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HC waives cooling off period for estranged

At least 440 dead, protests and violence returned to the streets of Bangladesh

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi/Daka, Aug., 6: Fresh violence broke in Bangladesh on Monday leaving at least 440 dead as it witnessed a revival of students' stir following the deadly government crackdown late last month. The government has imposed countrywide curfews and curbs on mobile internet. People took to the streets on Sunday against the government once again, demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation. The protests last month had begun with students calling for an end to a quota in government jobs for families of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence against Pakistan in 1971. Reacting to the fresh violence, Hasina said the protesters who engaged in "sabotage" and destruction were no longer students but criminals. Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs in India has advised all citizens to avoid travelling to Bangladesh and those residing there to exercise extreme caution, restrict their movements and remain in touch with the High Commission in

tion" effort, urging people not to pay taxes or utility bills and not to show up for work on Sunday. Offices, banks and factories opened, but commuters in Dhaka and other cities faced challenges getting to their jobs. sheikh hasina People participate in a rally against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her government demanding justice for the victims killed in the recent countrywide deadly clashes, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024. (AP Photo) The

demonstrators attacked Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, a major public hospital in Dhaka's Shahbagh area, torching several vehicles. Video footage showed protesters vandalizing a prison van in the chief metropolitan magistrate's court in Dhaka. Other videos showed police opening fire on the crowds with bul-

Dhaka. The fresh wave of violence began lets, rubber bullets and tear gas. The protook up positions. Some crude bombs after protesters called for a "non-coopera- testers set fire to vehicles and the ruling

party's offices. Some carried sharp weapons and sticks, according to TV footage. In Dhaka's Uttara neighborhood, police fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of people who blocked a major highway. Protesters attacked homes and vandalized a community welfare office in the area, where hundreds of ruling party activists were detonated, and gunshots were heard, witnesses said. Less than a

month ago, demonstrations began around the country demanding an end to the 30 per cent quota on government jobs for families of veterans who fought in the country's war against Pakistan in 1971. The Supreme Court, then, had ruled that the veterans' quota must be cut to 5 per cent, with 93 per cent of jobs being allocated on merit. The remaining 2 per cent will be set aside for members of ethnic minorities and transgender and disabled people, according to AP. Although the government accepted the SC's decision, protesters continued to

demand accountability for the violence which they blamed on the government's use of force, AP reported. At least 11,000

people have been arrested in recent weeks, the report said. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has accused the protesters of "sabotage" and cut off mobile internet

Sanjay Kumar Mumbai, August 6:

Change in social conditions and a rapidly evolving society require a realistic approach to be adopted, the Bombay High Court has said while granting divorce to a couple and waiving the mandatory six months cooling off period. A single bench of Justice Gauri Godse, in the judgment on July 25, said the waiting period is a "precautionary provision to avoid any injustice to any party and rule out the possibility of reconciliation". Once the court is satisfied that the parties have taken a conscious decision to separate and move ahead and there is no possibility of reconciliation, the court should adopt a realistic approach and exercise the discretion to waive the waiting period, Justice Godse said. The court granted a decree of dissolution of the marriage of the Pune-based couple

who had sought divorce on grounds of mutual consent and also for the six-month waiting period to be waived. The purpose of the waiting period needs to be correctly understood while deciding the application for a waiver, Justice Godse noted. "Seeing the rapid changes in an evolving society, the judiciary would play a vital role in assisting the parties seeking the dissolution of their marriage by mutual consent. Thus, keeping in mind the changing social conditions, a realistic approach needs to be adopted," the HC said. The court said it normally comes across cases where parties continue to fight, though there is no possibility of reconciliation. "In such cases, the parties are encouraged to explore the possibility of an amicable settlement and are even referred for mediation so that they can put an end to the litigation," the HC

Miscreants vandalise Hindu temples. households amid Bangladesh unrest

Dhaka, August 6: A number of Hindu temples, households and businesses were vandalised, women assaulted and at least two Hindu leaders affiliated with the Awami League party killed in violence in Bangladesh following the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, community leaders claimed on Tuesday. "We have compiled some incidents of vandalism in different parts of the country exposing the Hindu and other minority communities to anxiety,' Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council leader Kajol Debnath told PTI on the margins of a meeting of the group here. According to the available information, two Hindu leaders, who were incidentally leaders of Hasina's Awami League (AL) party, were killed in north-western Sirajganj and Rangpur, Debnath said, adding that the

Council was still gathering more information. Debnath said the attackers "plundered shops, temples and houses and assaulted Hindu women' while many were injured during the assaults amid the fastpaced political developments following the fall of Hasina's government. A day after Hasina resigned and fled the country following massive protests against her government over quota in government jobs, violence that had started afresh over the weekend, continued overnight and led to a total of over 400 being since mid-July. According to the Council leaders, the districts where religious minorities and their households or businesses were attacked are north-eastern Panchagarh, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Bogura Sirajganj; northern Sherpur and Kishoregani

IIT Madras receives record Rs 228 crore donation from alumnus, largest ever in India

Chennai, August 6: The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has received the single, largest-ever donation in its history of Rs 228 crore from its alumnus awardee, Dr Krishna Chivukula (MTech, 1970). This donation is one of the largest ever made to an educational institution in India. The institute named an academic block in honour of Dr Krishna Chivukula -'Krishna Chivukula Block' — during an event at the campus today. Dr Krishna Chivukula in 1997 brought to India a state-ofthe-art engineering manufacturing technology called 'Metal Injection Molding' (MIM) while it was still an emerging technology in the US. Presently his company, INDO US MIM Tec, occupies the number one position in the world in MIM technology in terms of capacity and sales and has a projected turnover of nearly Rs 1,000 crore. IIT Madras recognised his professional excellence and contributions to the community by conferring 'Distinguished Alumnus Award' during 2015. This donation will be utilised for multiple purposes, including supporting international students to study at IIT Madras through scholarship.

Rahul asks Jaishankar if foreign hands involved in fuelling the crisis

Navdeep Singh Sahni

New Delhi, August 6: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday told an all-party meeting that India would help former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who arrived here

on Monday evening, and would wait for her to decide the future course of action. Jaishankar said India was in touch with the Bangladesh Army and would ensure the safety of over 10,000 students there. Hasina is currently in a safe house in India. She has to decide if she wants to stay in India or proceed to some other country. After her father and Bangladesh liberation war hero Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated, Hasina stayed in India for many years. Replying to questions from various leaders, including Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, the minister did not rule

out the role of foreign governments in

the unrest in the country but emphasised

that the situation was too fluid, and the government has been keeping a watch on the evolving situation, sources said. At the meeting, Gandhi asked if foreign governments might be involved in fuelling

the crisis there. Jaishankar said that

households and properties belonging to minorities were targeted by protestors in the neighbouring country. Noting that it has been not even 24 hours since Hasina arrived in India, he said she is in a state

of shock and the government is giving her time to recover before it speaks to her over various issues, including her future plans, the sources said. The External Affairs Minister is scheduled to

make a statement on the issue in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha. Various leaders, including Gandhi, conveyed their full cooperation to the government on the issue. YSR Congress leader V Vijaysai Reddy said his party supports the government in the interest of the country. "Briefed an All-Party meeting in Parliament today about the ongoing developments in Bangladesh. Appreciate the unanimous support and understanding that was extended," Jaishankar posted on X after the meeting. Congress leader Karti Chidambaram said the government had briefed an all-party meeting on the situation in Bangladesh. "Congress party is fully with the government as far as national security and

national interest are concerned,' Chidambaram told. ED files supplementary charge

New Delhi, August 6: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday filed a supplementary charge sheet against ex-railway minister Lalu Prasad, his son Tejashwi Yadav and eight others in the land-for-jobs scam. The

sheet against Lalu Prasad



charge sheet was filed before Special Judge Vishal Gogne, who posted the matter for consideration on August 13. The ED's case stems from an FIR lodged by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The case pertains to Group-D appointments made in West Central Zone of the railways in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh during Prasad's tenure as railway minister from 2004 to 2009 in return for land parcels gifted or transferred by the recruits in the name of the RJD supremo's

Amazon India head Manish Tiwary resigns

New Delhi, August 6: Amazon India head and country manager Manish Tiwary has resigned, the e-commerce giant said on Tuesday. Tiwary will continue with Amazon until October to help ensure a smooth transition. "Manish Tiwary, Country Manager for Amazon India, has decided to pursue an opportunity outside of the company. Manish's leadership over the last eight years has been instrumental in delivering for customers and sellers, making Amazon.in the preferred marketplace in India," Amazon India statement said. It further said that Amit Agarwal, senior vice-president India and Emerging Markets, will remain closely involved with the Amazon.in team. "We are excited by the momentum and business results we have already achieved, and we are even more optimistic about the significant opportunities ahead to innovate on behalf of our customers and digitally transform lives and livelihoods," the statement said. The company further added

With UK indicating hesitation to provide refuge, Sheikh Hasina considering new travel options now

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, August 6: Former Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina's plan to travel to London has hit a roadblock following the UK's hesitation to provide her refuge and she is unlikely to move out of India for the next couple of days, people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday. Hasina, who landed at the Hindon airbase on Monday in a C-130J military transport aircraft hours after resigning as the prime minister, has been shifted to an unspecified location in Delhi under tight security, they said. The former Bangladesh prime minister, accompanied by her sister Sheikh Rehana, planned to leave for London from India to take temporary refuge but the option is not being pursued now. This is after the UK government indicated that she may not get legal protection against any possible probe into the massive violent protests in her country, they said. Hasina is now known to be considering several options including the United Arab Emirates, Belarus, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Finland, said a source. In a statement in Parliament, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said Hasina decided to resign after a meeting with leaders of the security establishment and requested for approval "at very short notice" to come to India "for the moment". "We



clearance from Bangladesh authorities. She arrived yesterday evening in Delhi," he said. The Awami League leader planned to travel to London through India and her aides informed Indian authorities about it before she landed in Hindon on Monday, the people cited above said.

daughter Tulip Siddiq is a member of the British Parliament. Tulip is economic secretary to the Treasury and Labour MP for Hampstead and Highgate. In a statement, British foreign secretary David Lammy said in London on Monday that Bangladesh has seen unprecedented levels of violence and tragic loss of life in the last two weeks and people of the country "deserve a full and independent UN-led investigation into the events". Under the UK's immigration rules, it is not possible to apply for asylum from outside the UK and each asylum claim is carefully considered on its individual merits on a case-by-case basis. The UK has a record of providing protection for people who need it but at the same time there is no provision within its immigration rules for someone to be allowed to travel to the UK to seek asylum or temporary refuge, said an expert. Those who need international protection should claim asylum in the first safe country they reach; that is the fastest route to safety, the expert added. The people in the know said Hasina has apprised New Delhi of her possible

Hasina decided to travel to London as Rehana's

family or associates, according to the ED. Supreme Court reduces life term of three to 7-year jail after 40 years

Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, August 6: Forty years after three men were booked for murder following a trivial fight among children over mangoes in a UP village, the Supreme Court has come to their rescue by reducing the life sentence into a seven-year jail term. The life sentence has been awarded for a lesser offence of culpable homicide. In 1984, three men were booked for murder of a fellow villager by hitting with a 'lathi' (stick) on the head. The trial court in 1986 convicted them of murder and sentenced them for life, while the Allahabad High Court in 2022 confirmed the sentence awarded to them by the trial court in Gonda district of the state. Two of the five convicts passed away during pendency of appeal before the high court and proceedings against them were abated. A bench of Sudhanshu Dhulia and Iustices Ahsanuddin Amanullah said considering the totality of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the injuries on the deceased and also considering the nature of the weapon used which is a 'lathi', "we

is indeed a case of culpable homicide not and fastened the responsibility to the dis-

amounting to murder and it is not murder". The

bench said from the deposition of all the eyewitnesses in the case, it has come on record that it was not a case of planned murder. "Therefore, we convert the findings of section 302 (murder) of IPC to that of Section 304 Part-I of IPC, and thereby convert the sentence of life imprisonment of all the appellants before us to that of seven years' rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 25,000 to be given by each appellant which shall be deposited by them within a period of eight weeks

from today, if not already deposited," the bench said in its order of July 24 but uploaded recently on the apex court's website. The amount to be deposited shall be

are inclined to accept the argument that it given to the victim's family, the bench said their lawyer Saksham Maheshwari have



trict magistrate of Gonda district in Uttar Pradesh for compliance of the order. The three convicts Man Bahadur Singh, Bharat Singh and Bhanu Pratap Singh through

argued that it is not a case of murder but it

is a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder as it would come under Exception 4 of Section 300 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. Exception 4 of section 300 of India Penal Code says, "Culpable homicide is not murder if it is committed without premeditation in a sudden fight in the heat of passion upon a sudden quarrel and without the offender having taken undue advantage or acted in a cruel or unusual manner." The top court noted the incident of April 19, 1984 started with a fight between children over mangoes which unfortunately flared up when the adults of the families also got involved which ultimately led to Vishwanath Singh,

the father of one of the children, being killed. Vishwanath Singh got injured and was taken to the hospital at Gonda by bullock cart where he was declared dead and the post-mortem was performed. The bench said out of the five ante-mortem injuries recorded in the postmortem report, two injuries seem to have been fatal and Singh's skull was fractured which ultimately led to his death. It noted that there were eyewitnesses to the incident, particularly three eye witnesses out of which one of them had got injured. "They were put to a lengthy cross-examination in the trial but nothing has come which could cast any doubt on their testimony. Under these circumstances, the fact that the death is homicidal is not in question and the fact that the deceased died due to the injuries caused to him by the lathi blows inflicted by the appellants, has also been clearly established by the evidence placed by the prosecution," the bench noted, while disposing of the appeal of convicts. Maheshwari said the convicts have served a few years in jail in the case but were granted bail during the pendency of appeal in the high court. "They are currently in jail for serving the remaining jail term after their life sentence was confirmed by the high court on December 21, 2022," he told.

with blade on rd, hurts self

Mumbai. A Virar resident, Sagar Belose (32), has been booked for allegedly slashing his wife Sheetal (30) on the face and neck with a blade and slitting his wrist on a Girgaum road on Monday. Both were admitted to hospital; their condition is stable.

V P police said the couple had been facing marital issues that led to Sheetal moving back to her parents' Nalasopara home with their 10-year-old son. At 9.30am, when Sheetal was heading to her office, Sagar confronted her and asked her to return home. She refused. He slashed her and then inflicted self-harm, claimed police.

Mumbai: Drunk man stalks & slashes woman with blade in, heldDeepak Mali, a 30-yearold man claiming to be a singer, was arrested for stalking and assaulting a 23-year-old woman near Bhayander station. Mali admitted to the crime, stating he was drunk and upset after a fight with his wife. The police identified him through CCTV footage and arrested him at his Borivli residence.

Vikrant Massey and Sheetal Thakur enjoy Singapore getaway with son Vardaan: Pics InsideVikrant Massey and Sheetal Thakur holidayed in Singapore with their baby boy, Vardaan. The couple shared moments from their vacation on social media. Earlier this year, they welcomed their son on February 7. On the work front, Vikrant is enjoying success with '12th Fail' and is set for the release of 'Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba' on August 9.

MLAs from both sides of aisle seek slashing of excise duty on alcoholDuring a House session, legislators urged the government to lower excise duty on liquor.

Man slashes wife UK's NHS borrows 'remote neonatal care' tech leaf from West Bengal's hospitals

KOLKATA. UK's National Health Service (NHS), one of the most successful health services across the globe, acknowledged for its high standard of care and affordability, has taken a leaf out of Bengal's hospitals, thanks to a doctor from Kolkata, whose experience while working in the state's health centres has now formed the basis of a fruitful experiment for remote neonatal care being conducted by a hospital in Cambridge, England.

NHS, which already funds the system called 'Locants', has agreed to fund the scheme over the next year.Locants could soon be in troduced in some hospitals of western and southern India.

Talks are on with Bengal govt to introduce the system in state hospitals that had originally inspired the model, said Kolkata boy Arunava Dhar, a 2000-batch MBBS from RG Kar Medical College, who introduced the system in UK. "We are talking to health officials here so that the system can be implemented in Kolkata and Bengal hospitals," said Dhar at a symposium, titled 'Med-Fusion -Bridging East and West in Healthcare Excellence' in Kolkata on Sunday.

After migrating to UK in 2010, Dhar teamed up with another Kolkatan now based in London — techie Ranadeep Chatterjee, a serial entrepreneur and AI expert — to develop the technology and secure funds for a remote neonatal care system that now benefits thousands across an extensive area in Cambridge and eastern UK.

The experiment was launched at



Cambridge's Addenbrooke's Hospital last year. It is based on remote online consultations in real time and involve online video interfaces between specialists at Addenbrooke's and four smaller hospitals in east UK. It will be extended to 17 hospitals next month.Locants, the on hardware and sophisticated software developed by Arunava Dhar, a 2000-batch MBBS from RG Kar Medical College, and techie Ranadeep Chatterjee.

"The smaller centres have a Locants card fitted with a camera that can revolve 360° on one side and 270° on the other. It offers a comprehensive view of the child... It allows us to instruct local doctors and nurses who can act on camera under our real-time supervision," said Dhar, who hails from Belgharia. The system has reduced the number of kids who have to be taken to hospitals by a fifth.It was while working in Bengal hospitals that Dhar chanced upon the idea of remote treatment,

which now forms an integral part of Bengal's health system.

State health secretary Narayan Swarup Nigam said at the symposium that 1 lakh patients used telemedicine in Bengal a day. "We are looking at technological integration for health schemes like Swasthya Sathi, which is a paperless system. We are incorporating AI and plan to introduce a health ID for electronic health records," he said, adding Bengal spent Rs 70,000 crore on healthcare annually. UK's healthcare spend was four times India's, while

the country spent three times more on clinical research, said Ranadeep KOLKATA. West Bengal assembly on Monday Chatterjee, also a consultant with Google. "A lot of startups are focused on delivering healthcare to remote areas through technology and research," he said.

system followed by NHS in the UK, works The Bengal duo is collaborating with 'Reach' to extend the initiative to eastern India.

Indian doctors in the UK had enriched the health system there, said Andrew Fleming, British deputy high commissioner in Kolkata. "Just as an Indian playing country cricket benefits from the exposure to swing and overcast conditions in England, Indian doctors working in NHS, too, gain from different clinical practices, patients and an integrated system," he said.

