

#### Sanjay Kumar

Indore, Sep 13: A departmental inquiry has been initiated against two Army officers who were attacked by a sixmember gang near Mhow in Madhya Pradesh, an official said on Friday. The incident occurred on the night of September 10 and 11 near Jam Gate, a popular tourist spot 30 km from the Mhow military cantonment. The two Army officers, aged 23 and 24, are part of the Young Officers course at Infantry School in Mhow cantonment town. They had gone on a picnic with two women, who were described as "old acquaintances" and not met through a dating app as speculated on social media. Six men attacked the group, allegedly raping one of the women. The Army has ordered a departmental inquiry against the two officers, which is being headed by a senior officer. The three accused, Rohit Girwal (23), Sandeep Wariya (18), and Sachin Makwana (25) were arrested from a forest patch near the crime site. Three others, Anil Baror (27) Pawan Bansunia (23), and Ritesh Bhabhar (25), were arrested earlier. The accused had demanded Rs 10 lakh from the vic tims, threatening to harm them if their demands were not met.

#### New Delhi, Sep 13: In his first remarks after being released from the Tihar Jail, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said he would continue to fight "anti-national" forces working to weaken the nation, and asserted the incarceration had only strengthened his resolve. Hours after the Supreme Court granted him bail in the Delhi excise policy case, Kejriwal stepped out of the jail to a resounding welcome by his party leaders and supporters. Addressing party workers from the sunroof of a vehicle, Kejriwal raised slogans of 'Inquilab Zindabad' and 'Vande Mataram'. "I want to thank people who prayed for my release. You have braved rain to come here and I am thankful to you. Every drop of my blood is dedicated in the service of my nation. In my entire life, I have faced difficulties but the God has always been with me," he said. "They put me in jail to break me but my resolve has only grown stronger. Jails cannot break me. I will continue my fight against anti-national forces," he said. Hundreds of AAP workers and senior party leaders, including Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, were waiting outside the prison to welcome Kejriwal. Drenched in rain, Mann and Sisodia raised slo-

Simmi Kaur Babbar

like 'Jail ke taale toot gaye, Kejriwal chhoot gaye' rent the air. Ahead of Haryana assembly elec-reservations on bail conditions debarring

tion, the Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a corruption case linked to the Delhi Excise Policy 'scam'. "Continued incarceration for an extended period pending trial would infringe upon established legal principles and the appellant's right to liberty, traceable to Article 21 of our Constitution," a Bench of Justice Surva Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan said, ordering Kejriwal's release on a personal bail bond of Rs 10 lakh and two sureties of the like amount. The Bench which reserved the verdict on Kejriwal's petitions on September 5 after hearing senior counsel

Abhishek Manu Singhvi on behalf of the AAP National Convenor and Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju for the CBI - however, differed on the validity of his arrest. While Justice Kant upheld Kejriwal's June 26 arrest by the CBI in the corruption case, Justice Bhuyan was critical of the probe agency for arresting him after he was granted bail by a special court

gans from atop a truck hailing Kejriwal. Slogans in the money laundering case linked to the scam. Justice Bhuyan also expressed serious



Kejriwal from entering the office of Chief Minister and the Delhi Secretariat as well as from signing files even as he refrained from further expressing his views on it at this stage in view of judicial discipline since those conditions had been imposed in the separate ED case by a two-judge bench of the top court. It also directed him to remain present before the trial court "middleman" Vinod Chauhan.

on each and every date of hearing, unless granted exemption; and "fully cooperate" with the trial court for expeditious conclusion of the trial

proceedings. The court took note of the fact that the trial was unlikely to conclude in the immediate future as there were 17 accused, 224 witnesses and extensive documents both physical and digital. The top court noted that all evidence and material relevant to the CBI's disposition was already in the possession of the probe agency, negating the likelihood of tampering by Kejriwal. Given his position and his roots in society, "there seems to be no valid reason to entertain the apprehension of his fleeing the country", it said. However, it cautioned him against indulging in influencing witnesses, saying, "...in the event of any such instance, it will

amount to misuse of the concession of bail and necessary consequences will follow". Kejriwal is the 12th accused to get bail in the

Delhi excise policy 'scam' related cases after AAP leaders Sanjay Singh and Manish Sisodia, BRS leader K Kavitha, AAP's former communication in-charge Vijay Nair, Hyderabad-based businessman Arun Ramchandra Pillai, Rajesh Joshi, Gautam Malhotra, Sameer Mahendru, Chanpreet Singh, Benoy Babu and alleged

#### Niti Aayog suggests Public **Health Emergency Management** Act for future pandemics

#### ST Correspondent

New Delhi, Sep. 13: With Covid-19 pandemic exposing significant gaps in global health preparedness, a report by Niti Aayog expert group has under scored the need for responding in the first 100 days of an outbreak and suggested enacting separate legislation to handle public health crises if any in future. The report, "Future Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response - A Framework for Action," proposes the creation of a Public Health Emergency Management Act (PHEMA), which would facilitate a holistic approach to health management, covering prevention, control, and disaster response. The report which provides a blueprint for the country to prepare



#### Noida DM clarifies after 'Pappu' jibe at Congress leader triggers uproar Noida, Sep. 13: A social media post from

the official X handle of District Magistrate Gautam Budh Nagar, trolling Congress leader Supriya Shrinate, stirred controversy on Friday, with questions being raised about political bias within the bureaucracy. Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate posted a clip from her conversation with historian Ashok Pandey on X, where she remarked: "History is made and cannot be changed. Narendra Modi knows how history will remember him and that is why he is worried." Also Read | Jaishankar's veiled jibe at Rahul Gandhi: 'Life is not Khata-Khat' In response, the official X handle of the District Magistrate Gautam Budh Nagar/Noida replied: "You should think about yourself and your Pappu," a comment widely interpreted as a jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Expressing outrage over the reply, Shrinate said: "This is DM Noida, he is responsible for the whole district. His language and thoughts about the country's opposition leader Rahul Gandhi must be seen. It is clear that the administrative staff is full of Sanghis - and now they are sitting on constitutional posts

#### and fuelling hatred."

## Why Mamata Banerjee offered to resign?

#### Navdeep Singh Sahni

Chandigarh, Sep 13: As West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is confronted by one crisis after another following the horrific Kolkata hospital rape and murder, a big question looms over her: Will she be able to overcome these tough times, probably the toughest of her long political career? After the month-long standoff between junior doctors and her government worsened on Thursday, with the protesters refusing to join talks with the government, Mamata claimed they wanted her "chair" and not justice for the doctor, and offered to resign "for the sake of the people". "They are here for the chair, not justice. For the sake of the people, I am ready to resign. I don't want the chief ministership," she said. "I apologise to the people of Bengal, who expected that the issue would be resolved today." Why did Mamata offer to resign? One explanation is that she was perhaps trying to put

"counter-emotional" pressure - something akin to reverse psychology — on the voung doctors and others opposing her, and burnish her image as someone who cared only about the people, not the CM's post. Across the country, there has been



palpable rage against the horrific rape and murder of the 31-year-old trainee postgraduate doctor at the RG Kar Medical College on August 9. People are especially angered by what have been perceived

as attempts by the state government to shield the culprits. The crime has caused tremors in the Trinamool Congress ranks, too: Earlier this week, party Rajya Sabha MP Jawhar Sircar announced his decision to resign from the upper house of parliament over the horrific incident and related corruption at the hospital. In a nutshell, the people are furious, the opposition BJP is gunning for her, INDIA bloc allies are raising questions, and there is dissent within her party. For these reasons, she was forced to hurriedly introduce the Aparajita Women and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, which was passed unanimously by the state Assembly on September 3. An expert in street and grassroots politics, Mamata was unable to make an impact on hitting the streets when the protests started soon after the horrific crime. During a public rally on the Trinamool Congress Chhatra Parishad's foundation day, she accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "using" the BJP to start a fire in her state,

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and spoke of it spilling to other states.



for any future public health emergency or pandemic and have a rapid response system comes amid WHO warning to tackle the unknown deadly 'Disease X which could be 20 times deadlier than COVID-19'. Led by Dr. Renu Swarup, with members including Dr. Soumva Swaminathan and Dr. Sujeet Singh, the expert group's proposals aim to better equip India and the global community for future pandemics and health emergencies. "It will allow a holistic approach to health management, covering prevention, control, and disaster response, the report added. "The Act would also provide for the creation of skilled public health cadres at national and state levels," said the report which also outlines recommendations for establishing a dedicated Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response (PPER) fund and creating institutionalised and empowered governance mechanisms. "The report highlights the need for a well-structured scorecard mechanism to regularly monitor progress on key preparedness targets, especially in light of WHO warnings about potential new zoonotic outbreaks. As countries and international organizations work to enhance their readiness for novel pathogens, the WHO has identified approximately 30 viral and bacterial families with potential epidemic or pandemic risk.

### Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreva dissolves the State Assembly

#### Tejinder Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Sep. 13 Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya on Thursday dissolved the state Assembly with immediate effect, a day after the state cabinet recommended the move to avoid summoning the House before the expiry of the six-month period from the last sitting. According to a notification issued by Haryana Vidhan Sabha secretariat, the Governor has dissolved the assembly with immediate effect in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 174 (2) (b) of the Constitution of India, which gives the Governor of a state the power to dissolve the state's legislative assembly. The Haryana cabinet had on Wednesday recommended to Governor Dattatreya to dissolve the Assembly to avoid summoning the House before the expiry of the six-month period from the last sitting. The term of the current

Vidhan Sabha expires on November 3. After the governor's move to dissolve the assembly, the Nayab Singh Saini government will continue as a caretaker govern-



ment till a new one is formed, sources said. Official sources had earlier said that summoning of the House before the end of the six-month period from the last session is a constitutional requirement. The cabinet move to recommend assembly's dissolution appeared to avert any constitutional crisis. The Haryana Assembly's last session was held on March 13 when the Saini government had won the trust vote and the next session had to be convened by September 12. Saini replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as chief minister in March. Khattar is now a Union Minister. Earlier. the Haryana Cabinet had met here Wednesday evening and accorded approval to a proposal regarding the dissolution of the 14th Haryana Vidhan Sabha, an official release had earlier said. "The proposal will now be sent to the Haryana governor for approval," it had said. Polls have already been announced in Haryana which are scheduled to be held on October 5 and the results are slated to be out on October 8. The government has been summoning the monsoon session in August, mostly after Independence Day

#### be above board, Justice Ujjal Bhuyan tells CBI

New Delhi, Sep 13: Maintaining that in a functional democracy governed by the rule of law, perception matters, Justice Ujjal Bhuyan of the Supreme Court on Friday asked the CBI to dispel the notion of it being a caged parrot. "Like Caesar's wife, an investigating agency must be above board. Not so long ago, this court had castigated the CBI comparing it to a caged parrot. It is imperative that the CBI dispel the notion of it being a caged parrot. Rather, the perception should be that of an uncaged parrot," Justice Bhuyan said in a separate verdict declaring "unjustified" Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's arrest by the CBI in a corruption case linked to the Delhi excise policy scam. While hearing the coal scam case during the



UPA rule in May 2013, a Bench led by Justice RM Lodha (since retired) had dubbed the CBI as a "caged parrot speaking in master's voice". The CBI and the Enforcement Directorate have come under criticism for allegedly targeting opposition leaders at the behest of the BJP-led government at the Centre. "I am of the unhesitant view that the belated arrest of the appellant by the CBI is unjustified and the continued incarceration of the appellant in the CBI case that followed such arrest has become untenable," Justice Bhuyan said, disagreeing with Justice Surya Kant who upheld Kejriwal's arrest. However, both the judges unanimously granted bail to the Delhi Chief Minister and ordered his release forthwith, saying "courts at all levels must ensure that the process leading to and including the trial does not end up becoming the punishment itself". "Rule of law, which is a basic feature of our constitutional republic, mandates that investigation must be fair, transparent and judicious.

## Cong slams govt over video of restaurant chain owner 'apologising' to FM significantly to the state's and nation's economic exceptions) that will not burden the poor'," hurt, it seems humiliation is what they will deliv-

#### Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, Sep. 13 The Congress on Friday launched a multi-pronged attack on the government over a video of a restaurant chain owner purportedly "apologising" to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for voicing concerns about GST, with Rahul Gandhi saying "fragile egos" only deliver humiliation. The opposition party also demanded an apology from the finance minister over the issue. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge hit out at Sitharaman, saying the "disgraceful humiliation" of the owner of Sree Annapoorna restaurant chain smacks of "arrogance of power" and the minister "has been a repeat offender in such public interactions". Tamil Nadu BJP chief K Annamalai said that on behalf of the party's state unit, he sincerely apologises for the actions of "our functionaries who shared a private conversation between a respected business owner and the finance minister". "I spoke with Thiru Srinivasan Avl, the esteemed owner of the Annapoorna chain of Restaurants, to express regret for this unintended breach of privacy. Annapoorna Srinivasan Anna is a pillar of Tamil Nadu's business community, contributing

growth. I request everyone to lay the matter to rest with due respect," Annamalai said. Hitting

out at the government, Kharge said it follows the policy of "tax terror" for poor and middle class and "tax cuts" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "crony friends". "The owner asked a genuine question about Modi government's flawed GST and was first met with a condescending laugh by the FM and later forced to apologise to her on camera. MSMEs and Small Business owners are suffering the brunt of Modi government's repeated financial assaults in the form of a flawed GST and Demonetisation," Kharge said in a post on X. The BJP is only committed to benefit Modi's large "crony friends", he alleged. "From Day 1, the Congress party is saying that we need a simple, uniform, moderate and rational GST on essential items. In our

2024 Manifesto, we said, 'Congress will replace the GST laws enacted by the BJP/NDA government with GST 2.0. The new GST regime will be based on the universally accepted principle that GST shall be a single, moderate rate (with a few

Kharge said. The Congress is strongly committed to this, he added. The BJP's "loot small own-



ers and shoot the messenger" policy spells a disaster for the nation's economy, Kharge said. Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi also slammed the government over the issue and said that when "fragile egos" of those in power are

er. In a post on X, Gandhi said when the owner of a small business, like Annapoorna restaurant in

Coimbatore, asks public servants for a simplified GST regime, his request is met with "arrogance and outright disrespect". "Yet, when a billionaire friend seeks to bend the rules, change the laws, or acquire national assets, Modi Ji rolls out the red carpet," he alleged. "Our small business owners have already endured the blows of demonetisation, an inaccessible banking system, tax extortion and a disastrous GST. The last thing they deserve is further humiliation," Gandhi said. But when the fragile egos of those in power are hurt, it seems humiliation is exactly what they will deliver, the former Congress chief said. "If this arrogant government would listen to the people they would understand that a simplified GST with a single tax rate would solve the problems of lakhs of businesses," Gandhi said Addressing a press conference, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said a meeting was organised by the BJP as part of its membership drive, where people from all walks of life were invited to meet Sitharaman

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#### News box

#### 1 terror associate arrested in J&K's Poonch, huge cache of explosives seized

- Jammu. In a joint operation, the police, Indian Army and CRPF arrested a terror associate and recovered a huge cache of arms from him in Jammu and Kashmir's Pooch district.
- At a joint checkpost established at Poonch district's Potha bypass, the security personnel noticed a person suspiciously coming from Surankot. The suspect tried to escape but was arrested by the alerted personnel, police said. During the search operation, the security personnel recovered three hand grenades, explosive items and other incriminating material from the accused. Preliminary investigation suggested that the accused, identified as Mohammed Shabir, was in touch with his Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) - based handler Azim Khan, who directed him to collect the arms from Surankot.
- Shabir was arrested by the police after seizing the arms and further investigation into the case was launched. In July this year, the Jammu and Kashmir Police also arrested two overground workers of the Pakistanbased terror group, Jaish-e-Mohammed, who were allegedly linked to the terror attack on Army vehicles in Kathua which claimed the lives of five soldiers and injured five others.
- Similarly, in May this year, in a joint operation, the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested a terrorist associate and recovered a cache of arms and ammunition from northern Kashmir's Bandipora district.

#### 3 house burglars arrested in Andhra, stolen goods worth over Rs 10 lakh seized



Eluru. The Andhra Pradesh police arrested three individuals in connection with a series of house burglaries in Eluru district. The police also recovered stolen property worth over Rs 10 lakh. The arrests were made during a routine vehicle check at the Kalaparru Toll Plaza on September 11.The arrested individuals have been identified as Peketi Venkata Reddy (36), Chekuri Venkata Reddy (35), and Sheikh Alla Bakshu (39).

During the investigation, police recovered stolen property worth approximately Rs 10,78,000, which included 82 grams of gold.

## Ground report: In restless Manipur, displaced Kukis await return to normalcy

Manipur has borne witness to ethnic violence for the past 16 months. The victims of violence are spread across the valley and the hills, with thousands displaced from their homes. Here's a ground report from one displacement camp.

► Thousands displaced in Manipur after ethnic violence

►700 Kukis living in Kangpokpi camp since May 2023

#### ► Lack of amenities

adding to hardship faced by the community

Kangpokpi. Manipur is once again witnessing a surge in violence. And, again, protests are erupting on the streets. Despite efforts by

the government and agencies to control the situation, peace remains elusive in the northeastern state. Since the conflict began in Manipur, thousands of people from both communities have been affected.

Victims of violence are spread across the valley and the hills, with thousands displaced from their homes.

Many are now living in relief camps or in makeshift houses provided by the central government.Crossing the valley, India Today TV meets victims of violence who have been displaced from their homes and villages. They are now living in the hilly areas under extremely difficult conditions, marked by pain and



trauma.In the Phaijang hills of Kangpokpi district, nearly 700 displaced Kukis are living in relief camps

Hohoi and her sister Naiun sing a song sending a message of peace and harmony - perhaps the most needed sentiment at this time. Both express their longing to return to the homes they were forced to leave during the violence. The

Kukis living here left their homes in the last week of May 2023. during the peak of the ethnic conflict, when their village was burned, their houses destroyed, and several vehicles were damaged.

From the foothills and surrounding areas, these Kuki families fled to the hills and sought refuge in schools and relief camps. A few

were fortunate to have relatives in the hilly districts, but most were not. They spent months in temporary camps, surviving on food provided by the administration or churches. Eventually, thousands of these

displaced people were moved to houses set up in different locations across Kangpokpi and other areas. When the relief and aid mission started, the central government provided prefabricated houses for the victims in both the valley and the hills. These houses range from 100 to 250 square feet, depending on the size of the family. They include a toilet, washroom, kitchen, and bedroom, with metal sheet rooftops and fibre walls. The administration supplies electricity and water. In the camp India Today TV team visited, there were around 700 Kukis, including women, children, men, and senior citizens. A Kuki woman named Momoi, who lived for decades in a house built with blood and sweat, narrates her plight and pain after the violence.

