegina to its south. Another blaze in a forested area near the town of Megara, west of Athens, had been contained by Sunday afternoon, the fire brigade said.Several other regions across Greece were on high alert for fire risk on Sunday and Monday.n Saturday, Climate Crisis and Civil Protection Minister Vassilis Kikilias said he had called for emergency measures involving the army, police and volunteers to deal with forest fires until Aug. 15."Extremely high temperatures and dangerous weather conditions will prevail.

Brazil plane crash: Black box recovered, cause of accident under probe

**Rio de Janeiro.**An ATR-72 turboprop plane operated by regional carrier Voepass crashed on Friday in a residential area near Sao Paulo, Brazil, killing all 62 passengers aboard.Investigators have recovered the plane's so-called black box containing voice recordings and flight data, with a preliminary report expected within 30 days, the head of Brazil's aviation accident investigation centre, Cenipa, said on Sunday.

**HOW DID THE CRASH OCCUR?** The plane was bound for Sao Paulo from Cascavel, in the state of Parana, and crashed at around 1:30 pm (1630 GMT) in Vinhedo, some 80 km (50 miles) northwest of Sao Paulo.

The aircraft was flying normally until 1:21 pm, when it stopped responding to calls, and radar contact was lost at 1:22 pm, Brazil's air force said in a statement. The plane did not report any emergency.

Videos of the event show that the sky was apparently clear when the plane started



spiralizing in an unusual circling motion. **WHAT WILL EXPERTS BE LOOKING FOR?**

US aviation safety expert Anthony Brickhouse said investigators would look at aspects like weather and examine to what extent the engines and controls were functioning properly, to help identify what caused the loss of control.

**COULD WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE CAUSED THE CRASH?**

Videos of the crash analyzed by aviation experts led some to speculate that ice had

built up on the plane. On Friday, Voepass said ice was predicted at the altitudes in which the plane was flying, but that it should have been within an acceptable level.Brazilian aviation engineer and crash investigator Celso Faria de Souza said he is almost certain ice caused the accident, judging from the video.ATR-72 planes have experienced issues with icing, with a crash in 1994 in the U.S. state of Indiana killing 68, after the plane was unable to bank due to ice buildup. After that incident, manufacturer ATR improved its de-icing system. In 2016 in Norway an ATR-72 experienced issues after ice accumulated on the plane, but the pilot was able to regain control.

**COULD THE ENGINE HAVE FAILED?** John Hansman, a professor in the department of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, reviewed some of the Brazil crash footage shared on social media and.

Family of girl killed in UK knife attack calls for end to violent riots

**Southport.** The parents of one of three girls murdered at a Taylor Swift-themed event in northern England last month called for an end to the nationwide rioting that followed their deaths at an emotional funeral for their young daughter.Alice da Silva Aguiar, 9, and two other girls died and eight were injured after being stabbed at the event in the seaside town of Southport two weeks ago.Days of riots followed in Southport and in towns and cities across the UK, triggered by false online posts wrongly identifying the suspected killer as an Islamist migrant. A teenager, born in Britain, has since been

charged and police say the incident is not being treated as terrorism.At Aguiar's funeral, the area's police chief told the congregation that her grieving Portuguese parents, Sergio and Alexandra, had asked her to deliver a public appeal for calm."You have shown great courage in asking me to be here today ...

to give a message from you, Alice's family, to say that you do not want there to be any more violence on the streets of the United Kingdom in the name of your daughter," Merseyside Chief Constable Serena Kennedy said.

"I am ashamed, and I'm so sorry that you had to even consider this in the planning of the funeral of your beautiful daughter Alice. And I hope that anyone who has taken part in the violent disorder on our streets over the past 13 days, is hanging their heads in shame at the pain that they have caused you, a grieving family."More than 900 people have been arrested and 466 charged with offences over disorder, mainly targeted at migrants and Muslims, with dozens already sentenced and jailed as cases are fast-tracked through the courts.olic and politicians believe the speedy.

Ukraine's military ops in Russia's Kursk will put pressure on Moscow: Zelenskyy

Moscow's forces on Sunday were in their sixth day of intense battle against Kyiv's largest incursion into Russian territory since the start of the war, which left southwestern parts of Russia vulnerable before reinforcements started arriving.

**Sumy Region.** President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Ukraine had launched an incursion into Russian territory to "restore justice" and pressure Moscow's forces, in his first acknowledgement of Kyiv's surprise offensive into the western Kursk region.

oscow's forces on Sunday were in their sixth day of intense battle against Kyiv's largest incursion into Russian territory since the start of the war, which left southwestern parts of Russia vulnerable before reinforcements started arriving.Russian authorities rushed to evacuate residents and imposed a sweeping security regime in three border regions on Saturday, after the attack which military analysts say caught the Kremlin off-guard. Belarus, a staunch ally of Moscow, also sent more troops to its border with Ukraine, accusing Kyiv of violating its air space.In his nightly video address, Zelenskiy said he had discussed the operation with top Ukrainian commander Oleksandr Syrskyi, vowing to respond in kind after Russia launched its full-scale invasion of its neighbour in February 2022."Today, I received several reports from Commander-in-Chief Syrskyi regarding the front lines and our actions to push the war onto the aggressor's territory," he said late on Saturday. "Ukraine is proving that it can indeed restore justice



and is ensuring the exact kind of pressure that is needed - pressure on the aggressor."Russia's defence ministry said on Sunday it had destroyed 14 Ukrainian drones and four Tochka-U tactical ballistic missiles overnight over the Kursk region, and 18 drones over other Russian regions that Ukraine frequently attacks.In a statement, it called the ground incursion "barbaric" and said it made no military sense.Ukraine has at most occupied several tens of square kilometres of Russian territory without laying claim to it, while Russia controls more than 100,000 sq km of Ukraine's internationally recognised territory.Russia's top general, Valery Gerasimov, said on Wednesday the attacks had been halted, but Russia has not pushed

the Ukrainian forces back over the border.Russian military bloggers said the situation had stabilised after Russia's reinforcements, though they said Ukraine was swiftly building up forces.

INJURIES AND EVACUATIONS

Zelenskiy said on Sunday Russia had launched nearly 2,000 cross-border strikes on Ukraine's Sumy region from the region of Kursk this summer and that such strikes deserved a Ukrainian response."Artillery, mortars, drones. We also record missile strikes, and each such strike deserves a fair response," the Ukrainian leader said.arlier, Kursk officials said 13 people were injured in the city after debris from a destroyed Ukrainian missile fell onto a nine-storey residential building.An image posted by Kursk's mayor showed flames rising through a shattered apartment block surrounded by charred debris.It was not clear whether there was further damage. Moscow and Kyiv rarely disclose the full extent of damage inflicted by attacks on them unless there are injuries or damage to residential buildings.Alexei Smirnov, Kursk's acting governor, ordered local authorities to speed up the evacuation of civilians in areas at risk. On Saturday, Russia's TASS state news agency reported that more than 76,000 people had been evacuated.

Israel orders more evacuation in Gaza's Khan Younis day after school strike

**Cairo.** Israel expanded evacuation orders in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip overnight, forcing tens of thousands of Palestinian residents and displaced families to leave in the dark as explosions from tank shelling reverberated around them.The Israeli military said it was attacking militants from the Hamas group - which administered Gaza before the war - who were using those areas to stage attacks and fire rockets.On Saturday, an Israeli airstrike on a school where displaced Palestinians were sheltering in Gaza City killed at least 90 people, according to the civil defence service, prompting an international outcry.The Israeli military said it had struck a Hamas and Islamic Jihad militant command post, an allegation the two groups rejected as a pretext, and killed 19 militants.In Khan Younis in the south of the Gaza Strip, the evacuation instruction covered districts in

the centre, east and west, making it one of the largest such orders in the 10-month-old conflict, two days after tanks returned to the east of the city.The announcement was posted on X and in text and audio messages to residents' phones: "For your own safety, you must evacuate immediately to the newly created humanitarian zone. The area you are in is considered a dangerous combat zone."

Philippe Lazzarini, head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees UNRWA, said people in Gaza were trapped and had nowhere to go.

"Some are only able to carry their children with them, some carry their whole lives in one small bag. They are going to overcrowded places where shelters are already overflowing with families. They have lost everything and need everything," he said.

The Israeli army said it had struck around 30 Hamas military targets in the previous 24



hours, including military structures, anti-tank missile launch posts, and weapons storage facilities.The Islamic Jihad armed wing said fighters fired mortar bombs against Israeli forces massing in the eastern areas of Khan Younis.ter on Sunday, an Israeli airstrike near the Khan Younis market at the centre of the city killed four Palestinians and wounded several others,

medics said.Lines of smoke rose from areas where Israeli planes carried attacks in the eastern and western parts of the city. Residents said two multi-floor buildings were bombed.Nearly 40,000 Palestinians have been killed in the Israeli offensive in Gaza since the war broke out last October and the toll is rising by the day, the Gaza health ministry says.Israel began its assault on Gaza after Hamas fighters stormed into southern Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and capturing more than 250 hostages, according to Israeli tallies.

TENS OF THOUSANDS FORCED TO LEAVE OVERNIGHT

Most of Gaza's 2.3 million people have been displaced from their homes, according to the United Nations, while their narrow strip of land has largely been reduced to a wasteland of rubble.



News box

22 per cent excess rain for Telangana in first half of monsoon

**HYDERABAD.** The state recorded 22% excess rainfall this monsoon with a record of 528 mm. As per the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs) report, the state recorded 528.0 against the normal rainfall of 433.7 mm, with a 22% deviation from June 1 to August 11.

Contrarily, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) recorded deficit rainfall in the same period, 315.9 mm, against the normal 343.9 mm, with a -8% deviation. In the state, Mulugu had the highest number of rainy days at 49 with excess rainfall, whereas Hyderabad had 27 rainy days with normal rainfall in the season till date.

The weather report said that three districts of Jogulamba Gadwal, Narayanpet and Wanaparthy experienced large excess rainfall while 15 districts recorded excess rainfall. The remaining 15 recorded normal rainfall.

In the long-range forecast for August, IMD said that the rainfall in the country will be in the normal range (94% to 106% of Long Period Average). The state will also experience normal to above normal rainfall in August and maximum temperatures are also likely to be normal and above normal.

IMD also observed that currently, neutral El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions are prevailing in the equatorial Pacific region and La Nina is likely to develop in the second half of the monsoon season towards the end of August. This indicates a drop in the temperature and increased rainfall in the second half of the monsoon season. The current neutral Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) conditions prevailing over the Indian Ocean are likely to continue until the end of the monsoon season, thus favouring an increased rainfall in the season ahead. Meanwhile, IMD forecasted light to moderate rains at isolated places in the state till August 17.