The symposium was attended by physician and filmmaker Kamaleshwar Mukherjee and RP Goenka Group president Rupali Basu. Author Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay and paediatrician Arun Singh were

In rare show, TMC & BJP unite in West Bengal assembly against division of state



unanimously passed a resolution against calls for division of state, with the house witnessing a rare show of TMC-BJP bonhomie after CM Mamata Banerjee agreed to opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari's suggestion to rephrase proposal to one seeking "development of undivided West Bengal", reports Krishnendu Bandyopadhyay.

The resolution came in the backdrop of multiple BJP leaders - junior union minister Sukanta Majumdar, MP Nishikant Dubey and MLA Gouri Shankar Ghosh - seeking special packages and UT or statehood status for several north Bengal districts, citing issues ranging from lack of funding to changing religious demography.

Adhikari criticised the proposal, terming it "political" and "a party leaflet". He pointed out that Sukanta Majumdar's proposal to the PM did not mention the division of Bengal at all.

Some Bangladeshis in Kolkata sway between celebrations and fear

KOLKATA. Bangladeshis in Kolkata swayed between celebrations and apprehensions as news unfolded Monday from back home on the flight of Sheikh Hasina and an Army takeover.

Some tourists brought out a 'victory procession' on Free School Street-Marquis Street - the hub of such visitors in the heart of Kolkata. They flashed victory signs, hailed 'martyrs' killed during recent quota protests and made videos while embracing each

Police dispersed the crowd when it started blocking traffic. "We are relieved after hearing the news of the PM's resignation, the army chief promising an interim govt and meeting the demand of the protestors. So many people have given up their lives in these protests," said Mohammad Sharfuddin Sayem, a student from Chittagong.

For Dhaka's Mohammad Jamir Shopon, when word spread about a press conference by the Bangladesh army chief, he knew more 'good news' was coming. Parveen Munni from Chittagong managed to buy rasgullas from a sweet shop and distributed them in her hotel. "The deaths of so many young students are unacceptable and now we are free," she said.

Many others were worried. "I was forced to come to Kolkata amid all the turmoil due to the health of my elder brother. But my heart was with the protestors. The last two days have been very difficult for our countrymen. I am going to offer special prayers now," said businessman Mayaz Hossain

Chained myself to tree: US woman found in Maharashtra forest tells cops

MUMBAI. The 50-year-old American woman found official said on Monday.



tied to a tree with an iron chain in a forest in Sindhudurg district has now told police she had three locks and iron chains and used one of the locks and chains to tie herself to a tree in a forest near Sonurli village in the coastal district, around 460km from Mumbai, the

Police officials had recovered a pair of keys used to lock the iron chain a fer metres away from the spot where she

was found. It was still unclear for how many days she was tied to the tree, he said.

official said.

shackled herself and no one else was involved, an Frequent power outages hit govthospitals in state, says CAG report

Hyderabad. A few cases of power disruption in govt healthcare facilities forcing doctors to use torchlight to treat patients have been reported in the Bhuvanagiri Govt Hospital recently and Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital a few months ago.

It turns out that power outages are far more frequent in many govt health facilities. In fact, district hospitals in Medchal-Malkajgiri, Kondapur and Utnoor did not have the 24-hour uninterrupted and stabilised power supply during the year 2021-22 as per the latest report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).

"Although inverters and backup CHC Wardhannapet, UPHC Azampura, Gaganmahal and PHC Geesugonda, they were nonfunctional. Further, generator or inverter was not available in CHC Amberpet, UPHC Niloufer and PHC Duggondi. As a result, the availability of 24-hour uninterrupted power supply to these health institutions cannot be vouchsafed," read the CAG

"Power disruption for 5-10 minutes can lead to panic among patients. This can also cause hindrance to doctors and medical staff in measuring vitals leading to a huge difference in treatment. In the emergency department, power disruption can prove to be dangerous for patients who come with trauma injury or conditions such as heart attack and kidney failure," said a doctor from a tertiary centre which recently had faced a power disruption.

generators have been installed in During such times, usually power is they too come with their own risks. "Distribution of electric load along with the load balancing to various equipment and installations in a facility is very

important since overloading at any point can either damage the equipment or lead to a fire hazard," the CAG report has further pointed out. Telangana to provide free power

supply to 30,000 govt schoolsTelangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that the state would provide free electricity to about 30,000 government schools to improve infrastructure. Addressing a convention of promoted teachers, he highlighted the necessity of electricity in education and referenced Delhi's success in improving schools. The state allocated over Rs 21,000 crore for education in its budget.112230214

supplied through generators but Best iPhone Power Bank: Most Reliable Choices To Never Run Out Of PowerThe article discussed various iPhone power banks highlighting their features and specifications.

over north TN

Heavy rain may continue



CHENNAI. Northern parts of the state are likely to continue receiving heavy rain on Tuesday too as a trough is persisting in the lower tropospheric levels over coastal Tamil Nadu. The regional meteorological centre has forecast heavy rain over Cuddalore, Villurpuram, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram and Tiruvannamalai districts and Puducherry on Tuesday. The state has been receiving decent rains since the onset of the southwest monsoon. Between June 1 to August 5, TN received 56% excess rainfall.

Chennai and its neighbouring districts received heavy showers in the last 24 hours ending 8.30 am on Monday. Sholinganallur received 12 cm. Several other stations recorded rainfall in the range of 7-9 cm. Vadakuthu station in Cuddalore recorded the highest rainfall of 13 cm. Chennai's Nungambakkam recorded 32 degrees Celsius as against the normal 35.2 degrees Celsius.

Model schools gear up for 'makeover' to woo students

Hyderabad. The state govt is revamping the model school system to attract students in large numbers. Higher officials said they were implementing a slew of measures to help these schools to catch up with the times and become lucrative for parents and students.

Sreenivasa Chary, additional director of model schools, said the school eduction department was mulling reformatory measures to elevate quality of education across over 190 model schools across

A major focus of the schools now is to attract more intermediate students. This is being done in a two-fold manner. The The department is also mulling to provide first one is to increase the pass percentage of intermediate students.

The pass percentage for inter students hovers around 50% and this needs to be Class 9 student assaults mate with sickle improved," said Chary. The model school department is now conducting review meetings with teachers and principals to keep a tab on the education being imparted.

State academic monitoring officer for model schools Manjari B said every school now has a 'digital room' equipped with a projector, computers and an interactive flat panel (IFP). An online tool was also developed for the students to use. "The tool developed for Engineering Agricultural and Pharmacy Common Entrance Test (EAPCET) aspirants is very easy to use. Students can access study material, sit for tests and even access their performance. "The official said that in the latest results, over 100 students scored under 50,000 ranks in EAPCET, and that it could be improved much further using the tool.

additional transportation facilities to students who live a far away from the schools.

in Tirunelveli schoolIn Madurai, a ninth-grade student at Kendriya Vidyalaya attacked a classmate with a sickle following a dispute over spilt water. The injured student was treated for minor head injuries. The assailant was detained and will appear before the Juvenile Justice Board. This incident adds to ongoing concerns about violence in educational institutions in Tirunelveli district.112227680

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New Town set to get four new underpasses for small vehicles

Kolkata. The Housing Infrastructure Park and City Centre II) and at Chinar Park. planned to build vehicular underpasses at four major intersections of New Town. The authorities have also planned to engage a consultant for conducting a detailed traffic survey and prepare a feasibility study for the project. "The plan is that large vehicles like buses will move on the upper road surface and cars and other small vehicles will be bypassed through the underpasses," said an official. The four proposed locations for the underpasses are the intersections at Westin, Shrachi More, Noapara (between Chinar

Development Corporation (HIDCO) has Currently, the township has only one vehicular underpass at Biswa Bangla gate crossing. After submission of the feasibility study, the Besides, there are six pedestrian subways at different points of the main arterial road. The survey and feasibility study will be conducted in three parts. In the first part, the consultant will conduct a physical survey of all the four proposed intersections and their adjoining areas, taking into account the topography and underground utilities. There will also be a 24-hour traffic survey for seven consecutive days in all the four intersections. The consultant will also propose a proper

drainage system during and after construction of the underpasses.

consultant will need to conduct soil tests and prepare structural design, vetted by reputed institutes, and submit a detailed project report. Thereafter, periodical site visits will be held during the construction period and drawings of the project will be submitted. Over one lakh vehicles move over the fourpoint Narkelbagan and Chinar Park crossings daily, revealed a HIDCO study some years back.KC Circle chokes on traffic; clamour grows for underpassesResidents of Hubballi raised concerns over frequent traffic congestions and pedestrian safety at KC Circle. Social activist Gurunath Ullikashi and others urged the government to build underpasses along with the ongoing flyover construction. They argued that underpasses would ease traffic and provide safer pedestrian routes. Authorities assured to consider the demand after expert consultation.Unruly splash: Outrage as revellers harass, molest commuters in flooded Lucknow underpass; top cops shuntedLucknow witnessed heavy rainfall leading to waterlogging, causing hardships

for commuters. A viral video showed a group harassing a couple on a bike by splashing water, leading to the couple's fall. The police took swift action, dispersing troublemakers with batons and arresting two individuals, while efforts continue to identify others involved from the videos.GSI to conduct study in Valparai to prevent landslidesThe Coimbatore district administration planned a detailed study at Valparai hill town with GSI experts to prevent landslides after a recent incident claimed two lives. The study, expected to start within a month, will identify landslide-prone areas.

NEWS BOX

Man strangles wife & hangs self in Gurgaon

GURGAON: A 24-year-old labourer allegedly throttled his wife under the influence of alcohol and then hung himself at their home in Sector 50's South City on Sunday. The woman's father found them and rushed them to the civil hospital, where they were declared dead. The police received an alert from the hospital around 10pm on Sunday. West Bengal natives Shivli (18) and Prajapati Das had moved to Gurgaon seven months back."On Sunday night, Shivli cut vegetables at her father's hut to prepare dinner for him. When her father - Bablu - returned home from work, he realised dinner was not ready and went to Shivli's hut to check on her. The door was latched from the inside. As the couple did not respond to knocking, Bablu peeped in from the gap in a window and saw Prajapati hanging from the steel rod attached to the tin sheet roof of the hut. Neighbours came to help and the door was opened. Shivli was found lying unconscious on the floor near her husband," Rishi Kant, ACP East said.

"There were strangulation marks on the woman's neck. We have summoned the scene-of-crime team for the collection of evidence before sending the bodies to the mortuary," said Gurgaon police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar.A case was registered under Section 103 (1) (murder) of BNS. "Prajapati who worked at a tissue manufacturing unit, had recently lost his job. Shivli worked as a domestic help. Prajapati was addicted to alcohol and often harassed Shivli for money. We suspect he might have killed her after a similar spat," said a senior police officer.

Gurgaon: Man handed 20year RI for raping minor daughter in 2022

GURGAON. A Panipat court sentenced 20 years of rigorous imprisonment to a man who sexually assaulted his 14-year-old daughter in 2022. The incident came to light after the girl divulged her ordeal to her school teacher. The minor told the police that she was sexually exploited by her father repeatedly in Sept and Oct that year. The headmaster of the school filed a complaint at Israna police station on Oct 15, 2022, stating that a Class 8 student had told her teacher about the sexual exploitation and wanted to report it to the police. After the complaint, police went to the minor's house and her mother told them that she got married in 2006 and the couple has two sons and two daughters.

The girl told the police that her father sexually exploited her whenever he found her alone at home. The first incident happened in Sept 2022 when her mother had gone out and the kids were at home with their father.

A case was then registered under Section 6 of the Pocso Act and the accused was arrested. A chargesheet was filed and the trial began in Jan 2023. Public prosecutor Kuldeep Dhull said that the girl's allegations were fully supported by her mother. Vivek Vashishtha, counsel for the accused, argued that he was falsely implicated in the case by the girl and her mother as they had an argument with her grandfather. Sukhpreet Singh, additional session judge of the Panipat Pocso court, in his order dated August 2, observed that a girl, in a traditionbound non-permissive society in India, would be extremely reluctant even to admit that any incident which is likely to reflect upon her chastity had occurred. "Therefore, the behaviour of the victim is in accord with the natural human conduct of a female," the order said, ordering 20 years of rigorous imprisonment

Five arrested after two kanwariya groups clash in Gurgaon

GURGAON. Five people were arrested on Monday after two groups of kanwariyas allegedly clashed with each other last week. Three people had suffered injuries in the clash. The accused have been remanded in judicial custody, police said.

According to police, on Aug 2 evening, a member of a kanwariya group from Prem Nagar in Sector 12 filed a complaint at the Sector 14 police station, alleging that he and his family were attacked by members of another kanwariya group in a Sector 12 slum, said an officer.Complainant Rohtash said while on a kanwar yatra to Haridwar on July 27, the two groups got into an argument over DJ. He further alleged the other group attacked him and his family members at their homes on August 2 morning after Jal Abhishek.

"Based on Rohtash's complaint, a case was registered on Aug 2 under BNS sections 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 190 (unlawful assembly), 191 (2) (punishment for rioting), 191 (3) (rioting armed with deadly weapons), 324 (4) (mischief causing damage to the amount of twenty thousand rupees and more but less than one lakh rupees), 333 (house-trespass after preparation for hurt, assault or wrongful restraint), and 351 (2) (criminal intimidation)," said Sandeep Kumar, Gurgaon police spokesperson. Rohtash (32), Narender (26), and Shyama (29) suffered injuries in the assault, and two vehicles were damaged. "On Sunday night, police arrested Arun, Vicky, Nitin, Vikas, and Sumit,

4 men handed life sentence for 4-year-old boy's murder in Gurgaon

GURGAON. A court on Monday sentenced four men to rigorous life imprisonment and fined them of Rs 1.67 lakh each for killing a 4-year-old boy and murder attempt on his father. The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Sunil Kumar Diwan also held the fifth accused, a minor, guilty in the case. He was sentenced to a 10-year jail term along with a fine of Rs 30,000, they said. According to police, the incident took place in Khalilpur village in Pataudi on June 16, 2021 when the five persons had shot dead 4-year-old Bhavya while his mother was teaching him at their home and later shot at the boy's father Praveen Kumar, leaving him injured. Following the probe, the police arrested Naveen alias Kainchi, Harish alias Baman, Yaman alias Baiya, and Paramjeet alias Susu and apprehended a minor on June 17, 2021, they added. A senior police officer said the accused revealed that they committed

Charging infra for e-buses to be built in 6 months at depot site in Gurgaon's sector 48

GURGAON. Ahead of adding electric buses to the city's fleet, GMDA is setting up a substation at the proposed bus depot in Sector 48. The project has been awarded to an agency and is expected to be operational in six months, officials said on Monday. The substation at the bus depot is aimed at providing the necessary electrical infrastructure for charging the buses. The project is estimated to cost Rs 2.5 crore.In addition to the substation, GMDA is also planning to construct the bus depot in Sector 48 simultaneously. The technical evaluation for this project has already been completed, and two agencies have been qualified for the next stage of the tendering process."We are working on enhancing the city's public transportation infrastructure and accommodating the upcoming electric buses. The depot will



have adequate electric infrastructure for charging bays and parking buses. Work has already been allotted to an agency for setting up the substation, and we have

deposited Rs 1.53 crore to DHBVN for the electricity connection as well. For the construction of the bus depot, six agencies had participated in the bidding

process, of which two have qualified for the next round. We hope to complete the tendering process soon before submitting the case for financial approval. Both works will be carried out simultaneously," a senior official of GMDA said. The bus depot will come up on 7.5 acres at an estimated cost of Rs 15.27 crore. It can accommodate 100 buses at a time and will have repair and maintenance workshops, washing areas, and an office complex. Last year, the central govt had approved 100 electric buses for the city under the PM e-sewa scheme. Subsequently, in March, the GMDA requested the union ministry of housing and urban affairs for an additional 100 e-buses without central assistance, which were also approved. Additionally, GMDA is also setting up a substation at Sector 10 bus

Gurgaon: Men ram car into another in road rage, flee; police scan CCTV footage to track them

GURGAON. A group of men rammed their Swift Dzire into a Baleno of a family near MG Road metro station on Sunday after an argument over a minor accident. No one suffered injuries in the incident.Based on the complaint of Baleno owner, a sales professional from Jhilmil Colony in Delhi, a case was registered against the accused under relevant BNS sections at DLF Sector-29 police station. The incident happened around 9.15pm on Sunday.

Mritunjay Singh (53) was on his way to a relative's place in Sohna with his wife and two daughters.

'We were going to Sohna, and I was driving slowly because I was unfamiliar with the route. Around 9pm, when I was taking a U-turn at MG Road metro station, a Swift Dzire car scratched the left side of my car.



The driver of the Swift Dzire picked up an argument with me, asking me to pay for the damage even though it was my car that had suffered the damage. After a while, police arrived and questioned him for demanding compensation when there was no damage. He left the place, and I started driving towards Sohna," Singh said. After they drove for 500 metres, Mritunjay's daughter spotted some cars following them and

Name Change

I, ANANDAN PILLAI K Father of No. 15730998W Rank-NK Name-ARUN A K Presently residing at KOKKAPALLIL HOUSE, VILL-ERA-

MALLIKKARA, PO-THIRUVAN VANDOOR, TEH-CHENGANNUR

689109 have changed my name from ANANDAN PILLAI K to ANAN

DAN NAIR K for all future purpose

vide Affidavit dated 06/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change

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have changed my father's name from ISHWAR to ISHWAR MALLAPPA KALASANNAVAR for all future purposes

vide Affidavit dated 06/08/2024 before

Notary Public, Delhi.

Notary Public, Delhi.

KERALA

DIST-ALAPPUZHA.

