

### Dhankhar's criticism for 'symptomatic malaise' remark Sanjay Kumar

New Delhi, Sep 2: Sibal, in a resolution issued by him as the president of the Supreme Court Bar Association, had called the Kolkata rape-murder case, a 'symptomatic malaise.' Senior Supreme Court lawyer Kapil Sibal on Monday hit back at Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar for criticising a purported resolution issued by the former as the president of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) describing the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, as a 'symptomatic malaise.' Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Sibal cited a report by the Times Of India on the number of sexual assault cases across the country from 2017 to 2022, with West Bengal, of which Kolkata is the capital, not on the list. "Out of 1551 case of rape/gangrape followed by murder. UP reported maximum cases (280) followed by MP (207), Assam (205) Maharashtra (155) and Karnataka (79) Dhankar Ji: Seen this? Why West Bengal miss-ing? No malaise?" the Rajya Sabha member wrote. Also Read | Kapil Sibal 'laughs' in SC amid hearing on Kolkata case, SG Tushar Mehta responds: '...somebody has died' In the purport ed resolution, the ex-member of the Congress party had also suggested that incidents such as the RG Kar one are a 'commonplace,' angering the Vice President for this assertion as well.

# Rahul Gandhi posts video of interaction with DTC employees

### Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, September 2: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul

Gandhi on Monday highlighted the issues being faced by Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) employees and said those who make the journey of lakhs of passengers smooth everyday have only gotten injustice in return. Sharing a video of his interaction with DTC employees last week and a bus ride he undertook, Gandhi said on X that the DTC employees are asking the government that if they are permanent citizens, why are their jobs temporary. 'A few days ago, after a pleasant bus ride in Delhi, I interacted with DTC employees and got to know about their daily routine and problems,' the former Congress chief said in his post in Hindi. 'No social security, no stable income and no permanent job - contractual labour has reduced a job of great responsibility to a state of compulsion,'

he said. While drivers and conductors are forced to live in the darkness of uncertain-

ty, the home guards who are constantly workers are also living under the constant deployed for the safety of passengers have been without salary for six months, Gandhi



fear of privatisation, he said. These are the people who run India, make the journey of

lakhs of passengers smooth every day - but if they have gotten anything in return for their dedication, it is only injustice,' he said. The demands are clear - equal work, equal pay, complete justice, Gandhi said. With a heavy heart and a saddened mind, they are asking the government, 'If we are permanent citizens, why are our jobs temporary!" Gandhi said. In the video, Gandhi is seen taking an Uber ride with a driver, with whom he had earlier travelled and later released a video highlighting the problems of gig workers, to the place near the Sarojini Nagar Bus depot where he interacted with the drivers, conductors and marshals last Wednesday. There was a meeting and discussion with the driver and conductor brothers, and bus marshals in Delhi and then a fun ride in a

said. Troubled with this neglect, like govern-ment employees across the country, DTC bus. A talk with loved ones on their issues!' he had said in a post in Hindi on X.

## **Devender Singh Babli joins** BJP ahead of Haryana polls

New Delhi, Sept 2: Former Haryana panchavat minister and sitting Tohana MLA Devender Singh Babli on Monday joined BJP along with Sunil Sangwan and Sanjay Kablana. Babli's BJP foray comes just days after Haryana Congress general secretary Deepak Babaria refused to grant any assurance of a ticket to him saying he was not even a primary member of the party. In 2019, Babli had contested Tohana assembly poll on a JJP ticket and won by a margin of over one lakh vots. He had defeated then state chief Subhash Barala. Ahead of the current poll cycle, Babli was keen to get a Congress ticket from Tohana. He had hoped Kumari Selja, whom he openly helped in the recent Lok Sabha poll in Sirsa, would help him secure the assurance of an assembly nomination from the Congress. However, the Congress refused asking Babli to first join the party. Sunil Sangwan, former head of Bhondsi jail in Haryana and son of former minister Surinder Sangwan, also joined the BJP today along with Kablana. After the joining, BJP general secretary Arun Singh said the party would "100 per cent win in Haryana where the people are keen to re-elect the BJP for the third time and wipe out the Congress". Also present at the joining were BJP Haryana chief Mohan Lal Badoli, poll co in-charge Biplab Deb and former state unit chief OP Dhankar.

### **CBI** arrests ex-RG Kar Hospital principal Sandip Ghosh over 'financial irregularities'

ST Correspondent

Kolkata, September 2: The CBI on Monday arrested the former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh in connection with the alleged financial misconduct at the establishment, officials said. Ghosh was questioned for the 15th day at the agency's Salt Lake office over the alleged rape and murder of the



RG Kar hospital post-graduate trainee on August 9. He was later escorted to the CBI's Nizam Palace office in Kolkata which houses the agency's anti-corruption wing and was shown as arrested. The hospital's former deputy superintendent Dr Akhtar Ali had lodged complaints of financial irregularities on multiple counts at the establishment during Ghosh's tenure as principal. Ghosh was asked to go on leave by the state government after the murder of the trainee doctor came to light.

### 4.5 lakh people affected by floods in Andhra Pradesh, 31,238 evacuated

Amaravati, September 2: Nearly 4.5 lakh people were affected by the unprecedented rainfall and floods in Andhra Pradesh over the past three days, leading to the evacuation of 31,238 people to 166 relief camps. The most affected districts included NTR, Guntur, Krishna, Eluru, Palnadu, Bapatla and Prakasam, said an official press release on Monday. Two more SDRF and nine NDRF teams are en route to Vijayawada, the worst affected place in the southern state where rains and overflowing rivulets wreaked havoc. As per the request of Guntur and NTR district administrations, the Indian Navy agreed to deploy two choppers for search and rescue operations in the affected areas; one of which has already arrived in Vijayawada, said the release. The southern state also requested for six helicopters to airlift stranded people and drop food packets, along with 10 NDRF and 40 motor boats for search and rescue operations in the affected districts. As many as 39 livestock, which include sheep and buffaloes, lost their lives in the state while 5,300 poultry birds died in Palnadu district. Thirty-eight fishing boats were fully damaged or lost, six partially while 61 minor irrigation tanks suffered breaches in NTR district, four in Guntur and eight in Eluru. Budameru, a rivulet on the outskirts of Vijayawada suffered breach at six places,

# Manipur BJP MLA urges Centre to withdraw central forces from state

Navdeep Singh Sahni

Imphal, September 2: Manipur BJP MLA Rajkumar Imo Singh on Monday requested the Centre to withdraw central forces from the state if their presence failed to halt the violence. In a letter

to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Singh said if central forces failed to deliver, state security personnel should be allowed to take charge in an effort to restore peace in the ethnic strife-hit state. Singh, who is also the son-in-law of Chief Minister N Biren Singh, argued that the presence of around 60,000 central forces in Manipur had not resulted in peace. "The presence of around 60,000 central security personnel in Manipur is not yielding peace, thus it's better to remove the mute spectators," he wrote. He acknowledged the recent action taken to withdraw certain units of the Assam Rifles for their

lack of cooperation with the state government and residents. "We are pleased with the action to remove certain units of ture. Former CRPF Director General Assam Rifles who were not cooperating with the state government and the residents, but if the presence of these and other central forces cannot halt violence, it is better to remove them and allow the



state forces to take charge and bring peace," he added. The legislator said transferring the Unified Command to the state government was crucial at this juncKuldiep Singh was appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs as a security advisor to the Manipur Government following the outbreak of violence in the state last year. The Unified Command, which oversees reports from various agencies and forces, coordinates operational requirements in consultation with the state government. Singh also called on the Centre to take stricter measures against militant and insurgent groups that had breached the ground rules of the Suspension of Operations (SOO) agreement. He urged Shah to cancel the SOO agreements with these groups, which he alleged were fuelling further violence. Additionally, the MLA requested an investigation into the funding and supply of arms and ammunition that he believed was exacerbating the conflict. Singh urged the Cente to initiate 'a political dialogue and engagement between all stakeholders' to achieve a permanent and

### Over 6,900 corruption cases probed by CBI pending trials in courts

peaceful resolution

#### Congress names 6 for J&K Assembly elections

New Delhi, September 2: The Congress on Monday released its second list of six candidates for the upcoming Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, fielding JKPCC chief Tariq Hameed Karra from Central Shalteng. The list was released soon after Congress' Central Election Committee met here to finalise names of candidates for the elections, which the party is contesting in alliance with the National Conference. Apart from J-K Pradesh Congress Committee chief Karra, the party has fielded Mumtaz Khan from Reasi, Bhupender Jamwal from Mata Vaishno Devi, Iftikhar Ahmed from Rajouri (ST), Shabbir Ahmed Khan from Thannamandi (ST) and Mohammad Shahnawaz Choudhary from Surankote (ST). These constituencies will go to polls in the second phase of the three-phase Assembly elections. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi, general secretary in-charge (organisation) K C Venugopal, Karra, Jammu and Kashmir screening committee chief Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and senior leader Salman Khurshid, among others, attended the meeting at the AICC headquar ters here.

## RSS calls for fast tracking rape trials, regulating online content

#### Tejinder Kaur Babbar

one at Kavuluru and four in Santhinagar.

New Delhi, September 2: The ruling BJP's ideological mentor Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Monday called for fast tracking of rape trials and regulation of online content even as it expressed alarm over the brutal sexual assault and killing of a junior medic at RG Kar hospital in Kolkata. It is important to reduce the wait for justice, the Sangh said at the end of a three-day meeting with its 32 affiliates including the BJP, in Kerala's Palakkad. "We need a fast track of trials. Justice process should not be so prolonged. We discussed ways to overcome time gaps in delivery of justice. Different affiliated organisations will discuss the issue with legal experts and the government also," RSS all India communications chief Sunil Ambekar said today. Ambekar said all RSS inspired organisations expressed agitation at what happened in Kolkata and narrated incidents and reasons thereof from different states. "The role of government, governdebated. There is a need to revisit all this.



Proper fact track procedures to deliver justice to victims which will finally end all such atrocities is necessary," said the RSS functionary. The Sangh, he added, had concluded that all its inspired organisations will to take up the organisations had shared evidence.

ment machinery, penal provisions was also issue on five fronts-legally, social awareness so that people come forward to stop such

crimes, family values to curb criminal tendencies, formal/informal education to teach about the sensitivity of the issue, need for self-defence activities and regulation of OTT, digital, TV and internet content. "It has been seen that many people who wreck such havoc have long watched online content," Ambekar said. On other issues discussed at the RSS meeting, Ambekar said concerns were expressed on the status of Bangladeshi Hindus and other minorities. "A detailed report was given by different organisations on Bangladesh issue. Everyone is worried about Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh. Our government should talk to them to ensure the safety of Hindus," Ambekar said, adding that the RSS had also decided to take up in detail the reports of mass conversion by Christian missions in Tamil Nadu on which many of its

New Delhi, September 2: Over 6,900 corruption cases probed by the CBI were pending trials in different courts, 361 for more than 20 years, according to the latest annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). Besides, as many as 658 corruption cases were pending CBI investigation, 48 for more than five years. Of the total of 6,903 cases under trial before courts, 1,379 were pending for less than three years, 875 for more than three years and up to five years and 2,188 for more than five years and up to ten years, as on December 31, 2023, the anti-corruption watchdog said. As many as 2,100 cases were pending trial for more than 10 years and up to 20 years, and 361 for more than 20 years, said the 2023 CVC's annual report. "It was noted that 6,903 number of cases were pending trials as on December 31, 2023. It is a matter of concern that 2,461 cases were pending for more than 10 years at the end of 2023," it said. The CVC report said that 12,773 appeals/revision, filed by the CBI and by the accused, were pending in different high courts and the Supreme Court. Of these, 501 were pending for more than 20 years, 1,138 for more than 15 years but less than 20 years, 2,558 for more than 10 years but less than 15 years, 3,850 for more than five years but less than 10 years, 2,172 for more than two years but less than five years and 2,554 for less than two years, said the report made public recently. Giving details of the 658 cases pending investigation by the CBI, the report said 48 were pending probe for over five years, 74 for more than three years but less than five years, 75 for more than two years but less than three years, 175 for more than one year but less than two years and 286 for less than one year. "It is expected of the CBI to complete investigation within one year of registration of case. Completion of investigation would imply filing of charge sheet in a court of law wherever warranted, after receipt of sanction from the competent authority, if required," it said. Some delays have been observed in completion of investigation in certain cases, the report said. The reasons for delay in completion of investigation includes "delay due to excessive work", "inadequate manpower", the probe by the CBI. As per the report, there were 1,610 vacant posts in the CBI, against its sanctioned strength of 7,295, as on December 31, 2023. Of the vacancies, 1,040 are in the executive ranks, 84 law offi cers, 53 technical officers, 388 ministerial staff and 45 canteen staff, it said.

# Kolkata murder case: Mamata govt proposes death penalty for rape convicts in draft bill

### Naresh Malhotra

Kolkata,Sep 02: The bill also proposes to amend the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, and the POCSO Act 2012. The draft of the anti-rape bill, which the Mamata Banerjee government is set to present in the West Bengal Assembly on Tuesday, proposes capital punishment for those convicted of rape if their actions lead to the victim's death or result in a vegetative state. Mamata Banerjee government to present draft of anti-rape bill on Tuesday, proposing death penalty for those convicted of rape. Mamata Banerjee government to present draft of anti-rape bill on Tuesday, proposing death penalty for those convicted of rape. The draft also proposes that people convicted of rape or gang-rape will face a life sentence for the rest of their lives, PTI reported. Get Unlimited access to Hindustan Times Epaper and Archives at 1199/- per year Called the 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) Bill 2024,' the new law aims to

rules about rape and sexual offenses. The bill also proposes to amend the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 as they apply to West Bengal. The amendments aim to increase penalties and create a framework for faster investigation and trial of severe crimes against women and children. In its statement of purpose, the draft bill aims "to create a safer environment for women and children" in the state. "It is a testament to the State's unwavering commitment to uphold

the fundamental rights of its citizens, particularly women and children, and to ensure that heinous acts of rape and sexual offences against children are met with the full force of the law", reads the draft. A two-

better protect women and children by day special session of the assembly has 72(1), 73, 124(1) and 124 (2) of BNS, 2023, amending current laws and adding new been called in response to the rape and mur- which broadly pertains to punishment for



der of a woman medic at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital last month. The bill is set to be tabled by state law minister Moloy Ghatak. The draft bill the remainder of their natural life, or death seeks to amend sections 64, 66, 70(1), 71, and a fine."

rape, rape and murder, gang-rape, repeat offenders, disclosure of victim identity and even causing hurt by use of acid, etc. The draft bill also plans to introduce major changes to the investigation and prosecution process. It requires that investigations into rape cases be completed within 21 days of the initial report, down from the previous two-month deadline. The legislation will also allow for an extension of up to 15 days on the three-week investigation deadline. This extension can be granted by any police officer of at least the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP) or equivalent, provided they record the reasons in writing in the case diary maintained under

Section 192 of BNSS, 2023. According to the

draft, repeat offenders would face "imprison-

ment for life, which means imprisonment for



### News box TN doctors urge MRB to expedite recruitment, declare exam date

- CHENNAI. Hundreds of doctors looking forward to entering government service have requested the Medical Services Recruitment Board (MRB) to announce the examination date for the post of assistant surgeon soon. The deadline for online submission of applications to fill 2,553 assistant surgeon posts ended on July 15.
- Dr S Uthayakumar from Namakkal district said several doctors, in the anticipation to get into government service, refrain from enrolling in a postgraduate course. Not from a financially sound economic background, many of them are working in private institutions or with the government on a contract basis for inadequate salary, he said.
- In October 2022, the board issued notification to recruit 1,021 doctors. Over 25,000 doctors attempted the examination held in April 2023. The state appointed the doctors for the posts in February 2024. The batch prior to that was recruited in 2018, said the doctors. Many are losing confidence in the recruitment process due to the delay, added Dr Uthayakumar.
- Dr M Senthilkumar said over 10,000 MBBS graduates pass out each year. Despite enough job vacancies in primary health centres, the board has not been conducting examinations on time. A female doctor from Tiruchy said the competition gets tougher by the year. Seniors are losing out on a better chance, she said. Recently, while talking to presspersons, Health Minister Ma Subramanian said the recruitment for the 2,553 posts would be done

### Central team to assess damage

- Gandhinagar. The Union home ministry has constituted an inter-ministerial central team (IMCT) led by the executive director of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) to assess the damage caused by rainfall and floods in Gujarat. The IMCT will shortly visit the flood-affected districts of the state. Several parts of Gujarat were battered with heavy to very heavy rain between Aug 25 and 30 because of a deep depression formed over Gujarat and Rajasthan. Apart from the loss of lives, a large number of livestock have also died, and farmers have suffered losses to standing crops. In several districts, people have suffered damage to property because of severe waterlogging in low-lying areas due to the spell of rain. Tnn
- Central team to assess damage caused by rain in GujaratThe Union home ministry has set up an inter-ministerial team headed by NIDM's executive director to evaluate flood damage in Gujarat. Following heavy rains between August 25 and 30, there were significant losses in livestock, crops, and property. Similar teams will be dispatched to Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh to assess flood-related damages.
- MHA deploys inter-ministerial team to assess Gujarat flood damage, death toll at 47The Ministry of Home Affairs has established an Inter-Ministerial Central Team to assess flood damage in Gujarat. Headed by the

# Telangana government steps up relief measures following heavy rains

The Secunderabad-headquartered South Central Railway cancelled train services, while diverting some others.



HYDERABAD. The Telangana government

on Monday stepped up relief measures The flood victims at Khammam, as following heavy rains in the state which led to the death of at least nine people and inundation of low-lying areas.

The affected people were shifted to relief camps at some places in the state. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will conduct a meeting with officials on the rain

relief measures.People in several places in the state were grappling with the situation though there had been some let up in the rains on Monday morning.

Munneru rivulet was in spate, said their belongings were washed away and that drinking water was not available to them. Some local residents provided them with food on Sunday, they said. They alleged that they had got no relief from the officials.

Traffic on the Hyderabad - Vijayawada National Highway was diverted due to rainwater overflowing on the road.

State Panchayat Raj Minister Danasari Anasuya visited rain-affected areas in the Mahabubabad district and enquired about the relief measures taken up and about help provided to those who were shifted to relief camps. The Secunderabadheadquartered South Central Railway cancelled train services, while diverting some others.

The Met Centre of IMD here said extremely heavy rainfall is likely to occur at isolated places in Adilabad district on Monday. In view of heavy rains, the Cyberabad Police here requested all IT and ITES companies to encourage 'work from home' on September 2. Allowing the employees to work from home would minimise the risks associated with commuting during this weather, said D Joel Davis, Joint Commissioner of Police (Cyberabad Traffic) in an advisory.

Additionally, this measure would also help reduce traffic congestion and ensure that emergency services are not hindered, he said. Due to the forecast of heavy rains in Hyderabad district, a holiday has been declared for all primary and secondary schools, under all managements (Government, Aided, and Private) on September 2, as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of the children, officials said.

### Bird flu confirmed in two more blocks of Puri district

BHUBANESWAR. The bird flu outbreak has begun to spread to more pockets of the Puri district with detection of the H5N1 virus strain among poultry birds in the Nimapara and Delanga blocks.

Sources said samples collected from Motari village under Delanga block and Potapatanga village under Nimapara block tested positive for avian influenza prompting the Animal Resources Development department to start mass culling of birds to prevent further spread. Additional director of animal disease control Dr Jagannath Nanda said six samples from poultry farms in the two villages were sent to the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal. "The rapid response teams (RRTs) have been pressed into service after the samples were found to be positive. Both the blocks have around 120 farms. However, barring 5-6 farms, no poultry birds were found to be affected in the rest during routine surveillance. The birds will be culled in around one km radius of the villages where samples tested positive," he said.

The avian influenza was first detected in Pipili and Satyabadi blocks on August 26. In response to the outbreak, veterinary officials had initiated culling operations. The culling has now expanded to the newly-affected areas as part of a broader containment strategy.

Puri collector Siddharth Shankar Swain said the affected areas have been declared as containment zones restricting traders to take poultry birds outside and the situation is being monitored closely. "The health of poultry and public safety are our top priority," he said.Poultry farmers are struggling with the loss of their flocks, while traders are dealing with a significant drop in business as consumers are staying away from poultry products. Voicing his distress, Upendra Barik, a poultry farmer from Nimapara said the outbreak has devastated his business.

# BJP backs Pradhan over Ravenshaw name change row

BHUBANESWAR. With Union Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's suggestion for renaming Ravenshaw University snowballing into a major political controversy, the BJP on Sunday rushed to his defence stating the issue needed extensive debate. Deputy chief minister KV Singh Deo and Higher Education minister Suryabanshi Suraj said the Union minister had already clarified that his proposal for changing the name of the state's premier university was his personal opinion. There should be a debate on the issue, they said. Asked about his opinion on the proposal to rename Ravenshaw University, Suraj said, "It does

not hold any significance."Lashing at the Referring to the book 'Desha Kala Patra', a BJD and Congress for criticising Pradhan, state BJP spokesperson Anil Biswal said at a media conference that the regional party had handed over the reins to a non-Odia officer when it was in power. Now it has gone a step further to praise a British officer who was responsible for the death of about 20 lakh people during 1866 Na'anka Durbhikhya (the great Odisha famine), he said.

