

Three new criminal laws biggest reform of 21st century: Amit Shah

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Chandigarh, August 4: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday dubbed three new criminal laws as the "biggest" reform of the 21st century, saying their objective is to ensure people get justice. He also said after the complete implementation of these laws— Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik



Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) - India will have the most modern and technology-equipped criminal justice system in the world. Shah was addressing a gathering after launching the e-evidence, Nyay Setu, Nyay Shruti and e-summon systems to augment the criminal justice apparatus here. The BNS, the BNSS and the BSA, which came into effect on July 1, replaced the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively. Shah said Chandigarh will be the first administrative unit in the country where hundred per cent implementation of all the three laws will be completed in the next two months. He said these new laws through which the criminal justice system is run are the "biggest" reform of the 21st century. "Technologically we will be ahead in the world when these laws are completely implemented... According to the spirit of the Constitution, these citizen-centric laws have been framed," he further said. "The BNS, BNSS and BSA are the laws made by elected representatives in Parliament and for the people of India. It has the fragrance of Indian soil and also the culture of our justice," he stressed. Shah said the purpose of these laws is to give justice to the people. Asserting that the Constitution is not just a book, it is a spirit, Shah said, "Every person has dignity and rights. It is the Constitution's responsibility to ensure that every person gets justice. The medium to bring this spirit of the Constitution to the ground is our criminal justice system." He said that a lot of changes have been made in these three new laws. "You will be able to register FIR through electronic medium. Strict provisions for mob lynching have been made in this law," the Union home minister said. Fleeing the country after committing a crime here will not be easy now, he stressed.

Supreme Court to pronounce verdict on Delhi Government's plea today

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, August 4: Almost 15 months after reserving its verdict on the Delhi Government's petition challenging the Lt. Governor's power to nominate aldermen to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the Supreme Court will pronounce it today. Amid a raging controversy over nomination of 10 aldermen to the MCD, a Bench of CJI Chandrachud, Justice PS Narasimha and Justice JB Pardiwala had on May 17, 2023, reserved the verdict on Lt Governor VK Saxena's controversial decision to nominate 10 members (aldermen) without the aid and advice of the council of ministers. While reserving the verdict, the Bench had said that giving such power to the Lt Governor will mean he can destabilise the elected civic body as they would get appointed to the standing committees and have voting power. On Monday, Justice Narasimha will pronounce the verdict on behalf of a Bench. The MCD has 250 elected and 10

members nominated by LG VK Saxena. The AAP won 134 of the 250 wards in the MCD polls held in December 2022, while the BJP won 104 wards. The Congress



came third with just nine wards in its kitty. The then Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain, representing the LG Office, had submitted that the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1991 accorded a special status to the Union Territory of Delhi by

making it the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Jain had said there were some powers under the Act which were entrusted to the administrator and some others were given to the government. The nominated aldermen didn't have much power, he had said. On behalf of the Delhi Government, Singhvi had contended no separate powers had been accorded to the state government to nominate people to the MCD, and for the past 30 years, the practice of the LG nominating aldermen on the aid and advice of the city government has been followed. "The LG never appoints aldermen in his own right," he said, adding the nominations are always made by the President but on the aid and advice of the Union government. The Delhi Government has sought the quashing of the orders dated January 3 and 4 whereby the Lieutenant Governor nominated 10 persons to the MCD.

Court sentences 17 people for stripping woman in Rajasthan

Jaipur, August 4: Nearly a year after a 20-year-old pregnant woman was stripped and paraded naked in Rajasthan, a district court has sentenced 14 men, including her husband, to seven-year imprisonment while noting that it was a "heinous crime" similar to the one committed in Manipur. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Pratapgarh, Ramkanya Soni on Saturday also sentenced three women involved in the case to five-year imprisonment. Special Public Prosecutor in the case, Manish Nagar said. While observing that women are revered in the country as goddesses and that the ancient scriptures also mention honouring women, he said violence and atrocities are continuing on women in 'kalyug' (depraved and final age of Hindu world cycle). "It was a serious crime committed against the woman by the accused. Similar heinous crime was committed in Manipur. Such crimes cause emotional hurt to women. Strict steps are necessary to curb crime against women then only crime will reduce," the judge said in the order. He was apparently referring to two women being paraded naked in strife-torn Manipur last year. Besides the victim's husband Kanha Meena, the court sentenced Khetia Meena,

9 children killed, 2 injured as house wall collapses in MP's Sagar

Sagar, August 4: Nine children were killed and two others injured as a wall of a dilapidated house collapsed in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district on Sunday, a senior official said. The incident took place between 8.30 am and 9 am near the campus of a temple during a religious programme at Shahpur village under Rehli assembly seat, as per officials. According to information, nine children, aged 10 to 15, have been killed and two injured in the wall collapse incident at the religious programme at Shahpur, Sagar Divisional Commissioner Virendra Singh Rawat told PTI over phone. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav expressed grief over the incident and announced a financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of each of the deceased. A programme of 'Parthiv Shilving Nirman' (making Shilving out of clay) was going on in a tent near the dilapidated house and a wall collapsed and fell on the tent, local BJP MLA and former minister Gopal Bhargava told reporters. The children got crushed under the tent and debris, he said. Several of the deceased were an only child, Bhargava said. District Collector Deepak Arya said the children were sitting under the tent near a temple and the house wall collapsed due to rains.

BSP doesn't agree with Supreme Court's verdict : Mayawati

Navdeep Singh Sahni

Lucknow, August 4: BSP chief and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati on Sunday said her party doesn't agree with the recent Supreme Court's verdict allowing sub-classification within Scheduled Castes. "The sub-classification of people within Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) has been permitted, our party doesn't agree with it at all," Mayawati said while addressing a press conference here. In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court on Thursday held that states are constitutionally empowered to make sub-classifications within the Scheduled Castes, which form a socially heterogeneous class, for granting reservation for the uplift of castes that are socially and educationally more backward. "Because the atrocities faced by the people of SCs and STs have been faced as a group and this group is equal

in which it would not be right to do any kind of sub-classification," she said. The former chief minister said, "We have appealed to the honourable Supreme Court to reconsider its decision, otherwise if the reservation facility given by



the most revered Baba Saheb to make crores of Dalits and tribals stand on their feet in this country is abolished, it will become very difficult." Mayawati said,

"Those who say that SCs-STs have become economically strong, then I think only 10 or 11 per cent of the people must have become strong, the condition of the rest 90 per cent is very bad. "With this decision of the Supreme Court, about 90 per cent of the people who need reservation will be left far behind. If they are removed according to this decision, it will be very bad." Mayawati targeted the ruling party and the Congress saying, "The Centre and the BJP, who say that they are the supporters of the SC-ST community, should advocate for them properly... which they did not. The Congress also adopted a vague attitude on the matter." She said, "In such a situation, we have to tell the BJP Government at the Centre that if your intention is clear, then whatever decision has come you people should amend the Constitution in Parliament and bring it in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution." Raising questions on the intentions of political parties, she said,

'Revenue-raising exercise': Cong's Jairam Ramesh jabs Centre on NTA

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Aug 04: Supreme Court expanded the remit of the Centre-appointed expert panel to review the functioning of the NTA and recommend examination reforms. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh on Sunday trained guns at the National Testing Agency (NTA), the body that conducts major competitive examinations including the controversial NEET UG 2024. In a post on social platform X, Ramesh alleged that the NTA's only purpose is to function via "outsourcing to private vendors". "The National Testing Agency (NTA) is at the very heart of the NEET scandal. It is a body of the Education Ministry whose only purpose is to function via outsourcing to private vendors. Not only do these vendors very often have dubious credentials but the NTA itself is headed by a person who presided over the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission, which has seen megascams," Ramesh said. "In an answer to the

Rajya Sabha, the Union MoS for Education has revealed that the NTA collected an estimated



₹3,512.98 crore while it spent ₹3,064.77 crore on the conduct of examinations - it therefore netted a profit of Rs. 448 crores in the last six years," the Congress leader said. "This corpus, however, has not been used to build the agency's capabilities to conduct tests itself, or to strengthen regulatory and monitoring capa-

bilities for its vendors. The future of millions of India's youths has ultimately become a mere revenue-raising exercise for the non-biological PM's Government," he added. On Friday, the Supreme Court had expanded the remit of the Centre-appointed expert panel to review the functioning of the NTA and recommend examination reforms. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud along with justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra gave the detailed reasons for their July 23 order of not scrapping the controversy-ridden NEET-UG 24 examination. The bench flagged multiple lapses on the part of NTA like the security breach at an examination centre in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh where the rear door of the strongroom was opened and unauthorised people were permitted to access the question papers, transportation of question papers by e-rickshaws and distribution of wrong set of question papers among the candidates.

Rescuers to be deployed in spots where chances of recovery of bodies high

Sanjay Kumar

Wayanad, August 4: Rescue operations will continue in the landslides-hit areas in this north Kerala district on the sixth day with more force and equipment being deployed in spots where chances of recovering bodies were high, state Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas said on Sunday. Riyas said search operations will continue in the 40-kilometre stretch of the Chaliyar river, which flows through Wayanad, Malappuram and Kozhikode districts, as many bodies and remains were recovered from it near Nilambur in Malappuram. In Mundakkai and Chooralmala areas, devastated by the landslides, that were segregated into six search zones, the operations will continue in the same way as in the last few days with more force and equipment being allocated to spots where chances of finding remains under the debris were high, the minister told a TV channel. Regarding the rehabilitation of the survivors, Riyas said discussions

need to be held with everyone, especially to the views of those living in the relief camps and those admitted to the hospitals. "Priority will be given to the views of those in the camps and hospitals," he said. But the discussion will not be held now, it will take place once the survivors are in a state of mind to talk about it, he added. The minister said immediate interventions will be carried out to help those who have lost identification and other important records. Steps will also be taken to ensure that the education of children in the landslides-hit areas is not hampered in any manner, Riyas said. According to the district administration, till Saturday night, 219 bodies and over 143 body parts were recovered with 206 persons missing. Advanced radars, drones and heavy machinery were used by rescue teams on Saturday, the fifth day of the tragic landslides that killed hundreds in Wayanad district, to locate survivors or deceased. The state government had also announced plans to establish a new township to rehabilitate displaced victims.

TMC asks West Bengal Jails Minister Akhil Giri to resign

Kolkata, August 4: The Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Sunday asked West Bengal Jails Minister Akhil Giri to resign and apologise to a woman officer of the state forest department following a controversy over video clips showing him threatening and verbally abusing her. Speaking to reporters at Kanthi in Purba Medinipur district, Giri said he would resign but not apologise. Giri, who is the MLA of Ramnagar within which the area is situated, was flanked by locals when he was seen in videos threatening forest ranger Manisha Sahu, warning her of reducing her tenure after she and her team removed encroachments on forest department land near Tajpur beach. "Following party instructions, state president Subrata Bakshi called Akhil Giri on Sunday afternoon, instructing him to apologise to the woman officer and submit his resignation immediately," TMC spokesperson Shantanu Sen said. Giri said there was "no question of apologising to any official," but he regretted his remarks made in an agitated state on Saturday. "I will email my resignation tonight and hand it over personally to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tomorrow in the Assembly," he added. Another TMC spokesperson Jaiprakash Majumdar emphasised that the party does not tolerate such behaviour from its members and acknowledged that Giri's outburst had somewhat tarnished the party's image. Incidentally, two years ago in 2022, Giri's controversial remarks about President Droupadi Murmu were severely criticised.

Assam Government to bring law soon for life imprisonment in 'love jihad' cases: CM Himanta Biswa Sarma

Naresh Malhotra

Guwahati, August 4: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday said his government will soon introduce a law for life imprisonment in cases of 'love jihad'. He also said several measures have been initiated to "protect" the land rights and government jobs for indigenous people. Speaking at the state BJP's extended executive meet here, Sarma said, "We spoke about 'love jihad' during the elections. Soon, we will bring a law, which will award life imprisonment in such cases." The term 'love jihad' is used by right-wing groups to allege a ploy by Muslim men to lure Hindu women into religious conversion through marriage. Sarma said a new domicile policy will also be introduced soon, under which only those born in Assam will be eligible for state government jobs. Asserting that his government has been working to protect the rights of indigenous people, the CM said they have been accorded priority in the "one lakh government jobs" provided as per a pre-poll

promise, which will be evident when the complete list is published. In contrast, people of a "particular community" had got up to 30 per cent of constable jobs in the state police force under the Congress government, when the incumbent Dhubri MP was in charge of the Home Department, Sarma claimed, without elaborating further. Congress' Rakibul Hussain had won the Dhubri Lok Sabha seat in this year's elections. Sarma said that while "encroached land equal to the size of Chandigarh" has been freed from illegal settlers by his government, land equal to "20 times of the northern Union Territory" is still under the grasp of encroachers in the state. Among other initiatives to protect land rights are a resolution to bring in a law to forbid sale of land to people of a "particular community" in undivided Goalpara district. "The undivided Goalpara holds much importance for our Koch-Rajbongshi community. But, people of a particular community took away our land and made us minor-

ity in our own place," he alleged. Under the proposed new law, land owned by tribals



and people belonging to Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Castes will not be allowed to be transferred in undivided Goalpara, he said. Similarly, a law will be enacted to allow transfer of land in Barpeta, Majuli and Batadrwa, important centres for followers of Vaishnavism, among resi-

dents of these areas only, Sarma said. "If the public wants more areas to be protected in a similar manner, we will do it. We know that we cannot chase away anyone to Bangladesh, but with the last ounce of power in us, we will work to secure the future of Assam," he asserted. The CM said the Assam government has also taken a decision regarding the sale of land between Hindus and Muslims. He said though the government cannot prevent such a transaction, it has made it mandatory to take consent of the chief minister before going ahead. The state government had issued a similar notification on March 7, stopping sale of land between two different communities for three months to avoid any possible "conflict on communal lines" ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Sarma said another legislation will be enacted for creation of "micro tribal belts and blocks" to protect villages or small, scattered settlements of tribals outside the notified belts and blocks.

News box

Seed replacement rate drops as farmers buy from open market

BHUBANESWAR: Though broadcasting (seed sowing) of kharif paddy is almost over and raising of nursery and transplanting of paddy going on in full swing across the state, sale of certified paddy seeds to the farmers till date continues to be less than 50 per cent. The state government has programmed to supply 4.38 lakh quintal-quality seeds to farmers for the kharif crops in 2024. The target for supply of paddy seeds was 3.8 lakh quintal as against a requirement of nearly 8 lakh quintal at the rate of 20 kg per hectare. According to latest figure available from the state-run Odisha State Seeds Corporation (OSSC), the agency responsible for production and supply of certified seeds to the farmers of the state, only 1.85 lakh quintal of paddy seeds have been sold which is 47 per cent of the target. Sale of certified seeds is a measure of seed replacement rate (SRR) of cropped area covered with quality seed. SRR has a direct bearing on productivity augmentation and enhancement in farmers' income and is one of the means for doubling the farmers' income. Curiously, the SRR of the state is rapidly reducing after introduction of direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme in 2015-16," sources in the corporation said. Prior to the introduction of DBT, the corporation was selling about 5 lakh quintal of paddy seeds when farmers were getting the subsidy benefit directly. After DBT came into play, most of the farmers preferred to buy from the open market.

Agriculture department cracks down on spurious paddy seeds in Odisha

BARGARH: As kharif cultivation picks up after phase of deficient rainfall, the district agriculture department has intensified its efforts to identify and curb the sale of spurious paddy seeds to protect farmers from further distress. Over the past week, the department temporarily suspended the licences of two traders and canceled the licences of four others. With 514 authorised dealers across the 12 blocks of the district, 8,500 quintal of paddy seeds were brought in for the kharif season, and approximately 6,200 quintal have already been procured by farmers. The department is currently working to determine how many farmers may have been sold spurious seeds. Chief district agriculture officer Prasanna Kumar Mishra said it is important to ensure that farmers receive genuine seeds for a good yield. "Though farmers in the district are cautious and well aware of the quality of seeds, it is our responsibility to ensure they get genuine seeds. Non-notified seeds sold for additional profit are less likely to yield good results. We have taken action against traders selling such seeds and samples have been sent for lab tests," said Mishra.

Official sources revealed that the licences of Indian Seeds Centre and Bansal Traders have been temporarily suspended, while the licences of Hari Om Traders, Meher Pesticides, Shankar Shukla Traders and Indian Seeds Corporation have been cancelled. The association of agri-traders has expressed discontent over these actions. "Non-notified seeds are not necessarily inferior. Many farmers request these seeds because of good yields in the past. Traders have also applied for permission to sell non-notified seeds but are unaware.

Amendments sought as Tamil Nadu local body Act curbs corp'n's powers

CHENNAI: The city corporation has written to the Commissionerate of Municipal Administration (CMA) seeking certain amendments in the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies (TNULB) Act that supersedes the Chennai Municipal Corporation Act 1919.

A committee headed by the directorate of municipal administration, to take into consideration representations from urban local bodies, is expected to give its response in around two weeks. The state government had given the corporation two relaxation periods of six months each to help ease the transition, which ended in March this year. Officials now expect far-reaching consequences for the Chennai Corporation with diminished powers for the corporation commissioner and the mayor. Officials, who are not eligible for promotions as per the new Act are in a state of unrest, pressuring the civic body to fight the Act.

As per the TNULB Act, the commissioner who was able to accord administrative sanction up to Rs 3 crore can now accord sanction only up to Rs 1 crore. The mayor can now only sanction projects up to Rs 2 crore, from the earlier Rs 4 crore.

"As far as Chennai is concerned, the limit should be higher than what is stipulated," a senior corporation official said. "The sanctioning powers will come down further in case the common rules, which are now applicable only for corporations other than Chennai, are also applied here. In this case, the commissioner can only accord sanction up to Rs 30 lakh. For projects of a higher value, the council has to pass a resolution that will be sent to the state to be passed as a GO. This will take significantly longer for the projects to take off," the official added.

Four linked to nationwide job racket arrested from Bengaluru

The investigation was launched following a complaint from Ramesh Kumar, an engineering graduate from Lawspet.

PUDUCHERRY: In a significant breakthrough, the Puducherry cyber crime police have arrested four people from an apartment in Bengaluru in Karnataka for their alleged involvement in a nationwide job scam that defrauded over 3,400 people. The accused, identified as Shubham Sharma (29) and Niraj Gurjar of Morena in Madhya Pradesh, Deepak Kumar (28) of Nawada in Bihar, Raj Gound (23) of Basti in Uttar Pradesh, were part of an extensive cybercrime network operating across multiple states. The investigation was launched following a complaint from Ramesh Kumar, an engineering graduate from Lawspet. Kumar had contacted a mobile number listed on a Facebook advertisement offering job opportunities abroad. He was promised an executive job in Canada with a salary of Rs 2.5 lakh per month and was subsequently asked to pay for various expenses, including a visa (work permit), medical examination, and insurance.

Believing the promises, Kumar deposited a total of Rs 17.71 lakhs into multiple bank accounts over time. However, after receiving no response for a while, he complained with th Puducherry Cyber Crime Wing. A team led by Inspector B C

Keerthy went to Kolkata and was able to trace the fraudulent bank accounts to Murshidabad in West Bengal. However, they discovered that the address and Aadhaar number linked to the account holder were fake. The police then traced



the four suspects to an apartment in Bengaluru, where they were apprehended. During interrogation, it was revealed that

the accused were part of a larger network led by Azam Khan from Uttar Pradesh. This network diverged into several groups and had defrauded over 3,400 people, amassing more than Rs 200 crores by promising overseas job placements. The accused received 50% of the defrauded amount as commission from Azam Khan, enabling them to purchase luxury items, including a car worth Rs 22 lakh and a flat for Rs 16 lakh, with an advance payment of Rs 12 lakh. The police seized 21 cell phones, two passports, 42 SIM cards, a laptop, 64 ATM cards, and Rs 41 lakh in cash during the raid. The accused were remanded in custody.