2 green coal plants for NCR in 3 years

Bandhwari landfill site and Faridabad's Motuka in 30 months by Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd

(NVVNL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC, at a cost of Rs 500 crore each. An MoU was

signed between NVVNL and the municipal corporations of Gurgaon and Faridabad in

Chandigarh on Saturday in presence of Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union

minister for housing, urban affairs and power Manohar Lal Khattar. Officials said the two plants

will convert a total of 2,700 tonnes of waste collected from Gurgaon (1,500 tonnes) and Faridabad (1,200 tonnes) daily, according to officials. The corporations will hand over 20 acres

of land each to NVVNL for setting up the plants. At Bandhwari, the plant will be constructed at

the site earmarked for the waste-to-energy plant earlier. NVVNL, however, has clarified that solid

waste transported to the plants should not include inert and other kinds of waste, including con-

struction and demolition (C&D) waste, hospital and bio-hazardous waste, asbestos, electronic

waste and heavy metals. The corporations have been directed, as per the agreement, to provide

dry waste to the maximum extent possible. This will be a challenge for both corporations, since

Name Change

MAYA EP Mother of No. 16126781

Presently residing at KUDIKKA PARAMBATH HOUSE, MANALAYA

KERALA-679357 have changed my name from MAYA EP to MAYA for al

ruture purposes vide Affidavit dated 06/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi

Name Change

, No. 15417762K Rank-HĀV Name DHARMENDRA KUMAR SINGH

Residing at VILL-SINGHPUR, POPIRAICHA, TEHSIL-HATA, DISTT

KUSHI NAGAR, U.P-274203 have changed my father's name from RAMA KSHAIBAR SINGH to AKSHAYVAR

for all future purposes and in my serv-ce records my father's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1948

instead of his correct date of birth as 01/01/1965 vide Affidavit dated 06/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change

GAWANDE DIKSHAASHISH Wife Io. 4586767P Rank-NK Name GAWANDE ASHISH BANDUBHAL

Presently residing at VILL-NARS NGHPUR, PO-NANDED KHURD

TRA-444802 have changed my name from GAWANDE DIKSHA ASHISH to

DIKSHA ASHISH GAWANDE for all

future purposes vide Affidavit Dated 06/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi

Name Change

NIMDIKI TAMANG is legally other of No. 13768927M Rank-

HAV, Name- WANGDUP TAMANG No VILL-MIM TE LINE DHURA, PO-SUKHIA POKHARI, TEH-DAR-

JEELING, DIST- DARJEELING

WB)-734221 have changed my name from NIMDIKI TAMANG to

NIMDIKI SHERPA TAMANG for all

future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 05/08/2024 before Notary

PUBLIC NOTICE

No.3, Jamia Nagar, Noor Nagar, Okhla, South Delhi, Delhi-110025, declare that name of my mother has been wrongly

written as Ruksana in my 10th and 12th

Class Educational Documents. The

actual name of my mother is Rukhsan

Siraj respectively, which may be

ents in this connection.

mended accordingly. It is certified that have complied with other legal require-

is for general information that I, Mohd aud S/o Sirajuddin R/o 18-B, Gali

MALAPPURAM

Rank-HAV Name-ANEESH

ANAMANGAD.

mixed waste is transported to Bandhwari at present. The cor-

porations will also have to obtain environmental clearance

from the Union environment ministry for the plants. The

development comes at a time when the city is facing a solid

waste management crisis. On June 12, the state govt had

declared a solid waste exigency in Gurgaon in view of the

"alarming" levels of untreated garbage in the city under the

Disaster Management Act, 2005. According to officials, a sim-

ilar plant is already opera-

tional in Varanasi. "NTPC is

operating a plant in Varanasi

that is producing charcoal

from 600 tonnes of waste

daily. But the two plants to

be established in Haryana

will be the largest in India,

producing charcoal from

1,500 tonnes of waste daily,"

Name Change

Chungi No.2, Lal Kuan, Badarpur, Jaitpur, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Mohd Rizwan.

Name Change

124404 have changed my name from Vishal to Vishal Punia for all

Name Change

I hitherto known as Deepak Kumar alias Deep Chand S/O Phool Singh, R/O House NO-F-2, Khasra NO-736,

Dairy, North West Delhi, Delhi-110042

have changed my name and shall, hereafter be known as DEEP CHAND.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I BABITA DEVI D/O RAM DAHIN THAKUR W/O Chitranjan kumar Mishra R/O 416/20, LAXMI VIHAR VIL-

LAGE - BURARI, NCT OF DELHI-

and my husband has been wrongly writ ten as Jyoti and Manish kumar in m

adhar card no 32 84 76 03 4813, the

actual name of mine and my husband

are BABITA DEVI and CHITRANJAN KUMAR MISHRA respectively which may be amended accordingly.

Name Change

, DHANWATI Mother of JC-44659F Rank-NB/SUB Name-SUSHIL KUMAR R/O SOTHA ,

SUSHIL RUMAR R/O SOTHA, TEH-BARWALA, DISTT-HISAR, HARYANA-125039, have changed my name from DHANWATI to LILO for all future purposes and in my

son's service records my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 07/03/1972 instead of my correct

date of birth as 04/08/1957 vide affidavit dated 06/08/2024 before

Vishal S/o- Ravinder R/o mchana(28), Rohtak, Haryana

Rizwan S/o Mohd Islam R/o B-287

GURGAON: Waste-to-charcoal plants, also known as green coal plants, will be built at the

advised him to pull over. "I stopped the car in the parking space of a liquor shop. I noticed the driver of the Swift Dzire car accompanied by four people in two cars without number plates. The driver of one of those cars rammed a white sedan twice into our car parked in the front," Singh

The family members standing next to the car were unharmed. A case has been registered under sections 125 (act endangering life or personal safety of others), 281 (rash driving), and 324 (6) (mischief committed after preparation made for causing death or hurt) of BNS.ASI Mukhesh Kumar said that cops are verifying CCTV footage near the crime scene and the details provided by the victim to identify and arrest the accused.

Name Change I, MUNESH DEVI Wife of JC-705954F Rank-SUB Name-SUNIL KUMAR, R/c VILL-GOMLA, PO-BHOJAWAS, TEHSIL-KANINA, DISTT-MAHEN-

Name Correction I, Avdhesh Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Ram Prakash Gupta, Aged 36 R/o 178/1, 5th Floor, Khatri Niwas, Rajpura Gurmandi, Malka Ganj, North Delhi, Delhi-110007 that the names avdhesh Kumar gupta

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shambhu Yadav S/o SH. Rajeshwar Yadav R/o E-235, Shakur Pur North West Delhi-110034, declare that my son namely Manish Kumar Yadav, whose actual and correct date of birth is 17.09.2009. My name has been wrongly mentioned i.e. Sambhu Yadav instead of Shambhu Yadav in birth cer-tificate of my above named son. My my above named son. My actual name is Shambhu Yadav and actual name o my wife is Parwati Devi.

I, No. 15417762K Rank-HAV Name DHARMENDRA KUMAR SINGH Residing at VILL-SINGHPUR, PO-PIPRAICHA, TEHSIL-HATA, DISTT-KUSHI NAGAR, U.P-274203 have Information is given to general pub-lic at large that our client Sh. Brahmjeet Singh is the owner of FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL BUILTchanged my mother's name from SHANTI DEVI to SHANTI for all future imoses and in my service records m mother's date of birth wrongly men-tioned as 01/07/1953 instead of her correct date of birth as 01/01/1953 vide Affidavit dated 06/08/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi. No. 16119882Y Rank-NK Name AVINDRA ISHWAR KALASANNAVA Presently residing at VILL-BALOBAL PO-BEERANGADDI, TQ-GOKAK IST-BELGAUM, KARNATAKA-591307 have changed my mother's name from SAVITRI to SAVITRI ISHWAR KALASANNAVAR for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 06/08/2024 before Presently residing at VILL-BALOBAL, PO-BEERANGADDI, TQ-GOKAK, DIST-BELGAUM, KARNATAKA-591307

Advocat F-211,sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziaba

DERGARH, HARYANA-123034 have changed my name from MUNESH DEVI to MUNESH for all future purposvide Affidavit dated 06/08/2024 fore Notary Public, Delhi.

and avdhesh Kumar Sahu both are the

wife name has also been wrongly mentioned i.e. Parvati Yadav instead of Parwati Devi in birth certificate of

UP HOUSE AREA MEASURING 120 SQ. YDS. OUT OF KHASRA NO. 86, SITUATED AT VILLAGE SIHANI PARGANA LONI TEHSIL & DISTT. GHAZIABAD UTTAR PRADESH. By Virtue, Sale Deed dated 10.05.2024 as Doc no. 5633, Book no. 01, Vol no. 11072 Page no. 31-60 SR- GZB-V. till date and the lotted file of the control College. has lost/Misplace his Original Sale Deed dated 18.06.2007 as Doc no. 6223, Book no. 01, Vol no. 4315 Page no. 32-42 SR- GZB-III. it was executed in favour of Smt. Iman w/o Sh. Nanak Chand, now ou client is declaring that that any othe Person does not have any right ove the said property, and same has been finance by Home First Finance Company India Ltd. Branch: Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Branch: Valishali Griaziada Utlan Pradesh. If any person is having objection right of claim against the said property, contact to under-signed along with supporting docu-ments within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice and o the same to the undersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained. [NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]

Uttar Pradesh-201010. Contact at 09958871432

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tenders through E-Tendering (E-Procurement systems) Sr.DMM. Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the president of India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.

| S. No. | Tender No. | Brief Description | Qty. | Closing Date |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| 01 | 93246122 | Supply, Installation and commissioning of Computerized & fully Automated single car Test Rig for LHB & ICF coaches, technical specification as per annexure attached. | | 04.09.2024 |
| 02 | 93246123 | Supply, and commissioning of automatic computerized rake test rig (SCADA based) as per annexure attached. | | 04.09.2024 |

NOTE- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details 2. No manual offer will be entertained

water bills and sets up nos to report errors

MCG withdraws faulty

GURGAON: MCG recently issued faulty water bills amounting to Rs 37,514 to residents in Sector 56. After a few residents brought the issue to MCG's notice, the corporation on Monday withdrew the bills.Moreover, the corporation also issued helpline numbers on Monday for residents to report any discrepancies in the bills."The civic body on Saturday issued water bills amounting to Rs 37,514 to several households in our sector. We have not received the water bills in the last five to six months, and a majority of houses have water meters. We informed the corporation about the issue, and they have now revised our bills. Residents have been issued a flat bill of Rs 150 now. MCG officials told us they will issue water bills based on the reading in our water meters from next month," said Harish Yadav, RWA president of Sector 56.He added, "Officials told us that the MCG had outsourced the work of issuing water bills to a private firm, whose contract got over.

Name Change

hitherto known as Anna Suhat umari D/O: Ramchandar Turn BHANDAR TOLI, VILL-SOGRA PS SIMDEGA, Sikariadanr, Simdega Sikariatand, Jharkhand, 835228 Present adress- HNo -24/55, Gali n Tuqalkabad, delhi, 110019,hav nanged my name and shall her fter be known as Riya Gupta.

PUBLIC NOTICE CLIENT SH. RAJ KUMAR S/O

SH. TARA CHAND R/O HOUSE NO. 5A, KHASRA NO. 59/12, PAL COLONY, RITHALA VILLAGE, ROHI-NI SECTOR-7, NORTH WEST DELHI, DO HEREBY DISOWN HIS WIFE REETU PAL FROM ALL OF HIS MOVABLE/ IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES AND SEVER HIS RELATION FROM THEM DUE TO THEIR MISCONDUCT AND MISBE AVIOUR. THEREFORE, MY CLIENT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSI-BLE FOR ANY OF THEIR ACTS AND OMISSIONS. ANYBODY DEALING WITH THEM WILL DO SO AT HIS/HER OWN RISK & COST. SATNARAIN SHARMA ADVOCATE

Ch. NO. 202, 2ND FLOOR LC BLOCK, ROHINI COURTS DELHI-8

PUBLIC NOTICE

ngh House No-C-49,A BLOCK PHASE-1 GOYLA DAIRY, QUTUE VIHAR, South West Delhi, New Delhi 10071 has disowned/debarred her a relations with her real son namely Suni Pal S/o Rajbir Singh (having UID no 58887832 1920) & his wife Smt Kamlesh w/o Sunil Pal from her mo properties/assets from them, if anyboo eals with them shall do so with the wn costs, risks and consequences f ny acts and deeds whatsoever.

Rahul Yadav Advoca CH NO.741, LAWYERS CHAMBER BLOCK, DWARKA COURTS COM PLEX, NEW DELHI-11007 MOB: 880241517

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client (1) Pawan Mittal & Sons (HUF) through its Karta Mr. Pawan Mittal (having 75% share) & (2) Mr. Jai Bansal (having 25% share) are the owner of Leasehold Residential Property Bearing No. Residential Property Bearing No. XV/1770, Area measuring 166 283 Sq. Yds., Out of Khasra No. 435, Situated at Pratap Street, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi 110055. By Virtue, Sale Deed dated 29.11.2022 vide Doc. No. 11249, Vol No. 19686, Book No. 1, Pages No 171-184, SR - III, New Delhi. in the chain documents below mentioned documents not available i.e. (1) SMC of Late Mr. Jagdish Singh Bawa, (2) SMC of Late Mr. Dharam Pal Singh Bawa, (3) Probate Order of Reg WILL dated 25.03.2019, (4) SMC Late Mr. Rajinder Singh Bawa, (Probate order of Regd. Family WIL dated 01.08.2017 now our client in declaring that that any other Person property, and Third Floor with roo rights Sold too be Mr. Hardeep Singt and same has been finance Tate Capital Housing Finance Limited Uttam Nagar New Delhi. If any per against the said property, contact t undersigned along with supportin documents within 07 days from th date of publication of this notice ar or 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Nitin Thukral, S/O Rakesh Kumar,R/O134 E-BLOCK, PHASE-1, Jaivihar, PO: Najafgarh, South West Delhi, Delhi 110043, declare that name of m father has been wrongly written RAKESH THUKRAL in my 10th and 12th class educational document, The actual name of my father is RAKESH KUMAR, respectively which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

mv client Sh. Angad Upadhyay, S/o Sh Ashok Upadhyay R/o RZF-1138, R/S, 1st Floor, Lohiya Marg, Raj Nagar Parl 02, Palam Colony, South West Delhi Delhi-110077 have severed all his relations with his younger brother namely Sh. Anup Upadhyay S/o Sh. Asho Jpadhyay and have disowned him from all his moveable and immovable proper ties, as he is not under the control of n above said client. Any person dealing with the above said Anup Upadhyay shall be doing so at his/her/their ov shall not be responsible for his act(s) DINESH KLIMAR MEENA Advoca

CH. NO. 752, DWARKA COURTS SEC-10, NEW DELHI-79

Lost and found

Suhaana Apartment Near BMS I College, Harohalli, Attur, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064 Have lost my Original Post Graduation Diploma Of Business Management From IMT Distance & Open Learning nstitute Of Ghaziabad Enrollment No 22101008 Session July 2002, missin my Documents at Sector -4 Market Owarka, Delhi, Already Online Police Report Submit LR No:2004015/2024 missing at Dwarka, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE formation is given to general pub

lic at large that our clients Pirama Capital & Housing Finance Limited was financed the said Plot no. 16, Block-M, Bhadrbad Marg Yogna 3rd Phase Shivalik Nagar Pargana Jwalapur Haridwar Uttarakhand. Vide loan no. 00000481, along with under custody (1) Original Sale Deed dated 22.12.2006 in favour of Sh. Manoj Dumra & Smt. Shash Dumra, (2) Original Sale Deed dated 23.10.2006 in favour of Sh. Sudesh Malhotra, (3) Original Sale Deed 06.01.2005 in favour of Smt Kaushalya Devi, (4) Original Sale Deed dated 31.03.2004 in favour of Sh. Trilok Chand Singhal, (5) Original Sale Deed dated 06.05.1998 in favour of Sh. Sudhi Prakash Saxena, (6) Original Sale Deed dated 12.08.1997 in favour of Sh. Rajeev Lochan, (7) Origina GPA dated 17.04.2003 in favour of GPA dated 17.04.2003 in rayour of Sh. J. K. Singhal & (8) Origina Possession Certificate dated 21.08.1997 in favour of Sh. Rajib Lochan Bhatt and same were sub-mitted with Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited by Smt Shashi Bala , The documents were misplaced from the possession of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited and online FIR Reference No - LR No. 2004158/2024 already 06.08.2024 P.S. Crim Branch Delh and any persons found / received the above-mentioned property doc than to be informed to Pirama Capital & Housing Finance Limited Branch: Noida-16 Uttar Pradesh. or [NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]

F-211,sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 09958871432

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sr. DMM/NS/LP/93246122 & 93246123/2024 Date: 05.08.2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NEWS BOX

Tunisian court sentences 4 presidential hopefuls to jail, bars them from polls

Tunis. A Tunisian court on Monday sentenced four potential presidential election candidates to eight months in prison and banned them from running for office on a charge of vote buying, politicians and a lawyer told Reuters, a move they said was aimed at excluding serious competitors of President Kais Saied. The ruling reinforces the fears of opposition parties, candidates and human rights groups who have accused authorities of using arbitrary restrictions and intimidation in order to ensure the reelection of Saied in a vote set for Oct. 6. The decision was issued against prominent politician Abdel Latif Mekki, activist Nizar Chaari, Judge Mourad Massoudi and another candidate, Adel Dou, said lawyer Mokthar Jmai. Ahmed Nafatti, the manager of Mekki's campaign, said they still planned to submit his candidacy papers on Tuesday."The decision is unfair and unjust, and aims to exclude a serious player from the race," Nafatti said."It is a shocking rule, it aims to keep us away from running for the race after a series of restrictions," Chaari told Reuters. Another court late on Monday sentenced Abir Moussi, also a prominent opponent of Saied, to two years in prison, on a charge of insulting the election commission, local Mosaigue radio reported. Last month, a court sentenced Lotfi Mraihi, a potential presidential election candidate and fierce critic of Saied, to eight months in prison on a charge of vote buying. It also banned him from running in presidential elections.

Elected in 2019, Saied dissolved parliament in 2021 and began ruling by decree in a move the opposition described as a coup. He has said he will not hand over power to what he calls "non-patriots." Opposition parties, many of whose leaders are in prison, have accused Saied's government of exerting pressure on the judiciary to crack down on his rivals in the 2024 elections and pave the way for him to win a second term. Saied has denied placing any restrictions on rivals.

'There are no restrictions on potential candidates for the presidential elections... this is nonsense and lies," Saied told reporters on Monday after submitting his official candidacy file.