**Smoker attacks man for complaining to his mother**

**Ahmedabad.** A 30-year-old man from Gandhinagar on Sunday filed a complaint with Airport police alleging that his acquaintance attacked him with a brick after he told the latter's mother about his smoking habit. Jayesh Sharma, a resident of Balaji Aghora Residency behind Aghora Mall in Gandhinagar, said in his FIR that he went to meet his mother in Sardarnagar on Saturday night. While he was talking to his friend Ayush Jeswani, Arjun Morandani, an acquaintance, arrived and asked for a match to light a cigarette. After finishing, he carelessly tossed the butt into the parking lot. A while later, Ayush's uncle Umesh Jeswani came over and spotted the cigarette butt in the parking lot. He asked Ayush if he smoked. Sharma intervened and informed him that it was not Ayush, but Arjun who had smoked. Later, Sharma went to Ayush's house where he happened to meet Arjun's mother. He confided in her about Arjun's smoking habit and mentioned seeing him smoking just hours ago. Sharma then went to Sardarnagar vegetable market where Arjun turned up and began abusing him for snitching on him to his mother. Sharma alleged that Arjun hit him on his head with a brick. As Sharma began bleeding profusely, he was rushed to a private hospital where a medico-legal case was filed.

Airport police registered a complaint of voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means and using abusive words against Arjun. Arjun Bijlani offers this homemade treat to his 'Laughter Chefs' buddies. Nia Sharma praised her co-star Arjun Bijlani for treating the 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment' cast with homemade rajma chawal.

**Mumbai police arrests man who harassed 25 women by sending them porn clips**

**Mumbai.** Mumbai Police on Friday arrested a man who allegedly harassed women by sending them obscene and vulgar video clips. When the cops scanned his mobile phones, they found that the accused harassed nearly 25 women by sending them offensive video clips. The accused, Mohammed Aziz Nisar Khan, 36, originally hails from Uttar Pradesh. His family comprising wife and two children stay in UP while he lives in Behrampada in Bandra (East) along with other roommates on rent and runs a Paratha-Halwa shop. Khan has been arrested on the complaint of a 30-year-old homemaker who had received a random phone call on June 14. As the caller spoke vulgarly, she yelled at him and hung up the call. The angry caller then started bombarding her WhatsApp with porn videos and pictures to harass her. The woman initially ignored it and later got fed up and told her husband. The couple then approached the Nirmal Nagar police station and filed a complaint in June. Senior inspector Shrimant Shinde instructed inspector Rauf Shaikh to thoroughly probe the matter and nab the culprit. After nearly two months of extensive probe, Shaikh's team's hawaldar Amol Salunkhe and Shrikrishna Salunkhe finally traced and caught the caller, identified as Khan, from Behrampada area in Bandra.

Tungabhadra dam crest gate collapse: Kurnool district put on alert to mitigate loss

**People, especially farmers of Kurnool and Anantapur districts, have been assured that every measure will be taken to mitigate flood loss.**

**KURNOOL/VIJAYAWADA.** A high alert has been sounded in Kurnool district after one of the crest gates of the Tungabhadra dam washed away. All villages and towns downstream of Srisailem, Nagarjuna Sagar and Pulichintala projects have also been alerted. Taking stock of the situation on Sunday, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu directed Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav to ensure mitigation of flood loss in Kurnool, besides rendering all possible assistance to the Tungabhadra dam authorities. People, especially farmers of Kurnool and Anantapur districts, have been assured that every measure will be taken to mitigate flood loss. The water from the Tungabhadra dam is being released at the discharge rate of nearly 1 lakh cusecs. Efforts underway to fix problem at Tungabhadra dam, says Nimmala. The inflows at Sunkesula Barrage and Srisailem Dam are steadily increasing. With inflows from Jurala reducing, the dam authorities have closed most of the gates. Water Resources Minister Nimmala Rama Naidu said experts are already on the job to fix the problem at the Tungabhadra Dam, and in the meantime,



all the precautionary measures have been taken downstream of the project in Kurnool district, especially in Kowthalam, Kosigi, Mantralayalm, C Belagal and Nandavaram mandals. Revenue, police and irrigation officials have rushed to the mandals downstream to monitor the situation, and people are being alerted using different media, including tom-tom. Kurnool District Collector Ranjit Basha and SP G Bindu Madhav are closely monitoring the situation. People have been advised not

to venture into the river even for fishing as the flood level is increasing steadily. Meanwhile, SDRF teams have been readied, and even NDRF has been put on alert. Swimmers, life jackets, putties and other rescue material have been readied. Revenue and police officials have been fully geared up to evacuate people living adjacent to the river if necessary. However, the situation is under control, and the flood water level is being regulated. "There is no need to panic," the Collector said.

‘Gujarat has high share of kids with stunting’

**Ahmedabad.** Data tabled in the Lok Sabha indicated that Gujarat has a high share of children with stunting, wasting and underweight kids. Women and child development minister Annapurna Devi in response to a question by Shirang Barne, Arvind Sawant, and Sanjay Jadhav, said that in June 2024, the state had 9.2% children with wasting (too thin for height), 23% underweight (less weight for age), and 38.9% stunting (too short for age). The national figures were 6%, 17.2%, and 35.6% respectively. The response cited Poshan Tracker as the source for information, and the figures were for children under the age of six years. City-based experts said that stunting, wasting, and less weight than desirable are signs of malnutrition. tnn

**Khatron Ke Khiladi 14:** Rohit Shetty praises Shalin Bhanot for outperforming Gashmeer Mahajani in a height-based Stunt; says, You were just too good! In the latest episode of Khatron Ke Khiladi 14, Shalin Bhanot impressed host Rohit Shetty with his performance in a height-based stunt against Gashmeer Mahajani. Completing the task with precision, Shalin received accolades for his resilience and determination, marking a high point in the competition. Gashmeer accepted his defeat graciously, reflecting healthy competition between the contestants. IShowSpeed banned from YouTube: Controversial sports car stunt and fan reactions YouTube sensation IShowSpeed has been banned from the platform for

violating Community Guidelines after a stunt video showing him jumping over two speeding sports cars. The ban, lasting two weeks, adds to his history of platform suspensions. Social media users are divided, with some criticizing the ban and others suggesting a warning might have sufficed. Sometimes, justice too bears the weight of judgment The article discussed the mental health challenges judges face due to their demanding roles. It questioned whether there is a system to monitor their mental well-being and suggested the need for regular counselling. It emphasized that like doctors, judges are human and could benefit from psychological support to ensure impartiality and effective decision-making.

Bhogapuram airport works will be completed by June 2026: Union Minister

**VIZIANAGARAM.** “The construction works of Bhogapuram Greenfield Airport are going at a brisk pace and will be completed by June 2026,” said Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu. He, along with Women and Child Welfare, Tribal Welfare Minister Gummadi Sandhya Rani, MSME Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, Vizianagaram MP Kalisetti Appalanaidu, Nellimarla MLA Lokam Naga Madhavi and district Collector BR Ambedkar, visited the airport construction site on Sunday. During the visit, Union Minister Rammohan Naidu revealed that although the contracting agency, GMR Visakhapatnam International Airport Limited (GVIAL), had given a timeframe



until December 2026 to complete the works, they would be completed at least six months before the appointed time. The Union Minister inspected the progress of works at terminal building, runway, ATC tower and other buildings. Later, he held a review meeting with GVIAL and L&T representatives. GMR group

managing director I Prabhakar Rao, CEO Manmohan Roy and project head Rama Raju informed the Union Civil Aviation Minister about the ongoing works. Addressing the mediapersons, Union Minister Rammohan Naidu said, “India has been witnessing nearly 16% growth rate in the aviation sector every year, increasing the demand for the new airports day-by-day. The UDAN scheme, which was launched with an objective of making air travel affordable and widespread, has become a game-changer for the Indian aviation industry. We will complete the Navi Mumbai Airport, and Jeevan Airport at Noida by April 2025. We have proposals to build airports at Srikakulam, Nagarjuna Sagar, and Kuppam in Andhra Pradesh.”

Mumbai Metro Line 7A: Bridging the gap for seamless airport connectivity from distant suburbs

**Mumbai.** As Mumbai continues its ambitious journey to expand and modernise its Metro network, one project stands out for its potential to transform urban mobility—Metro Line 7A. The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) is spearheading this critical extension, which aims to enhance connectivity to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA). Slated for completion by December 2026, this new line is poised to revolutionise access to one of India's busiest airports, becoming the third Metro line to connect the airport after the operational Metro Line One and upcoming underground Metro Line 3. Extending the Reach: From Andheri to the Airport Metro Line 7A is an extension of the operational Metro Line 7, which currently runs from Andheri (East) to Dahisar (East). This southern extension will directly connect Andheri (East) to CSMIA, providing a seamless travel experience for airport-bound passengers. Spanning 3.423 kilometres, the line includes both elevated and underground sections, designed to navigate Mumbai's dense urban landscape. Once operational, the line will provide direct access to the international airport from the Mira Bhayandar region and



Western suburbs, significantly reducing travel time by up to 60 minutes. Its seamless integration with Metro Line 3 and the future Metro Line 8 promises a cohesive and efficient transportation network across the city. At present, over 52% of the construction work has been completed despite facing significant challenges, marking a crucial step toward the project's anticipated completion by the end of 2026. Navigating Complex Challenges The alignment of Metro Line 7A presents unique engineering challenges. The line runs partially elevated along the Western Express Highway (WEH) and Sahar Elevated Road, with an elevated station planned at Airport Colony. From there, the alignment transitions underground, culminating in a station parallel to Terminal 2, strategically placed near the CSMIA Metro Line 3 station. A substantial portion of the alignment

traverses land owned by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). The timely transfer of this land in October 2021 marked a pivotal milestone. Another significant challenge was the relocation of the Valmiki Nagar and Bamanwada slum in Vile Parle, which intersected the cut-and-cover section of the alignment. MMRDA successfully rehabilitated the affected residents, clearing the area by May 2022. The project also involved relocating the Purushottam Giri Ashram and temple and diverting critical utilities, including an 1800 mm underground sewer line, using advanced micro-tunnelling techniques. Moreover, work on 2400 mm via water line diversion is ongoing in coordination with BMC, said a senior official from MMRDA associated with the project. Engineering Feats and Advanced Technologies The construction of Metro Line 7A involves several key components to ensure direct access to the airport and surrounding areas, including Vile Parle East. Notably, a 0.57 km viaduct and a 0.309 km ramp facilitate the transition from elevated to underground sections, while a 2.035 km twin tunnel will ensure uninterrupted underground connectivity.