Police from nine states, including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, Assam, Telangana, and Uttarakhand, are also looking for the suspects in connection with fraud cases associated with them. The Puducherry Cyber Crime Police are continuing their investigation to trace other members of the network and recover the defrauded money. Senior Superintendent of Police (crime and intelligence) Kalaivanan has cautioned people not to trust such job advertisements.

Madras HC bins government order, sets woman convicted of infant's murder free

CHENNAI: Quashing an order of the Tamil Nadu Home department denying premature release of a life convict, the Madras High Court on Friday directed the superintendent of Puzhal prison to release her within two days of receipt of the order. He court passed the orders while hearing a writ petition filed by Manikandan, husband of the convict Poovarasi, who had contended that she was eligible for a premature release based on a November 2021 G.O., allowing release of convicts who had completed 10 years of actual imprisonment as on September 15, 2021, subject to certain conditions. The 2011 G.O. was announced as a one-time measure in commemoration of the 113th birth anniversary of former TN chief minister CN Annadurai. In October 2023, the government issued a G.O. and rejected her claim for early release based on the 2021 G.O., citing her involvement in the heinous crime of



murdering a three-and-a-half-year-old child and that her case had not been recommended by the state level committee for consideration. Another reason for the government rejecting Poovarasi's claim was the contention that the 2021 G.O. was only for those who were eligible for release as on September 15, 2021 and that it could not be extended later to persons even if they fulfilled the requisite conditions on a later date. Ordering her release, Justice MS Ramesh and Justice Sunder Mohan

pointed out that Poovarasi had completed 10 years of imprisonment on September 15, 2021, while the reason that the G.O. could not be applied to her is not legally sustainable. Poovarasi's probation officer had given a favourable recommendation for her release in his latest report on July 19, 2024, indicating no threat or danger to her or any other person. It was a negative report three years ago that had been used by the director general of prisons to reject her petition for early release. The judges cited the Supreme Court's case of Shor vs State of Uttar Pradesh which pointed out that merely stating that a crime was heinous and that release of prisoners would send out a wrong message against the justice system could not alone be a factor for rejection. Factors like prisoner's conduct in prison, period of incarceration, remorse after imprisonment, and possibility to reintegrate with society.

Centre allocates Rs 7,394 crore for NH works in Telangana

HYDERABAD: The Union government has allocated Rs 7,394.31 crore for works on ongoing and new National Highways in Telangana in 2024-25. According to the Demand for Grants of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Rs 4,894.31 crore has been allocated for the ongoing works costing Rs 5 crore and above and Rs 2,500 crore for all new works yet to be sanctioned.

However, there is no specific allocation for Regional Ring Road, which the state government considers very crucial for the development of Telangana. Sources said that the funds for this project will be

released under the Bharatmala Priyोजना scheme. In this allocations, funds have been allocated for ongoing projects in



Hyderabad. The Centre has allocated Rs 112.10 crore for construction of flyover at BHEL junction, Rs 78 crore for construction of six-lane elevated corridor at Uppal and Rs 58 crore for

four-lane flyover at Amberpet X Road, Rs 27.22 crore for six-laning of the road from Aramghar to Shamshabad. The

Union government has also allocated Rs 1.5 crore for the construction of an iconic hybrid cable-stayed and suspension bridge across the Krishna River on NH-167K.

The cable bridge is being constructed on the Andhra Pradesh-Telangana border. Another Rs 1.5 crore has been set apart for the upgradation to a four-lane road with paved shoulders at the iconic bridge. The Union government allocated Rs 42 crore for the construction of four Animal Under Passages (AUP) along with approaches between Nirmal and Khanapur.

Kerala: Kuttidiyom helps kids heal pangs of disaster

MEPPADI: In the relief camp at St Joseph UP School in Meppadi, around sixty kids are finding joy and comfort in each other's company. Among them, seventeen little ones under the age of five are discovering the magic of playtime. To help these young survivors heal the trauma of the landslide, the department of women and child development and camp officials have created a vibrant recreational space called 'Kuttidiyom' - a classroom transformed into a haven of toys, books, and laughter!

At Kuttidiyom, children are forming new friendships and finding solace in games, drawings, and entertainment activities. With the guidance of dedicated officials and an outpouring of support



from NGOs and volunteers, who have generously donated toys and art items, these kids are slowly but surely overcoming their fears and worries. The department has set up Kuttidiyom in almost every relief camp in the area. According to Sarath Chandran, the district education officer in Wayanad and camp officer at Meppadi St Joseph's UP School, "Kuttidiyom is a beacon of hope for these children, who have been through so much. By providing a safe space for them to play, learn, and express themselves, we believe they will emerge stronger and more resilient than ever." With every smile and giggle, these children are taking a step towards healing and a brighter future.

Telangana best state for organ transplantation

HYDERABAD: Telangana was honoured as the best state for organ and tissue transplantation, by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Sunday, receiving the prestigious award for its outstanding achievements. The accolade was presented during the 14th Indian Organ Donation Day ceremony, organised by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) in New Delhi. This recognition celebrates Telangana's remarkable Jeevandan Cadaver Transplantation programme, which has facilitated over 5,000 organ donation and 550 transplantation in the state since its inception in 2012.

According to the Health Department's latest report, the Jeevandan initiative has successfully retrieved 5,541 organs and tissues from 1,456 cadaveric donors and performed 550 transplants free of charge under the Arogyasri health scheme. Currently, 40 government hospitals across the state are authorised to perform transplants, including prominent institutions such as the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Osmania General Hospital and Gandhi Hospital, with NIMS serving as the designated authority for cadaver transplantation (AACT). The Jeevandan programme operates in compliance with the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA-1994), implementing various initiatives such as hospital licensing, coordinator training, an online portal and awareness programmes.

In 2023, Telangana achieved a notable donation rate of 5.48% per million population (PMP), against India's average organ donation rate of 0.8 pmp for the year. On National Organ Donation Day, Jeevandan honoured 143 donor families at Gandhi Medical College, acknowledging their contributions.

The union ministry of health and family welfare on Sunday recognised Telangana as the best state/best state organ and tissue transplantation organisation (STTO) and presented the award for the same. Statistics for 2023-24, reveal that 200 donors donated 729 organs - 287 kidneys, 173 liver, 15 hearts, 176 cornea, 76 lungs and two pancreas. For 2024 so far, 103 donors have donated 421 organs - 170 kidneys, 100 livers, 15 hearts, 94 corneas and 42 lungs - bringing the total for 2023 and 2024 to 1,150 combined organs from 303 donors.

Wayanad landslide brings into focus need for people-centric early warning system

KOCHI: Can landslides be predicted hyper-locally, thereby preventing huge loss of lives? The question becomes pertinent in the wake of the Wayanad landslides amid reports that the authorities may have ignored warnings about an impending disaster following the forecast of heavy rain in Mundakkai, the epicentre of the devastating natural calamity. While a prediction with precise accuracy is near impossible, experts working on the ground in Wayanad reckon warnings can be issued to the residents in the landslide-prone areas after analysing micro-rainfall data. Along with the micro-rainfall data, close tracking of the cloud movement pattern and an analysis of the wind and its wind speed would go a long way in more accurate and actionable forecasts on landslides, thereby saving lives, say experts. After the 2019 flood havoc claimed 17 lives at Puthumala in Wayanad, 200 rain gauges were set up across the hill district with the help of local farmers and groups to record micro-rainfall

data in a move to prepare the people on rainfall-related havoc. This had an effect when the authorities evacuated people when 55 rain gauges recorded 1,000mm rainfall within a short period in and around Mundakkai. While several houses were destroyed, there were zero human casualties as hundreds of people in the area were shifted to safer places. This time too, the warnings were issued, but there are criticisms from several quarters that the district administration may not have communicated the dangers to the people effectively. "After the heavy rains and warnings issued, there may have been some complacency among the people as the rains stopped and the sun came out on Monday (it rained heavily that night and the landslide occurred early Tuesday)," explains Deepa C B, assistant director (soil survey), Wayanad. But after the catastrophic landslide swept away Chooralmala, Attamala, and Mundakkai villages in Wayanad, there will be more

focus on this people-centric forecast model. "Ours is a simple logic. If such a large amount of rain comes in an unstable slope, there are high chances of a landslide. If we can create awareness among the people



living in the area, we can shift those people to safer places. Sometimes, a landslide may not occur. But we can predict with 70% accuracy about landslides," says Dr Suma T R, scientist at the Hume Centre for Ecology and Wildlife Biology, Kalpetta.

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NEWS BOX

Passenger tax to fee - pvt schools' body lists demands in Haryana

GURGAON. The Federation of Private Schools Welfare Association has listed a series of demands before the state govt, addressing issues such as pledge money, property tax, passenger tax on school buses, recognition, and fee regulation. The federation has submitted a comprehensive list of 24 points and is planning to organise a state-level rally in Ambala on August 10. With the Assembly election due this year, the federation has threatened to oppose the govt if their long-standing demands are not met. The 24-point demand list also includes reimbursement for teaching students belonging to economically weaker sections under Rule 134-A of Haryana School Education Rules. "Although the rule was revoked, outstanding dues persist. The schools were compelled to continue teaching the students up to class 12, and we did not receive any reimbursement for classes 9 to 12," added Sharma. The federation demands that no tax should be levied for using buses for student transportation. "A passenger tax of Rs 20 per student per month is unjust," said Sharma.

Don't chop century-old trees for police station: HC to govt

GURGAON. The Punjab and Haryana high court has asked Haryana govt not to cut any of the 150-odd century-old trees for constructing a police station and police lines in Sonipat.

The court was hearing a petition on July 27 filed by the National Environment and Forest Protection Trust, raising a public cause based on a resolution passed by the Thaska gram panchayat in Sonipat in 2023.

The gram panchayat had decided to allot two acres for the construction of a police station and five acres for the police lines. However, it would have come at the cost of 150 jaal (Salvadora oleoides) trees that are over 100 years old. The bench of chief justice Sheel Nagu and justice Vikas Suri ordered, "If the concerned authorities can construct the police station and the police line without cutting or damaging even a single tree out of the 150 trees standing on the spot, then the authorities are free to do so. If the concerned authorities are unable to construct a police station and the police line without cutting the above trees, then they are restrained from cutting the trees and are well advised to find an alternate site for the construction of the police line and police station." Sandeep Goyat, deputy conservator of forest, Sonipat, stated in a report that he submitted, "It is submitted that after receiving the letter from DDPO, Sonipat, respondent no.10 along with the Sarpanch of the village Thaska inspected the spot and found that there are approximately 150 trees of Jaal (Salvadora oleoides) standing over there which are nearly a century old. Jaal tree is a rare species which is the heritage of the village, and cutting it cannot be justified." The petitioner presented photographs to the court showing the area in question. The high court noted that, besides trees, a water body was also visible near the site.

Gurgaon: Rs 1 crore marijuana hidden in truck, driver held



GURGAON: A truck driver was allegedly caught with 103 kg of marijuana, valued at Rs 1.2 crore, hidden in his vehicle in Nuh on Saturday. The accused, Ayaz alias Chaina, was arrested near Khedla Mod while en route to Sohna, police said.

That weight-loss pill comes with side-effects, consult us before you take them, say doctors

GURGAON. Doctors in NCR have raised concerns that people are increasingly turning to anti-obesity drugs and many of them taking the pills without prescription to rapidly lose weight without keeping in consideration their side effects. Drugs like semaglutide, which is available in India, are used for diabetes and obesity treatments, and have their benefits, but any patient should get consults before taking them, doctors said. They added that these drugs aren't like over-the-counter medicines like paracetamol and can have more serious side-effects. "I have noticed that patients are becoming more aware of this drug and do their research before coming for a consultation. Its high cost can be a deterrent, but one out of every 25 diabetes patients is willing to take it. Women tend to inquire about it more due to its weight loss potential," said Dr Tushar Tayal, lead consultant at the department of internal medicine in CK Birla Hospital. Dr Satish Koul, senior director and unit head, internal medicine, Fortis, said, "I have seen many youngsters, especially women, who visit a dietician or gym trainer and have started on semaglutide without prescription. These are people with no history of diabetes and are prescribed this drug by a non-medical practitioner. Most of these patients are on weight loss regime." Asked if these were available over the counter, Dr Koul said, "In India, who needs a prescription for buying medicines? Oral drugs like semaglutide are easily available over the counter. No one asks for a prescription."

MCG seals three illegal coaching centres operating in Gurgaon basements

GURGAON. MCG on Saturday sealed three coaching centres that were operating from basements without permission. Officials said a total of 22 coaching centres were surveyed, out of which three centres were found operating illegally from basements and were sealed. The move comes a week after the basement of a UPSC coaching centre in Delhi was flooded, claiming the lives of three aspirants. MCG commissioner Narhari Singh Banger has directed joint commissioners of all zones to initiate a campaign to crack down on coaching centres running from basements without authorisation, officials said. The centres sealed on Saturday were operating in Sector 14's Old DLF Colony, Krishna Colony, and Khandas Road. MCG's enforcement teams are carrying out a survey of coaching centres across the city, including sectors 4, 7, 14, 42, 44 and 55, and Sushant Lok 1 and 2. The teams



have directed all coaching centres to submit their documents for verification at the MCG office on Monday. The centres will have to submit documents such as MCG permit, building plan and fire

NOC. If any centre is found flouting the norms, action will be taken against them, the commissioner said. "We have initiated a targeted initiative to avert disasters similar to the one that occurred

at the coaching centre in Delhi. It is crucial to adhere to safety regulations for basement structures and ensure that emergency exits remain unobstructed during any unforeseen incidents," Banger said. On the night of July 27, three students of Rau's IAS Study Circle in Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar were trapped in the basement after water from a drain gushed into the room. Shreya Yadav, Tanya Soni and Nivin Dalwin - all in their 20s and preparing for the public services examination - drowned. There were allegations that the door to the basement had been upgraded to one with a biometric system and got jammed when the water gushed in. Seven persons, including the owner of the institute, have been arrested. Since then, dozens of institutes running out of crammed buildings have been sealed across Delhi-NCR for throwing caution to the wind.

Bad earthing or sparks cause of fire that killed 16 in Haryana's Rewari

GURGAON. An electrostatic charge caused by improper earthing or a spark from a buffing machine short-circuit caused the explosion that killed 16 workers at a factory in Rewari in March, the National Safety Council of Navi Mumbai has specified in a report. The document was also sent to the National Green Tribunal, which had taken suo motu cognizance of the blast. An audit team from NSC, comprising three expert members and the company's senior officials, visited Lifelong Pvt Ltd in Dharuhera town of Rewari in April to analyze the post-accident situation. "CCTV footage showed that the fire started near one of the buffing machines. No serious lapses or gross negligence were found during the inspection," the report said. The spark is believed to have ignited fine dust near the buffing machine, causing



a PVC suction pipe and aluminum dust to catch fire and smolder. The explosion injured 38 workers, with 16 later succumbing to their injuries at hospitals in Rohtak and Delhi.

Another inquiry by the Industrial Safety and Health Department in Gurgaon found safety violations at the factory, such as no measures to prevent sparks from reaching dust collectors and inadequate protective equipment and working conditions for the workers. Workers claimed the dust collector that

had not been cleaned for months, but company officials denied this. The Rewari DC filed a status report on April 16, noting varying amounts of compensation for the injured and the deceased workers. NGT sought a response on why different criteria were used for compensation. "The (DC's) report states that the FIR has been registered and investigation is pending... A perusal of the chart (disclosing the amount of compensation paid to the family members) reveals that different amounts have been paid to the family members of deceased workers, and for some of them, no amount has been released by the company," NGT stated in its order after a hearing on July 24.

NGT has now closed the case, said Harish Sharma, regional officer of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB).

20kmph wind and light rain fail to bring down mercury in Haryana

GURGAON: Saturday morning was both cloudy and humid, with the minimum temperature rising by two notches to 27 degrees Celsius, up from Friday's 25 degrees and a notch above the season's normal. The daytime temperature rose slightly to 33.2 degrees Celsius from 33 degrees Celsius on the previous day. It was a notch below the normal. The weatherman said intensity of rainfall is likely to go down, with only light rains at scattered places during the next 3-4 days in the state. Southeasterly winds with a speed of 20kmph did not help in bringing any relief from the humid conditions on Saturday. The relative humidity index oscillated between 70% and 98% throughout the day. Around 3.30pm, clouds gathered, but only led to a drizzle. The IMD observatories recorded 0.5mm of rainfall till 5.30pm. According to the IMD, a deep depression has formed over southwest Bihar and adjoining northwest Jharkhand, and a low pressure area has formed over southwest



Rajasthan and the neighbourhood. "Under the influence of these systems, heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to be witnessed in the central parts of the country along with parts of Rajasthan, UP, and Uttarakhand. However, the northwest region, including Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi, is likely to see reduced rainfall activities with only isolated scattered rains

No valid papers, 3 foreigners held after raid at Gurgaon club

GURGAON. The crime branch raided Fly-7 club in Sector 67 on Monday night and arrested three foreigners for staying in India without valid visas. Police claimed they also assaulted officers during the raid. Alima Mustafa from Nigeria, Micholab from South Africa and Kamara Verflay from Liberia were arrested during a raid at the club after police were informed that they had been consuming drugs. During the raid, the foreigners failed to produce valid documents, including passports and visas. They resisted when officials attempted to arrest them and even assaulted the officers, police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar said. A crime branch ASI suffered a fracture in his hand in the assault. Despite the resistance, three foreigners were arrested and handed over to the police for further investigation. They were sent to judicial remand on Tuesday. Alima had been staying in Chander Vihar in Delhi, while Micholab and Kamara had been staying at rented properties in Chatarpur and Mehrauli, respectively.

Name Change
I. CHITRA MISHRA W/O AJIT SHARMA R/O H.NO-2952 GALI NO-2 BHROD COLONY, KHERI KALAN, FARIDABAD-121002 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO CHITRA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

Name Change
I. NO-15433021W Rank-NK Name-SHIJIN LAL PM legal father of DHANVI R/O POYIL, MEETHAL, KAYANNA, PO-MATTANODE, DISTT-KOZHIKODE, KERALA-673527 have changed my minor daughter's name from DHANVI to DHANVI S for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I. HITHERO KNOWN AS NIRUPAMA PRADHAN D/O FAKRA PRADHAN R/O PARMANENT ADDRESS VILAGE-MASEEDIKA PANGANIYA, PO-RAIKIA, DIST- KANDHAMAL, ODISHA-762101 PRESENT ADDRESS A-5,GALI NO- 3 A-BLOCK HARIT VIHAR BURARI DELHI-110084 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as TILOTAMA PRADHAN.

Name Change
I. Hithero known as Ramesh Bali alias Ramesh Chander Bali S/o Brahm Nath Bali R/O-19/284, Block-19, Saraiabasti, Sarai-Rohilla, Delhi-110035, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ramesh Chander Bali.

Name Change
I. Hithero known as G P PAL S/O MAN SINGH R/O B-703, YOUNG AHERIA, GHS LTD PLOT NO-02, SECTOR-7, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110075 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GANGA PRASHAD PAL.

Name Change
I. Present W/o: Rohit Kumar R/O 343 B H block palm whar ansal piazza mool gurgaon Haryana -122017 have changed my minor son name from Nidhaan to Nidhaan Lal for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Unit No. GGM111 was allotted in the name of Mrs. Manju Dugar W/o Narpat Singh Dugar R/O A-57, 3rd Floor, Phase-I, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052 who has expired on 27/04/2021 leaving behind a registered Will in favour of Mr. Narpat Singh Dugar and accordingly the name of Mr. Narpat Singh Dugar is being noted in DLF's record in respect of the captioned unit. If anybody has any objection to this, he or she may approach Ms DLF Home Developers Ltd. or the undersigned within 21 days of publication of this notice.

Name Change
I. PRIYANKA BANSAL W/O KUNAL BANSAL Residing H.No. 1/9 J, Medical Campus, PGIMS, Rohtak - 124001 have changed my name from PRIYANKA BANSAL TO PRIYANKA RAI for all future purposes.