Indonesian man, 45, kills neighbour who kept asking him why he wasn't married

World. A man in Indonesia allegedly killed his neighbour after he was upset and annoyed by the latter constantly asking him why he was not married, The Straits Times reported. The incident happened on July 29 in South Tapanuli regency, located in North Sumatra. Parlindungan Siregar, 45, went to the home of Asgim Irianto, a 60-year-old retired civil servant, at about 8 pm and started attacking him with a piece of wood without any warning.Local media, citing Assistant Police Commissioner Maria Marpaung, reported that the details of the attack were based on a statement by Asgim Irianto's wife.

The 60-year-old barged out of his house and into the street after the sudden attack, but he was chased by Parlindungan Siregar - who struck a heavy blow to the victim's head. After Asgim Irianto's fell to the ground, the 45-year-old allegedly beat his neighbour to death.

Residents in the neighbourhood jumped in and eventually stopped the attack before rushing Asgim Irianto to the hospital. However, the 60-year-old died on the way, Assistant Police Commissioner Maria Marpaung said.Parlindungan Siregar was arrested within an hour of the attack, local media reported. During questioning, he told the police that he was determined to beat Asgim Irianto to death because he was hurt by how often the 60-year-old would quip and ask why he was not married. Prior to the attack, the two reportedly also had arguments when the chickens they separately owned went to the other's coop, local media reported.

US Supreme Court rejects bid to lift Trump's gag order in hush money case

Washington. The Supreme Court on Monday shut down a long-shot push from Missouri to remove a gag order in former President Donald Trump's hushmoney case and delay his sentencing in New York. The Missouri attorney general went to the high court with the unusual request to sue New York after the justices granted Trump broad immunity from prosecution in a separate case filed in Washington. The order states that Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito would have allowed Republican Andrew Bailey to file the suit, though not grant his push to quickly lift the gag order and delay sentencing. Bailey argued the New York gag order, which Missouri wanted stayed until after the election, wrongly limits what the GOP presidential nominee can say on the campaign trail around the country, and Trump's eventual sentence could affect his ability to trave."The actions by New York have created constitutional harms that threaten to infringe the rights of Missouri's voters and electors," he wrote. Bailey railed against the charges as politically motivated as he framed the issue as a conflict between two states. While the Supreme Court typically hears appeals, it can act as a trial court in state conflicts. Those disputes, though, typically deal with shared borders or rivers that cross state lines.New York, meanwhile, said the limited gag order does allow Trump to talk about the issues important to voters, and the sentence may not affect his movement at all. Democratic New York Attorney General Letitia James argued that appeals are moving through state courts and there's no state-onstate conflict that would allow the Supreme Court to weigh in at this point."Allowing Missouri to file this suit for such relief against New York would permit an extraordinary and dangerous end-run around former President Trump's ongoing state court proceedings," she wrote. Trump is under a gag order imposed at trial after prosecutors raised concerns about Trump's habit of attacking people involved in

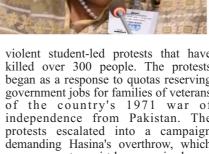
Exiled author Taslima Nasreen's barb at Sheikh Hasina after flight from Bangladesh

Exiled Bangladeshi author Taslima Nasreen accused Sheikh Hasina of allowing Islamist groups to grow and enabling corruption, which she claims ultimately led to the former Prime Minister's downfall.

World Exiled Bangladeshi author Taslima Nasreen pointed to the ironic twist in Sheikh Hasina's resignation as Bangladesh Prime Minister and flight from the country after weeks of violent anti-government protests.An outspoken critic of religious fundamentalism, Nasreen accused Hasina of pandering to Islamists. She claimed that the same Islamists who forced her exile were now part of the student-led agitation that drove Hasina out of Bangladesh. In a post on X, Nasreen said, "Hasina in order to please Islamists threw me out of my country in 1999 after I entered Bangladesh to see my mother in her deathbed and never allowed



me to enter the country again. The same Islamists have been in the student movement who forced Hasina to leave the country today."Nasreen was forced to leave Bangladesh in 1994 due to death threats from fundamentalist groups over her best-selling book 'Lajja', which was banned in the country. She has been living in exile since then. Hasina's resignation and escape from Bangladesh came amid



Pakistan. Army must not rule. Political parties should bring democracy &

secularism (sic)," she wrote. Sheikh Hasina, 76, fled the country in a military aircraft and landed at the Hindon airbase near Delhi, where she was met by India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. Shortly after her departure, Bangladesh's army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman announced Hasina's resignation in a televised address and said an interim government would be formed. The chaos following Hasina's exit resulted in hundreds of protesters breaking into her official residence in Dhaka, expressing their frustration with her 15year rule by looting, vandalising and running amok.

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blind eye to corruption, which ultimately

led to her downfall."Hasina had to resign

and leave the country. She was

responsible for her situation. She made

Islamists to grow. She allowed her people

to involve in corruption. Now

Bangladesh must not become like

violent student-led protests that have killed over 300 people. The protests began as a response to quotas reserving government jobs for families of veterans of the country's 1971 war of independence from Pakistan. The protests escalated into a campaign demanding Hasina's overthrow, which was met with a violent crackdown.Nasreen blamed Hasina for

Kamala Harris officially secures Democratic presidential nomination: Report

World US Vice President Kamala Harris formally secured the Democratic Party's presidential nomination on Monday, becoming the first woman of colour to lead a majority party ticket in the November elections, The Associated Press reported. The nomination of Harris, 59, who became the first female Vice President in America's history in the 2020 elections, became official after a five-day online voting by the Democratic National Convention delegates concluded on Monday night.On July 2, Democratic National Committee Chair Jaime Harrison said that Kamala Harris had secured adequate Democratic delegate votes to become the party's nominee for president. The US Vice President also acknowledged the same on X, saying she was "honoured" to be the Democratic nominee for the November presidential elections.

"I will officially accept the nomination



people coming together, fueled by love of country, to fight for the best of who we are," she tweeted.Kamala Harris began her presidential campaign in a frenzy following the surprising exit from the White House race by US President Joe Biden, who endorsed her for the top job. The 81-year-old President had been facing severe pressure to drop out of the presidential race after a dismal debate performance against Donald Trump in June. Kamala Harris and her team, however, worked rapidly to secure the backing of as

many as 1,976 Democratic delegates - needed to officially clinch the nomination. According to a survey by The Associated Press, the 59year-old US Vice President locked down the necessary commitments a mere 32 hours after Biden's announcement.

Though the online nomination by delegates was held remotely, the Democratic National Convention said that a ceremonial roll call would be held at the event, set to be kicked

off on August 19 in Chicago.Meanwhile, the mystery over Kamala Harris's running mate deepens ahead of her announcement of the selection on Tuesday. According to news agency Reuters, she has narrowed down to two finalists - both Governors - Tim Walz of Minnesota and Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania.She is slated to appear for the first time with her running mate at a public event at the Temple University in Philadelphia on

million onto Florida beach World Over \$1 million (nearly Rs 9 crore) worth of cocaine washed up on a beach in Florida after tropical storm Debby hammered the state with

Tropical storm Debby

blows cocaine worth \$1

torrential rain and strong winds. After making landfall as a Category 1 hurricane early on Monday morning, it carried more than two dozen 70-pound packages of cocaine ashore as winds exceeded 80 miles (288 km/hour) per hour, the New York Post reported, citing the US Border Patrol. Taking to X, US Border Patrol Acting Chief Samuel Briggs II shared pictures of the cocaine packages, which it said were discovered by a citizen who then informed the authorities."Hurricane Debby blew 25 packages of cocaine (70 lbs) onto a beach in the Florida Keys. Good Samaritan discovered the drugs & contacted authorities. US Border



Patrol seized the drugs, which have a street value of over \$1 million dollars," Briggs tweeted. The packages carried a glowing red triangular symbol on them. The citizen discovered the drugs - concealed in a garbage bag - among seaweed, leaves and other scraps that washed up on the beach. This is not the first time that cocaine and other drug packages washed up ashore on southern Florida beaches. In June, a beachgoer in search of sea turtle nests at a north Florida beach stumbled upon \$4 million worth of cocaine bricks, New York Post reported. Debby, meanwhile, battered the state on Monday, leading to at least four deaths, including a 13-year-old boy who was crushed after a tree fell on his family's mobile home. Several homes were flooded, prompting the rescue of hundreds. Record rain caused flash flooding with up to 76 centimetres possible in some regions, the National Hurricane Center said, The Associated Press reported. It has since been downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm, and turned its direction towards Georgia.

Nepal tightens security along India border in wake of Bangladesh unrest

- Nepal has ramped up security measures along its border with <u>India after the ouster of</u> Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, fearing potential infiltration. The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued directives to security personnel to remain vigilant and prevent unauthorised entries.

Kathmandu Nepal on Monday stepped up security at its border with India following ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Bangladesh, fearing a potential infiltration of citizen from the violence-hit country. The Ministry of Home Affairs instructed security agencies to adopt high alertness along the border to prevent unauthorised entry through international border



areas, police said. According to the police, the Home Ministry directed the security personnel deployed for border security to take extra precautions to prevent such infiltration.All security personnel deployed in the border areas have been instructed through circulars to closely monitor and take measures against potential illegal entries and activities from third countries," said a senior

instructed to remain high on alert from Kakarbhitta in the East to Lumbini in the West, the official said. In the past, groups of Rohingyas illegally entered Nepal via the Mechi Bridge and other entry points, finally reaching Kathmandu following a military takeover in Myanmar. Bangladesh descended into chaos as Prime Minister Hasina surreptitiously resigned and

official. They have been

fled the country in a military aircraft while the army stepped in to fill the power vacuum.

As the news of Hasina's departure spread, hundreds broke into her residence, vandalising and looting the interiors, providing dramatic expression to the anti-government protests that have killed more than 300 people in a fortnight.

Violent UK protesters will face 'full force of the law', says PM Keir Starmer

Following the fatal stabbing of three girls in Southport, anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim protests have erupted across the UK. PM Keir Starmer assures that those involved in violence will face severe legal consequences.

London British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said violent protesters who had targeted Muslim communities would swiftly face the "full force of the law" as he sought to quell days of antiimmigration rioting.

The fatal stabbing of three young girls in the northwest English town of Southport last week has been seized on by antiimmigrant and anti-Muslim groups, with disinformation spread online and amplified by high-profile far-right figures to spark disorder in towns and cities."Whatever the apparent motivation, this is not protest, it is pure violence and we will not tolerate attacks on mosques or

our Muslim communities," Starmer said on Monday after an emergency meeting with police and prison chiefs."The full force of law will be visited on all those who are identified as having taken part." Police chiefs said they had arrested 378 people since the start of the unrest and warned of "lengthy prison terms" for

The violence erupted last Tuesday after social media posts said the suspected attacker in Southport was a radical Islamist who had just arrived in Britain and was known to intelligence services.

those found guilty of violent disorder.

Police say the 17-year-old suspect was born in Britain and they are not treating it as a terrorist incident. The suspect's parents had moved to Britain from Rwanda.Interior minister Yvette Cooper said rioters had felt "emboldened ... to stir up racial hatred" and that the protests were not a proportionate response to concerns about near-record levels of immigration."Reasonable people ... do police," she said. Protests, mostly involving a few hundred people, have continued across the country, with shops looted and mosques and Asian-owned



businesses attacked. Cars have been set on fire and some unverified videos on social media have shown ethnic minorities being beaten up. Australia and Nigeria were among countries to issue warnings on Monday to citizens resident in or travelling to Britain.On Monday evening, protests spread to Plymouth in southwest England. Several hundred anti-immigration protesters wearing English and British flags faced off against a greater number of counter-protesters, kept apart by police in riot gear.

not pick up bricks and throw them at the Protesters threw bricks and fireworks and scuffled with police. Sky News said three police officers were injured.In Rotherham, northern England, protesters on Sunday tried to break into a hotel that

housed asylum seekers in what Starmer called an act of "far-right thuggery", following protests on Saturday in other English cities and in Belfast.Starmer said a "standing army" of specialist police officers would tackle outbreaks of violence where needed.Northern Ireland's assembly will end its summer break a day early to discuss the

POLICE BLAME ONLINE DISINFORMATION

Police have blamed online disinformation, amplified by high-profile figures for driving the violence.

Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, known by the pseudonym Tommy Robinson and previously the leader of the defunct anti-Islam English Defence League, has been blamed by media for spreading misinformation to his 875,000 followers on X.They are lying to you all," Yaxley-Lennon said. "Attempting to turn the nation against me. I need you, you are my voice."Elon Musk, the owner of X, also weighed in. Responding to a post on X that blamed mass migration and open borders for the disorder in Britain, he wrote: "Civil war is inevitable.

Bypolls certain in state: KTR on defector MLAs

Hyderabad. BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Monday said defected MLAs will be made responsible for their actions and bypolls will be inevitable in Telangana.

The former minister, after having consultations with legal experts in Delhi, told reportes that either Telangana high court or Supreme Court might give directions on the issue within a

"The defected MLAs will be made accountable for their actions, during the bypolls," he remarked. Rama Rao stated BRS would pursue its case based on professional advice and legal precedents. He claimed that Congress was promoting defections to weaken the spirit of the Constitution and that courts would soon teach them a lesson. tnn

Former minister KTR and BRS MLAs evicted out of assembly by marshalsBRS MLAs were forcibly removed from the assembly by marshals after protesting against chief minister A Revanth Reddy's comments and squatting in front of his chamber. The MLAs, including former minister K T Rama Rao, demanded an apology from the CM over remarks made towards Sabitha Indra Reddy. They were later released at the BRS party headquarters.

BRS leader KT Rama Rao, party workers detained for protesting against Telangana CM Revanth ReddyBRS leaders, including KT Rama Rao, were detained after staging a protest in the Telangana Assembly against derogatory remarks made by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy towards female opposition members. The protest disrupted discussions on a bill, leading to significant proceedings being affected. Tensions between BRS and Congress have escalated, with BRS calling for statewide protests.

Seven locations identified for Bengaluru's second airport

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BENGALURU. IndusTries Minister MB Patil said seven locations have been identified for the proposed second airport in Bengaluru and a meeting will be held with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday to discuss submitting an application to the Airports Authority of India (AAI).Patil and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar held a meeting to discuss the second airport with IDeCK [Infrastructure Development Corporation (Karnataka) Limited] and Boston Consultancy Group on Monday. Visual presentations prepared by both entities were reviewed during the meeting.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Patil said initially IDeCK had identified nine potential sites for the airport, but two were dropped due to non-feasibility. "We will submit the application to the AAI, detailing all seven identified locations. AAI officials will then visit the sites to assess feasibility. The final decision will be based on factors such as passenger density, connectivity, industrial growth, cargo potential and environmental considerations like the presence of rivers, hills and biodiversity," Patil noted.

Emphasising that the decision on the location will not be based on political considerations, the minister said it will be



set by the AAI as well as the overall development of Karnataka, including

Shivakumar stated that Patil has already held several rounds of meetings with various stakeholders regarding the construction of the second airport for Bengaluru. The government aims to complete the second airport by 2033, he added.Advocate General Shashikirana Shetty, Finance Department Additional Chief Secretary LK Atheeq, Urban Development Department ACS Umashankar, Infrastructure Development Secretary Manjula, and other officials were present at the meeting.

Don't panic, bet on resilient eco, stay invested: Experts

Mumbai. Are you investing in the market regularly in a disciplined manner to achieve your financial goals? If so, there is no reason for you to panic and start liquidating part or all of your portfolio amid stock meltdown. That's the suggestion from top fund managers and financial advisors for investors in India.

Over the past three decades, the Indian market has gone through several bouts of sharp selling, some influenced by external factors while others by local issues. Yet, over the last 30 years, the sensex has moved up by nearly 22.5 times with a compounded annual growth rate of 11%. In the intervening period, the markets have seen the South Asian crisis, the dot-com bubble that burst, the sub-prime issues-led global financial crisis and the pandemic-led global selloff.

The current selloff is on the back of a three-year high unemployment rate in the US, the sudden strengthening of the Japanese yen leading to losses in the forex speculators and geopolitical crisis in West Asia.

'Long term investors should not be deterred by such global uncertainties. Market downturns should be viewed as an opportunity and the focus should be on a broader investment horizon," said A Balasubramanian, MD & CEO, Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund. "The focus should remain on the broader investment horizon of 10-15 years, leveraging the solid fundamentals of the Indian economy and its companies."

Despite a host of negative global economic fundamentals in the post-pandemic years, the Indian economy has shown strong resilience. The strength of the Indian economy should see Indian investors through the current crisis too, fund managers said.

'While possibility of a US recession is bad for equity market sentiment in general, and will lead to corrections across equities across the global markets, the markets where the domestic economy is stronger can be expected to rebound faster than others," said Sandeep Bagla, CEO, Trust MF. "The Indian economy is likely to be more resilient than other smaller economies and hence investors could look to add to market corrections."

Fund managers said that investing through the systematic investment route is the best for long term investors. "Long-term investments should continue, especially through SIPs, to build a resilient portfolio," Balasubramanian said. However, there's a word of caution from the fund managers as well: They should not expect very high returns, something that the markets have given in the recent past.

Dont panic, bet on resilient economy, stay invested: ExpertsFinancial advisors urged investors to stay calm despite the recent market downturn due to global uncertainties like US unemployment. Japanese yen strengthening, and West Asian geopolitical issues. Over the past 30 years, the Indian market has grown significantly.

Chaos erupts at Odisha CM's grievance hearing as hundreds jostle for registration



grievance hearing of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, which resumed at the designated CM's grievance cell at Unit-V here after a brief hiatus, recorded

BHUBANESWAR. The weekly public A large number of people from different of people, including a woman, fell on the parts of the city lined up outside the grievance cell for registration that began at 8 am and continued till 12 pm. The A senior cop said the incident took place as huge rush near one of the gates of the cell led to a chaotic situation as over a dozen

ground. However, police managed to bring the situation under control soon.

some people jostled with one another to reach the registration counter first.

DCP Prateek Singh said adequate police force has been deployed at the CM's grievance cell while people are also being

police personnel present on the spot.