Gujarat loses 7.6L telecom subscribers

**Ahmedabad.** The movement of migrants out of the state, coupled with anti-fraud measures and permanent deactivation of inactive numbers, has caused a major dent in the number of telecom subscribers in the state. According to the latest telecom subscription reports issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the state lost 3.7 lakh telecom subscribers in March, April, and May this year. “March onwards, Gujarat sees a lot of migration of migrant labourers who move to their native place for the harvest season. This year, due to the elections held in India, many of these labourers did not return to Gujarat to work till June. Most of them, in fact, came back after the initial crop sowing season was over,” said a senior executive of a telecom service provider, requesting anonymity. “With a majority of these migrants not recharging their mobile numbers for 30-90 days, such numbers are automatically deactivated. TRAI and individual telecom service providers are now vigilant about the misuse of mobile numbers for carrying out digital frauds and therefore, inactive numbers are promptly deactivated,” the executive further added. According to the TRAI consumer handbook, a SIM card is deemed deactivated if not used for over 90 days. Non-usage here means zero incoming or outgoing calls/messages, no data sessions, no use of value-added services, and related payments. The decline in subscriber numbers is further augmented by an increasing preference for newer technologies and high-speed internet. On similar lines, an evident reason for the decline in subscriber numbers is Vi losing 2.39 lakh subscribers during these three months and BSNL losing 5.52 lakh subscribers. “This clearly indicates the trend of customers doing away with additional connections, and some others migrating to other platforms which offer high-speed internet and newer technologies such as 5G, which are not yet offered by either BSNL or Vi,” explained a telecom sector expert. A sharp increase in the number of cases of sim fraud and phishing reported has led the department of telecom to tighten rules on verification of customers seeking new mobile numbers. This has led to a slowing uptake in new connections, industry players say, based on the person's name and date of birth.

25 villages on Narmada river bank put on alert as Sardar Sarovar dam level rises

**Ahmedabad.** With the rising level of water in Sardar Sarovar dam in Gujarat's Narmada district, the authorities have taken precautionary measures to ensure the safety of people of 25 villages situated on Narmada river bank and urged people to be cautious and not venture into riverbed. Owing to continuous rain in upstream and release of water from Omkareshwar dam in Madhya Pradesh, water level has been continuously increasing and nine gates of the Sardar Sarovar dam have been opened upto 1.50 metres, said an official statement. It also stated that because of the six machines of Riverbed Power House and opened gates, 1.35 lakh cusecs water will be released in Narmada river. Officials also said that precautions have been taken in 25 villages of Shinor, Dabhoi and Karjan talukas of Vadodara district. These villages include Chandod, Kamali and Nanderiya of Dabhoi; Ambali, Barkal, Diver, Malsar, Dariyapur, Molettha, Zanzad, Kanjetha, Shinor, Mandva and Surasamal of Shinor taluka; and Pura, Alampura, Rajli, Lilaipura, Nani Koral, Moti Koral, Juna Sayar, Sagrol, Oz, Somaj, Delvada and Arajpura of Karjan.

IITGN, IIT Indore join hands to set up cNARMADA to assess river ecosystem



**Ahmedabad.** Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) has set up the Centre for Narmada River Basin Management (cNARMADA) at its campus to conduct the Condition Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) of the Narmada river basin. IITGN has joined hands with Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IITI) for the assessment undertaken by the Ministry of Jalshakti. cNARMADA, which was inaugurated Saturday, will assess and identify existing conditions affecting the river ecosystem. It will also prepare a road map for comprehensive rejuvenation and conservation of the riverine ecosystems in their entirety by analysing anthropogenic impacts on them in detail and suggest future course of actions. As part of the assessment, Narmada and its tributaries will be studied adopting a basin-wide approach considering major human activities that have been affecting the river ecosystem such as industrialisation, urbanisation, lifestyle changes, agricultural and other rural activities, deforestation, dams, barrages, engineering flood control measures infrastructural developments, authorities said.



## A truly electrifying dancer

The gathering at Lahore was restive as the dance show began much behind schedule. This left young Yamini Krishnamurthy tasked with nursing the viewers' grievance primarily. She took up the challenge along with a risk: opening to a long piece. "If they liked it, they would stay around," the artiste would later recall the gamble. Not only did the residents of the heritage city cheer her, many among the enthralled even sang with her towards the end of the programme. Yamini was already established when this episode unveiled in Pakistan's Punjab province. Yet, practical tips during tricky junctures would invariably come from her father. "Suppose you start with a small item and many in the audience leave immediately. You are defeated easily," suggested M Krishnamurthy, who often travelled with Yamini, knowing her calibre. He foresaw the victory in the Paris of the East.

In any case, Yamini had won over her family as a little girl. At five and just into school, she told her parents that academic studies bored her. "I want to dance, nothing else," she kept announcing — louder as days passed by in the Cauvery delta where she grew up as a child. The elders were all art-inclined, but they sensed no career in anyone taking up Bharatanatyam full-time in the 1940s.

The Telugu kid living in Tamil land had her reason. A couple of minutes' walk from her house in Chidambaram would take Yamini to the imposing Nataraja temple. Its exquisite architecture featured statues that enticed her much — especially Shiva in his cosmic dancing posture. Spending all day for months together in its precincts, Yamini decided that dance alone would define her life. The determination led Prof Krishnamurthy to eventually take the child to Kalakshetra. In between, for seven years, Yamini lived in hilly Madanapalle in ancestral Andhra Pradesh. Kalakshetra was only a couple of furlongs away from their residence in Madras. It took one glance at the bright-eyed child for theosophist Rugminidevi Arundale to conclude that the aspirant was a promise. Indeed, the 12-year-old student went on to rise as an icon — and for not just Bharatanatyam. She redefined the status of Kuchipudi and made meaningful inroads into Odissi as well. As the late scholar SN Chandrashekar used to note, Yamini infused freshness while presenting the three classical forms, seldom mixing up the movements.

By the time Yamini was in her twenties, India of the 1960s had begun to acknowledge the stature of its vintage arts. At age 15, Yamini saw Tanjore Balasaraswati perform. Stunned, she strove to emulate the icon. Two years later, in 1957, Yamini's Bharatanatyam debut at Madras marked the start of her fine assimilation of two major schools: Pandanallur and Kanchipuram. The lyrical movements of the first came through Kittappa Pillai, while Ellappa Pillai's unhurriedness emboldened her rhythmic patterns. Dandayudhapani Pillai's choreographies inspired her. Devadasi Mylapore Gowriamma honed Yamini's abhinaya skills. She also learned Carnatic: vocals from the unconventional MD Ramanathan and the veena from the purist Kalpakam Swaminathan. Past her teens, Yamini's liking for Kuchipudi grew further. She decided to learn it, ignoring voices that dubbed the Andhra dance folksy. Vedantam Laxminarayana Sastry, Chinta Krishnamurthy and Venugopala Sarma guided her eminently. Around that time, she decided to learn Odissi, too, primarily under Puri-born Pankaj Charan Das, who had taught the celebrated Kelucharan Mohapatra — also Yamini's guru later. By 35, Yamini had herself become an established teacher, with 400 students. A decade and a half later, in 1990, she founded a dance institute in the national capital, which was already her home. "Till then, I was a busy performer within the country and abroad," she'd wind back. "Setting up a school implied less time for composing. Yet, I could groom a whole lot of disciples."

A Padma Vibhushan awardee, Yamini moulded her own style through eclecticism, but never insisted her pupils must follow her — even the self-invented leaps that made her distinct on the stage. "Deep knowledge about Hindu mythology, though, is essential for excellence."

Yamini's prime-time performances for rustic audiences across the Hindi belt earned her the name 'bijli'. "She was truly electrifying," notes art historian Ashish Mohan Khokar. To many, her dance was representative of the Nataraja image that stayed inside her from the toddler days that had undergone grand reinventions.

## Unchanging climate in the literary world

As Amitav Ghosh has lamented, not enough cognisance is being taken of the reality of climate change

Just a week before the unimaginable human tragedy in Kerala's picturesque Wayanad region, I happened to view an animated film that was being shared on social media. It was a rendering of Malayalam writer Thakazhi Shivashankara Pillai's short story, 'Vellappokkathil' ('In the Flood'). It's the poignant tale of a dog that is left stranded in a hut while his master and family escape in a rescue boat during a severe flood. The story captures the agony of the dog who endures the ravages of weather, pangs of hunger and the insensitivity of passing humans even as he guards his master's hut. The backdrop to this tale of loyalty and resilience was the Great Flood of 1924, which had submerged much of Kerala and devastated India's first monorail system in the tea gardens of Munnar. Exactly a hundred years later, a similar tragedy recurred in Wayanad. Landslides triggered by torrential rain and a swollen river that changed course erased three villages off the map.

Extreme weather patterns continue to wreak havoc, from flash floods and landslides in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand to unprecedented rain in Delhi, Maharashtra and Assam. All this, after we witnessed one of the worst summers of all time. At the recent Paris Olympics, too, climate change was a talking point as the heatwave got to the athletes, prompting gymnast great Simone Biles to exclaim that it felt "like 9,000 degrees". Climate change is a talking point when 200 mm of rain turns Dubai into a river, when fruit orchards shrink in the Himalayan region, or when photos of a rapidly melting Swiss glacier take the Internet by storm. In other words, the perils of climate change are no longer a distant possibility but an everyday reality. But have we come to grips with it, or much less, do we fully grasp its import? Many Indian writers have penned cautionary tales about environmental loss, ecological imbalance and human greed. Mahasweta Devi addressed this in her Bengali novella 'Pterodactyl', Puran Sahay and Pirtha' (1995), where the prehistoric flying reptile warns, "We are extinct by the inevitable natural geological evolution. You too are endangered.... Forests extinct, animal life obliterated outside of zoos and forest sanctuaries. What will you finally grow in the soil, having murdered nature in the application of man-imposed technology?" In similar vein, Arun Joshi's 1990 novel, 'The City and The River', is a fable that is a critique on autocracy as well as on environmentalism and the destructive consequences of development. More recently, Janice Pariat's 'Everything the Light Touches' is an exploration of the human understanding of nature and ways in which the bond can be forged.

But perhaps the one writer who has consistently engaged with climate change and been vocal about it is Amitav Ghosh. In 'The Hungry Tide' (2004) and 'Gun Island' (2019), where the Sundarbans is both the backdrop and life-force of the narrative, he captures the fragility of the



mangrove ecosystem as well as its fury when threatened by man-made interventions. 'The Living Mountain' is another allegorical wake-up call to climate reality. A few years ago, Ghosh had lamented that the literary world had not taken enough cognisance of this reality. In his book 'The Great Derangement', Ghosh wrote that the very mention of climate change was enough to relegate a novel or a short story to the genre of science fiction. "It is as though in the literary imagination, climate change were somehow akin to extraterrestrials or interplanetary travel... if the urgency of a subject were indeed a criterion of its seriousness, then, considering what climate change actually portends for the future of the Earth, it should

surely follow that this would be the principal preoccupation of writers the world over — and this, I think, is very far from being the case."

While one may not agree that science fiction deals only with interstellar explorations or apocalyptic scenarios, Ghosh may have a point about how mainstream fiction can no longer afford to sidestep the realities of climate change. "The real story," concedes acclaimed science fiction writer Kim Stanley Robinson, "is the one facing us in the next 30 years." In fact, Robinson's much-talked-about book, 'The Ministry for The Future', opens with a deadly heatwave that kills millions in India. If it sounds ominous, one can only hope that fiction doesn't meet reality.

## Tenacious leader

Buddhadeb dreamt of a progressive Bengal

THE death of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, the last Marxist Chief Minister of West Bengal, on Thursday marks the end of an era for West Bengal's political and cultural landscape. He was known for his intellectual rigour, literary acumen and a deep commitment to the ideals of socialism. He joined the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in 1966, rising through the ranks with a quiet determination that would come to define his political career. Bhattacharjee took over the reins of West Bengal in 2000, succeeding the legendary Jyoti Basu, and served as CM till 2011 when Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress won, ending the Communists' rule spanning 34 years. Bhattacharjee's life was a testament to the transformative power of conviction. He was seen as a bridge between the ideological rigidity of his party and the pragmatic demands of governance. His dedication to the cause of the Left Front was unwavering, earning him respect across the political spectrum.