The BJD and Congress have either not understood what Pradhan said or they do not have the intellectual capacity to perceive the context in which the Union minister made such a statement," Biswal said.

Lakes breached, roads flooded in Warangal district, Telangana

historical collection of writings by renowned Odia author Jagannath Prasad Das, Biswal said, he has depicted the role of TE Ravenshaw, the then commissioner of Odisha division, when lakhs of people of the state were dying of starvation.

"How could the BJD and Congress leaders digest the uncharitable remarks of the British commissioner on Odia people before the George Campbell Commission, which was investigating the causes of famine in Odisha?" he asked. The BJP leader further said that Pradhan had maintained that changing of the name of the 156-year-old

institution was his personal opinion and called for a larger debate on the issue which is an essential aspect of a healthy democracy. When the entire country is trying to shed the colonial tag and come out of the legacy of invaders, this is the right time to give the sons of the soil, who played a significant role in establishment of the institution, their due," Biswal said. He said there is enough material evidence on the contribution of Mayurbhanj king Maharaj Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo and Kanika king Rajendra Narayan Bhanja Deo to the institution which was known as Kataka College before it was renamed after Ravenshaw.

### Trains cancelled, diverted amid floods Andhra Pradesh, Telangana

BHUBANESWAR. At least 12 trains were cancelled and half-a-dozen diverted as heavy rain continued to batter several parts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for the second consecutive day on Sunday, causing severe flooding, landslides and damage to property.

National Institute of Disaster Management, the team will soon visit the affected districts. From August 25 to 29, 47 people died due to heavy rainfall, and further heavy rain is predicted.

Gujarat floods: IMD predicts 'heavy to very heavy rain' in state, issues orange alertAnother weather system from the Bay of Bengal will influence Gujarat's weather from September 1, bringing heavy to very heavy rain in multiple regions over the coming days. Ahmedabad experienced sunny weather, with light rain predicted today. Cyclonic storm 'Asna,' near the Kutch coast, is moving away from Gujarat and is expected to weaken by Sunday.

### Police seize 228 beer cans couriered from Mumbai

Ahmedabad. A team of the Prevention of Crime Branch (PCB) on Saturday evening caught two men for their alleged involvement in getting beer cans couriered from Mumbai to a warehouse in the Odhav area of the city. According to an FIR filed with Odhav police, a PCB cop got a tip-off that Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) had been brought from Mumbai to a warehouse on Bhikshuk Gruh Road in Odhav.

Following the tip-off, the cops opened five cartons from the stock that was sent from Mulund West in Mumbai to Dharam Enterprises in Bopal. In all, 228 beer cans worth Rs 18,240 were seized.

Taufiq Shaikh, a mini-truck driver from Danilimda who had come to collect the stock, and his aide, Tarun Soni, 25, a resident of Ramol, were caught by the cops. Shaikh told the police that a man named Harsh Vikram Singh, a resident of Narol, had placed the order for the beer cans. Odhav police filed a complaint under the prohibition act against Shaikh, Soni and Singh, who is on the run, along with the unknown sender of the stock.

Odhav man uses fake power of attorney to grab Ambli landThe sub-registrar office in Bopal filed an FIR against Babu Desai for allegedly using a fake power of attorney to transfer 1.44 hectares of land in Ambli to his name. The complaint was registered following an investigation triggered by Nitin Prajapati, uncovering that the documents used were forged and invalid.

passengers were rescued from a stranded TGSRTC bus by the Nekkonda polic using an earth mover.

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ARANGAL. With rains continuing for

the second day on Sunday, several people

were stranded across the erstwhile

Warangal district as waters flooded roads

On the outskirts of Topanpalle village, 56

and residential areas.

Floodwater also overflowed from drains into various colonies in the tri-city area -Warangal, Hanamkonda and Kazipet. GWMC staff and police relocated as many as 80 people to rehabilitation centres.

The Katakshapur lake under Atmakur mandal is overflowing with floodwaters, making it difficult for small vehicles to cross NH 163.In Nallela village, Kuravi mandal, the entire village was submerged on Saturday night. The village, which had not seen such flooding in two decades, was inundated. Residents found their homes filled with water and woke up with rising floodwaters. The Kuravi police and revenue officials arrived in Nallela and evacuated 20 families. No loss of life was reported.Warangal Mayor Gundu Sudha Rani and GWMC Commissioner Ashwini

Ahmedabad. A 16-year-old boy, who was in the city to meet his friends, died in a hit and run accident in Shilaj on Satuday night. The accident took place near Palodiya Tekra area under Bopal police's jurisdiction.

The deceased has been identified as Ravi Rajbhar, a native of Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh, who lived in Vadodara's Pratapnagar area with his family. He had arrived in Ahmedabad on Friday. On Satuday night, his family received a call from Bopal police about the fatal accident.

Ravi's cousin, Ajay Rajbhar,

stated in the FIR that he learned from police that Ravi was walking negligence against an unknown person. on a bridge near the Palodiya Tekra locality in Shilaj when he was hit 26-year-old youth dies after road accident in Delhi, family donates by an unidentified vehicle. A organsFollowing a severe road passer-by called police and an ambulance. Ravi was rushed to organs were donated after he was

Sola Civil Hospital and then shifted to Civil Hospital in Asarwa, where he died.

Bopal police have registered a complaint of rash driving, an act endangering life or personal safety

Tanaji Wakade have cancelled employee Mahabubabad also experienced flooding in leave to ensure availability and instructed staff to remain vigilant. They also directed that if waters reach low-lying areas, people should be evacuated to Residents are advised to use the toll-free rehabilitation centres.Residents advised to contact control room

several colonies, with roads turning into streams. Officials deployed SDRF teams and set up a control room.

numbers 1800 425 1980, 9701999645 and 9701999676.

## 16-year-old boy dies in hit and run

family's generosity and the vital importance of organ

hit-&-run crash on KMP Expressway, HaryanaA 22year-old woman from Jhajjar died after being hit by a van on the KMP Expressway while trying to hitch a ride to Badli early woman, accompanied by her neighbor, suffered severe injuries due to reckless driving. Police are investigating, but the van driver remains missing. CCTV footage is being reviewed.

of others, and causing death by 16-yr-old in city to meet friends dies in hit and runA 16-year-old boy named Ravi Rajbhar died in a hitand-run accident in Shilaj, Ahmedabad. The incident occurred near Palodiya Tekra under Bopal police's jurisdiction. Originally from Uttar Pradesh, Ravi lived in Vadodara and was visiting friends in Ahmedabad. He was hit by an unidentified vehicle while walking on a bridge. The police are investigating the case.

22-year-old woman dies in BHUBANESWAR. A BJD team which visited the Polavaram dam site has demanded that Andhra Pradesh should share the project details with Odisha government so that the number of villages to be affected in the state can be

ascertained.

Sunday morning. The The team including former ministers Debi Prasad Mishra Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, former MP Pradeep Majhi and Bhrugu Baxipatra visited the dam site in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh for two days. The party leaders will submit their report to BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik on Monday. Majhi said the Andhra Pradesh government is set to start work on the main dam and powerhouse in November. As Odisha is expected to suffer significant losses from the project without gaining any benefit, the BJD has been opposing it since its inception. The former MP said the BJD will demand construction of embankments on both sides of Sileru and Saberi rivers in

Railway sources said a portion of gravel under the railway track near Kesamudram in Telangana was washed away in floodwater leaving several passengers stranded on a train at the railway station. They were later rescued by the local authorities.

Frain services were stopped along two routes approaching Kesamudram as rainwater was flowing over the tracks near the railway station. The flood also affected train services on the Vijayawada route. The trains cancelled on Monday included Nanded-Sambalpur Express from Nanded, Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad Express from Visakhapatnam, Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Express from Secunderabad and Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad Express from both the sides. Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT)-Visakhapatnam Express from LTT will remain cancelled on Tuesday.Railway authorities have urged passengers to check the status of trains before planning their journeys during next 48 hours.

## BJD wants Andhra to share details of **Polavaram project with Odisha**

Malkangiri district for protection of villages in Odisha. The BJP government in Odisha should put pressure on Andhra Pradesh for construction of the embankments.

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### News box

### Piles of garbage, stagnant water raise health concerns in Sector 43

Gurgaon. Residents of Sector 43 have complained of unsanitary conditions in their neighbourhood, accusing HSVP and MCG of mismanagement. Several vacant plots in the area have transformed into overgrown jungles, hindering residents' right to clean and safe surroundings. "Most of these vacant plots are now eyesores, covered in undergrowth and trash. The entire sector looks shabby," said RWA general secretary Narender Mehta.Stagnant water has also accumulated in these neglected plots, becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes and increasing the risk of mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue and malaria. În addition to this, both residential and commercial plots have become makeshift dumping grounds, they said, adding that piles of garbage due to illegal dumping has put their health at risk. This situation arose as some of the plots were either not developed by owners or have not been auctioned by HSVP, residents said, criticising HSVP and MCG for passing the buck to each other and not stepping up to tackle the situation while people suffered.

- "The situation is pathetic," said Colonel RS Sirohi (Retd), President of the Sector-43 RWA. "Illegal dumping of debris is rampant, turning these plots into a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If the administration doesn't step in soon, it could lead to a major health crisis."
- He also expressed concern over HSVP's lack of action. "We were promised action, yet nothing has materialised on the ground. The situation is only getting worse."
- Meanwhile, an official from HSVP said directions had been issued to take action as per the rules. "The matter was brought to our knowledge and needful will be done," the official said.

### Moderate rainfall likely over next week, says IMD

Gurgaon. The city's maximum temperature recorded at 35 degrees Celsius on Sunday was slightly higher than Saturday's 35.2 degrees and remained 1.7 degrees above the normal for this time of the season.

With no relief from heat and humidity, the minimum temperature rose slightly to 27 degrees against 25.9 degrees on Saturday. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted partly cloudy skies with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers for the next six days. However, no alert has been issued."Scattered light to moderate rainfall can be expected in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, and west Rajasthan for this week. Heavy rain is unlikely," said an IMD official. The maximum temperature during this period will hover between 34 and 35 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature is expected to settle between 25 and 26 degrees.Recorded at 95 on Sunday, the city's air quality index improved slightly and was in the 'satisfactory' category. On Saturday, the AQI was 'moderate' at 105.

### 'Need permanent solution': Disrepair of roads in Sec 47 draws residents' ire

Gurgaon. The deteriorating condition of a 10km stretch of internal road network in Sector 47 due to neglect and inadequate repair has drawn the ire of residents.Last resurfaced in 2018, the roads have become riddled with potholes and cracks. The recent spells of rain have only exacerbated the situation, with waterlogging causing further damage to the already dilapidated roads, residents said. The drainage work carried out two years ago, which was supposed to address flooding in the area, has left residents exasperated as the superficial repairs left the roads in disrepair and added to the civic woes.Residents said there has been no solution despite repeated complaints to MCG, making daily commutes a nightmare for drivers and pedestrians alike.Ravinder Beniwal, a resident, said, "It becomes difficult for the motorists to gauge the depth of potholes in waterlogged streets. Two-wheelers often lose their balance while navigating uneven surfaces. Roads have been dug up for drainage or cable laying, but no proper repairs have been ensured."The residents have urged the MCG to take immediate action and resurface the internal roads in the area. Virender Tyagi, RWA president of Sector 47, said, "All MCG does is fill the potholes with gravel after repeated complaints. But this is not a solution as gravel starts dislodging and once it rains, potholes reappear. We have been dealing with poor road conditions for years. Every time we complain, all we get are false assurances. Now the MCG must act and provide a permanent solution."

# Why key to a clean city lies in every household

Gurgaon. There are 9.05 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste lying at the Bandhwari landfill site, waiting to be processed. Municipal waste estimated to reach Bandhwari till the end of this year is another 3.3 lakh metric tonnes. The state of Bandhwari, which National Green Tribunal ordered to be cleared two years ago and for which it slapped environmental compensation of Rs 100 crore on Haryana govt, is a reflection of the city's daily struggles with garbage management. Failure to designate alternative sites for a landfill and to reduce the amount of waste that needs to be collected and processed centrally has put the entire pressure of garbage management on the collection, segregation and transportation apparatus, which anyway is riddled with gaps and needs reform. When it ordered Haryana govt to clear the Bandhwari landfill in Sept 2022, NGT had called for a "mission mode approach" to remove legacy waste from the site. Since then, the corporation has engaged different agencies to process the waste, but the same urgency has not been seen in arresting waste at source, which the civic body can try by proactively collaborating with RWAs.aBesides the heaps of waste that have become a common sight on roadsides across the city because of garbage mismanagement, Bandhwari also extracts a big environmental cost. It's a landfill spanning 28.9 acres encircled by Aravalis. A landfill there has for years led to concern about its impact on groundwater because it sits near a major recharge point. The corporation recently informed NGT that it intends to clear all legacy waste from Bandhwari by the end of Dec. Accomplishing this goal will, however, need more proactive measures to be undertaken to decrease the quantity of waste being transported to the landfill because space constraints due to machines and fresh garbage deposits will delay legacy waste clearing. What's the quickest way to reduce waste reaching the landfill?The load will get significantly lightened if the corporation can incentivise bulk waste generators (BWGs) to manage their waste by recycling dry waste and plastics and setting up composting facilities on their premises. MCG had earlier classified those producing 50kg or more waste per day as BWGs but it has revised this to 100kg.ccording to the 50kg classification, the city has 8,749 BWGs, which includes 1,531 residential societies, 1,959

educational institutions, 222 religious institutions and 177 industrial units."We need more waste entrepreneurs working in the city who will bring innovation and scientific technology in waste management. Indore has installed a bio-CNG plant and they are now using CNG produced from waste to run city buses. MCG needs to commission such projects and bring more innovation, which will eventually reduce the burden on the landfill. Waste entrepreneurs are also making furniture out of plastic," said Vaishali Rana, an environmental activist.Reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills can also be achieved through decentralised processing. It is essential for the corporation to establish material recovery facilities in each ward or cluster for this.We have told NGT we will clear all the legacy waste by Dec end and we are going all out to achieve the target. Moreover, we have started sending notices to BWGs and imposing penalties on them for not processing waste. We are also handholding them and have empanelled agencies to assist them in waste management," MCG commissioner Narhari Singh Banger told TOI.Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, clearly

define duties of waste generators. It is to segregate waste into three separate streams - biodegradable, nonbiodegradable and domestic hazardous waste - in separate bins and hand over segregated waste to authorised ragpickers or waste collectors. Urban local bodies, according to the rules, must decentralise waste processing and set up material recovery facilities (MRFs) or secondary storage facilities with sufficient space for sorting of recyclable material.Environmentalists argue the city's problems stem from a flawed policy design. Contracts and work orders for solid waste management are based on a model that emphasises collection, transportation and tipping fees, which encourages the transport of larger amounts of garbage to a landfill. Segregation isn't done scientifically, so mixed waste ends up at the landfill. This affects both recycling and processing. The areas most severely mpacted are Jharsa, Sikanderpur, Sadar Bazar, Ghata, Southern Peripheral Road,

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Praveen Kumar Gurjar S/o Laxman Singh Gurjar R/o No-310, Ward No-2, Gohana, Sonipat, Haryana 31301, Have Changed My Name To Praveen Kuma For All Future Purpose

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NO-15223909F. Rank-NK. Name

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been wrongly written as PRADEEP KUMAR in my Driving License No. P07102008455086. The actual name of mine is PRADEEP KUMAR YADAV which may be amended accordingly.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform you that Mr. Pramo Kumar is the owner of a land area measu ing 418 square meters out of Khasra No 473, situated in Village Fatehpur Matrona Pargana & District Hapur, U.P. He acquired this property from Mr. Jagsaran through a Gift Deed dated 27.05.2024, registered as No. 5857. Mr. Jagsaran was the owner according to the Khatoni. The same property is being financed by RBL Bank Limite located at AF 19, 20, 21 FF Aditya Ma ndirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P. 201012. Ou lient is the absolute owner of the above nentioned property. The property is free rom disputes and no litigation is pending it ny court of law. If any person(s) objectior regarding subject property, then kindly nay submit his/her objection within 07 day from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the undersigned by way of the Registered Post on the address given below and by E-mail ailing which, the claim as per aforesaid shall be treated as null and void in respec of the subject property

[ASHWANI KUMAR] Advocat Chamber No. 122, Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P.

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It is for general information that I, NETRAPAL KAUSHIK S/O BHUDEV SHARMA R/o H.No.-447, Gali No-1B, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, North West Delhi-110040 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as NATER PAL KAUSHIK in my driving Licence No. D00602010201410 The optical proceed P08062004392410. The actual name or mine is NETRAPAL KAUSHIK which nay be amended accordingly. Name Change I, Priyanka D/o Sh. Ram Raj Sindhya w/o Kailash Chandra r/o R-35 A, Second Floor (Back Side), Mohan certified that I have complied with other legal equirements in this connection. Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Priyanka Joshi for all purposes. Name Change I Krishnakant Lakhpatrai Gupta S/O Lakhpatrai Gupta R/O- 302, Hans res-idency, Pal Rd, Opposite YES BANK, Jodhpur, Rajasthan -342008 have

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I, DEEPA & DEEPA GUPTA W/0 DEEPAK GOEL R/0 C-4/2 SEC OND FLOOR RANA PRATAP BAG MALKA GANJ NORTH WEST DELHI -110007 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DEEPA GOEL FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

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Name Change I, SWETA wife of No. 15177638N Rank- HAV/DS, Name- GUPTA AJAYKUMAR GANGARAM R/O 557, LASHA NAGAR, VIJALPOR EROO, NAVSARI, GUJARAT. 396450 have changed my name from SWETA to SWETA AJAYKU-01/07/1959 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1955 Vide Affidavit dated 02/09/2024 before MAR GUPTA for all future purpos es vide Affidavit Dated 02/09/202 Notary Public. Delhi efore Notary Public, Delhi.

Parag Krishnakant Gupta S/O Krishnakant Lakhpatrai Gupta R/O-RANJANA W/O Of Army no -801810H HAV GAWADE KISHOR 131, Block B, Ardee City, Sector 52, Gurgaon-122003 have changed my name to Parag Gupta for all future WAHADEV R/O VILL-AMBOLI Post-AMBOLI TEH- SAWANTWADI Dist-AWIDOL TEIF SAWAYIWAD DISE SINDHUDURG Pin -416510 State -Maharashtra have checked my name from RANJANA TO RANJANA KISHOR GAWADE For all further pur-poses vide affiliated dated 03/09/ 2024 Before notary public Delhi. urposes Name Change , Bharti D/o Radhey Lal Garg R/o Near Civil Hospital, Garg Villa, Palwal, Haryana-121102, Have Changed My Name To Bharti Garg For All Future Purpose Name Change hithertoknown asANJALI KHANDELWA D/o PRADEEP KUMAR KHANDELWAL and W/o VISHAL JAIN R/o BP-114 West, Shalimar Bagh, North West Delhi, Delhi-110088, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANJALI JAIN. I have hanged my name only, not my religion. It is

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changed my name to Krishna Gupta for all future purposes.

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Gnazabaa, Uttar Pradesh - 20100, have changed the name of my mino Daughter GUNI SINGHAL aged 10 Years and She shall hereafter be known as SAISHA SINGHAL.

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or general information that I ,Roh

AMIT SINGHAL S/o KAMAL SHOR SINGHAL residing at V-033

### have changed my name from REKHA to REKHA RATHORE for all future pur poses vide Affidavit dated 02/09 before Notary Public, Delhi.

