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Telcos block 2.75 lakh phone numbers, 50 firms Sanjay Kumar

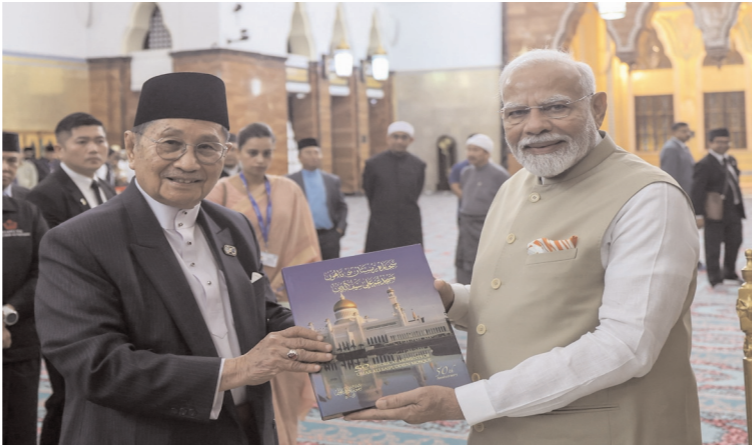
New Delhi, Sep 03: As many as 2.75 lakh telephone numbers have been disconnected and services to 50 entities blocked as part of regulator Trai's massive crackdown against pesky calls and unregistered telemarketers.

PM Modi lands in Brunei for first leg of 2-nation trip

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Sep. 3, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday arrived in Brunei on the first leg of his two-nation trip during which he will hold talks with the country's top leadership and discuss ways to boost bilateral ties.

with Brunei Darussalam and deepening its strategic partnership with Singapore during his three-day visit to the two countries.



al visit to Brunei Darussalam. As we celebrate 40 years of our diplomatic relations, I look forward to my meetings with His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and other esteemed members of the royal family to advance our historical relationship to new heights."

Modi said in his departure statement in New Delhi issued by the MEA. The visit would further strengthen India's cooperation with Brunei in all existing sectors, including defence cooperation, trade and investment, energy, space technology, health cooperation, capacity-building, culture as well as people-to-people exchanges and explore avenues for cooperation in newer sectors.

Iltija Mufti among members of political families facing 1st electoral test in J&K

Srinagar, Sep 3: The National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party have fielded over half a dozen members of political families for the first assembly elections in the region in a decade.

Hemant Soren meets Kharge, Rahul Gandhi in Delhi

ST Correspondent

New Delhi, Sep 3: Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren met Congress president Mallikarjuna Kharge and senior party leaders including Rahul Gandhi in the national Capital on Tuesday.



Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and KC Venugopal in Delhi on Tuesday. The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader, along with his MLA wife Kalpana Soren, met Kharge at the latter's residence and discussed strategy for the assembly elections and seat sharing.

Bengal LoP alleges govt moved anti-rape bill to divert attention from public anger over Kolkata brutality

Kolkata, Sep 03: Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the West Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari on Tuesday alleged the state government moved the anti-rape bill to divert attention from public anger and protests over the rape-murder of a doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Bengal Assembly unanimously passes 'anti-rape' Bill

Navdeep Singh Sahni

Kolkata, Sep 03: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee speaks during a special session of the state Legislative Assembly, in Kolkata, Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

passed, we will form a special Aparajita Task Force from among police to ensure time-bound completion of probe, the chief minister said.



legislation, her government has tried to plug the loopholes that exist in the central legislations in terms of speedy and effective disposal of justice to victims and their kin.

What if I raise slogans against the prime minister and the home minister for the same reasons you are raising slogans against me," States like Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat have abnormally high crime rates against women whereas in West Bengal, tortured women are getting justice in courts, she claimed.

Amanatullah dealt in 'tainted' transactions; avoided probe: ED

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Sep 03: AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan being produced before a court by the Enforcement Directorate officials in connection with a money laundering case, in New Delhi, Monday, Sept. 2, 2024.

dering case against the AAP MLA stems from two FIRs, one by the Delhi ACB and the other filed by the CBI to probe alleged irregularities committed during his tenure as the chairman of the Delhi Waqf Board from 2016-2021.



the ED and the CBI with committing illegalities in the appointment of Group C and D employees in the Delhi Waqf Board (DWB) causing a wrongful loss to the government apart from a claimed "misuse and abuse" of his official position as the Waqf

Board Chairman in allotment of the tenancy of properties of the DWB without following proper procedure. His party has stoutly defended Khan, claiming he had been framed in a "false" case like its other leaders for raising their voice against the BJP Probe found, the ED said in a statement, that under the directions of Khan, his alleged aides Zeeshan Haider and Daud Nasir managed his "ill-gotten" money during his tenure as chairman of the Delhi Waqf Board and used these funds to make cash payments via a person Kausar Imam Siddiqui for the purchase of property at 275-276, TTI Tikona Park in Okhla area of Delhi that belongs to Jawed Imam Siddiqui.

CBI gets 8-day custody of RG Kar's ex-principal Sandip Ghosh in corruption case

Kolkata, Sep 3: Dr Sandip Ghosh's alleged involvement in financial misconduct includes accusations of illegal sale of unclaimed corpses and trafficking of biomedical waste. A Kolkata court on Tuesday remanded Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, and three others to CBI custody for eight days in connection with alleged financial irregularities at the state-run institute.



Ghosh after he was arrested by CBI in connection with the alleged financial misconduct at the establishment, in Kolkata, Monday, Sept. 2, 2024. The Central Bureau of Investigation had sought 10-day custody, arguing there is a large nexus involved in the corruption case that needs to be thoroughly investigated.

Spouse responsible for collapse of marriage cannot take advantage of irretrievable breakdown of matrimony

Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, Sep. 3: Frowning upon the mechanical manner in which a Bengaluru family court granted a decree of divorce against a woman despite no fault being attributed to her, the Supreme Court has said a spouse cannot take benefit of annulment of the marriage despite being solely responsible for breakdown of the matrimony.

shall have preferential ownership rights in the same irrespective of any transfer of title by the respondent. This direction is necessitated for the reason that he (son of the parties) has an indefeasible and enforceable right to seek maintenance and adequate amount towards his school and higher education," the Bench said in an order last month.

the Family Court kept on passing decrees of divorce against the appellant not only exhibit



a lack of sensitivity, but also suggests a hidden prejudice against the appellant. The courts ought not to have accorded any premium to the respondent's (husband's) own misdemeanours," it said.

to the appellant and her minor child, who has now attained majority. We say so for the reason that it is the respondent (husband) who subjected the appellant (wife) to extreme cruelty all these years, and never came forward to render any assistance for securing a better future for his own son or offered to pay even for his school education," it said.

News box

32 new waterlogging spots add to monsoon woes of Amdavadis

Ahmedabad. Between Aug 25 and 27, the city received an average of 10 inches of rainfall, resulting in waterlogging at over 300 locations. While most of these spots cleared within an hour, 157 spots remained waterlogged for more than an hour, and 10 spots had water accumulated for a period ranging from one to four days.

Until July, the city had 125 spots prone to rainwater accumulation according to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation's list. However, following heavy rain in Aug, 32 new waterlogging spots were identified — in Saraspur, Rakhial, Makarba, Vejalpur, Bopal, Ghuma and Danilimda — taking the total to 157.

An AMC official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "At present, 157 waterlogging spots have been identified in Ahmedabad. A new spot has emerged near Makarba village, and several societies in Bopal and Ghuma have also reported waterlogging. On SG Highway, some societies in Gota required four Varun pumps to remove the rainwater. New spots have also emerged in Danilimda and Saraspur. Besides the Radio Mirchi Road, new spots have appeared at Shrinandnagar in Vejalpur." "This Aug, 32 new waterlogging spots have been identified and we are investigating 10 of these spots since these are well covered by the stormwater network. Measures will be taken to address this issue," he added.

Rain spells more trouble for Tamil Nadu as dengue cases surge to 11,743 with four deaths

CHENNAI. Tamil Nadu has recorded a total of 11,743 dengue cases so far in 2024. This is a sharp increase compared to 2023 when 9,121 cases were recorded for the whole year, according to Union Health Ministry data. As the monsoon is yet to begin this year, officials said the cases will increase further.

While there were 12 deaths due to dengue last year, there have been four deaths so far this year. Health department data shared with showed that Chennai and Coimbatore accounted for nearly one-fourth of all the cases. Chennai reported 1,549 cases (13.8%) and Coimbatore recorded 1,247 cases (11.1%) cases.

On Monday, Health Minister Ma Subramanian chaired a dengue and seasonal infectious disease prevention and management interdepartmental coordination meeting with higher officials from various departments including local bodies and health departments, and deans of all medical college hospitals.

Speaking to reporters, the minister said 57.6% of the cases were from 10 districts — Chennai, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Tiruppur, Tiruvallur, Theni, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Thanjavur and Tiruchy. Instructions were given to local officials to strengthen surveillance in these districts and also promote awareness of dengue prevention, he said. The health minister highlighted that deaths related to dengue have significantly come down. He said 66 deaths were recorded in 2021, and 65 deaths in 2017. These were the highest deaths reported in a year, he said. The number of deaths has reduced this year because of the efforts of the health department, the minister said.

Unsold apartments piling up, launch of housing projects drops in Chennai

CHENNAI. The steady decline in the number of new building and layout projects registered over the past three months have sparked concerns among the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI). New projects have been launched at a sluggish pace as Chennai witnessed the registration of 65 new projects in the second quarter of 2024, marking a 34% slump compared to the 98 projects in the same period last year, according to Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) report of CREDAI.

Meanwhile, the number of residential units registered in the city has improved to 8,793 residential units during the second quarter of 2024, indicating a 37% rise compared to the 6,435 units registered in the second quarter last year. Mohamed Ali, president of CREDAI Chennai, said, "While we are encouraged by the rise in residential unit registrations, the decline in project launches and sales highlights the need for focused efforts to overcome the existing challenges."

However, the real challenge is the unsold inventory of residential units creeping up. As of June 2024, the inventory of unsold residential units in completed projects stood at 7,989 units, indicating a slower absorption rate. Sales figures in second quarter of 2024 were less encouraging, with only 2,597 units sold, a significant 53% decline from the 5,498 units sold in the second quarter of 2023.

Madras High Court says corruption has turned Chennai into concrete jungle

"Many environmentalists, and pollution control experts are lamenting about such illegalities and, despite that, no actions are taken by the competent authorities," the court said.

CHENNAI. Airing concerns over building violations causing damage to the environment, the Madras High Court has criticised the government departments and agencies, including the Chennai corporation, for indulging in "large-scale corruption" that has led to Chennai city turning into a "concrete jungle".

"Chennai City is converted into a concrete jungle on account of large-scale corrupt activities in local body and other (govt) authorities. Many environmentalists, and pollution control experts are lamenting about such illegalities and, despite that, no actions are taken by the competent authorities," fumed a



division bench of Justices SM Subramaniam and V Sivagnanam. The bench further said rampant building violations would result in environmental damages and if rules are violated for raising a

particular building, it will trigger inconvenience and prejudice among neighbouring building owners. The comments were made while disposing of a 2015 contempt of court petition filed by

R Vadivelu and D Gopalakrishnan seeking action against the building violations committed by P Devaraji and others at Kapaleswarar Nagar.

Despite agreeing to carry out modifications by razing down the portions, which were raised in violation of building permission, Devaraji had reportedly constructed extra floors. The GCC authorities concerned failed to take action against him, and 17 others in the same locality. Hence, the contempt petition was filed seeking to punish the GCC officials for willful disobedience of the court orders.

Appearing for contempt petitioners, senior counsel V Suresh, said

complaints were lodged after noticing "serious building violations" and several rounds of litigations had taken place but the government did not take appropriate action despite issuing a GO.

in 2018. While permitting the persons concerned to take corrective measures by demolishing the portions that were in violation of rules in four weeks, the HC ordered GCC officials to proceed with all further actions as per the GO. If the modifications were not carried out. It directed the GCC to identify violations in the building, without singling out and discriminating against Devaraji, and take action within two months.

Bengaluru MPs hop on Metro, listen to commuters' woes

BENGALURU. Hassled commuters getting squeezed during peak hours on platforms and Metros got a chance to pour out their woes when Bangalore Central MP PC Mohan and Bangalore South MP Tejasvi Surya took a ride on the Purple Line from K R Pura to Nadaprabhu Kemppegowda station (Majestic) on Monday evening. The objective was to get first hand info from commuters on their travel experience.

The need to increase the frequency of trains was a common complaint from commuters as they face hardships inside jam-packed trains. The official response was that trains could be run at a 3-minute frequency during peak hours only after the existing 57 train sets are augmented by more train sets by next year.

Among those who came on board the train just to meet the MPs was Lavanya Sanjay, an IT professional. She appealed for the special loop train presently run between Mysuru Road and Garudacharpalya to be



extended up to Pattandur Agrahara. "I use the Metro daily for work. Though the train up to Garudacharpalya helps us, trains running up to Pattandur are jam-packed. We still end up waiting at the platforms missing on a few trips," she said. The MPs assured her it would be done.