Name Change
I. KAPIL KUMAR JUNEJA / KAPIL JUNEJA S/O BALDEV RAJ residing at 14/A4 ASHOKA SOCIETY SEC-TOR-14 VASUNDHARA GHAZIABAD UP-201012 have changed my name to KAPIL KUMAR for all future purpose.

Name Change
I. SITA RAM SINGH Father of No. 15691095A Rank-HAV, Name-DILIP KUMAR SINGH R/O VPO-DULLAHPUR, TEH-SIMRI, DIST-BUXAR, BIHAR-802118 have changed my name from SITA RAM SINGH to SITARAM SINGH for all future purposes and in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1948 instead of my correct date of birth as 13/08/1942 vide Affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

Name Change
I. JOGINDER S/O KRISHAN LAL Residing H.No. 1892 Ward No. 30 Near Hanuman Mandir, New Chinyot Colony, Rohtak - 124001 have changed my name from JOGINDER to JOGINDER MALHOTRA for all future purposes.

Name Change
I. Hithero known as ZAFAR TETE alias JEFRANUS TETE S/O MATIVAS TETE R/O B-32 BHARAT NAGAR, NEW FRIENDS COLONY, SRINIWASPURI, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110065 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as JEFRANUS TETE.

Name Change
I. Naresh S/o Chet Ram Chaudhary R/o House No-1652, Sector-7E, Faridabad, Haryana-121006, Have Changed My Name To Naresh Chaudhary For All Future Purpose

Name Change
I. Rachna Anand W/o Naresh Chaudhary R/o House No-1652, Sector-7E, Faridabad, Haryana-121006, Have Changed My Name To Rachna Chaudhary For All Future Purpose

Name Change
I. SHIPRA DUTTA W/O RAVI DUTTA residing at B-9/6253, VASANT KUNJ, DELHI-110070 have changed my minor son name from SCHWAAS TO SCHWAAS DUTTA for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE
I. S KUMARI mother of NO-15703167N Rank-HAV Name-RAJESH D S residing at VILL-DHARAPADAVEU, PO-KATPADI, TEH-KATPADI, DIST- VELLORE, TAMIL NADU-632007 have changed my name from S KUMARI to RAJAJUMARI for all future purposes, and in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1958 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/08/1958 vide affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

Name Change
I. IC-17955Y Rank-Col Name-WAJIHR REMAN KHAN (Retd) R/O FLAT NO-A-22, SECON FLOOR, AMSTORIA(BPTP), SECTOR-102, GURUGRAM, DWARKA EXPRESSWAY, BASAI (50), GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122006, have changed my name from WAJIHR REMAN KHAN to WAJIHR REHMAN KHAN vide affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I. KUSHUM DEVI, Mother of No. 15691095A Rank-HAV, Name-DILIP KUMAR SINGH R/O VPO-DULLAHPUR, TEH-SIMRI, DIST-BUXAR, BIHAR-802118 have changed my name from KUSHUM DEVI to KUSUMA DEVI for all future purposes and in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1953 instead of my correct date of birth as 05/08/1950 vide Affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE
I. D SUNDARESAN Father of NO-15703167N Rank-HAV Name-RAJESH D S residing at VILL-DHARAPADAVEU, PO-KATPADI, TEH-KATPADI, DIST- VELLORE, TAMIL NADU-632007 in my son's service records my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1956 instead of my correct date of birth is 05/05/1956 vide affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I. CHAITANYA KATOCH, S/o, AVINASH KATOCH, R/o, B-502, RANJIT VIHAR-1, SECTOR-22, MANISH GLOBAL MALL, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110077, have changed my name from CHAITANYA KATOCH TO CHAITANYA SINGH KATOCH for all future purpose.

Name Change
I. SHAKUNAT MALIK W/O MOHD SABIR MALIK R/O M-54/A ABUL FAZAL ENCALVE-1 THOKER NO-5, JAWA NAGAR, OKHLA DELHI-110025 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO SAKUNAT MALIK FOR ALL PURPOSE.

Name Change
I. SABIR MALIK S/O SIDDIQE R/O M-54/A ABUL FAZAL ENCALVE-1 THOKER NO-5, JAWA NAGAR, OKHLA DELHI-110025 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO MOHD SABIR MALIK FOR ALL PURPOSE.

Name Change
I. UPKAR SINGH S/O AMRIK SINGH R/O M-108,3RD FLOOR, HARI NAGAR, MAYA PURI, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110064 have changed the name of my minor daughter HARMANJEET KAUR alias HARMAN JEET KAUR RANDHAWA aged 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as HARMAN JEET KAUR RANDHAWA.

Name Change
I. T T GEORGE father of No. No. 16115031P Rank-LNK Name-JOBIN TG R/O THENAMMAKKAL, CHAP-PAKADAVU, PAYAVOOR, PO-CHANDANAMPARA, DISTT KANNUR, KERALA-670633 have changed my name from T T GEORGE to GEORGE THOMAS for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1962 instead of my correct date of birth as 25/05/1964 vide Affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public Delhi

Name Change
I. No-16124242Y Rank-SPR Name-LONDHE VAIBHAV BAJARANG S/O LONDHE BAJARANG BABU R/O VPO-BAMANE, TAL-BHUDARGAD, DIST-KOLHAPUR, MAHARASHTRA-416209 have changed my minor daughter's name from GURUSHRI to GURUSHRI VAIBHAV LONDHE for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I. SOBHA Wife of No. 15320380W Rank-RHM Name-REEJU KUMAR S Presently residing at NANDANAM, MARANADU, BHARATHANNOOR, PANGODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA-695609 have changed my name from SOBHA to SOBHA C for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I. ANAMIKA S Daughter of No. 14857476H Rank-RHM Name-REJU KUMAR S Presently residing at NANDANAM, MARANADU, BHARATHANNOOR, PANGODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA-695609 have changed my name from ANAMIKA S to ANAMIKA REJU S for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I. MOOHD AKIL S/O SAVDAR residing at HOUSE NO E 14/G24 G BLOK NEW SEELAMPUR DELHI-110053 have changed my name to MOHD ALIK S/O SAVDAR all future purpose

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby informed that my clients Rakesh Kumar Giri s/o late Sita Ram Giri and his wife Smt. Geeta Giri both residents of H.No. 310, Gali no.2, B Block, Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi-110084, have severed all their relations and connections with their son Anshu Giri @ Golu and his wife Dr. Mitakshara Goswami @ Nishi, residents of first floor of H.No. 310, Gali no.2, B Block, Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi-110084 who have proven to be most disobedient, disrespectful and harmful towards my clients and their other family members and they hereby disown and debar them from inheriting any of their moveable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own cost and peril and my clients and their other family members shall not be held liable or responsible therefor.
ROHIT SADANA Advocate
14/37, 1st Floor, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi

Name Change
I. S PAVANAVENKATA REDDY Father of No. 15320848Y Rank-HAV Name-SIRIGIRI RAMESHWARA REDDY R/O VPO-KAMMENIPALLE, TEHALLAGADA, DIST-KURNOOL, ANDHRA PRADESH-518563 have changed my name from S PAVANAVENKATA REDDY to SHIRIGIRI PAVANAM VENKATAREDDY for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1958 instead of my correct date of birth as 26/07/1950 vide Affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

Name Change
I. MAHESHWARI M Wife of No. 14857476H Rank-HAV Name-MARIMUTHU S Presently residing at 4/13, EAST STREET, NAGALA-PURAM, INJAR, VIRUDHUNA-GAR, TAMIL NADU-626124 have changed my name from MAHESHWARI M to MAHESHWARI S for all future purposes vide Affidavit Dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change
I. LILLY KUTTY mother of No. 16115031P Rank-LNK Name-JOBIN TG R/O THENAMMAKKAL, CHAP-PAKADAVU, PAYAVOOR, KANNUR, KERALA-670633 have changed my name from LILLY KUTTY to LILLYKUTTY DOMINIC for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1962 instead of my correct date of birth as 05/10/1965 vide Affidavit dated 03/08/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is given to general public at large that our client Smt. Deepthi Saxena is the owner of Freehold Residential Flat Bearing No. 05, on Ground Floor (super roof rights), in Tower-9, Without admeasuring 111.48 sq. mtrs. (120 sq. ft.), Situated at "ZIN SPIRE" at Sector-9, Ramprastha Greens, Vaishali Extension, in Abasi of Village Pralahadgarhi, Pragana Loni, Tehsil and Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P. By Virtue of Gift Deed dated 13.04.2017 vide Doc No. 5114, in Book No. 1, Vol No. 33177, on Page No. 73-98, dated 13.04.2017, SR-IV Ghaziabad, till date and has lost/Misplace his Below mentioned Documents i.e. Original (1) Allotment letter issued by M/s Sarena Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Sh. D.P. Verma, (2) Original Buyer's Agreement dated 25.02.2016 executed by M/s Sarena Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Sh. D.P. Verma & (4) Original Sale Deed dated 30.03.2016 executed by M/s Sarena Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Sh. D.P. Verma as vide Doc No. 5608, SR-IV Ghaziabad, 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 Mr. Anurag Rajan and same has been financed by Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd, Branch Laxmi 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 of the same to the undersigned if found by anyone, thereafter no claim shall be entertained.
[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA] Advocate
F-211,sector-3, Vaishali Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 09958871432

NEWS BOX

Pak-origin man set on fire in Canada, was involved in protests after Nijjar killing

World A Pakistani-Canadian businessman, who was involved in protests after the death of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, was set on fire by an unidentified man in Canada's Surrey city in British Columbia province.

Rahat Rao was set on fire by a man aged 24 or 25 years on Friday. He was hospitalised and his condition is critical. According to sources, Rao is not an agent of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Pakistan's intelligence agency. Rao is very active in Canada and was continuously involved in many protests after the death of Nijjar in June last year.

On June 18 last year, Nijjar was shot dead outside a gurdwara in Surrey. His name had been included in a list released by the Indian government with 40 other 'designated terrorists'. His death sparked a major diplomatic row between India and Canada after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last September alleged a potential involvement of Indian government agents in the killing of the Khalistani terrorist.

India vehemently rebuffed Trudeau's claims, calling them "absurd" and "motivated".

Ukraine accuses Russia of killing and dismembering prisoner of war

Kyiv. Ukraine's human rights commissioner urged the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations to investigate an image widely shared online on Saturday that he said likely showed a Ukrainian prisoner-of-war killed and dismembered by Russian forces. Ukraine's prosecutor general said separately that an urgent investigation had been launched into information being spread on social networks about the murder and dismemberment of a Ukrainian POW. A photograph, probably of a Ukrainian prisoner whose head and limbs were cut off by the Russians, has appeared online, Dmytro Lubinets, the country's leading human rights official, said in a post on the Telegram messaging app. "In view of these horrific images, I have urgently appealed to the ICRC and the UN to record yet another human rights violation by the terrorist country," Lubinets wrote. Andriy Kostin, the prosecutor general, said an urgent investigation had been launched. "Russia consistently repeats the crimes of the Nazis, defiantly showing utter contempt for all norms of the civilised world," he wrote on Telegram. Russia denies torture or other forms of maltreatment of POWs. A United Nations commission of inquiry on Ukraine said in a report published in March that it had documented credible allegations of executions of at least 32 Ukrainian POWs in 12 separate incidents from December 2023 to February, and that it had independently verified three of the incidents.

The three-member Commission of Inquiry said it had also gathered more evidence that Russia had systematically tortured Ukrainian POWs, documenting rape threats and the use of electric shocks on genitals. It said the scale of such torture cases may amount to the most serious abuses known as crimes against humanity, describing their occurrence as "widespread and systematic".

Stop bulls*g me, furious Biden told Netanyahu amid Mideast tensions: Report**

World Days after the killing of Hamas Political Bureau Chief Ismail Haniyeh in an Israeli strike in Iran, US President Joe Biden told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to "stop bullshitting me" during their conversation on Thursday, Channel 12 News reported without citing any official sources.

This comment came after Netanyahu informed Biden that Israel was advancing negotiations on a hostages-



for-peace deal with Hamas and would soon send a delegation to resume talks. President Biden concluded the conversation by saying, "Don't take the president for granted." As per the report, this remark was made in the context of Israeli-US cooperation in anticipation of a possible full-scale war with Iran and its proxies.

This comes amid escalating tensions, as Iran and Tehran-backed groups have vowed revenge for the recent assassinations of several of their leaders. President Biden has rallied regional powers to assist in repelling Iran's unprecedented missile-and-drone attack on Israel during the night of April 13-14.

Responding to the report, the Israel Prime Minister's Office issued an official statement later on Saturday, stating, "The prime minister does not interfere in American politics and will work with whoever is elected president, just as he also expects the Americans not to interfere in Israeli politics." The Times of Israel reported. Meanwhile, after President Joe Biden's decision to drop out of the US presidential election race, Benjamin Netanyahu is feeling emboldened to take stringent action against Iran, a senior Israeli official told The Telegraph.

The official stated that the US President was trying to "restrain" Netanyahu while he was still running for re-election. "He told him not to respond too harshly to Iran's attacks. And Iran knew this, which is why they exploited the situation to attack Israel," the official was quoted as saying by The Telegraph in its report.

Child, 5, killed after wind gust sends bounce house flying in Maryland

One child was killed and another injured after a wind gust blew a bounce house into the air at a baseball game in Maryland. The house went high in the air causing children to fall before it landed.



Waldorf, Maryland. One child was killed and another was injured after a wind gust blew a bounce house into the air at a baseball game in Maryland on Friday night, local officials said. Local emergency personnel received a call in Waldorf, Maryland, at about 9:21 pm Friday from the Regency Furniture Stadium reporting that a moon bounce house became airborne because of a wind gust while children were inside. At the time, the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs minor league baseball team was playing a game, and "the moon bounce was carried

approximately 15 to 20 feet up in the air, causing children to fall before it landed on the playing field," according to a news release from the Charles County government posted on its website. Emergency personnel who were

already at the stadium for the game, along with trainers from the baseball team and several volunteer first responders, began caring for patients within minutes, the release said. A 5-year-old boy from La Plata, Maryland, was flown to Children's

National Hospital in Washington, where he was later pronounced dead, the release said. A second child was also flown out by Maryland State Police with non-life-threatening injuries.

Courtney Knichel, general manager of the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs said in a statement released by Charles County that "our entire organisation shares our condolences with the family mourning the loss of a child, and concern for the child who was injured." Charles County Government Commission President Reuben B. Collins II also expressed his condolences.

"We extend our deepest empathy to the children and their families during this difficult time," he said. "We thank our EMS team and the Maryland State Police for their swift actions to ensure the children received immediate care."

The team cancelled Saturday night's baseball game and is offering counselling and support to families, players and fans who attended the game, the Charles County release said.

Judge 'finds no basis' to dismiss Trump election case, sets hearing date

Washington The federal judge presiding over the election subversion case against former US President Donald Trump rejected Saturday a defence effort to dismiss the indictment on claims that he was prosecuted for vindictive and political purposes. The ruling from US District Judge Tanya Chutkan is the first substantive order since the case was returned to her Friday following a landmark Supreme Court opinion last month that conferred broad immunity for former presidents and narrowed special counsel Jack Smith's case against Trump. In their motion to dismiss the indictment, defence lawyers argued that Trump was mistreated because he was prosecuted even though others who have challenged election results have avoided criminal charges. Trump, the Republican nominee in the 2024 presidential race, also suggested that President Joe Biden and the Justice Department launched a prosecution to prevent him from winning re-election. But Chutkan rejected both



arguments, saying Trump was not charged simply for challenging election results but instead for "knowingly making false statements in furtherance of criminal conspiracies and for obstruction of election certification proceedings." She also said that his lawyers had misread news media articles that they had cited in arguing that the prosecution was political in nature.

"After reviewing Defendant's evidence and arguments, the court cannot conclude that he has carried his burden to establish either actual vindictiveness or the presumption of it, and so finds no basis for dismissing this case on those

grounds," Chutkan wrote in her order. Also Saturday, she scheduled an August 16 status conference to discuss next steps in the case. The four-count indictment, brought in August 2023, accuses Trump of conspiring to overturn the results of the 2020 election he lost to Biden through a variety of schemes, including by badgering his vice president, Mike Pence, to block the formal certification of electoral votes. Trump's lawyers argued that he was immune from prosecution as a former president, and the case has been on hold since December as his appeal worked its way through the courts.

The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 opinion, held that presidents enjoy absolute immunity for core constitutional duties and are presumptively immune from prosecution for all other official acts. The justices sent the case back to Chutkan to determine which acts alleged in the indictment can remain part of the prosecution and which must be discarded.

15 killed in Israeli airstrike on Gaza school sheltering displaced persons

UPDATED An Israeli airstrike on a school sheltering displaced persons in Gaza City's Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood killed at least 15 Palestinians on Saturday, hours after two strikes in the occupied West Bank killed nine militants including a local Hamas commander, Hamas said. The Israeli military claimed that the school was being used as a command centre for Hamas, to hide militants and manufacture weapons. Hamas, meanwhile, refuted Israeli claims that it operates from civilian facilities like schools and hospitals. The Israeli military said the first of two West Bank airstrikes hit a vehicle in a town near the city of Tulkarm, targeting a militant cell it said was on its way to carry out an attack. A Hamas statement said one of those killed was a commander of its Tulkarm brigades, while its ally Islamic Jihad claimed the

other four men who died in the strike as its fighters. Hours later, a second airstrike in the area targeted another group of militants who had fired on troops, Israel's military said, during what it described as a counterterrorism operation in Tulkarm. Earlier on Saturday, Israeli strikes in the enclave killed six people in a house in the southern area of Rafah and two others in Gaza City, Gaza health officials said. The Israeli military said its forces had struck militants and destroyed Hamas infrastructure in Rafah and elsewhere in the enclave.

The latest strikes in the Palestinian territories came amid Israel's growing tensions with Iran and Lebanon's Hezbollah group that have fanned fears of a widened conflict in the Middle East. The US and international partners, including France, Britain, Italy and Egypt, continued diplomatic

contacts on Saturday seeking to prevent further regional escalation. Hamas said it had begun a "broad consultation process" to choose a new leader three days after the assassination in Tehran of Ismail Haniyeh, who was the face of the group's international diplomacy. Iran and Hamas have blamed Israel and vowed to retaliate. Israel has not claimed or denied responsibility.

At least 39,550 Palestinians have been killed in the Israeli military campaign in Gaza, according to Gaza health officials. The offensive was triggered by a Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on October 7 in which 1,200 people were killed and 250 abducted, according to Israeli tallies. A high-level Israeli delegation made a brief visit to Cairo on Saturday in an attempt to resume Gaza ceasefire negotiations, Egyptian airport authority.

Kamala Harris's husband admits to cheating on first wife: I took responsibility

World US Vice President Kamala Harris's husband, Doug Emhoff, admitted on Saturday to cheating on his first wife, following a British tabloid's report claiming he once got the family nanny pregnant. He had an affair with a blonde nanny, Najen Naylor, who taught at the private school attended by his two children, The Daily Mail reported. This took place more than 15 years ago, while Emhoff was still married to his then-wife, Kerstin. A close friend familiar with the situation disclosed that Naylor became pregnant but



didn't keep the baby. Emhoff, in a statement to CNN, acknowledged the affair without mentioning Naylor's name or addressing the pregnancy. Speaking with CNN, he stated, "During my first marriage, Kerstin and I went through some tough times on account of my actions. I took responsibility, and in the years since, we worked through things as a family and have come out stronger on the other side." Meanwhile, his first wife, Kerstin, stated in a statement on Saturday, "Doug and I decided to end our marriage for a variety of reasons, many years ago. He is a great father to our kids, continues to be a great friend to me, and I am really proud of the warm and supportive blended family Doug, Kamala, and I have built together." CNN, while citing a source, reported that the affair was disclosed to President Biden's vetting panel four years ago before he selected Kamala Harris as his running mate for the 2020 US presidential elections.

Can always count on our help: Putin to North Korea's Kim after deadly floods

Russian President Vladimir Putin has extended his condolences and offered humanitarian aid to North Korea following devastating floods. The floods have caused untold casualties and severe damage to homes and farmland.