#### After Sitaram Yechury Death, **CPM Leader Ends IndiGo Boycott** For Delhi Flight

## CCTV footage of Nagpur bar visited by BJP leader's son before Audi crash missing

Ramdaspeth in the early hours of Monday, leaving two persons on a moped injured.

Nagpur. CCTV footage of the bar visited

Nagpur has been seized, an official said on Thursday.Sanket Bawankule's Audi, allegedly driven by his friend Arjun Hawre, hit several vehicles in Ramdaspeth in the early hours of Monday, leaving two persons on a moped injured. Occupants of a Polo car that was hit chased down the Audi at T Point in Mankapur, apprehended Hawre



and one Ronit Chittwamwar, and handed them over to police. Hawre was arrested on Monday night and later released on bail at the police station."The CCTV footage of the time when they were at La Horee Bar (before the crash) is missing. We seized their DVR on Wednesday and

have sent it for forensic analysis," the Sitabuldi police station official said. The manager of La Horee had on Tuesday refused to hand over the CCTV footage and the electronic equipment to a probe team, he claimed."The bar management relented after it was threatened with legal action.

However, we realised there is no footage since Sunday night. Further probe is underway," he added.Although Sanket was riding in the car, he was not at the wheel at the time of the accident, police had said earlier.As per police, he consumed liquor and some chicken and mutton dishes at the bar.

Kozhikode (Kerala). Over two years after he decided to never travel by IndiGo, former LDF convener EP Jayarajan on Thursday night travelled to Delhi on the airline from Karipur airport here. Mr Jayarajan had in July 2022 decided not to travel

by that airline after it imposed a three-week flying ban on him for his involvement in a scuffle onboard an IndiGo aircraft that was also carrying Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Confirming that he travelled on the low-cost airline, the CPI(M) leader said that he opted for IndiGo in order to quickly reach Delhi to pay his respects to late party general secretary Sitaram Yechury who died on Thursday.

Mr Jayarajan said that Yechury was bigger than everything else and reaching Delhi quickly was more important than what he had stated about the airline two years ago.On June 13, 2022, two Youth Congress workers shouted slogans against the chief minister inside the IndiGo aircraft from Kannur, after it landed at Thiruvananthapuram airport. Mr Jayarajan, who was also onboard, allegedly pushed aside the two protesters.

Following that, the airline imposed a three-week flying ban on the CPI(M) leader and a two-week flying ban on the two Youth Congress workers who had raised slogans against the CM on board the aircraft. In the wake of the airline's decision, he had lashed out at it by saying that neither he nor his family will ever travel by IndiGo -- nationally or internationally -- and there are other airlines in the country which are more reputable and offer a much better service.

## Sanket Bawankule's Audi, allegedly driven by his friend Arjun Hawre, hit several vehicles in

by Maharashtra BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule's son Sanket and his friends before his Audi car crashed into several vehicles in Nagpur is missing, police have said. The Digital Video Recorder of the joint in

#### Maharashtra to give household utensils worth Rs 10,000 to 50,000 house helps ahead of state elections

MUMBAI. Around 50,000 domestic workers will receive household utensils worth Rs 10,000 from the Domestic Workers Welfare Board. On Thursday, the state govt granted administrative approval for the scheme. The scheme comes ahead of the state elections likely to be held in Uday Bhat, founder-president of Sarva November.

The scheme is only for those domestic workers who are registered with the welfare board. A senior official from the "Earlier, the registration fee was Rs 100. labour dept said that till July 31, 37,444 domestic workers had registered, and it was estimated that another 18,000 registered in August. The highest number, 15,000 domestic workers, have registered in the Nashik

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division. We will be holding camps at the district level where these utensils will be distributed. A camp was recently held in Sangli, and the next will be held in Pune. For Mumbai, so far no date has been fixed," said the official.

Shramik Sanghatana, said domestic workers are required to register with the board every year.

domestic workers who had completed 55 years of age. Criticising the scheme of providing utensils worth Rs 10,000, Bhat said domestic workers are women and they already have utensils at home.

This would only duplicate what they already have. Besides, who is keeping an eye on the quality? Instead, the govt should have transferred the money to their accounts and allowed the women to decide how they would like to utilise the money," he said. A few years ago, when the govt had carried out a registration drive, over a lakh domestic workers had registered with the welfare board.

4.75 kg of silver, and a Glamour motorcycle.

#### Kanpur villagers attacked by jackal; 3 injured, including 10year-old boy

- New Delhi. After recent wolf attacks in Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich, the fear of wild animals has now gripped the villages near Kanpur. In a series of unsettling incidents, two separate jackal attacks have left several villagers injured, including a 10-year-old boy. A jackal was also caught on camera moving through a field, prompting the Forest Department to be on high alert.
- The escalating threat of wild animal attacks in the region has sparked concern among locals. On Tuesday evening, a jackal attacked and injured Shanu, a 10-year-old boy, and Ram Bahadur while they were working in the fields. In a separate incident, Ram Kishore,

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50, a resident of Behat Sakat, was also injured by a jackal. The sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) stated that although there have been multiple jackal attacks, there have been no casualties

reported so far. "Villagers have reported sightings of jackals, and the Forest Department has been alerted. A search operation is currently underway,' the SDM said. He suggested that excessive rainfall might have displaced these wild animals from their natural habitats, causing them to wander into nearby villages. "There is a need for vigilance, and the district administration is prepared to provide all necessary assistance to the affected communities," the SDM added. These recent incidents come amid an ongoing crisis in Bahraich, where wolves have claimed the lives of over 10 people and injured dozens more.

it has now been brought down to Rs 12. However, the board hardly offers any welfare scheme, so there is no incentive to register," he said. Bhat said that six months ago, the govt announced a one-time payment of Rs 10,000 for registered

He had also said that he would rather walk to his destination than board an IndiGo flight ever again in his life.

#### Week after milk poisoning, twins in hospital for eating mosquito coil

TIRUNELVELI. Two-year-old twin brothers were admitted to the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital (TvMCH) here on Thursday, after they ate a mosquito coil, mistaking it for candy. The toddlers were identified as M Chandralingam and M Suriyalingam, sons of M Manchu, a resident of Palayamkottai.

The twins had previously been admitted to the hospital last week after they allegedly consumed lizard-infested milk. "Manchu, whose husband Mari Selvam had died recently, resides in a rental house in Palayamkottai along with her two kids. When the toddlers were playing at the house on Wednesday, they allegedly mistook the



mosquito coil for candy and ate it. The incident came to light only when the twins started vomiting and later fainted at night.Manchu

allegedly found a piece of the coil in one of the toddler's mouth, and soon rushed them to the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital," sources said.When contacted by TNIE, Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital dean Revathy Balan said that the children, who had initially been critical, were stable by Thursday evening.

We are administering medicines and oxygen to them. Our doctors had treated the same toddlers last week when they were admitted here, after consuming lizard-infested milk," she added.

Meanwhile, the Palayamkottai police have conducted an inquiry with Manchu, and further probe is under way.

## Tamil fishermen's boat sinks after alleged collision with Sri Lankan Navy

The fishermen, identified as Shaktivel, Devaraj, Karthikeyan, and Satish from Cheruthur, had embarked on their fishing trip in a boat owned by Dharman. The collision occurred as they were working in the area. T

#### Several fishermen injured, questioned for six hours before treatment

Boat recovered, injured admitted to **District Hospital** Visuals of incident went viral on social media

Chennai. A boat belonging to Tamil fishermen sank after reportedly being rammed by a Sri Lankan Navy vessel while fishing in the South-East of Kodiyakkarai on Tuesday. The incident has left several fishermen injured.

The fishermen, identified as Shaktivel, Devaraj, Karthikeyan, and Satish from Cheruthur, had embarked on their fishing trip in a boat owned by Dharman. The collision occurred as they were working in the area. The Sri Lankan Navy ship, which was on patrol, allegedly rammed into their boat, causing it to sink.

Following the incident, the injured fishermen were reportedly questioned for nearly six hours by



Sri Lankan Navy officers before receiving any medical treatment. The fishermen were eventually handed over to other local fishermen who arrived at the scene,

and the Sri Lankan Navy vessel departed.With the assistance of other fishermen, the sunk boat was recovered and the injured were brought to shore.



Advocate Mohd. Sajid Advocate Dr. A.P.Singh Advocate Manish Sharma Advocate Pooja Bhaskar Sharma

#### News box

#### Drugs, booze worth Rs 14cr seized across Haryana since elections notified

Gurgaon: Illegal liquor, narcotics, cash, and valuables worth Rs 14 crore have been seized by authorities across the state since the announcement of the assembly polls on Aug 16. The seized materials include Rs 10.5 lakh in cash, 2.4 lakh litres of illicit liquor, 2,079 kg of drugs worth Rs 4.3 crore, 30.5 kg of precious metals, among others. According to officials, Haryana has deployed 435 flying squads and 377 static surveillance teams (SSTs) across the state to strengthen law and order. Additionally, 133 inter-state check-points have been set up along border points to prevent the movement of illegal substances, unlicensed weapons, and people with criminal backgrounds. Another 140 intra-state check-points have been established to curb the trafficking of liquor, drugs, and other illegal items within Haryana. Police also seized 96 unlicensed weapons and 113 cartridges. Furthermore, since the election announcement, 176 proclaimed offenders, 129 bail jumpers, and 210 warranted persons have been arrested.For coordinating logistics and accommodation for security personnel, Nodal Officers of DSP rank have been appointed in each district, an official said.

No unauthorised persons will be allowed to stay in Haryana from two days before the election. Vigilance has been heightened along the borders with neighbouring states, including Himachal Pradesh, UP, Rajasthan, Delhi, Chandigarh, and Punjab.

#### Truck crashes into 3 on Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) e-way, 2 die

Gurgaon. A speeding truck hit three people while they were standing at the roadside on the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) expressway, killing two of them, police said on Thursday.Efforts are underway to arrest the driver, cops added. The victims were Mukesh, Pintu and Atul Kumar.According to the complainant, Mukesh, the incident took place between Badli and Farrukhnagar during the wee hours on Wednesday when he, Pintu and Atul were headed to Gujarat in a canter, loaded with copper, police said.

They had got down from their canter to urinate when a speeding truck hit them. While Pintu and Atul Kumar were seriously injured, Mukesh narrowly escaped, police added.Police rushed Pintu and Atul to a hospital nearby where the doctors declared them dead, they said. An FIR was registered under relevant sections of the BNS at Farrukhnagar police station.

#### AAP man back from Cong given a ticket in Nuh

Gurgaon. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has declared its candidates for all 90 seats. It fielded Adarsh Pal Gurjar from Jagadhri and Rabia Kidwai from Nuh. Adarsh Pal Gurjar, who was previously associated with AAP, had switched to the Congress. He was named after returning to the party fold. In the 2019 assembly polls, Gurjar, who contested on a Bahujan Samaj Party ticket, wrested 48,000 votes. The party also changed its candidates in Badli and Narnaund, fielding Happy Lochab instead of Ranveer Buliya and Ranbir Singh Lohan instead of Ravinder Matru, respectively.AAP Haryana state president Sushil Gupta and other leaders recently inducted nine candidates, including five turncoats from BJP, three from Congress, and one from Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), all of whom will contest.Election experts noted the party has shown faith in turncoats.Pradeep Jatoli and Bhim Singh Rathi who were previously associated with Congress will now contest from Pataudi and Radaur, respectively.

## Parents seek more cams, guards in school after sexual assault

Noida. Parents protested outside an English medium school in the city on Thursday and sought enhanced security measures for their children, days after a 6-year-old girl was allegedly sexually abused by a daily wager working on a new building on the campus.On Sept 3, Kala Thakur allegedly found the girl outside the classroom and took her to a secluded area on the campus, which he apparently knew was not covered by CCTV cameras. He allegedly touched the girl inappropriately for nearly five minutes. The girl, who was recently taught about 'good' and 'bad' touch at school, told her class teacher, who then informed the principal about the incident.

The principal, a teacher and supervisor of the school were arrested along with the labour contractor for allegedly allowing Thakur to escape . They were also accused of misleading the girl's parents, claiming the daily wager was handed to police and a complaint lodged against him.After reaching the police station in

#### Gir cage in Jhabua to capture Sariska tiger

Gurgaon. Four weeks after a tiger from Sariska trekked more than 120km to take up residence in a small patch of forest surrounded by wide open farmland at Jhabua in south Haryana's Rewari, the forest department has borrowed a cage from Gir National Park in Gujarat to trap the elusive cat and take him back to the Rajasthan reserve. The cage, a steel enclosure that is roughly the size of a 12x20 feet room, arrived in Rewari on Wednesday on a truck. The Haryana forest department has smaller cages, which are typically used to capture leopards that are commonly sighted here. A tiger, however, is an entirely different proposition. It can be more than two times the size of a leopard, and therefore, needed a cage from Gir, which is home to lions. So far, the forest department has used calves as bait three times to pull the tiger into one of the smaller cages and tranquilise him. But ST-2303 thwarted the attempts made on Aug 21, 29 and Sept 4. It took the bait but swiftly retreated into thick foliage before foresters could shoot the tranquiliser dart. The tiger has made two attempts to return to Sariska, sneaking out of Jhabua at night to cross the border and reach Rajasthan, once on Aug 30 and again on Sept 7. On both occasions, it changed its mind and returned to Jhabua the next morning. With a large cage now available, the bait will be placed inside it, tied to steel bars at the opposite end from the trap door. Once ST-2303 enters, his weight should trigger the cage to snap shut."A spacious cage has arrived in Jhabua to capture the tiger safely. But it will not be an easy task," said AP Pandey, additional principal chief conservator of forests (south Haryana).Wildlife department officials who have been tracking the tiger in Jhabua told TOI that they haven't caught sight of ST-2303 on cameras set up inside the forest in the last 24 hours."We had used a drone to search for the tiger and he was resting in another area of the forest, most of which is covered by

trees and shrubs. We haven't seen ST-2303 today (Wednesday). We

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I, CHAVAN SAGAR BAI VITTHAL Mother of No. 14852610Y Rankcan set up the cage after HAV Name-CHAVAN RAD-HESHYAM VITTHAL presently residing at VPO-JATEGAON, TEH-GEORAI, DIST-BEED, MAHAevaluating his path," an official said. GEORAI, DIST-BEED, MAHA-RASHTRA-431127 have changed my name from CHAVAN SAGAR-BAI VITTHAL to CHAVAN SAGAR-BAI VITTHAL to call future purposes Name Change I, Pankaj S/o Ajit Singh R/o 858/28 Jyoti Park, Ward No-28, Gurgaon Haryana-122001, Have Changed vide Affidavit dated 13/09/202 My Name To Pankaj Saini S/o Aji Singh Saini For All Future Purpose efore Notary Public, Delhi.

#### Name Change I, Khushboo Agarwal W/o Shri Ashu Gupta R/o 169,170 Gali No. 1. Near Nathu Chowk Chander Lok, Mandoli Road, North East Delhi-110093, have

I,ALOK KUMAR S/O PARAMESH-WAR SARAN residing at A 46 RAD-HEY SHYAM PARK EXT KRISHNA changed my name to ALOK KUMAR GUPTA for all future purpose.

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were not aware of the assault. Thakur was arrested on Saturday evening. The principal, teacher and supervisor were handed bail. They have been attending school since.On Thursday, around 100 parents stood outside the main gate of the school and sought the removal of the principal and teacher."How are they being allowed to continue in this school despite trying to hush up a crime as grave as a sexual assault? This is a security concern for our children. We can't let this happen," said one of the protesters.

Apart from seeking removal of the accused, parents submitted a list of demands. "There should be proper guards in the school and buses transporting kids. Cameras should be installed in every class and school corners," one of them said. Parents also sought increasing the height of the junior school wing barriers by 2ft. They said the school should make ID cards for parents. The school's director promised to enhance security measures. "We will implement more CCTV cameras

the compound and in buses. The other points raised by parents are under consideration. We will address them in

our next meeting. The approved changes will be implemented in 15 days," the director assured.

#### Days after 2 officers suspended, GNIDA says will hire 25 more

Noida. Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) launched a recruitment drive this week to fill up 25 key positions with retired govt officers. The drive comes amid a staff shortage at the authority, with approximately 40% of its 380 sanctioned posts lying vacant. The GNIDA is hiring for positions of one general manager (administration) to serve as a land consultant, three managers and assistant managers (administration/general) each, two managers (electrical/mechanical), two assistant managers (electrical/mechanical), five assistant managers (civil), five junior assistants, and four lekhpals. These positions are offered on a contract basis with fixed

honorariums for a specified period.Officials must be refired from Uttar Pradesh govt service or govtaffiliated corporations or authorities and must be under the age of 65 to be considered for appointment. Applicants for the positions are required to submit their documents to the deputy collector (Personnel) at GNIDA.In view of an increasing role of land acquisition in the authority's projects, the appointment of a land consultant and lekhpals is important. To be eligible for the general manager's role, the official must have retired from the level of sub-district magistrate or above. Additionally, they must provide an affidavit affirming that they have not faced any punitive actions, major or minor.

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

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No: - 128-W/280/Tender Notice/24-25/W-I (NIT-43) Dated: 13.09.2024						
	Construction of a permanent relay hut building for existing relay hut no. 07 and 10 to enhance single reliability and safety in the section of SSE/W/SNP under ADEN/PNP. Approx. Cost : Rs. 5632898.85/- Earnest Money : Rs. 112700/-, Completion Period : 06 Months					
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NOTE : All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIII is compulsorily. 2881/24 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE						

#### MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS - 2024

In continuation to already announced Festival Special Trains-2024, Railways have planned to run following additional Festival Special Trains aivon holo

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on every Monday from 23.09.2024 to 02.12.2024.

#### Name Change

I, SHARVAN KUMAR S/O DAYANAND R/O 2493 C, FIRST FLOOR, SECTOR-57, GUR-GAON, HARYANA -122001, have changed my daughter's name from HUNAR YADAV to DHRITI YADAV for all future purposes.