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Golf Link, Kavi Nagar, Mehrauli, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201002 Name Change JC-675831X Rank-SUB Name I, JC-6/5831X Kank-SUB Name-RABINDRA KUMAR residing at VILL-CHATRA, PO-MANSI, TEH-KHAGARIA, DIST-KHAGARIA, BIHAR-851214 have changed my name from RABINDRA KUMAR to DM/NDRA KUMAR for a sur-tional structure and structure a RAVINDRA KUMAR for all future pur

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Kulbhushan narang s/o Har Daya arang R/o B - 725 weavers colony Ashok Vihar phase 4 Delhi have changed my name Kulbusan narang to Kulbushan narang vide affidavit dated 02-09-2024 before notary public Delhi. Name Change , REKHA Wife of JC-704306N SUB/NA MANOJ KUMAR SINGF RATHORE R/o VILL-RAMNAGAR O-KAILA, TEH-ALIGANJ, DIST ETAH, UTTAR PRADESH-20724 Name Change

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> , N BALA RAJ Father of No 6128539X Rank-SPR Name-B ALAI RAJAN R/O LONG ISLAND (RV), NORTH AND MIDDLE ANDAMAN, ANDAMAN AND

I, AMMINI SASI wife of NO. 16112303Y Rank-HAV Name. ARUN KUMAR S R/C KARUKACHIRA, VILL-EDATHU. VA, PO-OORUKARY, TALUK-KUT. Name Change MOHAMMAD OWAIS IOHAMMADJAMIL residing S/C TANADU, DIST-ALAPPUZH IANADU, DIST-ALAPP02HA KERALA-689595 have changed my name from AMMINI SASI to AMMINI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 02/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi. 1376 CHATTA RAJAN FARASH KHANA DELHI-110006 have have MOHD changed my name to OWAIS permanently

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NAZGMA W/O MOHAMMADJAMIL esiding at 1376 CHATTA RAJAN ARASH KHANA DELHI-11000

have changed my name to NAGM/

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I, hitherto known as PALAK SHARMA alias AKANSHA SHARMA D/o PAWAN KUMAR residing at House No.- E 17A/1, Block -E, Jal Vihar, Phase -I, 25 Foota Road, Near Dixit Noticel Hol Notice Couth Wort I, SATYANARAYANA father of NO-16114650W Rank-NK Name-YEDLA PEDDI NAIDU residing a VILL-KOVVADAPETA, PO-/ILL-KOVVADAPETA, PO-PEDAMAJJIPALEM, TEH-BON DAPALLI, DIST-VIZIANAGARAM Medical Hall, Najafgarh, South West Delhi, Delhi -110043, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AKANSHA SHARMA. NDHRA PRADESH-535221 hav hanged my name from SATYA NARAYANA to YEDLA SATYA VARAYANA for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 02/09/2024 vefore Notary Public Delhi. It is for general information that I PRADEEP KUMAR YADAV S/0 VISHWA NATH YADAV R/0 H.No.

, No. 15177638N Rank- HAV/DS Name- GUPTA AJAYKUMAF GANGARAM R/O 557, LASHA NAGAR, VIJALPOR, EROO

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It is for general information that I ANUPAMA SHARMA W/o ANOOF SHARMA, R/o 272, Karan Viha Part-II, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Sultanpuri, C-Block, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110086, declare that

### Broken after rain or dug up to fix sewers, roads are a pain drive

Noida. Residents across Noida and Greater Noida complained about broken roads that were either damaged by rain or dug up by authorities. In Sector 26, a stretch of a road has been left unattended after being dug up to fix sewers. In sectors 119 and 122, the roads are riddled with potholes. In Greater Noida's Sector 37 a service road turns into a pond after showers because of potholes, residents said.ccording to a resident, the service road of Sector Alpha 1, which had been blocked due to encroachments since the sector's development, was recently opened after persistent complaints.

However, other areas continue to suffer. Ajit Singh, a resident of Sector 26, highlighted the poor state of the road near Apollo Hospital, which has remained broken and riddled with potholes for nearly two months after sewer work was left incomplete. "Every time it rains, the road is full of sludge with deep potholes," he said.

'We are afflicted with the half job done by the Noida Authority contractor following the sewer work in Sector 26," Singh added.In Sector 122, the road near Yadu Public School, a vital link for over 100,000 daily commuters, is also in disrepair. Nikhil Singhal, president of the Noida High Rise Federation (NHRF) said the road is "badly damaged with deep potholes".Meanwhile, Greater Noida residents face similar issues. Jai Singh Bhati, RWA president of Sector 37, said broken water pipelines have led to constant sewer overflows, turning the service road into a pond during rains.

#### Name Change Singh S/O Balmukund Singh R/O - C -6/9,Jai Vihar Extn. Phase -3,Baprola, VTC: Bapraula , PO: Baprola, District: JYOTHI wife of NO-15223909F ank-NK, Name-MURKUTE Rank-NK GANESH VISHNU R/O AT/POS Vest Delhi Delhi -110043 declar NIMBAVI,TEH-SHRIGONDA, DIST AHMADNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA wrongly written as Bal Mukund in my 113703 have changed my name rom JYOTHI to JYOTI GANESH 10th and 12th class marksheet and certificate the actual name of father is Balmukund Singh MURKUTE for all future purpose ide affidavit dated 02/09/2024 efore Notary Public, Delhi.

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, No. 15177638N Rank- HAV/DS Name- GUPTA AJAYKUMAR GANGARAM R/O 557, LASHA

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KUMAR Presently residing at WARD NO-16, SILET, SOURBAZAR SAHARSA, BIHAR-852221 have changed my name from KAMLESH NARI PD YADAV to KAMLESH WARI YADAV for all future purpose ride Affidavit dated 02/09/202 fore Notary Public, Delhi. Name Change SIMHACHALAM mother of NO 6114650W Rank-NK Name-YEDLA PEDDI NAIDU residing at VILL-KOV VADAPETA, PO-PEDAMAJJIPALEM TEH-BONDAPALLI, DIST-VIZIANA

#### Name Change

JC-313351M, Rank-SUB, Name I, JC-313331M, Kalik-SUB, Name-SATHEESH B S father of ADITHYA residing at SANDRA BHAVAN, CHUTTAYIL KAVU, KURUM-BAYAM-P.O, KALLARA, KAT-TUMPURAM, THIRUVANANTHA-PURAM. NEDUMANGAD. KERhave changed my from ADITHYA to ALA-695608 on's name ADITHYAN S R for all future purpos vide affidavit dated 09/02/2024 fore Notary Public, Delhi.

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591102 have changed my name from SHAHANAZ BANU KS to SHA-HANAZ BANU KHANSAHEB SHILEDAR for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 02/09/2024 before Notary Public Delhi

Name Change , No-15326874W Rank-HAV Name-KHAN SAHEB M SHILEDAR S/c MAKTUMASAB SHILEDAR Residing at VPO-INCHAL, TEH-PARASGAD DIST- BELGAVI, KARNATAKA-591102 have changed my minor daughter's name from AHHANA to AHHANA KHANSAHEB SHILLEDAR for a future purposes vide Affidavit date 02/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi

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, JC-313351M, Rank-SUB, Name-SATHEESH B S residing at SAN-ORA BHAVAN. CHUTTAЎIL KAVU It is for general information that I KUMARI PRAGATI W/o ROSHAN KURUMBAYAM, CHUTTATIL KAVG KURUMBAYAM-P.O, KALLARA KATTUMPURAM, THIRUVANAN MARG, PALAM COLONY, RAJ NAGAR-2, BAGDOLA, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110077 declare THAPURAM. NEDUMANGAD KERALA-695608 have changed my wife's name from REJIMOL to REJIMOL S for all future purposes that name of mine has been wrongly written as PRAGATI RAI in my mino and in my service records my wife' son PRASOON RAI aged 12 years in his school records . The actual name of mine is KUMARI PRAGATI, which date of birth wrongly mentioned as 05/05/1984 instead of her correct date of birth as 31/05/1985 vide Affidavit dated 02/09/2024 before mav be amended accordingly Notary Public, Delhi.

RAVINDER MITTAL S/O VED ARKASH MITTAL R/O 69 , JC-313351M, Rank-SUB, Name-SATHEESH B S father of SANDRA YAWALI TAJPUR. GAUTAM BUD DHA NAGAR, U.P. 201008, MY PROPERTY DOCUMENT-ADDEN DUM (CUSTOMER ID- ITC/268/T1 RESPECTIVELY ISSUED BY OMAXE INDIA TRADE CENTRE PVT. LTD., Alpha - 2 Commercia Belt, Greater Noida against the UNIT NO- Commercial Shop No. A 6, Block- A, Ground Floor, CUS-TOMER ID- ITC/268/T1, PROJECT-OMAXE INDIA TRADE CENTRE, ALPHA-2 GREATER NOIDA

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#### NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

/Const., Northern Railway, Shakurbasti, Delhi for and The Dy. Chief Enginee on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Single Packet System fo the under noted work:-

Name of Work & location	Balance work of Ground Floor & First Floor of Hostel building(G+4) in c/w modernization of Diesel Training centre at Shakurbasti Delhi.					
Completion period of the work				06(Six Months)		
Approx. Cost of work				₹160.46 Lakh		
Earnest Money amount (to be dep			eposited Online)	₹2,30,200/-		
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### ONLINE DRAW FOR ALLOTMENT OF FLATS

This is to inform that the draw of 13 flats applications received on E Draw of Affordable Group Housing Colony, project "ROF AMBLISS" in Sectort-78, Gurugram, Haryana License No. 58 of 2022 Date 13.05.2022 to be developed by Pegasus Land & Housing Private Limited will be held on 04/09/2024, Wednesday at 04:00 P.M. at "Ramada Gurgaon Central" Sector-44, Gurugram, Haryana in the presense of Govt. Officials.

All applicants are invited to participate the draw physically as well as virtually through online by streaming the draw on live link below.

#### YouTube Link :

https://www.youtube.com/c/rofgroup/live

RERA Regd. No. 74 of 2022 Date: 01.08.2022

BHARATI Wife of JC-708125Y Rank-NB SUB Name-GIRI VINAYA GURUDAS Presently residing at VPC FUDAYE, TEH-CHANDGAD, DIST KOLHAPUR MAHARASHTRA 416507 have changed my name from BHARATI to BHARATI VINAYAK GIR for all future purposes vide Affidavi dated 02/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I KALPANA DEVI W/O AMAR SING R/O RZ-F-1/5 PLOT NO-11 and 12 LHS U/G/E KH NO-88/3 STREET NO 1, MAHAVIR ENCLAVE, PALAM VIL LAGE, SOUTH WEST DELHI-110045 declare that name of mine has bee wrongly written as KALPANA SINGH i my minor daughter namely GARIMA SINGH aged 16 year in her 10th class educational documents. The actual name of mine is KALPANA DEVI which may be amended accordingly.

#### Name Change

No-15326874W Rank-HAV Name KHAN SAHEB M SHILEDAR S/ MAKTUMASAB SHILEDAR Residing at VPO-INCHAL. TEH- PARASGAD DIST-BELGAVI, KARNATAKA-591102 have changed my minor son's name from AFFAN to AFFAN KHANSAHEB SHILLEDAR for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 02/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

nformation is given to general put c at large that our client Mr. Yashb Singh, Mr. Sachin Nagar, & Mr. Ritir & M/s. Bhartiya Gram Vikas Samit are the owner of Freehold Land area measuring 7444.94 sq. mtrs. i.e. 8990.388 sq. yds. out of Khasra No. 556 & 557 & 558 Situated in the village of Roja Jalalpur, Pargana 8 Tehsil Dadri District Gautam Budha Nagar U.P. By Virtue of Sale Deed dated 20.12.2021 which is duly registered at the office of Sub-Registrar- Dadri, as Documen no.42077 in Book no.1 Volume no.19627 on Pages.251 to 370. & others Sale Deed. till date and has lost/Misplace his Below mentioned Documents i.e. Original Sale Deed executed by Mrs. Seema Sharma in favour of Mrs. Rekha in respect of Residential Plot area admeasuring 50 sq. yds (41.8 sq. mtrs) out o Khasra no.556. now our client is declaring that that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, and same has been finance by Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. Branch Faridabad Haryana. If any person is having objection right of claim against the said property, contact to undersigned along with supporting documents within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned it found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained. **INAVEEN KUMAR VERMA** 

Advocate F-211,sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziaba Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 0995887143

S B residing at SANDRA BHAVAN, CHUTTAYIL KAVU, KURUM-BAYAM-P.O, KALLARA, KAT-UMPURAM THIRUVANANTHA URAM, NEDUMANGAD, KER-ALA-695608 have changed m aughter's name from SANDRA S B o SANDRA S R for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 09/02/2024 efore Notary Public, Delhi. GARAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 535221 have changed my name from SIMHACHALAM to YEDLA SIMHACHALAM to YEDLA SIMHACHALAM for all future purpos es vide affidavit dated 02/09/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

# WORLD

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### News box

### 11 dead, 40 injured after truck crashes into bar in Dominican Republic

- San Juan, Puerto Rico. A truck ploughed into a bar in the Dominican Republic early on Sunday (local time), killing at least 11 people and injuring more than 40, authorities said. The crash happened in the southern community of Azua, located west of the capital, Santo Domingo, Juan Salas, the director of civil defence, told The Associated Press.
- One of the victims was a police sergeant, said police spokesman Diego Pesqueira.It wasn't immediately clear what caused the crash, although authorities were reviewing cameras in the area, Salas said.Pesqueira said the driver of the truck fled the scene and was not found. He said police detained a passenger in the truck, which was transporting avocados.
- Most of the injured were taken to a nearby hospital, with four of them in critical condition, said Shaira Castillo, spokeswoman for the National Health Service. The injured were women between the ages of 17 and 45 and men from 18 to 55.

### Iran probe finds Raisi helicopter crash caused by weather



**TEHRAN.** Iran's final investigation into the May helicopter crash that killed President Ebrahim Raisi has found it was caused by bad weather, the body investigating the case said on Sunday. The helicopter carrying 63-yearold Raisi and his entourage came down on a fog-shrouded mountainside in northern Iran, killing the president and seven others, and triggering snap elections. The main cause of the helicopter crash was the "complex climatic and atmospheric conditions of the region in the spring", the special board investigating the dimensions and causes of the helicopter accident said, according to state broadcaster IRIB.

- The report added that "the sudden emergence of a thick mass of dense and rising fog" caused the helicopter's collision into the mountain.
- Iran's army in May similarly said it had found no evidence of criminal activity in the crash that also killed Raisi's foreign minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian.n August, Fars

# Russia claims to destroy 158 Ukrainian drones, including 2 over Moscow

★ 46 of the drones were over the Kursk region, where Ukraine has sent its forces in recent weeks in the largest incursion on Russian soil since World War II. A further 34 were shot over the Bryansk region, 28 over the Voronezh region.

World Russian air defences intercepted and destroyed 158 Ukrainian drones overnight, including two over Moscow and nine over the surrounding region, the Defence Ministry said Sunday.Forty-six of the drones were over the Kursk region, where Ukraine has sent its forces in recent weeks in the largest incursion on Russian soil since World War II. A further 34 were shot over the Bryansk region, 28 over the Voronezh region, and 14 over the Belgorod region — all of which border Ukraine.Drones

were also shot down deeper into Russia, including one each in the Tver region, northwest of Moscow, and the Ivanovo region, northeast of the Russian capital. Russia's Defence Ministry said drones were intercepted over 15 regions, while one other governor said a drone was shot down over his region, too.Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said that falling debris from one of the two drones shot down over the city owned a fire at down over the city caused a fire at an oil refinery. Ukrainian drone strikes have brought the fight far from the front line into the heart of Russia. Since the beginning of the year, Ukraine has stepped up aerial assaults on Russian soil, targeting refineries and oil terminals to slow down the Kremlin's assault. Also in Russia, regional Governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said 11 people were wounded in Ukrainian aerial missile attacks in the Russian border region of Belgorod on Sunday. These



included eight in the regional c a p i t a l, a l s o c a l l e d Belgorod.Meanwhile, Russia's Defence Ministry said Sunday it had taken control of the towns of Pivnichne and Vyimka, in Ukraine's Donetsk region. The Associated Press could not independently verify the claim.Russian forces have been driving deeper into the partly occupied eastern region, the total capture of which is one of the Kremlin's primary ambitions. Russia's army is closing in on Pokrovsk, a critical logistics hb for

the Ukrainian defence in the area.At least three people were killed and nine wounded on Sunday in Russian shelling in the town of Kurakhove, some 20 miles (33 kilometres) south of Pokrovsk, Donetsk regional Governor Vadym Filashkin said.Also on Sunday, 44 people were wounded when Russia attacked the Kharkiv regional capital, also called Kharkiv, Mayor Ihor Terekhov said. The city was struck by 10 missiles, with a shopping centre, a sports facility and residential buildings amongst those damaged.Elsewhere in Ukraine overnight, eight drones were shot down out of 11 launched by Russia, according to the Ukrainian air force.One person was killed and four wounded in shelling overnight in the Sumy region, local officials said, while Kharkiv Governor Oleh Syniehubov said five other people had been wounded in his region.

## Beluga whale, suspected to be 'Russian spy', found dead in Norway

World A Beluga whale whose strange harness sparked suspicions it was trained by Russia for spying purposes has been found dead in Norway, according to an N G O which tracks his movements.Nicknamed "Hvaldimir" in a pun on the Norwegian word for whale, hval, and its purported ties to Moscow, the beluga first appeared off the coast of Norway's far-northern Finnmark region in 2019.At the time, Norwegian marine biologists removed an attached man-made harness with a mount suited for an action camera and the words "Equipment St. Petersburg" printed on the plastic clasps.Norwegian officials said Hvaldimir may have escaped an enclosure and may have been trained by the Russian navy as he appeared to be accustomed to humans.Moscow has never issued any official reaction to speculation that he could be a "Russian spy".On Saturday, the beluga's lifeless body was discovered off the southwest coast at Risavika by Marine Mind, an organisation that has tracked his movements for years"I found Hvaldi dead when I was scouting for him yesterday like usual," Marine Mind's founder Sebastian Strand told AFP."We had confirmation of him being alive little more than 24 hours before finding him floating motionlessly," he added.Fredrik Skarbovik, maritime coordinator at the port of Stavanger, confirmed the beluga's death to the VG tabloid newspaper. Strand said the cause of the whale's demise was unknown, and no visible injuries were found during an initial inspection of

Hvaldimir's body."We've managed to retrieve his remains and put him in a cooled area, in preparation for a necropsy by the veterinary institute that can help determine what really happened to him," Strand added.With an estimated age of around 14 or 15, Hvaldimir was relatively young for a Beluga whale, which can live to between 40 and 60 years of age. Beluga whales can reach a size of six metres (20 feet) and generally tend to inhabit the icy waters around Greenland, northern Norway and Russia. Those include the Barents Sea, a geopolitically important area where Western and Russian submarine movements are monitored. It is also the gateway to the Northern Route that shortens maritime journeys between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

### Steelworker rebukes Justin Trudeau on camera: 'Don't believe you for a second'

World A carefully choreographed photo-op fell to pieces when Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was confronted by a disgruntled steelworker, who challenged him over high taxes and the rising cost of living. The tense exchange, which was caught on camera, took place at a steel firm in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on Friday. The unidentified worker refused Trudeau's offer of doughnuts and instead complained about high taxes, medical bills, and what he perceived as handouts to "lazy" individuals. Trudeau attempted to defend his policies, stating, "The 25 per cent tariffs we just brought in is going to help you out ... that's going to keep your job."However, the worker countered, "What about the 40 percent taxes I am paying and I don't have a doctor?"In response, Trudeau pointed to a multimillion-dollar investment by the Canadian government, which he claimed would secure the worker's employment "for many years to come.""I'm going to invest in you and your job," Trudeau said.But the worker remained unconvinced. "I don't believe you, not for a second," he said.The worker described his struggles to make ends meet and support his family despite having a full-time job. When Trudeau mentioned dental care, the worker replied, "Yeah, I pay for it myself. We are like three years behind."Trudeau responded by highlighting the recent investment that allowed half a million people to access dental care, but the worker retorted, "Yeah, probably like my neighbour who doesn't go to work because she's lazy. Taking a jab at Trudeau's dipping approval ratings, the worker predicted that the Liberal Party leader would be voted out, saying, "I think you are only here for another year, we won't see you around in another year."Trudeau calmly replied, "That's what elections are for. I look forward to everyone exercising the right to vote."The worker walked

# Over 10,000 US hotel workers go on strike, demand improved pay

World As many as 10,000 hotel workers were on strike across the United States on Sunday, at the height of a long holiday weekend in which millions of Americans were expected to travel.Strikes were launched at 25 hotels in eight cities, including Boston, San Francisco and Honolulu, as workers demand improved pay and a return to pre-Coronavirus staffing levels. Hotels from the Hilton, Hyatt and Sheraton chains were affected, with 5,000 workers walking out in the Hawaiian capital Honolulu alone, affecting 10,557 rooms there, according to the UNITE HERE union which called the strikes. The union said in a statement "that many hotels took advantage of the Covid-19 pandemic to cut staffing and guest services that were never restored, causing workers to lose jobs and



income."Strikers were manning picket lines at several hotels in Boston, an AFP correspondent saw, while a rally was planned for Monday.Now the hotel industry is making record profits while workers and guests are left behind. Too many hotels still haven't restored standard services that guests deserve, like automatic daily housekeeping and room service," added the union's international president, Gwen Mills."Workers aren't making enough to support their families."Hyatt said in a stateent it was "disappointed that UNITE HERE has chosen to strike while Hyatt remains willing to negotiate.It said it had "contingency plans in place to minimise the impact on hotel operations."According to booking data from the motoring group

AAA, overall domestic travel over the Labour Day holiday weekend is up 9 percent compared to last year. As many as 17 million passengers were planning to fly through Wednesday, the US Transportation Security Administration said in a statement.

news agency cited the main causes of the May 19 crash as bad weather conditions and the helicopter's inability to ascend with two extra passengers against security protocols. But the Iranian armed forces were quick to reject the finding saying, "what is mentioned on Fars news about the presence of two people in the helicopter against the security protocols... is completely false".