Bhattacharjee's tenure was characterised by his efforts to modernise West Bengal's economy, a move that was both bold and controversial. His Singur and Nandigram land acquisition initiatives aimed to attract industrial investment, sparking widespread protests that became defining moments of his regime. Despite the controversies, his vision for a more prosperous West Bengal was clear and his efforts laid the groundwork for future development.

Beyond his political endeavours, Bhattacharjee was known for his love of literature and music, reflecting a deep appreciation for the cultural tapestry of Bengal. His simplicity and accessibility endeared him to the people, making him a leader who was both respected and loved. His legacy is a reminder of the complexities of governance and the enduring impact of steadfast leadership. His personal beliefs and principles are best demonstrated by his pledge that his body be donated to a government hospital for research.

## Another August etched in memory

August 1947 redefined the Indian subcontinent. This may have been a time to celebrate Independence, but at least in the North, the shadow of Partition was overwhelming. - File photo

August 1947 redefined the Indian subcontinent. This may have been a time to celebrate Independence, but at least in the North, the shadow of Partition was overwhelming. My parents and those of their generation that I met or knew never referred to this as a moment of 'Independence' and a time of joy. There is enough anecdotal evidence to suggest that the ones who remained unaffected by Partition celebrated the break from imperial Britain, while some, whose lives were shattered, even bemoaned the schism. Few, if any, looked past the obvious to learn that much of the forces and convoluted processes that led to Partition were the direct result of colonial policy. In the immediate aftermath of this cataclysm, there were two broad categories of perspectives — those who wholeheartedly condemned the British and their exploitative measures and, surprisingly, another group that quietly whispered, 'We were better off as colonial subjects.' Both groups had reason to feel what they did. But both, no matter what take they had on the matter, had been thrown off the deep end and now, Independence or not, Partition or not, survival was all that mattered. This was a moment when humanity as a collective had failed — and miserably at that. If anything, individuals with humanity lit small lamps of hope and kindness in the mass of darkness. Some years later, in another August, war broke out with Pakistan. In 1965, General Ayub Khan launched one of our neighbour's periodic misadventures and attacked India. I was a bare toddler when this war came. We were far away from any scenes of battle. Yet, given that my parents were of the generation that had gone through Partition, its trauma remained



embedded in their minds. They, not unexpectedly, were fearful of loss and separation from their loved

ones. For me, this came in the shape of a small silver bracelet that remained with me for several years. Then it went wandering and has not returned. It may be in some odd box somewhere, but the odds are that this piece of functional ornament, worn just once, has slipped away and gone to the great 'wherever-whatever' of missing objects.

This bracelet had my name on the obverse and the address at the back. In essence, it said, 'If found, please return bracelet and wearer to owner.' This bracelet was my parents' way of writing down my home and origin, should I get separated from them. Once the air-raid siren sounded, we would troop down to a room in a neighbour's house that the Civil Defence had designated as the safest place to be. Almost everybody carried flasks of tea or coffee and something to eat. Our windows had been pasted over with brown paper crosses — "Shattering glass can be lethal". In a canvas satchel, my father had a first-aid kit, with the essentials of the 1960s — gauze bandages, cotton wool, mercurochrome and tincture. In that half-darkened space, there must have been around 20 adults and children. In this world that has become increasingly hateful, and with people who had survived hate, what I recall in that room is an extraordinary sense of calm. Most, if not all, religions were represented. As older memories become sharper and sounds heard long ago are not echoes but ring clear, apart from the occasional cough or sneeze, or of a flask being opened and closed, the only sounds were of rosaries clicking and a merging hum of the 'Gayatri Mantra' and the 'Japji Sahib'.



# Let your Eyes speak with these Makeup tips



If your eyes are the window to your soul, they deserve to be dressed up. Our selection of the season's favourite eye makeup looks is a good place to start. The humble eyeliner and mascara are two makeup essentials that you'd find in every woman's makeup bag. But the casually-applied line has now graduated to cat-eyed, winged and blocked. Take your pick and let your eyes do the talking this festive season.

## DOUBLE TROUBLE

What could be better than one perfect sweep of eyeliner? Two perfect sweeps! While the darker shade helps define the eyes, a colourful liner adds a fun pop of colour to the entire look. Damian Garozzo, makeup artist, who created the look for the Clinique Colour Pro Program shows how to get this look.

Apply a thin layer of black eyeliner across the outer two thirds of your upper lash line, slightly winging it at the outer corners. Follow this by layering a blue eyeliner tightly on the inner third of your lash line.

Apply two coats of a volumising mascara to get a contrast with the colours.

Complete the look by grooming the brows.

## WING WOMAN

The swinging 60's gave us one of our favourite eyeliner trends - the winged eyeliner. Ever since, this look has seen different versions in every decade. Asha Hariharan, colour consultant for hair and makeup says, "The look can be glamorous or sultry. Keep the look 'Indian' and young for this festive season. The most important part is the angle of the wing." She shares her secrets for nailing the look.

The first step is doing your natural line. A lot of people make the mistake of starting with the wing. Start with a thin line at the inner corner of the eye. This line should gradually become thicker, being the thickest at the outer corner.

Now, take a 45 degree angle from the bottom lid and create the wing. (We often mistake this angle to be taken from the top lid) The wing can be short or long depending on whether or not you want drama.

Once you've got your desired length, it's a question of attaching the wing to the line on top of your eyelid. With so many trends to choose from, you'll be spoilt for choice. And even if you're a novice, there's nothing a little practice won't fix.



# 5 tips for winter Lips

Say goodbye to dry, flaky lips this winter. We give you five easy to follow home remedies to get soft baby lips.

- Moisturise your lips throughout the day by massaging them with a lip balm containing vitamin E and beeswax. You can also use a regular moisturising cream.
- To get rid of the dead skin on your lips, you need to exfoliate your lips with a gentle scrub. Make your own lip scrub by mixing sugar with petroleum jelly. You can also use a toothbrush with soft bristles to scrub your lips. Once you are done exfoliating, moisturise your lips with the lip balm.
- While applying your lipstick, first apply the balm and let it get absorbed on the lips. You can choose a lipstick with extra moisture benefits.
- Don't lick your lips to moisturise them. This will further dry the skin on the lips. Also, never pick on the peeling skin of the lips. Not only will your lips become sore, they will also start bleeding. It's tempting to lick your lips in order to moisturise them.



-You need to protect your skin from the harmful UV rays of the sun evening during winter. To protect your lips, opt for a lip balm or lipstick with SPF protection.

Just like our body, our skin too

needs a detox. Thanks to the fact that we are exposed to so many chemicals and toxic substances daily, our bodies and skin go through a lot of abuse affecting our health in a bad way.

# For healthy skin, get rid of these toxins

"This can be treated either by topical application of Vitamins A, E and C, Q10, aster xanthine, glutathione, (orally or serum). Glutathione is a powerful antioxidant but its absorption is poor so it is given as an intravenous drip, along with vitamin C. Tablets, serums and creams are available over-the-counter."

## Heavy metals

Bismuth, lead (in lipsticks), arsenic, copper and other heavy metals can be ingested through food as well as through makeup and skincare products. They produce toxicity when their levels rise beyond a critical level and the body is unable to eliminate them.

**Environmental pollutants** Pollutants like sulphur gases, carbon monoxide, dust particles,

bacteria, viruses, fungus, moulds make skin sensitive, intolerant, dry, dark and patchy.

## Contaminated drinking water

There has been a lot of emphasis on water purification processes with carbon, UV light as well as reverse osmosis technology. Water ingested could be contaminated with toxins, bacteria, fungus, spores, parasite, ova etc.

## Medications

Most medicines are metabolised by the liver or kidney or both. In case of reduced function either, or in case of cumulative over dosage of chemicals, they tend to accumulate and cause harm to the skin as well as other organs. Iron ingested for a long time (years) can produce black pigmentation on skin.

Our skin takes the brunt of it. Dr KE Mukadam, dermatologist and laser surgeon says, "Overload of toxic materials causes skin eruptions, allergies, dry skin, pigmentation, eczema and psoriasis." The skin acts as the backup organ of elimination for the kidney and bad skin is usually an indication of toxicity in the body.

Dr Apratim Goel, dermatologist and laser surgeon adds, "Toxins could be those produced within the body and not eliminated naturally, or they are the ones ingested orally or inhaled or another way of penetration of toxin is through skin i.e. makeup, skincare products as well as pollution." Some of them are... Free radicals Cosmetologist Dr Rashmi Shetty says, "Free radicals are singlet oxygen cells and are produced due to various chemical reactions in the body like breathing, digestion or when you are stressed, or are smoking." They can cause a lot of damage by harming the good cells of the body including affecting collagen production and pigmentation pathways. Dr Shetty adds,

# Kitchen remedies for a glowing Skin

With the year end festival excitement in the air, everyone like to have a clear skin. Let's take some help from the kitchen and use natural ingredients which will lighten, brighten & even out your skin tone while at the same time reduce dark spots, acne marks, pigmentation & sun tan for your true complexion to stand out.

**Fresh fruit**  
Take one tsp of pineapple juice, one tsp of coconut milk and half a tsp of honey to this. Mix well and apply this for 20 minutes. Wash with normal water.

**Turmeric**  
With its lovely antiseptic properties, it's no wonder that turmeric is part of ceremonies before marriage. Take one tsp of milk cream, a pinch of turmeric and 2 drops of almond oil. Mix well and apply on face



avoiding eyes. It is recommended to use ambe haldi (stocked in ayurvedic stores). Wash with lukewarm water when dry.

**Lentils**  
Take 1 tbsp of red masoor or green moong dal powder, add curds and few drops of coconut oil to this. Mix well and apply this on your face, leave till dry. Use lukewarm water and see the glow.

**Fruit peels**  
Take orange and lemon peels and dry them under the sun. Powder them and store them to be used for use as and when required. You can mix a tsp of both these powders with rose water and use it twice a week. Keep it on for 20 minutes and then wash with normal water.





# Statue of Pak's 1971 surrender vandalised in Bangladesh, Shashi Tharoor reacts

**New Delhi:** The iconic statue at the 1971 Shaheed Memorial Complex in Bangladesh has been vandalised amid protests in the nation, and Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has reacted sharply to the incident, calling out "anti-India vandals".The statue commemorated the moment Pakistan surrendered in 1971, thereby ending the Bangladesh Liberation War and the Indo-Pakistan War.