#### Name Change

, Rajinder Anand S/o Raj Kuma Anand R/o 16/18, Second Floo Santan Dharam Mandir. Subhas Nagar, New Delhi-110027, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as RAJENDER ANAND and GEETA ANAND in my minor son KARAN ANAND age about 13 years in his birth certificate-MCDOLIR-010-071865911, and school records. The correct name mine and my wife are RAJINDER ANAND and GITA ANAND. which may be amended accordingly.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Mrs. Prabhjot Kaur, the owner of the office bearing No. 328, admeasuring 31.645 Sq. Meters on the 3rd floor, forming part of the Commercial Complex on Plot No. 21, District Centre, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, had District Centre, Laxin Nagar, Dein, hau purchased the said property from Mr. Sheikh Manwarali through a Sale Deed dated 20.07.2021. The property is financed by RBL Bank Limited, with its branch located at Building No. 1, 1st Floor, Okhla Phase - III, Near Modi Mills, New Dethi 110020. The Original Sale Deed Delhi-110020. The Original Sale Deed registered as No. 1294, Volume No. 210, Pages 177-191 dated 02.04.2014 in SRC VIIIA Preet Vihar, along with the Specia Power of Attorney dated 31.05.2017 and the Sale Deed registered as No. 3081 Book No. 1, Volume No. 1048, Pages 14 20 dated 28.06.2017, SRO VIIIA Pree Vihar, New Delhi, have been lost. An FIF with LR No: 2076390/2024 was registered on 31.08.2024 with the P.S. Crime Branch Delhi, regarding the loss of these documents. Any person having any informatio about the lost documents is requested t inform the undersigned or the local police station. Any person(s) found in possessio of aforesaid original sale deed, then kindl contact the undersigned along with original property document, within 07 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid sale of the subject property. [ASHWANI KUMAR] Advocat 14:15 \_\_\_\_ Chamber No. 122 Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.F 04:10 DAYS OF RUN: 06071 from Kochuveli on every Friday from 20.09.2024 to 29.11.2024 & 06072 from Hazrat Nizamuddin PUBLIC NOTICE The general public is hereby informed th Ms. Ashu intends to purchase the Proper STOPPAGE: Kollam Jn., Kayankulam, Chengannur Rearing No. 2620, Second Floor, measu Tiruvalla, Kottayam, Ernakulam Town, Aluva, Thrissur, ing 1071 sq. ft. (without roof rights on the Palakkad Jn., Podanur Jn., Tiruppur, Erode Jn., Salem Jn. front side), Ward No. XII, Basti Punjabia Lambi Gali, Subzi Mandi, New Delh 110007, from Mohd. Qasim. The initia Jolarpettai, Katpadi Jn., Chittoor, Tirupati, Renigunta Jn., Gudur Jn., Nellore, Vijayawada Jn., Warangal, Balharshah, Nagpur owner of the entire property was M Betul, Itarsi Jn., Bhopal Jn., Bina, Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi inchman Dass. He executed a regis d will dated 28.06.1972 in favor of hi Mr. Ram Rang S/o Mr. Lacchman Dass Subsequently, Mr. Lacchman Das passed away on 21.05.1981. Thereafter Mr. Ram Rang sold the entire property to or detailed information regarding stoppages and timing of above trains, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 Mohd. Qasim S/o Mohd. Mohsin, through a sale deed dated 25.09.2016. The cha or visit enquiry website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in of title documents is in the name of M Lacchman Dass, and the probate order for his will both are documents not available Visit RailMadad Website: www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in Now the said property is to be financed by Hero Housing Finance Ltd., Branch NSP New Delhi. Any person(s) found in posses Download RailMadad app sion of aforesaid original sale deed, the kindly contact the undersigned along with NORTHERN RAILWAY original property document, within 10 days Always at your service from date of this notice on below addres failing which, the claim as per aforesa Visit us at : www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in sale deed shall be treated as null and voir espect of the subject property. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE [ASHWANI KUMAR] Advoc Chamber No. 122 Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P.

#### KRIBHCO's 44th AGM held at New Delhi

New Delhi, Sep. 13: Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO), one of India's premier fertilizerproducing farmers"s cooperatives, reported a pre-tax profit of Rs. 334.12 crore for the financial year 2023-24. The Society declared a dividend of 20% on its equity capital for the year. Shri M.R. Sharma, Managing Director of KRIBHCO, informed the gathering about th sustained high standards of production and operational efficiency maintained by KRIBHC and its subsidiaries. KRIBHCO achieved remarkable production figures in FY 2023-24, with Urea production at 23.35 lakh MT and Ammonia production at 13.88 lakh MT, achieving 106.4% and 111.32% capacity utilization, respectively. Expanding its product offerings to cater to the diverse needs of farmers, KRIBHCO's portfolio includes not only Neem Coated Urea but also imported DAP, MAP, MOP, Complex, Bio Fertilizers, Compost, Certified Seeds, Hybrid Seeds, SSP, Zinc Sulphate, Natural Potash, and Sea Weed Fortified Bio-stimulants. During the year, KRIBHCO sold 52.82 lakh MT of fertilizers (including Urea and Complex Fertilizers). KRIBHCO Fertilizers



Ltd (KFL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of KRIBHCO, also delivered strong performance with the production of 10.66 lakh MT of Urea and 6.54 lakh MT of Ammonia, achieving capacity utilization of 123.23% and 130.46%, respectively. KFL declared a dividend of Rs. 14.40 crore for the year. KRIBHCO has also ventured into new areas to enhance farmers' incomes. Its wholly-owned subsidiaries, KRIBHCO Agri Business Limited (KABL) and KRIBHCO Green Energy Private Limited, are contributing significantly. KABL achieved a turnover of Rs. 821 crore in FY 2023-24, with sales of rice, chilies, maize, makhana, and lentils in both domestic and international markets. Meanwhile, KRIBHCO Green Energy Pvt. Ltd. is constructing two plants in Hazira, Gujarat, and Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, expected to be operational in FY 2024-25.

Name Change , ANUPAMA wife of NO-14660370) Rank-HAV Name-RAHUL MISHRA R/O VILL-KHUDRA. PO-SIDHU/ BANGAR TEH-CHAWANI DIS USHINAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH 274304 have changed my nam from ANUPAMA to ANUPAM ISHRA for all future purposes vide

future purposes.

GUPTA residing at A 46 RADHEY SHYAM PARK EXT KRISHNA NAGAR DELHI-110051 have NAGAR changed my name to RUPA GUPTA Name Change affidavit dated 13/09/2024 before LATA YADAV Wife of No 5778632W Rank-HAV Name Notary Public, Delhi,

#### Name Change Rekha Sharma W/o Rakes mar R/o 456/8, Brahma

TEH-SADAR. HABAD UTTAR PRADESH-211004 Mandi,Near Ganga Mandi Rohtak, Haryana -124001, Have have changed my name from LATA YADAV to LATA DEVI for all future pur-Changed My Name To Rekha Fo All Future Purpose ses vide Affidavit dated 13/09/2024 efore Notary Public, Delhi.

#### NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Mr. Lovekesh Sharma who is the owner of House No. 40B, new No. A-253, area measuring 100 sq. yds. out of Khasra No. 314min, situated at Village Gagan Vihar Phase-II, Village Barhampur @ Bhopura, Pargana Loni, Tehsil and Distt., Ghaziabad, U.P vide Gift Deed dated 29 09 2022 executed by Mr. Mukesh Kumar Sharma i favour of Mr. Lovekesh Sharma in respect of said property. As document No. 14070, Vol No. 19834, on Pgs., 21-46, on dated 29.09.2022, SR-Ghaziabad That Original Sale Deed dated 19.10.1987 executed by Mr. Tuhiram in favou of Mr. Devdutt Sharma in respect of said property. As doc no. 2074. was lost on 19/08/2024 duly reported to police as per police complaint dated 02/09/2024 in the police station Crime Branch, Delhi bearing LR No: 2079835/2024. If anyone found the same may return to undersigned and if the same is misused shall be at his/her own risk. That my client intends to mortgage the said immovable property for her bonafide requirements to holamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. Whosoever is having any objection to the said mortgage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be presumed that there stands no objections PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE NEW DELH DATE: 13/9/2024 Enrl. No. D/721/02 Office: L-27,GF, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-4 Mob.: 9968006418

#### NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Sh. Sanjay Kumar S/o Sh. Chahat Ram who is the owner of Plot No.D-26, & 27. area measuring 100 sq. yds., Plot No. D- 46, area measuring 66.50 sq. yds. and Plot No D 29/1, area neasuring 50 sq yds, out of Khasra No 1587 Situated at, Kawari City colony village Loni, Pargana & Tehsil Loni Distt. Ghaziabad, UP- 201102 vide Sal leed dated 07/09/2017 executed by Mrs. Iram Anjum in favour of my clier n respect of Plot No. D-46, area measuring 66.50 sg. yds. (Doc No. 15202 Vol NO.34095, Page NO. 59-82, SR-IV GZB) and Sale deed date 05/09/2019 executed by Mr. Ravi Tirpati in favour of my client in respect of Plot No. D-26, & 27, area measuring 100 sq. yds. (Doc No. 11864, Vol NO.884, Page NO.347-392, SR-Loni) and Sale deed dated 19.08.2019 executed by Sh. Akhilesh Yadav S/o Sh. Jaganath Yadav in favour of my clier (vide doc no. 11081 Book no.1 Vol no. 825 pages no. 191 to 216)in respe of the Plot No D 29/1, area measuring 50 sq yds That Original Sale Deed dated 12/10/2010 executed by Mr. Subhash Chand s/o Mr. Fakhr Chand in favour of by Mr. Ravi Tirpati s/o Mr. Mangal Tirpati in respect of said prope ty (Doc No.23978, Vol No. 16343, Page No. 61-80) was lost on 13/10/2020 duly reported to police as per police complaint dated 13/09/2024 in the police station Crime Branch, Delhi bearing LR No: 2116413/2024. If anyone found the same may return to undersigned and if the same is misused shall be at his/her own risk. That my client intends to mortgage the said immovable property for her bonafide requirements to Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. Whosoever is having any objection to the said mort gage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be prosumed that there stands no objections NEW DELHI

DATE: 13/9/2024

PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE Enrl. No. D/721/02 Office: L-27, GF, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-4 Mob.: 9968006418

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Gwalior, Agra Cantt. and Mathura Jn. Stations. ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier Economy RailMadad Helpline No. 22034 have changed my name from BHARATH V R P Alias RAJA RAVEEN BHARATH VALLAMSET

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To clear the extra rush of passengers, Railways have decided to extend the periodicity of run of following Festival Special Trains. Details are given below:-

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09061	Udhna Jn.	Ghazipur City	Wednesday	28.08.24	18.09.24 to 06.11.24			
09062	Ghazipur City	Udhna Jn.	Friday	30.08.24	20.09.24 to 08.11.24			
04829	Jodhpur Jn.	Gorakhpur Jn.	Thursday	26.09.24	03.10.24 to 28.11.24			
04830	Gorakhpur Jn.	Jodhpur Jn.	Friday	27.09.24	04.10.24 to 29.11.24			
Note: Timings of Train No. 04830 Gorakhpur JnJodhpur Jn. Special will be revised as under:-								
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Rest of t	the information w	ill hold good.						
For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table of other stations enroute and composition etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.								
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

nformation is given to general pub ic at large that our client Mr. Vipir Kumar S/o Mr. Dharamveer Singh is the owner of Freehold Residential Second Floor & Third Floor with Second Floor & Inito Floor with Roof Rights Part of Property bear-ing No. F-63 area measuring 50 Sq. Yards i.e. 41.80 Sq. Mtrs out of Khasra NO. 466 situated at Village Ghonda Gurjan Khadar, in the abad of F-Block, Gali No. 4, Subhash Vihar, North Ghonda, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi-110053. By Virtue of GPA dated 13.04.2017 which is duly registered as Document no. 434, Volume no. 11103 Page no. 16-21 on dated 13.04.2017. in the chain documents below mentioned document not available i.e. Death Certificate & SMC of Late Mr. Bhagwan S/o Mr. Jag Ram Singh not available now our client is declaring that that any other Persor does not have any right over the said property, and Second Floor without roof rights sold too be Mr. Rahul Chauhan and same has been finance by Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. Branch Burari, Delhi. If any person is having objection right of claim against the said property, contact to under-signed along with supporting docu-ments within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice and or found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained. [NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]

Advocat

F-211, sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziak

Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 09958871432

## WORLD

## THE SIKH TIMES (4)

#### News box

### Elon Musk shares Haitian woman's video to back Trump's 'eating pets' claim

- World Tech titan Elon Musk has shared a TikTok video featuring an allegedly Haitian-descent woman describing reasons why Haitians eat cats. The post by Musk, who has endorsed Donald Trump for the US presidential election, comes as several media outlets are fact-checking claims made by the Republican that illegal immigrants from Haiti were eating pets in an Ohio city.
- The woman, who goes by the name ebekah Faidia on TikTok, also speaks about the voodoo practices in Haiti, describing them as "truly demonic". The woman said her father immigrated from Haiti to the United States in the late 1960s as a teenager."My father and I are now estranged, but I did know him in my very, very young years. When he immigrated, he was one person, and they weren't sending thousands of Haitians to one area... he said that the majority of the island does practice voodoo," the woman, who is believed to have been born in the United States, says.
- In the video, the woman goes on to say that Haitians eat cats for two reasons -- survival and animal sacrifices for their religion.

'This is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. You can't just go to a food bank like you can here (in the US)... People in the US have a really hard time imagining that type of thing, but it is true. Second, they do animal sacrifices for their religion, voodoo. They make these animal sacrifices to these gods for different reasons," she further says.Defending Donald Trump, the woman says it "is not racist" to acknowledge the problem. "You all just want to joke about Trump and say that he's crazy for saying that this is happening instead of actually checking at all to see if this is happening, she says. The matter came to the limelight after Trump claimed during his debate with Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris that illegal Haitian immigrants in Ohio were "eating dogs and pets".

#### US court dismisses two criminal counts against **Donald Trump**

Washington A Georgia judge on Thursday dismissed two criminal counts in the US state's 2020 election interference case against Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and one other count against allies of the former president.Fulton County Judge Scott McAfee found that state prosecutors did not have the authority to bring those charges, which related to the alleged filing of false documents in federal court.McAfee allowed the remainder of the case to move forward, including eight charges against Trump. Trump and 14 co-defendants have pleaded not guilty to racketeering and other charges stemming from what prosecutors allege was a scheme to overturn Trump's narrow defeat in Georgia in the 2020 election. The case has been on hold since June while a Georgia appeals court considers whether the lead prosecutor, Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, must be disqualified over alleged misconduct tied to a romantic relationship she had with a former top deputy. Arguments in the appeals court are scheduled for December, meaning the case will not progress before the November 5 election when Trump faces Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris. A separate federal case Trump faced for his efforts to overturn his election defeat nationally has also been slowed dramatically by a US Supreme Court ruling that found that presidents have broad immunity from criminal prosecution. Thursday's decision relates to allegations that Trump and his allies assembled a slate of fraudulent presidential electors and filed a civil lawsuit challenging the election results that contained false claims.

## Bomb threat rattles US city in Republican anti-migrant conspiracy

**Springfield, United States.** Government buildings and an elementary school in Springfield, Ohio were evacuated Thursday after an emailed bomb threat, police said, rattling the small US city at the heart of an anti-migrant conspiracy theory amplified by Donald Trump.Springfield has been thrust into the spotlight in recent days after an unfounded story of Haitian migrants eating pets went viral on social media, with the Republican ex-president and current White House candidate pushing the narrative despite it being debunked.

Democrats have accused Trump and his running mate, Ohio Senator JD Vance, of fanning racial tensions as they use the Springfield conspiracy theory to elevate immigration as a campaign issue ahead of November's election. Trump doubled down on the rhetoric during a campaign rally in Tucson, Arizona on Thursday, saying that "migrants are walking off with the town's geese."Immediately after mentioning Springfield in his speech, Trump added: "I'm angry about young American girls being raped and sodomized and murdered by savage criminal aliens," though provided no specific details.Springfield authorities said there were no credible reports of pets being harmed by members of the immigrant

community -- accusations that Trump also repeated in his Thursday debate against Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris. The White House condemned the claims on Thursday as "filth" and said they were endangering people's lives.On Thursday, Springfield police said that City Hall and several other government buildings had been evacuated after a bomb threat sent by email at 8:24 am (1224 GMT).

"Authorities investigated and cleared all facilities listed in the threat with the assistance of explosive detecting canines," the force said in a statement.Fulton Elementary School and Springfield Academy of Excellence were also listed in the threat and evacuated, according to the statement."We are currently partnering with the Dayton office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to identify the source of the email," it added.

#### **TENSIONS IN COMMUNITY**

Arriving at the school to retrieve his child, Haitian immigrant Mackenso Roseme told AFP that the current tensions in the community were "worrying.""I'm a little stressed. I think something might happen," he said. A sign in English, Spanish and



Haitian Creole informed Roseme and other parents that the students had been moved to a high school.Mayor Rob Rue told the Springfield News-Sun that the person who sent the bomb threat claimed to be from the city and mentioned Haitian immigration issues.Despite the bomb threats, Trump was still reposting memes related to the conspiracy theory hours later on his Truth Social platform.He claimed Ohio was being "inundated with illegal migrants, mostly from Haiti, who are taking over towns and villages at a level and rate never seen before."Springfield, with a population of about 58,000, has seen an increase in Haitian immigrants in recent years -- 10,000 to 15,000 according to the Springfield News-Sun.Social services, schools and housing

have been stressed in the city for years, with some pointing to migration as a factor.Ohio Governor Mike DeWine -- a Republican like Trump -- gave some context to the situation in Springfield during an interview Thursday.DeWine said 15,000 immigrants from Haiti live in Springfield, "a dramatic change" for the city, and added they were there under Temporary Protected

Status (TPS), which allows foreign nationals to live and work in the United States."Why did they come?

They came for jobs," DeWine told Fox News reporters. "There's nothing wrong with us being welcoming."A multiracial group of pastors called a press conference on Thursday in Springfield, joining hands in prayer and calling on the community to come together."Today there were some things that happened, some threats of violence," Wes Babian, a former pastor of First Baptist Church, told AFP."That is part of what motivated the quick calling of clergy to come together to express our support for the Haitian community and our concern for the well-being of the entire community.'

## Putin warns West against supplying Ukraine long-range missiles

Saint Petersburg President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday that the West would be directly fighting with Russia if it allowed Ukraine to strike Russian territory with Western-made long-range missiles, a move he said would alter the nature and scope of the conflict.Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has been pleading with Kyiv's allies for months to let Ukraine fire Western missiles including long-range US ATACMS and British Storm Shadows deep into Russian territory to limit Moscow's ability to launch attacks.In some of his most hawkish comments on the subject yet, Putin said such a move would drag the countries supplying Kyiv with long-range missiles directly into the war since satellite targeting data and the actual programming of the missiles' flight paths would have to be done by NATO military personnel because Kyiv did not have the capabilities itself."So this is not a

question of allowing the Ukrainian regime to strike Russia with these weapons or not. It is a question of deciding whether or not NATO countries are directly involved in a military conflict," Putin told Russian state TV."If this decision is taken, it will mean nothing less than the direct involvement of NATO countries, the United States and European countries in the war in Ukraine. This will be their direct participation, and this, of course, will significantly change the very essence, the very nature of the conflict."Russia would be forced to take what Putin called "appropriate decisions" based on the new threats.He did not spell out what those measures could be, but he has spoken in the past of the option of arming the West's enemies with Russian weapons to strike Western targets abroad and in June spoke of deploying conventional missiles within striking distance of the United States and its European allies. Russia, the world's

largest nuclear power, is also in the process of revising its nuclear doctrine the circumstances in which Moscow would use nuclear weapons - and Putin is being pressed by an influential foreign policy hawk to change it to state Russia's willingness to use nuclear arms against countries that "support NATO aggression in Ukraine."Russia is also currently holding major naval exercises with China and considering curbs on major commodity exports. The West casts its discussion around whether it should allow Kyiv to use its long-range weapons to strike Russia as part of an answer to what it says is an escalation of the war by Moscow, which is says has received ballistic missiles from Iran. Tehran said the claims were "ugly propaganda".Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 with tens of thousands of troops, triggering the biggest confrontation between Russia and.