### California lawmakers pass landmark bills to atone for racism, but hold off on fund to take action

- **SACRAMENTO.** California lawmakers this week passed some of the nation's most ambitious legislation aimed at atoning for a legacy of racist policies that drove disparities for Black people, from housing to education to health.
- None of the bills would provide widespread direct payments to African Americans. The state Legislature instead approved proposals allowing for the return of land or compensation to families whose property was unjustly seized by the government, and issuing a formal apology for laws and practices that have harmed Black people.
- But lawmakers left out two bills that would have created a fund and an agency to carry out the measures, considered key components of the efforts to take action. California Legislative Black Caucus Chair Assemblymember Lori Wilson said Saturday that the Black Caucus pulled the bills, adding the proposals need more work."We knew from the very beginning that it was an uphill battle. ... And we also knew from the very beginning that it would be a multiyear effort, Wilson told reporters.Sen. Steven Bradford, who authored the measures, said the bills didn't move forward out of fear Gov. Gavin Newsom would veto them"We're at the finish line, and we, as the Black Caucus, owe it to the descendants of chattel slavery, to Black Californians and Black Americans, to move this legislation forward," Bradford said, urging his colleague to reconsider Saturday afternoon. The Democratic governor hasn't weighed in on most of the bills, but he signed a \$297.9 billion budget in June that included up to \$12 million for reparations legislation.

off after refusing to shake Trudeau's hand. A video of the exchange has gone viral, with many Canadians praising the worker for speaking up to the Prime Minister and others commending Trudeau for maintaining his composure.

# Polio vaccination drive begins in war-struck Gaza after first case in 25 years

★ The World Health Organisation has said Israel agreed to limited pauses in the fighting to facilitate the campaign. There were initial reports of Israeli strikes in central Gaza early Sunday, but it was not immediately known if anyone was killed or wounded.

**World** Palestinian health authorities and United Nations agencies on Sunday began a large-scale campaign of vaccinations against polio in the Gaza Strip, hoping to prevent an outbreak in the territory that has been ravaged by the Israel-Hamas war. Authorities plan to vaccinate children in

central Gaza until Wednesday before moving on to the more devastated northern and southern parts of the strip. The campaign began with a small number of vaccinations on Saturday and aims to reach about 6,40,000 children. The World Health Organisation has said Israel agreed to limited pauses in the fighting to facilitate the campaign. There were initial reports of Israeli strikes in central Gaza early Sunday, but it was not immediately known if anyone was killed or wounded. The pause ended Sunday afternoon, according to a schedule released by Israel. Israel has said the vaccination program will continue through Sept. 9 and last eight hours a day.

Gaza recently reported its first polio case in 25 years — a 10-month-old boy, now paralysed in a leg. The World Health Organisation says the presence of a paralysis case indicates there could be hundreds more who have been infected but aren't showing symptoms. Most people who have polio do not experience symptoms, and those who do usually recover in a week or so. But there is no cure, and when polio causes paralysis, it is usually



permanent. If the paralysis affects breathing muscles, the disease can be fatal.

The vaccination campaign faces challenges, from ongoing fighting to devastated roads and hospitals shut down by the war. Around 90% of Gaza's population of 2.3 million people have been displaced within the besieged territory, with hundreds of thousands crammed into squalid tent camps. Health officials have expressed alarm about disease outbreaks as uncollected garbage has piled up and the bombing of critical infrastructure has sent putrid water flowing through the streets. Polio is spread through fecal matter. Widespread hunger has left people even more vulnerable to illness.

"We escaped death with our children, and fled from place to place for the sake of our children, and now we have these diseases," said Wafaa Obaid, who brought her three children to the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah to get the vaccinations.

Ammar Ammar, a spokesperson for the U.N. children's agency, said it hopes both parties adhere to a temporary truce in designated areas to enable families to reach health facilities."This is a first step," he told The Associated Press." But there is no alternative to a cease-fire because it's not only polio that threatens children in Gaza, but also other factors, including malnutrition and the inhuman conditions they are living in."The vaccinations will be administered at roughly 160 sites across the territory, including medical centres and schools.

# Storm floods northern Philippine regions, including capital, disrupting schools, work and travel

MANILA: A slow-moving storm unleashed pounding rains that flooded many northern Philippine areas overnight into Monday, prompting authorities to suspend classes and government work in the capital region and warn thousands of residents to prepare to evacuate from flood-prone villages along a key river. Tropical Storm Yagi was blowing over the coastal waters of Vinzons town in Camarines Norte province, southeast of Manila, on Monday with sustained winds of up to 75 kilometers (47 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 90 kph (56 mph), according to the weather bureau. The storm, locally called Enteng, was moving northwestward at 10 kph (6 mph) near the eastern coast of the main northern region of Luzon, where the weather bureau warned of possible flash floods and landslides in mountainous provinces.A resident died after being

electrocuted in Naga city in eastern Camarines Sur province, where floodwaters swamped several communities, police said. Authorities were verifying if the death was weather-related.Storm warnings were raised in a large swath of Luzon, the country's most populous region, including in metropolitan Manila, where schools at all levels and most government work were suspended due to the stormy weather.Along the crowded banks of Marikina River in the eastern fringes of the capital, a siren was sounded in the morning to warn thousands of residents to brace for evacuation in case the river water continues to rise and overflows due to heavy rains.

In Northern Samar province, coast guard personnel used a rope to evacuate 40 villagers on Sunday in two villages that were engulfed in waist-high floods, the coast guard said.Sea travel was temporarily halted



in several ports affected by the storm, stranding about 2,400 ferry passengers and cargo workers, and nearly two dozen domestic flights were suspended due to the stormy weather.Downpours have also caused water to rise to near-spilling level in Ipo dam in Bulacan province, north of Manila, prompting authorities to schedule a release of a minimal amount of water later Monday that they say would not endanger villages downstream. About 20 typhoons and storms batter the Philippines each year. The archipelago lies in the "Pacific Ring of Fire," a region along most of the Pacific Ocean rim where many volcanic eruptions and earthquakes occur, making the Southeast Asian nation one of the world's most disaster-prone.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest recorded tropical cyclones in the world, left more than 7,300 people dead or missing, flattened entire villages, swept ships inland and displaced more than 5 million people in the central Philippines.

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### Writer, activist Kanavu Baby passes away

News box

- KALPETTA. Writer, Playwright and activist K J Baby, popularly known as Kanavu Baby, passed away on Sunday. He was 70. He was found dead in a building near his house in Nadavayal, Wayanad. The primary conclusion of the Kenichira police is that he died by suicide.
- The police have found a suicide note which mentions Baby's struggles to cope with the loneliness and depression after his wife Sherley's demise in 2021. He had also been suffering various health issues recently.
- Baby was the founder of Kanavu alternative school which focuses on the education and personality development of Scheduled Tribe students. He was also a noted figure in the socio-cultural arena and a winner of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award.
- He was born on February 27, 1954 in Mavilayi, Kannur. In 1973, when he was 19, Baby's family migrated to Wayanad. He got to know the artistic and cultural life of the tribal groups of Wayanad and was influenced by the community's folklores and tribal legends.
- His play Nadugaddika holds a significant position in Malayalam literature. The play was inspired by the tribal ritual called Gaddika, performed to drive away demons and ghosts that plague the country, clan, house and individuals. The title Nadugaddika comes from the meaning of performing gaddika for the country.

### Four college staff held for sexual harassment in Coimbatore

COIMBATORE. All Women Police Station (AWPS) in Valparai Sub Division in Coimbatore on Sunday arrested four staff members, including teaching and nonteaching staff, of Government Arts and Science College in Valparai for alleged sexual harassment of female students.

The staff members were identified as S Sathishkumar (39) and M Muraliraj (33) visiting professors (Commerce Department) - computer laboratory assistant A Anbarasu (37) and N Rajapandi (35) – a skill course trainer recruited under the Naan Mudhalvan scheme. Besides the lab assistant, the three were temporary staff members of the college. As per official sources, a group of female students collectively made the decision to anonymously petition the Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women under the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, citing the alleged sexual harassment they had faced from the staff members. The complaint was forwarded to the Coimbatore district social welfare officer for further inquiry. On Friday, social welfare officer R Ambika and joint director of collegiate education (Coimbatore regional) V Kalaiselvi conducted an inquiry, during which it came to light that six female students were affected

# Crooks steal info from email, demand \$1,290 in bitcoins as ransom

Ahmedabad. A 28-year-old woman from the Gota area of the city, who runs a firm of advertising and marketing, on Saturday filed a complaint with Sola police alleging that cybercrooks hacked her email and sought ransom from her. Khyati Dave, a resident of Silver

Harmony flats in Gota, said in her FIR that she has been running the business of advertising and marketing from a commercial complex in Gota. On Friday morning, when Dave was present at her office and was checking her email, she received an email from an unknown person using her email address. In that email, the sender informed her that her email had been hacked and her personal

data stolen. The sender asked her

to deposit \$1,290 in a bitcoin wallet, stated the FIR.

Dave said that she again got email in which foul language was used and the date of that email was shown as June 30, 2033. The sender also sent her passcode. She said that she never shared her email passcode with anyone. The sender again threatened to share her personal data with her friends and acquaintances while seeking \$500 as ransom money. She alleged in the FIR that she received multiple emails in which she was threatened in foul language and was told to contact another person through an email. She said that she did not transfer any amount and approached the Bengali actor emails her complaint police. On Dave's complaint, Sola police filed a complaint of extortion and criminal

intimidation under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita along with charges of the Information Technology Act against an unknown person and began an investigation.

Gota womans email hacked; told to deposit \$1,290 in bitcoinsKhyati Dave, a 28-yearold woman from Ahmedabad's Gota area, filed a complaint with FIR filed against Malayalam film Sola police after cybercriminals hacked her email and demanded \$1,290 in Bitcoin ransom. She received multiple threatening emails. Despite the threats, she did not transfer any money and decided to approach the police for help.112972052

against Ranjith to policeA Bengali actor has filed a formal complaint to Kochi police

against director Ranjith, alleging sexual misconduct during a 2009 discussion about a film. She described inappropriate advances at a Kochi flat, forcing her to leave.

The complaint, now sent via email, comes in light of public disclosures and the Hema Committee report.112814087

director Ranjith as Bengali actor emails complaintThe Ernakulam North police have registered an FIR against director Ranjith, acting on a complaint from a Bengali actor accusing him of sexual misconduct. Filed under IPC Section 354, the charge stems from an alleged 2009 incident. The actor claims Ranjith misbehaved during a meeting about a film role.

# Hidden camera charge puts film caravan sector under a cloud

come to haunt the caravan industry after actor Radhika Sarathkumar made such a revelation, raising concerns about the possibility of many more instances of illegal filming of actresses in the privacy of these vehicles.At the same time, caravan owners and the Film Employees Federation of Kerala (FEFKA) drivers' He also points out that after some issues union have refuted the allegations. "Rest assured, all caravans provided to the production unit are safe and secure. All care is taken to ensure that actresses' security is not compromised. To ensure that, we only send well-vetted drivers and cleaners with the caravan," FEFKA Caravan Drivers' Union general secretary Anish Joseph tells.

He says only FEFKA drivers' union members are allowed to drive these caravans. "We are very particular about safety issues since we deal with film stars. There are 36 registered drivers under this Hence, we only have drivers who have received clearance from the police.

KOCHI. The bane of hidden cameras has Besides police clearance, drivers have to produce affidavits from panchayat ward members and municipal councillors to validate that they live in those areas. In addition, the drivers themselves have to give an undertaking that they have never products," Anish says.

> associated with drivers and caravans were brought to the notice of the union, it was decided to create a separate section to handle things associated with caravans. "Since we would be dealing with both drivers and cleaners, it became important to create a separate FEFKA KCDU Caravan Section within the union. This functioning of the caravan section. It has

been just two years since the separate section was formed," he says.

section. "We have been strictly adhering to the guidelines drawn up by the union. However, it should be noted that there are a group of drivers contracted by the caravan owners' association who haven't registered with the union and they pose a threat since there is no one to monitor their behaviour.

used nor ever will use or deal in banned It is said that the caravan in the incident reported by the actor was one driven by a driver not associated with the union," Anish says. The caravans are rented on a daily basis and the driver paid daily wages, he says. "A driver under FEFKA's union commands a wage of Rs 850 per day. It might so have happened that the driver in the alleged incident was hired from outside for a lower wage. This happens sometimes," he says.

was done for better monitoring of the Hence, the union has not been able to ascertain whose vehicle it was or who the driver was, he says. "But if it comes to light that the driver associated or the owner of the caravan is someone associated with the union, strict action will be taken," Anish says.

0001 number for car to now cost ...': Maharashtra govt hikes VIP number fees

NEW DELHI. The Maharashtra government has increased fees for "choice numbers" for new vehicles, resulting in a revised Rs 6 lakh fee for the highly soughtafter '0001' number for four-wheelers in high-demand cities like Mumbai and Pune. An out-of-series VIP number can now cost up to Rs 18 lakh, equivalent to the price of mid-segment cars. This adjustment followed the transport department's notification issued on August 30.

The cost for the '0001' number will rise to Rs wheelers, the fee will increase to Rs 1 lakh, up from the current Rs 50,000. For highdemand areas such as Mumbai, Pune, Thane, and others, the '0001' will now be Rs 6 lakh, up from Rs 4 lakh for fourwheelers. Many high-net-worth

individuals, top businessmen, politicians, and celebrities prefer VIP numbers for their expensive cars. The revised "threetime basic fees" will be Rs 15 lakh for four-wheelers if the '0001' number is unavailable in the current series and needs to be issued from another series. For twoand three-wheelers, this fee is set at Rs 3 lakh. The updated fees mean that an outof-series VIP number now costs up to Rs 18 lakh in major cities, including Mumbai and Pune.

for such numbers in recent years. Additionally, the state government now allows the transfer of VIP numbers to immediate family members, including spouses, sons, and daughters-a change from the previous restriction against such

transfers. This fee revision comes after a draft notification was issued on September 16, 2022, marking the first update since April 20, 2013. Maharashtra has identified 240 VIP numbers in each registration series. Numbers like 0009, 0099, and 9999 will see fees increase to Rs 2.5 lakh from Rs 1.5 lakh for fourwheelers and Rs 50,000 for two-wheelers and three-wheelers, up from Rs 20,000. Fees for other sought-after numbers have also been raised.

5 lakh for four-wheelers, up from the Previously, this fee was Rs 12 lakh, a sum For 16 popular numbers, the new rate is Rs 1 previous Rs 3 lakh. For two and three- paid by entities like Reliance Industries lakh for four-wheelers up from Rs 70,000 and Rs 25,000 for two-wheelers, up from Rs 15,000. For 49 additional numbers, the fee has increased to Rs 70,000 from Rs 50,000 for four-wheelers and to Rs 15,000 for two- and three-wheelers.

Tribals carry youth's body in cloth stretcher for two km in Chikkamagaluru



CHIKKAMAGALURU. Without motorable roads, hospital and other basic facilities, tribals had to carry the body of a 19-year-old youth in a makeshift cloth stretcher to Konegodu village in Samse Gram Panchayat limits of Kalasa taluk in Chikkamagaluru district recently. The video of the body being carried in the cloth stretcher has gone viral on social media sites.

Recently, the deceased, Avinash, belonging to a Scheduled Caste community, seriously fell ill. His relatives from the hamlet, where eight tribal families live, carried him in the makeshift stretcher till a motorable stretch and then to a hospital in Kalasa town. During their journey, they had to cross a narrow footbridge, as there are no solid bridges too, carrying Avinash. At the hospital, the teenager did not respond to treatment and died.

Later, it was an arduous journey back again to these tribals. An ambulance carrying Avinash's body reached till a point from where his relatives had to trek back again. The body was placed in a cloth stretcher and carried till their hamlet. They had to walk for 2 km through a narrow path before reaching their hamlet, where the last rites were conducted.

For villagers of Konegodu, the Samse-SK Megal road is the nearest motorable stretch, which is 2



### Thousands shifted to relief centres in Andhra's Guntur district



GUNTUR. The officials of the erstwhile undivided Guntur district are on high alert following the heavy rains and the release of surplus water from Prakasam Barrage. Rescue operations have been launched in 16 island villages in Tadepalli, Mangalagiri, Pedakakani, Prathipadu and Duggirala mandals. People have been evacuated from island villages in Uddandarayunipalem and Thallayapalem in Thullur using boats and shifted to rehabilitation centres.

- As many as 28 rehabilitation centres have been set up and over 4,500 people shifted in Pedakakani, Medikondur, Thullur, Vattichekuru, Tenali, Kollipara, Mangalagiri, Tadepalli, Duggirala, Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation and Ponnur. Joint Collector Bhargav Tej and SP Sathish Kumar oversaw the rescue operations.
- Union Minister Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar and HRD Minister Nara Lokesh visited the inundated areas in Guntur city and Mangalagiri respectively and interacted with the people at rehabilitation centres. They directed the officials to provide all basic amenities to the rain victims. In Bapatla, six lanka villages in Kolluru mandal are likely to be flooded. Hence, children, women and elderly people have been shifted to to rehabilitation centres.

District Collector J Venkata Murali informed that 20 rehabilitation centres have been set up to accommodate 20,000 people. About 40 boats, 300 skilled divers, NDRF teams and special teams have been deployed for rescue operations.

km from their hamlet. In between, they have to cross small streams, which are in full flow during the rainy season. They have to make do with footbridges to cross these rivulets as there are no solid bridges connecting their village.

# TN inks Rs 400-cr green energy deal with Ohmium to set up plant in Chengalpattu

CHENNAI. American renewable energy firm Ohmium will be investing Rs 400 crore in Tamil Nadu to establish its manufacturing unit in Chengalpattu district. The facility is expected to provide jobs to around 500 people. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in this regard was signed in San Francisco on Sunday in the presence of Chief Minister MK Stalin, who is on a twoweek visit to the US to attract investments.

Ohmium designs and manufactures green hydrogen production and scalable Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) electrolyzer The chief minister, on his X handle, described systems. It has established global green hydrogen pipelines across the US, Mexico,



Europe, and Asia. The Chengalpattu unit will manufacture electrolyzers and green hydrogen.

the signing of the MoU as another successful day in San Francisco. "This marks a significant step in nurturing the ecosystem for green energy production and fuelling a sustainable future!" his post read. Over 300 US firms have set up projects in According to an official release, during an investors' conference in Addressin g the Tamil diaspora in San San Francisco on August 29, the state signed MoUs with six global companies -Nokia, PayPal, Yiled Engineering Systems, Microchip Technology, Infinx Healthcare, and Applied Materials — for an investment of Rs 900

crore, which will create 4,100 jobs in Chennai, Coimbatore, and Madurai.

On August 30, the chief minister met with senior executives from Apple, Google, and Microsoft, inviting them to invest in Tamil Nadu and signed an MoU with Google for setting up Artificial Intelligence (AI) research labs in the state.

### TN: Stalin

Francisco on Sunday, Stalin said, "According to Gallop, India and America are two important democracies Gallup, India ranks seventh on the list of countries Americans like. Similarly, Indians are the second-largest group of immigrants in America. Last year, among those who gained American citizenship, Indians were the second-largest group, next to Mexicans who were 12.7%. Indian students are the second largest group among international students in the USA," he said.

### **Rains cause Rs 101-crore loss to Andhra power infrastructure**

VIJAYAWADA/ VISAKHAPATNAM. Torrential rains said. caused by a depression in the Bay of Bengal have Vijayanand directed APTRANSCO officials to ensure significantly damaged the State's power supply system. Special Chief Secretary (Energy) K Vijayanand said

restoration efforts are underway on a war-footing. On Sunday, he inspected the control rooms at Dr Narla Tatarao Thermal Power Station in Ibrahimpatnam, APCPDCL, power substations and SLDC.

Speaking on the occasion, he said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Energy Minister G Ravi Kumar are closely monitoring the situation."Regular updates are provided by APGENCO MD KVN Chakradhara Babu,

and CMDs of Discoms, including Pattanshetti Ravi Subhash (CMD APCPDCL), Prudhvi Tej Immadi (CMD APEPDCL), and Santosh Rao (CMD APSPDCL)," he

uninterrupted power supply, and emphasised that the public can report issues via the toll-free number 1912 or local control rooms. He



APTRANSCO Joint Managing Director Keerthi Chekuri, The APGENCO MD explained that excessive water had submerged some conveyor belts and wagons, prompting the tripping of Units 1 to 6 to avoid technical issues and safeguard equipment.

MUMBAI. The MBBS cut-off in govt colleges in the state in open category is 642 in the first merit list released by the state's CET cell. Last year the corresponding cut-off was 587 despite delayed approval of eight colleges (which were added to the seat matrix in the second round last year). If these colleges were included in the first list, the cutoffs would have been even lower than 587. In private colleges, too,

admissions in open category seats closed at 602 in the first round this year. In 2023-24, they closed at 534. A private medical college in the city, KJ Somaia College, where the admission usually closes in institutional the IQ quota and may end up

paying four or five times the

regular fees.