Moscow. Russian President Vladimir Putin has offered condolences to North Korean counterpart Kim Jong Un over devastating floods that caused untold casualties and damaged thousands of homes, the Kremlin said on Saturday. The North, in turn, said Sunday that Putin had also offered "immediate humanitarian support" to aid its recovery efforts, to which Kim responded that he "could deeply feel the special emotion towards a genuine friend." Pyongyang said this week it had seen a record downpour on July 27 which killed an unspecified number of people, flooded dwellings and submerged swathes of



farmland in the north near China. "I ask you to convey words of sympathy and support to all those who lost their loved ones as a result of the storm," Putin said in a telegram to Kim. "You can always count on our help and support." "The message of sympathy from Moscow was conveyed to the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK" on

Saturday, said the official KCNA, noting it was immediately reported to leader Kim. Kim thanked Putin for the outreach but said "already-established plans as state measures were taken at the present stage." Regarding the offer Kim said "if aid is necessary in the course, he would ask for it from the truest friends in

Moscow", KCNA reported. Pyongyang said on Wednesday that officials who neglected their disaster prevention duties had caused unspecified casualties, without providing details on the location. It said on Saturday that there were no casualties at all in the Sinuiju area, the region Pyongyang claimed suffered the "greatest flood damage." North Korea and Russia have been allies since the North's founding after World War II and have drawn even closer since Moscow's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. Media in South Korea, which has offered urgent support to the victims, said this week the toll of dead and missing could be as high as 1,500. Kim lashed out at the reports, dismissing them as a "smear campaign to bring disgrace upon us and tarnish" the North's image. North Korea is accused of breaching arms control measures by supplying weapons to Russia for use in its war in Ukraine.

Natural disasters tend to have a greater impact on the isolated and impoverished country due to its weak infrastructure, while deforestation has left it vulnerable to flooding.

News box

Hyderabad: Rat faeces found in food racks in hotel near airport

HYDERABAD: Amid the growing concerns over food safety in Hyderabad, the Food Safety Task Force inspected local restaurants in Shamshabad and observed several violations. On Friday, the team found that 'Yes Bawarchi Multi Cuisine Restaurant' in Shamshabad had not kept FSSAI certificate on display and the TDS of drinking water provided was found to be 24 which is lower than the mandated minimum 75. The popular restaurant had stored synthetic food colours in its store room which were later discarded by the officials. Moreover, semi-prepared and raw food articles were without lids while rat faeces were seen on the racks and floor, hence rat infestation was suspected in the storeroom. Windows were not concealed with insect-proof screens and pest control records of the premises and medical certificates for the food handlers were not available with FBO. The officials further observed the flaking plasters on the ceiling and the flooring of the kitchen was untidy and patchy.

Similarly, at Airport Bawarchi Restaurant in Shamshabad, the task force team found pest control records and other similar violations. In another restaurant, Hotel Hyderabad Grand the team found expired food articles like red chilli sauce, sweet chilli sauce, coconut milk, rosewater, fish masala and thyme. The food safety officials seized and discarded some expired food articles from the restaurant for violating food safety norms.

Forest officials rescue saltwater crocodile from village pond in Odisha

KENDRAPARA: A stray four-foot-long female saltwater crocodile was rescued by forest officials from the pond of one Kalpataru Khanduala at Barahapur village, near Bhitarkanika National Park, on Saturday. On being informed, forest officials rushed to the spot and five forest personnel took two hours to capture the crocodile that had strayed into the village pond from the nearby Hansua river during high tide. The reptile attempted to attack a woman washing utensils in the pond, informed villagers. "Crocodiles have killed around seven people within a year in Bhitarkanika and nearby areas," said Ranjan Behera of Barahapur.



Later, the forest officials released the crocodile back to Bhitarkanika. "We roped the reptile after netting it and later released it into the Bausagada river within the park. The crocodile did not attack humans and was not injured during the capture," said Chittaranjan Beura, forest range officer of Bhitarkanika.

Forest officials have advised villagers to use water bodies cautiously, erecting barricades in ghats of rivers and ponds to prevent crocodile attacks. Many such barricades have been built around Bhitarkanika to enhance safety.

'Voluntary intoxication' cannot be defence against commission of crime: Orissa HC

CUTTACK: Upholding a trial court's life imprisonment sentence to a man who murdered his mother by strangling and beheading her, the Orissa High Court has ruled that a person cannot be exempted from liability for commission of murder on the ground of 'voluntary intoxication'. The incident had occurred at Nathiapali village within Odagaon police limits in Nayagarh district on May 12, 2008. Rankanidhi Behera was sentenced to imprisonment for life by the court of additional sessions judge, Nayagarh on March 10, 2010. He had filed a Jail Criminal Appeal (JCRA) in the high court the same year.

The division bench of Justice SK Sahoo and Justice Chittaranjan Dash said, "The Penal Code does not provide for any provision which can potentially protect an accused from liability for commission of any crime, much less a heinous crime like murder, merely because he chose to intoxicate himself before executing his culpable intention."

The bench said, "The instant case has exposed this court to a very unfortunate set of facts where a son did not think twice before killing his creator, i.e. the mother. As per the above position of law, the knowledge of the appellant for commission of the crime can be well inferred, notwithstanding the fact that he was intoxicated."

Furthermore, no evidence was led from the side of the defence to show that the intoxication was so intense that it affected the ability of the appellant to form intention to commit the crime."

Kerala State Road Transport Corporation served notice for polluting Amayizhanchan

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM : The corporation has served notice on the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Central Bus Station for failing to implement proper waste management facilities. The special squads under the civic body found out that the central bus station, which is frequented by several thousand commuters daily, lacks infrastructure for managing waste responsibly. Not only that, the bus terminal, which houses several shops and eateries, lacks proper waste management facilities. The notice specifically highlights the improper disposal of liquid waste generated at the terminal. According to the officials, the waste generated from washing the buses and the terminal's workshop operations is being directly discharged into the Amayizhanchan Canal. This unchecked release of



contaminants into the canal poses severe environmental and health risks. "KSRTC lacks proper waste management facilities. There are several shops inside the terminal

and proper segregation of waste should be ensured. We have asked them to assess the quantity of waste generated on their premises. It will take some time to set up a liquid waste management facility. They can sign up for the services of Haritha Karma Sena for handling dry waste generated on their premises," said a top corporation official.

The official said that the KSRTC has responded positively and that the civic body will offer all assistance to the KSRTC for taking corrective measures to resolve the waste crisis at the terminal. In the past five days, the civic body has served notices on around 250 bulk waste generators including public sector undertakings. After the death of sanitation worker Joy, who lost his life while cleaning the Amayizhanchan Canal, the civic body has

intensified enforcement activities. In July alone, the civic body collected fine to the tune of Rs 14,30,610 from violators. The civic body has deployed day squads, night squads and special squads to book violators littering public places and polluting water bodies. In addition to routine inspections, violators are being booked through photographs and videos captured by the public using mobile phone cameras and CCTV footage from homes.

For booking violations, the civic body is installing around 35 cameras including 10 AI cameras along the canal stretch. "We are installing cameras along the stretch and it will be linked to our Integrated Command and Control Centre from where we will be monitoring violations. There are around 10 cameras installed previously at various points along the canal and we are planning to maintain them and make them operational," said the official.

Madras High Court seeks status of parks taken over for metro works

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has directed Chennai Corporation, court appointed amicus curiae, senior counsel for Chennai Metro Rail (CMRL) and its officials to visit Thiru Vi Ka Park in Shenoy Nagar and Nehru Park to assess improvements and maintenance, and submit an action taken report (ATR) by September 2. It has also sought a report on the restoration measures planned for Panagal Park, where CMRL work is presently under way.

Justice M Dhandapani directed necessary steps to be taken to implement the recommendations made by the district green committee with regard to improving and maintaining the greenery in these parks. Both Nehru Park and Thiru Vi Ka



Park parks were shut down for many years due to CMRL work.

They were reopened after inordinate delay. However, there have been complaints that

the parks were not restored properly after the work. The court was presently hearing a petition filed by a residents association.

Apart from these two parks, the court directed CMRL to file a report on the number and varieties of trees that were in Panagal Park prior to construction and the number of trees that have been felled.

Directing CMRL to spell out the extent of land that would be returned back to the corporation after completion of works, the court added the inspection at Panagal Park should be completed on or before August 21 to identify restoration plans, and a report should be submitted on the next date of hearing.

Empowering girls with self-defence skills

RAJANNA-SIRCILLA: The district police have launched Operation Jwala, a self-defence training programme aimed at improving women's safety and confidence. Following the success of the first phase of the programme conducted last year, the police will again be imparting martial arts and self-defence techniques to girls in government institutions. Superintendent of Police (SP) Akhil Mahajan tells TNIE: "With Phase-II of Operation Jwala, we hope to further instil confidence among schoolgirls. Coordinated with the education department, the programme schedules a daily training period in all government schools. Around 2,000 girl students from Classes VI to X in 100 government schools are receiving self-defence training." The SP said that priority is being given to women's safety. "The efforts of SHE teams, which work to protect women and girls, are there to see,"

he says. Mahajan explains the impetus for the programme was an incident where a girl reported harassment at bus stations and on her way home. "Though the SHE teams resolved the issue, the need for a



permanent solution led to the creation of Operation Jwala," he says.

The SP says that despite the efforts of the police, incidents like harassment at Thangallapally hostel mean that such

training programmes are needed. Martial arts instructors, including women, have been appointed by the police department. Md Naseema, one of the instructors, tells TNIE that strength is not required for self-defence. She says techniques are the key. A Class VIII student, A Poojitha, shares that the training has built her confidence, and says that she feels more secure travelling to and from school.

Additional safety measures

In conjunction with Operation Jwala, the police department has also launched the "Bus-lo Bharosa" programme to enhance security in TGSRTC buses. CC cameras have been installed in 125 buses, from Palle Velugu to AC bus services of Sircilla and Vemulawada depots. These cameras are connected to a command control cell to monitor women's safety and prevent harassment.

Robust marketing can boost handloom sector, say handloom activist

BENGALURU: Despite the capacity of the handloom sector to provide sustainable employment opportunities by tapping into the booming global market for eco-friendly and natural handwoven fabrics, it remains underutilised. Stakeholders and experts voice that the numerous handloom corporations, be it silk, wool or yarn, need to be promoted and built on the lines of milk federations in the state. The Congress-led Karnataka government in its 2023 budget had announced of a special cell called 'Mahatma Gandhi Vastrodyama' (MGV), to bring together designers, weavers, yarn producers and allied workers on a common platform. However, the project is yet to kick-off, and has not progressed beyond a few meetings at the initial proposal stage. With the Handloom Day just around the corner (August 7), stakeholders held a discussion on how implementing MGV can improve the condition of weavers, and the untapped



potential of the sector.

Handloom activist Prasanna Heggodu said, "The economic liberalisation has only benefitted top sectors and failed to penetrate into the rural economy. The MGV is a viable

workable model to meet this gap. Today, the spinning centres in the state and in India have already died down." Through MGV we are not demanding funds from the government, just loans and infrastructure need to be

provided on lease, to revive the dying corporations. We need a robust state-of-the-art marketing facility for pure handloom and this model has the potential to provide it," Heggodu emphasised.

Designer and handloom revivalist Pavithra Muddaya explained the dire conditions of the weavers in interior Karnataka. "They feel defeated. A collective effort is needed to revive the industry. No weaver today wants their child to become a weaver, as they see no opportunity for growth in it. The other problem is that half of the weavers from Karnataka are illiterate, and are not registered. They are unable to use government benefits and often struggle because of middle-men," she said. The proposed MGV aims to indirectly provide large-scale rural livelihoods by providing state-of-the-art marketing backup for their products. If this is implemented, Karnataka will be the first such state to do so.

Bengalureans lost Rs 845 crore, 9,260 cases filed in first six months of 2024

BENGALURU: Bengalureans lost a whopping Rs 845 crore to cybercriminals in the first six months of this year. Of all the cases, the debit and credit card fraud was the most rampant, accounting for 1,485 of the total 9,260 cases. The victims were swindled of Rs 41.53 crore in this scam. Investigators highlighted a consistent pattern in the debit and credit scam - all calls were made using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services, which mask the caller's true location with 'international numbers' and make tracing impossible. Over half of the complainants had used public wi-fi for transactions before falling victim. "When we verified the calls made to the victims, they all had different country codes, like +44, +7, and +07, but

none from +91 (India), which can be traced," an official said. Most victims also reported accessing wi-fi at hotels, lounges and other places before making the transactions, he added. In the first two months of this year, the total loss to cybercrimes amounted to Rs 240 crore. But over the next four months, they have skyrocketed to Rs 845 crore. The official said public wi-fi networks are often unencrypted, making it easy for cybercriminals to intercept data transmitted between your device and the network. "Avoid accessing sensitive information or performing financial transactions over public wi-fi. Switch to VPNs for encrypted connections," he suggested to the people.



Asked why suspected hefty transactions are not blocked, a bank official said if such a measure is implemented, it could lead to widespread complaints. "Customers would argue that the bank is obstructing their transactions by imposing lengthy procedures," the bank official said, terming

the measure impractical. A senior police official said that current measures, specifically "awareness campaigns," are just an eyewash. As educated individuals are losing money, mere awareness will not work. Only an all-out war against cybercrimes can be the solution. The current approach fails to address the gravity of the situation, and without aggressive action, these financial losses will continue to spiral out of control, he warned.

What is a credit or debit card scam?

It happens when someone steals credit or debit card information and uses it without the knowledge of its holder. It can be done not only through fake calls, but also through fake emails, malware, or by physically.

Dengue alert: What to watch out for to avoid severe infection



As the monsoon advances and moisture becomes the ideal condition for mosquitoes to breed, dengue outbreaks are overwhelming cities in Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra. But we can manage this disease if we are vigilant.

Dengue fever presents itself with a sudden onset of fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, muscle and joint pains, nausea, vomiting, swollen glands and a rash. These usually appear 4-10 days after the mosquito bite and can last for 2-10 days. Early diagnosis is necessary because it can quickly transform into severe dengue, also known as dengue hemorrhagic fever or dengue shock syndrome, when the number of clot-forming cells (platelets) in your bloodstream drops and your blood vessels are damaged enough to be leaky. This can lead to shock, internal bleeding and organ failure.

WHEN TO TEST FOR DENGUE?

If you have the symptoms listed above, go for the dengue NS1 antigen test, which measures the non-structural protein of the virus, or PCR tests. Then take the IgM antibody test on the fourth or fifth day when you are most likely to pick it up. Get a complete blood count (CBC) done and if diagnosed, repeat it on alternate days to check for platelet levels. One of the most important markers is the PCV (packed cell volume), which is a measure of blood viscosity. This indicates an increase in red blood cells or dehydration.

WHY HYDRATION IS IMPORTANT?

Usually, the patient feels better after the fever subsides in four to five days. And if the patient has not kept themselves well-hydrated to compensate for fluid loss due to fever and vomiting, complications could arise after Day 4. Have between three to five litres of water or oral rehydration solutions, coconut water and clear soups. Severe dengue can lead to plasma leakage and intravenous (IV) fluid therapy may be required in a hospital setting.

HOW TO PREVENT SEVERE DENGUE

Regular blood tests to monitor platelet levels and importantly hematocrit levels can manage complications. Hematocrit level is simply the percentage of red cells in your blood. In dengue, an increased hematocrit is a clue for plasma leakage, whereas a decreased hematocrit is a clue for bleeding. If platelet levels drop significantly, medical intervention may be necessary.

The hematocrit level should be monitored every 24 hours to facilitate early recognition of dengue hemorrhagic fever and every 3-4 hours in severe cases of dengue hemorrhagic fever.

Pain relievers and fever reducers like paracetamol can help manage the symptoms. Avoid non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like aspirin and ibuprofen, as they can increase the risk of bleeding, which is a serious complication of dengue.

Do not exert yourself when you feel better, rest is important to not aggravating this condition.

IS THERE A VACCINE?

In some regions, a dengue vaccine (Dengvaxia) is available and recommended for individuals who have been infected previously. In India, trials are ongoing but finding one vaccine to tackle four prevalent virus strains is a challenge.

Machine-made fake research leading to digital inbreeding

Reese Richardson published papers in academic journals supposedly coauthored with his grandmother's cat, Larry. A service that helped the cat's 'career' claimed to have helped Indians too. The tsunami of AI-generated work is dangerous because governments can make big decisions based on it

Research recently published in Nature suggests that intelligent machines planning to replicate themselves for world domination are doomed to failure. This means that the Terminator genre of science fiction stands discredited. But we mustn't despair, because a fun hack has shown that following the loosening of norms in scientific publishing and the entry of digital entities in education, even a house cat can pose as a renowned scientist and get away with it.

The present learned cat is Larry Richardson. He is technically the uncle of researcher Reese Richardson, since he is his grandmother's cat. He was enrolled into the research rat race to overawe pioneering Siamese cat academic FDC Willard, whose initials stand for Felis Domesticus Chester. FDC Willard is not a fraud. He studies helium. He entered STEM when his human, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy at Michigan State University, Jack Hetherington, wrote a paper solo using the royal 'we'. Instead of laboriously replacing 'we' with 'I' throughout, he promoted his cat to researcher and shared credit with him.

Hetherington & Willard produced real work, which was really cited. The fact that FDC Willard became a popular meme cat does not detract from the physics he lent his awesome name to. In contrast, Larry signed off on completely fake papers generated using SCiGen and Mathgen, services that write up garbage papers in computer science and math using compelling technical jargon. These prank services help show how easily rubbish can be published to increase academic ratings, cutting through safeguards and bypassing peer review. A journal discredited itself by accepting the first Mathgen garbage paper in 2012, and 12 years later, Larry has used the same service to breach the ceiling for learned cats.

Reese Richardson generated 12 fake papers by Larry, complete with references and citations, and used them to give the cat a fine profile on Google Scholar, whose ratings universities consult when hiring. The hack is to upload garbage papers to Researchgate, wait for Google to pick them up, then delete them. They linger on Google Scholar and the process costs nothing.



This issue is important because over the last decade, there's been a wave of fake academic journals and papers. In Covid years, standards were relaxed and unvetted preprints became commonplace as researchers rushed to bring vaccines to the market in record time, and the wave swelled into a tsunami. Authorship is now sold as a commodity, both freelance and via 'paper mills'—pay up, and you can be named lead researcher of a real or garbage paper. Journals have grown faster than papers in volume, indicating some of them are garbage bins.

The world's most populous country has contributed to the problem since 2010, when UGC made it compulsory for Indian college teachers to publish research to advance careers. Since India has thousands of institutions without trained staff, funds or infrastructure fit to conduct research, plagiarism and fakery have boomed. Larry's academic career began when Reese Richardson's attention was drawn to a service that offered to improve profiles on Google Scholar. All but two of the scholars it claimed to have helped were Indians.

End the burden

Scrap GST on health, life insurance premiums

BY calling for the abolition of the 18 per cent GST on life and medical insurance premiums, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has raised a pertinent issue. This tax imposes an unfair burden on policy holders and runs contrary to the intent behind incentivising these vital policies. Insurance is fundamentally a tool for managing life's uncertainties. Levying a hefty tax on premiums is akin to penalising individuals for attempting to mitigate risks. This is especially troubling for the vulnerable sections who already find it challenging to afford adequate coverage. The impact of this tax has a detrimental effect on the accessibility and growth of insurance products.

The insurance industry itself has long advocated for a reduction in GST to enhance the appeal of its products. Lowering the GST rate would not only make insurance more affordable but also stimulate its uptake, contributing to broader financial security and health coverage. This is particularly pertinent given



that insurance is more of a 'pull' product — consumers need to be drawn to it — rather than a 'push' one. As per

With the rapid entry of AI into almost all aspects of life, fake content is no longer just an academic concern. For financial gain, AI is being used to fill millions of sites with garbage. Since AIs are trained on terabytes of content scraped from the internet, it is only a matter of time before they start using AI-generated garbage as input.