Another commuter, Vinutha PS, said Metro trains were arriving only at a ten-minute frequency even during peak hours. "We always kept waiting and we have never seen trains come in a 5-minute frequency during morning or evening hours."

Mohan said that the batch of 21 train sets

will start arriving from June 2025. "By the time they are all supplied, present ridership averaging 8 lakh per day will go up by an additional 40%," he said.

Surya felt the signages at Kemppegowda Metro station were misleading. "We have received many mails and there are many videos on social media too about the lack of clarity on it. They definitely need to be reviewed," he said. He added that Bengaluru Metro was studying the platform screen doors (PSDs) being used in Singapore Metro. "As of now, PSDs will be introduced in stations which are congested. Even other Metros in India have them in stations with high footfalls," he said.

Meanwhile, to ease congestion at Kemppegowda Interchange Metro station, BMRCL on Monday opened an additional entrance that will help commuters interchange between the Purple Line and Green Line.

GI impact: Vijayapura farmers sell 5 lakh lemon saplings

Usmanabad in Maharashtra and from some districts in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have started thronging the nurseries in the district to buy the saplings.

VIJAYAPURA. Saplings of Vijayapura lemon are in great demand with its Kagzi variety getting geographical indication (GI) tag three years ago. Farmers of Vijayapura district have sold five lakh saplings so far this year, according to officials of the Horticulture Department. Vijayapura is the largest lemon growing district in the state and more than 50% of production comes from Indi taluk in the district.

The officials said usually the saplings are bought by farmers from Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, Bagalkot, Raichur, Dhurwad and Belagavi districts. But with



Vijayapura lemon getting the GI tag, farmers from Solapur, Pandharpur and Usmanabad in Maharashtra and from some districts in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil

Nadu have started thronging the nurseries in the district to buy the saplings.

With the demand for saplings increasing, several farmers in the district, especially from Indi taluk, have reserved most of their land for lemon nurseries. The saplings are now being sold for Rs 13 (one-year-old), Rs 25 (two-year-old and Rs 100 for bigger ones.

Rahul Bhavidoddi, Deputy Director of Horticulture, said the Krishi Vigyan Kendra of Indi organises workshops and awareness programmes periodically for farmers on raising lemon saplings and marketing them.

UDF, BJP attack Kerala government over revelations

T'PURAM/TRHISSUR. Stepping up its attack on the chief minister and his office in light of the allegations levelled by LDF MLA P V Anvar, the Opposition Congress on Monday demanded the resignation of Pinarayi Vijayan and a CBI probe into the legislator's charges. The BJP too came down heavily on the state government and the CM.

Alleging that the CMO had turned a "den of criminals", Leader of Opposition V D Sathesnan said Anvar's allegations had brought shame to the state. "However, the CM is not ashamed to cling to power. Only a CBI probe will bring out the truth, the investigation ordered by the LDF government won't," he said. Sathesnan said the CMO had come under a cloud and Pinarayi had no right to continue in office. "A sitting MLA has raised a serious allegation that gold smuggling and snatching of the smuggled gold were going on under



the aegis of ADGPM Rajith Kumar with the connivance of Sasi," he said.

Congress state president K Sudhakaran too demanded a CBI probe, and said the role of the CM and his office should also be investigated. "The accused are influential. Hence, the probe announced by the state government is unacceptable as it will give

the accused a chance to escape. The charges levelled by the ruling party MLA extend to the CM," Sudhakaran said.

Terming the allegation that the phones of ministers, MLAs and journalists were tapped as serious, Sudhakaran said, "On whose instructions did the ADGP tap the phones?"

CWC leader Ramesh Chennithala said that the CM and his cabinet are under the grip of the underworld. Meanwhile, BJP state president K Surendran told reporters in Thrissur that Pinarayi did not deserve to continue in the post as his office had become a hub for anti-national activities. He also questioned the silence of the CM and CPM state secretary M V Govindan on the matter. "The MLA alleged that a smuggling-murder-drug mafia network is active in the state with tacit support from the CMO. It is shocking to learn that an official in the rank

of an ADGP has been backing gold smuggling and quotation gangs. It is definitely unheard of that an ADGP and the CM's political secretary conspired in anti-national activities," said Surendran.

Alleging that the CM was silent as the allegations were true, Surendran asked, "If they are not, why no action is being taken against the MLA?"

He also said that the ADGP violated the laws of the country by tapping phone calls of cabinet ministers and others, and sought a probe by national agencies. Meanwhile, scores of UDF workers staged a protest in front of the Secretariat on Monday in connection with Anvar's allegations, against the police's failure in arresting those behind the Kafir post and against the government for keeping the Hema Committee report under wraps for years. Protests were held at Congress booth-level committees across the state demanding the CM's resignation.

Bountiful inflows into Godavari projects



NIZAMABAD/SANGAREDDY/ADILABAD. Not just projects on Krishna, several reservoirs on Godavari too are receiving bountiful inflows following heavy rains. As inflows keeps increasing, the officials lifted 40 out of total 42 gates of Sriramsagar Project (SRSP) located in Mendora mandal of Nizamabad district on Monday. The water from SRSP will be released into Godavari. The SRSP has been receiving heavy inflows from upstream and local areas in the last couple of days. The outflows from SRSP were at 2.65 lakh cusecs at 6 pm on Monday. As against its gross storage capacity of 80,500 tmcft, the present storage is 72.99 tmcft. The officials said that there will be no

shortage of irrigation water till the next Vanakalam season.

Manjeera filled to capacity

Meanwhile, with heavy rains in Munipalli and other areas of Vikarabad district, the Manjeera reservoir near Sangareddy reached its full storage capacity and authorities have been releasing water downstream since Monday morning. A gate was lifted to one metre high and about 4,000 cusecs of water was released downstream to the Nizamsagar project through Ghanpur ayacut in Medak district. Officials have alerted the people living in the low-lying areas. The water level in the Singur project is also gradually increasing. A week ago, it was 16 tmcft.

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NEWS BOX

With 'first come' offer, GDA gets buyers for flats unsold for years

Noida. Noida Authority has appealed to the state govt to hire replacements for the nine officials who were either suspended last week or are facing disciplinary action for continuing in their old posts despite being transferred.

Sources said the officials continued on their posts because they were "not formally relieved" in the absence of replacement and large-scale vacancies.

Nearly 60% of the total 2,000 posts in Noida Authority are currently vacant which has affected day-to-day work and delayed the execution of projects.

One of the suspended officials, who didn't wish to be identified, told TOI that the suspensions were not linked to any allegations of corruption but were imposed while the officials were carrying out their assigned duties.

In some cases, senior officials had also intervened after the transfer orders were issued with a few even reaching out to the industrial development commissioner to retain a transferee. Of the six officials suspended in Noida Authority, two are assistant legal officers Sushil Bhati and Nardev. The others are private secretary Vijendra Pal Singh Komar, manager (architect/planning) Sumit Grover, assistant manager (architect/planning) US Farooq and accountant Pramod Kumar.

A govt order issued on June 30 last year, transferred Bhati to Greater Noida and Nardev to YEIDA. Private secretary Komar was instructed to join the Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA). Farooq and Pramod Kumar were transferred to UPSIDA, while Grover was to move to YEIDA.

The govt has also ordered departmental action against Vijay Kumar Rawal, then senior manager (civil), Noida, who is currently working as DGM (civil); Satinder Giri, then manager (civil) and now senior manager; and Prem Kumar, assistant manager (architect). Rawal and Giri had ignored the transfer orders issued on June 30, 2022, while Kumar was transferred via a govt order issued in 2023.

Harassed by wife', man (30) dies by suicide

Ghaziabad. A 30-year-old man was found hanging from a ceiling fan at his home in Ankur Vihar on Monday.

Police have recovered three videos from the deceased's phone, in which he blames his wife and in-laws for mentally harassing him. Jagjit Singh Rana, a native of Bulandshahr and a resident of Ankur Vihar in Loni, was running a medicine business, said police. Bhaskar Verma, ACP of Ankur Vihar police station, said that the family informed the police about the suicide around 3pm on Monday after they received the videos from Rana on WhatsApp. The body has been sent for an autopsy and reports are awaited. Rana was married to Gudiya in 2009, and the couple has two children.

Funds sanctioned but cables are delayed: What's hindering power network boost

Noida. A total of Rs 248 crore has been sanctioned for augmenting power infrastructure in the past two years, but delay in procuring equipment like cables, feeders, poles and panels has hit repairs. Officials said there have been delays in procuring cables as vendors were failing to keep up with demands from other districts as well. Meanwhile, the power department is utilising spare cables to address outage issues of 11kV and 33kV lines. "We have found some spare cables in stock which have been lying for some time. We are fixing it and will utilise it to address outage issues in areas having more problems. It is noted that if an 11kV line trips, often it results in the tripping of a 33kV line too. We are trying to fix that with new cables," said Harish Bansal, chief zonal engineer, Noida power department, PVVNL. According to sources, budget sanctions are still lacking compared to the vast amount of work required for infrastructure revamp across the city. The release of funds has also been slow, leading to further delays. "The major cause of tripping, voltage fluctuations, and local faults are the old, dilapidated cables which are often found loose as low as 10ft from the ground. These need to be laid underground and should be of quality material," said Vikas Jain, state president of Uttar Pradesh Yuva Vyapar Mandal (UPYVM). Similar issues of delays in acquiring equipment are related to the replacement/repair of rusted, damaged distribution boxes, electricity panels, switch-bars, transformer enclosures, etc. Additionally, sectors 46-47 have been noted as a major problem area. To tackle this, the power department has made a separate feeder for Barola village, which has taken the village's load off from the Sector 46-47 area.

6 throw stones at murder suspect's home, arrested

Gurgaon. The crime branch has arrested a gang of six people for allegedly pelting stones at the house of a murder accused in Bhim Nagar and opening fire in the air on Aug 27 afternoon. A country-made firearm was seized from them, police said.

The accused have been identified as Sahal alias Senu, Sameer alias Sonu, Karan, Mohit alias Kingi, Deepak, and Vishal Bajaj from Bhim Nagar.

Police said in Oct 2023, Sahal's brother, Ashish, was shot dead. On Aug 27, Sahal and his friends threw stones at the house of one of the accused and fired shots in the air as a warning of their intention to avenge the murder. "At 1.10am on Aug 27, police received an alert about a firing incident at Bhim Nagar. A team of officials rushed to the spot and met Raju, whose house was targeted by the accused," police said.

Raju told police that during a Janmasthmi Jagran programme near his house, a group of six people suddenly started pelting stones and one of them opened fire in the air. He claimed that they hurled insults at Raju's family and challenged them to come outside. Raju and his family did not leave the house and instead called the police. The accused left the area but threatened to harm Raju and his family later.

Revamp held up for 4 years, agencies told to shift utilities from key NH8 link

GURGAON. The discom, GMDA and HVPNL have been asked to expedite shifting of utilities from the road linking Hero Honda Chowk and Umang Bhardwaj Chowk for its revamp which has been delayed since 2019. On Monday, GMDA CEO A Sreenivas held a meeting with officials of departments and directed them to submit service estimates of the utilities falling in the alignment of the 2.2km stretch, including power substations, power lines, sewerage and water pipelines.

"The meeting discussed shifting utilities by DHBVN, HVPNL and GMDA. These departments have been given one week to submit the plan. We will start the work shortly after receiving the necessary details," said a senior NHAI official. Initially slated to begin in 2019, the project was merged with Gurugram-Pataudi-Rewari Highway Project which pushed its start and end date to Nov 2021 and Nov 2023 respectively.



However, multiple hurdles including the pending removal of structures and a legal dispute involving Himgiri Ashram further delayed the project. In Nov last year, NHAI, which was responsible for the project, put it on the back burner till a decision was made on its design and descope the work from the contractor.

Most of the land hurdles have been cleared now, according to the NHAI official. "Except for the Himgiri Ashram, Bikaner and a couple of other structures, most of the land is available. The remaining ones will also be cleared soon. Moreover, metro alignment has been frozen on the left-hand side," he said.

Meanwhile, GMDA officials said that service estimates for shifting of water pipeline and drainage have been prepared. "The sewerage line will be ready within the next few days and the same will be submitted to the NHAI," they added. Initially, NHAI had proposed widening the road to six lanes as part of the NH 352W (Gurugram-Pataudi-Rewari) project, but Gurgaon MP and union minister Rao Inderjit Singh insisted on the construction of an elevated road between Hero Honda and Umang Bhardwaj Chowk, citing demands from RWAs and industrial associations. Approval of metro expansion plans in the city also posed complications for the project as a call had to be made over whether to pursue at-grade redevelopment, an elevated road that could incorporate metro pillars or a double-decker structure with an elevated corridor and metro system supported by a single pier.

Housing, infra projects around Sultanpur park a threat to its ecosystem & wildlife, says panel

GURGAON. The Sultanpur National Park is under threat due to violations of the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) zonal plan and notification, stated by a panel set up by the standing committee of National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) for evaluating the impact of construction activities going on in the areas around the Ramsar site on its fragile ecosystem.



The committee's report, submitted at the end of July, provided evidence of stresses affecting the national park, which include shrinking of Sultanpur Jheel and dependence on the Gurgaon canal for maintaining water levels.