Taking to X, he shared a picture of the broken statue, and said he was "sad" to see such developments."Sad to see images like this of statues at the 1971 Shaheed Memorial Complex, Mujibnagar, destroyed by anti-India vandals. This follows disgraceful attacks on the Indian cultural centre, temples and Hindu homes in several places, even as reports came in of Muslim civilians protecting other minority homes and places of worship," Shashi Tharoor tweeted.The Congress MP further wrote that the attacks on minorities in Bangladesh clearly show



the "agenda" of some of the agitators.Shashi Tharoor urged Bangladesh interim government head, Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus to take

"urgent steps" to restore law and order in the country in the "interest of all Bangladeshis of every faith"."India stands with the people of Bangladesh at this

turbulent time, but such anarchic excess can never be condoned," his tweet read.

Called the 'Instrument of Surrender', the statue depicted the signing of a document on December 16, 1971, by the Pakistan Army to the Indian forces and Bangladesh's Mukti Bahini.

Major-General Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi, representing the Pakistani side at the time, surrendered with his 93,000 troops before Lieutenant General Jagjit Singh Aurora, who was then General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of India's Eastern Command.

He was also the joint commander of the Bangladesh forces. AK Khandker, then Deputy Chief of Staff of the Bangladesh Forces, represented the Provisional Government of Bangladesh at the ceremony. It was the world's largest military surrender, in terms of number of personnel, since World War II.

The student protests in Bangladesh initially

started as demonstrations against quotas in government jobs, but turned into anti-government, leading to the deaths of more than 400 people and the ouster of Sheikh Hasina as the Prime Minister. On August 5, she resigned and escaped to India, and continues to hide in an unspecified site.

Amid the unrest, minorities, especially Hindus, have been facing attacks, in which mobs have vandalised and looted their houses, and even lynched them. The attacks have caused a massive accumulation of Bangladeshis in the India-Bangladesh border states, mostly Bengal.Muhammad Yunus has termed the attacks on minorities "heinous" and pleaded with the citizens of the country to protect all Hindus, Buddhist and Christian families from harm. Reaching out to students, who are at the forefront of the protests, the 84-year-old cautioned them not to let their efforts be sabotaged by those seeking to undermine their progress.

## "Congress Involved In Creating Economic Anarchy": BJP On Hindenburg Report

**New Delhi:** The Congress "wants the stock market to crash" the BJP's Ravi Shankar Prasad said Monday as the ruling party continues to hit back at the opposition over short-seller Hindenburg Research's latest allegations of financial misconduct against the Adani Group. The ex-Law Minister also claimed the Congress is "involved in creating economic anarchy" and "hatred against India".

He also underlined India's position as a "safe, stable and promising market".Ravi Shankar Prasad's scathing comments come a day after party colleagues Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched a similar attack on the Congress, declaring the party is "seeking foreign help to discredit (and) destabilise our financial markets and to create chaos in the country... by spreading anarchy"."After losing for a third time (referring to the 2024 general election) and the Congress and its closest 'toolkit' allies now want to make the Indian economy unstable. Congress today has developed hatred against India. What Congress wants is to bring back 'control Raj'..." Mr Prasad told reporters."This report was released on Saturday... they raised this aggressively on Sunday so the stock market can take a hit," he continued, "Politics of Congress has 'toolkit' and 'chit politics'."

"We are proud the Indian stock market is stable today. We want to salute small investors... this basically means they do not believe in the 'toolkit' and the Hindenburg report," Mr Prasad raged.Last week United States-based Hindenburg released a new report claiming Securities Exchange Board of India chief Madhabi Puri Buch had a stake in obscure offshore entities used in alleged financial wrongdoing by the Adani Group.

## Kolkata rape-murder: AIIMS Delhi doctors make 6 demands amid uproar, strikes on

**New Delhi.** Thousands of doctors and post-graduate students held strikes across the country to protest over the rape and murder of a 31-year-old woman trainee doctor, whose body was found in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, last week and triggered shockwaves.

Members of the Resident Doctors' Association (RDA) of Delhi's AIIMS put forth six demands, including the need to hand over the case to the CBI for an inquiry, strict action against the culprits, adequate compensation to the victim's family, termination of principal and security in-charge of the hospital, written assurance from Central Government for implementation of Central Protection Act for doctors, and the declaration of a building or library in institute in her name.The trainee doctor was found in a seminar hall at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital with injury marks on her body, and an autopsy later confirmed that she was raped before being murdered. The accused, a civic volunteer, was arrested on August 10 (Saturday) and has been sent to 14-day police custody.

The civic volunteer was not officially associated with RG Kar Medical College and Hospital but was known to frequent the premises.

### MEDICAL COLLEGE PRINCIPAL RESIGNS

Dr Sandip Ghosh, the principal of RG Kar Medical College, resigned as junior doctors, interns and postgraduate trainees of the facility continued their strike for the fourth day on Monday, demanding a magisterial inquiry into the rape and murder of a 31-year-old woman trainee doctor.The doctors and medical students had been demanding the resignation of Dr Ghosh. Speaking to reporters, Ghosh said that he was "getting defamed on social media" following the heinous crime, adding that the victim was "like my daughter"."As a parent, I resign. This should not happen to anyone in the future," he added.

Patients faced inconvenience as the outdoor centres of RG Kar College and Hospital remained closed due to protests by doctors and medical students over the incident.Over the past three days, junior doctors had been attending to emergency duties, but as of Monday morning, they have ceased even those responsibilities, sources told news agency PTI.West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has vowed to seek the death penalty for the accused. She said she would transfer the case to the CBI if the Kolkata Police were not able to crack the case by Sunday (August 18).

## RG Kar Hospital horror: Kolkata police on high alert to ensure women safety

**New Delhi:**In the wake of the RG Kar hospital horror killing, higher officials in Kolkata police department have issued an alert order for women's safety in the city. Guidelines have been released by the department, and they have assured there would be zero tolerance towards such incidents henceforth.The police will first identify areas prone to crimes against women and adequate measures will be adopted to ensure their safety. This includes frequent police patrolling across the city.CCTV cameras will be installed in public places wherever possible and a CCTV cell will be set up in order to take immediate action against crime.

The city police would further review the security system at government hospitals, homes, and women's hostels. Measures will be taken to ensure such incidents are not repeated.Soon, the police plan to have more interactions

with the public to spread a message about women's safety.

here is also a need for the police to interact more with women doctors,



college students (female), school students (female) to find out issues that threaten their safety.Women police forces may be utilised efficiently, and they would also visit hospitals and colleges.All officers in-charge have been asked to brief their respective

## Haryana BJP expels ex-Delhi Minister within 6 hours of joining party

**New Delhi.** Former Delhi Cabinet Minister Sandeep Kumar was expelled from the Haryana BJP just six hours after the party leaders discovered his controversial past, which he allegedly tried to conceal.BJP leaders stated that Kumar deliberately hid his previous tenure as an AAP leader and minister. "Sandeep Kumar has been suspended from the primary membership of the party for hiding certain facts about his past life," announced Haryana BJP in-charge Surendra Puniya on the microblogging platform X.Kumar, who was involved in several controversies, was removed from the Delhi Cabinet on August 31, 2016, after a CD emerged showing him in a compromising position with two women. He was subsequently arrested

by Delhi Police on September 3, 2016, after a woman accused him of giving her a spiked drink, raping her, and filming the act. The video went viral on social media, prompting Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to



remove him from his ministerial post. The victim claimed she was exploited under the pretence of receiving a ration card, while Kumar denied the allegations, calling them an attempt to

defame him.Kumar also sparked controversy by dedicating a government school to his wife, Ritu, and claiming he touched her feet daily. He gained attention in 2015 after defeating five-time MLA Jai Kishan and was subsequently inducted as a minister in Kejriwal's government, overseeing the Women and Child Development Department.Before joining the BJP, Kumar formed his political outfit, 'Kirti Kisan Shere Punjab,' in 2021. He joined the BJP in the presence of Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini but was suspended after his controversial past came to light.Kumar hails from Sargathal village in Sonapat, graduated from Delhi University in 2004, and earned a law degree from Chaudhary Charan Singh University in 2009.

## Kolkata doctor rape-murder accused went to sleep, washed his clothes after crime

**New Delhi:**The civic volunteer arrested on charges of raping and murdering a doctor inside Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, returned to his place and went to sleep before washing his clothes to destroy evidence.According to police, after committing the crime, the accused returned to his residence, slept until late Friday morning, and then washed his clothes to destroy evidence. The police, however, discovered bloodstains on the shoes of the accused during a subsequent search.

The accused was a civic volunteer not officially associated with RG Kar Medical College and Hospital but known to frequent the premises.'

The body of the post-graduate trainee, raped and murdered inside a seminar hall at the hospital, was found on Friday morning, leading to the arrest of the civic volunteer on Saturday.Police is awaiting the final post-mortem report to determine if others were involved in the crime. The initial autopsy indicated severe injuries, with the victim bleeding from her eyes, mouth, and private parts, and showing injuries on her left leg, neck, right hand, ring finger, and lips.Another police officer said that circumstantial evidence also indicated a possibility that the doctor was first murdered and then raped.

"We are also talking to people who were on duty on Thursday night till the next morning. CCTV footage is also being checked," the police officer told PTI.n Sunday, the SIT and forensic teams collected samples from the seminar hall and reconstructed the crime scene without the accused present.

### PROTESTS BY JUNIOR DOCTORS

Protests by junior doctors demanding swift justice continued for the third consecutive day on Sunday, disrupting services in government hospitals across West Bengal. City Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal visited the hospital for the second time in three days, meeting with representatives of the protesting junior doctors. He assured that the investigation is "transparent" and urged against the spread of rumours.The junior doctors, house staff, and post-graduate trainees across state-run hospitals demand increased security measures. They insist that the government must take decisive action to secure justice for the victim, highlighting the incident as a symptom of broader systemic and societal issues requiring urgent attention.

In response to the protests, the state health department cancelled all leaves and holidays for senior doctors to manage the ongoing crisis. Support for the striking doctors has poured in from across the country, with the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association of India (FORDA) backing the strike and calling for a nationwide suspension of elective services in hospitals on Monday.

**New Delhi:**Assam Police prevented the unauthorised entry of four Bangladeshis who were trying to enter India through the Karimganj sector of the India-Bangladesh border late on Sunday.Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, on X, said that the migrants, who attempted to enter India amid unrest in Bangladesh, have been identified as Motiur Seikh, Mushiar Mullah, Tania Mullah, and Rita Mullah. "This morning at 1:30 am, Bangladeshi citizens identified as Motiur Seikh, Mushiar Mullah, Tania Mullah, and Rita Mullah attempted to enter India through the Karimganj sector of the India-Bangladesh border. However, police effectively intervened at the zero point and promptly repelled them, preventing their unauthorized entry," he said in a post on X.The Chief Minister had earlier said that the situation in Bangladesh is a matter of concern for the Northeast from two angles, with people

likely to enter through the border and the neighbouring country might also again become a hub of insurgents from the region.He had maintained that the borders are secure with the state



government maintaining a strict vigil and, as of now, nobody has been allowed to cross into the country from Bangladesh except those who have valid passport, visa and are bonafide citizens of India.Director General of Assam Police GP Singh had said that a high alert has

been issued along the Indo-Bangladesh border to ensure that no person can enter the state illegally, with BSF as the first line of defence along the border and the Assam Police as the second line.

he Assam Police has heightened surveillance along the India-Bangladesh border to prevent any unauthorized entry from Bangladesh.Early on Sunday, 11 Bangladeshi nationals were arrested while trying to infiltrate into India through the international border in West Bengal, Tripura and Meghalaya, the Border Security Force (BSF) said on Sunday.The border guards have thwarted a number of infiltration attempts and sent back thousands of Bangladeshi people over the last few days with the help of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) at many points along the Bangladesh frontier.Last week, the Union Home Ministry formed a committee under the BSF Additional Director General (ADG) (Eastern

Command) to look into the safety and security issues being faced by minorities in Bangladesh following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government.