#### Boeing machinists vote to strike after rejecting pay increases of 25% over 4 years



- SEATTLE (US). Machinists at Boeing voted Thursday to go on strike, another setback for the giant aircraft maker whose reputation and finances have been battered and now faces a shutdown in production of its best-selling airline planes.
- The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers said its members rejected a contract that would have raised pay 25% over four years, then voted 94.6% to reject the contract and voted 96% to strike. A two-thirds vote among 33,000 workers was needed to strike.
- Very little has gone right for Boeing this year, from a panel blowing out and leaving a gaping hole in one of its passenger jets in January to NASA leaving two astronauts in space rather sending them home on a problem-plagued Boeing spacecraft.
- As long as the strike lasts, it will deprive Boeing of much-needed cash that it gets from delivering new planes to airlines. That will be another challenge for new CEO Kelly Ortberg, who six weeks ago was given the job of turning around a company that has lost more than \$25 billion in the last six years and fallen behind European rival Airbus

## 'We Apologise, But We Can't': No Hilsa From Bangladesh For Bengalis in India This Durga Puja

Dhaka The not so humble hilsa, considered to be one of the best varieties of fish in the world, has now become a thorn between India and Bangladesh. The Bangladesh government has banned exports of the hilsa fish to India.The timing has come wrong for the Bengalis as Durga Puja is incomplete without the hilsa dish.While hilsa is available in India, the Bangladesh variety found in the Padma river, is known to be the best in the world. Bangladesh accounts for 70



celebrate Durga Puja, our people can also enjoy it here."Despite the huge demand for hilsa in Bangladesh and a ban, former prime minister Sheikh Hasina would, as a goodwill gesture, ensure that India would get at least 4,000 tonnes of hilsa ahead of Durga Puja. This has been criticised by Farida Akhtar, who said, This was not needed. She should not have done this and just for the sake of good relations with India, she

#### Nasa explains why keeping Sunita Williams, Butch Wilmore off Starliner was the 'right decision'

World. Boeing's Starliner capsule made a successful return to Earth over the weekend, marking a key moment in a mission marred by technical failures and delays. After departing from the International Space Station six hours earlier, the spacecraft parachuted into New Mexico's White Sands Missile Range, landing on autopilot in the desert darkness. While the landing was smooth, it followed months of drama, beginning with a June launch that should have been completed within eight days but extended into a lengthy mission due to persistent thruster malfunctions and helium leaks.The mission, which carried Nasa astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams to the ISS in June, was intended as Boeing's long-awaited crew debut. However, following a series of malfunctions aboard Starliner, Nasa ruled the capsule too risky for the astronauts' return, opting to bring them home on a SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule in 2025 instead. This decision meant the astronauts would remain aboard the ISS until February, nearly eight months longer than originally planned.Despite the technical setbacks, Nasa's commercial crew program manager, Steve Stich, praised the uncrewed capsule's performance, describing the return as a "bullseye landing.

per cent of the world's hilsa reserves.Speaking exclusively to News18, Bangladesh fisheries minister Farida Akhtar said, "We apologise but we can't allow hilsa to go to India. It's an

expensive fish and we notice that our own people are unable to have it as all goes to India and what is left behind is too expensive for our people. We, too,

Bangladesh."Government sources in Bangladesh have said that this was a goodwill gesture which was much needed during these times when relations between India and

compromised the needs of the people of

Ortberg warned machinists that a strike vote would put Boeing's recovery in jeopardy and raise more doubt about the company in the eyes of its airline customers.

## Edward Caban resigns as New York Police Commissioner amid federal investigation

New York New York City Police Commissioner Edward Caban resigned Thursday, one week after it emerged that his phone was seized as part of a federal investigation that touched several members of Mayor Eric Adams' inner circle.

Caban, who had been in charge of the nation's largest police department for about 15 months, said in an email to staff that he made the decision to resign after the "news around recent developments" had "created a distraction for our department."I am unwilling to let my attention be on anything other than our important work, or the safety of the men and women of the NYPD," he added in the email obtained by The Associated Press.At a news conference Thursday, Adams praised Caban for "making our city safer" and said he had named Tom Donlon, a retired FBI official, as the interim police commissioner.

Donlon previously served as the chief of the FBI's National Threat Center and once led the Office of Homeland Security in New York, before starting his own security firm in 2020. He helped lead the investigation into the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and investigated the 1998 US Embassy bombings and USS Cole bombing.

Donlon said in a statement he was "honoured and humbled" to head "the greatest law enforcement agency in the world," and that his priorities would include removing illegal guns from the community.

Caban's resignation marks the first high-level departure from the Adams administration since federal investigators seized phones Sept. 4 from several members of the mayor's inner circle, including two deputy mayors, the schools' chancellor, and one of Adams' top advisers. The subject of the investigation, which is being led by the US Attorney's office in Manhattan, remains unclear, as does whether federal authorities were seeking information linked to one investigation or several.Caban's lawyers, Russell Capone and Rebekah Donaleski, said in a statement Thursday they had been told by the government that "he is not a target of any investigation being conducted by the Southern District of New York, and he expects to cooperate fully with the government."The Justice Department defines a target of an investigation as

someone whom prosecutors or a grand jury have gathered substantial evidence against that links the person to a crime. That's in contrast to a subject, which is someone whose conduct is merely within the scope of the investigation. But those definitions are notoriously fluid and a person not seen as a technical target one day can become a target the next as new information develops.Federal authorities are also investigating Caban's twin brother. James Caban, a former NYPD sergeant who runs a nightclub security business, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person could not publicly discuss details of the ongoing investigation and spoke to AP on condition of anonymity.James Caban "unequivocally denies any wrongdoing," his lawyer, Sean Hecker, said in a statement. "His work - as a consultant and acting as a liaison between the Department and a private company - is perfectly legal, especially given his previous career as a NYPD officer," Hecker continued.

James Caban was fired by the NYPD in 2001 after he was heard on a recording illegally detaining a cab driver whom he accused of

stealing \$100 and threatening to seize his vehicle. According to people familiar with the matter, other officials whose devices were recently seized include First Deputy Mayor Sheena Wright; Philip Banks, the deputy mayor for public safety; his brother David Banks, the schools chancellor; and Timothy Pearson, a mayoral adviser and former high-ranking NYPD official. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation.Adams, a first-term Democrat, was subpoenaed in July, eight months after federal agents seized his cell phones and an iPad while he was leaving an event in Manhattan. Federal authorities haven't publicly accused him or any officials of any crimes, and Adams has denied any wrongdoing.

The investigation that led to Edward Caban's devices being seized is not believed to be tied to a probe that led federal investigators to seize Adams' devices last November, according to two people familiar with the matter. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak publicly.

## France slams Azerbaijan's 'arbitrary' jailing of graffiti sprayer

#### Paris this year accused

#### Azerbaijan of interfering in its internal politics by stoking tensions in overseas territories and dependencies -- including the Pacific archipelago New Caledonia, rocked by deadly unrest from mid-May.

PARIS. France on Thursday accused Azerbaijan of inflicting "arbitrary and discriminatory treatment" on one of its citizens, jailed for three years for spraying graffiti on the Baku metro.

"Theo Clerc was sentenced on September 10 by an Azerbaijani court to three years' detention... while his two co-defendants on exactly the same charges, with a different nationality, were sentenced only to a fine," a foreign ministry spokesman said in a statement."France condemns the arbitrary and discriminatory treatment of which our fellow citizen is the victim," he added.

Paris, a longtime supporter of Armenia and home to a sizeable Armenian diaspora, has long had frosty relations with the country's arch-rival Azerbaijan. That has intensified since the second war between the neighbours over the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region in 2020 and Baku's seizure of control over the territory last year . leading to the exodus of more than 100,000 Armenians.

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interfering in its internal politics by stoking tensions in overseas territories and dependencies -- including the Pacific archipelago New Caledonia, rocked by deadly unrest from mid-May.Baku hosted a two-day congress of separatist movements from such French territories in July, at which they agreed to set up an "International Front for the Liberation of French Colonies" and accused France of racism and repression.Paris said Thursday that citizens and dual nationals are "advised against travel to Azerbaijan unless it is imperative to do so, because of the risk of arbitrary detention and unfair court proceedings". Another Frenchman, Martin Ryan, is currently detained in Azerbaijan, accused of espionage, with Paris "categorically" rejecting the Azerbaijani

accusations.International focus on Azerbaijan -- ruled by President Ilham Aliyev since the death of his father Heydar in 2003 -- is expected to increase in the next months as the gas-rich Caspian state hosts in November the COP 29 UN climate change conference.

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#### Nagamangala: Violence a planned incident, says HD Kumaraswamy

- BENGALURU. Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy, who is MP from Mandya, hit out at Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara for calling the Nagamangala violence a minor incident.
- Kumaraswamy said that the Nagamangala stone pelting and the subsequent violence was a planned incident. The former CM said such incidents were happening because the State Government is trying to appease one community for the sake of votes. Taking to 'X', Kumaraswamy strongly condemned the violence
- 'It is the proof of 'failure of law and order' in the town that the miscreants of a community deliberately raised a ruckus by targeting the devotees who were walking peacefully in the procession of God Ganapati, throwing stones and slippers on public and policemen, exploding petrol bombs, and brandishing swords," he said.
- He said bad days are not far for Congress if it does not stop "appeasement politics". Shobha demands NIA probe
- Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje demanded that the probe into the incident be handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- They (miscreants) have insulted the entire Hindu community by throwing footwear at a Ganesha procession. They even burned shops belonging to Hindu vendors. But for Home Minister G Parameshwara, the burning of 25 shops of Hindus looks like a small incident. People are slamming the corrupt Congress government. To divert people's attention, the Nagamangala incident has happened," she alleged.

#### Kaushik's remarks rile Andhraites, BRS in damage control mode

- HYDERABAD. For the first time after the formation of a separate Telangana state in 2014, debates on issues like "local and nonlocal" and "Andhra and Telangana" have begun in political circles.
- The trigger was the war of words that ensued between MLAs Arekapudi Gandhi and Padi Kaushik Reddy, which turned into a violent showdown at the latter's residence in Madhapur on Thursday.
- Kaushik termed Gandhi an "Andhraite," while the latter called the former a "nonlocal" who went to Huzurabad from Karimnagar to contest the 2023 Assembly elections.In those elections, the Congress drew a blank in Hyderabad, where most of the Andhra-origin people in the state live.
- The BRS leaders fear that if the Andhra-Telangana conflict is resurrected, the party might lose support in Hyderabad and cede ground to the Congress. The BRS can ill afford antagonising Andhraites at a time

## Heartbreaking scenes in Wayanad as Shruthi bids farewell to Fiancé Jenson

The van carrying Jenson, Shruthi and others had collided head-on with a private bus from Kozhikode on Tuesday, leaving nine injured

KALPETTA . Heart-wrenching moments unfolded at the WIMS Medical College Hospital in Meppadi, Wayanad, on Thursday, as Shruthi bid farewell to her Fiancé Jenson.

In a cruel twist of fate, the 24-year-old Chooralmala native, who lost nine of her family members, including her parents and sister, in the devastating July 30 landslides, also ended up losing Jenson, 27, who had been her pillar of strength during those difficult times. The duo was involved in a grievous accident at Vellaramkunnu along the Kozhikode-Kollegal NH on Tuesday. Jenson succumbed to injuries on Wednesday.On Thursday, a visibly-shaken Shruthi, herself recovering from injuries, paid last respects to Jenson in the presence of friends and family. His mortal remains were later brought to his hometown Andoor, a village under Ambalavayal panchayat in Wayanad, and kept at Glory's Auditorium for the public to pay homage. The body was then taken to his family home and the funeral was held at Nithyasahaya Matha (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) Church in the evening. The van carrying Jenson, Shruthi and others had collided head-on with a private bus from Kozhikode on Tuesday, leaving nine injured.



Shruthi and Jenson had got engaged on June Jenson is survived by his father 2, after a decade-long relationship. However, the landslides cut short their happiness with Shruthi losing her father Sivanna, mother Sabitha, younger sister Sreya, and six others to the calamity. At the time, she found solace in the company of Jenson, her childhood friend and longtime partner. As Shruthi recovers from the emotional and physical trauma of losing her loved ones, the entire region has extended its support to her and those affected by the loss.

Parimalamveettil Jayan, mother Mary, brother Jaison and sister Jency. SATHEESAN VOWS HELP

Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan has said that Shruthi is not alone following her fiance's demise. He also said that he would rally behind Shruthi like his own daughter.

Talking to reporters at Cantonment House, Satheesan said that he would urge the chief minister to provide a government job to Shruthi.

#### **Odisha CM makes aerial survey** of flood-affected areas, seeks report in seven days

MALKANGIRI. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi who conducted an aerial survey of floodaffected Malkangiri district on Thursday has directed collector Asish Iswar Patil to submit the damage assessment report within seven days.

Majhi, who was accompanied by Revenue and Disaster Management minister Suresh Pujari, chief secretary Manoj Ahuja and additional chief secretary-cum-SRC DK Singh, also took stock of the situation in a meeting with Nabarangpur MP Balabhadra Majhi, Malkangiri MLA Narasingh Madkami, collector, and SP Nitesh Wadhwani at the zilla parishad conference hall.Majhi emphasised the need for accurate damage assessment and fast delivery of compensation for affected residents. He also asked the collector to ensure that not a single flood-affected is deprived of government assistance.Repair of kutcha houses, restoration of power supply as well as provision of safe drinking water to prevent outbreak of water-borne diseases must be the top priority of the administration, the chief minister said. He said preparedness of district and police administration ensured a zero casualty scenario.Minister Suresh Pujari said the early warning enabled the state government to prepare in advance resulting in no casualties.Union Home minister Amit Shah was in constant touch with CM Majhi to coordinate response efforts. The central government was prepared to support with NDRAF teams and had BSF on standby, he said.Pujari lauded the fire services and ODRAF for their exceptional response to the situation. Six ODRAF teams and five fire service teams were deployed in Malkangiri, effectively managing the crisis.

## Madras HC dissatisfied over 'NCC camp' probe, decries delay in the arresting of accused

CHENNAI. Expressing dissatisfaction over the investigation into the sexual assault of girls at a fake NCC camp held in a private school in Krishnagiri, the Madras High Court on Thursday wanted the investigators to "unravel the mystery" shrouding the death of the prime accused, Sivaraman, and the persons who had close links with him in organising the camp.

The first bench of Acting Chief Justice D Krishnakumar and Justice PB Balaji made the comments when a public interest litigation petition filed by advocate AP Suryaprakasam seeking CBI probe into the assault of students came up for hearing. The prosecution submitted that the police are



investigating Gopu, an assistant NCC officer, for his links with Sivaraman, and Bhuvan, who had introduced Sivaraman to the private school. However, they have not

#### been arrested yet.

"What is the link among Gopu, Bhuvan and Sivaraman. No proper investigation on these aspects is being done. Why there is so much of delay in arresting Bhuvan," the bench asked.

Referring to the contents of the report of the district legal services authority, the bench said, "It is shocking to know certain parents do not want their children to continue their studies in the same school, fearing their safety.'

It also pointed out that one of the trainers of the fake NCC camp had a pistol and rifle and they had threatened the boys of cutting off their fingers if they revealed what had

#### happened at the camp

Advocate General PS Raman, representing the government, informed the court that three FIRs have been registered so far and 18 people arrested. He noted that Bhuvan, during interrogations, had said that he had no knowledge of Sivaraman's antecedents. Referring to the affairs of the private school, the AG informed the court that a GO is expected at any time for appointing a special officer for running the institution.Apart from the AG, Additional Advocate General J Ravindran and State Public Prosecutor Hasan Mohamed Jinnah also made submissions before the court on the issue.

# 'Governor hasn't pointed out Siddaramaiah's role in site allotment': Singhvi in Karnataka HC

BENGALURU. Senior advocate Abhishek the politically motivated complaints filed opposition, he said. He contended that the Manu Singhvi on Thursday argued before by third parties. The court orally observed Governor had taken two-and-a-half years the Karnataka High Court that Governor

to reject the request for sanction a former minister Shashikala Jolle about irregularities in the supply of eggs to schoolchildren.





when its chips are down and it is out of power.

Adds new dimension to state politics

- Politically shrewd as always, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who was in Delhi on Thursday, said that the BRS won Assembly seats in Hyderabad with the support of Andhra settlers. He pointed out that the pink party's violent opposition to the appointment of Gandhi as the PAC chairman appears to have sprung from its hatred for the Andhra settlers.
- His comments have added a new dimension to state politics even as the BRS is trying to limit the damage with statements that it was never against Andhraites in Hyderabad and their interests.

#### Odisha govt tightens norms for re-engagement of retired employees

- BHUBANESWAR. Doing away with the indiscriminate post-retirement reengagement of officers by the previous BJD regime, the BJP government on Thursday issued comprehensive guidelines banning reappointment of retired employees for routine and day-to-day office work.
- A resolution in this regard issued by the General Administration department repealed the earlier guidelines issued by the BJD government in 2014 and stated that reengagement of retired employees will be considered only in rare cases. The reappointment will have to be approved by the chief minister after recommendation by a four-member committee headed by the chief secretary
- The guidelines stated retired employees up to 65 years of age and those who are fit will be considered for re-engagement. If the past experience of retired employees is highly required, only then his or her case will be considered for re-engagement on contractual basis.Employees having outstanding CCR/PAR for continuous 60 months before superannuation will be considered for reengagement on temporary basis after retirement. Employees against whom departmental proceedings had been initiated or had been punished for misconduct within five years before retirement will not be considered.

Thawaarchand Gehlot had committed a serious constitutional sin by granting sanction to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah without giving any reasons as well as recording findings to point out what and how he played a role in the alleged illegal allotment of compensatory sites to his wife Parvathy BM.

The court has reserved the order as the marathon arguments on the petition concluded on Thursday. Arguing before Justice M Nagaprasanna, who was hearing the petition filed by Siddaramaiah questioning the order passed by the Governor, Singhvi expressed concern that there are chances of an elected government falling if the protection under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act is not extended to public servants by the act by the Governor, who unilaterally granted sanction by accepting

hat the protection was given to protect innocents but not the guilty. To a query by the court whether the CM's son, who is an MLA, participated in the meeting held by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority as an ex-officio member, Singhvi said he attended the meetings but did not participate in the deliberations on site allotment.

Alleging that the act of the Governor was biased and irrational, he argued that the Governor had violated Article 14 by choosing only the petitioner by misapplying discretionary powers though there were similar requests for sanction pending before him against former ministers of the previous BJP government and a union minister.