Maharashtra: MBBS cut-offs shoot above 600 even in private medical colleges

> quota (IQ) at around 400 marks in the first round, has recorded a cut-off of 573. The high cut-off in IQ has shocked many parents. Fees for institutional quota seats are four or five times the amount fixed for general seats, showing the desperation of students even with higher scores this year. Admissions are based on NEET-UG scores. In 2022, the cut-off for govt seats was 564 and for private 505 in open category. "Students with even higher scores are being compelled to opt for

# EDITORIAL



# The slow and wise up against the plastic vice

Imagine being a species so old as to be called a 'living fossil', which has outlived dinosaurs only to be imperiled in anthropocene because of plastic and beautified stone-pitched water bodies. The species under discussion here is the turtle, which is among the most endangered vertebrates. But, why should we worry about these toothless reptiles which we rarely encounter in our day-today lives? Who has the time to think about the turtles when we already have problems as huge as climate change and water crisis to solve? But, what if the turtles are a part of the solution to these problems? Yes, as rare as these magnificent chelonians are, the turtles can help us in saving our wonderful planet. To understand their role in resolving the water crisis, let us imagine a world without vultures. Smelly, dirty and sick with unknown diseases. This is what will happen to our aquatic ecosystems if turtles go extinct. That's because like vultures, freshwater turtles act as scavengers of water bodies and keep these clean and free of diseases by feeding on the dead and decaying organic matter. In addition to dead fish and other invertebrates, turtles also feed on algae and aquatic vegetation whose excessive growth in water bodies can choke these due to lack of oxygen.Recognising the importance of freshwater turtles as scavengers, they were employed under the Ganga Action Plan in the 1980s. About 40,000 turtles were released into the river to address the issue of decomposing human remains in its water. The ecological importance of turtles has been rightly acknowledged in Hindu mythology, where Lord Vishnu is believed to have been incarnated as 'Kurmha', the Turtle God. And, it is no surprise that the 'Land of Gods', Himachal Pradesh, home to about 17 freshwater turtle species, has pristine and clean aquatic ecosystems. Renuka Lake, one of the three Ramsar wetlands of the state and an important pilgrimage site of Hindus, exemplifies the reciprocal relationship between the turtles and their ecosystem. Despite receiving a significant organic load from the offerings of lakhs of pilgrims, particularly during the week of the annual fair, the lake's water remains substantially clean. This resilience of the lake ecosystem can be attributed to the rich diversity of turtles, which help to break down and recycle these nutrients and maintain the ecological balance. In turn, the turtles benefit from the healthy and protected ecosystem of the lake, thanks to the diligent protection and regular montoring efforts by the Forest Department.

As the world faces the challenges of global warming, the importance of turtles and their role in balancing the wetland ecosystems cannot be overstated. Healthy wetlands can help mitigate the effects of global warming as these are carbon sinks and aid in absorbing and storing carbon dioxide. Additionally, wetlands act as sponge by absorbing and holding excess water while acting as the source of water during water scarcity. This function of wetlands is going to be extremely important in protecting our ecosystems from natural disasters like floods and droughts. Such extreme climate events are becoming more and more frequent and intense as a consequence of global warming.Sadly, instead of rewarding the turtles for their services with clean wetlands, we are forcing them to survive in water bodies choked with plastic waste, sewage and washedoff fertilisers. Turtles ingest plastic by mistaking it for food and, are consequently, dying of blockage. It seems unlikely that the turtles can reproduce fast enough to compensate for such deaths, thanks to the 'beautified' stone-pitched have left no

# Moving towards a better coalition culture in India

### Though single-party regimes have at times flouted its spirit, the Indian Constitution is against the notion of autocracy. In practice, a coalition is better suited to its scheme

Coalition politics in India is close to its constitutional politics. The politics of the Constitution broadly carries out two functions. First, it limits majoritarian onslaught in executive and legislative actions. Second, it enables the government of the day to through its institutions.Single-party regimes that enjoyed absolute majority often produced aggrandising executive actions. Jawaharlal Nehru invoked Article 356 to dismantle an elected

communist government in Kerala and Indira Gandhi misused Article 352 to proclaim Emergency to stay in power. Legislative abuse was quite rampant. The first amendment to the Constitution, that sought to curtail the freedom of expression, was an illiberal gesture by parliament.

The Modi erais characterised by a series of enactments ranging from penalisation of triple talaq to the Citizenship Amendment Act, all pro-majoritarian. No wonder B R Ambedkar's warning in the Constituent Assembly on November 4, 1948 that "it is for the majority to realise its duty not to discriminate against minorities" was clearly discarded.But a slew of instances where Modi 3.0 is seen in a roll-back mode signifies

a positive and healthy change in the executive and legislative domain. It sent the Wakf Bill for discussion in a joint parliamentary committee. Some coalition parties in the NDA publicly expressed their reservations about the Bill. The Centre also kept in abeyance the draft Broadcast Bill.It withdrew the notification for recruitment to certain posts by way of lateral entry without In his famous work, Patterns of Democracy, political following the norms of communal reservation. The budget announcement on indexation was also changed. These developments are in sharp contrast with the decisions of earlier government, ranging from demonetisation to the announcement of lockdown during the pandemic.Article 75 of the Constitution, which talks about the Union cabinet, emphasises that "the council of ministers shall be collectively responsible to the House of the people". The emphasis is on the cabinet as a collective, not on the prime minister or any other minister. Again, the accountability of the cabinet is to the people at large. In State of Karnataka vs Union of India (1977), the Supreme Court held that the object of the provision is to make the whole body of persons holding ministerial office liable for each act or omission of the cabinet.In a coalition government, the cabinet is

a pluralistic entity at the functional level. It reflects a rainbow of ideologies, political approaches, and policies. Thus, though the Constitution negates the very notion of autocratic government, in practice, a coalition at the Centre is better suited to its scheme. frame and implement better policies for the people Autocracies can happen at the state level too, as abundantly demonstrated by the present West Bengal government. The way in which the horrific murder of a medical trainee and the subsequent agitation were dealt with by the state speaks for



itself. Article 164 envisages plurality in the executive decision-making process in states too, by incorporating the collective responsibility clause here as well. But an absolute majority for a single party has the potential to defeat this ambitious provision. Coalition governments at the states have been less aggressive, at the minimum.

scientist Arend Lijphart has drawn a distinction between the majoritarian and consensus models of democracy. He indicates that while there is "concentration of executive power in single-party majority cabinets", there is "executive power sharing in broad multi-party coalitions". Also, he shows that in the former, there is dominance for the executive in its relationship with the legislature. He also explains about the unitary dimensions of the former and the federal possibilities of the latter.

The proportional representation prevailing in several western European democracies facilitated fruitful coalition governments. But in a first-past-the-post system like ours, coalition is often not a matter of choice. Yet, they yielded positive results. Though from the second half of the 1970s till 1999, we had fragile and unstable coalitions, situations changed

### A national crisis

Job creation key to stemming student suicides



for the better thereafter. The 1999 Vajpayee government with its 'group of ministers' deciding policy matters with a sense of inclusiveness was a method followed by the government under Manmohan Singh in a different way.

Sonia Gandhi's National Advisory Council, though was an 'extra-constitutional' device, enabled an accommodative practice in governance. Reports show the coalition governments during 1999-2009 created the fastest economic growth post-

independence. Centre-state relations improved drastically. The government became closer to the poor and common man. UPA governments used legislative power to promulgate a series of progressive statutes like the Right to Information Act, Right to Education Act, Food Security Act, Law for Street Vendors' Protection, etc. The schemes for rural employment were excellent and well implemented. UPA's common minimum programme became a device for good governance. The latest decision taken by the Union cabinet to revive 50 percent of the last drawn pay as pension is a clear negation of the unpopular National Pension Scheme. That which could not be done by the majoritarian Modi 1.0 and 2.0 governments could be materialised by Modi 3.0 in

coalition.Coalition governments of the past also ensured independence and autonomy to the judiciary and other fourth branch institutions like the Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General and Finance Commission. The Supreme Court was arguably 'stronger' when the central government did not enjoy a brute majority.When there are multiple stakeholders of power, conversation and consensus become the natural ingredients of governance. Unpopular and dictatorial postures are checked within the regime by following the norms of deliberative democracy.

The point is to take the coalition culture forward. A system to check tendencies for corrupt practices also should be evolved to create durable coalition models. Much was not heard in the 2024 election about any scheme akin to a CMP for a future government. Neither the NDA nor the INDIA bloc designed any project to revitalise the people's engagement with the coalition praxis. The former pretended to be overconfident about a possible devastating majority while the latter failed to integrate the thoughts on policy for the future of the nation.

> lack of job opportunities in the country, creating a suffocating do-or-die scenario for students. The intense competition for limited positions and the fear of unemployment are driving many to despair. The government's role in creating more jobs is not just essential-it is urgent. Without this, the pressure on students will only escalate, leading to more tragic outcomes.Families also bear a crucial responsibility in guiding their children toward careers that align with their interests rather than

to lay eggs. From fatal traffic to predation by feral animals, the breeding females face numerous perils while traversing these concretised banks and roads. The poor hatchlings have a snowball's chance in hell of reaching back alive after crossing these paved hardscapes.

Turtles are able to deceive natural predators like monitor lizards by laying eggs in one of the 10 holes they dig. Unfortunately, they are not able to protect their eggs and hatchlings from the increasing presence of feral dogs and cats.

decade. Factors such as relentless pressure, forced career choices, mental health struggles and financial burden are pushing young lives to the edge. The crisis is further underscored by the grim statistics from prestigious institutions like IITs, where 69 students ended their lives between 2019 and 2023, as also Kota, the educational hub in Rajasthan that has witnessed a rising graph of young students ending their lives.A significant contributor to this crisis is the acute

INDIA is grappling with a harrowing surge in

student suicides, with recent data indicating that

these tragic deaths have now surpassed those of

farmers. While comparing the loss of lives is

inherently odious and difficult, the urgency to

address this crisis is undeniable. The IC3

Institute's report titled 'Student Suicides: An

Epidemic Sweeping India' highlights that 13,089

students took their lives in 2021, reflecting a

disturbing 57 per cent increase over the previous

choices that may prove unbearable Schools must step up by implementing programmes that can identify and support vulnerable students, with educators acting as both academic guides and emotional mentors. Yet, the most critical intervention lies in job creation. In a nation where young lives are at a grave risk, systemic reform, mental health support and job creation must be prioritised to prevent further tragedies and ensure a brighter future for the youth.



## **Touchstones: Idiom of common heritage**



Grandmothers and old family retainers were champion story-tellers, now often replaced by digital or interactive tools in many urban nuclear families

Languages and their dialogue within a social and political context are a fascinating area and one that engages me deeply both as a writer and translator. The encounter of different languages has spawned not just a new idiom (such as Hinglish), but is often weaponised by political parties to create communal discord. As Javed Akhtar says, Urdu is an Indian language but by declaring it the language of Pakistan, we have destroyed those registers of cordiality and warmth that bound our communities together for centuries, enriching our understanding of each other's lives and beliefs. Thankfully, organisations such as Rekhta and the revival of dastaangoi have renewed an interest in Urdu. This is why when I was recently invited to attend a seminar on translations, called Bhashavaad, jointly hosted by Ashoka University and the New India Foundation. I was delighted to meet and hear some of our country's finest writers and translators. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, there has been an explosion of exchange of languages as different as Kashmiri, Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu, Odiya, Bangla, Punjabi, Nagamese, Bhojpuri and countless others. What is more, there is a growing interest in new writing in languages that were neglected or dismissed as 'too regional', whatever that meant. It is to the credit of progressive universities, such as Ashoka in Sonepat, that a special centre for translation studies was established and nurtured by well-known writers and academics to supervise the quality and choice of texts. Their efforts have now begun to bear fruit. A series of impressive poetry translations by Amit Chauduri and Arvind Krishna Mehrotra were some early publications. Now, there is a long line of translations in the making and over the next few years, a wide range of subjects from fiction to biographies, short-story collections and plays are

planned. Since Ashoka University has a high reputation among academic institutions abroad, we can look forward to a deeper penetration of our bhasha literature. Up until a few years ago, translations were mainly limited to classics (Premchand, Ismat Chughtai, Ananthamurthy et al), but what I heard from the young translators and publishers warmed my heart. These are students who have a thorough grounding in language studies and many are writers or poets themselves. Naturally, they have brought a freshness to the range of translations that was missing so far. While on this subject, I have to add that most of our literature was based on an oral tradition, so performance, recitation, songs, prayers and reading aloud (the kathavachak and dastaangoi traditions, for instance)

brought it to even those who could not read the Sanskrit or Persian texts. This is why there are so many versions of the Ramayana and no Indian is unaware of the story and legend of Rama. This rich oral tradition lost its voice when we made script and writing so important. I can say with confidence that even an unlettered Indian villager is a fund of knowledge that we have not been able to tap. Rhythm, music, facial expressions and hands transfer that knowledge, whereas reading in silence in your own room or library has destroyed the pleasure of a synaesthetic experience that is still alive in animated story-telling. Grandmothers and old family retainers



were champion story-tellers, now often replaced by digital or interactive tools in many urban nuclear families. In this age of mobiles, Google translator and AI, where the future of any literature lies is difficult to predict, but the pleasure of the spoken word far exceeds that which one gets from the written word. During my student days, I remember a series called Penguin Modern Poets that introduced us to Polish, Italian, French and Russian modern writers. Many are still with me and a source of perennial joy. So, I hope schools and universities continue to acquaint students with the classic works of Kabir, Tulsidas, Tagore and the great Sangam writers from the Dravidian tradition side by side with the exciting experimental works available to those who write in languages other than English.

Over lunch and coffee breaks, I met several eminent writers who are proficient in English, but still prefer to write in their native tongues. The reason is that the warmth and immediacy of the spoken word in its own world is attached to a long history of associations that are virtually untranslatable into English. However, they transfer seamlessly into another Indian language and that's a thought to keep in mind. The problem is that regional identities are so intermingled with sub-regional jingoism that even though many understand Hindi, their fear of being wiped out by its hegemonic presence keeps them isolated in small pockets. While one can perfectly understand their

concerns, keeping their own language confined to their own state is not the way to share it widely.

What we need to do now is build respect and openness towards all Indian languages and think about translating from one Indian bhasha into another. Until this becomes a widely accepted movement, we will continue to live in linguistic silos of our own. Apart from other languages, stirring writing from Dalits, women, the marginalised and cloistered lives need to be found and celebrated. English has an assured place in India, it is time we promoted our own languages and those stories that speak to us in the idiom of our common cultural heritage.

# BEAUTY

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# Do all this for gorgeous

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Another bad hair day? A glorious crown of healthy hair can really make or break your entire look. Here are some simple points that when adhered to, can make your hair healthier.

A dermatologist says, "Biotin (vitamin H) consumed daily in 10mg dosage is good for hair and nail." The expert however, adds that it is better to get individual problems tackled by professionals - for example, dry, frizzy hair can be a sign of hormonal imbalance or thyroid

deficiency or due to malnutrition or protein deficiency Correction of the cause works

chemical treatments for a few weeks. Our expert adds, "Use a zinc pyrithrone and ketoconazole containing shampoo once a week. If the scalp is too itchy, use

> sebowash shampoo once a week for few washes." hair masks and simple tips like avoiding blowdrying on high he Make this simple hair

mask at home - Take half a cup of fenugreeek (methi) seeds. Soak it in two-and-

a - h a l f are asleep. water overni ght. Now movements. soaked methi seeds and put it in a mixer- grinder jar. Add some

till smooth. Now apply this methi paste on your scalp. Leave it on for while and

While we often stress out about our sartorial transitions ---from formal work wear to chic party wear - we seldom realise that a make-up transition is just as important. Your day look may be appropriate for boardroom meetings but it wouldn't suffice once the sun goes down. And transforming your look can be quite an effort if you have to take off all that make-up and start from scratch. Here's how a few make-up tricks can turn your simple day look into something more striking, just within minutes.

Says make-up expert Kapil Bhalla, "The trick to a successful make-up transition is making sure you keep your day look as minimalistic as possible, so that it's easier to work on later, with least amount of changes." Your day look should act as a base for whatever you want to apply at night - for example, use a light eye shadow during the day, which can be developed later by adding new dimensions with darker shades.

To begin, go with a simplistic day-time look that will be appropriate for office - a tinted sunscreen and no foundation to let your skin breathe; a touch of eyeliner just to define your eyes and a tinted lip balm to keep your lips supple all through the day.

### then wash off. While shampooing your

hair ... Make sure that you Halfacup of methi seeds concentrate on cleansing the scalp, so, gentle but firm And a lot of sunlight your hair is dry and frizzy, a once-a-week hot oil massage fingers should massage the Method: followed with a normal scalp along with the lather. - Soak methi or fenugreek After washing, apply a seeds in coconut oil in a shampoo and conditioner can help. Avoid too much creamy conditioner. Coat colouring, perming and other every section of your hair and then wash off properly. Avoid

- Heat-styling your hair or into to your scalp thrice a using irons and hot curlers. Let your hair dry naturally. Products like some hair styling gels that contain alcohol.

 Using unclean accessories. Home-made Keep your combs and brushes clean always. Washing your hair with harsh shampoos too often. Tip

After a tiring day we usually tend to crash as soon as we oil melt. You can add reach home. Experts say it is ideal to tie your hair before you go to bed, especially if you have long hair. Tie it up in a loose braid or two plaits. for a day or two and your Braided hair will remain infused oil is ready. better protected while you

cups of Massage your scalp with oil - Oiling your hair regularly will make a difference to the quality of your hair, say experts. Massage the oil into take the the scalp in slow gentle

- Olive, jojoba, almond or coconut oil infused with herbs that help enhance its properties, can provide the scalp some nutrition. water and grind

- A nice head massage also promotes sleep and you wake up refreshed and raring to go the next day. - When you are

Make-up transitions to go from day to



oiling your hair, you should also apply a little to the ends. Losing hair? You need:

500 ml pure coconut oil

glass jar and leave it out under the direct rays of the sun, everyday, for a week. - This oil when massaged week can prevent hair loss.

How to make your coconut oil better Take a double boiler (a heatproof dish placed over boiling water) and put in 500 ml of coconut oil. Add dried hibiscus leaves and flowers, a few pieces of dried amla, Maha Bhringaraj leaves (these are available at Ayurvedic stores) and let the flavouring ingredients like rose, lavender, camomile also. Do not boil it for long. Once heated, let the oil sit

Skin care is a tricky area. Your skin needs nourishment and care if you want it to look radiant and healthy. And with advances in medical science, you can greatly delay the signs of ageing. Here are some skin facts and myths that you should be aware of ... -Teens wanting blemish-free skin and fairness with overthe-counter (OTC)

is any time between the mid 20s to late 30s. - If you get adequate sleep (the skin repairs and rejuvenates itself when we're asleep), eat the right diet, stay active and keep yourself hydrated, you won't regret it. Water retains moisture in the skin making it glow. Decrease stress levels and know your skin type (oily, dry, a combination, sensitive or mature skin) and use products accordingly. Sunscreen will avoid blotchiness and dullness. Exfoliate your skin at least one a week. This will remove dead skin and help the moisturiser absorb better. - process. As a woman ages, Men shouldn't shy away her dermatologist can tell from approaching her what she needs and dermatologists for skin doesn't. A woman in her 40s problems. Men have an may need to get rid of added skin advantage - wrinkles and folds near her because shaving daily is an nose and mouth and can opt excellent exfoliating for fillers and skin process. - All commercially tightening. A woman in her sold beauty products are not 50s can go in for laser harmful. If made well and rejuvenation. This can erase prescribed for a valid reason 10 years off her face. by an expert, they are beneficial; but certainly not when self-prescribed. -Continuous and long-term use of makeup does not damage the natural oils and texture of the skin as long as the makeup is of good quality, applied correctly, suitable for your skin type and removed properly. -Botox, fillers, wrinkle erasers, skin tightening machines, laser and mild non-invasive treatments are a boon. - Women in their 20s want fairer skin. A woman in her 30s fears blotchy and dehydrated skin, pigmentation etc.

# Skin facts you should

Now, just as you are about to step out of your sedentary domain, here is what you need to do for an elegant and fast transition:

#### **Quick cleanse**

Start by removing traces of tiredness that a whole day's work may have left on your face. Says Sufiyan Kapadia, beauty expert, Clere and BenNye, "Since there is no time to do the whole cleansing-toning-moisturising routine, use a blotting paper to clean out impurities, dirt and oil residues from your skin." Make sure your dab it gently all over your face, neck and other exposed areas. Alternately, use alcohol-free baby wipes as they are gentle on your skin.

#### Glam up your eyes

Your eyes will be the focus of your entire look at any evening party. Therefore, for a sultry night-time look, use a darker shade of your day eye shadow or apply extra coats of the same. You could also try a metallic eye shadow to enhance your eyes - the colours of the season are purple, navy blue, silver or platinum. If you have enough time, outline your eyes with a white or silver eye pencil to hide the tiredness. Now, contour your eyes with a gel-based eyeliner. If you want a rather dramatic effect, instead of using mascara, go with a set of false eyelashes. They are easy to apply, don't result in clumps and are flirty too!