A paper in Nature has now investigated the garbage-in-garbage-out phenomenon by training generations of AIs on output of prior generations, instead of human-produced material. It worked like inbreeding in biology, which has explained the prevalence of haemophilia among European royalty. Starved of human input, the cannibal AIs became incoherent and by the ninth generation, produced only bizarre garbage. AIs are not independently creative but only emulate human behaviour, so this was inevitable when human input was cut off.

The experiment used only textual material. It remains to be seen what sort of images and sounds result from digital inbreeding. Will the art be like Jackson Pollock or Joan Miró? Will degraded music be like chewed-up Kraftwerk cassettes or like Cacophonix at the feast the moment before Fulliautomatix censors him?

It is clear machine self-replication, which earlier attracted attention of scientists like John von Neumann and Freeman Dyson, will fail without human inputs. Sadly, that destroys credibility of most stirring dystopian fiction. We need a new genre where machines do not hunt humans but farm them to harvest their culture as input.

The fake content menace is scarier than fiction. Space-fillers that the internet has been fattened on can poison the well for AI projects, but fake academic material is even more dangerous. Governments make decisions on the basis of academic work, affecting millions of lives. Institutions, including those of academia, use it to make projections and create material that can affect almost anything—market conditions, space projects, defence planning, drug development, and teaching material for schools. Early internet marketing gurus used to say that "content is king", and the dictum was generally right. But in the age of alternative facts, it sounds ominous.

the IRDAI's (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) data for 2022-23, insurance penetration in India is relatively low — around 3.2 per cent of the GDP for life insurance and 0.94 per cent for health insurance.

Moreover, the current taxation policy is inconsistent with the government's broader objective of promoting social welfare and economic stability. By removing the GST on insurance premiums, the government can take a significant step towards ensuring that more citizens are protected against life's unpredictability without the additional financial strain. Prime Minister Narendra Modi must heed Gadkari's call that aims to safeguard people's wellbeing. The differences that the PM has had with Gadkari of late must be kept aside on this issue of fiscal policy and respect shown for well-meaning dissent within the party ranks.

Sulekha: A swadeshi ink flows again

Recently, I went on a visit to Kolkata and rediscovered Sulekha. Depending on which part of India you grew up in, at one point, Sulekha was a household name. Those were the days of fountain pens and ink. Who cares about fountain pens today? In this electronic world, writing is fast dying out. To the extent that writing on paper remains, but writing instruments mean ballpoint and gel pens. Fountain pens have a whiff of nostalgia about them. But rarely do people use them.

While that statement is generally true, some fountain pen connoisseurs and aficionados still remain. There is a market, limited though it is, for fountain pens and ink. Who caters to that market? What fountain pen ink do people buy? Depending on taste—Pilot, Waterman, Lamy, Mont Blanc, Sailor, Diamine, Noodlers and so on. (Sheaffer is now Indian, having been acquired by William Penn.)

What is a fountain pen? Unlike dip pens of the past, a fountain pen possesses an internal reservoir of ink. You don't need to dip the pen into an ink pot. Once upon a time, fountain pens needed 'eye-droppers'. (They are still available.) You use a dropper to directly fill ink into the barrel. Smudges in pockets and inky fingers are associated with such eye-droppers. These days, it is either a cartridge or a converter. A cartridge is plug-and-play and is often proprietary, not interchangeable between one pen and another. With a cartridge, there is no choice over the ink. One is stuck with whatever the cartridge-maker provides. That's the reason many people prefer converters, where the ink goes into a tube-like gadget.

Sheaffer apart, which are the Indian ink makers and can they hold up to global competition? Brill, Sulekha, Camlin, Syahi, Krishna—you take your pick. One of the earliest was Sulekha, identified with the swadeshi movement. Satish Chandra Dasgupta had retired as chief chemist of Bengal Chemicals. Circa 1932,

Mahatma Gandhi requested him to make a swadeshi ink. Satish Chandra came up with an ink named 'Krishnadhara', meaning black flow. It was sold through khadi outlets.

Dasgupta passed on the recipe to two brothers, Shankaracharya Maitra and Nani Gopal Maitra, for better commercial production. Thus, the manufacturing unit was set up as Sulekha Works in Rajshahi (now in Bangladesh) in 1934. Sulekha means 'beautiful writing'. There is an urban legend that the name was suggested by Rabindranath Tagore. But there is no evidence to substantiate this. In the late 1930s, Sulekha moved to Kolkata. There is a place in Jadavpur in South Kolkata famous as 'Sulekha More', or, Sulekha Crossroads.

When we were in school, Sulekha was the ubiquitous ink. Each bottle of 'Royal Blue' was sold with a photograph of Gandhiji on the package. Sulekha also exported ink and set up factories on a turnkey basis in African countries. There is a report that says, in the early 1980s, Sulekha had a market share of 89 per cent for ink in eastern India.

Indeed, the 'favourite' ink varied, depending on the part of the country and the age profile of the respondent. Some will say Quink, others Camlin.

The founder of Camlin Subhash Dandekar recently passed away. Before the advent of liquid ink, all ink used to be in the form of dust and tablets to be dissolved in water to make ink. The tablets originally made by Camlin used to be called Horse. That was later changed to Camel to convey the impression of lasting a long time, since a camel can survive without water for a long period of time. Camel plus ink



became Camlin.

In common with other entrepreneurship in West Bengal, from the late 1970s, thanks to labour militancy, enterprises were hounded out and there was capital flight. It was no different with Sulekha. All production was suspended in 1988 and the company went into liquidation in 1991. That was that. Sulekha became a part of history. Those who pass Sulekha More might not even recognise what the crossroads was named after.

I had some idea that liquidation proceedings were stayed by the Kolkata High Court in 2005 and Sulekha was reopened in 2006. Faced with competition, different pen and ink manufacturers reacted differently. Some closed down completely. Others diversified into stationery and unrelated products. Sulekha went into home care products and

solar power.

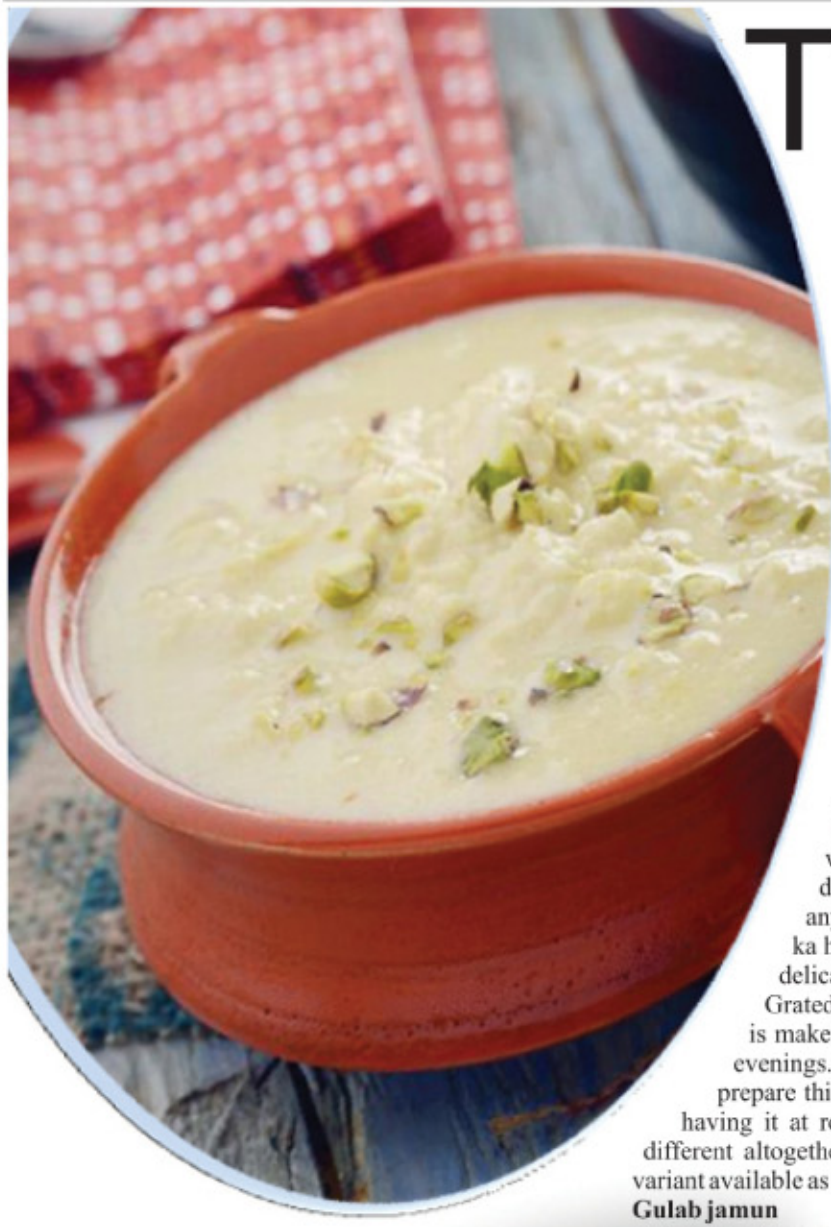
What I didn't know, until my recent visit, is that the last four years have brought about a complete transformation. The production of ink has exploded and is doing well, with exports to neighbouring countries too. The range on offer is mind-boggling. I think there are more than 40 shades.

There is a myth that Indian-made ink isn't good for expensive fountain pens. For years, I have used Indian-made ink in my pens and they are none the worse. I am told the new Sulekha inks—there is even a permanent ink that does not wash away with water—can match the best in the world in terms of quality. The bogey, usually, is Chinese competition. In the case of ink, there isn't any. The Chinese quality is vastly inferior. In the Sulekha story, there is a broader message of revival of entrepreneurship in West Bengal, which runs contrary to the general trend. I hope it lasts.

But Sulekha didn't only make ink. It also made pens, though they were never as ubiquitous as the ink. Nor did Sulekha pursue registration of trademarks on writing instruments as vigorously as it did for ink. Therefore, some 'Sulekha' pens floated around that were not the genuine stuff. However, the genuine stuff has started again.

Fountain pens have different price bands. At the entry level, there is indeed the bogey of Chinese competition. Most pen manufacturers have been, and continue to be, small enterprises. This makes it impossible for them to invest in technology or marketing and distribution, or generate large volumes. At that level, there are a handful of pen makers who can match the Chinese on price, if not design. Sulekha has now joined that bandwagon. I tried out a few Sulekha pens and they are decent enough.

The winter food Saga



my routine every alternate day." **Rabi Malpua with Malai** (Price- Rs 300 per kg) Want to make someone an offer they can't deny? Ask them to try the delectable combo of rabi malpua and malai. This sweet dish is drenched in warm sugar syrup and if hot kesar-doodh is had with it, one needn't ask for anything more. Gajar ka halwa Gajar ka halwa is one of the most nutritious delicacies offered by street vendors. Grated carrot with sugar and dry fruits is makes it the perfect dessert for cold evenings. Although many homemakers prepare this delicacy at home, the fun of having it at roadside eateries is something different altogether. Plus, there is a sugar-free variant available as well.

Gulab jamun (Price - Rs 250 per kg) Another regular delicacy that sells like hot cakes during winters is gulab jamun. This sweet is readily available at all the sweet shops of the city and is a great option to be had along with your group of friends or family

Kesariya doodh

(Price - Rs 20-30 per glass) The thickened milk is the Bhopali night-owl's preferred delicacy. Saffron, sugar and cardamom powder is added to the thickened milk and it is topped with crushed almonds and pistachios to give a healthy and warm treat. Arif



Hussain, a management student, says, "After dinner, your body needs a hot drink. So, instead of opting for tea, I walk to a nearby shop to have kesariya doodh. I feel rejuvenated after sipping the milk." **Gajak, til, peanuts and more** (Price - Rs 160 per kg onwards) Gud gajak or gud patti are just a couple of the varieties that are specially on offer during winters. The other delectable items you could spot at shops are gajak roll with mawa stuffing, dry fruits laddoo, til cake etc. Ashok Pandey, a shopkeeper, says, "We are in the gajak making business from past eight years and every year during winter, we are so busy that we don't even have the time to talk with our families. Every year, we experiment with delicacies made from til, gud, peanuts and dry fruits that are good for the health."

During winters, your body requires energy as much as warmth. So, despite the drop in the mercury, Bhopalites can be spotted at the street-side shops selling winter delicacies. These dishes, though exclusively gorged on during the cold season, are light on the pocket. We bring you some of these, that you ought to give a try.

Garadu (Price - Rs 25-30 per plate) One thing that every Bhopali can have throughout the winter is garadu. Bhopalites not only rush to street shops but also keep a stock of raw garadu at home as remedy to hunger pangs. The dish is garnished with a blend of spices and lemon.

Bhutte Ka Kees (Price- Rs 20-30 per plate) Bhutta is in demand across the year but during the cold days, the bhutta vendors make phenomenal business. Bhutte ka kees is grated corn blended with spices and garnished with coriander leaves, coconut powder, and jeeravan; served hot to make your winters more enjoyable. Harshita Mangal, a student, says, "Despite having a busy schedule, I run to the nearest shop selling bhutte ka kees, every time I have an urge to have it. During winters, this is

6 grilled cheese sandwiches you MUST have

Foreign ingredients are now mostly available in metros, use them to spruce up the humble grilled cheese sandwich to great effect

Triple Cheese and Pesto: Goat cheese, cheddar, and parmesan make up the trio of cheeses in this sandwich. Try making a more budget-friendly pesto with pumpkin seeds as a substitution for pine nuts, which make up the other ingredients.

Grilled Cheese with Pea Shoots and Red Pepper: When you need some fresh greens to balance out an indulgent grilled cheese, pea shoots are a great topping. Add a kick to the comfort food with red pepper flakes and garlic.

French Grilled Cheese: Discover the secrets to the perfect grilled cheese with this recipe using only French cheeses like Camembert, Gouda and other semi-soft cow's cheese.

Pear And Gouda Grilled Cheese: Think fruit and cheese platters sandwiched between slices of a favorite comfort



food's bread. This pear sandwich is rich and can be served along with a cherry balsamic for some added acidity.

Grilled Carrot and Cheese Sandwich: Grilled carrots and pesto add an earthy, healthy element to the standard, gooey grilled cheddar cheese.

Italian Grilled Cheese: Feta and mozzarella make this sandwich gooey with a bit of salt. Tomatoes and spinach are also found between the layers. Try adding avocado or kale for more nutritious greens.

Simple steps to make great scrambled eggs

Eggs are god's best gift to us. Not only making simple, quick recipes from eggs are no less than a savior on days when you are low, hungover, woke up late on lazy Sundays or simply love eating eggs on given day, they are equally healthy.

However, there are many who always strive to make that scrambled eggs with utmost precision and perfection, but somehow never get that. Here's a simple and easy recipe to help you make that ever succulent and tempting scrambled egg.

Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp of milk/water for each no of egg
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper as per taste
- Grated cheese
- A pinch of mixed herbs
- Olive oil/butter
- A frying pan

Method

- In a big bowl, crack open the eggs and add water or milk. While the water will make the scrambled eggs fluffy and light, adding milk will make it creamier and thicker.
- Once you have added the water or milk, add a bit of

How to reuse Cooking oil?

Are you wary of using your cooking oil after frying a batch of nachos, because of the health implications? Here are some tips to reuse them.

Choose the oil

If your frying technique is off, your oil won't be reusable. Every oil has a specific smoking point, - the temperature where the oil starts breaking down. Use oils like canola, peanut or vegetable oils with a high smoking point that won't break down easily. Avoid reusing olive oil as it has a low smoking point and a dominant flavour, which makes it a bad choice for deep-frying in the first place.

Filter the oil

After the first (and each subsequent) fry, drain the oil and filter it. Any impurities and unwanted extras like loose crumbs or bits of batter are going to spoil the oil's integrity, making it burn the next time you heat it. Put a few layers of cheesecloth in a metal strainer to filter out the crumbs.

Refrigerate it

Let the oil cool down till it's at room temperature, and then refrigerate it in an air-tight container.

Use separate oils according to flavour

The oil is going to take on the flavour of the food you cooked in it, which makes fried fish oil ideal for shrimp, but not good for onion rings. Separate the oils to prevent bad flavour overlaps.



Types of foodies you'll find on campus

there is one thing that everybody has in common it has to be the love for food. While choices may differ when it comes to cuisine and the palate, it is still a binding factor. And if you are a foodie just the aroma is enough before the noms arrive. To some people, food must mean value for money and for yet others, the charm lies in the presentation of the dish, so they can photograph it. We list a few such foodies whom you are bound to come across on campus.

The photo foodie

This member of this clan believes in 'capturing before savouring' and this is a tradition for him/her. Nobody can stop these people from whipping out the camera and clicking; they are satisfied only when their phone pings to notify them that their picture has been liked. While all this happens, you know of their exploits once you get a notification for the same. And mind you, all this happens at same. And mind you, all this happen bolt speed. Food photography is a genre by itself and this well-established group of foodies cannot stop themselves from adding memories to their gastronomic trips. The fussy foodie

Their list of 'I don't like' reads longer than most restaurant menus. These are normally referred to as the choosy lot. They referred to as the choosy lot. They have a list of things they want to indulge in and the rest they dismiss as items they don't intend having at all. Though they appreciate the food they like, they may not be open to having everything on offer. On seeing an array of dishes will not have these foodies break into any kind of celebration. The downside

: with so many restrictions, they can never be spoiled for choice.

The diet conscious foodie

"Please keep oil content to minimum,"...this is something you get to hear every time this foodie places an order. Sure, it's good to be health-conscious, but they can go a little overboard. Even a drizzle of olive oil in something gets a strong reaction that one reserves for a dish drowning in fat.

Most of the orders are altered, so having authentic cuisine is close to impossible. You can never have butter chicken and greasy naan or even a rich, creamy jalebi with rabi at a dhaba with this friend, for sure.

The vfm foodie

Budgeted food, but really tasty food is what you will get to indulge in with this friend. He or she knows how to spend sensibly. Value for money (VFM) food is their mantra and they may even treat friends on birth days, accordingly. Planning on saving your pocket money this month? Take recommendations from this friend and you're sure to have tasty food without burning a hole in your wallet.

The know-it-all foodie

This friend knows about all the new outlets and what should or should not be eaten. If you are in a mood to try out food from a new place, you know who to ping. This pal is sure to be updated about all the restaurants from small shops to big restaurants across the city. Phone apps are in place, they constantly keep abreast of food reviews and best part is, they share their knowledge too. This foodie also doesn't mind travelling to distant locations just to eat something that has been highly rated.



Recipe: Honey Garlic Chicken

Delicious cooked chicken in a honey-garlic sauce. Best served with hot, steamed rice.

Ingredients

- Chicken Breasts - 2, boneless, skinless
- Garlic - 1 tblsp finely minced
- Garlic Powder - a pinch
- Butter - 4 to 5 tsp

- Chicken Stock - 1/4 cup
- Honey - 3 tsp
- Soy Sauce - 1/2 tsp
- Salt as per taste
- Black Pepper Powder as per taste

Method

- Place the chicken breasts in a bowl.



- Sprinkle salt, garlic powder and pepper.
- Toss well to combine.
- Heat butter in a pressure pan.
- Add the chicken and cook until browned and slightly crisp.
- Pour the chicken stock and stir.
- Combine the garlic, honey and soy sauce.
- Add this to the pan and stir until the chicken is evenly coated.
- Cover with a lid and pressure cook for 10 minutes.
- Switch off the flame and allow the pressure to reduce.
- Serve with rice.

- cheese, salt, black pepper and herbs and beat it lightly.
- Beat it lightly with a fork, but don't beat it thoroughly.
- In a pan add a little butter or a teaspoon of olive oil. Once it gets melted on the pan pour in the beaten eggs.
- Once the outside of the eggs is settled, start gently pulling the edges of the eggs to the center of the pan.
- Just gently keeping moving it on a slow flame. In a minute or two turn off the flame and remove the eggs in a plate and serve it with crispy buttery toasts.