"The ESZ notification and zonal plan are vital regulatory and management instruments to harmonise regional development with the park's ecology. The committee recommended enforcing existing regulations, monitoring ESZ notification compliance, establishing interagency coordination mechanisms, preserving

built-up areas with green cover, augmenting human resources for park and ESZ management, formulating an integrated management plan and fostering community sensitisation," the report stated. The committee also reviewed measures for conservation of wetlands and Ramsar sites in Haryana and examined water flow from Sultanpur to Najafgarh. The assessment was initiated by a directive from the standing committee on Feb 28 to appraise the impact of infrastructure projects in the area, particularly a proposal to utilise nearly 3.7ha of land

preserving biodiversity and ecosystem in Sultanpur National Park is crucial for the region's ecological and economic security and contributes to global biodiversity conservation. "While the park's boundary and habitats are largely maintained by proactive actions of the Forest and Wildlife Department, the governance and management within the eco-sensitive zone require improvement. The park has also encountered risks of species invasion and a substantial loss in the wetland regime around it," it stated. During the Aug 23 meeting, inspector general of forests (wildlife), MOEF&CC R Raghu Prasad stressed the need for stringent action against ESZ area violations after analysing the report. Union environment minister NBWL chairman, Bhupender Yadav, had also suggested visible action on the ground and regular monitoring of actions taken against violations. The standing committee decided to seek

GURGAON: A 250-metre stretch of the service road on Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway near Narsinghpur has remained submerged under water for more than a month due to blockages in culverts, causing inconvenience to commuters. Even though blockage renders drainage networks ineffective and nearby areas prone to severe waterlogging during the monsoon each year, civic agencies continue to blame each other over the problem. According to NHAI, the culverts have been blocked due to construction of infrastructure and real estate projects along both sides of the expressway. "There is no outfall for the water. We have informed GMDA and the district administration about the problem, but it remains unresolved. While we are trying to address the issue, it is ultimately the responsibility of local civic authorities to provide an outfall for surface drainage," an NHAI official said. However, GMDA officials said the responsibility for resolving the waterlogging issue lies squarely with NHAI. "We don't have the mandate to drain out water from the expressway. It falls with the NHAI, but we are facilitating it by deploying machinery. There are three culverts through

Multiple Name Change notices for individuals in Gurgaon, Delhi, and Noida, including details of parents, addresses, and affidavits.

Public Notice and Name Change notices. Includes a public notice regarding a general public information for a client and a name change notice for a minor child.

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NEWS BOX

Tim Walz unhurt after his motorcade involved in highway crash in Milwaukee

World.Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Walz was unharmed after several vehicles at the back of his motorcade crashed while heading from the airport to a campaign stop in Milwaukee, CBS News reported.

The crash occurred shortly before 1 p.m. Monday (local time) on Interstate 794 as Walz, who is also the governor of Minnesota, was on his way to an event celebrating Labor Day. Some reporters had scrapes and bruises, and one had a bloody nose. A staff member in one of the press vans had a broken arm and was being treated by medics, according to journalists travelling with the vice presidential nominee. According to an Associated Press report, the journalists said they were violently thrown forward as one van slammed into another in front of it and then was hit from behind.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the crash.

Upon arriving at the Milwaukee event, Walz addressed the situation, stating, "Some of my staff and members of the press that were travelling up with us were involved in a traffic accident on the way here today. I'm relieved to say that with a few minor injuries, everybody's going to be okay." Walz and his motorcade stopped at the hospital a few hours after the crash so he could check on staff members who were injured.

US President Joe Biden reached out to Walz shortly after the incident, expressing his concern. Vice President Kamala Harris, who was campaigning in Detroit, spoke with her running mate on the phone after the crash, her campaign said. Republican vice presidential nominee, Senator JD Vance of Ohio, also sent his well wishes, tweeting, "Hoping everyone's OK."

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

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels attacked two crude oil tankers -- the Saudi-flagged Amjad and the Panama-flagged Blue Lagoon I -- in the Red Sea on Monday (local time), the US military said, calling the assaults "reckless acts of terrorism". The Houthis late on Monday claimed responsibility for targeting the Blue Lagoon with multiple missiles and drones but did not make any mention of the Saudi tanker.

The US Central Command said the Houthis attacked the two tankers with two ballistic missiles and a one-way attack uncrewed aerial system, hitting both vessels. Both vessels were laden with crude oil, with the Amjad carrying about two million barrels of oil, according to the US military statement, which described the attacks as "reckless acts of terrorism by the Houthis". Two sources told Reuters earlier that the ships were sailing near each other when they were hit but were able to continue their voyages with no major damage assessed or any casualties. The Amjad's owner, Saudi national shipping group Bahri, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The supertanker has a maximum capacity of 2 million barrels. The Greek manager of the Blue Lagoon I, Sea Trade Marine SA, was not immediately available for comment. The Suezmax tanker has a maximum capacity of 1 million barrels. One of the sources told Reuters that Amjad was unlikely to have been directly targeted. Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, has watched with alarm as Houthi missiles have been fired over its territory to target ships in the Red Sea. Saudi Arabia has tried to extract itself from a messy war in Yemen and a destructive feud with the Houthis' principal backer, Iran. The Houthi first launched aerial drone and missile strikes on the waterway in November last year. They say they are acting in solidarity with Palestinians under assault in Israel's war on Gaza that has killed tens of thousands, flattened most of the enclave and caused a humanitarian crisis following Palestinian group Hamas's deadly October 7 attack.

Bangladesh's ousted PM Sheikh Hasina faces 5 new murder cases, tally rises to 89



Dhaka Five new murder cases have been filed against Bangladesh's de facto leader, according to media reports.

The cases, filed with Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court on Monday, were the latest in the slew of cases filed against the 76-year-old leader after her resignation and fleeing to India on August 5 following a massive protest by students against a quota system in government jobs. With this, the tally of cases filed against Hasina has risen to 89, the Dhaka Tribune reported. Five more murder cases have been filed against Hasina, party general secretary Obaidul Quader, and 339 others, in connection with the deaths of five people during the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, the Tribune reported. Over 230 people were killed in Bangladesh in the incidents of violence that erupted across the country following the fall of the Hasina government, taking the death toll to more than 600 since the massive protest by students against a controversial quota system in government jobs first started in mid-July. The Hasina-led government was replaced by an interim government, and 84-year-old Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus was named its Chief Adviser. Relatives of the victims lodged the cases in different metropolitan magistrate courts in Dhaka on Monday.

Hamas's 'new orders' on handling hostages amid outrage over deaths: Report

Hamas official Abu Ubaida's statement happened to coincide with the discovery of six more dead hostages in Gaza. Israel's military claims the hostages were executed shortly before troops could reach them.

World As outrage grows in Israel over hostage deaths, Hamas said it has laid out instructions on how to manage captives if Israeli forces close in on their positions. A spokesperson for the Palestinian militant group's armed wing told Reuters that the orders were issued months ago. The statement comes a day after Israel announced that it had recovered the bodies of six hostages, including an Israeli-American, from a tunnel in Rafah, southern Gaza. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) claimed the hostages were "brutally" murdered "a short while" before troops were able to reach them.

Hamas official Abu Ubaida said the instructions were given after Israel rescued four of its citizens, who were taken during the October 7 Hamas attacks, from the Nuseirat refugee camp in Gaza. The rescue operation, which took place in June, resulted in the deaths of at least 274 Palestinians, according to Gazan health officials. "Let it be clear to everyone that, following the incident in Nuseirat, new instructions have been issued to the Mujahideen tasked with guarding the prisoners," Ubaida stated. "These instructions outline how to handle the situation if the occupation army approaches the location where the prisoners are being held," he added, without going into specifics. Ubaida further blamed the Israeli government for the deaths of the six hostages, accusing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of pursuing military operations instead of negotiating. "Netanyahu's insistence to free prisoners through military pressure, instead of sealing a deal means they will be returned to their families in shrouds," Ubaida said. "Their families must choose whether they want them dead or alive."



NETANYAHU UNDER ATTACK

Furious Israelis staged massive protests against the Netanyahu government in response to the discovery of six more dead hostages. The Hostages and Missing Families Forum, representing families of those held captive by Hamas, has excoriated Netanyahu for failing to bring the hostages home. "A deal for the return of the hostages has been on the table for over two months," the group said in a statement. "If it weren't for the thwarting of the deal, the hostages whose deaths we learned of this morning would probably be alive." US President Joe Biden also hit out at Netanyahu, saying he was not doing enough to secure a

ceasefire and hostage deal. The US, along with mediators from Qatar and Egypt, has been working for months to broker an agreement that would pause the fighting in Gaza and facilitate the release of the remaining hostages.

DEFIANT NETANYAHU RESISTS TRUCE CALL

In a press conference Monday, Netanyahu rejected calls for a ceasefire, reiterating that the 11-month conflict in Gaza will only end once Hamas is eradicated. "Israel will not accept the massacre of six hostages. Hamas will pay a heavy price," he said. "Iran's axis of evil needs the Philadelphia corridors. Israel must control it," Netanyahu added, referring to a strategic corridor along the Gaza-Egyptian border. "No one is more committed to freeing the hostages than me. ... No one will preach to me on this issue," he asserted. Senior Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri accused the Israeli leader of trying to deflect responsibility for the hostages' deaths, saying, "Netanyahu killed the six prisoners and he is determined to kill the remaining ones."

Brazil's Supreme Court unanimously upholds nationwide ban on X

Rio De Janeiro. A Brazilian Supreme Court panel on Monday unanimously upheld the decision of one of its justices to block billionaire Elon Musk's social media platform X nationwide, according to the court's website.

The broader support among justices undermines the effort by Musk and his supporters to cast Justice Alexandre de Moraes as an authoritarian renegade who is intent on censoring political speech in Brazil. The panel that voted in a virtual session was comprised of five of the full bench's 11 justices, including de Moraes, who last Friday ordered the platform blocked for refusing to name a local legal representative, as required by law. It will stay suspended until it complies with his orders and pays outstanding fines that as of last week exceeded \$3 million, according to his decision. The platform has clashed with de Moraes over its reluctance to block users, and has alleged that de Moraes wants an in-country legal representative so that Brazilian authorities can exert leverage over the company by having someone to arrest.

De Moraes also set a daily fine of 50,000 reais (\$8,900) for people or companies using virtual private networks, or VPNs,



to access X. Some legal experts questioned the grounds for that decision and how it would be enforced, including Brazil's bar association, which said it would request the Supreme Court review that provision.

But the majority of the panel upheld the VPN fine -- with one justice opposing unless users are shown to be using X to commit crimes. Brazil is one of the biggest markets for X, with tens of millions of users. Its block marked a dramatic escalation in a months-long feud between Musk and de Moraes over free speech, far-right accounts and misinformation. Over the weekend, many X users in Brazil said they felt disconnected from the world and began migrating en masse to alternative platforms, like Bluesky and

Threads. The suspension has also proceeded to set up a showdown between de Moraes and Musk's satellite internet provider Starlink, which is refusing to enforce the justice's decision. "He violated the constitution of Brazil repeatedly and egregiously, after swearing an oath to protect it," Musk wrote in the hours before the vote, adding a flurry of insults and accusations in the wake of the panel's vote. On Sunday, Musk announced the creation of an X account to publish the justice's sealed decisions that he said would show they violated Brazilian law. But legal experts have said such claims don't hold water, noting in particular that de Moraes' peers have repeatedly endorsed his rulings -- as they did on Monday. Although his actions are viewed by experts as legal, they have sparked some debate over whether one man has been afforded too much power, or if his rulings should have more transparency. De Moraes' decision to quickly refer his order for panel approval served to obtain "collective, more institutional support that attempts to depersonalize the decision," Conrado H/abner.

Venezuela issues arrest warrant for Nicolas Maduro's rival amid poll dispute

A court in Venezuela has issued an arrest warrant for opposition leader Edmundo Gonzalez, accusing him of conspiracy and other crimes amid a dispute over whether he or President Nicolas Maduro won a July election.

Caracas Venezuela's attorney general's office said on Monday a court issued an arrest warrant for opposition leader Edmundo Gonzalez, accusing him of conspiracy and other crimes amid a dispute over whether he or President Nicolas Maduro won a July election.

Attorney General Tarek Saab shared a photo of the warrant with Reuters via a message on the application Telegram. The issue of an arrest warrant against Gonzalez would amount to a major escalation in Maduro's government's crackdown against the opposition following the disputed

election. Venezuela's national electoral authority and its top court have said Maduro was the victor of the July 28 election with just over half of the votes, but tallies shared by the opposition show a resounding victory for Gonzalez. The warrant follows weeks of comments from top government officials saying Gonzalez and other members of the opposition should go to jail. "This man has the nerve to say he doesn't recognize laws, he doesn't recognize anything. What's up with that? That's unacceptable," Maduro said in a broadcast on state television. "Citizens agree that laws have to work and that officials do their job." The opposition, some Western countries and international bodies like a United Nations panel of experts have said the vote was not transparent and demanded the publication of full tallies, with some outright decrying fraud. A Gonzalez spokesperson said they were awaiting any notification of a warrant

but made no further comment. The opposition has always denied any wrongdoing.