The whole alleged transactions in MUDA took place when the BJP government was ruling the state and the Congress, to which Siddaramaiah belongs, was in the

'A clarification was sought by him on August 28 about the request for sanction against former minister Murugesh Nirani. Similarly, a request against Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy was rejected. In one of the cases, the Governor has asked to provide translated copies of Kannada documents. However, in the MUDA scam, he issued a show-cause notice on the very same day of the complaint received, though the documents were in Kannada," he said. Singhvi accused the complainant TJ Abraham of habitual litigating with wellhistory of blackmailing.

The court, however, orally observed that a whistle-blower always faces this problem.

**Revanth said that Yechury**, starting from his student days, remained active in national politics for over four decades.

## Communal clash in Nagamangala: 20 shops burnt, 56 held



NAGAMANGALA. Tension prevails in Nagamangala after a communal clash during a procession taken out in the town

to immerse Ganesha idols on Wednesday night.Police have arrested 56 people in connection with the clash. Prohibitory

orders have been clamped across the town and parts of Mysuru-Nagamangala highway. Educational institutions, shops and other commercial establishments in the town remained closed on Thursday.According to sources, more people are likely to be arrested as police are examining the CCTV footage obtained from the affected areas. An argument broke out between youths from a particular community and those in the procession near a mosque on Mysuru-Nagamangala road. Soon, they exchanged blows and went on a rampage attacking shops and other business establishments.

They indulged in stone-throwing and even hurled petrol bombs. Some miscreants tried to disrupt power supply in the area. Twenty shops were set ablaze. The clash soon spread to the outskirts of Nagamangala and the highway where miscreants attacked vehicles with iron rods, logs and stones.

HYDERABAD. Expressing deep shock over the passing away of CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Thursday, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said that the demise of the senior communist leader was an irreparable loss to Indian politics.

Conveying his condolences to the bereaved family, the CM said that Yechury's fighting spirit was an inspiration to all.Revanth said that Yechury, starting from his student days, remained active in national politics for over four decades. He gained popularity not just as CPM politburo member and a seasoned politician but also as a Rajya Sabha member, economist and social worker, he added.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vilramarka. ministers N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and D Anasuya alias Seethakka were among a host of leaders from across the political parties who expressed their grief over demise of Yechury.At a condolence meeting held at MB Bhavan, CPM leaders S Veeraiah, Cherukupalli Sitaramulu, G Nagaiah, Julakanti Rangareddy and M Srinivas paid rich tributes to Yechhuri.

The CPM leaders said that Yechury played a key role in the formation of INDI Alliance against the BJP. CPI state secretary and Kothagudem MLA K Sambasiva Rao said that Yechury led several people's movements in the country.

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#### Govt has the leeway to cut oil prices

IT was just about a year ago that global investment bank Goldman Sachs predicted that world crude oil prices would touch \$100 per barrel by the end of 2024. The forecast rattled emerging economies like India that are large importers. Luckily for them, the prediction has gone way off the mark. Oil prices have fallen by about 20 per cent over the past year with the benchmark Brent crude currently ruling around \$70-72 per barrel. The turnaround has taken place despite a grim geopolitical environment, with the Russia-Ukraine war and the Israel-Hamas conflict showing little signs of ending.Oil markets have clearly factored in the fact that neither are likely to disrupt supplies even though Russia remains the third largest crude oil producer in the world. Its production is still flowing into major consumption areas despite sanctions imposed by Western countries. Many European countries, including Poland, Finland, Hungary and even Germany, continue to buy oil and petroleum products from Russia, though the amount has reduced considerably. In addition, the European Union makes sizeable purchases of products like gasoline and diesel from Indian refineries using Russian crudeAs for the West Asian conflict, it has disrupted international trade flowing through the Red Sea and Suez Canal owing to the depredations of Yemen-based Houthi rebels. Traversing these inlets has been made dangerous for merchant vessels, many of which are now taking the long and expensive route via the Cape of Good Hope. But it has not affected availability of crude and natural gas supplies from the region, and they are continuing to reach consumers through both sea and land routes.It is thus a variety of other factors that have led to the bearish trend in oil prices over the past year. One of the most significant is weakening global demand, especially from the world's biggest importer, China. Economic woes are continuing in that country as the manufacturing sector contracted for the fourth month in a row. Over the past year, there has been an expectation that the economy would revive and the real estate sector would come out of the doldrums. Such a scenario seems distant now and multinationals are slowly withdrawing from the second largest global economy which is now producing more than the rest of the world can absorb. China recorded a 5.2 per cent growth rate in 2023, but the World Bank has projected that it will touch only 4.8 per cent in 2024. The slowing economy has, in turn, led to a cut in oil imports. Another factor contributing to softening prices has been rising output in the US, which has emerged as the world's largest crude producer. In fact, countries outside the Organisation of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC) cartel are expected to lead output growth this year. This has largely offset the voluntary production cuts of 2.2 million barrels per day imposed by OPEC Plus since last year. These were expected to be lifted last week but with markets remaining relentlessly bearish, the cartel decided to extend the cuts for some more time. Even this news failed to perk up prices which rose slightly and then fell again to reflect the surplus availability in the market. The ebb in oil markets has come as a bonanza for India, which buys over 85 per cent of its fuel from abroad. Ever since the Ukraine-Russia war began in February 2022, prices have remained volatile. But India was able to get Russian crude at discounted rates which helped tide over the crisis of high prices during that year. The recent declining trend has meant that the Indian basket of crudes has fallen from \$89 per barrel in April to \$72 currently. The significance of this decline can be gauged from the rough estimate that every \$10 rise in oil prices leads to a 0.5 per cent increase in the current account deficit.

### Assam's nativist push fraught with grave consequences

Like his counterparts in UP and MP, Sarma has been allowing the use of bulldozers as a retaliatory measure.

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has been relentless in his drive against Muslims. The more he ramps up his rhetoric and his government enacts laws to protect the 'indigenous population' from what he calls various jihads, the more he remains in the spotlight.

His latest campaign is to make it mandatory for all adult applicants to provide their NRC (National Register of Citizens) application number while applying for the Aadhaar card from October 1. Sarma has already expressed concern about the number of Aadhaar card holders being more than the recorded population in at least four districts. The CM has mentioned that these districts have a Muslim majority, and he suspects that illegal migrants from Bangladesh may have procured fake Aadhaar cards.The issue of migration from Bangladesh has always defined Assam's political landscape, triggering one of the strongest and most successful students-led agitations in the 1970s. Sarma was also part of that agitation before he joined the Congress (he switched over to the BJP in 2015).

It is well documented how the NRC updating exercise in Assam in 2014 led to hundreds of arrests and incarceration in detention camps. More than 19 lakh applicants were left out of the 'complete draft' of the NRC, released in 2019. As many as 688 persons were thrown in the detention camps, where 28 have reportedly died. Most of them are Muslims. The whole NRC exercise was ridden with clerical errors that led to years of repression. However, the idea behind this massive effort was to 'cleanse' Assam of illegal Bangladeshis. The purpose was not achieved as only 321 were declared foreigners. Since then, the Chief Minister has taken it upon himself to rid the state of 'termites', a slur used by then BJP chief (and now Union Home Minister) Amit Shah in 2018 while referring to Bangladeshi migrants in Assam.The Sarma-led state government has been changing laws and enacting new ones. He has been saying things which can be reported as hate speech. In March this year, he candidly said, "Islamophobia is real for many Hindus." In a recent statement, he said he would take sides against the state's Miya community (including Bengali Muslims), while speaking about the sexual assault on a 14-year-old Assamese girl, allegedly by a Muslim man, Tafazul Islam. He projected the incident as an attack by Muslims on 'indigenous communities'. The accused later drowned in a pond while reportedly trying to flee when the police were reconstructing the scene of the crime.

Assam has a record of killings in police encounters. Earlier, Sarma had led a similar campaign against criminals and drug peddlers, most of whom he identified as Muslims. Since that time, landlords have been asking Muslim tenants in eastern Assam to immediately vacate



their premises. In less than a week, more than a hundred families have fled. Small groups of Assamese youth, reportedly moving across various districts, are issuing ultimatums to Bengali Muslims to leave within a week. Just like lynch mobs in other parts of the country, these groups have been created to intimidate Bengali Muslims, using violence if necessary. In Harvana and Uttar Pradesh, such mobs have been threatening a section of the Muslim community on the suspicion of smuggling/eating beef.It is not the anti-Bengali rhetoric of the 1970s that has been reawakened in Assam. The communal equation has since been reconfigured into a sharper polarisation between Hindus and Bengali Muslims (Assam's Muslims are perceived to be members of an affluent community who prefer to assert their Assamese identity). The old feud - the Brahmaputra valley versus the Barak valley (inhabited largely by Bengali Hindus and Muslims) - has also become much more strident.

Sarma plays to the nativist gallery — someone who would have preferred ousting all non-Assamese people from the state but has reconciled with forging alliances to target the common 'enemy'.

Under Sarma's regime, the target population remains the same during frequent eviction drives. Sarma seems to be in a hurry to compete with fellow BJP Chief Ministers in

## Acrimonious debate

Harris, Trump pull no punches



other states in his tirade against Muslims. Considering his steadfast support to the Hindus, it was inevitable that he got on the bandwagon of love jihad. In 2023, his government carried out a brutal crackdown on child marriages. Thousands of Muslim men were arrested and madrasas demolished. This ideology aligns with the BJP campaign theme that Muslim men marry Hindu girls to convert them to Islam.In August, the state passed the Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorces Bill, 2024, to replace the 1935 Act. Sarma has now promised to introduce a legislation to ban polygamy.In 2021, following some other states' example, he started a cow protection campaign. In January this year, a man in Karbi Anglong district was lynched on the suspicion of cattle smuggling. For the record, a huge number of Indian head of cattle are smuggled to Bangladesh every day, allegedly in collusion with law-enforcement agencies and local residents.Like his counterparts in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Sarma has been allowing the use of bulldozers as a retaliatory measure. He recently restarted the bulldozer exercise.Sarma is detemined to walk the talk on his jihad against Muslims, though he clarifies that his tirade is against the Miyas or Bengali Muslims. His desire to dominate the mainstream narrative is a cause for concern

> doing the first than the second. Harris is gaining ground, according to online prediction market Predictlt, but this is still a race too close to call. The candidates targeted one another over the Israel-Hamas war and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but neither offered any specific roadmap to bring both conflicts to an end. They also locked horns over abortion restrictions, again not so convincingly. The fact that debate moderators had to repeatedly inject fact-checks showed that both

In this upbeat scenario, the government has the leeway to cut prices of petroleum products like petrol, diesel and LPG to bring some relief to the common man. With several states going to the polls later this year, it would also be a pragmatic political move. A similar measure was taken in March prior to the General Election. Joe Biden. You are running against me.' The televised matchup began with a handshake, but the slender hope of cordiality evaporated quickly. Both pulled no punches as they rained insults and barbs on each other. The twin challenges for Harris were to erase the memory of Biden's debate fiasco, which had forced him to abandon his

THE US presidential debate between

Donald Trump and Kamala Harris was

largely about who did better. Did Harris

outperform Trump? Yes, she did, but

Trump was still better than what a jittery

Joe Biden was against him in their June

debate. And, of course, Harris was far,

far better than Biden. She did rub it in: 'It

is important to remind the former

President. You're not running against

presidency, and present herself as the best choice for

American voters. She succeeded to a greater extent in mo

nominees had no qualms about telling a lie here, a lie there. Trump's trump card was his question: Why has Harris, as Biden's deputy, not done in the past three-and-a-half years what she is promising now? This valid point caught her on a sticky wicket. Nevertheless, she managed to provoke Trump into making the preposterous claim that Haitian immigrants were eating dogs and cats of Ohio residents. This fight is only going to become

more fierce and bitter from here on.



The involvement of a Bedouin in violence against Israel might fly in the face of Tel Aviv's claims that the Bedouins living in the country have been victims of Hamas.

THE killing of three Israeli civilians near the Allenby (King Hussein) Bridge border crossing in the occupied West Bank on September 8 by Maher Ziab Hussein al-Jazi, a former Jordanian soldier, has added a new dimension to the Israel-Hamas war by directly involving Jordan in the conflict.

The Allenby Bridge was originally a World War I crossing point for the British forces from the East to the West Bank. It was named after Field Marshal Edmund Allenby, who had led the Palestine campaign. The recent incident has revealed different dimensions of the Israel-Jordan relationship in terms of security, diplomacy and trade.During the late 1980s, I was taken on a conducted tour of the Allenby Bridge, 5 km east of

Jericho city in the West Bank, for the showcasing of Israel's preventive security measures to track terrorists and drug traffickers crossing over from Jordan to Israel. We did not have diplomatic relations with Israel then. Apart from video tracking, the bridge had a facility to track border crossings on foot through a study of sand footprints by expert Bedouin trackers. I also met members of the Israel Defence Forces' (IDF) Bedouin Tracker Unit.According to the IDF, on September 8, Maher Ziab drove a truck from Jordan, "exited the truck and opened fire," killing three Israeli civilian employees. Why didn't the IDF, with their most modern, AI-driven mass facial-recognition tools like Red Wolf, Blue Wolf and Wolf Pack, detect him while he was on the Allenby Bridge? Also, the bridge is a high-security zone in



which all persons crossing get searched at least three times. That the Jordanian could travel with a weapon means that it is a serious security breach. The IDF had shot dead a Jordanian judge, Raed Zeiter, in 2014 on the bridge merely on the basis of suspicion, something that Israel had to publicly apologise for. Inquiries later revealed that Raed was going to his hometown, Nablus, in the West Bank. The killing had led to strong protests in Jordan and the West Bank. The Arab media had also reported that there were large-scale protests in Jordan after he was killed.Notably, Maher Ziab, who was shot dead by the IDF, belonged to the influential Huwaitat tribe among the Bedouins. He was a resident of the Husseiniya area in Jordan's southern Ma'an Governorate. Huwaitat traces its origin to Fatima,

daughter of the prophet Muhammad. Some of them were part of the historical 'Great Arab Revolt', described by Lawrence of Arabia in his 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom'. The involvement of a Bedouin in violence against Israel might fly in the face of Tel Aviv's claims that the Bedouins living within Israel have been victims of Hamas, as they were supporting the regime. It may be recalled that Kaid Farhan Elkadi, a Bedouin hostage who was found by the IDF in a Gaza tunnel on August 27, was given a rapturous welcome. However, in the wake of Elkadi's rescue, international media outlets that visited his village in Negev found strong resentment against the Benjamin Netanyahu regime.

Originally from Saudi Arabia, the Huwaitat had migrated to Jordan, Syria and Egypt (Sinai Peninsula), where they are found in large numbers. In 2020, Huwaitat leader Suleiman Mohammed al-Taqique al-

Hwaiti had started an agitation against a new Saudi project called Neom, a planned mega-city, that could result in the displacement of 20,000 Huwaitat tribe members. This resulted in violence and brutal suppression by Saudi Arabia. If the Huwaitat decide, they could open another front against Israel.

Diplomatically, Jordan — which has been highly critical of Netanyahu's handling of the Gaza war has a peace accord with Israel that was signed in 1994 by King Hussein and then Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the presence of US President Bill Clinton. Annexe III deals with the details of cooperation on crime. This is under strain, as revealed by the joint statement issued by Jordan, Qatar, Palestine and Kuwait on September 3 condemning PM

Netanyahu's accusations that weapons were being smuggled to the Hamas through the Egyptian border. West Asia observers now feel that Netanyahu's prolonged war in Gaza, aimed at keeping him in power, is going to affect Jordan adversely. David Hearst, Editor-in-Chief of the Middle East Eye, had observed on August 23 that Jordan's "balancing act is at risk of crashing down" with the latest Israeli intrusion into the West Bank, reviving the old Zionist policy to consider Jordan as the 'only Palestinian state', combined with Donald Trump's latest idea of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation. He has stated: "The crudest version of this plan entails direct threats to the Palestinian villages and towns of the occupied West Bank to leave or be burnt out by settlers."

At the same time, prominent US Democrats like Senator Chris Van Hollen have criticised President Joe Biden's policy on Israel on the ground that it violates American law. In March, Hollen said Netanyahu's actions in Gaza preventing US humanitarian aid had violated Section 620I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 — also known as the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act — and stated that no arms should have been given to Israel.

- Jonathan Steele, The Guardian's former foreign affairs correspondent, reminds us how the Secretary of State in President HW Bush's Cabinet, James Baker, had dealt with Netanyahu in 1989 by banning him from entering the US State Department. He says that Baker was furious with Netanyahu, who was then Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister under Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, for describing American policies as a 'distortion and lies'.
- Bush and Baker had refused US assistance of \$10 billion until Israel's illegal settlements in the West Bank and Jerusalem ended. Consequently, Shamir faced a defeat in the June 1992 elections.

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## **HOME & GARDEN**



It is always best to make maximum use of natural daylight with additional focus lighting on work tops.

#### Be safe and sound always

Safety is important in all offices - big or small, since there are a lot of people involved. If you have a large office with a considerable footfall every day then you need to extra careful about this. So, measures like emergency exits, automatic water sprays in case of fire accidents; fire extinguisher and alarms should be adopted in the designing stage of the building itself.

#### A hang-out zone is essential

Cafeterias, hang out spaces can be more informal and specifically created for the employees. If your office area is not spacious enough for a cafeteria, then a little kitchenette should be arranged for that has an electric kettle, a coffee dispenser, a microwave, a cold water dispenser etc. Potted plants, false or real, can be placed all around to make the area o o k appealing.

#### Go into the auto mode

days it is important to save as much These y as possible. Automation in terms energ motion sensors for lights and airconditioning etc in various zones leads to conservation of energy.

Points to keep in mind -Basic requirements: a computer workstation, an ergonomical ly correct desk chair, and both ambient and task lighting. -Flooring and walls should create an atmosphere of ease. -A potted plant here and there, should characterise the space. -There is always room for art and object d' arts. -Place photos on your desk to remind yourself of all the reasons you work so hard. -Windows should be draped with curtains or blinds. -Floors in offices should be no fuss - marble and wooden floors make a lot of sense. -Everything you need should be within comfortable arm's reach. -Finally, don't forget to

#### give your office a feeling of coziness. Anexample

Your office need not always be all too official, at all. Pritish Nandy's Nariman Point office has no stereotypes, no fixed patterns, and Pritish agrees with an enigmatic smile, "My inconsistency is my strength, it makes me who I am." One entire wall in his office has been dedicated to the family cutouts of articles that have been published on him and his family. The wall is adorned with articles and pictures. "I love this wall," smiles the man who is a synonym for the word multifaceted - writer, poet, painter, journalist, photographer, businessman. Nandy says, "I believe that a place of work should have an identity," and we have to agree on that - his definitely has a very strong one.

our office is the first thing that your clients and other people who come in to meet you will notice, and, trust us, the way your office is done up, can tell a lot about you. Just a casual look around your office can reveal the kind of person you are and also the kind of business you are into. A cold and uninviting office will project the image of a business difficult to relate to. An office that is too warm and friendly appearing, will probably tear down any resistance to do business that a client may have.