Centre issues first-ever guidelines for organ transport across travel modes

New Delhi: The Union Health Ministry for the first time has come out with SOPs for transporting organs seamless transport of human organs through various modes of travel such as air, road, railways and waterways. The Standard Operating Procedure issued by the government which will serve as a guiding document for those involved in organs transplants across the country. "By streamlining organ transport process, we aim to maximise the utilisation of precious organs and offer hope to countless patients awaiting life-saving transplants. These SOPs are a roadmap for organ retrieval and transplant institutions across the country ensuring adherence to best practices and quality standards," Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra said. A live organ needs to be transported between hospitals when both the organ donor and the organ recipient are in different hospitals either within the same city or in different cities. According to the SOPs for transportation by air, airlines carrying

human cadaveric organs can request the Air Traffic Control for priority take-off and landing of the aircraft and arrange front-row seats. They can also request priority reservation and a provision for late check-in for medical personnel transporting organs. The source airport will inform and communicate to the destination airport to facilitate the arrival process, according to the SOPs. The flight captain may make an in-flight announcement that human organs are being transported, the guidelines stated. The SOPs said that trolleys can be arranged for carrying the organ box from the aircraft to the ambulance on arrival by the airport and airline staff and in case the ambulance is allowed until the runway, the airline crew can guide and assist the accompanying medical personnel carrying the organ box to disembark from the staircase onto the runway directly and into the waiting ambulance. Concerned airport official(s) should define a "green corridor" -- free from obstruction -- and a trolley for the organ box



from ambulance to the aircraft at the airport of origin and vice versa. According to the SOPs, to facilitate transport of organs by ambulance and other vehicles, the "green corridor" may be provided for organ transport on the request of specific authorities or agencies. The "One Trigger System" i.e. a request from the organ allocation authority (NOTTO/ROTTA/SOTTO) to initiate the process of organ transport by creation of

green corridors", may be considered for this purpose, it said. This may help minimise the concerns around internal security as the request would be obtained from a credible source. A nodal officer from the police department can be appointed to handle issues related to the creation of "green corridor" for organ transport in each state/city who may help iron out issues related to jurisdiction, approvals, security concerns, etc. during creation of the "green corridor", it said.

The SOPs also called for sensitising the state traffic police in various states about organ donation and transplant and the crucial role that they play in expediting organ transport by creation of green corridors. To facilitate the transfer of organs by metro, the Metro Traffic Control should accord priority transit for the metro carrying live human organs for transplant. The metro security staff should escort the clinical team carrying the organ box till their boarding at the metro station, it said. A metro official

can escort the clinical team in the metro and cordon off at least the necessary area for the organ box, the SOPs read. Security Hold Area (SHA) shall be intimated by the metro security regarding such transport of live human organs to avoid any delay in security checks and the concerned metro personnel should also be intimated so that proper arrangement may be made for carrying of such organs at the destination, it said. Organ box should be kept in correct position and orientation i.e. upright straight vertical at 90 degrees to the surface during transport, and label of "handle with care" can be put on the organ box, it said. The organ box should be secured with a seat belt for greater safety, the guidelines said. Similarly SOPs to facilitate transport of organs by road, trains and through ports via shipping have been issued to outline the essential guidelines and protocols on it. Organ transport SOPs were developed in consultation with the NITI Aayog, concerned ministries and transplant professionals.

'My Beloved Wayanad Was Struck By...': Army's Rescue Efforts Inspire Heartfelt Letter From Class 3 Student

New Delhi: A Class 3 student in Kerala has written a heartfelt letter to the Indian Army, inspired by their rescue efforts following devastating landslides in Wayanad. The letter written by "Master Rayan", highlights the child's aspiration to join the armed forces one day. After days of torrential rains in the southern state, the disaster struck Wayanad before dawn on Tuesday, resulting in the tragic loss of over 300 lives and injuries to many more. In his letter, Rayan, a student at a private school, expressed pride in witnessing the Army's dedication to rescuing those trapped under the debris.

'ASPIRE TO JOIN INDIAN ARMY'

"Dear Indian Army, my beloved Wayanad was struck by a massive landslide, creating havoc and destruction. I felt proud and happy to see you rescuing people who were stuck under debris," Rayan wrote in Malayalam. "I just saw the video in which you were having biscuits to satiate your hunger and building a bridge. That sight moved me deeply and I aspire to join the Indian Army one day and protect my nation," he added.

The landslides in Wayanad, known for its picturesque tea estates, were the worst since the catastrophic floods in 2018 that claimed around 400 lives. Rayan mentioned seeing a video of soldiers eating biscuits to sustain themselves while building a bridge, which deeply moved him. He added, "I aspire to join the Indian Army one day and protect my nation." The Indian Army responded to Rayan's letter, thanking him for his inspiring words. "Your heartfelt words have deeply touched us. In times of adversity, we aim to be a beacon of hope, and your letter reaffirms this mission. Heroes like you inspire us to give our utmost. We eagerly await the day you don the uniform and stand alongside us. Together, we will make our nation proud," the Army wrote back.

'Sorry Mummy Papa': UPSC Aspirant Dies By Suicide In Delhi; Cites Depression, High Rent In Note

New Delhi: A civil services aspirant was found dead by suicide in her rented room in Delhi's Old Rajendra Nagar. In her suicide note, she cited her struggles with depression and her failure to pass the UPSC exam. Anjali, from Maharashtra, took the drastic step on July 21. In her note, she detailed her frustrations over not clearing the civil services exams despite multiple attempts and expressed her struggles with depression.

"I am sorry Mummy Papa. I am really fed up with life now, and there are just problems and issues with no peace. I need peace. I tried every possible way to get rid of this so-called depression, but I can't overcome it," she wrote. She further expressed, "My only dream was UPSC in first attempt from then only. I am being so unstable all knows it." Anjali's note also highlighted



significant financial strain and urged the government to "reduce scams in government exams" and "generate employment."

Additionally, she criticised the high costs of education and accommodation for the students, stating, "PG and hostel rents should also be decreased. These people are just looting money from the students. Not every student can afford it."

According to Anjali's friend Shweta, her landlord had recently increased her room rent from Rs 15,000 to Rs 18,000, India Today reported. The Delhi Police is currently investigating the case and reviewing the circumstances that led to this incident.

Pune girl taking selfie falls into 60-foot gorge, rescued

New Delhi: A 29-year-old girl fell off a deep gorge at Borane Ghat in Maharashtra while trying to click a selfie on Saturday. The girl was rescued with the help of the Home Guard and local residents. The incident occurred amidst heavy rain in the region, which has caused waterfalls, including Toseghar, to overflow. On Saturday, a group from Pune visited the Toseghar waterfall. While taking a selfie at Borane Ghat, 29-year-old Nasreen Amir Qureshi from Warje, Pune, slipped and fell into a 60-foot-deep gorge.

Nasreen was successfully pulled out of

the gorge and immediately admitted to a private hospital in Satara for



treatment. Her condition remains critical. The incident highlights the

ongoing risk posed by excessive rainfall in the Satara district. District Collector Jitendra Dudi ordered the closure of tourist spots and waterfalls from August 2 to 4 to prevent such accidents. However, the allure of these natural sites continues to draw visitors, some of whom are risking their lives.

A video of the incident, showing Nasreen falling while attempting to take a selfie, has gone viral on social media, sparking discussions about the dangers of such activities. The trend of taking selfies in hazardous locations for the sake of social media fame has become increasingly common, often with tragic results.

Man Stabs Father To Death In Delhi. Was Upset He Helped Brother Buy Property

New Delhi: A retired 72-year-old man MTNL mechanic was allegedly stabbed to death by his son following a property dispute at his residence in east Delhi's New Ashok Nagar area on Saturday morning, police said.

Mahesh Thakur, the younger son of Gautam Thakur, was allegedly upset about his father helping his elder brother with buying a property, they said. During interrogation, Mahesh said that he discovered that his father was planning to sell the house where the family currently resided. This he said his father was planning with the elder son while keeping it a secret from him, Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Apurva Gupta said.

His father had also sold some property two years ago and used the proceeds he helped his elder son purchase a property in New Ashok Nagar, but he

received nothing, Mahesh told police. Feeling betrayed, Mahesh planned and executed his father's murder while the rest of the family was asleep, Gupta said. Gupta said the police team that



responded to the PCR call regarding the stabbing found Gautam Thakur dead on the bed in his room on the first floor of the house. He had stab injuries in his abdomen, she said, adding that the PCR call was made by Mahesh.

Following his confession, Mahesh was arrested. He also showed the alleged crime weapon, a large kitchen knife, which was recovered from a water tank on the roof of an adjacent house, where he had disposed it, police said. Gautam, who retired from MTNL in 2012, was living with his two sons and their families on the first floor of the house, police said. It was found during the course of investigations that all the family members were present in the house when the incident took place, Gupta said. Mahesh initially revealed that he saw two men going out of the house soon after the incident but it is being verified, she said. The DCP said during initial investigation, several inconsistencies were found in Mahesh's narration and discrepancies in his story.

All properties in Delhi to be registered under national document system

Property registration will be enhanced with the implementation of the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) across all 22 Sub-Registrar Offices in Delhi.

New Delhi: Delhi has taken a significant step towards enhancing property registration with the implementation of the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) across all 22 Sub-Registrar Offices. During a high-level meeting, Lieutenant Governor (LG)



of Delhi VK Saxena issued an imperative directive to complete the registration of all properties in the city with NGDRS by January 2025.

Additionally, the L-G emphasised the necessity of integrating the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) property databases with the NGDRS. Developed by the Government of India, the NGDRS is a pioneering initiative aiming

to streamline the property registration process, bolster transparency, curtail processing time, and mitigate fraud and corruption. The NGDRS project is underpinned by the concept of "One Nation, One Software," centralising property data into one accessible database. This centralisation is expected to bring about a drastic transformation in property transactions, making the process more secure and efficient. To

date, 2.31 lakh properties in Delhi have been successfully registered using NGDRS, showcasing the system's adoption and effectiveness, said officials.

This integration is expected to further consolidate property data, thus contributing to an even higher level of transparency and security. Although the NGDRS has already been adopted in 18 states and Union Territories, its introduction in Delhi marks a significant milestone.

This will gradually pave the way for a faceless registration process, offering ease and convenience to property owners by eliminating the need for physical documentation and in-person visits to registration offices.

The implementation of the NGDRS aligns with the vision of a unified and efficient property registration system across the nation. As Delhi progresses towards full-scale adoption, the city sets a precedent for other states to follow, promising a future where property transactions are seamless, transparent, and incorruptible.

Delhi Assembly committee investigates shelter home after 'mysterious' deaths

New Delhi: The Petition Committee of the Delhi Assembly launched an investigation into the shelter home in Rohini following the 27 deaths the centre has reported this year. The committee was led by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Kuldeep Kumar, along with members Akhileshpati Tripathi, Jai Bhagwan Upkar, and special invitee Mohinder Goyal. After an inquiry, the committee members stated that they uncovered harrowing testimonies from residents detailing inadequate nutrition and medical care.

"The committee's damning findings will soon be presented to the Assembly Speaker, with recorded accounts of the residents set for imminent release", said committee members in an official statement. "We interacted with many people living there and recorded their videos. We will release it soon and will also show what arrangements are there for the people living in the home. We have two questions for Delhi LG (Lieutenant Governor). We want to ask LG that despite so much chaos and deaths in Asha Kiran Home, why has the administrator of the home, Rahul Agarwal, not been suspended yet?" MLA Kuldeep Kumar said.

"Rahul Agarwal was SDM in 2016 when a CBI investigation was going on against him. He was also kept suspended for five years. Even after this, LG gave such a big responsibility to such a corrupt officer. Secondly, why has no action been taken against the secretary of that department till now? Why is LG protecting these officers? Our demand is that action should be taken against such officers as soon as possible", he added. When all the members of the Petition Committee reached Asha Kiran Home under the leadership of Kuldeep Kumar, they were stopped outside.

"The question arises as to why the LG did not suspend the officials even after such a big incident. With whose support the officer is not being suspended. The officer who committed corruption in 2016 must have been embezzling the money of the people of this shelter home. The secretary of this department, Dilip Tawale, has also not been suspended yet. No action has been taken against him yet. The LG is giving postings to his favourite corrupt officers, and this is the reason why so many deaths have happened in this home" he claimed. Meanwhile, Kuldeep Kumar said that the committee was stopped from entering the home. "What have they hidden inside? The petition committee has constitutional rights. We will submit this entire report to the Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly."

**Sweet recipe:
Rava laddoo
in minutes**



It's nutritious, tasty and easy to make. Rava laddoo is a yum treat if you want your children to indulge in some home-made sweet delicacies. Grated coconut, roasted rava, select dry fruits and nuts, and sugar is all you need to make a delectable platter of homemade rava laddoos. And lots of ghee and lots of love of course.

Ingredients:

- Rava or sooji (semolina): 200 gms
- Coconut: 1
- Sugar: 200 gms
- Ghee: 200 gms
- Nutmeg: half a pinch
- Cardamom ground: a pinch
- Dry fruits: kismis, sliced badam and kaju - as per your liking

Method:

Grate one whole coconut and add sugar to it. Keep this mixture aside in a bowl. Roast the rava in a non-stick pan till it attains a light brown colour. Take the pan off the stove. Add ghee to it. Pour the grated coconut with sugar on the layer of rava and ghee. Mix the ingredients well. Add nutmeg and cardamom to it and mix well. Start making laddoos by taking the laddoo mixture in your palm. You can decide on the size of the laddoo on how big or how small you want them to be. Embed the dry fruits as you make each laddoo in your palm. Once the entire lot is done, let your little ones feast on it.

**How to poach
eggs for
breakfast**



If you love eggs, then this one's for you! Chhavi Sachdev, communications consultant and radio journalist, shares her version of healthy poached eggs with HealthMeUp. She mentions two methods of preparing poached eggs - in a microwave or over the stove. Let's check them out. Over to Chhavi's healthy poached egg recipes...

Shortcut "poached" eggs - microwave version:

You need: A microwave, a microwave safe small bowl/ramekin, an egg.
-Break the egg into the ramekin and puncture the surface with a fork, swirl it around without breaking the yolk. You need the membrane to be porous or you will have an egg explosion inside your oven, which will stink and is a pain to clean up.

-Nuke for 30 seconds on 50% power. If you can't figure this out, just nuke on full power for 20 seconds.

-Wait 3 seconds. Repeat nuking for 30/20 seconds.

-Wait 3 more seconds. Ignore any noises inside the microwave. Repeat nuking.

-If you like your egg yolk hard, do it one more time.

-Use a wet knife to get the perfectly rounded 'poached' egg out of the ramekin on to your waiting English muffin.

Shortcut "poached" eggs - stovetop version:

You need: A metal bowl, a saucepan with 200 ml of water heating in it (lid preferable), egg.
-Set saucepan with water on stove, on full heat till boils.

-Break egg into the metal bowl. I dab one drop of oil in it to make the egg removal easier

-Put the metal bowl into the saucepan with the water, reduce heat to simmer

-Cover, let the steam do it's job.

-Peek in about 3 minutes in, switch off when yolk is at the colour/hardness you require.

-Use a "pakkad" or tongs to get the metal bowl out, and a wet knife to slide the egg out on to your toast.
And there you have it - a simple, no-fuss, healthy method of poaching eggs with what you have in the kitchen. Try it out and tell us how it went!

**Delicious lamb-based
Traditional Indian recipes**



Brace yourself for the perfectly cooked lamb. Try your hand at these traditional Indian delicacies.

rump and loin. For quick cooking, choose fillet, chump chops, loin chops, leg steaks, best end cutlets and butterflied leg. For slow cooking, leg, shoulder, shank, neck and chump chops are among the

regional favourites—Hyderabadi Haleem by Afsha Beg (Home chef and food blogger)

A dense stew, haleem usually consists of wheat, meat and lentils and spices slow cooked for hours on end, resulting in beautifully rounded flavours.

- Ingredients**
1 kg Boneless lamb
3 cups Cracked wheat
4 tsp Ginger-garlic paste
1 cup Urad

Preparing lamb excellently, is an exploit usually reserved for pros, chefs and grandmothers who know that 'slow cooking' doesn't test your patience, but is a delicious lesson in one. For those who struggle to differ between sheep, lamb and mutton (meat of a sheep in its first year is lamb, and that of an adult is mutton), tackling the meat with the appropriate amount of tenderness required, can be an uphill battle. According to home chef and food blogger Afsha Beg, the basic rule of thumb when selecting a cut of meat depends on how you plan to cook it. For roasts, the best cuts include leg, breast, best end of neck (also known as rack of lamb), shoulder, saddle,

best options. When choosing any cut of lamb, look for firm, fine-grained meat with a velvety texture; it should be moist, rather than dry or slimy. Any fat on the outside of the lamb should be white (fat that is yellow could be rancid). Properly hung lamb should have a deep red, rather than bright red colour, although a very young lamb will be paler than an older one. In a country where lamb is a revered meat, and often a celebratory star ingredient, each region adapted it to its own unique flavours creating some exquisite dishes. Here are a few

- Ingredients:
1 kg Mutton with bones
20 to 25 Whole dried chillies
3 Medium onions, chopped
2 tsp Fresh garlic paste
2 tsp Fresh ginger paste
4 small Bay leaves
4 Cloves
2 Green cardamom
2 Black cardamom
2 tsp Roasted cumin seeds
3 tsp Coriander powder
1 cup Yogurt
Method
- Soak whole dried chillies in warm water for sometime. Grind to a smooth paste using little water.
- Heat ghee or refined oil in a pressure cooker. Add bay leaves, clove, green and black cardamom and let the spices simmer. Add garlic-ginger paste and stir. Then add onion and fry until evenly browned. Now add the chilli paste and saute the mixture for a few minutes. Add the meat and fry further.
- Now add coriander powder, cumin and yogurt and salt to taste. Cook till all the yogurt is absorbed by the meat. Then add two cups of water, stir and pressure cook for 10 minutes, till the meat is tender.
- Release the steam and serve hot with coriander garnish.

Healthy packed lunches for work



So, let's get started with these nutrient-rich, easy to prepare, creative, packed lunch ideas that'll keep you interested in healthy food, come work or play!

Mint chutney veggie sandwich **Ingredients:** 4 slices wholemeal bread, 1 tbs butter, 1/2 cup Mint-Coriander Chutney (blend coriander leaves, onions, black salt and green chillies together), 2 large thickly sliced potatoes, 1 sliced cucumber, 2 thinly sliced tomatoes, 1 large beetroot, 1 large sliced onion, 1 tsp Chaat Masala, pepper and salt to taste.
Method: Lay all slices of bread and lay butter in it. Now add mint chutney to it and lay all the thin slices of vegetables in the sandwich. End with a generous sprinkling of chaat masala and cut in half before serving.

Poha **Ingredients:** 1 potato, 1 onion, a few green chillies, 1 tablespoon chana dal, 1 tablespoon urad dal, a few curry leaves, 4-5 peanuts, 1 tablespoon oil, 2 cups poha (beaten rice), turmeric powder, salt to taste and lime juice.
Method: Soak the poha in water for around an hour. Now prepare the tadka by heating oil and add urad dal, mustard seeds, chana dal, green chillies, curry leaves, onions and potatoes to it. Give it a nice stir and add the poha to the mixture. Let it stay on slow flame for 5-7 minutes. Yummy poha for breakfast is ready.

Chicken tikka wraps **Ingredients:** 1 2-pound roasted chicken, 1/2 cup prepared barbecue sauce, 1 cup of black beans, 1/2 cup frozen corn, 1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream, 4

lettuce leaves, 4 10-inch whole-wheat tortillas (or you can even replace this with whole wheat chapattis), 2 limes. **Method:** Place a large



nonstick panover medium-high heat. Add chicken, barbecue sauce, beans, corn and sour cream; stir to combine. Cook until hot, 4 to 5 minutes. Place the mixture over whole wheat chapattis and serve warm, with lime wedges.