"They have lost all notion of reality," opposition leader Maria Corina Machado said on X. "Threatening the President-elect will only achieve more cohesion and increase the support of Venezuelans and the world for Edmundo Gonzalez."

"The opposition has published what it says are copies of over 80 per cent of ballot box-level tallies on a public website, while the electoral council says a cyber attack on election night has prevented its publication of the full tallies. The warrant request appeared to be the government's latest salvo in what the opposition says is a crackdown on dissent. Saab has also launched criminal probes into Machado and the opposition vote tally website itself and detentions of opposition figures and protesters have continued in the weeks since the vote.

Two killed after car plows into restaurant's patio area in US's Minnesota

St Louis Park. A man drove his car through a restaurant patio where a group of medical workers were celebrating in a Minneapolis suburb on Sunday, killing two people and injuring at least four, police and hospital officials said.

Surveillance footage captured a man, whom police did not name, driving into the outdoor patio of the Park Tavern in St Louis Park, a city immediately west of Minneapolis. The footage shows the man entering the restaurant parking lot on Sunday evening but not going inside. He attempted to park, then drove into the outdoor patio, police said. The driver was arrested for criminal vehicular homicide. Police did not offer additional details on a potential motive. They also did not identify the victims. But in a written statement on Monday, Annelise Heitkamp, a spokesperson for Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, said one of the



people who died and the four who were injured worked at the facility. "Following the tragic incident at Park Tavern, we're grieving the loss of a loved and respected colleague and friend to many here at Methodist Hospital and HealthPartners," Heitkamp said. "Our thoughts are with our colleague's family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time."

The statement did not disclose the deceased people's names. It said all four of the injured hospital workers were nurses. Dr. Thomas Stark, who works at Methodist Hospital, told KSTP-TV that the group of colleagues went to Park Tavern, which is near the hospital, on Sunday night to celebrate with one of the nurses, who was leaving her role for a new position. "On to the next chapter of her life and everyone was out celebrating, having a good time and saying good-bye," Stark said.

That nurse is now hospitalised with severe injuries, according to the news station. One person who witnessed the episode told KARE-TV that the driver struck the back of his vehicle before mowing directly into a crowd of about 30 people on the patio.

5 injured in shooting in New York's West Indian American Day Parade

According to the police, a gunman targeted a specific group of people during the Indian American Day parade and opened fire along the parade route in Brooklyn.

New York. Five people were shot Monday at New York City's West Indian American Day Parade, police said. It's the latest instance of violence marring one of the world's largest annual celebrations of Caribbean culture. A gunman targeting a specific group of people opened fire along the parade route in Brooklyn around 2:35 p.m., NYPD Chief of Patrol John Chell said. The parade had kicked off hours earlier, with thousands of revelers dancing and marching down Eastern Parkway, a main thoroughfare through the borough. It was expected to continue into the night. Two people were critically wounded, Chell said. The three other victims are expected to survive their injuries, he said. The gunman fled. "This was not random," Chell said. "This

was an intentional act by one person towards a group of people. We do not by no means have any active shooter or anything of that nature running around Eastern Parkway as we speak. The parade is going on and will go on until later on tonight." An Associated Press videographer who was nearby when the shots rang out saw at least two people being treated next to what appeared to be wounds to the face and arm. Police cordoned off an area adjacent to the parade route, where they had placed crime scene markers. The parade continued flowing past as officers were seen bagging items.

Chell asked that bystanders provide police with any video footage they may have recorded of the shooting. "We need that video," Chell said. "We are going to solve this, but it's going to take a lot of work."

Some people attending the parade were shaken by the violence. "I'm crying over this, it's so terrible. How can someone have the heart to fire a gun around so many people -- babies, children, the



elderly," Jalissa Bailey told the New York Post. "I know this parade has a history of violence, but things have been peaceful in recent years, and we got to hoping that there was enough security in place that maybe that was over with," Bailey said.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer was marching in the parade at the time and completed the route. "I'm pained and troubled by the horrible shooting that took place as we were marching together at the West Indian Day Festival and Parade in Brooklyn," Schumer posted on X, formerly known as Twitter. "Thank you to our 1st responders on the scene. I

pray for everyone affected. We must keep working to end gun violence in America." The parade, an annual Labor Day event in its 57th year, turns Eastern Parkway into a kaleidoscope of feather-covered costumes and colorful flags as participants make their way down the thoroughfare alongside floats stacked high with speakers playing soca and reggae music. The parade routinely attracts huge crowds, who line the almost 2-mile (3.2-kilometer) route that runs from Crown Heights to the Brooklyn Museum. It's also a popular destination for local politicians, many of whom have West Indian heritage or represent members of the city's large Caribbean community.

Though a joyous occasion, the parade and related celebrations have been plagued by violence over the years. In 2016, two people were killed and several others were wounded near the parade route. The year before, Carey Gabay, an aide to then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo was shot in the head during pre-parade festivities. He died nine days later.

News box

HC slams Maha govt's 'robotic approach' to adjournments, warns of imposing costs

MUMBAI. Mere days before the President of India and Union law minister sought steps to tackle a 'tareekh pe tareekh' culture, Bombay HC reprimanded the Maharashtra govt for its "casual," "robotic approach" in seeking adjournments, its "routine mantra" and "total neglect" in failing to file an affidavit for over a year and called for devising an effective procedure to ensure replies are filed promptly in all matters.

The HC on Aug 29 said the state had since Nov 2022 only been seeking adjournments in one matter. The case was an example of the "casual approach" to "drag proceedings," unmindful of the cost litigants bear as does the govt itself, said Justices Girish Kulkarni and Somasekar Sunderasan.

"In the event, there is no justification, we shall not permit the request either for an adjournment or to file reply affidavits except on payment of costs," the HC said, observing that the issue of unjustified adjournments needed to be tackled separately from the merits of the matter before it.

The HC order came three days before Union law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Sunday spoke of collectively tackling the "common perception of a 'tareekh pe tareekh' culture." President Droupadi Murmu had echoed his sentiments. They spoke at the National Conference of the District Judiciary to mark 75 years of the Supreme Court of India.

8 lakh take bus, train to Konkan from Mumbai for Ganeshotsav

MUMBAI. For the last six decades, Pandurang Gawde, a 78-year-old resident of Borivli, has never failed to visit his hometown in the Konkan region for the Ganesh festival. He is among the thousands of Mumbaiers who eagerly await this joyous annual trip to the Konkan during Ganeshotsav. According to an official, more than 8 lakh people are anticipated to travel from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region by bus and train this season.

"Be it an affluent family or those with modest income, visiting your native town or village for Ganpati puja at your home is a special occasion. Also, it is like a 'Diwali' in Konkan; everyone is in celebration mode," Gawde said. There is already a significant demand for buses to various destinations in the Konkan region, including Devgad, Guhagar, Khed, Dapoli, Rajapur, Malvan, Kankavli, Ratnagiri, and Chiplun. Last year, approximately 1.8 lakh people traveled by MSRTC buses from the Mumbai region to Konkan, and this year, the number is expected to surpass 2.25 lakh passengers on nearly 5,000 buses. "There is rise of 25% in bus bookings this year, with 4,200 buses being reserved under group booking in which families and friends come together to book a single bus and enjoy their travel to native towns. Some of them are bhajan groups who sing devotional songs en route," an MSRTC official said. "The first bus for the Ganesh festival is scheduled to depart for Konkan on Tuesday." Gawde mentioned that state buses are an affordable and reliable option, with fares ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 700 per trip, while private bus fares to Konkan can be as high as Rs 2,500 per seat. "Tickets of special Konkan trains are difficult to get and they get booked as soon as the windows opens for reservations. So, majority of those going to Konkan depend on the state buses."

GSHSEB polls: 55 in fray for nine seats

Ahmedabad. The Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB) on Monday concluded the nomination filing process for its governing body elections.

A total of 55 candidates submitted 73 forms for nine seats in the governing body. The School Management Association delayed announcing their official candidates until the last moment. Four of their candidates — A K Bharwad, J P Patel, J V Patel, and Dilip Chaudhary — filed nominations by the end of the day.

Additionally, Priyavadan Korat and Dharini Shukla filed their forms directly for the governing body seat. It is expected that three non-official candidates will withdraw their forms after the validation process.

Korat files GSHSEB poll nomination without consent. Priyavadan Korat of the school management association submitted his nomination for the GSHSEB election before the association's official candidate was announced. His actions raise questions about a potential internal conflict. The official candidate by the association will be revealed at their parliamentary meeting on Saturday. Korat previously won against the official candidate after being denied a ticket.

No HC relief for man who filled LS poll forms in place of candidate. The Bombay High Court refused pre-arrest bail to a man charged with cheating by falsely filling election forms for a constituency, exploiting name similarities. Justice R N Laddha highlighted the gravity of the case and reinforced the necessity of upholding electoral integrity. Custodial interrogation of the accused was deemed essential to uncover the truth.

Surat shooter wins two medals at World Deaf Shooting c'ship

Ahmedabad. Mohammed Murtuza Vania, an 18-year-old rifle shooter from Surat, remains unfazed by his inability to hear the bullet's whizzing sound as it leaves his rifle. Instead, he has utilized his profound hearing impairment to excel internationally, securing medals for India in his first international competition.

At the 2nd World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hanover, Germany, on Monday, Mohammed clinched a silver medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event alongside Natasha Joshi. The tournament, which commenced on August 29 and will conclude on September 8, features 70 shooters from 16 countries, with India being represented by 13 participants.

"It is a matter of great pride for Gujarat and India that Mohammed has won two medals in his debut event. To achieve what he has overcoming the limitation he has is big," expressed Murtuza Vania, Mohammed's father, to.

Acknowledging the role of coach Sagar Ukhore in nurturing a winning mindset, Murtuza Vania mentioned, "Mohammed trained in Vyara (in Tapi district) a year back. He also trained for a period of six months and more in Pune. Currently, he practices under Ukhore in Surat. Apart from his shooting training, the



coach has helped him develop control over mind and maintain stability, which is needed in high-pressure contests." Gold in Tokyo Paralympics made Avani Lekhara more confident, says the coach of rifle shooter Avani Lekhara.

who won gold and bronze in the Tokyo Paralympics, competes in Paris starting today. Her coach, Suma Shirur, notes Avani's increased confidence and technical advanced skills. After undergoing gallbladder surgery earlier this year, Avani is now ready for the challenge as she seeks to defend her title and win more medals for India.

India's most medal winning event in summer Paralympics. The 2024 Summer Paralympics will kick off in Paris on August 28, with India fielding 84 para athletes, a record number for the country. Having secured 31 medals historically, India hopes to surpass its previous total of 19 medals. The event culminates on September 8, building on past successes.

Shooter Rubina Francis bags bronze, shuttlers assure India another medal at Paralympics. At the Paris Paralympics, Rubina Francis won bronze in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event, becoming the first Indian female pistol shooter to medal. Sukant Kadam advanced to the men's singles SL4 semifinal, ensuring another medal for India. Meanwhile, Indian archers, cyclists, and rowers faced challenges in their events.

Dr G Parameshwara may be top choice if Karnataka CM post falls vacant

BENGALURU. A recent meeting between Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara and PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi has led to intense speculation over change in the chief minister's post.

Though Parameshwara was tight-lipped about the specifics of the meeting, there is talk within Congress circles that he could take over as chief minister if Siddaramaiah has to quit over his alleged involvement in the MUDA site allotment issue. As Congress navigates this uncertain period, several potential leaders have already been ruled out to take over as chief minister. Though AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge was initially considered, a recent controversy over the allotment of a KIADB site to a trust managed by his family has cast a shadow over his candidacy. Industries Minister MB Patil's prospects have also been compromised because of another land-related issue. It is said that Satish Jarkiholi and Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa are not being considered seriously, likely because of their history with JDS. Former KPCC president RV Deshpande on Sunday said he too is interested in taking up the post, but his chances remain slim as he is a Brahmin and there is limited support for candidates from the community from the 136 party MLAs. It is also significant that Parameshwara and Jarkiholi recently met discontented BK Hariprasad. Parameshwara, who spent eight years as KPCC president, narrowly missed becoming chief minister in 2013 after he faced an unexpected defeat. His chance could come soon as Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who was widely believed to be a successor to Siddaramaiah, is seen being on the defensive.

25 trains across Tamil Nadu cancelled, 20 diverted due to Andhra Pradesh floods

CHENNAI. Hundreds of passengers were stranded at the Chennai Central, Tambaram, Perambur, and other stations across Tamil Nadu due to the cancellation of trains over the past two days. The disruption was caused due to waterlogging at the Rayanapadu station in the Vijayawada-Kazipet section of the South Central Railway.

Railway authorities said that a total of 25 trains which were scheduled to arrive at Chennai Central and other stations in Tamil Nadu from Shalimar, Puri, and other areas were cancelled on Monday.

Moreover, over 20 trains heading to Chennai Central, Rameswaram, Nagercoil, and other parts of Tamil Nadu from Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra in Jammu and Kashmir, New Delhi, Ahmedabad, and Jaipur, among other stations, were rerouted. These trains skipped regular stops in rain-affected areas and arrived at their destinations almost 2 to 3



hours late. A 45-year-old passenger from Sriperumbudur in Kancheepuram district, who was employed at a construction company said that after planning to relocate

to their native place for several months, he had booked tickets on the Grand Trunk Express for a Monday journey to Faridabad in Haryana. "My wife has already left, but I have I been stranded here since Monday morning," he added. A section of passengers who had booked tickets to Shalimar, Patna, and other destinations in north and north eastern parts of the country were seen crowding the platforms on the central station and refused to return to their homes.