Some offices are so cold (we are not talking about the temperature here) that you just want to bolt from there at the first chance you get. There is such a lack of 'personality' in some offices that you are left wondering about the owners personality (and probably the lack of it!). For an office, starting from the entry point to the lobby, decorating must



be executed carefully. You have to keep in mind that you never really get a second chance to make a first impression. A

How your office looks can speak volumes about you. Here are a few ways to do it up

How you keep your

Office says a lot about



Since the prices for commercial real estate are not getting any cheaper, and because many companies pay for office space by the square foot, they're looking to maximise the space they can afford. Whether you're stuffed inside a tiny cubicle or in a home where a walk-in closet is the only available space to convert to an office, there are ways to deal with small work spaces and make them livable and workable. Lot of space-saving accessories for furniture systems and offices have been invented such as literature wall racks, wire rack shelving, copy holders that attach to the side of a computer monitor rather a copy stand that takes

up desk space, small drawer systems, and shelf accessories to hold small tools and supplies. Vertical space is important on shelves too. Adjustable shelves are great for using this wasted space, but you can also find accessories for fixed shelves that help accomplish the e goal.

#### Allow free movement

Separate workstations are the order of the day. If vou have a lot of employees working for you, then you have to consider this. Work spaces/ workstations need to be well spaced out, to allow free movement, provide privacy and give the office. Going modular is the idea

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This kind of ready-made furniture that can be installed within a matter of a few hours has made setting up of an office a lot easier. Modular furniture not only works best but it also saves space and gives

a very well-coordinated look. It can be customised to meet space, storage and colour scheme requirements of the organisation. Ergonomic chairs provide comfort for long use. Colour code it to get the

look In terms of colour schemes, furniture can be in neutral colours with one or two

comfortable, welcoming office says 'successful' and that attracts more clients!. Also, your employees will perform far better if given comfortable surroundings. You are welcome

The entrance to any office makes a huge impact. The reception and meeting areas have to reflect the philosophy and work ethics of the organisation in terms of design, graphics and colours. These are areas which will be most visible to clients and visitors. Make the best use of space

highlight (bright) colours in the upholstery, curtains, soft boards etc. The right light works best Proper lighting is directly proportionate to productivity in an office. Lights are extremely important in every office and you should not neglect good lighting! Well-lit places are always more inviting

and are a delight to work in. Overall

lighting needs to be adequately bright.



Grow a garden in your Apartment

Not many have the luxury of a lawn facing cottage or a bungalow with a private garden at the back. However, that should not be a reason to avert the idea of growing some greens in your humble little apartment. Surf through your home carefully - the window next to your kitchen

sink, the balcony, the corners of your living room, and the terrace serve to be ideal places for your urban garden.

For Mumbai based multidisciplinary design consultant, Shweta Kaushik, cacti and succulents make for ideal house

plants. "If you are looking for hassle free no nonsense green (if you have one), all of these within your household, cacti and succulents are your best option. They do not need to be watered that often as their natural tendency is to survive in harsh conditions. You can leave them out on your balcony or a window sill and pretty much forget about them until you remember you were trying to cultivate a green thumb. I

have personally grown some Aloe

We practically live in a box called apartment, such is the constraint of space in most big cities of the world. One look around and all you'll see are lofty cemented towers or dusty construction sites. Amidst the dust, grime and lifeless surroundings, it's good to crop up something 'green'.

Vera, and if you have the right conditions, it even blooms!" she says.

Another kind of container plant that features in her list of apartment greens is tropical palms. She says, "They are very easy to maintain and do not die on you unless you ignore them for too long. They come in a variety of sizes and will be easily available at your local nursery. They can grow up to 4 feet in height and look quite elegant when placed in the balcony."

Besides this, people with culinary inclinations can try growing herbs. "Herbs aren't difficult to maintain at all and the thought of plucking fresh leaves from your makeshift garden while cooking can be quite exciting," adds Shweta. 6 herbs you can grow in your apartment

Lemongrass: When you buy a stalk of lemongrass at your local market, pick a stem that has a firm base. Simply, trim the top of the herb and place it water. Don't submerge it; just ensure that the base is 2-3 inches deep in water. The stalk will start producing roots and news shoots in a few days.

Mint: Out of spearmint and peppermint, the latter is an easier option when it comes to growing herbs in an apartment because this herb has a tendency to grow like a weed. Spread the peppermint seeds in a small pot full of soil and keep it in the shade but near the sun.

Curry leaf: A flavoursome herb with beautiful aroma, curry leaves are found in most South Indian homes. Plant the sapling in a flower pot and support it with a stick as it will grow

vertically and would need some support. Make sure it gets enough sunlight and water it at least once a day. Parsley: Simply spread the seeds

the seeds to germinate. Parsley always. grows very slowly and it may take 2-3 weeks for the herb to grow fully. Place it in an

airy, shady corner. Rosemary Rosemary doesn't need to be watered frequently a n d therefore can be

easily maintai ned in an apartme nt. Out of the many varieties of the herb, it's wise to pick the one that grows upright, making it easier for you to care for it in compact spaces.

Indian Basil: Almost all Indian homes will have the Indian basil ( tulsi) in their homes. The herb requires very little care and grows well if placed near the windows. in a pot full of soil and wait for Ensure that the soil remains moist

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In a joint statement, Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch and husband Dhaval Buch rejected recent allegations of conflict of interest as "false, malicious, and defamatory."

NEW DELHI. Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch issued a joint statement on Friday, rejecting conflict of interest allegations levelled against them by the Congress party.

In a joint statement released on Friday, they described the recent accusations as "completely false, malicious, and defamatory."The statement outlined the consulting assignments of Dhaval Buch with companies like Mahindra & Mahindra, Pidilite, Dr. Reddy's, and Alvarez & Marsal. These contracts, they stated, were purely merit-based and occurred well before Madhabi Puri Buch took office as Sebi chairperson."It is unfortunate that questions have been raised regarding the consulting assignments of Dhaval Buch and the firms Agora Advisory in India and Agora Partners in Singapore. There seems to be an assumption that when a spouse of a senior government official is appointed as an advisor, it must be attributed to factors beyond professional merit. Such assumptions



overlook the strength of qualifications and expertise and reach conclusions that are most unfortunate," the statement read. Mahindra & Mahindra, which contributed to the majority of Agora Advisory's income, clarified in its own statement that Dhaval Buch was hired in 2019 for his expertise in supply chain management, long before Madhabi assumed her role at Sebi. Pidilite and Dr. Reddy's also echoed similar sentiments, dismissing any

notion of undue favoritism or conflict.

The Buchs also addressed allegations related to their rental income from a property leased to a Wockhardt associate, explaining that Madhabi Puri Buch had no involvement in any Sebi investigations regarding the company. They highlighted that the rental agreement was made under standard market terms and had been disclosed to Sebi since Madhabi Puri Buch's appointment in 2017.

All necessary disclosures have been made to Sebi in writing right from Madhabi's appointment as a Whole-

Time Member in 2017, including details about the property's market value and the rental income derived from it," they said."Making such baseless allegations reflects a clear disregard for the comprehensive legal framework and mechanisms that govern public institutions like Sebi and are motivated to mislead the public.

#### **Heavy rain predicted** for Delhi, UP as depression moves towards Uttarakhand

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NEW DELHI. More of rain this week. A red alert situation has been declared for Delhi, west Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand as a depression is moving towards the hill state.

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy rain would trigger landslides and cloudbursts in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, Flash flood alerts have been issued in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan on September 12 and 13. The IMD has also predicted widespread rains across north India this week.
- The depression, which was moving towards northwest from the Bay of Bengal for the past four days crossing Odisha, Chhattisgarh, north Madhya Pradesh, suddenly took a sharp turn towards northeast on the night of September 11. 'Due to the westerly winds at mid-level, the depression will recur in the northeast, leading to heavy to very heavy rain over west Uttar Pradesh, north Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and parts of Haryana on September 12," said Mahesh Palawat of Skymet, a private Indian company providing weather forecasting.

#### St Stephen's teachers urge college to allow students' admission as special case

NEW DELHI. Three days after the St. Stephen's College on Monday approached the Delhi High Court against a single judge's order of granting admission to seven students based on Delhi University's seat allocation system, the college teachers' association has requested the governing body to ensure that all these students be given an option of taking admission in college.

In a meeting held on Wednesday, the association requested the administration that the college



special case for this year while continuing the legal procedures/adminis trative

conversations with the University."The legal battle

involving the students whose admission allotment by Delhi University was turned down by St. Stephen's College...has caused a lot of difficulties and distress to the students ...," read the statement by one of the teachers present in the meeting.

Another concern highlighted by the association is that September 15 is the last date for completing admissions at Delhi University and time is running out.

#### Delhi HC to take up PIL on sewer overflow, water contamination

The petition, filed by NGO Social Jurist, criticises the authorities for failing failure to desilt major sewer lines, inadequate cleaning of branch sewers, and reduced manpower and machinery for sewer maintenance.

NEW DELHI. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed before the Delhi High Court, highlighting a year-long issue of sewer overflows in various areas of the capital, often leading to water contamination and the spread of waterborne diseases. It is set to be heard on Friday. The petition, filed by NGO Social Jurist, criticises the authorities for failing failure to desilt major sewer lines, inadequate cleaning of branch sewers, reduced manpower and machinery for sewer maintenance, and outdated sewer systems that need urgent replacement. It attributes the delays to internal disputes within the Delhi government.

'The authorities' failure to address this severe sewer overflow problem due to internal conflicts has resulted in significant health risks for the public, violating the fundamental rights of Delhi residents under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution," stated the petition, which was filed by advocates Ashok Agarwal and Kumar Utkarsh.

According to the petitioners, the NGO had previously raised the issue with the authorities and received a response from the Delhi Water Minister Atishi, attributing the problem to an artificial financial crisis

## Delhi HC halts final order on charges in 2020 riots case amid plea for evidence access

The order came in response to a plea by Devangana Kalita, one of the accused, seeking access to certain videos and WhatsApp chats that she believes could help prove her innocence in cases linked to the riots.

NEW DELHI. The Delhi High Court on Thursday directed the trial court not to issue a final order on framing charges in the alleged larger conspiracy behind the 2020 northeast Delhi riots till September 23.

The order came in response to a plea by Devangana Kalita, one of the accused, seeking access to certain videos and WhatsApp chats that she believes could help prove her innocence in cases linked to the riots, including charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

'The video would exonerate me, showing that from February 22 to 26, 2020, we were engaged in peaceful protests. Selective screen grabs are being used against me, but the complete footage is exculpatory and



should be provided," Kalita's lawyer argued.Besides the video footage, Kalita has requested the entire WhatsApp chat from a group, portions of which have allegedly been selectively used to support the case Her legal team maintains that withholding these materials violates her rights under Section 207 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), which mandates the supply of related and unrelated documents to the defence. The Delhi Police, however, contested the maintainability of Kalita's plea, arguing that her petitions for accessing these documents were not valid

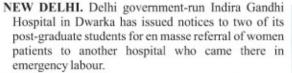
Justice Neena Krishna,

while acknowledging both sides' submissions, ruled that although the trial court could continue hearing arguments on the framing of charges, no final order should be passed till September 23.

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and bureaucratic gridlock created by the Finance Department, which has stalled efforts to resolve the situation."...since January 2023, a situation of artificial fund crunch has been created in the DJB due to non-release of budget on one pretext or the other, by the Finance Department of GNCTD. In fact, Rs 2,802 crores remained unreleased to DJB even at the end of FY 2023-24, even though the DJB had more than Rs 700 crores of pending financial liabilities," the plea stated. The PIL seeks an order directing the Finance Department to release sufficient funds and provide the necessary approvals to enable the DJB to take corrective measures.

#### Gym owner shot dead by bikers in South Delhi's **Greater Kailash**



The move came after a complaint raised by Dada Dev Hospital where these patients were referred, leading to an "embarrassing situation" for Indira Gandhi Hospital.

However, the trainees said the decision was made since the hospital lacked emergency labour room and blood bank to deal with such patients.

"It has come to the notice of the undersigned that on 07.09.2024 at around 3:30 PM, about six patients were referred to Dada Dev Hospital en mass. Administration of Dada Dev Hospital has taken strong exception of the said incidence and raised complaints on several levels leading to embarrassing situation for the Hospital as well as the Department," the hospital's notice to the trainees read.Upon enquiry from the



Delhi govt-run hospital turns away women in labour

Specialist on call, she submitted that she was not informed about the said referrals. You are hereby directed to submit in writing for doing so and why no disciplinary proceeding should be initiated against you," the notice further read.

Responding to it, the trainees said the referrals were made as no senior resident doctor was on duty and in accordance with the precedence set by the parent department (Obstetrics & Gynaecology).

It has been verbally communicated and established as a SOP within the department for the past few months that patients in low-risk early labor should be referred to Dada Dev Hospital after 1:00 PM on Saturdays due to the non-availability of emergency OT services.

After careful consultation with the patients and their relatives, referrals were made in compliance with these verbal instructions to ensure that the patients receive timely care as per the established practice," the response from the trainees read.

A resident doctor working at the hospital said the administration is making the trainees scapegoats to hide the lack of essential facilities. Despite attempts, no response was received from the hospital.



- NEW DELHI. A 35-year-old man was shot dead by two bike borne assailants in south Delhi's Greater Kailash area on Thursday night, officials said.
- Deputy Commissioner of Police (south) Ankit Chauhan said that an information was received regarding firing at GK 1, adding one person was injured and taken to the Max Hospital. The police personnel on reaching the spot found some bullet projectiles and empty cartridges.
- On enquiry, it was found that Nadir Shah, a resident of CR Park, had suffered bullet injuries, police said."The attackers came on a two wheeler, fired on him and ran away. He was immediately rushed to the hospital by his friends but was declared brought dead," Chauhan said. Shah used to a run a gym here on a partnership basis. The investigations are on from all possible angles, he added.
- The police has also not ruled out the possibility of gang war.

## Delhi HC directs CBI to probe waterlogging causes in UPSC Aspirants' deaths

The court raised concerns about the building's safety violations, with the counsel for one of the victim's families urging the rejection of bail.

NEW DELHI. While hearing the bail pleas of four co-owners of a basement accused in the deaths of three UPSC aspirants in Old Rajinder Nagar on July 27, the Delhi High Court on Thursday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate and report on the cause of the severe waterlogging on that day, and whether it was solely due to heavy rainfall or other contributing factors.



Was it merely the rain, or was there something else that led to such intense flooding?" Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma asked the CBI. The court has sought a detailed report from the CBI regarding the intensity of the rain, the installation of gates allegedly meant to block water at the entrance of the coaching center, and the overall cause of waterlogging.During

the hearing, the defense counsel, representing the four accused, Parvinder, Tajinder, Harvinder, and Sarbjit Singh, all brothers, argued, "I have been in custody long enough. At this stage, I only seek liberty and prepared to face trial."The CBI opposed the bail, noting that the investigation is still in its early stages and citing concerns that witnesses may be

influenced if the accused are released. The agency informed the court that a chargesheet would be filed within 10 days. The CBI also stated that 35-40 students were in the basement when the flooding occurred, with water rising in a manner reminiscent of a "dam failure" after the gates collapsed. Rainfall records showed 58 mm of rain on the day of the incident, the probe agency said.

- The court raised concerns about the building's safety violations, with the counsel for one of the victim's families urging the rejection of bail.
- In response, the defence suggested that their father would contribute to compensation for the victims' families, following similar gestures made by other coaching centers.
- While highlighting the non-functional stormwater drain system as a significant cause of the flooding, the defense claimed that the responsibility could not solely rest on the co-owners.

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## **HOME & GARDEN**

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## Plan for a perfect



Do you love having house guests over? When you start to plan your guest room, think about what you expect to find in a five-star hotel room, and try to make your room measure up to that standard. Your budget may not be enough to let you create a getaway oasis, but you can arrange what's necessary, and provide a

quiet place to relax. In a guest room, less is more - more space is more welcoming. Keep only the most useful items in the room, like a clock and calendar. Provide paper, pens, tissue and a hair dryer. If you don't have an extra iron and ironing board to offer, be sure to tell your

guest where they can find

guest room

#### yours. A phone in the room blankets, and freshly ironed will be a much appreciated pillowcases. Always have bonus. If your guests will an extra set of bed and bath linen available for your be going around town without you, they'll guests. Clear a space to put a luggage rack or a small appreciate area maps, table or bench to set down a brochures on the hot spots, and directions to your suitcase. Clear some space in the closet or purchase an

inexpensive hook that can If you can't afford a new bed, think about getting a accommodate some quality air mattress. hanging clothes. Place an upholstered They're quite comfortable armchair or side chair in the and can be placed on top of room with a table and lamp a box spring, over a sofa bed mattress. Beyond clean close by. A TV in the guest bedding, think about room would also be much adding good bed linen, a appreciated. choice of pillows, extra



home.

## Maintain your personal spa at home



Want your personality to reflect in your house? Getting right furniture is the answer. Gautami Deshmukh finds out more

When you want your personality to reflect in your house, there's nothing more effective than choosing the right and modern trends in the furniture world. The furniture that you choose for your home should be as comfortable as possible in order to make your living space an enjoyable and attractive place. One of the best ways to find quality furniture is to follow the modern trends in the industry. There are a variety of different elements that are being explored in the furniture industry, many of which are rising quickly in popularity. The following are just a few modern furniture trends that are sweeping not only the nation, but the whole world.

#### Eco friendly furniture

These days people make efforts to contribute their bit for the environmental welfare than ever before. As a result, various furniture manufacturers have focused on creating green, eco-friendly furniture in order to meet public demand. This furniture is often made out of sustainable materials, and is typically thought to be better for the environment than more traditional furniture. The downside to this trend in furniture is that the materials that are used are often very expensive in price, forcing manufacturers to raise their prices beyond what many people would consider to be fair. Still, those who do not need to worry about sticking to a budget can find a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction in outfitting their homes with ecofriendly furniture. Modern minimalist furniture

#### One of the most effective and popular aspects of modern furniture design is what many people consider to be minimalist. Minimalist furniture

Get your furniture right

usually employs simple, sleek design, and is not always meant to attract attention to it. This type of furniture tends to be solid in colour and crafted from hard materials such as plastic and other composites. Minimalist furniture tends to be quite expensive, which is sometimes due more to the fact that it is rather en vogue than the actual cost of manufacturing the furniture. But for those who are looking for a way to add a radical edge to their dwelling space,

minimalist furniture can be highly effective.

#### Modular furniture

Space-age furniture design seems to come and go throughout time in the furniture industry, and is currently enjoying somewhat of a renaissance.