Sabudana vada - Sago patties **Ingredients:** 4 potatoes boiled and mashed, 1/2 a cup of sabudana, 2 cups of water, 1 chopped onion chopped, 2 chopped green chillies, grated ginger, 5 to 7 peanuts coarsely crushed, 1 tsp cumin seeds, 1 tsp raw mango powder, 2 tablespoon oil and salt to taste.

Method: Soak the sabudana in water for a night. The next morning, mix the sabudana with all the other ingredients and form handy-sized balls out of it. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a pan and roast them till golden. Serve with mint chutney. **Leftovers** Yes, last night's leftovers can become this morning's breakfast. Take the chicken out of the curry and put it in a sandwich. Last night's salad can also go into a sandwich. Make an extra chapatti the previous night, roll in some leftover vegetable, and you have a filling, healthy breakfast.

1/4 cup Fresh mint
5-6 Green chillies
Method
- Wash and soak the cracked wheat for half an hour. Trim the mutton of any excess fat.
- To the mutton, add 1/2 tsp of ginger garlic paste, half a tsp of salt, red chilli powder, half a tsp of garam masala powder and a pinch of turmeric powder. Pressure cook the mix for 8-10 min (or until 4 whistles) and simmer for another 15-20 min. Shred and keep aside.
- Boil the cracked wheat along with urad and chana dal with a tsp of ginger-garlic paste, turmeric, 2-3 green chillies, and pepper corns in 8-10 cups of water until its cooked completely and the water is absorbed. Blend this mix for a few seconds.
- Heat the oil in another container, add whole spices, cooked and shredded lamb, remaining green chillies, half a cup fresh coriander and saute for a 2-3 minutes. Add curd and saute for another 10-15 minutes. Add three cups of water and bring to a boil.
- To this, add the blended wheat and mix well, adding a little ghee as you go. Let it simmer and cook slowly for atleast half an hour.
- Serve hot, garnished with fried onions, cashew nuts and fresh coriander.
Laal Maas by Jaya Mathur (Home chef)
A popular Rajasthani meat dish, it's known for its rich, dense flavour and deep red colour, courtesy a generous helping of red chillies. It's usually prepared with lamb meat and is served with rotis.
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Pake hue gosht ke kabab by Masterchef Mukhtar Qureshi, Neel at Tote of the turf
Ingredients (For the first marinade)
500 gms Boneless lamb, cubed
20 gm Ginger garlic paste
10 gm Raw papaya paste
2 gm Nutmeg
Salt to taste
1 gm Shahi jeera (black caraway seeds)
10 ml Dark vinegar
For the second marinade
15 gm Browned onion, blended
5 gm Browned coconut paste
40 gm Hung curd
5 gm Red chilli powder
5 gm Yellow chilli powder
5 gm Roasted bengal gram powder
3 gm Garam masala powder
2 gm Roasted jeera powder
1/2 gm Kebabchini
Little Chopped green coriander
20 gm Desi ghee
10 ml Vegetable oil
Method
- Take 8 cleaned boneless lambs of 60 gm cubes each, or cut into even bite sized pieces and marinate it in the first marinade for half an hour, followed by the second for atleast two hours.
- Refresh the cubes gently after an hour and skewer them carefully. Put the skewer on a hot grill and cook it for 12-14 minutes turning it intermittently and basting it with butter occasionally.
- Once cooked, take them off the skewer and allow it to rest for a minute.
- Alternatively, it could be served on the skewer if you've used the small wooden ones.
- Serve hot with a salad of fresh onion rings and pomegranate and chutney of fresh coriander and garlic with mustard oil emulsion.

Bank of India net profit rises 10 per cent to Rs 1,703 crore; asset quality improves

MUMBAI. State-owned Bank of India logged in a 10% year-on-year growth in net income at Rs 1,073 crore for the first quarter of the financial year 2024-25 (Q1FY25) despite robust loan sales but rising cost of funds offset this as new loans did not bring in the desired margins.

The bank's net interest income rose a low 6% to Rs 6,275 crore despite a robust growth in advances but this was offset by lower non-interest income which declined by 12% to Rs 1,302 crore while the net interest margin, which is the key measure of profitability of a bank, declined marginally to 3.07%. Had it not been for the lower tax outgoers, the bank would have reported flat numbers as its provisions against aging loans grew, rising fund cost that jumped 23.4% crimped margins.

MUMBAI: The country's The State Bank of India, country's largest lender, has reported a 0.89% rise in net income year-on-year to Rs 17,035 crore in the June quarter, but fell by a steep 17.7% sequentially, as provisions against aging loans grew while the rising fund cost that jumped 23.4% crimped margins.

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Jawa Yezdi explores EV launch possibilities

CHENNAI. Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles is exploring the possibility of launching electric vehicles. This depends on the charging infrastructure, which has to be set up in the "nook and corner of the country", according to Ashish Singh Joshi, chief executive officer of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles. Speaking after the launch of Jawa Yezdi's biggest motorcycle dealership in Chennai on Saturday, Joshi said, "We have a product and it is being tested in the UK." To a query on whether the EV will be launched in India, Joshi said, "Why not." On whether the EV model will undergo alterations in its design, "Those are issues and we know how to handle that," he added. However, the launch of EVs in India depends on external factors like charging stations. The biggest issue is charging time for battery because fast charging networks are not available in India, he said. "I will put a fast charger on the bike but it can't be supported as charging system in India is inadequate," he said.

Tamil Nadu is preparing a blueprint to facilitate transitioning to EVs, which includes measures to improve charging networks, based on dialogue with charging point operators, Tangedco and vehicle operators.

Ambuja announces Rs 1,600 cr cement grinding unit in Bihar



NEW DELHI. Ambuja Cements, part of the diversified Adani group, has announced setting up of 6 million tonne per annum (MTPA) cement grinding unit in Warisaliganj, Nawada district of Bihar, at an investment of nearly Rs 1,600 crore. The company claimed that this is the largest investment in the state by a cement manufacturer.

According to a company statement, the project will be implemented in three phases with the first phase of 2.4 MTPA at an investment of Rs 1,100 crore to be commissioned by December 2025. Adequate provisioning of land for future expansion is in place which will be commissioned in due course at much lower capex. Located in Nawada District, the site is well-connected by road and rail.

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Delay to Nvidia's new AI chip could affect Microsoft, Google, Meta, the Information says

NEW DELHI. Design flaws could cause a delay of three months or more in the launch of chip giant Nvidia's upcoming artificial-intelligence chips, tech-focused publication the Information said on Friday.

The setback could affect customers such as Meta Platforms, Alphabet's Google and Microsoft, which have collectively ordered tens of billions of dollars' worth of chips, it said, citing people who help produce chip and server hardware for Nvidia. The AI chip company unveiled its Blackwell chip series in March, succeeding its earlier flagship AI chip, the Grace Hopper Superchip, that was designed to speed generative AI applications. "As we've stated before, Hopper demand is very strong, broad Blackwell sampling has started, and production is on track to ramp in the second half," an Nvidia spokesperson said in an emailed statement in response to the report. Microsoft said it had nothing to add, while Meta and Google did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

SBI net profit stagnant at Rs 17K crore

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crore, from Rs 2,652 crore a year ago, despite the bank reporting improvements in overall asset quality with the gross bad loans ratio improving by 55 bps to 2.21 and the net bad loans ratio declining by 14 bps to 0.57 in the reporting period. Both these ratios are the best in over past ten years, Khara said. Provisions jumped 37.9% to Rs 3,449.42 crore and the provision coverage ratio excluding

technical write-offs stood at 74.41%. The second reason for the crimped bottom line is the higher cost of funds wherein the bank paid more in interest to depositors than it earned from borrowers — which means its interest income rose 16.2% to Rs 1,11,526 crore, while the bank saw its interest expenses rising by a much higher rate of 23.36% to Rs 70,401 crore. Low margin means lower collection from

borrowers, which is called the net interest income printed in a low 5.7% growth to Rs 41,125 crore. All this had the credit cost of the bank rising by 16 bps to 0.48%. The fourth reason for the poor show is the lower income from the treasury.

The fifth reason for the poor show is the rise in slippages, which rose 10 bps to 0.84% YoY at Rs 7,900 crore, led by personal loans and agri loans but the management discounted any worries on this front saying this is seasonal as the bank has recovered Rs 1,600 crore since the closing of the quarter. CFO Saloni Narayan said of the total fresh slippages of Rs 7,900 crore, Rs 3,000 crore came in from personal loans and housing loans; Rs 2,500 crore from agri book, and Rs 2,200 crore came from SMEs, and Rs 200 crore came in from small corporates. Both of them said there is no worry on this from the personal loans are against salary accounts and the main reason for the non-payments has been that a few state government were delaying salaries in the quarter and since then it has been regularised.

SGB redemption price fixed at Rs 6,938, holders to gain 122 per cent

MUMBAI: Putting at rest the concern of the public who invested the sovereign bonds over their reruns after the budget surprisingly slashed the import duty of gold, the Reserve Bank has announced the redemption price at Rs 6938 per gram of gold bonds issued in August 2016. The SGBs were issued at a price of Rs 3,119 per gram in August 2016. The RBI has set August 5, 2024, as the final redemption date, the monetary authority said in a statement. The final redemption price of sovereign gold bonds (SGBs) will be Rs 6,938 per gram for those bonds issued on August 5, 2016, implying a gain of 122%, the central bank said. The price of SGBs are fixed on the basis of simple average of closing price of gold of the 999 purity published by the India Bullion & Jewellers Association for the week



preceding the subscription period, as per the RBI. The bondholders are offered an annual rate of 2.5%, making the scheme an attractive option. Earlier this week, a senior central government official was quoted as saying in a section of the media the SGB scheme is one of the most expensive instruments to fund the fiscal deficit as the cost of

funding fiscal deficit via SGBs was higher than the benefit of reducing dependence on physical gold via the scheme, adding that the scheme is not a social sector scheme, rather an investment plan and that the government would take a "holistic call" on whether to continue with the scheme going ahead. The official added that the Centre was not looking to replace SGB with an alternate scheme as of now, if they decide to discontinue it. Recently, there has been some level of anxiety among SGB investors following market corrections after the steep customs duty cut by 9 percentage points to 6%. Investors fear that their investments on the gold scheme may provide diminished returns. However, the revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra had on July 30 had assured that SGBs would get at least 12% return.

The cycle of deluge and death must end

New Delhi India is losing its battle with climate change. The twin tragedies of 3 students suffocating in the basement of the Rau's IAS Study Circle in the Capital, and landslides wiping out of entire villages in Wayanad, Kerala on Tuesday night are grim reminders of our failure to understand nature's fury.

Delhi's grim basement death trap is still being investigated, but the initial magisterial findings reveal the Old Rajendra Nagar area's drainage system was inadequate to deal with the quantity of water that flooded the basement in which the Rau Classes library was situated. On the fateful day, water, having nowhere else to go, entered the basement with such force that it filled the room where the students were trapped till the ceiling, and jammed the biometric-operated doors. But the big question is: How were study classes permitted in a basement, when municipal law permits basements only for storage? In Wayanad, as army engineers struggle to connect cut-off areas of

Chooramala to reach the worst hit spots, the questions being asked are: why was human habitation allowed at the foot of these landslide prone hills? Why was there no learning from the August 2019 disaster in Puthumala — 5 kms away — where landslides claimed 17 lives?

Urban planning fails

The tragic deaths in Delhi of students has once again underlined the sordid failure of city planning. The Capital's municipal government has not learnt anything if the viral videos of a flooded Rajya Sabha hall and journalists enjoying a drink amid the sloshing waters in the Press Club of India's lounge on Rafi Marg are any indication. It happens almost every monsoon. A heavy shower inundates a large part of the Capital; and when there is no storm water drains to take away the water, roads of the city come to serve the purpose. It was the same story in Dubai in April. The engineers built a spanking city of glass and boulevards; but forgot to build a

drainage system. As climate change shifts monsoon patterns, cloudbursts and torrential rains have become common place. For rapidly expanding cities, the problem has been compounded by not being able to put water disposal systems in place. Indian cities are drowning in flood waters because uncontrolled concretization and construction has cemented vast swathes of surfaces not allowing water to seep naturally into underground streams and aquifers.

Many cities like Delhi and Mumbai are on the banks of rivers — Delhi abuts the Yamuna while the River Mithi divides the island city and suburban Mumbai. These natural water courses are choked with human habitation on the banks, and dumping of waste. So when the rains come and the river courses can't discharge the huge volumes, they overflow the banks and enter the city. Despite Mumbai's mess, the city keeps going because it has invested for over a century and a half in building storm water drains.

'Israel Aerospace Industries in talks with HAL for wide body P2F conversion facility in India'

NEW DELHI. Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) is in talks with at least two desi aviation majors — including Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) — to set up a passenger to freighter (P2F) facility in India for wide body aircraft. The Israeli major is sees IndiGo and Air India as potential partners for the P2F facility which it hopes to have up and running within two years. It is also keen to have an engine maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) in India, IAI's EVP (aviation group) Shmuel Kuzi told TOI.

"There is a huge market for P2F conversion and that is our forte. In a first globally, we are in the process of converting Boeing 777s which can carry 100 tonnes of cargo and will be a game changer for the freighter industry. The jumbo jet (B747) freighter can carry upto 115 tonnes but that is a four-engine plane (more fuel burn). As of now, twin engine wide body freighters can carry upto 60 tonnes. So one can imagine the demand for B777 and A330 freighters," Kuzi said.

Shmuel Kuzi

IAI, which also makes Gulfstream G280 and wings for F35 and F16, has four facilities at four sites — Abu Dhabi, South Korea and two in the US. "All these sites are full till 2027. India has the ability for having a wide body conversion facility, it has immense potential. We are in talks with HAL and one more company. There is a situation in our region (the Mid East tensions and flights to Israel are currently suspended). We need some quiet. We will like to finalise the India facility at the earliest, hopefully by the end of the year so that it gets ready in another year and become operational by 2026," Kuzi said. HAL did not comment on this issue. Asked about the size of investment for the India facility, he said: "It will be a few million dollars. The most important thing is human resource; training them through on the job training at our sites; a few hangars at an airport and a right partner."

Kuzi sees a lot of demand for wide body conversion within India and also sees the facility here doing this job for global customers. "Each hangar can convert 2.1 planes annually. It takes about five months or 1 lakh man hours to convert a wide body as it's a highly technical job. The average cost of converting one wide body is \$38 million but that depends on how many planes a customer is getting for the job," he said. Indian carriers led by IndiGo, Air India and Akasa as of now have over 1,200 aircraft on order.

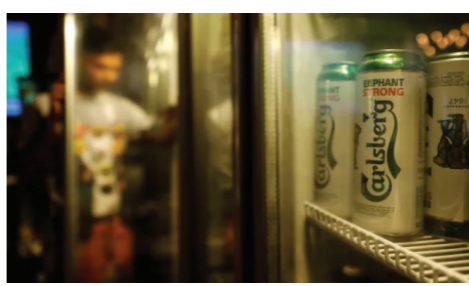
India to revamp liquor ad rules, crack down on celebrity endorsements: Report

New Delhi India, which bans direct advertising of liquor, is set to announce sweeping rules that will bar even surrogate ads and sponsoring of events, which could force firms such as Carlsberg, Pernod Ricard and Diageo to redraw marketing campaigns.

Such "surrogate ads" often get round the ban by ostensibly showing less desirable items instead, such as water, music CDs or glassware garbed in logos and hues linked to their key product, and often promoted by popular Bollywood film stars. Now, they could bring fines for companies and bans for celebrities endorsing tobacco and liquor ads deemed misleading, according to the top civil servant for consumer affairs and draft rules being reported for the first time by Reuters. "You can't take a circuitous way to promote products," the official, Nidhi Khare, told Reuters, adding that final rules were expected to be issued within a month. "If we find ads to be surrogate and misleading, then even those who are endorsing (products), including celebrities, will be held responsible,"

Khare said. For example, brewer Carlsberg promotes its Tuborg drinking water in India, with an ad showing film stars at a rooftop dance party and the slogan "Tilt Your World", which echoes its beer ads elsewhere, emblazoned with the message, "Drink Responsibly". Competitor Diageo's YouTube ad for its Black and White ginger ale, which has drawn 60 million views, features the signature black-and-white terriers from its scotch of the same name. The changes threaten a seachange for liquor makers in India, the world's eighth-biggest alcohol market by volume, with annual revenues Euromonitor estimates at \$45 billion.

Growing affluence among its 1.4 billion people makes India a lucrative market for the likes of Kingfisher beer maker, United Breweries, part of the Heineken Group, which has more than a quarter of market share by volume. Popular for their whiskies, Diageo and Pernod taken together, have a market share of about a fifth, while for Pernod, India contributes about a tenth of global revenues.



The new rules call for "prohibition against engaging in surrogate advertisement", which extends to sponsorships and ads for products viewed as "brand extensions" that share the characteristics of an alcohol brand, the draft said. Penalties under the new rules rely on consumer law, opening manufacturers and endorsers to fines of up to 5 million rupees (\$60,000), while promoters risk endorsement bans running from one to three years. Carlsberg declined to comment, while other companies did not respond to Reuters' queries, including those on sales of non-alcohol products. Members of the International Spirits and Wines

Association of India, which represents Diageo and Pernod, "are committed to a compliant way of building brand extension businesses," said its outgoing chief executive, Nita Kapoor. The group was in talks with the government and supported advertising of "genuine" brand extensions, she added.

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The World Health Organisation (WHO) said bans or comprehensive curbs on alcohol advertising "were cost-effective measures" in the interest of public health. Its data shows India's consumption of alcohol per person will rise to nearly 7 litres in 2030, from about 5 litres in 2019, a period over which fellow Asian giant China's consumption will drop to 5.5 litres. And alcohol-related deaths in India stood at 38.5 for every 1,00,000 of its population, versus 16.1 for China. Khare said India's draft followed a review of global best practices, in countries such as Norway, which bans ads for alcohol and other goods relying on features of a liquor brand.

NEWS BOX

'Gautam Gambhir jyada lambe samay tak tik nahi payega': India's World Cup winner

NEW DELHI: Gautam Gambhir's tenure as Team India's head coach started on a high note as the Men in Blue, under new skipper Suryakumar Yadav, swept Sri Lanka 3-0 in the three-match Twenty20 International series. Gambhir was appointed as Rahul Dravid's successor and has been given a long-term contract, leading the team until the end of 2027. After Dravid decided not to continue following the T20 World Cup, Gambhir quickly emerged as the frontrunner for the coaching position, especially after returning to the Kolkata Knight Riders as a mentor for the Indian Premier League's (IPL) 2024 edition. Under his mentorship, KKR clinched their third IPL title in 2024.

However, former India cricketer and 2007 T20 World Cup winner Joginder Sharma believes Gambhir may not last long as head coach.

"Gautam Gambhir team ko sambhalne waala hai lekin par mera ye manna hai ki Gautam Gambhir jyada lambe samay tak tik nahi



payega (Gautam Gambhir is the one to manage the team, but I believe that Gautam Gambhir will not be able to stay for a long time)," Joginder, often remembered as an unsung hero of India's 2007 T20 World Cup triumph, said during a Shubhankar Mishra's podcast.

"Kyunki Gautam Gambhir ke apne hi kuch faisle hote hain. Ho sakta hai kisi player se main motaav ho jaye. Mai Virat Kohli ki baat nahi kar raha hun. Gautam Gambhir ke faisle kai baar aise ho jaate hain ki dusro ko pasand nahi aate (This is because Gautam Gambhir has his own decisions. It might happen that he has a disagreement with a player. I am not talking about Virat Kohli. Many times, Gautam Gambhir's decisions are such that others do not like them)," Joginder, who bowled the last title-winning over in India's T20 World Cup win in 2007, said. "Gautam Gambhir seedhi baat karne waala hai. Wo kisi ke paas jaane waala nahi hai. Gautam Gambhir chaplusi karne waala banda nahi hai. Usko credit dene waale hum log hain. Wo apna kaam karta hai, sacche dil se karta hai, badi imaanndari se karta hai. (Gautam Gambhir speaks directly. He is not someone who will go to anyone. Gautam Gambhir is not a person who flatters. We are the ones who give him credit.