A spokesperson of the southern railway said, "The South Central Railway (SCR) is unable to receive new trains or provide safe passage for trains that have departed. Once the section is cleared, they will notify us to operate trains on diverted routes. The section is being closely monitored by top officials. We will resume services as soon as the section is cleared, following advice from SCR."

Monsoon at doorstep, but lasting steps to curb flood sidestep Thiruneermalai

CHENNAI. With the northeast monsoon around the corner, residents of Thiruneermalai in Tambaram are in a state of nerves over the state government's alleged failure to implement long-term measures to prevent flooding in their area.

Ever since the fabled floods of 2015, the community has repeatedly demanded in vain for the widening of Nattu canal by removing encroachments and constructing retaining walls along it. The canal connects the Thiruneermalai Lake to the Adyar river through several residential areas.

The residents are also calling for the construction of an additional culvert near the Maduravoyal National Highway where the Nattu canal meets the Adyar river. The sole culvert available now is insufficient to manage a surge in water flow.

M A Peumal, a retired government officer residing in Thiruneermalai, pointed out that the canal's width has drastically



reduced. "It was originally 60 feet wide, but now commences at 40 feet and narrows down to a meagre 3 feet before joining the river," he explained. Though officials marked the encroachments after the 2015 floods, no further action ensued. "Constructing another culvert along the NH would facilitate better water flow and prevent flooding. NHAI officials recently inspected the area to consider building a culvert, but they directed the job to the WRD. However, when we contacted the State Department, they redirected us back to NHAI. So, the issue remains

unresolved this year too," he added. "The desilting work taken up at the canal is ineffective, as the removed waste is often dumped along the canal's sidewalls which is only up to road level. Hence, the silt eventually finds its way back to the canal reducing its flow capacity. We have to live in constant fear," said B Saravanan of Saraswathipuram in Thiruneermalai.

Speaking to , a WRD official stated, "Construction of culverts on national highways comes solely under the jurisdiction of the union government's NHAI, not the WRD. A proposal for constructing the retaining wall along the Nattu Canal was submitted in 2023, but funds have yet to be allocated. During an enumeration after the 2015 floods, as many as 13 encroachments were identified along the canal. These will be re-evaluated after funds are allocated." The residents also urged Chief Minister MK Stalin to visit the area upon his return from abroad, inspect the situation, and allocate funds for the work immediately.

Tamil Nadu colleges told to ensure POSH compliance, end drug menace

CHENNAI. The Tamil Nadu government on Monday directed all higher education institutes to ensure compliance under the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act and take proactive measures to tackle drug menace on campuses.

The instructions were given during a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary N Muruganandam, in the presence of DGP Shankar Jiwai, other senior police officers and secretaries of various departments, in the wake of the raids by Tambaram police on apartments near a private college in Potheri on Saturday, the sexual harassment incident at NIT-Tiruchy last week, and the child sexual abuse cases at a fake NCC camp in Krishnagiri district last month. Speaking to , a top official said that the two issues of tackling sexual harassment and drug menace were discussed in detail.

While only 25% of the state's institutes have set up an



Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), colleges have not been vigilant in controlling the drug rackets prevalent on campus, in hostels and

other student accommodations, multiple officials present in the meeting told . From next week, one police personnel will be deputed to each college every Monday for sensitising staff and students regarding these issues and also explain to them about the 'Kaval Udhavi' mobile app using which, one can send an emergency alert to the police control room, a senior police official said.

Colleges told to report sexual abuse complaints on POSH website. College representatives who took part in the meeting were asked to devise a proper protocol to deal with sexual harassment cases. Colleges have been instructed to immediately share details of any sexual harassment issue reported on the campus on the government's POSH website.

The colleges were asked to create awareness on sexual harassment internal complaints committee (ICC) among students. One of the SPs said the students hesitated to complain about sexual harassment, fearing being targeted by college administration during job placements.

On the drug issue, colleges have been asked to form anti-drug clubs, keep an eye on consumption on campus and hostels. College authorities must try to rehabilitate drug users. There must be regular information sharing and coordination with cops to nip the issue in the bud, TN police advised. A vice-principal of a Chennai college said the institutions were asked to light up all unlit areas on the campuses and install CCTV cameras.

Doctor lied to Mumbai's Sion hospital on woman's death: Chargesheet

MUMBAI. Sion hospital's head of forensic medicine Dr Rajesh Dere gave false information and tried to mislead it by claiming that the 60-year-old woman run over by his car on the premises in May had fallen on her own, the chargesheet filed in court by Sion police states. The hospital had recorded this in its electronic patient records, it says.

Rubeda Shaikh, a resident of Mumbra, had arrived at the hospital on May 24 for treatment. She felt ill and decided to sleep for a while within the hospital compound near gate 7, says the chargesheet, adding that around 7.30pm, Dr Dere drove his car over her and realised what he had done only after the security personnel raised an alarm.

Doc told Sion hosp staffers woman fell down & blacked out

Head of forensic medicine at Sion hospital Dr Rajesh Dere tried to mislead police on the death of Rubeda Shaikh whom he ran over on the hospital premises on May 24, Sion police have said in their chargesheet.

A wounded Shaikh was rushed into the emergency



ward. Doctors declared her dead during treatment a few hours later. Her body was sent for a postmortem examination and was later handed over to her son, Shahnawaz. Initially, Dr Dere told the hospital staff that the woman felt giddy, fell down and blacked out, necessitating hospitalisation, say police.

Police say they and hospital authorities learnt that Shaikh had died following the car accident only after independent witnesses told them that a senior doctor

had run over a woman patient on the premises. They say Dr Dere did not cooperate with them during questioning. Police later obtained CCTV camera footage from the hospital, which clearly showed the doctor running her over with his car. The chargesheet says that Shaikh's viscera has been sent for a forensic examination and the report is awaited, and that police recorded the statements of 12 doctors from Sion hospital. A committee of doctors from JJ hospital examined Shaikh's body and a necropsy and an autopsy were performed accompanied by videography. The examination concluded that broken ribs and several injuries all over her body led to her death, says the chargesheet.

Police have charged Dr Dere under Sections 177 (providing false information to a public servant), 304 (A) (death by negligence), 279 (rash or negligent driving) and 338 (causing grievous hurt to someone by an act that endangers the life or safety of others) of Indian Penal Code and Section 184 of Motor Vehicles Act (dangerous driving).

The colours of our flag represent who we are

THE SGPC advisory to change the colour of the Nishan Sahib at gurdwaras from bhagwa (saffron) to basanti or surmai is an important step towards distinguishing Sikh identity. Religion, after all, defines a people; it provides them with an identity. It is not just a matter of personal or private belief. And it certainly is not about deep philosophies. Its public manifestations and shared signs and symbols help people form an identity for themselves. It identifies people as members of a group. At the same time, it also identifies those who do not belong to the group.

It was in this context that in Young India (April 14, 1921), Mahatma Gandhi proposed a national flag that had two colours: green and red. Green, explained Gandhi, was the colour of Muslims, and red was of Hindus. The green-and-red national flag represented an India that was made up of Muslims and Hindus — both sharing a flag. Gandhi's design was akin to the flag of the UK. That flag sported three types of crosses. Each represented a Christian denomination, which, in turn, represented the lands that had come together to form the British Empire. Gandhi disabused Gandhi of his 'blindness' towards other religions in India. "Please incorporate the colour black to represent Sikhs since they are neither Hindu nor Muslim," they urged. After all, India was not a country of Hindus or Muslims alone but of hundreds of other dharma paramparas, too. Each had a distinct philosophy, rituals, visibly different sants, gurus and mentors. Gandhi's mother, Putlibai, was a follower of Prannath, a sant who came from a prosperous merchant family and advocated a dharma parampara that freely used components of Jainism, Vaishnavism and Christianity while asserting its independent identity. A later version of the flag for India that Gandhi made public included three stripes: red, white and green. White, in the middle, represented all other religious communities of India. Addressing Sikhs, Gandhi's article effectively said that they would simply have to adjust and accommodate with everyone else. You are 'needlessly agitated', Gandhi wrote. "To ask for special prominence is tantamount to a refusal to merge in the two numerically great communities," he stressed. Gandhi also conceded that the 'quarrel between Hindus and Mussalmans' was intractable, (but) that Sikhs had never had any difference with Hindus and that the Sikhs' "quarrel with the Mussalmans was of the same type as the Hindus."

Communal conflicts grew in the 1920s to such an extent that when Gandhi wrote a scathing report on the Kohat riots, Maulana Mohammed Ali — one of his closest friends — accused him of being communal. Consequently, Gandhi decided to abandon religion as the basis of the nation.

Such separation based on religion was used by the British to divide Indians, the Congress leadership would argue repeatedly. In 1928, the British Indian Army came out with the Handbook for the Indian Army: Sikhs, published for the instruction of officers who commanded the Sikh regiment. This handbook explained that Sikhs had fought the "political tyranny of the Mussalmans and the social tyranny of the Hindus." It also warned about colours: no bhagwa colour for Sikhs since that was the colour of Hindus. Bhagwa, the handbook explained, was the colour of renunciation. Sikhs did not renounce the world. Rather, they strived to protect dharma by taking up arms. The handbook noted that Sikhism had been on the wane in the 19th century. But then, it again started growing. The population of Sikhs went up from 17,06,165 in 1881 to 31,10,000 in 1921. It also warned that Sikhs had been prohibited by their religion from eating halal meat, from bowing to a Brahmin and from drinking the foot-wash (charanamrut) of anyone, god or king. Instead, they drank only amrit (literally 'divine nectar').

When Gandhi next wrote on the national flag for India, he suggested a tricolour with bhagwa, white and green stripes. These stood, respectively, for sacrifice, purity and sustenance, he said. The red for Hindus had been changed by Gandhi to bhagwa without any explanation, perhaps because by then, red had come to be associated with communists.

INS Arighaat will bolster India's deterrence capability

INS Arighaat and INS Arihant will enhance the robustness of India's strategic posture.

THE commissioning of India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, the INS Arighaat, on August 29 at Visakhapatnam is a significant step in India's progression towards a credible second-strike deterrence capability.

he first SSBN (ship, submersible, ballistic, nuclear), the INS Arihant, was commissioned in 2016. It became fully operational in 2018 and India carried out its first successful submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) test in 2022. The chronology is relevant to contextualise the arduous timelines, the complexity of achieving techno-strategic benchmarks and zero-error platform integration for an SSBN to become a credible platform in the deterrence calculus.

These two 'boats' — as submarines are referred to — will enhance the robustness of India's strategic posture. India became a nuclear weapon power in May 1998 when PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee boldly authorised the 'Shakti' tests and soon adopted a no-first-use (NFU) policy as its nuclear doctrine.

The efficacy of effective deterrence and the NFU policy is predicated on a credible second-strike capability, meaning that the nation must acquire the ability to first deter a potential adversary from embarking on an apocalyptic nuclear weapon path. This calls for prudent signalling regarding WMD (weapons of mass destruction) competence, as in the ability to deliver nuclear ordnance in an appropriate manner and the national resolve to take this ultimate step if deterrence fails. To make deterrence more robust, the Cold War experience is instructive. The US used atomic weapons in Hiroshima-Nagasaki (1945) and the USSR soon joined the nuclear club. These two superpowers amassed WMD missiles in a frenzied manner and took the world to the brink of a nuclear war during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. This scary experience compelled both nations to work towards stable deterrence models and this was arrived at by way of the techno-strategic options provided by a nuclear-propelled submarine carrying nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles — the SSBN. In summary, because of its intrinsic stealth features, a nuclear-propelled submarine can remain submerged for extended periods and is relatively undetectable. Hence, it is the ideal platform to carry the 'second strike' capability by way of long-range, nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles. The core function of the

SSBN is to ensure peace through deterrence — not to engage in sabre-rattling or war-fighting — and this was the essence of what Rajnath Singh highlighted at the Arighaat commissioning, when he noted that the SSBN would "establish strategic balance and peace in the region and play a decisive role in the country's security". India began its nuclear-propelled submarine programme in 1984 when Vice-Admiral MK (Miki) Roy was appointed the first DG of what was then called the ATV (advanced technology vessel) project. This was a top-secret mission and then PM Indira Gandhi had accorded this project the appropriate degree of

The success of the Indian SSBN programme must be assessed against this geopolitical and techno-strategic framework and, hence, the long gestation from 1984 to 2024 for India to acquire its second SSBN. The technical characteristics of the Arighaat are similar to the Arihant: powered by an 83-MW pressurised light-water nuclear reactor and displacing 6,000 tonnes, the boat can attain a maximum speed of 12-15 knots (22-28 km/h) on the surface and up to 24 knots (44 km/h) when submerged. It is currently armed with missiles of 750 km and the boats are also designed to carry a longer range 3,500-km missile, the K-4.