One of the mos

obvious representations of this is the popularity of modular furniture. Modular furniture allows you to customise your living space quickly and easily so that you can change the way the space looks and feels on a regular basis. Many people enjoy the flexibility that modular furniture provides, although it's true that this type of furniture can be rather

high in price. The best way to find modular furniture without paying too much for it is to shop at a local furnitur e retailer that has been in ness for

many years and has a good reputation in the ommunity.

But who says that you need to dole out huge amounts of money or visit an expensive spa to relax your soul? Get together a hot tub, aromatherapy scent, wine, candles, flower petals and some romantic music and you are set to treat your body to a home spa. To add that zing, don't forget a nice towel and a sexy bath robe. If you have a partner, then a hot tub can be the most inviting place to add on to your romance as there's nothing cozier than giving him/her an ultimate home spa experience. To add to the feel, play some romantic and soulful music and revive the flame of romance.

But if you are alone, then worry not. Make

your home sparkle with the brilliance of cozy dim lights of candles. Once your bath is ready, play some jazz, or Sufi or any soft music and create the ultimate altar for relaxation.

For a home spa, essential oils play a very important role in soothing you. This season, oils like jasmine, rose, neroli, ylang ylang,

sandalwood, patchouli and vetiver are the 'hot' favourites. Mukesh Gupta, owner of a spa, says, "This is the spring summer time and the time for vetivar. While you soak in a milk and honey bath, burn chandan and rose, and get a cooling effect that will act as a fuel for your tired body. There's nothing better than beating the heat with something cool." Anurag Kedia, director of another spa, votes for alo vera gel, lime, melon and mint.

So this summer, just place a basket of towels near you, prepare a hot tub, soak your tired body into it and get ready to pamper yourself, within the snugness of your home.

## Grow vegetables in your apartment



Gardens can grow on a balcony, along a fence, or even in containers in an apartment window. With a little bit of research and creativity, you can enjoy fresh herbs and vegetables even in your own high-rise building.

We talk to Mullaivan, founder of an organisation that donates free saplings to people.

Deciding on what to grow: If you stay in an apartment, you will not have the freedom to grow a full-fledged kitchen garden, but you can grow certain veggies in smaller areas. You can grow vegetables like brinjal, tomato, spring onion, radish and capsicum, salad greens like cucumber and lettuce leaf and essential herbs like coriander, mint, curry leaf, green chilly etc. But, it will be difficult to grow onions and potatoes.

Selecting containers: You need to consider two factors while selecting containers - the vegetable you want to grow and the space available. Plants like curry leaf or chilly will require a much smaller pot, as compared to vegetables like cucumber and capsicum, which will require a bigger

- Window boxes are ideal for flats as they look attractive and

are convenient. - Stone pots or terracotta pots allow plants to breathe freely, but are difficult to shift.

- Wooden containers shield plants from heat but they might give out a foul smell. - Place plastic saucers under the pot as this will prevent water and soil spillage. - You can also use old buckets and wire baskets for hanging smaller plants. -Try to avoid using containers with a small opening. - Make drain holes in all the pots.

Seeds: Seedlings are easily available in various nurseries and should be planted carefully, without harming the tender roots. Even seeds from tomatoes or bitter gourd can be used. Soil: It is the most important thing to be considered. Soil should be light, disease-free and have the capacity to hold



With the congestion of urban city life, vegetable gardens for apartment dwellers seem like an impossible prospect. However, the concept of kitchen gardens is picking up in India, as more people staying in apartments want their own home-grown vegetables.

moisture. Organic manure or compost can make for wonderful growing medium. You can add organic kitchen waste to it.

Watering: Plants need constant moisture, with most plants requiring daily watering. But excessive watering is not good either and may lead to diseases.

Fertilisers: Most chemical fertilisers are easily available in the market but liquid organic fertilisers are the best option. Another option would be to water the plants with a solution made with neem leaves or flowers.

Insects and diseases: Regular checks on the plants is a must. 'Companion gardening' is the best bet to keep insects away. For example, planting garlic between tomatoes will keep pests away.

#### Five quick tips:

1. The months of April, May and June are considered the best for planting new saplings. 2. As far as possible, avoid planting trees on the terrace, as the overexposure to sunlight might hamper growth. 3. Water the plants twice a day and keep the soil moist. 4. Plants should ideally be kept in a place where there is moderate sunlight; enough for them to perform photosynthesis. 5. Finally, the growth of the plant completely depends on the type of seeds you use, hence, select a high-quality seed.



## BUSINESS

#### Sensex, Nifty near record highs; Bajaj twins gain

New Delhi. Benchmark stock market indices opened Friday's trading session on a negative note after ending the previous session with strong gains. The S&P BSE Sensex fell 134.05 points to 82,828.66 at 10:28 am, while the NSE Nifty50 fell 44.30 points to 25,344.60.However, other broader market indices were mixed, with smallcap and midcap stocks registering gains.Metal and realty stocks were among the top performers, while banking and financial shares fell. The top five gainers on the Nifty50 were Wipro, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Steel and Grasim.On the other hand, the top losers were SBI Life, ITC, Asian Paints, Divi's Lab and Adani Ports.

- Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Yesterday's sharp up move which saw the Nifty spurt by 1.9% was a purely technical move triggered by short covering on the expiry day. It is important to understand that the 400 point rally in the Nifty happened after 2pm.""Call writers trapped by the unexpected up move resorted to frenzied covering, pushing up prices sharply. Since the bears were badly mauled, the market is in bull grip now. The situation can change in a few days," he noted.
- Fundamentally strong largecaps like Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, ITC, HCL Tech, Infosys and TCS have the potential to take the market forward. But higher levels can attract selling by DIIs and profit booking by individual investors."

#### Moneyview turns unicorn, buys start-up Jify

BENGALURU. Financial services platform Moneyview has turned unicorn and the valuation assessment (of over USD 1 billion) is part of a share swap acquisition. Moneyview said this is not an independent fundraiser.Bengaluru-headquartered financial services company on Thursday announced the acquisition of Jify.co, a platform that enables employees to access their earnings on demand.Jify.co services over 250 blue-chip corporates with millions of employees, and the acquisition involved a share swap whereby Accel and Nexus, the existing investors of Jify, were allotted shares of Moneyview.

This acquisition is set to strengthen Moneyview's comprehensive suite of financial services while enabling Jify to scale its offerings to a wider network of employees and organisations, the company said.

The acquisition also marks a milestone in Moneyview's ongoing expansion into a diverse range of financial products ranging from credit to savings & investment products.Puneet Agarwal, Co-founder & CEO of Moneyview said, "We are committed to providing solutions that empower Indians not only to access personal finance but also to manage their income and investments more effectively. We are eager to use this collaboration as a way to strengthen and grow the strong customer base that Jify caters to and take it to new heights."As we move ahead, we will continue to bring more such solutions that will enable our current and prospective users to manage all their financial needs under one roof, he added.

Founded by Puneet Agarwal and Sanjay Aggarwal in 2014, Moneyview is backed by investors like Apis Partners, Tiger Global, Accel Partners, and Ribbit, among others.

#### Only 10% of India's 1.5 **Million Engineering** Graduates Set to Secure Jobs This Year: Report

# SpiceJet shares surge 9%: What's fuelling the rally and will it continue

#### SpiceJet share price: Despite regulatory challenges, the airline's shares have surged recently. Will the rally hold

New Delhi. Shares of SpiceJet Ltd climbed nearly 9% in early trade today, continuing their upward trend for the second consecutive session.At 12:23 am, shares of the low-cost airline were trading 8.85% higher at Rs 72.22. The stock is up nearly 15% in just two sessions. It is worth noting that the rally came after the budget carrier announced a significant debt restructuring deal with Carlyle Aviation Partners, the commercial aviation investment and servicing arm of Carlyle Group.As part of the agreement, Carlyle will write off \$40.2 million of SpiceJet's lease arrears and convert an additional \$30 million of arrears into equity. This equity conversion will be done at Rs 100

per share, significantly boosting Carlyle's stake in the airline.SpiceJet, which has been grappling with financial challenges for over a year, said the debt conversion would ease its liquidity situation. The airline has faced difficulties in fully restoring operations despite multiple fundraising efforts. Carlyle's decision to convert its dues into equity and debentures is critical to stabilising the carrier's financial position.

The conversion will significantly increase Carlyle Aviation's stake in the carrier," SpiceJet said in a statement, highlighting the potential for a more stable shareholder base moving forward. The airline is also raising funds through a qualified institutional placement (QIP) route, which could further bolster its financial footing.However, SpiceJet's stock surge comes amid heightened regulatory



scrutiny. Late last month, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) placed the airline under enhanced surveillance following an audit that revealed "certain deficiencies." This added to the concerns about SpiceJet's ongoing operational and financial hurdles.While the recent developments have sparked optimism, analysts remain cautious. Kranthi Bathini, Director of Equity Strategy at

WealthMills Securities, told Business Today that the airline is not entirely out of the woods yet."SpiceJet was in a downtrend for the past six months. Growing domestic traffic and stable crude prices have given aviation companies an edge. But SpiceJet is still facing severe cash crunch and losing market share," said Bathini.

He also advised that only investors with a high-risk appetite should consider entering this stock. "Existing investors

can hold on to the stock," he added. From a technical standpoint, analysts see key levels to watch for the stock. AR Ramachandran, a Sebi-registered research analyst, said, "SpiceJet stock is bullish on daily charts with strong support at Rs 66. A daily close above the resistance of Rs 73 could lead to a target of Rs 81 in the near term."

## Western Carriers IPO opens for bidding: Should you subscribe or skip

New Delhi The initial public offering "The IPO's valuation is considered (IPO) of Western Carriers (India) Limited opened for subscription on Friday, September 13, 2024.Western Carriers IPO is a book-built issue looking to raise to Rs 492.88 crore. It consists of a fresh issue of 2.33 crore shares, amounting to Rs 400 crore, along with an offer for sale of 54 lakh

shares, which totals Rs 92.88 crore. Western Carriers (India) Limited has allocated 85,96,743 equity shares to 15 anchor investors, raising Rs 148 crore before its proposed IPO. This was done at the upper price band of Rs 172 per equity share (including a premium of Rs 167 per share) with a face value of Rs 5 per share. The public offering will be open until Wednesday, September 18, 2024. The price band for the IPO is set at Rs 163-172 per share, and minimum application lot size is set at 87 shares, with retail investors needing to invest at least Rs 14,964. Should you subscribe?

reasonable. The company faces a long payment cycle and is exposed to several operational risks. Given the company's



financial challenges and limited market interest, a "may apply" rating is recommended for long-term investors with a high-risk tolerance," said Swastika Investmart.The IPO brokerage recommendations for Western Carriers (India) Ltd show a generally positive sentiment.

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Ford Motor to Make Re-Entry in India, Plans

to Restart Chennai Manufacturing Plant

available in Tamil Nadu to serve new

global markets," Ford International

**NEW DELHI.** US automaker Ford leverage the manufacturing expertise

Securities, Canara Bank Securities, K R Choksey, BP Equities, and Ventura Securities - all recommend subscribing to the IPO. Canara Bank Securities specifically notes their recommendation is "For Listing Gains".Latest Grey Market Premium (GMP) for Western Carriers IPO The most recent Grey Market Premium

(GMP) for the Western Carriers (India) IPO is Rs 0, as of September 13, 2024, at 10:59 AM.

With a price band set at Rs 172, the estimated listing price of the Western Carriers (India) IPO is Rs 172, which includes the cap price and the current GMP. This implies an anticipated gain or loss of 0% per share. The allocation for the Western Carriers (India) IPO is anticipated to be completed by Thursday, September 19, 2024. The company's shares are set to debut on the BSE and NSE, with the provisional listing date scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2024.

#### **Three Indian companies** commit USD 16.65 million in investments in Bahrain

BENGALURU: Indian companies are showing more interest in investing in Bahrain, particularly in healthcare, manufacturing, and technology sectors. This year, Bahrain is expected to receive over USD 50 million in investments just for its healthcare sector.

Additionally, the country will also receive an investment from a company in Chennai that is into manufacturing electronic equipment. "When it comes to IT, we are seeing incredible growth and it is one of the fastest growing sectors," said Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, Chief Executive of Bahrain EDB.Led by the minister, Team Bahrain is on a tour across India showcasing the country's investment opportunities.

At the Bengaluru event on Thursday, the minister said Bahrain has secured investment commitments of about USD 16.65 million from three companies excluding projected investments in the healthcare sector and a Chennai-based manufacturing company.

Among the Indian companies that are investing, Chemco has planned its third expansion in Bahrain since it first announced its plans to set up its factory in Bahrain in 2013. Bhageria Industries is investing in Bahrain with plans to develop an 11.40 MW solar project. The third company, an ICT firm, is setting up its regional headquarters in Bahrain.In the ICT sector, companies such as Tech Mahindra and TCS have invested in the country. For Bahrain, India is the sixth largest

- New Delhi Employability among engineering graduates stands at over 60 per cent, with only 45 per cent meeting industry standards. Furthermore, a mere 10 per cent of the 1.5 million engineers expected to graduate this fiscal year are anticipated to secure employment, according to a TeamLease report. The major reason, it said, is the skills gap among engineering graduates.
- 'Engineering has long been a cornerstone of India's development, emerging as one of the most preferred career choices, shaping the nation's innovation, infrastructure, and progress. As we celebrate National Engineering Day, honoring the critical contributions of engineers in driving the country's growth, India proudly stands as a leader in producing engineering talent, with nearly 1.5 engineers



graduating annually. However, despite this impressive output, the employability of our engineering graduates remains a significant challenge," said the report by TeamLease Degree Apprenticeship.t said the growing skills gap among engineering graduates emphasises the need for a more comprehensive approach to workforce readiness. Integrating practical, hands-on training with academic knowledge will better align engineering talent with industry demands.

Recent statistics indicate that employability among engineering graduates stands over 60%, with only 45% meeting industry standards. Furthermore, a mere 10% of the 1.5 million engineers expected to graduate this fiscal year are anticipated to secure employment. These statistics highlight a significant disparity in the preparedness of engineering graduates to fulfill industry demands. The diminishing rate of placements can be attributed to the evolving job landscape propelled by rapid technological advancements, emphasising the pressing need for a stronger focus on enhancing employability through skill development, TeamLease Degree Apprenticeship said.

Tamil Nadu and has intimated the same to the Tamil Nadu government. The company exited India in 2021.

Motor on Friday said it plans to restart

its manufacturing plant for exports in

The announcement of re-entry in India follows a meeting between Ford leadership and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin as part of his visit to the United States, Ford said in a statement. According to a livemint report, Ford is in talks with JSW to restart operations in India.

Ford Motor, which in 2021 had said that it would stop manufacturing vehicles in India, has submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Tamil Nadu government, confirming its intention to utilise the Chennai plant for manufacturing for exports."This step aims to underscore our ongoing commitment to India as we intend to



Markets Group President Kay Hart said.Ford said the strategic move will see the facility repurposed to focus on manufacturing for export to global markets, as part of the company's ambitious 'Ford+ growth plan'.

It, however, said further information about the type of manufacturing and other details will be disclosed in due

operations. The company currently employs 12,000 individuals in Global Business Operations in Tamil Nadu, a number expected to grow by 2,500 to 3,000 jobs within the next three years, it added."Combined with the engine manufacturing operations in Sanand, India represents Ford's second-largest salaried workforce worldwide," the company said.

course.Ford said its latest

announcement reaffirms the

company's commitment to India as a

critical market for its global

In September 2021, after nearly three decades of struggling to make a mark in India, Ford Motor Co had announced that it would stop vehicle production at its two plants in the country and will sell only imported vehicles going ahead, as part of a restructuring exercise.

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Talking about investment opportunities, Ali Al Mudaifa, Chief of Business Development, Bahrain EDB, said, FDI inward stocks from India increased from USD 1.11 billion in 2019 to USD 1.52 billion in 2023. India's FDI stock in Bahrain has grown by 36.6 per cent between 2019 and 2023, adding an average of USD 102 million annually. According to the ministry of commerce and industry, GoI, data India's export to Bahrain in 2022-23 stood at USD 965.25 million and its imports stood at USD 1,014.50 million.

Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif added, "This cumulative investment reflects the strength and competitiveness of Bahrain's valueproposition and fast-growing reputation as a key regional hub for leading manufacturing and niche technology firms seeking a trusted international destination for expansion."

# Adani Group shares drop after Hindenburg's fresh allegations

#### Hindenburg Research claimed that Swiss authorities had frozen over \$310 million across several Swiss bank accounts.

New Delhi The stock market has its ups and downs, and this time, it's the Adani Group under the spotlight again. Just when investors thought things were settling down, Hindenburg Research dropped another bombshell, levelling fresh allegations, sending Adani stocks Swiss media outlets reported that the into a tumble.

Adani Group shares fell by up to 2% in early trading on Friday after Hindenburg Research claimed that Swiss authorities had frozen over \$310 million across several Swiss bank accounts. These funds are reportedly linked to allegations of money laundering and securities forgery involving the Adani Group.New Delhi

Television (NDTV) showed a slight gain of 1%, while ACC was flat but had a positive outlook. However, Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, Adani Green Energy, Adani Total Gas, Adani Wilmar, Adani Energy, and Ambuja Cements saw declines ranging between 0.37% and 2%.

The new allegations follow a post made by Hindenburg on X (formerly

Twitter) on Thursday. The shortseller claimed that an investigation dating back to 2021 has uncovered questionable financial dealings involving offshore entities connected to the Adani Group.

Geneva Public Prosecutor's Office had been looking into these allegations well before Hindenburg's first set of accusations in 2023.Gotham City, a Swiss media outlet, said, "More than \$310 million belonging to an alleged front-man for billionaire Gautam Adani is sequestered in five Swiss banks. The Office of the Attorney General of



Switzerland (OAG) took over the investigation after the case was revealed in the press."This latest report comes just as the earlier controversy surrounding the Adani-Hindenburg case seemed to be fading. Earlier in 2023, Hindenburg had accused the Adani Group of using tax havens to avoid market regulations, a claim the group denied.

The most recent allegations also suggest that Madhabi Puri Buch, chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), and her husband Dhaval Buch, may have invested in an offshore

fund linked to the Adani Group. These claims have only added fuel to the ongoing debate. The Adani-Hindenburg conflict began in January 2023 when Hindenburg Research first accused the Adani Group of financial misconduct. The Indian conglomerate has consistently rejected these claims, describing them as 'baseless.' Despite these denials, the controversy continues to affect both the market and the group's

reputation.In response to the latest accusations, the Adani Group has declined the claims by Hindenburg, saying that its overseas holding structure is transparent, fully compliant with legal requirements, and disclosed in accordance with all relevant regulations.