### BANGLADESH PROTESTS

Amid student protests, violence erupted on August 5 after Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled to neighbouring India, where she is currently staying. The minorities, especially Hindus, have faced attacks in the Islamic nation after a violent uprising led to the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government.Over 230 people have died since the fall of the Awami League government on August 5.Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus was sworn in as the head of the country's caretaker government.The noted economist was recommended for the role by student protesters who led the protests against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, which forced her to leave the country and brought down her Awami League government.







## Sensex, Nifty gain as markets ignore Hindenburg's claims against Sebi chief

**New Delhi.** Sensex and Nifty gained despite Hindenburg Research's recent allegations against Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband, with Dalal Street investors largely ignoring the claims. By 11:38 am, the S&P BSE Sensex had risen by 247.16 points to 79,953.07, while the NSE Nifty50 dropped 60.55 points to 24,428.05.

Both indices were down in early trade due to weak global cues. Broader market indices also recovered, and volatility decreased, even with the US short seller's accusations. JSW Steel, Infosys, Axis Bank and HDFC Bank were among the top gainers, while railway PSU RVNL surged nearly 9%. However, some Adani Group stocks dipped in early trade as a knee-jerk reaction to Hindenburg's claims. Dr. V. K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, noted that global and domestic factors, including US consumer data and core CPI numbers, would play a significant role in influencing the market this week.

He added that stability in the yen suggests that concerns about the yen carry trade are easing, with US economic trends and Fed rate expectations likely having more influence on market movements. On the domestic front, Vijayakumar mentioned the Hindenburg report but downplayed its potential impact on the market. He emphasized that the "buy-on-dips" strategy, which has been effective during this bull run, is likely to continue working. Sebi and Madhabi Puri Buch have both issued statements in response to Hindenburg's allegations.

The market had advised market participants to remain calm and conduct proper due diligence before reacting to the claims.

## Gold, silver price : Precious metals record hike on MCX



**New Delhi.** Both gold and silver prices recorded a hike on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Monday, August 12, 2024. Gold futures, maturing on October 4, 2024, stood at Rs 69,930 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a jump of Rs 35 or 0.05 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 69,895. Meanwhile, silver futures, maturing on September 5, 2024, witnessed a marginal hike of Rs 187 or 0.23 per cent and were retailing at Rs 80,730 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 80,543. The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors, including the value of the rupee against the dollar. Global demand also plays a key role in determining the trends observed in the rate of precious metals.

**GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET**

Gold prices struggled for momentum on Monday as investors looked forward to a key inflation report that could shed more light on the U.S. central bank's next policy move, news agency Reuters reported.

According to the latest metal report, spot gold eased 0.13 per cent to \$2,427.86 per ounce by 0352 GMT, while, U.S. gold futures dipped 0.3 per cent to \$2,466.40.

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Review and make alterations – If the market has suddenly done very well you may be able to buy the bike in say 19 months instead of 24. If that happens you will have

₹10,000 available for other goals. If you don't have any immediate need, just increase the amount for retirement. You can always redirect it for some other goals.

# Yes Bank aims to ramp up growth capital, margins

**MUMBAI.** Yes Bank, which is in talks with investors to give an exit to the SBI-led lenders who are its majority shareholders, sees profitability improving and the resultant gain in RoI (Return on Investment) from this fiscal as the Rs 44,000 crore tied up in the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) will begin to come back to the bank in tranches from this fiscal.

This will have Rs 11,000 crore getting released, ramping up its growth capital and margins. "Having achieved the PSL target last fiscal, we'll get Rs 11,000 crore released from the RIDF by November or December, shoring up our growth capital and the margins. This means we can lend more, and improve our margins, leading to increased RoI," Prashant Kumar, managing director and chief executive of the bank, told ETNE in an interaction.

As much as Rs 44,000 crore are tied up in the RIDF now for not achieving the mandated PSL targets in the previous four fiscals since the bankruptcy of the bank, he said. The RIDF, set up in 1995-96 to finance rural infrastructure projects, is maintained by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). "People are comparing us with competition, completely disregarding

where we started off from. There are certain legacy issues as the bank was not meeting its priority sector lending targets, as a result Rs 44,000 crore of our assets are sitting in the RIDF accounts where return is 2% below the repo rate," he said.

"Our operating profit is growing steadily and we've delivered strong net income, but the issue is people are judging us as compared to competition. I think in another 12-18 months we would be in line with the market on the profitability front," Kumar said. The bank reported a net profit of Rs 502.43 crore for the June quarter, a jump of 47% over last year. He expects the bank's return on investment, which is the real gauge of profitability for a lender, has fallen to a nadir with the crisis has been steadily improving. The RoI was a low 0.5% in FY22, which improved to 0.78% in FY24 and it should be closer to 1% in FY25 and cross 1% in FY26. While the main reason for the low RoI is the RIDF fund, which limits its growth capital, the other main reason for this is not having any high margin yielding business, Kumar said. Sounding bullish about the coming years,



Kumar said going forward, the bank will be better off as its more margin-yielding retail loan book has crossed 60% as of the June quarter. Earlier, the bank had a small retail book as its focus was corporate lending. Another reason for rising profitability is the increasing returns from the NPAs sold to JC Flowers ARC. So far 50% (Rs 3,400 crore of the Rs 6,800 crore) of security receipts has been resolved. That apart, the bank has got an upside of Rs 1,000 crore over and above these security receipts and the net carry value of the remaining receipts is only 0.4%, he said. In December, Yes Bank sold NPAs worth as much as Rs 48,000 crore for cash and security receipts. The portfolio purchase price was Rs 11,200

crore as of March 2022. Asked about entering any new segment like wealth management, insurance or mutual funds, he ruled out pursuing any such plans saying, including gold loans, our immediate and mid-term priority is to improve the profitability of the bank in general and the RoI in particular. "The only area we want to enter is microfinance which we will do through an acquisition. Last year we tried a buyout but did not go ahead as valuations were too high. We are constantly evaluating a good MFI candidate," the ex-SBI official who was selected by the RBI to sail the bank out of the crisis said.

On the reason for not entering the high margin and least risk gold loan segment, he said "this segment is stronger in rural markets, where we have minimal presence. Plus this is a high investment business as we need to set up store rooms and storage vaults which given urban focus is not worth attempting now given our present weak balance-sheet." After the Reserve Bank-managed rescue act in March 2020, the private sector bank is owned by SBI and other lenders.

## Businesses in Bangladesh hit by cash supply drought: Report

**DHAKA.** Businesses in Bangladesh are facing a liquidity crunch as the central bank has capped the withdrawal of cash from banks at Tk 2 lakh amidst uncertainty in the country following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government, a media report said on Monday. The Bangladesh Bank set a cash withdrawal limit of Tk 2 lakh (Rs 1.42 lakh approximately) per account on Saturday, increasing it from the Tk 1 lakh announced earlier.

The central bank decided this due to security concerns as police are yet to return to work fully, following the clashes between police and students during the widespread protests against Hasina's Awami League-led government over a controversial quota system in jobs. Interim Finance and Planning Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed on Sunday also said that the limit on cash withdrawals was required given the current situation. Businesses, especially those mainly dealing with cash transactions, said they would be in a tough situation if the cash crisis lingers and restrictions remain next week. The Daily Star newspaper reported. Ahmed, a former governor of Bangladesh Bank has said that the top



priority of Bangladesh's interim government is to bring the economy back on track and restore the people's trust in the banks.

Talking to reporters on Saturday for the first time after assuming office, Ahmed said the government's priority is to restore the trust of common people in the banks while resuming the operations of the central bank. Business owners said their operations have halted since the second half of July when the widespread protests erupted.

Abu Bakar Siddique, an oil wholesaler in one of the largest kitchen markets in Dhaka, Karwan Bazar, said his bank would not allow more than Tk 1 lakh to be withdrawn. "This is a big problem. As a result, the normal pace of business is being disrupted," the report quoted

him as saying. He said most business transactions are being conducted through bank-to-bank transfers or real-time gross settlements. Taslim Shahriar, deputy general manager of a major commodity importer and processor, said not all business people accept cheques. "We have to pay in cash too, but now, transactions are only taking place through bank-to-bank transfers and cheques. The sooner this problem is resolved, the better for us," Shahriar said. A senior official of another major commodity importer and processor said, "As such, I am unable to pay the full salaries to those who are daily wage earners. I told the workers to wait this week as there is no way I can manage cash now." Asserting that daily wage earners are facing a very difficult situation, the official said, "It's inhumane for them. If this situation persists for long, it will be very difficult to conduct business." Riad Mahmud, managing director of National Polymer Group, said he believes the situation will hamper business if it persists, according to the report. However, he said it will not substantially hinder activities if it lasts a short time.

## Voltas Q1 profit up over two-fold to Rs 335 cr; sells 1 million AC units in June quarter

**NEW DELHI:** Air conditioning maker and engineering services provider Voltas Ltd on Monday reported an over two-fold jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 335 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2024, led by a "significant volume growth" from its room AC business. Besides, the Tata Group firm also achieved the "milestone" of one million units of AC sales in Q1 FY25 and its total income crossed Rs 5,000-crore mark in the June quarter. It had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 129.42 crore in the April-June period a year ago. The company said in a regulatory filing. Voltas' revenue from operations was up 46.46 per cent in the June quarter. It was at Rs 3,359.86 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago. Total expenses of Voltas increased 41.44 per cent to Rs 4,520.40 crore in

the June quarter of FY25. Voltas' total income in the June quarter was up 45.81 per cent to Rs 5,001.27 crore. In the first quarter of this financial year, Voltas' revenue from "unitary cooling products for comfort and commercial use", which has room AC business, was up 51.24 per cent to Rs 3,802.17 crore. It was at Rs 2,513.97 crore in the corresponding period last fiscal. Its overall volume grew by 67 per cent in the AC segment in the April-June period.

"The Unitary Cooling Products business continued to outperform the market and maintained its growth momentum," it said, adding "Voltas continues to be a market leader both in Split and Window Air-conditioners with an Exit Market Share of 21.2 per cent as on June 2024." Revenue from "electro-mechanical projects and

services", which comprises domestic and international projects businesses, rose 39.77 per cent in the June quarter to Rs 949.13 crore. The Domestic Projects business with a presence in MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing), Water, Electrical & Solar has grown due to a healthy carry forward order book. Timely execution, focus on completion certification and other related project management initiatives have resulted in a robust bottom-line growth," it said. For International Projects Business, projects in UAE and Saudi continue to deliver good performance and drive revenue growth for the business. "Strong project execution, timely assessment of cost and profitability have ensured a better bottom-line performance after facing challenges for the last few quarters," it said.



chains and accelerated economic growth.