However, it was handled smoothly by the

guided to make the registration process smooth and hassle-free. Police sources said a new and suitable place

having adequate space is also being identified for grievance hearing of the

On the day, Chief Minister Majhi started listening to the grievances of people in presence of deputy CM Pravati Parida and six ministers from 10 am to 5 pm. Officials of the CMO said 2,403 grievances were registered and 5,000 people met the chief minister at the grievance cell.

Grievance hearing was also held by three ministers at the BJP's office here on the day. Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan, Higher Education and Sports Minister Suryabanshi Suraj and Industries and Skill Development Minister Sampad Swain chaired the grievance hearing at the party office.

an unprecedented rush on Monday.

Surat diamond firm announces 10-day 'vacation' for 50,000 staff

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demand and growing inventories of domestic players, a diamond firm in Gujarat Monday announced a 10-day vacation for its 50,000 employees to control the production.

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Surat. Amid a fall in the global The diamond manufacturers have day holiday so that the been facing hurdles after the USimposed sanctions on Russianorigin diamonds and the G-7 countries announced a ban on the same following the Russia- He said: "The price of polished Ukraine war in 2022.

Lakhani told The Indian Express, "Currently, the diamond industry is going through a bad patch...a recession period... as there is no demand for polished diamonds globally. We have declared a 10-

production of diamonds can be controlled. Such a decision was taken for the first time in the company's history.'

diamonds has gone down globally and it has become difficult for diamond De Beers had earlier reported a 15 manufacturers to run their business. If the supply is controlled, the demand will grow and it will benefit the industry. " Normally, the diamond factories

go on long vacations during Diwali. The Kiran Gems, with an annual turnover of Rs 17,000 crore, is also among the sight holders (authorised buyer of rough diamonds) of De Beers, one of the leading diamond companies globally.

per cent reduction in rough diamond production in the second quarter ending June this year compared to the first quarter, citing "higher than

normal" inventories as one of the reasons."Over 50,000 diamond polishers work in my firm out of which 40,000 cut and polish natural diamonds while 10,000 work in the lab-grown diamond

We are also looking to compensate diamond polishers for the vacation days. If other diamond companies collectively take a similar decision, the production can be controlled and it will help the industry," Lakhani said.



The PAC has entrusted Opposition Leader V D Satheesan with the task of discussing with the state government the execution of the project.

PAC takes stock of RaGa's promise of 100 houses for Wayanad landslide survivors

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. An online meeting of the Congress party's high-power Political Affairs Committee (PAC) took place on Saturday night to plan on how to execute the project of providing 100 houses to the Wayanad landslide survivors as promised by Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. With AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi set to contest the by-election from Wayanad Lok Sabha seat, the rehabilitation of the victims is going to be a herculean task as well as a prestigious issue for the Congress.

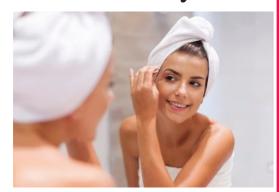
At the PAC meeting, K C Venugopal MP, AICC general secretary (organisation), had urged the committee members to maintain secrecy about the project details of the Wayanad package at this juncture. This saw many leaders remaining tight-lipped about the PAC meeting which solely discussed the package. The PAC has entrusted Opposition Leader V D



Satheesan with the task of discussing with the state government the execution of the project. During Rahul and Priyanka's two-day visit to Chooralmala and Mundakkai villages in Wayanad, the former had promised to provide 100 homes to the landslide survivors. But party sources revealed that there are more projects on the anvil aimed at providing normal lives to those people currently living in

A senior Congress leader told that in the wake of the twin landslides, the Election Commission of India (ECI) is most likely to announce the by-election date only towards the end of this year. Earlier, speculation was rife that the ECI would announce the by-election dates immediately after the budget session of the Parliament concludes on August 12. "Due to the Wayanad disaster, the by-elections in Wayanad Lok Sabha and Palakkad and Chelakkara Assembly constituencies are most likely to be held only in the sixth month before the term expires," said a senior Congress leader. However, a senior Congress MP exuded confidence that voters will definitely make a beeline to the polling booths as and when the election is announced.

Have you come across the TikTok viral #eyebrowblindness trend Learn what MUAs have to say



The Internet is always celebrating one trend or the other, be it dewy skin, glossy lips or rosy cheeks. Once again, eyebrows are under the spotlight, and this time, it's not for a good cause. This recent trend going viral on Tik Tok has people recounting their eyebrow-shaping experiences throughout the years- while some cringe at their boxy, or soap-feathered brows, others regret having jumped on the bandwagon instead of understanding their face shape.Indianexpress.com spoke to makeup artists to understand their take on the viral #eyebrowblindness trend and found out what people should keep in mind when it comes to getting their brows done henceforth."Eyebrow blindness is the unawareness or lack of understanding about the importance of properly grooming and maintaining one's eyebrows. We are not against eyebrow grooming practices such as shaping or microblading. However, it is crucial to be mindful when choosing a technician," said Sneha Charan, Founder of The Top Knot Makeup Studio, Lucknow. Ensure you check the quality of the products used, maintain proper hygiene, and receive a thorough consultation on the appropriate shape of eyebrow and how it suits your face structure," she said. "This trend will certainly see a change in the audiences mindset. Content creators will also have to be conscious of what they would like to give to their community. Followers are now going to start, at a very subconscious level, to think if this is really what they need to add to their beauty and then take a call on following it," shared Preeya, makeup artist and Co-Founder of Tvesate. According to her, this viral trend is going to ignite that consciousness in people to ensure they don't have to fall prey to everything that is happening on a digital platform. Is it safe to follow eyebrow trends?

"Eyebrows have changed shapes through every single decade. Thin brows of the 00's moved to thick defined brows in the 10's and later moved to feathery brows. Most of these trends have come back from the retro times as well. As long as the person trying the trend is mindful of the change it can give them and is fully cognizant of whether it suits them or not, then it's absolutely ok to try,' shared Preeya. The key is to be in full understanding of your own style preference and take guidance from a professional or an expert, she added. Agreeing with Preeya, Charan shared that when in doubt, seek guidance from a professional makeup artist or dermatologist. They can recommend safe products and techniques and provide advice tailored to your specific

skin type and needs.Before trying any trend, do some research to understand its origins, safety considerations, and the experiences of others who have tried it. This can help you make an informed decision and avoid potential pitfalls," she said. Charan advised that not every trend will suit everyone. "It's important to embrace your unique features and preferences. Don't feel pressured to follow trends just because they are popular; choose what makes you feel comfortable and confident," she added.

Hard questions before Sri Lanka's presidential poll

EDITORIAL

Sri Lanka has experienced unprecedented hardships in the past two years. There has been political and economic turmoil. Do voters actually trust the 'normalcy' presented as the reality?

Political battle lines are being drawn as Sri Lanka prepares to elect the country's 10th executive president on September 21. The election secretariat will accept nominations on August 15 for one of the toughest political battles, the first to be held after the island's economic collapse.

The government has played coy for long, employing delaying tactics despite elections being due. First, the local authorities' elections due in 2023 were postponed citing lack of funds. Next, a fundamental rights petition that sought an order to halt a presidential election until the Supreme Court delivers its interpretation on the date of the presidential poll was dismissed by a five-member bench. The government recently introduced the 22nd

Amendment to the Constitution, viewed as a blatant attempt to postpone polls. Days ago, the government suffered a significant setback when court granted leave to proceed for nine FR petitions that challenged the appointment of an IGP without due process and issued an interim order restraining him from functioning as IGP. There is a massive gulf between 2020 and the 2024 elections. Gotabaya Rajapaksa rode a wave of nationalistic hype to be elected in 2020. This enthusiasm was swiftly doused when the island was hit by an unprecedented financial crisis, the worst in postindependence. The crashing economy brought other concerns to the fore; food, fuel, electricity, essential drugs, fertiliser and livelihoods, quickly replacing the nationalistic fervour with daily needs. Despite the increasing popularity of the left-leaning National Peoples' Power (NPP), there's little hype around the

and the capacity for course correction. The prospects before them don't augur well. At present, Sri Lanka is currently on survival mode, staying afloat thanks to a bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This has allowed a false sense of normalcy to prevail and lull a section of the island's urban middle class, following President Wickremesinghe's success in securing a debt restructuring agreement. The crisis president

was elected by the parliament to serve the remaining

2024 polls. People are expected to elect a president

who can redeem the debt-strapped island from the

damning state of bankruptcy, a leader with foresight

the forthcoming polls will be President Ranil Wickremesinghe, opposition leader Sajith Premadasa and Anura Kumara Dissanayake, who leads the NPP. A former army commander and a 2010 presidential candidate Sarath Fonseka and Minister of Justice Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe too have joined the fray. Fonseka was a member of Premadasa's Samagi Jan Balawegaya (SJB) and Rajapakshe until last week served on Wickremesinghe's cabinet. The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna that swept into power just four years ago found their political fortunes dwindling. In the face of economic hardships, people quickly turned against the Rajapaksas and brought them down, which increased ground support for the NPP.



Wickremesinghe is both credited and criticised at the same time for securing emergency support for Sri Lanka through effective negotiations with multilateral lenders and China, to buy Sri Lanka a breather. However, his neoliberal economic policies are trusted only by some but are critiqued for not containing a long-term solution. They fault the 'fixing method' for perpetuating debt, increased loss of livelihoods, crippling taxation driving brain drain, crippling austerity measures, increasing poverty and food inflation, while no plans are afoot to increase investments, exports and revolutionise the economy. Even those aligned with his economic policies are perplexed by his authoritarian streak, not only in cracking dissent but also the suffocating taxation. period of Rajapaksa's term. The main contenders at Over time, NPP's Anura Dissanayake has emerged as the island's most popular political figure. The party's popularity soared along with the 2022 public agitations that saw President Rajapaksa being forced to quit. There is also sizeable support for Premadasa and the SJB, making it a tripartite contest.

While Sri Lankan voters are known for electing people on the basis of class, ethnicity, religion, caste and old loyalties or rhetoric, it is evident there is voter fatigue. People are tired of voting the political elite in cycles to gain the same outcome. There is increasing support for a political change among many people, to break the two-party cycle. While some express their desire for stability and conservative choices, others look for a political overhaul and a course correction. Only the coming weeks will show how these two camps increase their support base.

> But the choice before the voters this September is beyond a matter of popularity—or even ideology. It will have to rest in realism. This choice, despite the bleak options available, will decide the future of Sri Lanka. The political establishment too has been notified that people's aspirations need to be aligned to secure a mandate. This makes it that much difficult for a single party to muster a simple majority.

ri Lanka has experienced unprecedented hardships in the past two years. There had been political and economic turmoil. Do voters actually trust the 'normalcy' presented

as the reality? Are they prepared to be hit by another financial shock soon, and to have this bubble burst, as it would? Are people ready to bear more taxes and food inflation as the painful IMF road is traversed?

The question will be, do people accept the current status quo? Or are Sri Lankans ready for a political overhaul and going through hard times (an easy prediction) for an economic, socio-political reset, which is what the NPP is offering? Do people know what formula may actually work for the island and make a genuine contribution towards economic building? If the choice is different and an overhaul, this would call for more sacrifices by the people. Is the nation ready? What will be the nation's answer to debt servicing and pivoting economic growth, the twin monumental tasks before any future leader?

J&K at a crossroads

Five years after Art 370 abrogation, challenges persist

IT's been five years since the Centre took the landmark decision to abolish Article 370 and bifurcate the state of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories. According to the government, the reorganisation was aimed at 'fully integrating' J&K and Ladakh into the national mainstream and ensuring that the people of these UTs were not deprived of constitutional rights and benefits of Central laws that were being enjoyed by residents of other parts of the country. The ruling BJP has often showcased the abrogation as the panacea for all ills plaguing J&K, but things have not turned out that way. The state-turned-UT finds itself at a crossroads today, awaiting the restoration of statehood as well as the resumption of Assembly elections. In December last year, the Supreme Court had upheld the

constitutional validity of the decision to abrogate Article 370, giving the Centre a leg up months before the Lok



Sabha polls. At the same time, the court had directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to hold the Assembly elections in J&K by September 30. With this deadline fast

approaching, a high-level ECI team is set to visit the region later this week to review poll preparedness. A major challenge for the authorities is to provide a peaceful environment for the electoral exercise amid a spate of terror attacks that have targeted soldiers as well as civilians in recent months. What has added to the anxiety and uncertainty is the reluctance of the government to specify a time frame for restoring statehood, even as the move to grant more powers to the Lieutenant Governor has riled anti-BJP parties. The Centre is making efforts to put J&K on the path of all-round development, but crossborder terrorism and the failure to take the regional political leadership along continue to obstruct the course of long-term peace

and normalcy. Having all stakeholders on board is a must to herald a new dawn in the troubled region.

What is a 'privileged Dalit'? Creamy Layer definition cannot just be economic

The recent judgment of the Supreme Court regarding sub-classification among SC and ST groups vis-a-vis granting reservation raises a more fundamental question. Why do we need reservation for Dalits? I would like to share a snippet from my experience of living with caste. I lived in a rented accommodation as a student in Delhi University. One day, tired of Delhi's water woes, I asked my landlady if I could call somebody and get our water tank cleaned. Unsurprisingly, my landlady replied, "Ab C***r (using a term for members of the Jatav community) tanki mein jayenge aur hamare pani ko ganda karenge?" I was quick to remind her that she used a Dalit's rental money to run her house, yet she thought our touch would "pollute" her water tank. But money, I learnt, is beyond the pale of purity and pollution. And in this instance, money did help me get accommodation—but it stripped me of my dignity.

While caste-based reservation was not meant to be an indefinite constitutional guarantee given by B R Ambedkar to Dalits, it is the most important tool for the social empowerment for the most marginalised. One can argue that there is a need to revisit reservations in the context of changing caste dynamics. And the thought behind the Supreme Court's verdict is noble. However, the question of implementation remains. How do we define who is most marginalised among the marginalised? What are the parameters we intend to put in place to measure marginalisation? Reservation was meant to abolish "untouchability and provide access to justice". The manifestation of untouchability has changed from its physical aspects to more intangible forms. Why are a majority of applicants for academic posts under the SC/ST category declared as "not found suitable"? How many law firms or chartered accountant firms are owned and run by the SC and ST communities? And why do we still have reported cases of deaths from manual scavenging in the country, though the practice has been constitutionally abolished?

Why did a Dalit IPS officer still need police protection to ride a mare as part of a procession in his village in Haryana as recently as 2022? Reservations should eradicate castebased discrimination and none among us will disagree that its benefits should trickle down to the ones who need it the most. In the absence of a clear manual to define the most marginalised, this reform could well end up being manipulated at the state level for electoral and political numbers. The judgment on the issue by a sevenjudge bench in State of Punjab v. Davinder Singh, which affirmed sub-categorisation among SCs, took place in a broader context. Globally, there has been a rise in conservatism, especially in relation to affirmative action. The US Supreme Court in June 2024 held that race-based affirmative action in

higher educational institutions was illegal. The promise of reservations for Dalits in India was that of equality, dignity and justice. This recent judgment made me introspect on whether economic parity puts me on the same pedestal as my fellow upper-caste colleagues. But, tragically, marginalisation is more complex than that: It has a spectrum of privileges and disadvantages experienced by individuals within a society. Marginalisation manifests in various forms, and it is imperative to account for these parameters when assessing and addressing issues of privilege and exclusion to ensure a more equitable approach, rather than reducing it to economic status.



From a social justice perspective, economic progress does not take away the indignity faced by a so-called "privileged Dalit". Sub-classification per se is not bad. However, in India today, it seems to be in direct conflict with the inherent idea and goal of social inclusion. In my experience, mere economic advancement does not guarantee social mobility. We need to ask ourselves: Have our personal spaces in society become safer, more inclusive, and devoid of caste discrimination? No targeting and exclusion of the creamy layer is possible without a caste survey with targeted data collection. We need to charter a discourse based on empirical and anthropological data of every community. What are the defining

parameters which the state will use to determine empirical evidence of the progress of Dalits and who belongs to the creamy layer?States need to do a comprehensive empirical evidence collection and statistical evaluation of substantial data. However, this data collection should not be a mere analysis of the economic advancement and progress of a particular Dalit community. That would be an incomplete analysis. Affirmative actions were envisioned as a mechanism that could provide a level playing field to these communities in the social institutions of education and employment. It was ammunition to help provide political representation, recognise their oppression, redistribute intellectual resources, and social rehabilitation, ultimately resulting in better social standing for these communities. It was aimed at dismantling the

structural and generational privilege that facilitates caste-based discrimination and determines access to a better life.Reservation was a tool to acquire social equity, which was correctly thought to be the precursor to social equality. The facilitation of the acquisition of skills, knowledge, and social connections that would eventually lead to the upward social mobility of oppressed communities were the key factors promoted by reservation policies. It would do well for us to remember that reservation challenges the total hegemony of dominant factions in the society, and what the dilution of this principle would mean for those who continue to be oppressed.





feel appreciated by their partners often hold less Make it quick

to be grateful for. Most feel gratitude, but

seldom relay these feelings to their partners, assuming he or she just knows. Individuals who 50s are more satisfied with their sex lives than

men in their 30s and 40s as it increases the

If your spouse puts you off you now, the future is bleak. According to a study showing that couples view one another as more irritating and demanding, the longer they are together. Researchers asked 800 individuals about their level of negativity towards their partner, children and friends. Spouses and partners took the top slot as the most annoying. And the negative views of spouses tended to increase over time. However, that increase in negativity could be a normal part of relationships.

Be strong

While on the subject of spouses driving one



Pamper your pets with the best care this winter winter sets in, everyone is busy pulling out shawls, coats and heaters out of storage. But for pet lovers, winter care for their furry pals can be a complicated matter. To help their pets in bearing the

If it is too cold for you to stand at the door without your coat, it is probably too cold for your pet as well. Though some breeds have dense undercoats that protect them against very cold temperature these days there are insulated coats available for the other breeds. "As it is cold I purchased coats for my dog and they are quite useful. After all Brownie (her Pomeranian) is also a part of the family," said Rajni Kharbanda, a homemaker. "For some, pet booties, jackets, scarves and caps might seem silly but these come in very handy for protecting your pet from the

harsh winters," she added. Limiting your pet's time outdoors on cold days is certainly the most important

thing to do this winter. And doing that is very easy; just provide your four-legged companion with a warm and cozy indoor shelter. A comfortable chair, basket or even a box is all he needs to make a perfect bed. If keeping your pet indoors doesn't work for you, then make sure that their surroundings are lined with old rugs and linen to keep them

Your pet needs to remain hydrated as he can get dehydrated just as quickly in the winter as summer. The water in the bowl kept outside can turn icy cold and the pet might not feel like drinking it. So keep replenishing the bowl after regular intervals. Another important aspect to keep in mind

is that animals move around lesser during winters and so they need less food to eat.