They further clarified that they are not involved in any Swiss court proceedings, adding that their companies are not mentioned in any court documents nor have they received requests for clarification

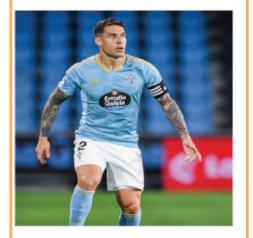
## SPORTS

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#### NEWS BOX La Liga: Former Celta Vigo captain Hugo Mallo found guilty of sexual assault

New Delhi Former Celta Vigo captain Hugo Mallo was found guilty of sexual assault on September 12 for a case dating back to 2019. The verdict was delivered by a Barcelona court, which ruled that Mallo, who currently plays for Greek club Aris, had sexually assaulted a woman working as the team mascot for LaLiga club Espanyol before a match in 2019.

The incident occurred when the players lined up to shake hands before the match, during which Mallo assaulted the woman who was dressed in Espanyol's parakeet mascot costume. The court's ruling not only found Mallo guilty of the charges but also directed him to cover all legal costs associated with the trial from his own pocket.Following the court's decision, the 33-year-old footballer issued an official statement denying any wrongdoing and announced his intention to appeal the verdict. Mallo's conviction has sent shockwaves through the football community, especially given his longstanding career at Celta Vigo, where he



served as captain before transferring to Aris. The La Liga club is yet to give out any statement on the matter. The case has drawn significant attention due to the nature of the allegations and the involvement of a high-profile athlete. The court's ruling underscores the seriousness with which such accusations are treated, even in the world of professional sports. Mallo's appeal process is expected to be closely monitored as it unfolds in the coming months. The incident highlights ongoing concerns about the behavior of athletes both on and off the field, and it serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining professional conduct in all interactions.

#### AFG v NZ: Greater Noida rain forces 1st abandoned Test in 26 years, 8th in history

## **Carlos Alcaraz set to face Ben Shelton in Madison Square exhibition clash**

Carlos Alcaraz headlines the starstudded Garden Cup at Madison Square Garden in December, facing Ben Shelton. With top players like Jessica Pegula and Emma Navarro, the event marks tennis' return to the iconic venue since 2018.

New Delhi Wimbledon 2024 and Roland Garros champion Carlos Alcaraz has been invited to participate in an exhibition match at Madison Square Garden in December, where he will face American star Ben Shelton. The event, known as the Garden Cup, will mark the first tennis event at Madison Square Garden since 2018 and will feature a star-studded lineup, including US Open runners-up Jessica Pegula and Emma Navarro.World No. 3, Alcaraz, has had an exceptional start to 2024, securing titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon. However, he encountered challenges later in the season, losing the Paris Olympics gold medal match to Novak Djokovic, followed



by early exits from the Cincinnati Masters and the US Open. Currently, Alcaraz is competing in the Davis Cup for Spain to regain his winning momentum and has already begun his campaign with a significant victory.Shelton, who had a Jessica Pegula and Emma Navarro, who are promising run at the US Open, saw his also set to compete in the Garden Cup, had

journey come to an end in a thrilling five-set battle against Frances Tiafoe in the third round. Despite the loss, Shelton's performance has solidified his reputation as a rising star in the tennis world.

## Mbappe and PSG set for likely court battle after club refuses to clear wages

New Delhi. Kylian Mbappé and Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) are poised for a legal showdown after the Ligue 1 club refused to settle unpaid wages owed to the French star. Mbappé, who recently completed a high-profile free transfer to Real Madrid, has accused PSG of withholding two months' salary and a third of the loyalty bonus he was entitled to after spending seven years with the club.The dispute has escalated quickly, with Mbappé filing a formal complaint to the French Commission, urging them to intervene. On Wednesday, representatives from both Mbappé and

PSG met in Paris to discuss the matter, but the meeting ended in a stalemate. PSG, in a surprising move, denied Mbappé's claim and announced its intent to take further legal action if the player does not agree to a settlement."As a matter of law and fact, the player has made clear, repeated public and private commitments that must be respected,



having been afforded unprecedented benefits by the club over seven years in Paris," PSG told Reuters."The club looks forward to these being upheld in the proper forum, if the player seeks to pursue this incomprehensibly reputationally damaging matter further, in due course," PSG addedPSG's decision is reportedly rooted in the fact that Mbappé received numerous

benefits during his tenure with the club, which they believe justifies their stance. The club issued a statement explaining their position, emphasizing that their decision was based on what they consider a fair balance of the player's overall compensation package.Mbappé's move to Real Madrid on a free transfer is widely regarded as one of the most significant deals in football history, given his status as a 2018 FIFA World Cup winner and one of the sport's brightest stars. However, his departure from PSG, a club where

he rose to global fame, has been marred by this financial dispute, leaving a bitter aftertaste to an otherwise illustrious chapter in his career.As the situation unfolds, the football world watches closely, as this legal battle between a global superstar and one of Europe's biggest clubs is likely to set significant precedents in the sport.

remarkable showings at the US Open. Pegula reached her first Grand Slam final before falling to Aryna Sabalenka, while Navarro defeated defending champion Coco Gauff in the fourth round, eventually reaching the semifinals, where she too was defeated by Sabalenka.

#### 'Played like performers not participants': PM Modi praises **Paralympics** stars

New Delhi Prime Minister Narendra Modi heaped praise on India's Paralympic athletes, celebrating their remarkable achievements at the Paris Paralympics and emphasizing the shift in India's mentality toward competing to win, rather than just participating. During a meeting at his residence in New Delhi on September 12, PM Modi praised the paraathletes for instilling a winning attitude in the country's athletic setup, crediting their inspiring journeys for transforming the nation's approach to international competition.India's para-athletes had an exceptional campaign at the Paris Paralympics, securing 29 medals-seven golds, nine silvers, and 13 bronzes-an impressive improvement over their previous best tally of 19 medals at the Tokyo 2021 Paralympics. The historic performance saw India finish 18th in the overall medal table, establishing the country as a rising force in para-sports."All of you have not only won medals, but have also changed the mindset...Nowadays, medals at the Games



## Usman Khawaja picks Travis Head as Australia's opener for Border Gavaskar series

New Delhi Australia's Test opener Usman Khawaja picked Travis Head as his opening 56.97. Steve Smith has played four Tests as an opener in 2024 -- two against the West Indies and two against New Zealand -- and partner for the upcoming Border Gavaskar has managed just one fifty-plus score."With Trophy series. With David Warner's retirement from international cricket, who Smudge opening, we've still won games, but was opening across the formats for more I don't think we've scored as many runs as we could've. And when things are in his favour," than a decade, he left a spot that seemed tough to fill in. Australia's star batter Steve Khawaja said, "he's almost unstoppable". Khawaja picked Head as Australia's other Test Smith raised his hands to fill in for the Test opener, because of the kind of form he has opener spot, but could not impress in his limited outings at the top of the order. been and his boasting history against India. our team is (Marnus) Labuschagne three. Khawaja wanted Smith to bat at No. 4 Can Travis Head make comeback? Smith four. For me, the number one against India in Tests. The opener felt that consideration is 'what's best for the team?'. "At the end of the day, it's a decision for the Smith batting at the No. 4 position would What order scores us the most runs? And if selectors. But if you have me opening, give the hosts the best chance to beat heavyyou look at how many runs we scored with Labuschagne three, Smith four â€æ I feel weighted India. Davey Warner in the team and Smudge like Travis Head might be best suited. He's "He'll just probably never say it," the opener batting at four, we scored a lot of runs,' obviously been very successful opening the Khawaja told Fox Sports. laughed this week. "So I'll say it for him. batting in one-day cricket and, breaking it Who should open vs India? "Opening is a very important spot â€æ (but) I down, I'd probably lean towards him.

New Delhi The one-off Test match between Afghanistan and New Zealand was abandoned completely without a ball being bowled at the Greater Noida Sports Ground Complex. This became only the 8th Test in the history of cricket to be abandoned without a ball being bowled. The Afghanistan and New Zealand match at Greater Noida became the first Test in the 21st century to be abandoned due to rain in Asia. It was another day and the same fate as the persistent rains didn't allow Afghanistan and New Zealand to face each other for the very first time.

The Day 1 of the Test match was marred by heavy rain in the Delhi NCR region, which didn't allow teams to take the field. The next day witnessed a poor outfield at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, with the ground staff taking out the grass from practice pitches to use it on the main field.



The lacklustre drainage facilities at the venue further added to the woes as the ground was declared unfit by the umpires. The poor facilities, coupled with the inclement weather, led to the game eventually getting called off.In an official announcement, the Afghanistan Cricket Board said, "It is still raining in Greater Noida and due to frequent rain, the 5th and final day of Afghanistan vs New Zealand has also been called off by the match officials."This was only the 8th instance of a complete abandonment of a Test match. The first three happened between Australia and England in the Ashes in 1890, 1938 and 1970. The other four instances happened between 1989 and 1998.

#### What next for AFG and NZ

- The ACB informed that the BCCI offered three venues to them, including Dehradun, Kanpur and Greater Noida. Looking at the connectivity between Kabul and Delhi, the Afghanistan board went ahead with Greater Noida because of its proximity to Delhi.
- The Afghans will move to the UAE to host South Africa for a three-match ODI series, starting next week. Meanwhile, New Zealand will travel to Sri Lanka for a 2match Test series before they return back to India for a 3-match Test series in October.

still think we have the best Test player of my era in the side, in Steve Smith, and his best spot has been number four.I feel like that's his best spot.I feel like the best balance for



opening spot after David Warner's retirement and has averaged 28.50 in four Tests, contrary to his overall average of

The former World No. 1 batter took up the Head has been in the form of his life as he scored 23-ball 59 in the 1st T20I against England, which also included 30 runs off Sam Curran's over.



and everything has a lot of importance and are indeed counted. But being a country with a population of 140 crores, we go to the Games not just to play but to win," PM Modi said." 'I am not a participant but a performer' - This mindset turns into a strength of a country, and you have brought a new flair in that strength. Congratulations on your achievements and I am really happy to see your mood," PM Modi added.

The meeting with PM Modi, which lasted over an hour, provided a platform for the paraathletes to share their success stories. The Prime Minister was particularly impressed by the achievements in track-and-field events, which contributed 17 medals, including four golds. PM Modi himself gave a heartwarming speech to the stars, congratulating them for their historic triumph.

## In pics: Gambhir leads Indian team's huddle in Chennai for Bangladesh Test series

Gautam Gambhir led the Indian team's huddle as the Test squad reached Chennai ahead of the 1st match vs Bangladesh. The opening Test will be played on September 19.

New Delhi. The Indian team has regrouped ahead of the big home season as they will take on Bangladesh for a 2-match Test series. This will also be the first assignment of India's new coaching staff, which recently included Morne Morkel as the bowling coach. The official social media handle of the BCCI shared glimpses of India's first training session from M Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. The caption read, "The countdown starts as Team India begin their preps for an exciting home season.

It was a bright sunny morning at Chepauk as the Indian team huddled before the start of



training. Gambhir, alongside assistant coach Abhishek Nayar and Morkel, Team India in Chennai addressed the Indian team. All the star players, including captain Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and ace pacer Jasprit Bumrah returned to the side. Kohli and Rohit landed in Chennai during the wee hours of Friday

morning, September 13.

Kohli flew directly from London, where he spent quality time with his family and Rohit arrived from Mumbai. The Indian team regrouped after a month-long break from international cricket and many players like

Shubman Gill, Axar Patel and KL Rahul took part in round one of the Duleep Trophy. The Test series also marked the return of Rishabh Pant to red-ball cricket, a format in which he flourished and played many match-winning knocks.

The upcoming 10 Test matches will be crucial for India in order to stand a chance to make it to the World Test Championship final, which will be held in June 2024 at Lord's Cricket Ground.

India will host Bangladesh, followed by New Zealand for a 3-match Test series. Their main challenge will be the 5match Border Gavaskar Trophy series against Australia, starting November this year.

India squad for 1st Test against Bangladesh

Rohit Sharma (C), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), RAshwin, R Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Akash Deep, Jasprit Bumrah, Yash Dayal.

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# Prachi Drachi Desais 36th Birthday, A Look At Her Career And Personal Life

ctress Prachi Desai is a popular face in the Indian entertainment industry. She gained prominence with her performance in the 2006 TV serial Kasamh Se. She was seen alongside Ram Kapoor and their onscreen chemistry created quite a buzz in the television world. The actress portrayed the role of Bani which is still remembered by the audience. From the television industry to the film industry, Prachi has left her mark with her acting skills. Today, the actress is celebrating her 36th birthday and on that occasion let us know more about her in this article. Prachi doesn't often share much about her personal life in front of the media. She had been an active face in the entertainment industry. The actress appeared in the 2012 film Bol Bachchan directed by famous director Rohit Shetty. During the shooting of the film, several rumours emerged which stated that Prachi Desai and Rohit Shetty were dating. The media reports also stated that their closeness almost led to Rohit Shetty's divorce, but eventually, he reconciled with his wife and ended his relationship with Prachi. The actress reportedly fell in

Ine actress reportedly fell in love twice but both times, her relationships didn't last and she experienced betrayal. In an old interview with Filmfare, she mentioned that she is a very sensitive person and when she falls in love, she tends to forget everything. Sharing an experience she mentioned that once she was dating someone and for him she travelled to several countries before realising that she was betrayed.

Prachi said, "I have flown to several countries for someone. When I spoke to him on the phone, he said he was in a particular country. I believed him and flew across to give him a surprise. Later I realised that he was lying. He is never at the places he mentioned over phone calls."Talking about her acting career, she worked in several well-known films like Rock On!!, Once Upon a Time in Mumbaai, Teri Meri Kahaani, Azhar and Silence: Can You Hear It? Hina Khan Seeks Bappa's Blessings Amid Breast Cancer Treatment



- Amidst the challenging journey of undergoing chemotherapy for Stage Three breast cancer, actress Hina Khan made a poignant appearance at producer Ektaa Kapoor's Ganeshotsav celebration. The pictures shared by social media personality Rizwan Bachav feature Hina in a white and yellow co-ord set. She is happily posing with other TV celebrities, who were present for the festive celebration. The snaps also feature Divyanka Tripathi and her husband Vivek Dahiya, Anita Hassanandani Reddy, Krystle D'Souza, Rithvikk Dhanjani, Ridhima Pandit, Shabir Ahluwalia and Kanchi Kaul.
- In another boomerang video, we can see Hina posing with actor Sahil Anand. Sahil has captioned the post as: "Bappa blessings". Hina posted a sticker to the post: "Love and Friends".On September 11, Hina had shared an update about her health, revealing that her 'Mucositis' is much better, and thanked fans for sending lots of love to her. In a note, she wrote: "This is for each one you.. My Mucositis is much better.. I read all your comments and suggestions.. You all hv been a great great help.. Sending you all tons of love".

Best known for her role as Akshara in 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai', Hina has participated in 'Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 8', 'Bigg Boss 11', and 'Bigg Boss 14'. She has also been a part of the movies like 'Hacked', 'Wishlist', and a short film 'Smartphone'. The diva has starred in music videos like 'Bhasoodi', 'Raanjhana', 'Humko Tum Mil Gaye', 'Patthar Wargi', 'Baarish Ban Jaana', 'Main Bhi Barbaad', 'Mohabbat Hai', 'Barsaat Aa Gayi', and the recent track by Asees Kaur, and Saaj Bhatt– 'Halki Halki Si'.Hina had also recently made her Punjabi film debut with 'Shinda Shinda No Papa', alongside Gippy Grewal. She next has 'Country of Blind' in the pipeline.

Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video Trailer: Rajkummar, Triptii's Marriage Turns Chaotic In This Comedy



# Is the Biggest Surprise of Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video, Has a Welcome Style Role

The trailer of Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video released on Thursday and one of the biggest surprises of the trailer was Mallika Sherawat. The actress, who is known for films such as Murder and Pyaar Ke Side Effects, has a prominant role in the Rajkummar Rao and Triptii Dimri led film. The makers had kept her casting under the wraps for a while now, making her appearance an impactful surprise. The trailer revealed that Mallika will be seen playing Vicky's family member. Vicky is played by Rajkummar Rao.



gave nod to her iconic appearance in Welcome in the film. Much like the Akshay Kumar starrer, Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video also seems to feature her as one of the family members who everyone has the hots for. The trailer also showed Vijay Raaz's character falling head over heels for her, bringing back memories of Majnu and Uday from Welcome.

Mallika was last seen in RK/RKay, which released in 2022. She took a five-year break before that. Besides Bollywood, she has also worked in international projects such as Hisss, Time Raiders, and Dirty Politics.Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala

Video is set in the 90s and features a newlywed couple, Vicky

and Vidya. One night, they decide to film themselves getting intimate. Unfortunately for them, the CD gets stolen. The film promises to keep you entertained with the events that unfold while searching for the stolen CD. The film stars Rajkummar Rao, Triptii Dimri, Mallika Sherawat, Archana Puran Singh, Archana Patel, Rakesh Bedi, Mukesh Tiwari, Tiku Talsania, Mubeen Saudagar, and Jaswant Singh. The film is produced under the banners of T-Series, Balaji Telefilms, and Wakaoo Films, in association with Kathavachak Films. Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video is coming to theaters near you on October 11, 2024.



Rajkummar Rao and Triptii Dimri will be sharing the screen together for the first time in Raaj Shaandilyaa's film. The film's much-awaited trailer is finally out now and it has only piqued fans' interest in the film. The teaser takes us into the 90s and promises that the film will be '97% parivarik' and '3% maha parivarik'. As per the trailer, the story revolves around a CD containing an intimate video of a couple that leads to chaos in a small town. Watch the trailer here:\Vicky and Vidya get married in 1997 and he convinces her to make a suhaagraat video. However, the CD gets stolen and chaos ensues in Vicky and Vidya's lives. The film promises to be comedic journey as Vicky and Vidya try to retrieve the video.

In another exciting update about the film, Sachin Sangvi of Sachin-Jigar composer duo, exclusively told News18 Showsha that the film will also mark Adnan Saami's return to Bollywood after nine years.

Talking about Adnan's return to Bollywood, Sachin told us, "I was born in the 80s. I was in my teen years in the 90s. So, I've lived every bit of the music of the 90s. The songs of that decade have left a strong impression on me and so, one of the songs in the film is sung by Adnan Sami." While most details about the track are still kept under wraps, it will surely be interesting to see Rajkummar and Triptii bringing it to life onscreen.Sharing his excitement about the song and the joy of working with the Noor E Khuda and Baatein Kuch Ankahein Si hitmaker, Sachin further added, "I truly cherish the fact that we could do this because my god, haven't we enjoyed his melodies and his reign! What a talent and what a person he is! It was just amazing to work with him. So, be assured that those times are coming your way again."Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video is produced by Bhushan Kumar's T-series. The film will be out in theatres on October 11. The anticipation for the film is high after Rajkummar Rao's performance in the juggernaut, Stree 2, also starring Shraddha Kapoor. As for Triptii, she was last seen in Bad Newz with Vicky Kaushal and Amy Virk.