The completion of these projects is slated for FY 2030-31. Despite a recent downturn in railway stocks, market analysts remain optimistic about their potential, citing the government's focus on infrastructure development as a key driver for future growth. This government backing has provided a significant boost to railway stocks, including RVNL, as they rebound from recent losses. At the same time, the domestic stock markets are going through a volatile period and there are concerns related to the overvaluation of some company stocks. Given the situation, experts have asked investors to buy on dips and aim for long-term gains.

# Hindenburg doubles down: Sebi chief Madhabi Buch's response now confirms...

**NEW DELHI.** Hindenburg Research escalated its feud with India's stock market regulator Sebi and its chief, Madhabi Puri Buch, alleging conflicts of interest and fresh instances of financial impropriety tied to the Adani Group. The US short-seller's fresh salvo soon after Sebi and Buch and her husband vehemently denied allegations of leniency towards business tycoon Gautam Adani and his group of companies. In a joint statement, the Buchs described the claims as "baseless allegations and insinuations" devoid of truth. Hindenburg, which has been locked in a bitter public dispute with the conglomerate since publishing an explosive report alleging corporate malfeasance and stock manipulation in January last year, cited whistleblower documents to support its claims. Sebi Chairperson Madhabi Buch's response to our report includes several important admissions and raises numerous new critical questions," the firm said in a statement on X, pushing back against the Buchs' claims of no wrongdoing. Hindenburg alleged that their response to its report essentially confirms that they invested in an obscure Bermuda/Mauritius fund structure



alongside money allegedly siphoned by Vinod Adani, the brother of Gautam Adani. She [Madhabi Buch] also confirmed the fund was run by a childhood friend of her husband, who at the time was an Adani director. Sebi was tasked with investigating investment funds relating to the Adani matter, which would include funds Ms Buch was personally invested in and funds by the same sponsor which were specifically highlighted in our original report. This is obviously a massive conflict of interest," the firm said. The short-seller also

accused Buch of maintaining active consulting firms while serving as Sebi chief. Questioning the transparency of Buch's consulting companies, which she set up during her time in Singapore, the firm noted that one of these companies, Agora Advisory Limited (India), was still 99 per cent owned by Buch and was generating revenue while she oversaw investigations into the Adani Group. Hindenburg also alleged that Buch used her personal email for business dealings under her husband's name while serving as a Sebi Whole Time

Member. "Buch's statement promised a 'commitment to complete transparency'. Given this, will she publicly release the full list of consulting clients and details of the engagements, both through the offshore Singaporean consulting firm, the Indian consulting firm and any other entity she or her husband may have an interest in? Finally, will the Sebi Chairperson commit to a full, transparent and public investigation into these issues?" Hindenburg asked.

The Buchs and their associated firm, 360-One, denied any wrongdoing, asserting the fund in question never invested in Adani securities. They also maintained that the Buchs held a minor stake in the fund and had no influence over investment decisions. Sebi, meanwhile, defended its handling of the Adani-Hindenburg matter, saying 23 of 24 investigations are complete, with one nearing closure. The market watchdog blamed the lengthy process on cumbersome enforcement procedures.

The regulator had also initiated its own proceedings against Hindenburg Research, accusing the New York-headquartered firm of misleading disclosures to profit from short selling.



## NEWS BOX

**England captain Ben Stokes helped off field with possible hamstring injury ahead of Sri Lanka series**

**Stokes, who had bowled 15 overs in the match, retired hurt on two runs with England teammate Harry Brook coming out to replace him.**

MANCHESTER. England captain Ben Stokes had to be helped off the field after suffering an injury while playing for Northern Superchargers in The Hundred domestic cricket competition on Sunday, raising concerns he could miss the upcoming test series against Sri Lanka. The 33-year-old Stokes pulled up while running between the wickets as the Superchargers chased a victory target of 153 against Manchester Originals at Old Trafford. Stokes appeared to clutch his left hamstring as he was completing a quick single from the non-striker's end. Stokes, who had



bowled 15 overs in the match, retired hurt on two runs with England teammate Harry Brook coming out to replace him. Asked about Stokes, Brook told Sky Sports: "It doesn't look great unfortunately but I think he'll be getting a scan tomorrow (Monday) and see how he is." Stokes led England to a 3-0 series sweep against West Indies last month. England opens its test series against Sri Lanka on Aug. 21 at Old Trafford, with the third and final test at the Oval from Sept. 6.

Stokes was alongside his teammates on the bench Sunday to watch the climax as the Superchargers won by seven wickets. He was on crutches as he shook hands with the opposition.

## Badminton, archery, boxing: India's Paris hopefuls falter, finish without medal

New Delhi After a historic performance at the Tokyo Olympics three years ago, where India set new records with a contingent of 117 athletes, hopes were high for an even better showing at the Paris Olympics 2024. There was anticipation that India might achieve a double-digit medal count for the first time in history. However, despite some bright moments, the campaign ended with six medals—one silver and five bronze.

The total medal count could still change, pending a decision on wrestler Vinesh Phogat's appeal for a silver medal. While India fell just one medal short of its Tokyo tally, the Paris Olympics marked its third-best performance at the Summer Games, following Tokyo 2020 and London 2012. India's archery, badminton, and boxing teams were considered strong medal contenders, but none of these sports managed a podium finish in the recently-concluded Paris Games.

### Archery

India's archery team faced another disappointing Olympic run. Deepika Kumari's struggles on the Olympic stage continued, while Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav also failed to make a significant impact. Only Dhiraj Bommadevara and Ankita Bhakat, along with Bhajan Kaur to some extent, managed to enhance their reputations. The archery team's closest brush with a medal came in the mixed team event, where they narrowly missed out on bronze, finishing fourth against the USA. This marked India's first semifinal appearance in Olympic archery history—a notable achievement—but considering the substantial time and resources invested in this priority sport, the lack of a medal raises concerns. The federation, however, must answer for the low performance, especially regarding the absence of the high-performance director and the South Korean coach during the games.

### Badminton

For the first time since 2008, India's badminton contingent returned from the Olympics without a medal. Despite recent successes in team events, such as the Thomas Cup victory in 2022 and the Badminton Asia Team Championships in 2023, these achievements did not translate to individual glory in Paris. Lakshya Sen came closest to winning a medal but ultimately fell short in the bronze medal match.

# Pairs Olympics 2024: In the end, India's campaign a case of glass half full

India's flagbearers shooter Manu Bhaker and retired men's hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh during the closing ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympics at Stade de France, Paris on Sunday; India finished with six medals (five bronze and a silver)



PARIS. The lights are dimmed. The curtains are slowly drawing close. The show is over. Tales of valour, extraordinary human feats, moments of joy and ecstasy, losses and despair are slowly being stored in the leaves of Olympic history. Just like when a theatre gets over, the lights switch on in the hall, it's time for the audience to wake up to reality and discuss the acts each athlete played. Paris soaked in the summer sun. There was a

feeling of emptiness as the grandest sporting show on the planet ended on Sunday. USA and China are firmly perched on the top. Somewhere in the bottom half was India, 71 with one silver and five bronze. For a country that won seven medals in Tokyo 2020 in 2021 including a gold, this seemed a case of one step backward. If one adds the six fourth finishes and Vinesh Phogat's heartbreaking disqualification, then one can say it was just about alright.

Nothing to celebrate except for the medalists. The backdrop under which the athletes competed too should be considered. The Sports Authority of India said they had spent about ₹470 crore for the preparation of the athletes in the last Olympic cycle. There was no lack of support from the SAI, national sports federations (NSFs) and some NGOs who have been providing necessary assistance to almost all athletes. Perhaps that prompted India badminton team coach

Prakash Padukone to say that the athletes also should take some responsibility as well. Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha, who had finished fourth at the Los Angeles Olympics, felt that we should think about the future. There are quite a few debutants (about more than half of the 117-member contingent). She felt that the primary objective would be to save and protect these athletes. "They are the future of our country and we need to preserve them," she said. Chef de mission Gagan Narang, London Olympic bronze medalist, said that it was a creditable performance. "There are 21 players who medalled," he said alluding to the 16-member hockey team. He also felt that the athletes should be guided well. "Wrap them in cotton wool," he said.

The sports administrators right from SAI to NSFs must go into a huddle and find where they went wrong. They must find a solution to India's inability to reach the double-digit mark. Or else the six here will count for nothing. For a nation that wants to bid for the 2036 Olympics, six medals definitely won't reflect the sporting superiority on the global stage.

## Dhoni, Kohli, KL Rahul contribute memorabilia to Cricket for Charity Auction

MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and other cricketing stars have contributed historic cricket memorabilia for the Cricket for Charity auction. KL Rahul and Athiya Shetty are organising the unique auction of cricket memorabilia.



New Delhi In a remarkable initiative blending the passion for cricket with philanthropy, iconic cricket stars Rahul Dravid, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul and many other renowned Team India and international cricketers have contributed their historic memorabilia for a charity auction benefiting the Vipla Foundation. L. Rahul and Athiya Shetty are organising this unique auction of cricket memorabilia, "Cricket for a Cause: To Benefit the Vipla Foundation," an organization committed to empowering underprivileged communities across India. The auction will feature rare and iconic cricket items, making it a must-attend event for cricket enthusiasts and

philanthropists alike. The auction will take place online on Pundole on 23rd August 2024 at 6:30 PM IST, offering cricket enthusiasts a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to own exclusive pieces of cricketing history while supporting a noble cause. Vipla Foundation has been empowering women and children for over 36 years, and has a special school for the hearing impaired and intellectually disabled. The school complex features state-of-the-art infrastructure such as smart classrooms, speech therapy rooms, a library, a canteen, a dining area, a play area and many other such facilities. The Cricket for a Cause auction is an initiative to support the school to provide quality education to special children from disadvantaged

communities. Vipla Foundation's Trustee, Mana Shetty says, "This is not just an auction; it's an opportunity for all of us to come together and make a difference. It's heartwarming to see the cricketing legends come together for such a noble cause. Every item tells a story of passion, hard work, and triumph. By participating in this auction, you're not just owning a piece of cricket history—you're supporting a cause that can change lives. Every contribution counts, and together, we can create a brighter future for so many children and women. Please join us in making it a success." The auction features 27 extraordinary items, each with deep historical significance, generously donated by the legends of the game. Highlights include: S Dhoni's Signed Cricket Bat (IPL 2024): A symbol of leadership and composure, this bat represents Dhoni's unmatched ability to steer his team through high-pressure moments. Virat Kohli's Signed Team India Jersey (ICC World Cup 2019) and Signed Batting Gloves (ICC World Cup 2019): Worn by Kohli during his last ODI World Cup as captain, this jersey embodies his excellence and leadership that propelled India to the semi-finals..