Olympics: Triathlon swim training session cancelled over Seine water quality

New Delhi. The Paris Olympics organisers have canceled the swim training session for the triathlon mixed relay event due to suboptimal water quality in the Seine River following heavy rain. The swimming portion of the familiarization sessions for the mixed relay was called off on Saturday morning after tests revealed suboptimal conditions.



Earlier in the week, both individual events proceeded despite disruptions. The men's race was postponed by a day and eventually took place after the women's event on Wednesday. Before that, swim training sessions had been canceled twice due to safety concerns. Heavy rain recently prompted the decision to cancel Saturday's familiarization session, scheduled for 8 AM local time, ahead of Monday's event. An official statement from the organizers read: "At the daily meeting to review water quality held today (Friday) at 19:30, a decision was made to cancel the swim leg of the triathlon familiarization, which was due to be held on August 3rd at 8:00." The bike and run familiarizations proceeded as planned. The statement further noted: "Given the heavy rain over the last two nights, particularly upstream of Paris, and the expected decline in water quality, we have preemptively decided to cancel the swim familiarization on Saturday, August 3rd. Considering that conditions are unlikely to improve before the daily situation meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd, at 4:00, we opted to cancel the swim familiarization tonight to prevent late communication to athletes. More updates on the water quality will be provided on August 3rd."

The mixed relay event, first introduced in Tokyo three years ago, involves four competitors completing a sprint triathlon as part of a team. In the women's event on Wednesday, Cassandre Beaugrand secured a home gold for France, while a dramatic comeback saw Alex Yee of Great Britain win gold in the men's event.

Olympic Boxing: Nishant Dev's coach plays down claims of unfair judging in QF exit

Nishant Dev's coach Surinder Kumar downplayed any claims of unfair judgement after the Indian boxer's exit from the quarter-final round at the Paris Olympics 2024.

New Delhi. Nishant Dev's coach Surinder Kumar downplayed the claims of any unfair judgement during the quarter-final match at the Paris Olympics 2024. Indian boxer Nishant suffered a narrow split-decision loss against Mexico's Marco Verde Alvarez in the 71kg category on August 3, Saturday. The 23-year-old who was making his Olympic debut lost the quarter-final bout and was just one win away from assuring India another medal at the Paris Games. However, Nishant's loss did not sit well with a certain section of users on social media as they claimed the umpiring was unfair and that India was "robbed-off" a medal. "In our eyes, he was winning the first round, and he was winning the second round as well, but the judges didn't give it to him. Even in the third round, we can say it was a neck-to-neck



fight. The scoring was good by both boxers," Nishant's coach said while speaking exclusively to India Today. The bronze medalist in the World Championship could not maintain his advantage afterwards. Nishant won the first round 4-1, and looked in complete control of the bout in the second round as well, where he landed a streak of massive jab hooks on the Mexican, yet the judges surprisingly sided with Alvarez in that round, putting him 3-2 ahead

in the tie. In the final round, Nishant should have played it smart, but he paid the price for being over aggressive. He lost by split decision in the end. However, the Mexican was seen holding and grabbing Nishant a lot. There was a lot of passivity and the judges let it go on more than one occasion.

Nishant's loss fair or un-fair?
The coach was asked if point should have been docketed: "Yes, it should have been done. He (mexican) should have been given a

warning. The boxer could have been psychologically down and our boxer would have taken the lead." Surinder Kumar suggested that they would not lodge any protest against the match result and had gracefully accepted the defeat.

"The Mexican boxer did the same mistake in all the three rounds. He was hitting the head, was clinching. That is a loss for the boxer only. Because he doesn't have to fight just one bout only, he has to fight 2nd and 3rd as well." Asked if a protest could be lodged: "No, we did not think about a protest. We have accepted this. Jo jeeta wahi Sikander. He was a good and tough boxer from Mexico. But not that much, but its okay."

Nishant had earlier beaten Alvarez in the World Championship in 2021, but went on to lose in the third round at the quarter-final clash. "We fought really closely. They both kept fighting really closely. They should have fought while maintaining a distance. In fact we earlier had a fight with Affre. We beat him in 2021 in a one-sided affair." Both are really strong. Nishant had good accuracy. We have to work on accuracy and range."

Lovlina Borgohain remained to be India's only medal hope in boxing at the Paris Olympics 2024.

Lovlina Borgohain's quarterfinal match at Paris Olympics: When and where to watch

New Delhi. Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain is all set for her quarter-final clash at the Paris Olympics 2024. Lovlina will participate in the 75kg quarter-final bout against People's Republic of China's Li Qian on August 4, Sunday. History beckons Lovlina as she has a chance to become the first Indian boxer to win two Olympic medals. If she wins the bout, the Tokyo 2020 medalist will join the elite list of Manu Bhaker and PV Sindhu with 2 Olympic medals. If she wins the match and makes it to the semi-final of the boxing event, she will be assured of a medal. In boxing events at the Olympics, two bronze medals are awarded as the two losing semi-finalists receive a bronze medal each. During the Tokyo Olympics 2020, Lovlina won the bronze medal in the women's 69kg category and became only the third Indian boxer after Vijender Singh and Mary Kom to win an Olympic medal. China's top-seeded Li Qian is expected to pose a stiff challenge to Lovlina. Li Qian is a two-time Olympic medalist and a



former world champion who also beat Lovlina during the Asia Games in Hangzhou last year. Lovlina settled for a

silver medal with a 5-0 win over Lin Qian in the Asian Games 2023 and will look to overcome the challenge. When will Lovlina Borgohain's 75kg quarter-final at the Paris Olympics 2024 take place?

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Where will Lovlina Borgohain's 75kg quarter-final at the Paris Olympics 2024 take place? Lovlina Borgohain's 75kg quarter-final at the Paris Olympics 2024 will take place at North Paris Arena in Villepinte. What time will Lovlina Borgohain's 75kg quarter-final at the Paris Olympics 2024 start? Lovlina Borgohain's 75kg quarter-final at the Paris Olympics 2024 will start at 3:02 PM (IST)

Where will Lovlina Borgohain's 75kg quarter-final at the Paris Olympics 2024 be broadcast? Lovlina Borgohain's 75kg quarter-final at the Paris Olympics 2024 will be telecast on the Sports18 1 SD and Sports18 1 HD TV channels.

Olympics, Badminton: History-chasing Lakshya Sen looks to cross big Axelsen hurdle

New Delhi. Lakshya Sen was the last Indian shuttler to qualify for the Paris Olympics after a late revival of form in the qualification cycle. And he is now the last-standing Indian shuttler, keeping the hopes of India continuing its medal-winning streak in Olympic badminton alive. On Sunday, the 22-year-old faces one of the biggest tests of his nascent career -- an Olympic semi-final against one of the modern-day greats -- reigning Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen. Lakshya is chasing history. He has already become the first Indian man to reach the badminton singles semi-final at the Olympics. If he wins on Sunday, he will become the first male shuttler from the country to medal at the Games. Regardless of the result against Axelsen, Lakshya is assured of a medal. Facing Viktor Axelsen has been one of the toughest challenges in the men's singles circuit. Lakshya has experienced it first-hand as many as 8 times. The Danish shuttler, World No. 2, has very little areas of weakness that can be exploited. Lakshya has lost to Axelsen seven times and his only win came

two years ago in the semi-final of the German Open. Lakshya has stretched Axelsen to three games on only two occasions -- one of which came at the Singapore Open earlier this year. Viktor Axelsen has been on a ruthless run in Paris, having not lost a game yet. He decimated former All England Open champion Loh Kean Yew 21-9, 21-17 in the quarter-final. Axelsen has proved naysayers wrong after having had a relatively inconsistent run on the tour before the Olympic Games in 2024 and laid down a marker with his incredible run so far.

LAKSHYA CAN?

Yes, Axelsen will start the semi-final as favourite, but not many will be counting Lakshya Sen out. "Lakshya indicated that he is really looking forward to playing Viktor tomorrow in the semifinals," his coach Vimal Kumar told Indiatoday.in on the eve of the contest. After having missed out on a place in the Tokyo Olympics due to Covid-19 and health issues, the prodigiously talented Almorah youngster is shooting for the stars. He was handed a tough group-

stage draw, but Lakshya achieved the improbable, beating World No. 3 Jonathan Christie to book his place in the Round of 16. He was pitted against his compatriot and higher-ranked HS Prannoy, but Lakshya had very little trouble outclassing the seasoned campaigner, who was looking down and out due to health issues. Lakshya faced another tough test against Chou Tien Chen, ranked 10 places higher than him at 12. Despite losing the opening game and having an argument with the chair umpire in the second, Lakshya managed to pull through and reach the last-four stage. For Lakshya, Axelsen is a familiar face. The Danish star has invited the young Indian to train with him on multiple occasions in Dubai. But familiarity does not add any advantage because shuttlers, who play 'regularly in the gruelling circuit' are well aware of each other's strengths and weaknesses, coach Vimal Kumar said. Lakshya needs to bring out his 'A game'. The youngster has looked sharp, willing to attack and give himself time on the court to make good use of his defensive skill, which is one of the best on the tour.



Aug. 3, the video (of her first Olympic gold) gets posted somewhere and you kind of reminisce," she said. "So, when I saw it was Aug. 3, I was like, 'Oh boy, I've got to get the job done.' That she did, going faster than her winning time in Tokyo to finish in 8 minutes, 11.04 seconds. Titmus was right on her shoulder nearly the entire race, but Ledecky pulled away in the final 100. Titmus, who beat Ledecky in the 400 freestyle, settled for silver at 8:12.29. The bronze went to another American, Paige Madden at 8:13.00. Phelps had been the only swimmer to win the same event at four straight Olympics, taking gold in the 200 individual medley at Athens, Beijing, London and Rio de Janeiro. Now he's got company. Titmus added some perspective to Ledecky's consistency over the last dozen years, noting where she was when the American won that first gold in London. "I was in grade six in primary school," Titmus said. "That's how remarkable she is." Their friendly rivalry has driven both to greater heights. They each won two golds and four medals at these games, which pushed Ledecky to 14 overall and.

WWE SummerSlam 2024 Results: Roman Reigns returns, 4 new champions crowned

Roman Reigns made his much-anticipated return to the WWE as he helped Cody Rhodes retain his title against Solo Sikoa at SummerSlam 2024 on August 3, Saturday. 4 new champions were crowned as the Judgement Day completely imploded with Damian Priest and Rhea Ripley getting backstabbed.

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SummerSlam 2024 on August 3, Saturday. Reigns, who had been away from the company since his WrestleMania 40 loss to Rhodes, was expected to be back at SummerSlam and he made his return during the closing moments of the main event on Saturday.

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In a match that had many close calls and interferences, it seemed like Rhodes was about to lose his title as Solo had Jacob Fatu at ringside. That's when Reigns' music hit and he made his return amidst a thunderous reaction from the crowd, who were present inside the Cleveland Browns stadium. The Tribal Chief would then come into the ring and hit his signature Superman Punch-Spear combo on Solo to put him down. Rhodes would then pick up the win with a Cross Rhodes to continue his title reign as Solo was



left irate outside the ring and shouting at Reigns. It remains to be seen how the new Bloodline will react to Reigns' return and next week's SmackDown could provide the answers.

SummerSlam 2024 results

SummerSlam 2024 would see a lot of shocking results, including 4 new champions being crowned at the event. The show started with

Rhea Ripley and Liv Morgan facing off for the Women's Heavyweight title and Dominik Mysterio would turn on Ripley. He would then go on to align himself with Morgan.

The destruction of the Judgement Day wasn't over as Finn Balor would also turn on Damian Priest and allowed Gunther to pick up his maiden World Championship in WWE in the form of the World Heavyweight title. This was one of the 4 title changes of the night as LA Knight would defeat Logan Paul to win the US Championship, Bron Breaker dominated Sami Zayn to win the Intercontinental title and Nia Jax dethroned Bayley as the WWE Women's Champion.

CM Punk's first singles match back in WWE ended in a loss as Drew McIntyre was able to beat him with Seth Rollins as the special guest referee. Both men delivered a classic in the ring and.



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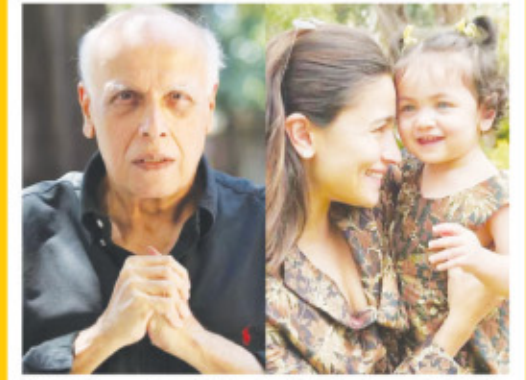
First Look From Love Insurance Kompany Reveals Futuristic Theme

Krithi Shetty is one of the prominent actresses in Indian cinema with hit films like Uppena, Shyam Singha Roy, etc. to her acting credit. She is now anticipating the release of her upcoming project Love Insurance Kompany directed by Vignesh Shivan. Krithi unveiled her first look from this film on Instagram. This poster shows the 20-year-old actress in silver attire posing on a pink sofa set while holding a virtual mobile. All the other things in the room, including a stereo are pink. Another interesting feature of this poster is a digital clock showing the date and time, 09 Sept 2035. This indicates that the Love Insurance Kompany's narrative can be set during this period. Krithi captioned the photo, "My first look from #LIK #loveinsurancekompany @wikiofficial sir thank you so much?"

Krithi's fans loved the poster and wished her the best for the film. Pradeep Ranganathan and Vignesh Shivan have penned Love Insurance Kompany. This film stars SJ Suryah, Pradeep and Yogi Babu in the key roles. Rowdy Pictures and Seven Screen Studio have produced this film. Anirudh Ravichander scored the film's music and Ravi Varman is in charge of the film's cinematography. Pradeep E Ragav is responsible for the Love Insurance Kompany's editing. Apart from the films, the Shyam Singha Roy actress is one of the prominent names in the fashion segment as well. Some time back, she had dropped her pics on Instagram in an all-black ensemble. The two-piece outfit shows off the actress's toned body, as she poses like a dream for the camera. She is seen wearing a half-sheer, high-cut blouse, florally embroidered and sequined on a black base. She teamed it with a colour-coordinated, high-waisted skirt, which is tailored with an elegant slit, and floral sequins. She opted for golden-hued heels for footwear and accessories and Krithi adorned herself with round, black studs. Her hair is styled in long, dark waves flowing in the air. The Uppena actress aptly wrote in the caption, "Embrace your inner strength," completing it with a black heart.



Mahesh Bhatt Reveals His Focus Has Shifted From Alia Bhatt To Raha: 'When I Became Grandpa...'



Filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt shares that the arrival of his granddaughter, Raha, has transformed the family dynamics, making her the center of attention. Bhatt observes that the "gaze" has shifted from his actor daughter, Alia Bhatt, to Raha. Alia Bhatt married actor Ranbir Kapoor in 2022 and welcomed their daughter later that year. In an interview with India Today, Mahesh Bhatt reflected on his new role as a grandfather. "When I became a grandpa, I woke up to what the entire world has been feeling since the dawn of time," he remarked with his characteristic philosophical touch.

Bhatt elaborated on the experience, saying, "Just as you're marveling at your child's achievements, a new dimension is added with the birth of a grandchild. Alia, already an astounding actor, has now embraced motherhood. The arrival of Raha shifts the focus towards her. Children have the power to captivate you completely." The veteran filmmaker, with over 50 films across five decades, expressed his wish for Raha to watch 'Dil Hai Ke Manta Nahin' when she grows up. "It's one of my most heartwarming films, featuring fantastic performances by Pooja Bhatt and Amir Khan. It resonates with the human heart. I'd also recommend 'Hum Hain Rahi Pyaar Ke,' which presents a different kind of love story," he added. Ranbir Kapoor recently recalled his daughter Raha's birth and called it the "top moment" of his life. He said that he cannot describe what he felt when he held Raha for the first time, but knows he will never feel the same way about another person.

Ranbir said on Nikhil Kamath's podcast, "You know, till the time she was born when Alia was pregnant, you're imagining. You're trying to know what the feeling is. She could feel it because the baby was in her. But when she was born and I was given... the first thing when the doctor gave me Raha, you can't describe it. If I had to describe it, it's like somebody has pulled your heart out and put it in your hands. It's instant. It's the love of your life. It's too good. Never felt that, never will feel that about anything or anybody in my life."

Ishaan Khatter To Ali Fazal: Here's How These Indian Actors Got Their First Hollywood Projects



Thanks to globalization and streaming platforms, the Western and the Indian film industries overcame the numerous barriers which stood between them for decades. It has given big opportunities to some prominent and deserving actors from our industry, who are expected to shine the name of our country on a level of global entertainment. The list below details on all the beloved Indian stars, set to appear in upcoming Hollywood shows and series, and who have been a part of Western superhits.

Debating with Beyond The Clouds in 2017, a Majid Majidi directorial, Ishaan has etched an identity for himself in Bollywood. Some of his notable works include Dhadak, Phone Bhoot and the British miniseries A Suitable Boy. The young actor will now appear in The Perfect Couple, a Nicole Kidman and Liev Schreiber starrer Netflix web series.

Tabu: Tabu is considered one of the most versatile actresses in Indian cinema, having worked in Bollywood, regional as well as Western film industries. As per the reports, she has been roped in for a role in Dune: Prophecy, a prequel series set in the world of the Dune franchise.

Randeep Hooda: Starring in films like Darna Zoroori Hai, Once Upon a Time in Mumbai and many more, Randeep Hooda is an actor to watch out for. One of his most popular works also includes Extraction, a Netflix release, starring Chris Hemsworth in the lead. Randeep played the role of Saju Rav, a former special force member. Currently being seen in Mirzapur season 3, Ali Fazal has appeared in several Western releases. He gained international recognition with Furious 7 and Victoria and Abdul. In the latter, he shared the screen space with Judi Dench. His last Western release was Kandahar, which was led by Gerard Butler.

Navya Naveli Nanda

Spends Time With 'Best Friend' Amid Breakup Rumours With Siddhant Chaturvedi

Amid the ongoing buzz about her breakup with Siddhant Chaturvedi, Navya Naveli Nanda has dropped some goofy pictures on Instagram. The cute snapshots featured Navya lying on a comfy couch with her furry friend. Dressed in a pink striped shirt, she embraced her pet, cuddling the cute companion. The endearing snapshots indeed highlighted Navya's love for her pet as she referred to him as 'Best friend' in the caption.

Meanwhile, rumours have been swirling around that Siddhant Chaturvedi and Navya Naveli Nanda have called it quits. An insider, while speaking to Bollywood Hungama, spilled the beans about the couple's relationship claiming that the romance between the two has fizzled out. He further disclosed that despite the alleged love affair, the stars have chosen to remain good friends. While Siddhant nor Navya are yet to publicly address the split, fans have noticed a distance between them in their online posts. As for her professional endeavours, Navya Naveli Nanda co-founded Aara Health. She also started the NGO Project Naveli in her early twenties, carving her own path, instead of jumping onto the bandwagon to join the acting industry. Besides, she also hosts a podcast named What The Hell Navya which brings together the Bachchan family's women together including Shweta Bachchan and Jaya Bachchan.



However, Navya Naveli Nanda is self-aware of her privileged background. In an interview with ETimes, she shared how her roots played a role in her career. She acknowledged, "When we talk about being an entrepreneur at 21, I owe a lot of that to the privilege and where I come from. A lot of opportunities that I got are because of my privileged background, and I hope in my own way and through my hard work, I can create those opportunities for myself one day. I am very grateful for everything I have been given.

I think I've more than I deserve at times, so for me, it is important to see how I can turn around those opportunities and resources I have available, and share those with others and maximise it.

On the other hand, Siddhant Chaturvedi is known for his remarkable performances in films like Gehraiyaan, Gully Boy and Kho Gaye Hum Kahan which solidified his position among the versatile actors in the industry.