Dr Dipti Barve, a dentist and proud owner of Alan, a Great Dane and Simba, a Labrador, informed, "Although your pet needs an extra layer to keep warm during winters, they don't need extra layers of fat. In fact, they move around lesser in the winters, so they need a little less food. I always feed my dogs with the highest quality natural pet food available to ensure they have a healthy coat and energy levels during winters."

Your pet won't mind if its cold and dark because he still needs to be taken for a walk. Likewise bathing your pet is also absolutely needed.

t h e o n Nashikites are giving an frequency of giving your pet a extra dose of care bath. Apurva Jain, a student, shared, "I make sure I bathe my pet and spend quality time with him in the mornings so that he gets ample amount of sunshine to dry up." This is important because otherwise your pet will often seek heat by snuggling too close to heating sources like fire places, space heaters and lamps that pose a major threat to them.

Ask your vet

With the increasing number of pets and pet owners, pet grooming has taken centrestage. Priyanka Kharbanda, another pet owner, said "I plan to start a grooming salon and spa services for pets. Dog training

and day care facilities at affordable rates is also the need of the hour." Dr Patil, a vet from the city, informed, "Fever, cough, constant sneezing and nose discharge are the most common problems among cats and dogs during this season. To prevent these, taking utmost care of your pet is necessary." So this winter, make sure your furry friend gets most of your attention and the best perks to stay healthy and enjoy the season.

chilly winters of the city,

to them.

Tough jobs may protect memory

If you hate your job because it requires complex work with other people or data, you may now discard the negative thoughts as researchers have found that complex jobs help people retain their memory and thinking skills even after retirement.

The study found that people who held jobs with higher levels of complexity with data and people, such as management and teaching, had better scores on memory and thinking tests."These results suggest that more stimulating work environments may help people retain their thinking skills, and that this might be observed years after they have retired," said study author Alan Gow from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Our findings have helped to identify the kinds of job

demands that preserve memory and thinking later on," Gow added. For the study, the researchers tested memory and thinking abilities of 1,066 Scottish people with an average age of 70. The tests looked at memory, processing speed and general thinking ability.Researchers also



gathered information about the jobs participants held. The job titles were assigned scores fo the complexity of work with people, data and things. For example, complex jobs might involve coordinating or synthesizing data, while less complex jobs might involve copying or comparing data. In terms of working with others, more complex roles might involve instructing, negotiating or mentoring, while less complex jobs might involve taking instructions or helping. The analysis used levels of complexity according to the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.

Examples of jobs that score highly for the complexity of work with people are: lawyer, social worker, surgeon. Examples of jobs that score highly for the complexity of work with data are: architect, civil engineer, graphic designer or musician.

Temples burnt, houses attacked: How Hindus have become soft targets in Bangladesh

New Delhi. What started as a protest against a quota system for government jobs in Bangladesh has turned into widespread looting and rioting across the country, with the minority community, mainly Hindus, coming under attack. With Sheikh Hasina fleeing to India and an interim government still to be formed, videos of temples being set on fire and houses and businesses of Hindus being attacked have flooded social media. However, at the same time, there have been visuals of Bangladesh's Muslim clerics guarding a Hindu temple in Cumilla.

A report in Bangladesh's Daily Star said houses and business establishments of Hindus were attacked by mobs and their valuables were also looted in at least 27 districts on Monday.

An ISKCON temple in Meherpur, located in Bangladesh's Khulna division, and a Kali temple were vandalised and set on fire."One of our ISKCON centres (rented) in Meherpur was burnt, including the deities of Lord Jagannath, Baladev, and

Subhadra Devi. Three devotees who lived temple in Navgraha Bari in Chittagong in the centre somehow managed to escape being burnt by a violent mob. and survive," ISKCON spokesperson The Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian

Yudhistir Govinda Das tweeted.Hindu councillor Haradhan Roy of the Rangpur City Corporation was also reportedly killed on Sunday in one of the deadliest days since the start of the protest. Another councillor, identified as Kajal Roy, was also reportedly lynched. Over 100 people died on Sunday as protesters called for Sheikh Hasina's resignation and clashed with the police.

The lynching of Haradhan Roy was brought to light by Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister. "As a Bengali Hindu and a descendant of refugees, find this particularly chilling," he tweeted. A video,

shared by a Hindu activist in Bangladesh,

shows a girl in distress pleading for help in

Pirojpur district. Another video shows a

Unity Council, in a post on X, has listed 54 attacks on temples, houses and establishments of the Hindu community. These include the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, which promotes cultural exchange between India and Bangladesh.The widespread attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh are the most severe since 2021, when protests broke out across the country following the visit of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. The violence saw BENGAL WARNED OF INFLUX OF numerous Hindu temples being

Presently, Hindus make up about 8 per cent of Bangladesh's population, or around 13.1 million people. In 1951, the share of Hindus in Bangladesh's population was 22 per cent. As per a report by the Hindu American Foundation, over 11 million Hindus fled Bangladesh due to religious persecution between 1964 and 2013.Monindra Kumar Nath, senior joint general secretary of Oikya

Parishad, a Hindu outfit, said the Hindus were fearing more attacks."They (Hindus) are crying, saying they are being beaten up, and their houses and businesses are being looted. What is our fault? Is it our fault that we are citizens of the country?" Nath told the Daily Star."Where would we go if such

attacks continue here? How can we console the members of the Hindu community?" he further said.

HINDU REFUGEES

With the ouster of Hasina, there is a prospect of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and Jamaat-e-Islami getting a strong foothold in the political sphere, prompting a possible influx of Hindu refugees.India shares a nearly 4,096 km long land and riverine border with Bangladesh.Leader of Opposition in West Bengal Suvendu Adhikari has already warned the Mamata Banerjee-led government of being prepared to give refuge to one crore Hindus from Bangladesh.If this situation doesn't come under control, mentally be prepared to give refuge to one crore Hindu refugees. If the situation is not controlled there, Jamaat and radicals will take control," Adhikari told reporters.BJP leader Sunil Deodhar took to X to stress that the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh should be the priority. "

Anger In Khyber Pass As **Bulldozers Roll On**

New Delhi: The demolition drive at Khyber Pass in north Delhi entered the second day on Monday, with the Land and Development Office (L&DO) asserting that the constructions in the locality were illegal because the land belonged to the defence ministry. The angry residents claimed that they hadn't been given sufficient notice and that they had unjustly been rendered homeless.

Rakesh Kumar, a 62-year-old whose house was demolished on Monday, expressed his disbelief at this sudden turn in his life. Kumar, who has been giving home tuitions to the children in the area for many years, said both his house and source of living were now gone. He is among the hundreds of residents of Khyber Pass in the Civil Lines area who are nw uncertain about their future.Kumar, who was carrying a plastic bag with him, claimed to have all documents about having lived in the locality for the past 70-odd years. "I have documents from the time when my father started living here in 1951. I was born here and have grown old here. I hadn't ever expected it to end like this."At the demolition site on Monday, one could see bulldozers dismantling the buildings that were once home to the distressed people, who stood guarding their household belongings retrieved from the wrecked houses stacked in the open.

Sitting close to her belongings, Sandhya voiced her concerns about her children's education as they were forced to miss their exams due to the demolition of their home. Residents and human rights activists are calling for compensation or rehabilitation to help the people affected by the demolition rebuild their lives.

'My husband is the only bread-earner in the family and we can barely make ends meet with his money. Now the roof is gone from above our heads. I can't even think of what our lives will be like now." Dabbing at moist eyes with her dupatta, Sandhya added, "If they wanted us to vacate the place, they should have just given us enough time and maybe not undertaken the demolitions in the monsoon season. Last night it rained heavily. My children were out in the open and have fallen sick.'

IMD issues 'yellow' alert for light-to-moderate showers

New Delhi: After some areas receiving very light rain on Monday, the city may witness intense rain activity from Tuesday to Thursday. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a 'yellow' alert for light to moderate showers for the period. Safdarjung, the city's base station, recorded 'trace' rainfall along with Palam and Lodhi Road between 8.30am and 5.30pm. Ayanagar logged 1.7mm and Najafgarh 0.5mm rainfall. The cloudy skies with cooler breezes caused the maximum temperature to dip to 33.4 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal and 2.6 degrees lower than Sunday's maximum. The relative humidity oscillated between 70% and 94%. The minimum temperature stood at 26 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal."The monsoon trough is expected to come close to Delhi-NCR along with other weather systems likely to cause rain for the next three days," said an official. IMD has predicted "scattered to fairly widespread rainfall over Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi during the week".

The Met department said light to moderate rain might cause minor traffic disruption on roads, increased chance of vehicle accidents, and water accumulation in low-lying areas and on roads. "Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination and follow traffic advisories," its forecast bulletin stated.

IMD's data reveals that Safdarjung has received 114.1mm of rainfall so far in Aug, with 107.6mm recorded on Aug 1 during an intense spell of heavy rain. The long-period average rainfall for the entire Aug is 233.1mm. July ended on a rain deficit of 3% with 203.7mm rainfall as opposed to the normal 209.7mm.Meanwhile, the AQI improved to 58 in the lower end of the satisfactory category on Monday. Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi said AQI was likely to stay in the same category till Aug 8. India to record above-normal rainfall in August and September: IMDIndia's Meteorological Department predicted above-average rainfall in August and September due to favorable La Nina conditions. Rainfall is expected.

'Cannot be a coincidence': 14 deaths in a month at President Droupadi Murmu Asha Kiran shelter home strange, says Delhi HC

NEW DELHI: Delhi High Court on need for immediate "curative department secretary were asked to file Monday called the deaths of 14 inmates of a govt-run Asha Kiran It questioned how tuberculosis was

shelter home in a month "strange" and sought a detailed report on it from the social welfare department and Delhi Jal Board.

"Just too many deaths in a short span of time. Fourteen deaths in just one month is a large number. It cannot be a coincidence. It is strange," the bench said about the shelter home for the mentally challenged. The bench of Justice Tushar Rao Gedela noted that nearly all the deceased suffered

from tuberculosis. The court directed Delhi govt's secretary for social welfare, under whose department Asha Kiran operates, to visit and inspect the conditions of the facility in Rohini on Aug 6 and file a report, stressing the



"rampant" in a shelter home, as could be seen from the cause of deaths. The court also directed Delhi Jal Board to test the quality of water as well as the condition of water and sewer pipelines. The DJB and the social welfare PIL seeking its intervention. During the

hearing, the govt's standing counsel Sameer Vashisht told the bench that out of the 14 deceased, one was a minor, and the "maximum" deaths happened in the hospital where they were being treated. He submitted that all the dead inmates unfortunately suffered from "severe and profound category of intellectual disability", had comorbidities, and were found in "precarious conditions" before they were

brought to the shelter home. There is a team of doctors and nurses in the shelter home and the exact details with respect to the deaths would be known after post-mortem reports are received,

Receives Fiji's Highest Civilian Award

reports. The court was responding to a Suva (Fiji): President Droupadi Murmu was on Tuesday conferred the Companion of the Order of Fiji, the country's highest civilian award, as she hailed the ties between the two countries and said India stands ready to partner with Fiji to build a stronger, resilient, and more prosperous nation."President Ratu Wiliame Maivalili Katonivere of Fiji conferred the Companion of the Order of Fiji upon President Droupadi Murmu. This is the highest civilian award of Fiji," the President's Office said in a post on X.

Murmu, who is on a two-day visit to Fiji, described the honour as "a reflection of the deep ties of friendship" between India and Fiji. This is the first visit by an Indian head of state to the archipelago nation.As India emerges strongly on the global stage, we stand ready to partner with Fiji, according to your priorities, to build a stronger, more resilient, and more prosperous nation. Let us come together to unlock the full potential in our partnership for the mutual benefit of people of both our beloved countries," she said while addressing the Parliament.She said that despite the vast difference in size, India and Fiji have much in common, including vibrant democracies. She recalled that almost 10 years ago, speaking in this same Hall, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had underlined some basic values that unite India and Fiji."These include, 'our democracy, the diversity of our societies, our creed that all human beings are equal, and our commitment to the liberty, dignity and rights of every individual'. These shared values are eternal and shall continue to guide us ahead " she said

"In my short time here, I can see that the rest of the world has so much to learn from Fiji. The gentle Fijian way of life, the deep-rooted respect for traditions and customs, and an open and multicultural environment make Fiji so special in an increasingly conflict-ridden world. No wonder, Fiji is the place where the rest of the world comes to find its happiness," she said. She said she was confident that the newly announced projects, including the Super Specialty Cardiology Hospital to be established in Suva, would help to meet the priority needs of the people of Fiji and the wider Pacific region.he also said that it is heartening to know how the "Girmitiyas" and their descendants have been embraced by Fii when they first arrived here." More than 145 years ago, destiny bound our two countries together when 'Indentured' workers first arrived on the shores of Fiji Islands from

Supreme Court upholds LG's right to appoint MCD aldermen: Who are aldermen?

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court of has major implications for the allocate three standing committee seats India has upheld the Delhi lieutenant composition of the MCD standing each to AAP and BJP. There was Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) aldermen, leading to varied reactions from the Aam Aadmi Party

(AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The verdict, delivered nearly 15 months after the Delhi government filed its plea, favors the BJP in the 18-member standing committee. AAP expressed strong disagreement, calling it a hit on democracy, while the BJP defended the established practice.

In its ruling, a bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala dismissed the Delhi government's argument that the LG should act on the advice of the council of ministers when nominating 10 aldermen to the MCD. This decision In 2023, the MCD House voted to

governor's (LG) authority to appoint committee, the highest decision- contestation over the fourth member, making body in the municipal corporation. Following the December



2022 MCD elections, in which AAP ended the BJP's 15-year rule by winning 134 seats compared to BJP's 104 and Congress's nine, the MCD standing committee's formation has faced delays due to court proceedings.

representing the BJP, and the subsequent appointment of aldermen

led to disruptions in the House as opposition councillors clashed. With the Supreme Court's ruling, the

MCD will now conduct fresh elections to elect the crucial fourth member of the standing committee. Whether the previous 3-3 result holds will depend on the new elections.

If the ten nominated aldermen support BJP councillors in the zonal elections, the BJP may very well be able to turn the tide in its favour.Congress, which has only nine councillors, can play a crucial role in electing members of the committee at zonal level where ten aldermen can

Can Minor Muslim Girls Marry After Attaining Puberty?: Centre Seeks Supreme Court's Priority Adjudication

New Delhi. The Centre on Tuesday urged the Supreme Court to adjudicate on priority as to whether a minor Muslim girl can marry a person of her choice after attaining puberty. Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta, the second-highest law officer of the Centre, mentioned before CJI D.Y. Chandrachud a plea filed by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) against the Punjab and Haryana High Court order, which had held that a Muslim girl can marry a person of her choice after attaining the age of 15.SG Mehta submitted that diverse views were being taken by different High Courts across the country, resulting in the filing of multiple special leave petitions before the apex court around the same issue. "Please see if this can be listed on priority," he said. At this, CJI Chandrachud assured SG Mehta that he would direct the listing of the batch of petitions.

In January last year, the top court issued notice to the government and others on NCPCR's plea to decide upon the question of law, clarifying that its



decision not to stay the impugned order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court may not be used as precedent. It appointed senior advocate Rajshekhar Rao as amicus curiae in the matter to assist the

The SC pointed out that if the high court judgment -- which held that a Muslim girl aged 15 years can enter into a legal and valid marriage as per personal law -- was

stayed, the girl might be restored to her parents against her wishes. Before the apex court, SG Mehta had contended that Muslim girls who were 14, 15, and 16 years old were getting married. "Can there be a defence of personal law? Can you plead custom or personal law as a defence against a criminal offence?" he saidThe plea filed by NCPCR said the Punjab and Haryana HC erred in ignoring

the fact that sexual intercourse with a minor girl below the age of 18 years, is sexual assault as per the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and this legal position cannot be changed due to marital status of the child and that whether on the facts and in the circumstances of the case and in law. It added, "The high court was justified in upholding that a minor girl, after attaining puberty after the age of 15, on her own willingness and consent, can enter into a marriage of her own choice while not considering the validity of a marriage with a minor all the while glossing over the fact that the impugned judgment would lead to endorsing child marriage which is illegal in India because POCSO Act applies to everyone."The high court's order came on a habeas corpus petition filed by a 26-year-old man against the detention of his 16-yearold wife in a children's home in Panchkula. The high court noted that such a marriage would not be void in terms of Section 12 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006.



v-care



Small doses of adult medicines are safe.

A number of medications that help adults can be harmful for children even when the dosage is down-sized. Cough medicines, even those designed for children, aren't a good idea for babies or children under four. Agitation, elevated heart rate and respiratory depression are among the side effects they might develop if they're given cough medicine. Medications, which adults, are also a no-no for babies and

children. Treatment might have a downside in the form of an upset stomach, a rash or diarrhoea.

Teething can cause fevers.

The danger in some myths is that parents may ignore a problem. Parents often tend to attribute fevers in babies and toddlers to teething. However, research has not shown a strong relationship between the two. A fever in a teething baby shouldn't be writ ten off and medical attention ease congestion and sinus prob lems in should be sought to determine if something else might be causing the rise

in temperature.

Videos can help babies learn sooner.

Research has shown that specially produced programmes can help young children learn, but those benefits only kick in at two and above. The educational merit of media for children younger than two years remains unproven despite the fact that three-quarters of the topselling infant videos make explicit or implicit educa tional claims. The babies seem to watch with awe or

attention. But the videos actually seem to lead to delays in language

Walkers are a safe way to help babies walk earlier.

While parents may buy walkers to keep their babies entertained and help little ones walk, a research has suggested that walkers can slow a baby's ability to walk on his own. Also, the enhanced mobility is frequently a problem. A baby in a walker can quickly and unexpect edly approach a staircase, even under a parent's watch.