Acquiring an appropriate level of nuclear deterrence that is effective, sustainable and affordable is an onerous responsibility for the higher defence management of the nation — the CCS (Cabinet Committee on Security) headed by the PM. This is even more so for India that is committed to the NFU policy and is located in a difficult strategic geography. The China-Pakistan-North Korea WMD proliferation triangle goes back to the 1980s. This opaque partnership can pose complex security challenges in this decade. India's entire nuclear capability, posture and long-term profile have to be reviewed periodically and necessary funding be made available. Acquiring more platforms and honing the efficacy of the first two boats so as to build on the currently modest SSBN capability is a first step. The underwater domain will be a contested arena to maintain peace in the uneasy Indo-Pacific. Delhi will have to be proactive to be able to 'deter' potential nuclear adversaries without fear of escalation. The SSBN is the most effective option in the national quiver and India will have to be cognisant of this abiding imperative.

national priority and support.

India was placed under US-led technological sanctions after the 1974 peaceful nuclear explosion (PNE) and this was a period when Delhi could not import as much as a screwdriver! And for a country that lacked an advanced domestic industrial ecosystem and did not design and manufacture even a scooter or a car, India embarked upon what many critics thought was a leap of madness. It decided to design its own nuclear reactor and build its own submarine and — hold your breath — this would be an SSBN. While all nations that acquired SSBNs before India (the US, former USSR, now Russia, the UK, France and China) first built conventional boats with diesel-electric propulsion, then moved up the ladder to design nuclear-propelled boats (SSN) and then, finally, mated the ballistic missile with nuclear warheads, thereby making the platform a potent SSBN. India plunged into the SSBN quest in the first instance, albeit with valuable help from Moscow. This was audacious.

Acclaimed US nuclear theorist Thomas Schelling offered sage counsel to security planners: "An early strategist's metaphor that nuclear planners are like homebuilders remains true today. A wise architect does not design only for benign environments, but for the worst weather conditions one can reasonably anticipate. We have to consistently maintain a 'building code' for our strategic forces to ensure they can weather the most stressing scenarios we can reasonably postulate." Prudent advice for South Block.

Haryana poll twist

Battling anti-incumbency, BJP buys time

THE Election Commission of India's (ECI) decision to change the polling date for the Haryana Assembly elections from October 1 to October 5 has been predictably welcomed by the ruling BJP and slammed by the main Opposition party, the Congress. Apparently fearing a lower voter turnout due to holidays before and after the original voting day, the BJP and the Indian National Lok Dal — an Opposition party whose very survival is at stake — had sought postponement; the Bishnoi community joined the chorus, citing the annual festival in Rajasthan in memory of its founder, Guru Jambheshwar. It's no surprise that the Congress and the BJP are at odds on the issue, but that was not the case when they demanded the deferment of the 2022 Punjab Assembly elections in view of Guru Ravidas Jayanti. The ECI had done the needful, but both parties were blown away by the AAP



storm. The BJP, which has ruled Haryana for the past decade, is desperately looking to blunt the impact of anti-incumbency. Seeking the postponement of the polls can be seen as a ploy to buy time and possibly upset the calculations of its rivals, particularly a resurgent Congress. The grand old party won five Lok Sabha seats in the state in the recent polls after having drawn a blank in 2019, when the rampaging BJP swept all 10 seats. The saffron party's decision to replace Manohar Lal Khattar with Nayab Singh Saini as the CM earlier this year was seemingly a last-ditch attempt to stem the tide of falling popularity.

Four extra days of campaigning could prove crucial, especially if the poll battle goes down to the wire. A potentially higher turnout, no matter which party gains from it, is undoubtedly good for democracy. The ECI, however, owes the voter an explanation for not having done adequate groundwork before finalising the poll date in the first place.

Political tussle over Kolkata horror

The West Bengal Government should learn lessons from the state's turbulent history

AUGUST 20 was an embarrassing day for the government of West Bengal, which is a part of "India, that is Bharat... a Union of States". It was almost a 'knockout' blow by the Supreme Court, which suo motu (on its own accord/motion) took up the case of the rape-murder of a trainee doctor in a state-run hospital on August 9. The court chided the state for its acts of omission and commission. Understandably, the Mother Goddess-worshipping Bengalis, true to their spirited tradition of fighting (like their Punjabi brethren) against British injustice and excesses, burst onto the streets against the state government, and sought justice for the victim, thereby showing the whole of India how to democratically and peacefully confront the establishment over a heinous crime committed on its watch. Thus, while Bengal showed India the art of fighting the establishment for the sake of justice, the Supreme Court endorsed it and took a cue from it. In an unprecedented three-judge Bench order, the apex court sternly emphasised "safety and security of all medical professionals" as "an issue of high national priority" and ordered the state government not to "unleash power of the state on peaceful protesters". The first round goes to the role played by the judiciary as the Bengal state machinery fared poorly. Consequently, as it so often happens in Indian polity, the brutal crime prompted the state government's political opponents to demand the imposition of President's rule in Bengal under Article 356 of the Constitution. Today, the clamour for justice for the victim has grown into a vociferous demand from the rival quarter for the resignation of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The crime scene has turned into a political hotbed for a blame game and one-upmanship. Article 356 is about "provisions in case of failure of constitutional machinery in States" wherein "if the President, on receipt of report



from the Governor of the State or otherwise, is satisfied... that the government of the State cannot be carried on in accordance with provisions of this Constitution, the President may by proclamation... assume to himself/herself all or any... functions of the Government of the State". It's a sort of an internal 'emergency' power of the federal executive to suspend or override the legislature of the state, even if temporarily. Nevertheless, despite it being an 'emergency' power, it has been applied 134 times from 1950 to 2024, thereby giving the impression of its abuse and misuse by the federal government to target political rivals. BR Ambedkar, the father of the Constitution, was prescient to emphatically express that the scope of the Article would be confined to the

sense of "breakdown of the constitutional machinery" and that this was an exceptional provision which should be applied "only in the last resort" (Ninth Constituent Assembly Debate).

Nevertheless, the supercharged reaction of the people of Bengal to the rape-murder criminal law case has the makings of being a catalyst to turn it into a constitutional law case owing to the political rivalry and bitterness between the Central and state actors. Even the Chief Justice of India was constrained to openly advise rival litigants "not to politicise" the rape-murder case. Be that as it may, Article 356 is too complex a provision to have a practical application wherein there is neither any imminent threat of external aggression nor mass internal disturbance.

Nevertheless, the rape-murder case is being cited to seek the CM's removal and the government's dismissal under constitutional law. But that's easier said than done. Article 356 revolves around the "report from the Governor". However, the reports of Governors in 134 cases during the past 74 years and the consequential actions of the federal government could have been done in a better way for the development of a healthier and strong democratic tradition. That's not all. More important is the fact that Article 356 must be read with other relevant and connected articles — Article 256 (Obligations of States and Union), 257 (Control of Union over States in certain cases), 355 (Duty of Union to protect States) and 357 (Exercise of legislative powers under Proclamation issued under Article 356). Although there are several Supreme Court judgments on Article 356, the Bommai case of March 1994 stands out to stop its rampant 'misuse' to provide a salutary check on executive power, entrenching parliamentary supremacy over the executive.

Hence, though Bengal is likely to escape Article 356 today, its establishment ought to avoid past lapses which ruined its reputation. Burdwan's Sai brothers were lynched by a mob in front of communist leaders, district magistrate and the Superintendent of Police on March 17, 1970. IPS officer Vinod Mehta was lynched in the Calcutta port on the watch of then Chief Minister Jyoti Basu on March 18, 1984. Basu was again the CM when then Opposition leader Mamata Banerjee was attacked by two communist henchmen in front of thousands in Kolkata's Hazra Park on August 16, 1990. The incumbent Health/Home Minister of the state can do better than what has so far been done or undone. CM Mamata has surely seen it all.



The 6 tools every man should own

Go beyond gaming consoles and music players and check out a few practical tools that can help you with home repairs lest an emergency arises...

1. Wire Cutters:

Because that tooth you lost as you tried to peel off a particularly tough wire isn't coming back, it's safe to use tools meant for the purpose. A pair of wire cutters always proves handy for any electrical emergencies you may have. Plus it is safe, as the plastic grip at the end prevents you from getting electrocuted.

2. Claw Hammer:

After you have drilled a hole in the wall, it is a light claw hammer that is used to drive the nail in. Its claw also helps you pull out old

nails, thereby protecting the surface where you're plucking the nail out from. And no, using a pestle is not a good idea as it could damage your fingers as well as your walls. Plus the Mrs won't be too happy either

3. Leatherman: A multi-purpose knife that makes other knives look like needles, this is a gadget that every man should own. From screwdrivers, to serrated blades, wire cutters, crimpers, pliers, scissors and even can-openers, the array of tools it offers is astonishing and practical. Besides that, you can always improvise with the many adjustments it provides.

4. Electric Drill:

There's always space for home improvement. Maybe its that new family photo you want to hang on the wall. Or a new name-plate for the main door. The old fashioned way was to go banging away with the hammer. However, using an electric drill is a smart, clean way of going about things. It gets the work done fast, and there is no noise. So your neighbours don't have to worry about the wall coming down on their heads!

5. Crimpers:

A live internet connection is a lifeline. So, when the cables go awry and you face downtime, you don't need to wait for your internet guy to come in and sort your problem. Because if you notice,

most times, the guy will just chip off your ethernet cable, put in new RJ45 connector and fix it with a crimper. To avoid all that hassle, all you need is a crimper and a connector and you will be back online in no time, unless the issue is serious.

6. Multimeter:

Remember using the old green screwdriver which lit up at the end when you used it to check whether the wire was live? If you did and have lived to read this, you are a

lucky man as there was no fuse in those little things to prevent electrocution. Get a digital multimeter instead. It helps measure voltage, current, and resistance and to check whether the power line is functioning and at what level. If the voltage is too high, the in-built fuse that it has, helps avoid electrocution due to a current overload.



With Kate Middleton announcing her second pregnancy just a year after Prince George turned one, here's looking at 'two under two' phenomenon that is finding takers closer home too

Have you thought of baby bunching?



Barely six weeks after Prince George turned one came the official announcement that the Duchess of Cambridge is pregnant again. With another heir on the way, the royal couple will be parents to two children under the age of two. Closer home, many urban couples are opting to closely space out the pregnancies too, following the strategy of 'two under two', also known as baby bunching.

mother gets enough time to recover physically from the first pregnancy and support the next. It also gives the family adequate space to adjust to the entry of the new one, and help the first baby get adequate love and care."

Lesser age gap equals more sibling bonding

While growing up, Gauri Pednekar, who has a brother eight years older to her, often wished she had a sibling closer to her age. When she planned her pregnancies, she gave birth to daughters who are two years apart. She says, "It's been five years since my second child was born and today, both of them are each other's playmates. They play with the same kind of toys, go to school together and are a great support system for each other."

Dr Sonar says, "Reduced age gap facilitates more friendly relations between siblings. Also, parents can manage the attention, time and resources for each child well because they are closely spaced and hence, have the same kind of needs."

It's more challenging

Bringing up closely spaced siblings has its own share of challenges. Ask any mother who has delivered a child less than two years after the first one and she is likely to grumble about how the initial years pass by in a blur with sleepless nights and adjusting to both babies' schedules. Says Dr Sinha, "Some studies suggest that mothers are more likely to mistreat their children if they are spaced too closely. The older child, who is still a baby, has plenty of needs and may feel rejected. They are likely to have adjustment problems and throw temper tantrums later."

According to experts, common interests can lead to competition. Meanwhile, the first-born may be highly self-critical. "Many firstborns never lose this tendency to feel guilty or overly responsible when things go wrong," adds Sinha. "In future too, if both your kids opt for higher education, you will have to be prepared to spend a lot of money and resources almost at the same time," says Dr Sonar.

Health risks if second pregnancy is within six to 17 months

- Premature birth
- Low weight babies
- Chances of placenta praevia and placental abruption increases
- Nutritional deficiency may cause weakness and iron deficiency may cause anaemia
- Postpartum depression
- Increased chances of complications related to delivery

Things parents must remember

- Ensure that the mother gets enough nutrition even post the pregnancy
- Have a good support system of people in your family to attend the babies
- Ensure you give equal attention to both the kids
- Treat them as individuals rather than a single entity
- Ensure that your financial resources as well as savings for the future education are in place before planning a second pregnancy soon after

Relationship counsellor Sauleha Shaik, however, feels it's okay to feel the slump at work sometimes. He says, "You need to boost your motivation every now and then so that you don't lose hope," he adds. So, stop fretting over and here's how you can keep yourself motivated:

Stay positive:

No matter what the job atmosphere is, remember that staying positive will keep you motivated. Also, negativity will sap you off your energies. When you stay optimistic, it will automatically show in your work.

Surround yourself with happy colleagues:

At times, the reason to feel demotivated at work is that you have too many negative people surrounding you at your workplace. These are people who are constantly cribbing about the work atmosphere and leave no stones unturned when they have to gossip about something at work. Take the hint and try to maintain a distance from such people because their constant nagging may one day make you become just like them.

Talk it out with your boss:

If you think the reason for feeling demotivated is your boss's attitude, then try talking it out with your immediate superior.