## Paris 2024: Manpreet Singh pays tribute to family after India win hockey bronze

New Delhi Manpreet Singh expressed gratitude to his family after India won the bronze medal in hockey at the Paris Olympics 2024. India, led by Harmanpreet Singh, had a chance to fight for gold, but they lost to Germany in the semi-final. However, they made amends after beating Spain 2-1 in the bronze-medal clash. Manpreet dropped a post where he can be seen resting on his mother's lap. His wife Illi Najwa Saddique and their daughter Jasmine also featured in the adorable picture. Manpreet thanked them for being by his side through thick and thin. He also expressed gratitude to them for making sacrifices and dedicated the bronze medal to his father. "This is a special thank-you note for the three angels in my life—my mother, my wife, and the centre of my universe, my heart Jasmine.



Feeling incredibly proud and blessed—resting in my mother's lap with my 2nd Olympic medals for the country" Manpreet wrote. "This moment truly embodies my journey and achievements. Thank you for always being by my side, the

unconditional support and sacrifices you guys have made - this medal belongs to you and specially for daddy as much as it belongs to me!", Manpreet added.

India found themselves under pressure against Spain after going 0-1 down. But then, Harmanpreet scored back-to-back goals to put India into the lead. Once India started dictating terms, they did not look back. Back in 2021, India ended their 41-year-long wait of winning a medal in the Olympics. Back then they won the bronze medal under Manpreet's leadership. This time around, it was Harmanpreet, who led the team from the front. Paris Olympics 2024 was also a swansong for goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who retired from international hockey and also became India's flag-bearer in the closing ceremony on Sunday.



New Zealand are set for a hectic schedule. After the Test against Afghanistan, they will tour Sri Lanka for a two-match series followed by three Tests on Indian soil. Thereafter, they are scheduled to host England for three Tests, which also mark the beginning of their summer. Former Pakistan spinner Saqlain Mushtaq is also back to the New Zealand setup as the bowling coach for the series against the Afghans and Sri Lanka. The Kiwis are currently placed third in the points table in the 2023-25 cycle of the World Test Championship (WTC). New Zealand squad Tim Southee (c), Tom Blundell (wk), Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway, Matt Henry, Tom Latham (vc), Daryl Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Ben Sears, Kane Williamson, Will Young

## Jordan Chiles stripped of bronze medal in Paris, USA Olympic officials to appeal

New Delhi USA Olympic officials are challenging a recent court decision that has led to American gymnast Jordan Chiles being asked to return the bronze medal she earned in the floor exercise at the Paris Olympics. The decision came from the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which annulled the initial on-floor appeal made by Chiles' coach. The reasoning behind the annulment was that the coach's appeal allegedly occurred four seconds past the one-minute limit allowed for scoring inquiries. In response, USA Gymnastics has contested the CAS ruling, arguing that it was based on incorrect timing. According to a statement released by the organization on Sunday, USA Gymnastics presented video evidence indicating that coach Cecile Landi initiated the appeal 13 seconds before the one-minute deadline elapsed. "The time-stamped, video evidence submitted by USA Gymnastics

Sunday evening shows Landi stated her request to file an inquiry at the inquiry table 47 seconds after the score is posted, followed by a second statement 55 seconds after the score was originally posted." On Saturday night, the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) declared its intent to respect a recent court decision, which mandated the adjustment of the competition outcome. This judicial ruling necessitated the elevation of Romanian gymnast Ana Barbosu to third place, following an intense scrutiny of her performance scores. Further cementing the impact of this decision, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) confirmed the ruling on Sunday. In a rare move, the IOC announced it would reallocate the bronze medal from Monday's final. We firmly believe that Jordan rightfully earned the bronze medal, and there were critical errors in both the initial scoring by



the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and the subsequent CAS appeal process that need to be addressed," the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee statement said. In a recent ruling, the CAS

concluded that Team Landi's request to amend Chiles' score came too late. The CAS determined that Landi's appeal, which sought to add 0.1 points to Chiles' score, was submitted 1 minute and 4 seconds after the original score was posted. The IOC clarified its stance, stating that it would engage with the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) concerning the return of Chiles' bronze medal. Furthermore, the IOC intends to coordinate with the Romanian Olympic Committee to deliberate a reallocation ceremony to honor Romania's Ana Barbosu, who stands to benefit from this development. "The initial error occurred in the scoring by FIG, and the second error was during the CAS appeal process, where the USOPC was not given adequate time or notice to effectively challenge the decision," said a USOPC statement, which was released Sunday.



# Jasmin Bhasin

## Issues Clarification After Sharing Cryptic Note, Says 'Stop Judging And Assuming'

Jasmin Bhasin and Aly Goni have been dating each other for a long time. The couple has never shied away from expressing this in public. Fans also love this adorable couple. Well, recently Jasmin Bhasin shared a note about 'Love Leaving' which left all her fans worried. Everyone started guessing that the couple had parted ways. However, later Jasmin again issued a clarification asking fans to stop judging and assuming. Taking to her X handle, Jasmin wrote, "Let's remember that not everything shared reflects someone's reality. Posts and quotes can be random thoughts, not a window into someone's life. Let's stop judging and assuming. Spread

kindness and understanding instead. #StopAssuming #SpreadKindness." As soon as she shared the post, fans also reacted. One of the fans wrote, "Simply ignore the haters and focus on the bright side". Another wrote, "Ignore them Jas. Some people always find negativity in each and everything. But we love you both. Sending you lots of love and positivity from #JasLyans."

Recently, Jasmin made headlines following a corneal damage mishap. Aly Goni, took to Instagram to publicly show his support for her. Sharing an adorable picture of the couple, dressed in traditional attire and beaming with happiness, Aly referred to Jasmin as the "strongest." The heartfelt post garnered a lot of love from fans, who have been following their relationship closely since it became public during their time on Bigg Boss 14.

Jasmin and Aly's relationship has been the subject of much curiosity and admiration. The couple, who has been open about their love for each other, continues to charm their fans with their strong bond. In a recent

interview, Jasmin addressed the inevitable question about their marriage plans. She shared that while they are deeply committed to each other, there are no immediate plans to tie the knot. "Honestly, on that front, both of us don't have any plans. We have not sat and had this conversation ki kal kar lete hai ya parso kar lete hai (whether we will do it tomorrow or the day after). Every time we discuss, we say that we will do it when we feel like it. But both of us are also very ambitious and strong individuals," she explained.



## When Anushka Sharma Said She Was 'Attracted' To Ranveer Singh: 'If We Had To Be In A Relationship...'



Anushka Sharma and Ranveer Singh first shared the screen in the 2010 hit Band Baaja Baaraat. When host Simi Garewal asked why they weren't dating during a 2011 appearance on Simi Selects India's Most Desirable, Anushka admitted she was attracted to him but was aware that their personalities didn't quite match. She had also said how dating an actor would be tough for her. Opening up about Ranveer, she had said, "Being in a relationship with an actor right now is a little difficult for me. I was attracted to Ranveer, but that's it... it was just attraction, and I thought, 'This guy is a nice guy', that's it... It ends there."

She also revealed that if people got to know them better, they'd see just how different they are. "If people get to know us really well, they will realise that we are very different people, the two of us. We have a very volatile relationship. We can kill each other... I'm serious. I can take his head off, he can take mine off. If we ever had to be in a relationship, we would want two different things from a relationship. We see life in a very different way. He is a very practical person, I'm a completely impractical. I like him, he is attractive," she had said. Anushka Sharma later got married to cricketer Virat Kohli on December 11, 2017, in a gorgeous pastel-themed ceremony in Italy. The couple have a daughter named Vamika and a son named Akaay. Ranveer is married to Deepika Padukone and the couple is expecting their first child.

Back in 2011, in a chat with Mid Day, Ranveer had almost professed his feelings for Anushka. He had said, "We are so close, we can complete each other's sentences now." About dating Anushka, he had said, "Even today I'd love to date her." Anushka Sharma and Ranveer Singh went on to work together in Dil Dhadakne Do.

## Anant Ambani's Wife Radhika Merchant Blushes In Rare and Unseen Photos With Friends, Pics Go Viral



A month after Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant got married, photos have surfaced online showing Radhika with her bridesmaids. In photos shared on Instagram, Radhika was seen surrounded by her girl pals and posing for the camera. In the photos, Radhika looked gorgeous as she dressed in a yellow outfit. In the first photo, Radhika was seen laughing her heart out with her friends. In the second, Radhika was seen evidently blushing while it seemed like her friends were teasing her. The photos were shared by a bridal couture brand. Check out the photos below:

Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant tied the knot on July 12 in Mumbai. The wedding was a star-studded affair, with several Bollywood stars present at the bash. From Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan to Priyanka Chopra and Deepika Padukone, almost every big Bollywood star was present at the wedding celebrations. Nick Jonas, John Cena and Kim Kardashian also flew down to India to be a part of the wedding ceremony.

Their honeymoon began in Costa Rica, where they stayed at a resort in the stunning Guanacaste region. According to Tico Times, the General Directorate of Migration confirmed that the couple arrived in Costa Rica on August 1. Following the wedding celebrations, Anant and Radhika flew down to Paris, to attend the Olympics 2024.

They joined Mukesh Ambani and Nita Ambani at the games. Nita Ambani is a member of the International Olympic Committee from India. Apart from watching a few games, Anant and Radhika were also seen stepping out on dates together. Radhika was also spotted bonding with the family members during their stay in Paris. Several videos of Radhika with Anant and the family members went viral earlier this month.

# Karisma Kapoor

## and Raveena Tandon 'Hit Each Other' With Their Wigs During a Catfight

Raveena Tandon recently clarified that she and Karisma Kapoor did not have a showdown at an airport during an outdoor shoot of their film, Aatish. However, Farah Khan once revealed that Karisma and Raveena did get into a nasty catfight during the making of their film, Aatish: Feel The Fire (1994). Farah was on the sets to choreograph a song when she allegedly saw Karisma and Raveena 'hitting each other' with their wigs. Farah recalled the incident while speaking with Karan Johar during an episode of episode of Koffee With Karan in 2007. She brought up the fight after Karan asked her, "Which is the worst fight you have seen between two actresses?"

"I was once doing a song with Karisma Kapoor and Raveena Tandon, long ago, in a film called Aatish. They were both having some kind of teenage spat. They were hitting each other with their wigs," she shared. "They were wearing these wigs with plaits and beads in it. One was hitting, the other was stamping her foot with her heel. It was quite childish. I am sure they will laugh about it now," Farah told Karan.

Their fight continued on the sets of Andaz Apna Apna. It reached to the point where Raveena and Karisma communicated to each other via Rajkumar Santhoshi, who was directing the film. Fed up with their fight, the filmmaker, Aamir Khan and Salman Khan tied the two actresses to the pole which forced them to talk to each other. While Raveena has previously admitted that the incident on the sets of Andaz Apna Apna is indeed true, in a recent interview she dismissed claims that she and Karisma had a tiff at an airport. "That was never a catfight. I beg to differ. There was never a catfight. There might be a discussion, there might be a 'why are you doing this, and what is the need to do this, and let's bridge this gap' but there was never a catfight. It was all hyped and of course, mirch masala and everything. In those days, there was no social media. You couldn't really reach out and how much do you really clarify?" she told Filmfare.