#### Skip the blush

You don't need as much blush at night as you do during the day. Since you have been up all day, your blood circulation is working well, therefore your face will already have a rosy tinge. Instead of adding more to it and giving your face a flushed red appearance, skip the blush. Says Sushma Khan, national trainer, make-up, Lakme Salon, "Experiment with sparkles instead, as it is hassle free and quite effective for a nightclub look. Use a shimmer powder to highlight your cheekbones, chin, forehead and neck. If you're going to show some skin around your shoulders, collar bone or cleavage area, don't forget to add some to those parts too."

#### Go with bright lips

To make your pout look glam, go with a lip colour that's a few shades darker than your natural lip colour. Top it off with a high-shine lip gloss to add a little extra something you need for the night. Bold and fun colours are in vogue and are easy to pull off especially when you are pressed for time. Try the trusted hot pink lip shade - one added advantage is that it makes your teeth look extra white! However, skip the gloss if you are going with hot pink.

#### Quick make-up fixes

Just five minutes in hand to prep for a girls' night out at the club? Here is what you can do to spruce up your office look. What you need: A dark brown shade lipstick, a black gelbased eyeliner, a volumising mascara, a nude shade

concealer stick, a nude compact, a peach blush, a coral lipstick, moisturising lip balm, a bronzer or a gold highlighter.

Face: Bronze the T-zone and camouflage the dark circles Time investment: 2 minutes

#### How to:

Use a wet wipe to remove oil that may have accumulated over the day.

Use a concealer stick as a quick make-up base, especially under your eyes. Mix a bit of shimmer in the concealer and apply at the under-eye bag area. This will make you look vibrant, well-rested and ready for fun.

Brush on some compact to smoothen the look. Finish off with a mild coat of bronzer on you T-zone to get a reflective dewy look.

Eyes: Go with the smudged-smokey look Time investment: 2 minutes

#### How to:

Close your eyes and apply a thick coat of the dark brown lipstick on your eyelids, along the bulge of your eyeball. Use your fingertips to smudge the surface, thus blending the colour in.

Contour your eyes with the gel eyeliner - avoid winged or block-edged as it will take the focus away from the smokey effect. Apply two coats of a volumising mascara.

Finally, blend in some nude concealer at the bulge of your eye, outwards, till you reach the brow bone. This will hide the sharp colour edges.

Lips: "Coral lip colour not only complements Indian complexion, but is also suitable for both the day and night," says Bhalla.

Time investment: 1 minute

#### How to:

Apply a thick coat of quick absorb moisturising lip balm. Then apply two coats of the lipstick. Avoid contouring lips when you're in a hurry.

Radiant and lustrous hair cannot be achieved using OTC products. Consult a dermatologist - use the products they give instead of fancy OTC products whose unsupervised, prolonged usage can lead to hyper-pigmentation. - The young woman just out of her teens blessed with

products advertised by film

stars must identify the need

for using these products.

good hair and healthy skin needs to pay attention to what she eats, make sure she gets adequate sleep (seven to eight hours), exercise regularly and avoid taking stress. She

must cleanse properly, moisturise and use an effective sunscreen. - What you put in your mouth is more important than what you put on your skin! If your core is healthy, it will show on your face. Have a diet rich with Vitamin A and antioxidants, lots of coloured fruits and vegetables. Regular exercise improves circulation and blood supply, and flushes out toxins.

- Bad hair days exist. The weather can wreak havoc on your hair. Dry weather can make your hair frizzy, humidity can make it limp, stress can turn it oily. Products and treatments that don't agree with you will also give you bad hair. So use only what suits you. Stress increases cortisol By the time she is levels and this over-activity of the oil gland will make one prone to breakouts. Psychological problems can lead to acne. Most skin problems if

identified and treated early can be reversible. - The ageing process depends on the genes, but in a woman, it

40, she fears lines, crow's Dermatology and feet, creases, deeper folds, cosmetology are not the same. A dermatologist has wrinkles and sagging skin. Women in their 20s and 30s done an in-depth study of skin, skin care and its can start with problems. A cosmetologist microdermabrasion nonchemical peels, which is an expert on cosmetic remove dead, outer skin procedures. A layers and delay the ageing dermatologist can treat abroad.

external as well as internal skin problems - something that a cosmetologist can't do. The skin is a mirror of one's internal system. It can indicate more problems than just advancing age. - Botox does not harm the body. What is injected is a purified toxin. It relaxes the muscle where it is injected and is an

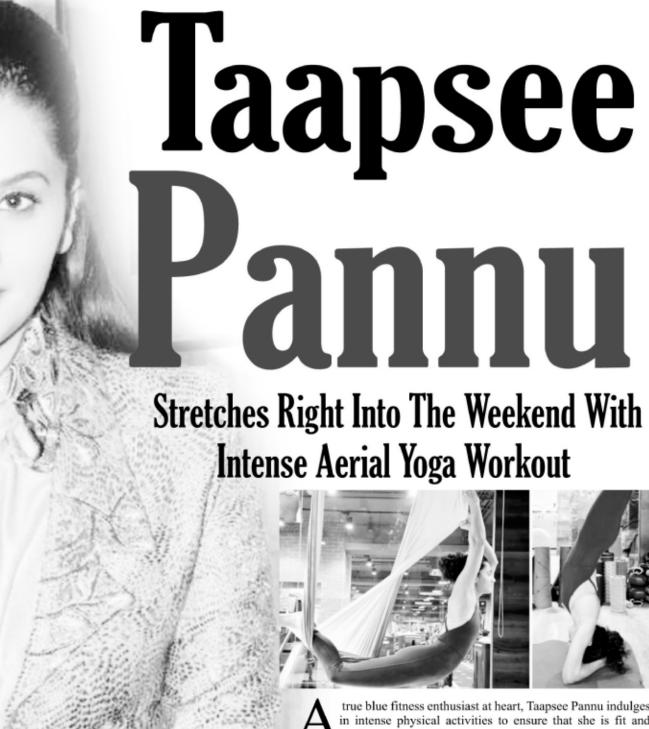


training. The same treatments available in New York can be availed at a clinic in India. Increasingly, people are starting to prefer undergoing these treatments here in India instead of heading out

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# FILM

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true blue fitness enthusiast at heart, Taapsee Pannu indulges in intense physical activities to ensure that she is fit and healthy. One of her favourites is aerial yoga. On Saturday, the actress shared a video of herself practicing aerial yoga. Taapsee wowed fans with her impressive workout routine. In the video, Taapse Pannu can be seen acing various asanas in the air. From hanging with the help of fabric to pulling off some tough exercises, the clip featured moments that were nothing short of a daring stunt. In the caption of the post, Taapsee Pannu wrote, "Aerial shaerial .... N all that jazz ... "Taapsee Pannu's workout routine is a combination of strength training, cardio and flexibility exercises. In one of her previous posts, she was seen doing weight training to build strength. She also indulged in sets of rope lat pull-downs and core exercises.In another video, she is seen sitting on the floor in perfect posture while doing yoga. Suggesting that she finds yoga a great way to relax, Taapsee wrote in her caption, "The calm ... before the storm." Following two back-to-back releases this month Khel Khel Mein and Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba, Taapsee Pannu has been garnering love for her performance in both. While in Khel Khel Mein, she shared the screen space with Akshay Kumar, Fardeen Khan, Vaani Kapoor, Ammy Virk, Aditya Seal and Pragya Jaiswal, Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba marked her second collaboration with Vikrant Massey. Sunny Kaushal also played a pivotal role in this crime thriller.On the personal front, Taapsee Pannu got married to longtime beau and badminton coach Mathias Boe in March, this year. The couple kept the wedding private, with only close friends and family in

### Veteran Actress Malashree Supports Darshan; Allu Arjun To Attend NBK's 50-Year Milestone Event



any actors and actresses have come out in support of Darshan and said that he will get justice. Now, veteran actress Malashree has also come out in support of the actor. Talking to the media about Darshan's case, Malashree said, "I believe in justice and God. It was Darshan who introduced my daughter Aradhana to the industry through the film Kaatera; so my daughter Aradhana and I will be forever grateful to Darshan. The love shown by Darshan cannot be forgotten," she added. Malashree said that he is different from the things she heard and saw. "I really don't know what to say about the incident that has happened now. There is a belief in justice. Hope it will turn out good for Darshan," Malashree further added. She also said Darshan's wife Vijaylaksmi is a strong woman, and has seen manOn the occasion of Nandamuri Balakrishna's 50 years of entering the film industry, a grand celebration has been planned by the Telugu film industry at Hyderabad Hitex Novotel Hotel on September 1. Noted celebrities and politicians will visit the grand event sponsored by Shreyas Media in association with Suchir India. The Film Chamber of Commerce President Bharat Bhushan and other important individuals invited the National Award Winner Allu Arjun on behalf of the Telugu film industry.y ups and downs in life. After much speculation, Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh finally announced their pregnancy in February this year. Taking to Instagram, the much-loved couple shared that their baby will arrive in September 2024. The post met with a lot of love from their industry peers including Alia Bhatt, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Vikrant Massey, Ayushmann Khurrana, and Sonam Kapoor Ahuja, among many others. Through the past few months, Deepika's public appearances where she's flaunting her baby bump have been going viral.

Raj And DK Reveal How Stree Was Born Out Of Brainstorming Sessions At A Cafe: 'A Ridiculous Story That..'



attendance. Speaking with news agency ANI, she reflected on the reason behind keeping it private. Taapsee said, "Actually, I'm still hesitant in certain ways. I don't like to milk a headline out of it. It's been like that I've seen with actresses: once you are with someone, regardless of how big or small the personality of that someone is, that starts overtaking your headlines, like headlines regarding my work."

# Kangana Ranaut Says She Turned Down SRK's Zero, Aksha

# Singh Is Bliing: 'I Was Struggling For

Akshay Kumar's film Singh Is Bliing (2015). She also claimed that Aamir Khan and Salman Khan also offered her the leads in their films. But she turned down both the offers. In a new interview, the actress said that she was considered for some of the biggest films in the last decade but she refused them. She said she wanted to do films that one would not usually do, such as playing Indira Gandhi in Emergency.Speaking on Aap Ki Adalat, Kangana said, "Salman had offered me a role in 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', Shahrukh had offered a role in 'Zero'." When asked if she ever turned down a

film starring



When asked if she ever turned down a Akshay Kumar, she said, "Akshay Kumar was offering me a role in 'Singh is Bling'. As a female actor, I created my own existence (astitva) in the industry. Nobody wants to make a movie on an old woman, who was thrice our Prime Minister (Indira Gandhi)."

Kangana added that there was a time when she struggled to get work. However, her life changed after Queen. While offers poured in, she did not want to do everything coming her way. "In 2006, when I was struggling for roles, nobody offered me

anything. Not even secondary roles. When My movie Queen became a success in 2014, then offers came. I felt I have got a separate opportunity. Like Vyjayantimala, Sridevi used to do movies on their own. Will Aamir Khan allow me to give the best performance? Salman is a larger-than-life star. Temptations..they're giants of industry. Salman is my dear friend, Aamir so nice," she said.Kangana had previously claimed that she was offered Ranbir Kapoor starrer Sanju.

ilmmakers Raj and DK celebrated six years of their hit horror-comedy Stree on Saturday. Directed by Amar Kaushik, who has also directed Stree 2, the film was written and produced by Raj and DK. The duo shared the story of the film's beginning on Instagram. Stree featured Rajkummar Rao, Shraddha Kapoor, Aparshakti Khurana, Abhishek Banerjee, and Pankaj Tripathi.Recalling how a wall scribbling in Tirupati became a horrorcomedy, Raj and DK delved into how the story of 'Stree' came to be. "Two back-to-back studio films failed... Typically, this type of situation means the end of a filmmaking career," the duo wrote. It was also the day Mumbai had heavy rain, and with a "heavy heart," Raj walked through foot-deep water to get to a coffee shop with his laptop. Raj continued, "So, I typed out on a blank page, 'O Stree, Kal Aana!' I dug into one of my lasting childhood visuals-every other wall in my hometown Tirupati, covered with the scribbling, 'O Stree, repu raa..' Nobody knew what the story behind that was. All they knew was a strange urban legend that a scary stree will come into your house if you don't write this. Why? How? What does she want?

No one knew." Raj then started wondering, what if she couldn't read Telugu? Why would she keep falling for the same trick to come back? And what if, despite everything, she still wanted to enter? These ideas stayed with him for years and eventually inspired them to think about a "gender reversal" film, where men are the ones afraid to go out late at night, experiencing the fears that many women face every day.

A small coffee shop in Andheri West became their office and that is where they met the crew and actors, discovered a talented writer at the next table, and spent hours discussing the film's production. Soon after, the film hit the floors. The duo wrote, "Cut to: A crew ready to buy into this silly story was put together. A cast was cajoled into doing this film despite it being nonconforming. A film started getting shot despite there being no precedent for this kind. A super friendly fun shoot happened in the tiniest of the towns, Chanderi, where we stayed in guesthouses and schools, shot all over the town and played Mafia at nights. Many lasting bonds were formed."

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# BEAUTY





**Buy the right** deodourant

If we go by TV commercials, deodourants are potential matchmakers - spray some and you will have the opposite sex going weak in their knees. With such irresistible 'possibilities' and promises, it's no surprise that you want to give almost every new deodourant a try. But before randomly buying any product, it's important to know about its contents. Read on to know more about how to buy the right deodourant:

#### Know the contents

Deodourants that contain harmful chemicals can be hazardous. For example, there are safer deodourants - available over-the-counter - that don't contain harmful chemicals like aluminium chloride. Many ingredients in deodourants can cause skin irritation, which ranges from mild redness and burning sensation to a full allergic reaction, warns dermatologist Dr Smriti Shetty.

#### Avoid alcohol-based spravs.

Deodourants and antiperspirants prevent body odour caused by bacterial growth. Cosmetic dermatologist Dr Sadhana Deshmukh says aluminium compounds present in most deodourants and other active antiperspirant ingredients are often dissolved in alcohol because it dries quickly and feels cool on the skin.

"A small percentage of people are allergic to aluminium and may experience dermatitis or allergic, axillary granuloma response. When applied to the axillae (underarms), it could be irritating and may promote sensitisation to other ingredients in the product. If this happens, consult a dermatologist. To avoid the problem, I would

suggest an alcohol-free deodourant," she advises. Sensitive Skin? Most deodourants are alcohol-based and contain antibacterial properties the reason why they remove the odour. Perfumes can't

remove body odour, but their fragrance lasts longer. The sweet smell of a deodourant, on the other hand, is shortlived. Whether expensive or cheap, almost all deodourants contain 6-15% solution of fragrance oil mixed with 80% of alcohol. Perfumes usually contain

15-25 % of fragrance oil in

pure alcohol "If you have sensitive skin, pick one without much fragrance. Also, cheaper deodourants and fragrances can lead to cosmetic allergy, contact sensitisation. lichenoid reactions, macular or patchy pigmentation ---the last may spread from axillae to face, neck, chest and even abdomen and needs to be treated. So, be careful while choosing a deo. Apply it only on the underarms; do not spray it on the entire upper body. Perfumes should be applied on clothes and not on body," cautions

Steerclear of these chemicals Dermatologist gives a list of chemicals that you should avoid in deodourants:

Aluminum - based compounds are active ingredients in antiperspirants. They block the sweat glands, thus preventing sweat from reaching the skin's surface. Some studies have suggested that aluminum compounds may be absorbed by the skin and can cause changes in the

Most conventional Parabens in their many deodourants contain a slew forms - Methylparaben, of toxic chemicals, such as Propylparaben, Aluminum Chlorohydrate, Ethylparaben, or

estrogen receptors of breast

Butylparaben - are a class Parabens, Propylene of artificial preservatives Glycol, Triclosan, TEA widely used in cosmetics (triethanolamine), DEA and personal care products. They are being investigated for their possible role in breast cancer.

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(diethanolamine), FD&C colours (artificial/synthetic colours approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for food, drug and cosmetics), and Tale (hydrous magnesium silicate), among others.

This summer, discover natural ingredients that can help protect your skin from the harsh summer heat



# Beat the heat, naturally

Ginger: Ginger, just like khus is also a cooling agent for the body. It is surprising to know that ginger being a spice

# Home remedies for dry hair



hair from becoming dry and brittle during winter season. Read on It is a fact that hair becomes dry during the winter season. While we cannot escape the seasonal

We can do a lot to prevent

vagaries, we can do a lot to prevent our hair from becoming dry and brittle during the season. Here are a few

tips to keep you in good stead. -It is best to avoid hair colouring and ironing during the

avoiding the roots for at least 10 to 15 minutes to moisturise the hair and prevent hair fall.

-The stench apart, beer is a great hair conditioner and so is coconut milk. For a protein packed conditioner, mix eggs and yogurt and rub it into your scalp. Leave on for five or 10 minutes, then wash it off

completely. -A haircut doesn't always have to lead to a new style. Trim off dead ends if your hair is too dry to rejuvenate your



Don't just go by the fragrance, it's equally important to know what went into the making of your scented spray.

Aloe vera: A popular and effective ingredient to remove that horrid sun tan during summer is aloe vera. There are many Aloevera benefits from health to nutrition, from acne treatment to skin care. It is widely grown as an ornamental plant; however it is equally popular as medicinal plant due to several Aloevera uses. The healing properties of ayurveda make it beneficial for skin care and helps in restoring skin's natural beauty. It is also an outstanding skin moisturizer and provides oxygen to the cells which strengthen the skin tissues and helps to keep the skin healthy.

Sandalwood: A mixture of sandalwood powder (1tsb), turmeric powder (1 tsb), and a pinch of camphor mixed with few drops of sandalwood oil works in a great way on acne and pimples. Frequent use of this mixture helps pimple and acne to vanish and it is useful against blackheads also. For best results one should leave the mixture on the face overnight. Sandalwood oil is said to be a softening agent. Frequently massage face with sandalwood oil to exfoliate the skin and make it soft and supple.

Pearl: Pearl is very helpful to brighten the skin, improve the skin texture, balancing the skin moisture, giving radiant glowing skin. Pearl has the ability to tone and regenerate the skin, revitalizing it, making it look more youthful. It helps

reduce blemishes, dark marks, pimples and acnes, and it can be used both in form of paste and powder. Pearl helps in minimising the large pores on the skin and therefore reduces redness. Large pores make the skin look unhealthy and uneven redness causes skin loose its' pH balance. Pearl helps to reduce both of these and makes skin look toned and even. Pearl is also largely available as an ingredient in soaps, facewashes and facepacks.

Khus: Popularly known as Khus, Vetiveria zizanioides is an ideal coolant to beat the summer heat. Owing to its effective cooling properties and fragrance, khus is often included in high quality soaps, powders, aroma therapy products and perfumes. With antiinflammatory and antiseptic effects providing relief from inflammation, the oil obtained from khus also has sedative effect and aids in the treatment of emotional outbursts, such as anger, anxiety, epileptic and hysteric attacks, restlessness, nervousness, etc. Known for increasing the energy levels and fortified with various minerals like manganese, zinc, copper, magnesium and iodine, khus seeds (poppy seeds) are widely used to make Khus sharbat/syrups which are largely consumed by people in summers.

infact cools the body because of its property at the time of ultimate assimilation in the body. Also, it also helps to resolve skin related issues. Hypopigmentation is also easily solved by ginger. One just needs to do is to cut a part of the ginger and dab it in the pigmented areas of the skin.

Rose water: Rose water face wash is perhaps one of the oldest and most sought after techniques of skin care. It effectively removes skin clogs and blackheads and reduces blotchiness and stickiness from the face. It helps clear all the impurities your face has collected through the day. Rose oil is said to have anti-inflammatory properties. Frequent use of the same will help clear off problems related to redness due to skin burns (over heat), and irritation. Proper face massage with rosewater will remove excess oil in the skin, keeping it evenly moisturised and exfoliated, thus restoring the lost pH balance and skin texture, preventing acnes and pimples, removing the dirt that gets accumulated in the skin pores.

Neem: One of the wonders of Ayurveda that has been ignored by urban folks in favour of more synthetic ingredients is the humble neem. An ideal solution to all vour summer related skin problems, neem is the best medicine available to you. The benefits of neem can be utilized to the maximum extent in this hot sultry condition. The usage of different parts of the neem plant differs from one season to another. The juice of the neem leaves is specially useful for purification and maintenance of our skin and blood. Neem is also available as an ingredient in ayurvedic facewash and soaps that can be an ideal companion for you this summer.



season. However, if that is next to impossible, at least avoid shampooing during the season.

-Massage the scalp using hot oil. You can either use coconut oil or olive oil for best results

-Do not wash your hair in hot water as it can increase the dryness of the scalp, resulting in flaking and scaling of the skin of the scalp. Use lukewarm water instead and shampoo hair only once or twice a week.

-Use a shampoo and a separate hair conditioner. And leave the conditioner on the tip of the hair

There are times when we are in a rush or just too exhausted to go through elaborate beauty rituals. While taking the easy way out is okay at times, certain shortcuts are better avoided.