How to cope with a career low and stay positive

Smita Aliva, a 36-year-old advertising professional, says, "I have been working in this company for the past three years and I have seen a few colleagues being fired for no reason. I now fear I will face the same treatment and it has affected my work." She's not alone, given the scenario.

Not only will you feel relieved, you will also be able to understand the perspective of your boss.

Don't worry too much:

Don't get too affected by your colleague losing his/her job or people finding it difficult to cope at work. It's all a part and parcel of the professional environment. Working hard will surely reap benefits.

Look out for another job:

Says clinical psychologist Dr Seema Hingorany, "Staying in a negative work atmosphere pulls you into further negativity. So, if you are not happy with your present job, it is better to look out for a job which suits you."

Seek professional help

Says Advaita Kalra, a 27-year-old software engineer, "I was jobless for almost eight months and had started losing hope. I would keep applying to various companies, but none had any vacancy. That is when a friend suggested that I approach an outsourced HR agency. Within two weeks, they approached me with a job opening and I was happy to take it up."



Egg on face: BJP on ICICI's response to Congress claims on Sebi chief's salary

The fresh flashpoint between the BJP and Congress comes after the latter accused the SEBI chairperson of holding an office of profit at ICICI Bank.

Congress accuses SEBI chief of holding an office of profit at ICICI Bank
ICICI denies paying salary to Madhabi Puri Buch after retirement
Congress calls response 'wishywashy', BJP hits back

New Delhi. The BJP said the Congress ended up with "egg on its face" after the ICICI Bank denied paying any salary or granting any ESOPs (Employee Stock Ownership Plans) to SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch after her retirement from the bank, other than her retirement benefits.

The fresh flashpoint between the BJP and Congress comes after the latter accused the SEBI chairperson of "holding an office of profit at ICICI Bank", and receiving an income of Rs 16.80 crore between 2017 and 2024 after she became a full-time member of the market regulator in 2017. Calling it Congress's attempt to "peddle a bogus agenda", BJP's IT cell chief Amit Malviya said, "Congress picks it up from where



Hindenburg Research left, targets the SEBI chief, ends up with egg on its face." The Congress called the ICICI Bank response "wishywashy" and said a full counter would be

given on Tuesday at 2 pm. The BJP's Malviya was quick to hit back, asking the Congress if it had not received any help from associates at Hindenburg. "Rather strange.

Congress had a press statement out on the long and concocted Hindenburg Research report, almost immediately, that too around midnight. But 9.27pm is a late hour for a statement on ICICI Bank's rather small note? No help from the Associates at Hindenburg this time?" Malviya tweeted.

Last month, the US-based short seller Hindenburg Research kicked up a storm after alleging that SEBI's unwillingness to act against the Adani Group might be because Madhabi Buch had stakes in offshore funds linked to the conglomerate. Buch had termed the allegations "baseless".

The Congress has demanded the resignation of the SEBI chairperson and sought a response from Prime

Minister Narendra Modi as he was the head of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. The party said the Supreme Court should also take cognisance of these fresh revelations.

"The non-biological PM, who has been complicit in providing cover to the SEBI chairperson through his silence, must come clean and answer the following questions -- What is the fit and proper criteria for appointment of heads of regulatory bodies?" Congress's Jairam Ramesh tweeted. "Has the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by the Prime Minister, gone through these shocking facts about the SEBI chairperson or is the ACC completely outsourced to the PMO," he asked.

9 Naxals killed in encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh



Raipur. At least nine Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Dantewada in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday. Based on intelligence about the presence of Naxalites on the border of Dantewada and Bijapur districts, a police party conducted a search operation in the area.

During the search operation, at around 10.30 am, an encounter broke out between the security personnel and the Naxalites from People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) company No 2. Their bodies were recovered from the spot along with several weapons, including Self Loading Rifle 303 and 12 Bore guns.

The operation is still on and occasional firing is going on in the area. No security personnel have been injured in the encounter so far. Last week, three villagers were killed by Naxalites in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district in separate incidents over suspicion of being 'police informers'. Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recently visited Chhattisgarh, where he discussed anti-Naxal strategies with the Directors General of Police from seven states.

Did Biren Singh speak too soon and invite Manipur storm?



New Delhi. In the early hours of Sunday (September 1), when 31-year-old Ningthoujam Surbala and her 12-year-old daughter were visiting Manipur's Koutruk Ching Leikai village, bombs dropped from the skies. In something never seen before in Manipur, militants used drones to drop bombs. Then a group of armed Kuki militants carrying snipers, rifles and RPGs opened fire on the Meitei village. As villagers scrambled to safety, Surbala was caught in the crossfire. She was fatally shot in the head. Her daughter was injured, along with 17 others, while another person was also killed. The unprecedented attack by snipers, bombs, RPGs, snipers and most importantly drones on the village shattered a brief period of calm in Manipur, a state already entangled in years-long ethnic clashes and violence.

A day later on Monday, a 23-year-old woman was injured after suspected militants launched a fresh bomb attack using a drone in Manipur's Imphal West district, not too far from where Surbala was killed.

The northeastern state now finds itself at the centre of a renewed storm that has so far claimed more than 230 lives. The cycle of violence began on May 3, 2023, fuelled by centuries-old Meitei-Kuki divide.

The brutal attack in September came just days after Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh expressed optimism that ethnic clashes were subsiding and that permanent peace could be achieved within six months. However, the timing of the attack following Singh's statement has led some to question whether his optimism was premature and his statement might have triggered the fresh round of violence.

YouTuber Rajat Dalal surrenders before police in reckless driving incident

New Delhi. YouTuber Rajat Dalal surrendered at the Sarai Khawaja Police station in Faridabad on Monday in connection with a reckless driving incident.

Dalal was booked by the Sarai Khawaja police for rash driving on Mathura road in Faridabad, a video of which went viral on social media on August 30.

In the video, Dalal can be seen riding the car at high speed and even hits a biker. However, when the woman sitting beside him tells him to check on the biker, he said, "it happens every day". A person sitting in the backseat recorded the video.

The police took immediate cognisance of the matter and after preliminary investigation,



contacted Kartik Chhabra, the person who made the video, news agency Gujarat.

PTI reported.

Following an investigation, the police found that the incident happened on February 25, when Dalal had taken a car for a test-drive from Volkswagen Capital Faridabad Showroom in Sector 27 in Mewla Maharajpur. He then drove the vehicle on the national highway. Dalal was booked under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code for reckless driving on August 30, and he surrendered on Monday. Further action will be taken after Dalal's interrogation, police said. Notably, there are two pending cases against Rajat Dalal, which were registered in

Anti-rape bill: Trinamool, BJP put ball in each other's court for President nod

Kolkata. The passage of the anti-rape bill in the West Bengal Assembly amid an outrage over the rape and murder of a trainee doctor saw the ruling Trinamool Congress and the opposition BJP lobbying the ball in each other's court for its speedy implementation.

The Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) Bill, 2024, was passed unanimously after the opposition backed the legislation. The bill proposes the death penalty for rape convicts if their actions lead to the victim's death or leave her in a vegetative state.

However, since criminal law comes under the Concurrent List, the legislation will require assent from the President. Mamata Banerjee was well aware of this aspect when she asked Leader of the Opposition Suvendu



Adhikari to get the Bengal Governor to sign the legislation expeditiously. "To implement the bill, ask the Governor to sign it. Our state is in the third position in the matter of fast-track courts," the Trinamool chief said after Suvendu Adhikari backed the bill.

In his speech, Adhikari, once Mamata Banerjee's protégé, said it was the state government's responsibility to get the legislation implemented. The Nandigram MLA said he was always in

favour of exemplary punishment for rapists. "We want immediate implementation of this (anti-rape) law. It is your (state government) responsibility. We want results. It is the government's responsibility," Adhikari said. "We do not want any division, we fully support you... she (Mamata) can say whatever she wants, but you have to guarantee that this bill will be implemented immediately," the BJP leader further said in the Assembly. However, as per Article 254(2), the legislation will first have to be approved by Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose before being sent to the President for approval as it contradicts the central laws. If the bill receives assent, the law will prevail in that state, even if it is different from the central law.

In IC 814 Kandahar hijack, the mystery of black briefcase and two red bags

Though much has been written about the hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC 814, there are several aspects of the 1999 Kandahar hijack that remain shrouded in mystery, especially the two red bags and a black briefcase that played a crucial role in the incident. What were in the briefcase and the bags?

Some mysteries, most likely, are meant to remain mysteries. Not all questions surrounding the 1999 Indian Airlines flight IC 814 hijacking have been answered even after 25 years. Of the several aspects that still remain shrouded in mystery, are that of a black briefcase, two red bags, and their contents, that were part of the longest hijacking in India's aviation history.

The hijacking of IC 814, which played out on India's fledgling news channels, has been brought back into our drawing rooms because of Anubhav Sinha's series IC 814 -- The Kandahar Hijack, which is streaming on Netflix.

One of the red bags (a red suitcase according to some accounts) was checked into the cargo hold of IC 814 by the terrorists at Kathmandu's International Airport. It was said to have explosives, which made the Indian government cautious in its response to the hijacking crisis. Was there RDX or grenades? Nothing is officially known about it, though then foreign minister Jaswant Singh tries to shed some light on it in his book 'In Service of Emergent India - A Call to Honor'.

The other red bag, carried by Jaswant Singh while accompanying the three terrorists to be released in Kandahar, and its contents still remain a mystery. The Congress demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into that red bag. Then there is a black briefcase. That was carried by Indian officials accompanying foreign minister Singh on the flight to Kandahar.



Here's how the two red bags and the black briefcase are integral to the IC 814 hijacking story. And what we know about their contents.

THE IC 814 KANDAHAR HIJACKING Flight IC 814 of Indian Airlines, bound from Kathmandu to Delhi, was hijacked as soon as it entered Indian airspace on December 24, 1999.

It had 191 flyers on board, including 15 crew members. There were five hijackers who demanded that the Captain of the plane, Devi Sharan, fly it to Kabul.

On being told that it didn't have the required fuel to make the distance to Kabul, the five terrorists ordered it to be refuelled at Lahore. The Pakistani authorities denied IC 814 the landing rights at Lahore

airport, and the terrorists had no choice but to relent to the plane being brought to Amritsar.

Amid this, India lost the golden hour to react to the crisis. The plane waited for around 50 minutes at Amritsar but sensing something amiss over the delay in refuelling the plane, Captain Devi Sharan was forced to take off without refuelling.

It was refuelled in Dubai, and 27 passengers and the body of Rupin Katyal, who was stabbed to death, was released there after negotiations between the hijackers and the UAE authorities.

The plane was then commandeered to Kandahar in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, where the passengers spent six more days under the shadow of guns.

The hijackers initially demanded the release of 36 prisoners and a ransom of \$200 million in cash. Despite the initial reluctance, the Indian government negotiated with the hijackers of IC 814, with the Taliban acting as mediators.

The 155 passengers were released after India freed three terrorists -- Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, Masood Azhar, and Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar.

Fake Rs 100-notes racket busted at UP madrasa, principal, 3 others arrested

A gang involved in printing high-quality fake Rs 100 notes was busted at a madrasa in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.



New Delhi/Prayagraj. A gang involved in printing high-quality fake currency notes was busted in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The operation was being run out of a madrasa in the Attarsuiya area, and four people, including the acting principal of the madrasa, have been arrested.

Police raided the Jamia Habibiya madrasa on August 28 and seized fake notes worth Rs 1.3 lakh, semi-manufactured currency, a printer, and other materials used for counterfeiting.

The accused, identified as Mohammad Tafseerul Arifin (25), Mohammad Afzal, Mohammad Shahid, and Zahir Khan alias Abdul Zahir, were involved in scanning and printing fake 100-rupee notes. These notes were then circulated in the local market. Exclusive visuals obtained by Aaj Tak/India Today show the police raid on Jamia Habibiya madrasa. Bundles of 100-rupee fake notes, seemingly indistinguishable from genuine currency, were strewn around. The printer used to produce the counterfeit notes can also be seen.

The accused were using high-quality scanners and printers to produce fake currency notes in the denomination of Rs 100, as people often do not carefully check the authenticity of smaller bills.

According to a senior police official, the acting principal, Tafseerul, had provided a room in the madrasa for the gang to operate. Police are now searching for other accomplices involved in the racket.

The madrasa was known to attract students from various states, including West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, and Jharkhand. Tafseerul is a native of Odisha's Bhubaneswar district. A reward of Rs 25,000 was announced for the police team that busted the counterfeit note-making gang.

Here are some simple tips to keep the negativity at bay. If you are employed, chances are you often spend more time at office than home. And so, it's very important that you are happy and relaxed when at work. But that's easier said than done. A tyrant



going out, order take-away. And if you are the kind who always eats out, get a home-cooked dish sometimes. Good food will uplift your mood.

Be optimistic

Whatever the nature and number of problems you face at work, they're not going to disappear at the snap of your fingers. You need to be optimistic that the situation will improve slowly and steadily. Do not fall prey to negative thinking. If you find it tough to be optimistic, fake it. With time, your fake positivity will turn real. All you need is a little practice.