This is a problem known as the myth of supervision.

Crib bumpers are safe.

One unexpected appendage of becoming a parent is

the endless advice offered by friends, family and

debunking a few common ones.

Some parents may use crib bump ers, thinking that a baby will hit his head on the side of the crib and get hurt. However, a baby is not generating enough force to cause any significant injury on the bars of the crib. Meanwhile, the risk of suffocation or (SIDS) from crib bumpers is high.

Use breast milk to treat an it can attract bacteria.

ear infection.

Some individuals advise parents to put a small amount of breast milk in a baby's or toddler's ear to treat an ear infection. It is a strategy that won't help and may cause a new infection. Breast milk does have some antibodies in it, which are helpful to the body. But it also has lots of sugars that bacteria love to grow on. Because the eardrum seals off the area sudden infant death syndrome that's infected, breast milk won't reach the infection. And when the milk pools,

Pets don't give your kids allergy



A new study has revealed that exposure of children to pets in early life does not increase the risk of their allergies to these animals later in life. The researchers followed a group of children from birth until they reached adulthood. And at age 18 years, 565 study participants supplied blood samples to the researchers, who measured antibodies to dog and cat allergens in the samples. They found that being exposed to the specific animal in the first year of life was the most important exposure period, and the exposure appeared protective in some groups.

Young men whose families had kept an indoor dog during their first year of life had about half the risk of becoming sensitized to dogs compared to those whose families did not keep a dog in the first year of life.

Both men and women were about half as likely to be sensitized to cats if they had lived with a cat in the first year of life, compared to those who did not live with cats.

"This research provides further evidence that experiences in the first year of life are associated with health status later in life, and that early life pet exposure does not put most children at risk of being sensitized to these animals later in life," said Ganesa Wegienka, the Department of Public Health Sciences, Henry Ford Hospital.

The study was published in the journal, Clinical & Experimental Allergy

'Yoga helps me maintain my work-life balance'

Managing work-life balance

When one runs one's own business, the balance becomes a lot easier to achieve, since hours are flexible. Living close to work is a key factor in saving time - something that we force even our employees to comply with. But the most important factor is yoga, which balances everything out by making one a 'saakshi' - an observer of one's actions. Yoga helps me maintain my work-life balance. Once this is achieved, one is freed of dualities and one remains unaffected by the ups and downs that seem to be so difficult for people to handle. The more you get rid of the conditioning that society has given you, the more relaxed, real and blissful you will be. Start now!

Being a fit man Yoga automatically regulates your

diet (if you wish to do it properly), especially kriya yoga. The extremes



are avoided and fitness follows. I follow a paleo diet, as it helps me detox, especially after long overseas business trips.

Energy high and happiness

Happiness and misery are two sides of the same coin and one gets to a state of peace shanti, which is followed by continuous

bliss, as long as one remains unattached to one's actions. This is not as difficult as it sounds - it follows with proper yoga. It's a surprisingly easy journey and trans formation.

Risk-taker or a micro-planner?

I take risks and I also believe in microplanning.Both happen and both are necessary, so it depends on situations.

Spiritual diet

Osho, yoga and kriva are enough to keep one going for a lifetime and beyond.

Handling failure/success

For me, failure and success don't really matter and the less they matter, the more blissful one becomes!

Crisis management

Once one has achieved a balance and is not upset with the ups and downs of life, crisis is handled matter of factly. Once they're gone, you realise they were never really a crisis in the first place for the most part.





Why talking to her is Important

When in a relationship, communicating openly becomes an extremely important part of your relationship.

Relationships are delicate and you men are open to their thoughts, need to preserve them all you can to expectations from their get the most out of them. And when relationship and their partner and vou are in a serious relationship and what their issues in person and in really care for that girl, then general. communicating with her is the key While most of us want a good to having a successful relationship. Most of the times, men end up building blocks of our thinking that telling her everything relationships, we miss the point isn't the way of men. But that's by not sharing. Talking to her and passe now. In most modern sharing what you feel is what relationships, women are just as makes for better understanding. It active and strong builders of a also builds trust in your partner as relation as men are, and it only she feel you find her worthy of bodes well for the relationship if sharing even your innermost

understanding to be one of the

thoughts. This maker her more interested in you.

If there is something you want to share and feel it will disappoint or annoy her, but you think it is important to be shared, then go ahead and do it. She will be angry at the most, but will eventually understand. Finding out through some other source or coming to know about it accidentally will bend things in wrong direction.

And the simplest reason why you should talk to her is that women like their men sharing everything with

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Furthermore, the drawdown of the Nifty is far lower than that of Nasdaq on account of more than 10% appreciation in the yen over short periods," he added.

Marico shares fall over 4% amid Bangladesh political crisis. Here's why

New Delhi. Shares of FMCG giant Marico, known for its Saffola and Parachute brands, fell over 4% on Tuesday. The decline comes amid political unrest in Bangladesh, a market that contributes significantly to the company's revenue.Nuvama analyst Abneesh Roy said the disruptions caused by the political turmoil in Bangladesh could raise concerns for Marico in the second quarter of the financial year. He added that Marico has the highest exposure to Bangladesh at 11-12% of its consolidated business, indicating that other FMCG companies have minimal exposure.

Despite the current challenges, Roy mentioned that Marico's long-standing presence in Bangladesh, spanning over two decades, should help maintain its competitive edge.In its June quarter results, Marico revealed that the contribution of Bangladesh to its overall international business has been decreasing.

During the June quarter, it's Bangladesh business saw a 10% growth in constant currency, demonstrating resilience and sustained momentum. Marico's regulatory filing indicated that while Bangladesh and Vietnam have shown strong performance, robust growth in the MENA and South Africa regions has diversified the company's international business, reducing its dependence on Bangladesh.

For the June quarter, Marico reported an 8.7% rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 464 crore and a 7% increase in revenue from operations, totalling Rs 2,643 crore.Meanwhile, domestic brokerage Prabhudas Lilladher has downgraded Marico to a hold rating, citing the ongoing turmoil in Bangladesh as a contributing factor.

Lufthansa, Emirates among 10 foreign airlines in trouble over tax dues: Report

New Delhi. The Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax Intelligence (DGGI) has issued showcause notices to 10 foreign airlines, including British Airways, Lufthansa, Oman Air, Emirates, and Singapore Airlines, for alleged non-payment of taxes totaling Rs 10,000 crore, The Economic Times reported. The notices, sent over the past three days, address unpaid tax dues related to the import of services by Indian branches from their head offices, added the report. According to officials quoted in the report, the airlines are not covered by a June 26 circular concerning the valuation of the supply of import services by a related person when the recipient is eligible for full input tax credit. The circular, cited by Infosys in response to a recent integrated GST demand of Rs 32,000 crore, does not apply to airlines because they deal in both exempt and non-exempt services.

DGGI had previously requested a segregated list of exempt and non-exempt services from the airlines.

Of the 10 airlines, only four provided the list, while the others did not furnish any explanation. The notices cover the period from July 2017, when GST was introduced, to March 2024.A senior official indicated that the overseas headquarters of these airlines provide services such as aircraft maintenance, crew payments, and rentals, which are considered transactions between separate legal entities and are thus subject to GST. The

airlines, however, have not paid these taxes. The investigation began in August 2023, with key executives from the India offices of these airlines summoned in December 2022 and January 2023 to provide explanations and lists of tax-exempt services, noted the ET report. Foreign airlines contended that GST should only be paid on taxable services in India, arguing that the place of service was both the head office and branch office. They also sought intervention from their respective embassies, which raised the issue with the finance ministry, as reported by ET on June 18.

The issue was subsequently referred to the fitment committee under the GST Council, which approved the June 26 circular to clarify the valuation of the "supply of import services" by a related person.

Indian gold industry launches selfregulatory organisation for excellence

Supported by the World Gold Council, IAGES aims to increase transparency and trust in the Indian gold sector.

MUMBAI. The Indian gold industry announced the formation of the Indian Association for Gold Excellence and Standards (IAGES) on Tuesday. This new self-regulatory organisation (SRO) is supported by the World Gold Council (WGC) and aims to remove the trust deficit and enhance transparency within the sector. The framework for IAGES will be independently governed and professionally managed, with its release expected soon, followed by the



announcement of memberships. According to WGC Regional CEO, India, Sachin Jain, the organisation is expected to become operational by December this year or January 2025.IAGES will be established by national industry associations, including the Indian Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA), the All India Gems and Jewellery Council of India (GJC), and the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC). "IAGES, created by the Indian gold industry, represents the coming together of various stakeholders in the sector. It aims to increase consumer and government confidence by enhancing trust in the Indian gold industry through the adoption of fair, transparent, and

sustainable practices, regulatory compliance, establishing a code of conduct, and introducing an audit framework across the entire value chain," Jain added.GJEPC Chairman Vipul Shah commented, "The formation of IAGES is a landmark achievement for the Indian gold industry. It underscores our collective commitment to establishing the highest standards of ethics, transparency, and sustainability."GJC Chairman Saiyam Mehra stated, "Together, we aim to promote best practices, ensure the highest quality, and foster trust among consumers and industry stakeholders.""IAGES is poised to not just fortify India's standing as a global gold hub but also catalyze innovation and progression within the sector," added IBJA National President Prithviraj Kothari.The Indian gold industry is hopeful that IAGES will play a crucial role in enhancing the credibility and reliability of the sector, thereby benefiting all stakeholders involved

Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals IPO lists at 7% gain: Book profit or sell

New Delhi. Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited had a modest debut on the stock market, with its shares listing at a premium of only 7% on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). The shares began trading at Rs 725 on the NSE, reflecting a 6.77% premium above the issue price of Rs 679. The same opening price of Rs 725 was seen on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)

The company's initial public offering (IPO) was launched for subscription on July 30, with a target to raise Rs 1,856.74 crore. The IPO had a price range set between Rs 646 and Rs 679 per share. The IPO comprised a fresh issue of 1 crore shares valued at Rs 680.00 crore, along with an offer for sale of 1.73 crore shares worth Rs 1,176.74 crore.Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd said



that even though Akums Drugs listing was below street expectation, we continue to believe and hold our long term positive outlook in the India's largest CDMO player by revenue, production capacity and client base.

"On a valuation parse post listing is still in comfortable zone to "HOLD" Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals ltd IPO for a long term perspective. We believe the market can give Akums a premium multiple towards its leadership position which may result in delivering healthy post listing gains on its issue price,"

said Tapse.Shivani Nyati, Head of Wealth, Swastika Investmart Ltd said that Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, a prominent CDMO player, made a subdued debut on the stock market, listing at Rs. 750 per share, reflecting a modest 10% gain over its issue price of Rs. 679.

While the IPO received a strong subscription of 63.44 times and the initial market buzz was positive, the actual listing fell short of expectations, likely influenced by the prevailing market volatility," she said.

'The company's strong fundamentals and market position offer potential for longterm growth, but investors should carefully assess the risks and market volatility. Investors with a long-term view may hold their position by keeping a stop loss at its issue price,"

Government unlikely to relax Rs 32,000 crore tax demand on Infosys: Report

New Delhi. The government is not considering any relaxation on the Rs 32,000 crore tax demand issued to Infosys, reported Reuters, quoting a government source. The demand, made under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regulations, has prompted Infosys, the country's second-largest IT services firm, to request ten days to respond after meeting with tax officials, the source added. The controversy over Infosys' GST liabilities began when the Karnataka government issued a notice claiming the company owed Rs 32,000 crore in Integrated GST (IGST) under the reverse-charge mechanism for services provided by its foreign branches from FY18 to FY22. The revenue department's stance was that expenses incurred by overseas branches were payments for services rendered to the Indian entity. However, this interpretation was contentious, as experts argued that it implied reimbursements for expenses could be considered payments for services, treating foreign branches as separate legal entities from their Indian headquarters. The notice led to an outcry from the IT industry and experts, with the National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom) criticising it for misunderstanding the IT industry's operating model.Nasscom highlighted that government circulars based on GST Council recommendations should be respected to prevent uncertainty and negatively impacting India's ease of doing business. They noted that GST enforcement authorities were issuing notices for remittances by Indian head offices to their foreign branches, even in cases where no actual service was provided. The industry argued that this was not a case of 'import of service' and highlighted that courts had previously ruled in favor of the industry under similar circumstances during the service tax regime. The Karnataka High Court quashed the initial notice, and the Supreme Court upheld this decision.

Subsequently, Karnataka state authorities withdrew the GST notice against Infosys but directed the company to respond to the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI), shifting the oversight of the tax probe to this agency. Experts voiced concers about the potential precedent set by such a large notice, warning that it could lead to more tax demands targeting multinational IT

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Bangladesh crisis: How trade with India could face major disruptions

New Delhi Bangladesh has been a key ally for India since Sheikh Hasina became Prime Minister in 2009. Her leadership has significantly improved trade and economic relations between the two countries. However, the ongoing crisis in Bangladesh raises concerns about the future of this partnership and its potential impact on India. The Indian finance ministry is closely watching the situation in Bangladesh. Sheikh Hasina's tenure has seen a rise in trade between the two nations, with India enjoying a trade surplus. Her departure could disrupt these gains, affecting the flow of goods and people and possibly halting a potential free trade agreement (FTA) between Mohit Singla, chairman of the Trade India and Bangladesh.Under Hasina, Bangladesh has played a crucial role in combating anti-India terrorist groups and has fostered strong economic and cultural ties with India. In the financial year 2023-24, trade between the two countries reached \$13 billion.Bangladesh is a major market for India's cotton exports Ajay Sahai, director general of the and imports significant amounts of petroleum products and cereals from

India. On the other hand, India imports ready-made garments from Bangladesh, contributing \$391 million to their trade.Discussions about a fre trade agreement began in October 2023, with the aim of reducing or eliminating customs duties on goods traded between the two nations. This agreement could have boosted Bangladesh's exports to India by up to 297% and India's exports by 172%, according to a World Bank paper. However, the

future of these discussions is uncertain with the current political instability in Bangladesh.

Promotion Council of India, told the Economic Times, "With the kharif harvest very near, the agri export basket of over \$1.8 billion could be impacted, with soybean, soya bean meal, animal feed such as wheat residues, onion, and rapeseed being the worst hit."

Federation of Indian Export Organisations, said, "Internet disruptions



have hurt banking transactions, and commodity exporters are worried about exports to Bangladesh through the land border. The next 7-10 days will be crucial."Infrastructure and connectivity projects have been central to strengthening Indo-Bangladesh relations. Since 2016, India has extended \$8 billion in credit for the development of road, rail, shipping, and ort infrastructure in Bangladesh. The Akhaura-Agartala crossborder rail link and the Khulna-Mongla Port rail line, inaugurated in November 2023, are expected to improve trade and people-to-people exchanges. Any disruption in these connetions could limit India's access to its Northeast region, which is connected through narrow land corridors. Existing bus routes and agreements for using Chittagong and Mongla ports also face potential risks. In the financial year 2024, India had a trade surplus of \$9.2 billion with Bangladesh. Major exports include cotton, coffee, tea, vegetables, vehicles, and electrical machinery. The current unrest has already caused problems

such as internet disruptions affecting banking transactions and difficulties in issuing letters of credit, causing concern among exporters, especially in Kolkata.

Given that a significant portion of exports to Bangladesh falls outside the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) agreement, and most imports from Bangladesh benefit from zero tariffs, the ongoing unrest poses a serious risk to trade dynamics between the two countries. The coming days will be critical in assessing the impact on trade and economic stability in the region.

NEWS BOX

Neeraj Chopra vs Arshad Nadeem: Kishore Jena says Javelin rivalry is 'friendly'

New Delhi. Indian javelin thrower Kishore Jena has commented on the famous rivalry between Neeraj Chopra and Arshad Nadeem and claimed that everything is friendly between the two ahead of the qualifying round on Tuesday, August 6. Neeraj vs Nadeem is one of the battles that fans are expecting to watch in the men's javelin event at the Paris Olympics as both men have pushed each other to the limit in recent

The rivalry between Neeraj and Arshad intensified when they finished one-two in the javelin throw at the World Championships in August 2023. However, fans were robbed of seeing the opportunity to see the Indian and Pakistani javelin stars go head to head at the Asian Games as Nadeem had to pull out of the event due to injury. Now, both men are expected to reignite their rivalry on the big stage of the Olympics and Jena weighed in on it.

Speaking to ANI, the Indian javelin thrower said that Neeraj and Nadeem have a good friendship outside of the field and there is no



animosity."No, it's not like that. Since it's the Olympics, a lot of countries have come. We don't think like that. There is nothing like that. It is friendly when we meet them. I also meet them. There is no such intention," said

Everyone has high hopes for Neeraj

Jena was to quick praise Neeraj before his title defence and said that Indian athletics had grown a lot because of him. Jena said that everyone has high hopes for Neeraj and it feels good to have him around others.

'You know how much Indian athletics has grown because of Neeraj bhai. Everyone has high hopes for him. It feels good that he is with us. He is staying with us. We wish him well," said Jena.Jena commented about his preparations and vowed he would produce his best in the qualifying round on Tuesday.

"Preparation is very good, and we are getting a lot of support from here. It will be good. I will give my best tomorrow. I will play like a finalist. It is my first time, so I will give 100 per cent," said Jena. The javelin qualifying round will be one of the events starting things off for the Indian contingent on Tuesday, with Jena being in Group A and Neeraj in Group B.

Duplantis imitates Yusuf Dikec, shooter reacts

responded with a simple congratulatory



message to the Swedish star. The Turkey shooter also posted a picture of Duplantis imitating him in the tweet as well.

Duplantis became only the second pole vaulter in history to defend his title, doing so with remarkable ease. He needed only four successful attempts to secure the gold with a height of 6.00 meters, before setting a new Olympic record at 6.10 meters. He then astonishingly raised the bar to 6.25 meters, breaking his own world record of 6.24 meters, set earlier in 2024 at the Wanda Diamond League.

Duplantis began his competition at 5.70 meters, clearing it by about a meter. He skipped 5.80 meters and effortlessly soared over 5.85 meters, as competitors around him started to falter. Clearing 6.00 meters, a dream target for most vaulters, appeared to be a mere warm-up for Duplantis. His final jump, late into the night, left the audience in awe as he demonstrated his dominance over the field. Silver medalist Sam Kendricks enthusiastically applauded Duplantis, who at just 24 years old, has cemented his status as one of the greatest pole vaulters in history.