#### Styling wet hair with heat:

You have just shampooed hair and exactly ten minutes have had absolutely no time if you want to make it to to prettify yourself so you work on time. You grab your blow-dryer, straightening iron or curling tongs and try to style your hair to look presentable. Problem solved? Wrong. You might think you are speeding up the drying process what you are instead doing is sapping your hair off moisture and turning it into a frizzy mess.

Makeup on makeup You have



will clog pores and invite a pimple or two.

#### Not washing brushes

When was the last time you gave your beauty tools a thorough clean up? Makeup brushes and other tools are breeding grounds for bacteria. Product build up can worsen the situation if you don't clean them regularly. Cleaning your tools is as important as disposing off old

merely add some more makeup on the makeup that you did earlier in the day? Terrible idea. Adding foundation on your exiting foundation will make your face look loaded with makeup. It

# BUSINESS

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### Maruti Suzuki cuts prices of select trims of Alto K10, S-Presso

NEW DELHI. Maruti Suzuki India on Monday said it has reduced prices of select variants of entry-level models Alto K10 and S-Presso with immediate effect. The price of S-Presso LXI Petrol has been reduced by Rs 2,000 and the price of Alto K10 VXI Petrol has been reduced by Rs  $\hat{6}$ ,500, the auto major said in a regulatory filing. The Alto K10 range is priced from Rs 3.99 lakh and Rs 5.96 lakh while the S-Presso trims are tagged between Rs 4.26 lakh and Rs 6.11 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). In August, sales of the company's mini segment cars, comprising Alto and S-Presso, declined to 10,648 units last month as against 12,209 units a year ago.

### Why your temperament defines your wealth

- New Delhi. Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it. He who does not pays it, legendary scientist Albert Einstein said, and is often quoted in several articles on personal finance.
- Very little importance is given to why and when Albert Einstein made that statement on compound interest. Honestly, nobody should care. His name is enough to add credibility to the context. However, this column is not about the concept of compound interest. It is about your temperament. At the end of it all, your ability to ride through multiple market cycles makes you a winner in creating wealth.
- You need to make some effort to build that ability. It would help if you were born with a patient mind. However, the chances of you falling for the 'high risk, high returns' model would also be dim. Most of us in India prefer not to take risks. Considering the history of our nation, we are a patient lot. We allow a benefit of the doubt to our governments. Most of us do not take any law into our own hands and indulge in street demonstrations like those in neighbouring countries.
- We need to show a similar level of patience to our investments. While it is empirically proved that equity assets generate an inflation-beating return over 10-15 years and do better than most other asset classes, we expect to get rich quickly-that lack of patience to allow equity investments to grow stalls wealth creation. Everything is going for India's growth story.
- In the US, Berkshire Hathaway became the first nontechnology company with a market value of over \$ 1 trillion. That is a remarkable rally of support for Warren Buffett's way of investing. It is probably a textbook on patience that allowed him and his team to ride through market cycles successfully. As everyone looks to invest in stocks, Warren Buffett's company has accumulated a quarter of a trillion dollars war chest. That is probably more cash than even central banks in many countries. Berkshire is waiting for the next selloff in share prices to deploy that money. The run-up in the share price of Berkshire Hathaway shows that patience matters a lot in wealth creation. You need to seek professional advice to build that skill. Your temperament is also a function of your confidence in earning your income. You must hold on to your quality investments to ride through market cycles and create wealth. The future of your money depends on you much more than you think.

## Passenger Vehicle sales decline by 2-3 per cent at 3.5 lakh units in August 2024

# Suzion Energy shares up 109% from March low: What's best move for investors

# Suzlon Energy shares up 109% from March low: What's best move for investors

New Delhi, Shares of Suzlon Energy have seen a rise of 109% since hitting a low in March with its market cap reaching Rs 1.03 lakh crore,

On March 20, the stock closed at Rs 36.32 but soared to a high of Rs 75.83 by the end of August. The increase surpasses the 97% gain Suzlon Energy achieved earlier in 2024.In the past year, Suzion Energy shares have delivered a return of 193%, and over the past two years, the gain has been a remarkable 909%. However, the stock has recently shown some weakness, falling by 5.13% in the last two weeks.Suzlon Energy shares ended 1.49% lower at Rs 78.83 on Friday. It recorded a turnover of Rs 23.04 crore with 30.23 lakh shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in

the previous session. The stock has surged 249.28% from its 52-week low of Rs 21.71, which it reached on September 13, 2023. Suzlon Energy shares have a beta of 0.8, indicating lower volatility over the past year.

Om Mehra, Technical Analyst at SAMCO Securities, said that Suzlon Energy is currently trading at Rs 75.84, having risen by 98.53% in 2024 so far.

"The stock remains exceptionally strong, following a breakout above the critical resistance at Rs 50 levels. On the broader monthly chart, the bullish momentum remains intact, although the monthly RSI hovering around 88 signals an overbought condition. A minor correction is anticipated after the recent rally, which could be a healthy pullback in a strong uptrend, offering a favourable

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opportunity to accumulate. With energy stocks being in focus, Suzlon is expected to follow the same bullish trajectory. The primary trend remains robust, with the stock trading above its 20 DMA. The outlook is positive, suggesting a continued pattern of rises and pauses. We expect the price to reach Rs 100, followed by Rs 115 by year-end, provided the crucial Rs 50 level holds," he said. On the other hand, Kushal Gandhi, Technical Analyst at StoxBox, points out that the stock is currently 36% above its average

rating."The company is focusing on

strengthening its core capabilities

increased sustainability, along with

that, they are moving up their

operations up the value chain from

niche markets to large addressable

markets. The company also plans to

leverage in-house design and

development capabilities to grow

its product offerings and capitalize

on future trends. Investors looking

to invest can invest in the IPO for the

medium to long term," said an IPO

report from Master Capital Services

Limited. The IPO closes on September

finalised on Thursday, September 5,

2024. The shares will be listed on both

BSE and NSE, with the tentative listing

date set for Monday, September 9,

Gala Precision Engineering IPO latest GMPThe Grey Market Premium

(GMP) for Gala Precision

Engineering's IPO is currently Rs 240,

as of September 2, 2024, 10:29

AM. With the IPO priced in the range of

2024

Rs 529.00.

price. The RSI indicates a negative slope from the overbought zone, suggesting a slowdown in price momentum. Gandhi highlights that the stock has immediate support at its 20day moving average, currently around Rs 76.20. A drop below this level could lead to further profittaking.Currently, Suzlon Energy shares are trading above their 30-day, 50-day, 100-day, 150-day, and 200-

day moving averages, but are below the 5day, 10-day, and 20-day moving averages. The RSI stands at 72.8, indicating that the stock is close to the overbought zone but still has potential for further gains.

Suzlon Energy is known for its renewable energy solutions, including wind turbines and various solar energy services, such as land acquisition, infrastructure development, and lifecycle asset management.

### Key financial changes that can impact your wallet from **Šeptember**

in precision engineering for MUMBAI: Several personal finance related changes are due from September on the banking and financial services fronts which, if not handled judiciously, can negatively surprise you by hurting your wallets. These changes vary from choosing your own debit/credit card network to lower rewards points on certain credit cards transactions to lower minimum due payments on credit cards that will only add to interest burden on your purchase and to paying Rs 50 for Aadhaar updates, among others. The month will also see many banks closing their special deposit schemes, so it is time to lock your money for higher returns.

### 4, 2024. Allotments are expected to be Higher yielding FD

September is the last month to lock in for attractive interest rates for special fixed deposit (FD) schemes for most banks. High credit demand and lower deposit mobilisation have been worrying the lender as they lead to asset-liability mismatches. It can be noted that since last December, several banks introduced special FDs with attractive interest rates. But most of these schemes are ending this month.For instance, SBI's special FD scheme offers 7.10% for 400 days till September 30, and so is IDBI Bank's special scheme, offering 7.35% for 700 days. In June and July, large lenders like State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India launched special FD schemes offering 7.10 to 7.35%.

#### Choose your card network

Starting September 6, banks will have to offer their customers the flexibility to choose their card network while applying for or renewing a card. And the cheapest is Rupay cards developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and not the globally accepted and dominant Visa and Mastercard, whose transaction charges are more than three times that of Rupay cards. While these American card networks charge close to Rs 2 per transaction from the card issuing bank, NCPI charges about 40 paise. The issuer passes on the cost to the cardholder under the name of merchant discount rates (MDR)/merchant fees and interchange fees, among others. This means that if a bank issues a Mastercard, the customer can opt for a Visa card instead, or vice versa. Existing customers will also have the opportunity to make this choice when their current card is up for renewal.

# Gala Precision Engineering IPO opens for bidding: Subscribe or skip

New Delhi. The initial public offering (IPO) of Gala Precision Engineering Limited opened for subscription, looking to raise Rs 167.93 through its public issue.Gala Precision Engineering Limited, established in February 2009, focusses on manufacturing precision components like disc and strip springs (DSS), coil and spiral springs (CSS), and specialised fastening solutions (SFS). The Gala Precision Engineering IPO is a book-built issue. It consists of a fresh issue of 26 lakh shares worth Rs 135.34 crore and an offer for sale of 6 lakh shares amounting to Rs 32.59 crore. The price Should you subscribe? Engineering IPO is set between Rs 503 and Rs 529 per share.

The minimum lot size for an application is 28 shares. Retail investors need to invest a minimum of Rs 14,812. For Small and Medium-sized Institutional Investors (sNII), the minimum lot size is 14 lots (392 shares), requiring an investment of Rs 207,368. For Big Institutional Investors (bNII), the minimum lot size is 68 lots (1,904

shares), amounting to Rs 1,007,216. PL Capital Markets Private Limited is the book-running lead manager for the IPO, and Link Intime India Private Ltd is the registrar for the issue.

band for the Gala Precision A report from Swastika Investmart said that the company has consistently demonstrated robust revenue growth. "While profitability has experienced minor fluctuations, the overall financial performance remains positive. The IPO's valuation aligns with industry benchmarks. Given current market trends and the increasing demand for precision components, GPEL is poised for a successful listing and sustained growth," it added, giving it a 'Subscribe'

### Government likely to increase budget allocation for agriculture sector: Report

New Delhi. The Union Cabinet is likely to increase the budget allocation for the agriculture sector when they meet on Monday. The meeting may also include discussions on merging various agricultural schemes into a more

now set to expand nationwide. This project aims to cover farmers and their lands over the next three years, building on the success of an earlier

is expected to be enabled in five states. These cards are designed to provide easier access to credit for farmers, which can be crucial for their financial stability and growth.Another focus of the Budget was on achieving self-

- NEW DELHI. Domestic passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales fell for the second straight month in August with most car manufacturers slowing down dispatches to rationalise stocks at dealer showrooms amidst a sluggishness in demand.
- It is estimated that around 350.000-355.000 PVs were dispatched to dealerships last month, a fall of about 2-3% over 361,123 vehicles sold in August last year. India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) reported an 8.4% slump in domestic sales last month to 143,075 units.Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Director, Marketing & Sales said that their retail sales



are slightly better than wholesales and because of this MSIL's network stock, which at the beginning of August was 38 days, has now come down to 36 days. "Our focus is that our channel partners are able to have a reasonably healthy stock to sell the vehicles. We are continuously trying to bring the stocks down, and now it is at 36 days," he added. He is also hopeful of healthy demand in the upcoming festive season which would kick off from Ganesh Chaturthi in Maharashtra and Onam in Kerala in the first half of September. "Last year, Onam was on August 27-28-29, however his year, its on September 16-17-18. It is not a like-to-like comparison, but just to share that this year, in the state of Kerala, if we compare the whole month, we are seeing a growth of 7% in terms of bookings," said Banerjee. Hyundai Motor India's (HMIL) domestic

sales fell by 8% to 49,525 units last month while Tata

Motors reported a decline of 3% to sell 44,142 units in

August.

streamlined approach, reported Businesstoday.in.his potential increase is seen as part of the government's ongoing efforts to boost productivity and resilience in the agriculture sector. The Union Budget 2024-25, presented earlier this year, had already introduced several initiatives aimed at strengthening the agricultural sector. These include the development of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for agriculture, a focus on achieving self-reliance ('atmanirbharta') in oil seeds, the establishment of large-scale vegetable production clusters, and financial support for a network of nucleus breeding centres for shrimp broodstocks.One of the key projects from the Budget was the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) initiative, which is



pilot project.Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget speech, announced that a digital crop survey for Kharif crops would be conducted in 400 districts this year. The survey aims to integrate details of 6 crore farmers and their lands into digital registries, enhancing the accuracy and reach of agricultural data.In addition to this, the issuance of Jan Samarth-based Kisan Credit Cards

reliance in oil seeds such as mustard, groundnut, sesame, soybean, and sunflower. This move is expected to reduce dependency on imports and support domestic production. The government plans to promote farmerproducer organisations, cooperatives, and start-ups to build robust vegetable supply chains, including facilities for collection, storage, and marketing.

Agriculture was highlighted as one of the nine priority areas in the Union Budget 2024-25, reflecting its importance in the country's economy.

The budget for FY24 allocated Rs 1.52 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sectors, underlining the government's commitment to the sector's growth and development.

#### Pay Rs 50 for Aadhaar updates

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has said the free Aadhaar card updates will end from September 14. However, the free service is only available on the myAadhaar portal now and updating through Aadhaar centres comes at a fee of Rs 50 even now. From September 15, even updating through the myAadhaar portal will be chargeable at Rs 50.

# Sensex, Nifty hit all-time high driven by a rally in IT and auto stocks

The S&P BSE Sensex added 155.32 points to 82,521.09, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 77.20 points to 25,313.10.

NEW DELHI. Benchmark stock market indices hit an all-time high on Monday driven by a strong rally in IT and auto stocks.the S&P BSE Sensex added 155.32 points to 82,521.09, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 77.20 points to 25,313.10 as of 9:35 AM.Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services said that the market has entered a zone of steady but mild up-move caused by accumulation of quality largecaps."FIIs turning buyers last week mainly due to some large bulk deals also has improved sentiments in the market. If the market closes positive today that will be a record for the Indian stock market with the Nifty posting a record 13-day winning streak. Sentiment-wise this is positive," he added.Leading the gainers on Nifty50 was Hero MotoCorp with a strong increase of 2.50%. Bajaj Auto also

showed impressive growth, climbing Life rounded out the top gainers, advancing 1.66% and 1.48%

respectively. On the downside, Tata Motors experienced the largest decline, dropping 1.44%. Hindalco followed with a fall of 1.13%. Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) also faced losses, declining by 0.80%. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories and ONGC completed the list of top losers, dipping 0.83% and 0.62% respectively.

"Sectoral churns are happening faster now than earlier. IT has come back on hopes of increased tech spending in the US which the

expected soft landing of the US economy is likely to facilitate. Pharma stocks are witnessing accumulation on improving business prospects. Profit booking is happening in segments like railways and defence triggered by valuation concern. FY 25 Q1 GDP print at 6.7% indicates mild sluggishness in the economy. This will warrant rate cuts by the RBI in the next monetary policy meeting. Even though banks are struggling for deposits, rate cuts will

performed well, rising 2.28%.HDFC Life improve the prospects for banking stocks," said Vijayakumar. 1.77%. Tata Consumer Products and SBI In the broad market indices of Nifty, the Nifty Midcap100 saw a slight decline of



0.10%, while the Nifty Smallcap100 edged up by 0.04%. Meanwhile, the India VIX increased by 1.41%.

"This Monday morning, the stage is set for solid gains in the benchmark Nifty, bolstered by Wall Street's surge following the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, which signals potential rate cuts in September. Optimism on Dalal Street is further fueled by a 3.1% drop in WTI crude futures and strong FII buying of Rs 9,217 crore last week. Investors are now eyeing the August US jobs report, set to be released on September 6th, which could shape the Fed's next move.

Meanwhile, Bajaj Housing Finance's IPO is set to open on September 9th, aiming to raise Rs 6,560 crore," said Prashanth Tapse, Senior Vice President of Research at Mehta Equities. The sectoral indices on Nifty showed mixed performance in early trade. Among the gainers, Nifty IT rose by 0.73%, followed by Nifty FMCG at 0.65%, Nifty Financial Services at 0.21%, and Nifty Private Bank at 0.25%. Other sectors that saw an increase include Nifty Oil & Gas up by 0.45%, and Nifty

Midsmall Healthcare with a 0.29% rise. On the downside, Nifty Metal declined by 0.55%, followed by Nifty Pharma which fell by 0.29%, Nifty Media with a 0.40% drop, and Nifty PSU Bank which lost 0.25%. Nifty Auto and Nifty Healthcare also ended in the red, losing 0.08% and 0.15% respectively, while Nifty Consumer Durables dipped by 0.41% and Nifty Realty was down by 0.19%.

# **SPORTS**

### NEWS BOX **Speed Thrills: Naga** Chaitanya calls for more night street races after **Chennai success**

- New Delhi. Tollywood superstar Akkineni Naga Chaitanya flaunted his love for motorsport when he graced the Indian Racing Festival (IRF) night street racing competition in Chennai on Sunday, September 1. The owner of one of the eight teams in the league, Naga Chaitanya, called for more night street races in the country, saying it brings the fans closer to motorsport.
- The superstar actor, son of legendary Akkineni Nagarjuna, spoke to India Today on Sunday and shared his excitement about being part of the sensational racing show in Chennai.I am so excited. I have been a motorsport fan from a very early age. I am very happy to see a street circuit in Chennai. This is amazing. Very excited," Naga Chaitanya, owner of the Hyderabad Blackbirds team, said."I think it takes the sport closer to the people. I think when it's on the streets and in the heart of the city, the energy just translates to the people. They are so close to the race track, listening to the car. It just takes racing so much closer to the people."Motor racing, as a sport, is there in people's minds. People watch F1.



The more it goes to different cities, the more it's going to bring the community together and make the sport bigger. Year by year, we have seen the sport progress. Just a couple of years ago, we saw Hyderabad. Now it's in Chennai. I know the organisation is planning for other cities too," he added.Eight teams took part in the event, each with a diverse lineup of drivers -- the Bangalore Speedsters, Chennai Turbo Riders, Speed Demons Delhi, Goa Aces, Hyderabad Blackbirds, and Rahr Bengal Tigers.Stunning drone visuals of normal traffic movement and the race cars grooming around the circuit side-by-side went viral on social media over the weekend. CHAY, A CALM OWNER

Naga Chaitanya made sure his team did not feel the pressure ahead of Sunday's race.

I don't want to put too much pressure on them. It's the first time they are driving on this track. So getting to know them, I want to wish the best to them," he said. The groundbreaking two-day event was held at the Chennai Formula Racing Circuit, a specially designed 3.

### Mohamed Salah confirms Liverpool exit after 3-0 win vs **Manchester United**

# Ollie Pope aims to 'learn and move on' after poor outings as England captain

MS Dhoni opened up about his bond with Virat Kohli and hailed him as one of the best batters in world cricket.

New Delhi. England are on course of completing their summer with a 100% win record in Test cricket after 20 years. Joe Root and Gus Atkinson have been the face of England's success at home with some memorable performances. Amid all the highs, there was one player who came under immense scrutiny for his failure with the bat this season. Pope took over England's captaincy duties in Tests after full-time captain Ben Stokes suffered an injury ahead of the 3-match series against Sri Lanka. He is yet to score a fifty in his stint as Test captain. While Pope admitted his lack of runs in the series and seemed confident on putting up a better performance in the next match at his

home ground at the Oval. "I'm not going to put down my average shot to the fact that I was captain," Pope said. "I'll learn from it and move on, but I think I've



managed my own game better throughout Pope scored a century and two half-centuries this matchâ€æ The second innings was slightly different, because we were really trying to push the game forward, but I was very disappointed with the shot I played in the first innings so early on," he said. Ollie Pope on his lean patch

in the series against West Indies, but couldn't carry his form against Sri Lanka. He managed to score just 6, 6, 1 and 17 and the experts questioned his shot selection and lack of confidence and pointed out the burden of captaincy weighing him

# Paralympics 2024: Shuttler Murugesan beats Ramadass to fight for gold in final

Indian para shuttler Thulasimathi Murugesan stormed into the final of Women's SU-5 event as she beat her Indian compatriot Manisha Ramadass in the semi-final

#### New Delhi, Indian para shuttler Thulasimathi Murugesan assured India of their 8th medal at the Paralympics 2024. She stormed into the gold medal match by beating her compatriot Manisha Ramadass in the Women's SU5 semi-final during the wee hours on Monday. It was a hard-fought contest between the two Indians, and it was Murugesan who prevailed in the end as she managed to beat Ramadass 23-21, 21-17 in



just under 40 minutes. After the loss in the semi-final, Ramadass will compete in the bronze medal match as she still stood a chance to win a Paralympic medal. The first game turned out to be tightly contested as both the players were determined and showcased their skills. Manisha saved multiple game points, but could not capitalise on the opportunities which she created. Murugesan won the first set 23-21. In the second game, Manisha started off strong as she took an 11-10 lead in the midgame break. Murugesan made full use of the mistakes made by her opponent. She used a combination of precise drop shots and strategic placements to win the 2nd set as well, 21-17, and reach the fina

### Another medal confirmed

Xia, who is a gold medallist from the Tokyo Paralympics, in the final match for gold. Meanwhile, Manisha will compete against Chathrine Rosengren from Denmark for the bronze medal match. India at Paralympics 2024 so far

India secured seven medals at the Paralympic Games so far, with a gold and

two silvers with four bronze medals. On Monday, Nishad Kumar also won a silver medal in the men's high jump T47. Para Sprinter Preeti Pal clinched the bronze medal in 200m T-35 with a time of 30.01 seconds on Sunday.

More glory awaits in Para Badminton as Nithya Sre and Sivarajan Solaimalai will aim for a podium finish in the mixed doubles bronze medal match.Apart from them, Nitesh Kumar, Suhas Yathiraj and Thulusimathi Murugesan will be seen fighting for gold in their respective singles match.Paralympics 2020 in Tokyo was India's most successful campaign with 19 medals, which included five gold, eight silvers and six bronze medals.

down.Meanwhile, Pope aimed to block the outside chatter and wanted to focus on improving his game.

I'm not surprised," he said. "Chatting to Stokesy before this series, when you're captain as well, you're going to attract a lot more [criticism]. To be honest, it is just important to block it out and keep staying close with the people around you. There's a lot of voices, a lot of guys who want to have their say - some past cricketers as well - and that's completely fine.

Pope aims to shun outside noise

"Everyone's entitled to their opinion, but it's important for us as a team and me to stay and keep trusting the people in the four walls, because that's not going to help me get back into my best form. Sometimes, when you have two bad games, it can feel a lot worse than it is because of the noise that's surrounding it."Pope's focus was on making his team win and staying positive about getting out of the lean patch.

"For me, it's just trying to stay as level as I can and keep on trusting the people around me, putting my work in, and not really overthinking it, to be honest. When I went and made good runs in that West Indies series, that's exactly what I was playing like, so there's no real need for me to get too involved in what people are saying.'

### Tiafoe becomes 1st American man to reach 3 consecutive US Open quarters since 2008

The top seed will face China's Yang Qiu Frances Tiafoe became the first American man to reach three consecutive quarter-finals in the US Open since 2008. He achieved this feat after defeating Australia's Alexei Popyrin, who was playing his first-ever round four in a Grand Slam. The home favourite turned up on the occasion to defeat the 29th seed Popyrin 6-4, 7-6(3), 2-6, 6-3. He will face Grigor Dimitrov in the quarter-final at Flushing Meadows. Tiafoe recalled his childhood heroes, who inspired him to take up tennis and said that Arthur Ashe Stadium brings the best out of him.

"I always dreamt about playing on this court [since I was] a kid. I used to hit against the wall and wanted to compete on this court," Tiafoe said in his on-court interview. "Seeing the Williams sisters win titles here, seeing Roger win here a million times, I was like 'I just want to play on this court'. It's so iconic, obviously named after Arthur Ashe, so I



# Sheetal Devi is toast of the world: Armless

New Delhi. Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah revealed that this ongoing season will be his last with the club. Salah's announcement came following their emphatic 3-0 victory over Manchester United on Sunday, September 1. Salah, who holds the record as the highest-scoring visiting player at Old Trafford in Premier League history with seven goals, played a crucial role in the match by scoring and providing two assists for Luis Diaz.Liverpool dominated from start to finish, and the margin of victory could have been even greater if not for missed late opportunities. Despite the team's celebration of the resounding success, Salah's postmatch comments quickly became the focal point.

"I had a good summer, a long time to stay with myself and think positively a bit, this is my last year with the club and I want to enjoy it, the 32-year-old told Sky Sports."I feel I am



free to play football -- we will see what happens next year. Nobody in the club has talked to me about contracts. It is not up to me, it is up to the club.

#### Man United vs Liverpool: Match Report

Liverpool manager Arne Slot's impressive start continued as he became the first Liverpool manager since Bob Paisley in November 1975 to win his first match against United, and only the second to do so away from home after George Kay in November 1936. Despite the significant victory, Salah's future with the club was the main topic of discussion."I feel I am free to play football -- we will see what happens next year. Nobody in the club has talked to me about contracts. It is not up to me, it is up to the club.

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# archer's Paralympics heroics go viral

New Delhi.India's Para Archer Sheetal Devi is garnering massive praise all over the internet for her remarkable performance in the ongoing Paralympic Games in Paris. Sheetal's immaculate accuracy in her sport has made her a social media sensation with several eminent personalities taking notice of her talent.French footballer Jules Konde was left star-struck as he shared the video of the armless archer exhibiting her unique technique to shoot an arrow and hitting a bullseye on his X handle. Famous football broadcaster Piers Morgan was also

left in awe of Sheetal as he wrote "These Paralympians are truly incredible. Wow," while sharing the video on his X handle.Erik Solheim, former Minister of Climate and the Environment of Norway also lauded the spirit and courage of the 17year-old calling her poetry in motion."This is beyond possible! Sheetal Devi is poetry in motion. Just 17 years old.Born without



arms.A true hero. Congrats India," wrote Solheim on his X account.Former India cricketer Harbhajan Singh was also left stunned by the Para Archer and also shared her video on his X handle.

Meanwhile, Sheetal was knocked out in the pre-quarterfinals round of the Women's Individual Compound Open event. The Indian Para athlete lost to Chile's Mariani Zuniga by 137-138. The Jammu and Kashmir-born Para archer hit four bulls eve in the match and ended up losing by a difference of just one point.

Sheetal to compete in Mixed Team Compound Open Quarterfinal

However, her journey in Paris is far from over as she will be seen participating in the Mixed Team Compound Open Quarterfinal alongside Rakesh Kumar on September 2 and will have a chance to finish on the podium on her debut at the Games.

Notably, during the Ranking round of the Individual event, Sheetal shattered the

Paralympic and World Record scoring 703 points. However, she was overtaken by Turkey's Oznur Cure who surpassed her by scoring 704 points.

Born with a rare congenital disorder called phocomelia, which causes underdeveloped limbs, Sheetal has overcome incredible odds to become the first and only active female archer competing without arms.



wanted to be a part of that. I think it brings out the best of me.

#### Frances Tiafoe wins Round of 16

Tiafoe's connection with Arthur Ashe Stadium The match, which lasted for three hours and two minutes, was a lot closer than it may seem. Popyrin who stunned the 24-time Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic in the third round, was leading the second set 5-2. He also earned three set points on serve at 5-3, 40/0. However, his second serve let him down, which led to a tie-break. He hit eight double faults in that match."He was serving 5-3, 40/0. I was like, 'Well I'm pretty sweaty, I'm sweating through my shoes. I'm about to go and change and try to win this thing in four'," Tiafoe said."I won a point, won another point. I was like, 'Ooh'. He gave me one. I was like, 'Don't let me get two'. And then I was like, 'Don't let me get three'. And then I was like, 'I might as well break now'. I got pretty lucky there, honestly."The Australian made a comeback by clinching the third set.

# **Dinesh Karthik picks Pujara-Rahane's** replacement for Border Gavaskar Trophy

Former India wicketkeeper batter Dinesh Karthik named potential replacements of Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane in the upcoming Border Gavaskar Trophy 2024-25.

New Delhi. Former India cricketer Dinesh Karthik named Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane's replacements for the upcoming Border Gavaskar Trophy (BGT) scheduled to be played in Australia. Notably, India and Australia will lock horns in a fivematch Test series for the first time since 1992 beginning from November 22.

India have had a brilliant record down under in their last two series as they managed to beat the Aussies in their own den. Both Pujara and Rahane played massive roles with the Notably, Cheteshwar Puajara was the

bat to help India trump the Kangaroos on the last two occasions. Hence, replacing the two batting stalwarts won't be an easy task for the India in the upcoming tour. However, Karthik feels that youngsters Shubman Gill and Safaraz Khan have the caliber to replace the senior pros in the upcoming tour."Shubman Gill and Sarfaraz Khan. Both of those batters have done really well against England in the home series that recently happened at the start of the year. I have a feeling both of them will definitely be on that flight to Australia and will be trying to do their best. We

will know if they're able to replace both Ajinkya and Pujji (Pujara). Big shoes to fill, but they have the quality and calibre in them," Karthik said on HeyCB with DK show on Cricbuzz.



backbone of the Indian batting line up during their 2018-19 series win finishing as the highest run scorer with 521 runs. On the other hand, Ajinkya Rahane scored a matchwinning hundred at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in the 2020-21 series to help India recover from the ghosts of the Adelaide Test where they were bundled out for 36 runs in the second innings

#### Shubman Gill's memorable debut in Australia

Meanwhile, Shubman Gill, who has played 25 Tests so far, got his career off to a terrific start in Australia during the BGT 2020-21. The 24-year-old finished as sixth highest run scorer of the series with 259 runs from six innings including a match-winning 91 on day 5 of the historic Gabba Test.

On the other hand, Sarfaraz has also got

his career off to a good start after recently making his debut against England and scored 200 runs from five innings at an average of 50 with three half centuries to his name. Both players will have massive shoes to fill and will be eager to stand up to the task in Australia.

# NATIONAL

# Dolls soaked in children's urine used to capture killer wolves in UP's Bahraich

The forest department is using brightly coloured "teddy dolls" as a false bait. These dolls have been strategically placed near the riverbanks, close to the wolves' resting dens, and are being soaked in children's urine to simulate the natural human scent.

- New Delhi: In a bid to catch wolves, the forest department here has initiated an innovative effort of using colourful teddy dolls soaked in children's urine as a bait to capture them, a senior forest official said.Over the past few months, the Bahraich region has been plagued by a series of attacks by maneating wolves targeting children and villagers. The forest department has now initiated an innovative effort by using brightly coloured "teddy dolls" as a false bait to capture these predators.
- These dolls have been strategically placed near the riverbanks, close to the wolves' resting places and dens, and are being soaked in children's urine to simulate the natural human scent."The wolves are constantly changing their locations. Typically, they hunt at night and return to

their dens by morning. Our strategy is to mislead them and lure them away from residential areas towards traps or cages placed near their dens," Divisional Forest Officer Ajit Pratap Singh told PTI."We are tracking them using thermal drones and then attempting to drive them towards deserted areas near the traps by setting off firecrackers and making noise. Since these animals have primarily been targeting children, we have introduced large

teddy dolls dressed in colourful clothes, soaked in children's urine, to create a false sense of human presence near the traps. The natural human scent may attract the wolves closer to the traps," the officer



added.

Senior IFS officer Ramesh Kumar Pandey, who has extensive experience working in The teddy dolls being used by the forest the Terai forests and is currently serving as the Inspector General of Forests in the

Ministry of Environment, said that wolves, jackals, foxes, coyotes and both domestic and wild dogs belong to the canid species.

He explained that historically, the British had attempted to eliminate wolves from this area, even In recent months, a pack of wolves in the offering rewards for killing them. However, despite these efforts, the wolves managed to survive and continue to inhabit the riverbank areas.Pandey further explained that various types of bait are used to capture animals, including live

bait

department can be considered a form of false bait, similar to how scarecrows are

used in fields to protect crops from birds, he said. Though there is no proven record of such methods being successful, Pandey believes that innovative efforts should be encouraged, as they offer a potential solution to the human-wildlife conflict.

Mahsi Tehsil of Bahraich has become increasingly aggressive, with attacks intensifying since July.According to official sources, the pack of six wolves has allegedly killed six children and one woman since July 17, while injuring numerous villagers.

bait, dead bait and false or masked Four of the six wolves have been captured, but two remain at large, continuing to pose a threat in the area. The forest department is actively searching for these wolves using both thermal and regular drones.

### Delhi man stabs wife to death, leaves body in car; arrested while trying to flee

New Delhi: A 21-year-old man stabbed his wife to death and left her dead body in his car in west Delhi's Rajouri Garden area, officials said on Monday. The accused, identified as Gautam, has been arrested while he was trying to run by a police officer patrolling in the area, they said.

side of cops to counter the wave According to the police, the matter came to the fore when Ajay, a head constable posted at the Khayala Police Station, apprehended Gautam moving around without shirt in suspicious circumstances at 1.20 am.

Bengal Police shared a On being questioned, Gautam disclosed that he had killed his 20-year-old wife Manya and left her dead body in the car.On further questioning and



verification. Gautam, a resident of Raghubin

### **Top Court Forms Committee To** Settle Grievances Of **Protesting Farmers**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday constituted a committee headed by former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Justice Nawab Singh to amicably resolve the grievances of protesting farmers at the Shambhu border. bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan directed the committee to convene its first meeting within a week. The top court said the farmers' issues should not be politicised and be considered by the committee in a phased manner.

The Supreme Court said farmers will be at liberty to shift their peaceful agitations to alternative sites.

The court was hearing the Haryana government's plea challenging the high court's order asking it to remove within a week the barricades erected at the Shambhu border near Ambala where protesting farmers have been camping since February 13. The Haryana government had set up barricades on the Ambala-New Delhi national highway in February after the 'Samyukta Kisan Morcha' (Non-Political) and 'Kisan Mazdoor Morcha' announced that farmers would march to Delhi in support of their demands, including legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for their produce.

## **Explained: Weaponised Drones** Arrive In Crisis-Hit Manipur In **Major Escalation**

# "Police Are Mothers Too": Bengal Cops' **Request Amid Rape-Murder Protests**

New Delhi: Drawing fire over the rape and murder of a 31-year-old doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, West Bengal police have put out a social media post, appealing to people to not use "insensitive" slogans targeting them and their daughters."Police are mothers too. West Bengal Police (like most police forces all over the world) comprises brave women and men. We are mothers too (not

just fathers whose girls are growing up)," the post said. "Understanding this can help avoid stereotyping and being insensitive while writing slogans to attack us and our daughters. Our force is working 24x7 to maintain peace. Be kind. Be strong," the post added. The Bengal police post comes amid massive



protests across the state, demanding action in the Kolkata doctor's rape and murder case.Kolkata Police has come under strong criticism from the Opposition as well as citizens for its handling of the sensitive case. Slogans targeting cops and reminding them that they have daughters at home too have been doing the rounds on social media and finding a place on placards carried by protesters during street marches.

Bengal Police have been using the social media to show the human of criticism.Following a massive clash between protesters and police on a protest march to state secretariat Nabanna last week, photograph of a woman cop on

duty feeding a pup on the sidelines of the huge security exercise.In the wake of the protest, Bengal police had welcomed good wishes for a cop who suffered an eye injury during the Nabanna march violence. The police had, however, pointed out that it was saddened by some observations that said the injury was a "professional hazard".

# 26 Rescue Teams Deployed In Andhra Pradesh, Telangana Amid Flooding

New Delhi: Twenty-six National for the second consecutive day, diverted due to heavy rains and Disaster Response Force (NDRF) resulting in at least 10 more fatalities, waterlogging over tracks at multiple teams are being deployed for flood flooding and waterlogging in several relief and rescue operations in areas, and disruptions to road and rail Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, officials said Monday.While 12 teams are already deployed in the two neighbouring states, 14 more are being dispatched, they said.Out of the 14 teams, eight are being airlifted from various locations across the country, the officials said. The NDRF teams are

Imphal/Guwahati/New Delhi: For the first time, crisis-hit Manipur saw the use of drones to drop bombs, signalling a major escalation in the state hit by ethnic violence between the Meitei community and the Kuki tribes. Until yesterday, drones were used only for reconnaissance. The Manipur Police on Sunday said suspected Kuki insurgents fired RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades) using high-tech drones. They said the use of drones to drop bombs on security forces and civilians marked a "significant escalation". The matter becomes even more serious given the fact that the clashes between the valleydominant Meitei community and the nearly two dozen tribes known as Kukis - a term given by the British in colonial times - who are dominant in some hill areas of Manipur, continue to break out intermittently as was seen on Sunday.

Top intelligence sources have confirmed the use of the weaponised drones and long-range sniper rifles in the attack on Koutruk village.A 31-year-old woman from the Meitei community was killed in firing by suspected Kuki insurgents yesterday, the police said. Her 12-year-old daughter was among 10 injured, including two policemen and a local TV reporter. Most of the injured people had shrapnel wounds from explosives dropped by the drones, sources said.

#### Of RPGs, Bombs And Drones

The police's claim that drones were used to fire RPGs need to be checked with evidence, sources told NDTV. The drones may have dropped explosives, but firing rocket-propelled grenades would need a much larger machine than the ones spotted on Sunday over Koutruk, sources said. A drone can drop bombs with little modification - all one needs is a kind of hook to attach the bomb, such as a mortar round, to the drone along with an interlocking mechanism that can be unlocked using remote control, a retired officer told NDTV, requesting anonymity.A drone that can fire rockets, however, would be a full military grade one, the officer said, adding it is unlikely the drones seen on Sunday fired any RPGs. "They must have dropped bombs only, not fired rockets," the officer said.

He said if drones are dropping mortar rounds, they would need to fly very high and the rounds need to hit hard, solid ground for the fuse to ignite. The rounds may not explode if it lands on soft ground, or if the release altitude is low, he added.Dropping grenades from a drone - done commonly in Ukraine, Russia and elsewhere - is not a high-tech solution, another defence expert told NDTV. Firing rockets from a drone, however, is far more complicated and needs a weapon-aiming sight installed on the drone operator's monitor, the expert said.

equipped with inflatables boats, pole and tree

cutters and basic medical aid tools, they said. Torrential rains battered the two states



traffic on Sunday.As many as 99 trains were cancelled, four trains were partially cancelled and 54 were locations on the South Central Railway network, an SCR official said.Rivers in both states were in spate and

thousands of people were evacuated by national and state disaster response forces from flooded areas to relief camps.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy and assured them of all

possible help from the central government to deal with rains and floods.

Nagar, told the police that he had married Manya in March without the consent of their families, an officer said.

Even after marriage, they were living with their respective families only and used to meet occasionally, the officer said.On Sunday night, Gautam came to meet Manya in a car somewhere in Titarpur in the Rajouri Garden area.

'Around 11 pm, Manya insisted that they should start living together and an argument between them took place in the car itself," another police officer said.Gautam inflicted multiple stab injuries on Manya.

After realising that she was dead, he then parked the car near Shivaji College red light and was trying to escape when he was apprehended by Head Constable Ajay, the officer said. A case of murder has been registered at the Rajouri Garden Police Station and verification of facts, as told by the accused, is being done, the officer added.

# AAP's Amanatullah Khan arrested by ED after 6 hours of questioning

### **AAP MLA Amanatullah** Khan news: Enforcement **Directorate officials** arrived at AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan's house early on Monday morning and questioned him for six hours before arresting him in a money laundering case.

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Amanatullah Khan was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on Monday after six hours of questioning in connection with a money laundering probe linked to the Delhi Waqf Board case.Following his arrest, Khan was escorted out of his house by police personnel and ED sleuths. As he he said, "I am innocent."

ED officials raided Khan's home in Okhla, the constituency he represents in the Delhi Assembly, early this morning. The AAP leader, who is facing charges related to illegal recruitment and financial misconduct during his tenure as the chairman of the Delhi Waqf Board, had taken to X and said, "ED

people have just arrived at my house to arrest me."As the ED team conducted their search, a large contingent of Delhi Police and paramilitary forces was stationed outside Khan's home. Visuals from the scene showed officers reviewing documents and materials, with heavy security on the roads leading to his residence.

In response to the raid, Khan posted a video on social media. accusing the government of

targeting him and other AAP leaders."Just this morning, on the orders of the dictator, his puppet ED has reached my house. The dictator is leaving no stone unturned to harass me and AAP leaders. Is it a crime to serve the people honestly? How long will this dictatorship last?" Khan said.

was packed into the back of a waiting car, AAP leaders quickly rallied behind Amanatullah Khan, condemning the ED's

actions and claiming that the leader would be arrested. AAP MP Sanjay Singh took to X and alleged that Khan was being targeted due to the BJP's political vendetta."Look at the cruelty of ED @KhanAmanatullah first he joined the ED investigation, then asked for time for



further time, his mother in law has cancer, she has undergone an operation, they reached the house early in the morning to raid. There is no evidence against @KhanAmanatullah but both Modi's dictatorship and ED's hooliganism continue," said Singh.

Former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who was recently released on bail in the liquor policy case, tweeted, "This is the only work left for ED. Suppress every voice raised against BJP. Break it. Arrest and put in jail those who do not break or get suppressed."

WHAT IS THE CASE AGAINST AMANATULLAH KHAN?

> The ED's case against Khan is based on allegations that he illegally recruited staff and unfairly leased Waqf Board properties between 2018 and 2022, resulting in financial gains through illegitimate means

The probe agency has previously questioned Khan for over 12 hours in connection with the case and has claimed that he acquired "huge proceeds of crime" in cash through these illegal activities. It alleges that

Khan invested these proceeds in purchasing immovable assets in the name of his associates.Earlier this year, the Delhi High Court refused to grant Khan anticipatory bail in March, citing his repeated evasion of summons from investigating agencies. The Supreme Court had also denied him protection from arrest.