India pins hopes on hockey, wrestling, javelin stars in Paris showdown

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with 10 men should give them some belief. Harmanpreet Singh, who has led this team with under-stated efficiency at the back (while defending) and from the front (while scoring from penalty corners) will again be key, especially in the absence of the suspenses Amit Rohidas. Manpreet Singh's role while defending penalty corners will be even more outsized without Rohidas, one of the world's best first rushers. At the back, the inspirational PR Sreejesh will look to bring out his A game again. Forward Abhishek, who has come of age in this tournament, will also have to tuck away half-chances against the world champions.

India may have a positive recent memory against Germany — they beat them in the bronze-medal playoff in 2021 — but this is a different, more robust Germany

Moving on from hockey to javelin, the mood in his camp is relaxed. The eagle will fly through the Paris sky in the qualification round on Tuesday afternoon. There is no other Indian athlete who's followed as closely as the javelin ace. The young man from Panipat has turned into a global icon. For India, he has already transcended sport. He is joy, celebration, victory all seamlessly morphed into hope for billion plus people. It



will be at the cavernous Stade de France, the country's symbol of sporting supremacy. Understandably, the stadium is home for France football and rugby teams. On Tuesday, it will be the stage for India's only world and Olympic champion in athletics.

The stadium rises as a behemoth as one approaches the parapet leading up to the gates. The purple Mondo track stares at you. It is fast but may not aide javelin throwers as much as it would sprinters. When Neeraj walks on to the ground for the qualification, the entire nation would have their eyes transfixed on the TV screens. Neeraj is in Group B with 15 other throwers. The field for the World No 2 javelin thrower is quite

simple. Three names would stand out. Former world champion Anderson Peters (season's best: 86.62m) is clubbed with him. Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem (84.21m) is also with him. His personal best is 90.18 at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Up and coming star, Max Dahning, too figures on the list and is the only one to cross the 90m mark this season. Neeraj has not competed in a major competition since the Paavo Nurmi Games where he managed

85.97m. He skipped Ostrava Golden Spike before this as a precaution. He did not participate in the Paris Diamond in the first week of July because he felt it was not needed. Until now he had two big international competitions - Doha Diamond League and the above-mentioned Paavo Nurmi. Neeraj's nemesis, Yakub Vadlejch of Czechia, is cin the Group A. Out of all the athletes, Vadlejch is the second best thrower in 2024.Of course, as long as Neeraj throws 84m in the qualification, he will advance to the final. And considering he usually throws 84m at the first time of asking, it could be

Lovlina Borgohain vows to come back 'stronger than ever' after Olympics failure

Paris Olympics 2024: Lovlina Borgohain was disappointed after she failed to win a medal, but she also pledged to make a strong comeback. She lost to China's Li Qian in the quarterfinal

New Delhi. Lovlina Borgohain dropped a note on her social media handles where she pledged to make a strong comeback after her disappointing campaign in Paris Olympics 2024. Back in 2021, Lovlina became only the third Indian boxer after Vijender Singh and Mary Kom to win a boxing medal for India in the quadrennial event.But this time around, Lovlina could not quite step up. However, instead of throwing in the towel, the 26-year-old said that she would be looking for a fresh start and try and return "stronger than ever". Nick Hockley to step down as Cricket Australia CEO after 5-year stint

₩ Nick Hockley announced that he would



'This is not over'

'I really want to say sorry to the entire Nation that I couldn't bring a medal home this time. Especially to the people of Assam who always pray for me no matter what. I will work harder and come back stronger than ever next time. This isn't over, looking for a fresh start once again," Lovlina wrote.

Paris Olympics 2024: India Schedule | Full Coverage Medal Tally Lovlina also thanked his coaches, support staff

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

and the others, who helped her out in her journey to the Paris Olympics."I also want to thank all the coaches, support staff, SAI, Assam Government, BFI, Reliance Sports Foundation, IOS sports and all my sponsors for all the support and encouragement they showered on me," Lovlina added.

Lovlina Borgohain's performance in

Lovlina began her campaign with a stunning victory over Sunniva Hofstad from Norway. With the victory, she was only one win short of securing another medal in the showpiece. But that was not the case as China's Li Qian defeated her.Had Lovlina won her quarterfinal bout, she would have joined PV Sindhu and Manu Bhaker in the elite list of Indian women with multiple medals in the Olympics. It now remains to be seen of Lovlina returns four years later for the Los Angeles Olympics.

Paris Olympics: Noah Lyles sprint double bid continues, eases through 200m heat

New Delhi. Less than 24 hours after clinching gold in the 100 meters, Noah Lyles continued his pursuit of the prestigious Olympic sprint double by effortlessly advancing through his 200m heat on Monday with a time of 20.19 seconds. The American sprinter, who excels in the 200m, remains unbeaten in 25 races over this distance since earning bronze at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021. Lyles has also secured the last three world titles in the event.

Lyles aims to achieve an ambitious goal of winning four gold medals in Paris, targeting the 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay, and possibly the 4x400m relay. Such a feat would place him alongside legendary compatriots Jesse Owens and Carl Lewis, who each won four golds in a



Board on succession and a smooth transition.' with the Australian Cricketers' Association Nick Hockley's journey as Australia cricket

66% pay increase for female professional On the international stage, Hockley has overseen an extraordinary era of success 101

Australia's national cricket teams. Highlights include Australia's first tour to Pakistan in over two decades, winning and retaining both the women's and men's Ashes, and clinching six ICC trophies, such as the men's and women's Cricket World

Cups (2022 and 2023), the men's and women's T20 World Cups (2021 and 2023), the World Test Championship in 2023, and the Men's Under-19 Cricket World Cup in 2024. Moreover, Australia secured gold at the Commonwealth Games in 2022. Hockley joined Australian Cricket in

October 2012 as the General Manager of Commercial & Marketing for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, which saw over a million attendees and generated a significant economic impact.

Following a short period as Head of Commercial Projects, Hockley was named CEO of the Local Organising Committee for the ICC T20 World Cup 2020, achieving record-breaking success at the Women's T20 World Cup with a historic final at the single Games, though their fourth medals came in the long jump rather than the longer relay."It feels good to be out here," Lyles told reporters. "It was in my head win the 120, win the 150, check around, win the heat.'

Defending champion Andre de Grasse of Canada, the last sprinter to beat Lyles, followed closely behind, finishing in 20.30 seconds. American Kenny Bednarek, who secured silver ahead of Lyles in Tokyo and was runner-up to him at the 2022 World Championships, posted the fastest time of the heats with 19.96 seconds despite easing up before the finish. Bednarek also competed in Sunday's 100m final, where his time of 9.88 seconds placed him seventh. Erriyon Knighton, who has previously won world championship silver and bronze medals as a teenager, ensured a strong American presence in the semi-finals by winning his heat in 19.99 seconds, the only other sub-20 time of the evening. Now 20, Knighton is eager to make his mark on the Olympic stage after years of being touted as the next big star.

Paris Olympics 2024: Mondo

Sweden Pole Vault great Mondo Duplantis decided to imitate Yusuf Dikec after his historic gold medal at the Paris Olympics 2024 on August 5, Monday. This would prompt the shooting sensation to respond to Duplantis' imitation with a tweet. Duplantis was in top form on Monday as he shattered his own benchmark to make a new world record in Paris, stunning the crowd in attendance. The Swede would then decide to celebrate his win in a special fashion as he posed like Dikec, who had become an overnight sensation for shooting at the Olympics without any gear. Dikec would end up getting the silver medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event. The imitation from Duplantis certainly impressed Dikec, who



How did Duplantis perform at Olympics 2024?

step down as the CEO of Cricket was established, featuring a substantial CEO Australia after serving them for five cricketers Additionally the Big Bash years. He is expected to leave his role league has been rejuvenated under his around the end of March.

New Delhi. Cricket Australia (CA) CEO Nick Hockley ha to step down by the end of the next cricket season, after an illustrious career spanning nearly 13 years in Australian cricket. Hockley, who has served as CA CEO for five of those years, is anticipated to leave his role around the end of March 2025, or later, subject to the appointment process of his successor.

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Hockley first took up the position of interim CEO in June 2020, before being confirmed as the permanent CEO eleven months later. His tenure has been marked by his adept management through the turbulent period of the COVID-19 pandemic.Under his leadership, CA has laid strong foundations for growth, including rolling out a comprehensive five-year strategy and securing significant media deals with Seven West Media, Foxtel Group, and Disney Star

guidance."This was a difficult decision, however following what promises to be a blockbuster summer and with our five-year strategic plan well progressed, this is the right time to pursue another challenge, while giving the Board plenty of time to find its next CEO to build on the strong foundations now in place," Hockley said in a press conference."This is not the time for goodbyes, as I remain completely focussed on the season ahead and supporting the

Olympics 2024: France overcome Egypt 3-1 to setup football final with Spain

→ Jean-Philippe Mateta was the star of the show as his brace helped France reach the football final of the Olympics for the first time in 40 years. France will now face Spain in the final on Friday, August 9.

New Delhi. France will compete in the Olympic men's football final for the first time

in 40 years after a thrilling 3-1 victory over Egypt in extra time at Lyon's stadium on Monday. They will face Spain for the gold medal. The match saw France come from behind after Egypt's Mahmoud Saber scored a spectacular goal, marking the first time France had conceded in the tournament. Jean-Philippe Mateta equalized with a late strike, pushing the game into extra time.

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Mateta then scored his second goal of the match, followed by Michael Olise, who sealed the victory in extra time. This win propels Thierry Henry's team into Friday's final at Parc des Princes against Spain, who defeated Morocco 2-1 earlier. Egypt, in their third Olympic semi-final, had more goal attempts in the first half and took the lead in the 62nd minute when Saber scored on a



rebound. Despite hitting the woodwork three times, France equalized seven minutes from time when Mateta netted from an Olise pass. The match took a decisive turn in extra time when Egypt's Omar Fayed received a second yellow card for a foul on Desire Doue, reducing Egypt to 10 men. Mateta's towering header in the 99th minute put France ahead,

and Olise added another goal three minutes into the second half of extra time, ensuring France's place in the final.Egypt will now compete for the bronze medal against Morocco in Nantes on Thursday. Earlier on in the day, Spain had reached the final with a comeback win over Morocco.

The 2020 silver medallists found themselves trailing in the first half of the semi-final after Soufiane Rahimi, the tournament's top scorer, netted a

penalty for his sixth goal of the Games. Barcelona's Fermin Lopez leveled the score midway through the second half in Marseille, capitalizing on a loose ball in the penalty area. Substitute Juanlu Sanchez secured the victory and his team's place in Friday's final in Paris by drilling home the winning goal five minutes from time.



Malaika Arora

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Slips Into White Bralette And G-String, Takes A Dip In Pool **On Maldives Vacay**

alaika Arora is turning up the heat now. Away from the frenetic pace and chaos of everyday life, the actress has Lescaped or a happy vacation in Maldives. She has been sharing happy photos and videos on her Instagram handle, keeping fans updated on her whereabouts. Having said that, she recently amped up the heat in a white bralette teamed with a G-String. She shared the photos, taking a dip inside the pool, which overlooked the azure blue waters of Maldives. Along with the pictures, she wrote, 'Salty n blue.'

Earlier, Malaika Arora shared a few snapshots from her Maldives getaway, on her Instagram stories. One photo featured a swing on the deck of her luxury resort, another showcased a relaxing spa corner, and a third captured her gazing out at the stunning blue

ocean. Her hair was tied in a messy bun and she faced away from the camera.Malaika Arora and Arjun Kapoor fuelled breakup rumours as they noticeably ignored each other at a recent fashion event. In a video shared by paparazzo Viral Bhayani, the couple, who have been the subject of breakup speculations, were spotted sitting far apart. The video even showed Malaika walking past Arjun while he was taking a selfie with a fan. Although Arjun made a thoughtful gesture to protect her from the crowd by placing his hand behind her, Malaika didn't acknowledge him and continued walking without looking back, adding



Amid the ongoing rumours surrounding her "on-off relationship" with Arjun, Malaika recently spoke about how

the internet can be a very toxic space."I have somehow built a mechanism - or shield, I would say - around me where I don't let the negativity through anymore," Malaika told Hello magazine. "I've insulated myself from it. Whether it's people, a work environment, social media or trolls. The minute I feel that energy, I recoil instantly. It's something I've learned to do over time. It would get to me earlier and I would lose sleep over it. I'd be

lying if I said things don't affect me at all - I'm human too and so I will cry, break down and have all the emotions associated with being trolled. But you'll never see that in public."

Kriti Sanon

Wishes Kajol Happy Birthday With A BTS Photo From Do Patti Sets, Calls Her An 'Inspiration'

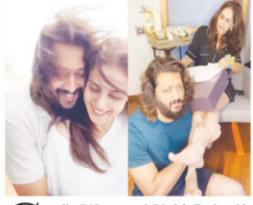
ajol has turned a year older today and has been getting wishes from all corners. Today, many celebrities including Kareena Kapoor Khan wish her. Kriti Sanon also shared a BTS photo from Do Patti sets and wished her. Kriti also called Kajol an inspiration. Taking to her Instagram stories, Kriti shared a photo in which she is seen sharing a selfie with Kajol. "Happy Birthday, Kajol Maam! Working with you again has been an incredible experience and I cannot wait for people to see your magic in Do Patti. You're not just an amazing person but an inspiration to all of us. I hope this year brings you immense happiness and joy. Sending you lots of love and a big, warm hug! @kajol." Kareena posted a beautiful black and white picture of Kajol and said, "Happy birthday to the loveliest @kajol," accompanied

by a red heart emoji. The teaser of Do Patti has also been released. The teaser opens with an aerial view of Manali and Kajol is seen as a cop riding a bike. Her voice can be heard in the background throughout the video. She is talking about wrong and right situations in life. Kriti Sanon's character is also shown as a glamorous one. She is seen in a grey shade. Looks like it is a murder mystery but still nothing is clear. The film will surely keep you on the edge of your seat.Last year, Kriti Sanon announced her first film as a producer. She took to her Instagram handle to share the first photo featuring her, Kajol along with others. Apart from this, Kajol will be soon seen in Maharagni - Queen of Queens,' with Prabhu Deva. This action-

packed thriller marks the long-awaited reunion of these actors after nearly three decades since their collaboration in Rajiv Menon's 'Minsaara Kanavu' (1997). Steering this cinematic endeavor is director CharanTej Uppalapati. Recently, Ajay Devgn unveiled the teaser. The teaser highlights Kajol's dynamic character engaging in intense battles, displaying remarkable skills and flair. Alongside, the film boasts a stellar lineup including Naseeruddin Shah, Samyuktha Menon, Jisshu Sengupta, and Aditya Seal.



Riteish Deshmukh Shares Hilarious Birthday Video For Genelia: 'You Have Truly Changed My Life'



have always been a favourite among fans and the media. The Bollywood stars first met on the sets of their debut film Tujhe Meri Kasam in 2003 and quickly became close friends.Despite coming from different cultural backgrounds - Genelia being a Mangalorean Catholic and Riteish hailing from a prominent political family in Maharashtra - their friendship blossomed into love. In 2012, the couple tied the knot in a traditional Maharashtrian ceremony.?

On Genelia's birthday today, hubby dearest Riteish took to Instagram to share a hilarious video with a sweet note. Sharing the video, "Happy Birthday Baiko @geneliad - you have truly changed my life." ?Not long back, Genelia made a comeback with the romantic-drama Ved, directed by Riteish himself. Even during her break from acting, Genelia continued to receive film offers. However, after she appeared in Ved, the number of calls tripled.?

Genelia, during an interview with indianexpress.com, said, "Thankfully people were still calling me but it was few as many thought I had quit acting. Surprisingly, they all thought I left the industry because I got married to this family (Riteish is the son of former Maharashtra CM, late politician Vilasrao Deshmukh). For them, it was never about me. Riteish would often tell me that you don't want to work and because of you people are telling

She added, "Riteish said I was being negligent about something I love. Earlier, I would totally devote myself to film after film. Now, I am also in a state where my kids have grown up and are busy with their own things," she shared.eanwhile on the work front, Genelia D'Souza and Aamir Khan have begun filming for their Bollywood comeback film, Sitaare Zameen Par. Sitaare Zameen Par would mark Aamir's first Christmas release in eight years. He last released a film on Christmas in 2016, rolling out his blockbuster film Dangal.

Amitabh Bachchan Never Saw Aishwarya Rai as Daughter-In-Law, Says Jaya Bachchan In **Viral Interview**



mitabh Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai shared a close bond even before she married his son, actor Abhishek Bachchan. The legendary star worked with the actress in a few films, including Mohabbatein and Hum Kisise Kum Nahin. So when Aishwarya got married into the family, Amitabh couldn't see her as a daughter-in-law. Instead, Jaya Bachchan once revealed, Big B welcomed her into the family as a daughter. Speaking with Karan Johar on Koffee With Karan, Jaya Bachchan said, "Whenever he sees her, he becomes happy. He never saw Aishwarya as a daughter-in-law. He always saw Aishwarya as a daughter. Amitji, the minute he sees her, it's like he's looking at Shweta coming home. His eyes light up. She'll fill the vacuum that Shweta left."

In another episode of the show, Abhishek praised the Bachchan ladies for making Aishwarya feel at home. "Yeah, I think credit has to be given entirely to the girls. I have very little to do with it. What works also is that Maa and her (Aishwarya) are very close. They talk about everything. When a woman first comes to her husband's house, she feels a bit out of place, evidently and obviously. I think the only person who can truly fill that void is her mother-in-law," he said.

Aishwarya married Abhishek in 2007. They welcomed their daughter Aaradhya Bachchan in 2011. While the couple has kept their relationship away from the spotlight, restricting their PDA to posts on each others' birthdays and their wedding anniversary, eyebrows raised when Aishwarya was recently seen posing alone on the red carpet at the Ambani wedding while Abhishek joined his family. Abhishek had everyone's attention when he 'liked' a post on divorce. Later, it was revealed that one of the writers of the post was Abhishek and Aishwarya's friend and the actor was only supporting his friend. Meanwhile, immediately after the Ambani wedding, Aishwarya flew out of Mumbai with her