Change your attitude

Even if you hate your job, make the most of it. Analyse how you can

8 Ways to stay happy at Work

Be friendly with colleagues

A friendly atmosphere makes a huge difference. If you're aloof, chances are you will feel left out at some point of time. We're not asking you to go shopping with them and share details of your personal life, but be



boss, backstabbing colleagues, poor pay packages, office politics, unequal distribution of work, favouritism — there are countless reasons to put one off work. Job stress can take a huge toll on your mental and physical health. Changing jobs constantly is not a solution, especially in today's economic scenario. So, here's how to make the most of what you have. **Eat out** Forget home-cooked food and that boring canteen fare. It's a great idea to step out for lunch with your colleagues. It will help you bond with them. If you hate

improve yourself — make fewer mistakes and increase your efficiency. Whenever you leave a job, you should know that it has enhanced your skills, even if it is in a minor way.

cordial.

Take a chill pill

Slogging for 12 to 16 hours a day will leave anyone grumpy, stressed out and unable to concentrate. So, small 15-minute breaks are a must in between. Take a nap, read jokes or play games online, listen to music or chat with a friend. If napping and playing games online are prohibited, listen to some good music to pep up your mood.

Be grateful Typing furiously on the keyboard, slamming the phone, and pushing the drawers of the cabinet forcefully may help you vent anger, but think about how lucky you are. In the current market scenario, there are many unemployed people who would love to be in your shoes.

Be assertive

Nobody likes to be bullied and harassed at work. If your detractors are under the impression that you can't speak up for yourself, it encourages them to trouble you even more. So, stand up for yourself.

Ask for feedback

It's important to ask for a feedback from your boss. Good communication will give you a clear idea of what's expected of you.



Teach kids budgeting

One of the biggest task for any parent is to teach their kids to use money right. This requires the parents to teach this idea right from an early age. Both spending and saving habits can be taught right from an early age.

The first step is by showing them how you prepare the home budget and taking them to banks. You can also ask your child to help you find and read the unit price numbers at the grocery store in order to find the best bargains. This way, they are active participants in the home budget.

You can also give them a budget and ask them to come up with a grocery shopping list. While shopping, hand them a calculator to see how close you are to your budget as you add more items to the shopping cart. Buy a piggy bank for younger children so they have somewhere to keep their money temporarily. Make them use this to come up with a budget to suit their needs.



Bad bosses damage health, quality of life

A good boss is like having a good neighbour. If you are not lucky enough to have such a boss, then it can be incredibly damaging to your health and quality of life.



time and managing family and spending time with them gets difficult. Irritation, high blood pressure and diabetes occurs in such cases."

Recently, a survey conducted by ASSOCHAM also revealed that 69% of corporate employees who quit their jobs complained about the indifferent attitude of their bosses or immediate supervisor while remaining move to a new position in the same company. Survey also found that around 42% of employees have been a victim of workplace bullying and almost 56% are bullied by their boss. About 82% of respondents said that a good work environment was often much more important than their current pay level. Workers are quitting their jobs and even switching to another career because they're fed-up with their current boss, adds the survey. Meanwhile, human resource professionals believe that they are careful in selecting employees and managers but predicting personality trait is a difficult task. Prateek Balbhadra, a human resource professional said, "Employees selection is a critical decision of HR professional as they have huge impact on the retention and turnover of the organisation. But, understanding personality of employees sometimes gets difficult and once the mistake is done it cannot be undone."

According to health experts, abusive bosses who humiliate, insult employees and isolate them from co-workers not only harm company's growth but also affect performance and overall life of co-workers. Psychiatrist, Dr Manish Jain, says, "There are three types of personality groups which generally a boss falls into. In the first category are those, who

personality trait are harmful for company as well as the employees. Workplace stress increases the risk of heart disease and stroke, increases risk of insomnia, depression and anxiety, weakens immune defence and can cause chronic muscle pains and migraines. Another doctor Manoj Jain said, "Problems in professional life affect brain activity. It causes stress and affects quality of life. Professional issues looms all the



Are you emotionally intimate enough?

Try this quiz to know if you are one among those who is hesitant to express yourself in front of your partner

Intimacy, both physical and emotional, is to be considered when in a relationship. It is crucial to prioritise sharing feelings and thoughts with one's partner, in order to increase trust and a feeling of security. A relationship, which is devoid of emotional intimacy, is prone to break easily. Here's a set of questions which will help you know if you are emotionally intimate with your partner.

You had a rough day. The boss gave you grief, colleagues were tough to deal with, and everything fell out of place. When you get back home:

A. You don't cringe to tell your partner about it.
B. You shut up intentionally, and refrain from venting your frustration in front of your partner.

When you are extremely angry with your partner, you ensure:

A. You give them an explanation why you are upset.

B. Your partner receives the silent treatment from you. You think he/she won't understand what you feel.

Your partner's sibling, on several occasions, has been articulate about how much they dislike you being romantically associated with his/her sister/brother.

A. You tell your partner about it and seek advice on how to handle the situation.
B. Your way of tackling this is to not tell your partner a thing and ignore it.

When your partner is not right about something...

A. I walk up to him/her and make it clear that I disapprove of it.
B. I refrain from giving an opinion fearing how he/she'd react.

Do you think you can communicate easily with your partner?

A. Yes, I tell my partner what is on my mind.

B. No. I wish I could express myself better.

If most of your answers are:

A's: You are emotionally intimate with your partner and you know it's the key to preserving your relationship. Confiding in your partner and letting them know what's on your mind is important.

B's: You need to be vocal about what you think. Tell him/her what you feel. Don't shut up because you fear his/her reaction. If you want the relationship to last, be frank with your partner. Start by giving them your day-to-day accounts, and then, move on to the more important things in life.

10 Things women want from men

Here's what women want from men

1. When we talk 'listen', it shows us that you care about our feelings.
2. Men should be smart enough and understand that not all our bad moods are connected to PMS-ing.
3. Guys, developing an EQ (Emotional quotient) would help. That however, does not mean that they need to cry at the drop of a hat, it just means you need to be more sensitive towards us.



4. With women communication is the key, so try and talk to us often.
5. Here are some traits we wish men would display - chivalry, making an extra effort with our friends and family, because we do the same!
6. Cook for us once in a while - this one

may sound like a cliché, but we love surprises so an occasional effort wouldn't hurt, would it?

7. Your machoism is not directly proportional to the speed at which you drive your car. Rash driving is so uncool.

8. Be protective, not possessive, hear that?

9. We need our man to proclaim love all the time and we leave it to you as to how you wish to show it.

10. Remember the quickest way to lose a woman is to lie to her; so be honest.



mistrust co-workers, the second one has those who wants assigned work to be done anyhow and the third ones are those who are insecure and anxious about how they and their co-workers work." He added saying that such

Sensex Opens Higher, Nifty Below 25,300; HAL Gains 3%, Airtel Sheds 2%

New Delhi, Indian benchmark indices BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 opened marginally higher on Tuesday, driven by mixed signals from Asian markets. At opening bell, the BSE Sensex was at 82,652.69, up by 0.11 per cent, while the Nifty 50 was up by 0.14 per cent at 25,313. Going forward, it is advisable to take a pragmatic approach and refrain from getting carried away by the Nifty's winning streak. Maintaining exclusivity while stock selection and staying light on positions is recommended. Furthermore, closely monitoring the global markets, which have significantly impacted our market's initial tone, is essential, said Osho Krishan, Senior Analyst - Technical & Derivatives, Angel One.

Global Cues Share markets around the world fell slightly on Monday as investors braced for a data-packed week culminating in a US jobs report that could decide whether a rate cut expected this month will be regular or super-sized. Survey data released on Saturday showed Chinese manufacturing activity sank to a six-month low in August, and data on Monday showed euro zone factories are also still struggling. Wins for the populist parties in German state elections added a fresh layer of political uncertainty in European markets, while a holiday in the United States and Canada made for thin liquidity. Europe's STOXX 600 index fell 0.21 per cent, after hitting a record high on Friday. Germany's DAX and Britain's FTSE 100 were down 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively.

Chinese stocks lost 1.7 per cent, led by losses in real estate after a survey showed home prices growth had slowed. Futures for the US S&P 500 index were down 0.1 per cent, while those for the tech-laden Nasdaq 100 were flat. That apart, Asia-Pacific markets were mostly higher on Tuesday as investors digested South Korea's inflation numbers for August that were at its lowest on a year-on-year (YoY) basis since March 2021.

The country's consumer price index recorded a 2 per cent rise YoY, coming down from July's 2.6 per cent, and in line with expectations from a Reuters poll of economists.

World Bank raises India's FY25 GDP forecast to 7% from 6.6%

New Delhi. The World Bank has revised its growth forecast for India, upgrading it to 7% for the financial year 2024-25, up from its earlier estimate of 6.6%. The adjustment reflects the strong performance of the Indian economy, which was the fastest-growing major economy in FY24 with an 8.2% growth rate.

"India was the fastest growing economy in FY24 at 8.2%, and now it's growing at a good pace," remarked Auguste Tano Kouame, the World Bank's Country Director for India. He also noted that global growth remains subdued compared to pre-pandemic levels. Looking ahead, the World Bank expects India's medium-term outlook to remain positive, with strong growth projected for FY26 and FY27. Kouame highlighted the importance of diversifying India's export basket and leveraging global value chains to achieve \$1 trillion in merchandise exports by 2030.

"India needs to diversify its export basket and leverage global value chains to reach \$1 trillion in merchandise exports by 2030," Kouame stated. The World Bank also projects a gradual decline in India's debt-to-GDP ratio, from 83.9% in FY24 to 82% by FY27. Meanwhile, the current account deficit is expected to stay within the range of 1-1.6% of GDP up to FY27. Kouame highlighted India's proactive stance on free trade agreements as a key factor in its economic resilience. "India has had a proactive approach to free trade agreements," he said.

He further added, "India's robust growth prospects along with declining inflation will help to reduce extreme poverty. India can boost its growth further by harnessing its global trade potential. In addition to IT, business services, and pharma where it excels, India can diversify its export basket with increased exports in textiles, apparel, footwear, electronics, and green technology." The World Bank's updated forecast signals strong confidence in India's economic trajectory, driven by strategic policy initiatives and a focus on expanding trade and exports.

Gold, silver price : Precious metals witness dip on MCX

New Delhi Both gold and silver prices recorded a dip on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Gold futures, maturing on October 4, 2024, stood at Rs 71,512 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a dip of Rs 89 or 0.12 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 71,601. Similarly, silver futures, maturing on December 5, 2024, witnessed a dip of Rs 264 or 0.31 per cent and were retailing at Rs 84,290 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 84,554. The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors, including the value of the rupee against the dollar. Global demand also plays a key role in determining the trends observed in the rate of precious metals.

GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN INTERNATIONAL



MARKET

Gold prices drifted lower on Tuesday, while investors awaited a slew of U.S. economic data to gauge the size of the Federal Reserve's expected interest rate cut this month, news agency Reuters reported. According to the latest metal report, spot gold fell 0.2 per cent to \$2,494.19 per ounce by 0155 GMT, while, U.S. gold futures fell 0.1 per cent to \$2,526.10.

HAL Share Jumps 5% As Cabinet Approves Aero-Engines Procurement Worth Rs 26,000 Crore

HAL stock in focus as the company secures a Rs 26,000 crore deal to supply 240 aero-engines for the IAF's Su-30MKI aircraft; Key points for investors

New Delhi. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) share price opened over 5% higher on Tuesday after the union cabinet committee approved procurement of 240 aero-engines for Su-30 MKI aircraft worth Rs 26,000 crore from the company. The delivery of these aero-engines will begin after one year and be completed over eight years. The engines will feature over 54 per cent indigenous content, increased through the indigenisation of key components. They will be manufactured at HAL's Koraput

division. HAL shares jumped as much as 5.09 per cent to Rs 4,925.00 apiece at the open on the BSE.

This will lead to strong revenue visibility of 3.8 times its trailing 12-month revenue, Antique Stock Broking said in its latest note. "HAL's strong order pipeline from the medium to long term perspective will help the company build strong revenue visibility. Although near term financials may seem a bit volatile on account of supply chain challenges it has been facing to execute the large Tejas MK I A orders, given the multi-year double-digit earnings growth potential and robust return ratio profile of 20 per cent, we believe that the stock is attractively valued and, thus, retain BUY rating with a target price of Rs 6,145 valuing the company at a PE of 45 times 1HFY27E earnings," Antique said. Analysts were recently concerned over delays in the delivery of LCA Tejas Mk I A aircraft due to supply chain issues at GE Aerospace. The HAL management expects FY25 revenue to grow at 13 per cent YoY on a rise in manufacturing sales, as it sees



delivery of Tejas Mk I A from September quarter onwards. They did not see upward revision in FY25 revenue due to concerns revolving around the supply chain for the largest contract in the backlog.

"HAL's order book at the end of FY24 stood at Rs 94,000 crore providing revenue visibility of 3.2 times its TTM revenue. The order book will be further bolstered by Rs 26,000 crore order for 240 aero engines of Su-30 MKI aircraft and would stand at Rs 1.2 lakh crore, delivery of which should begin from FY26 onwards. Incrementally, the order pipeline looks extremely healthy with orders worth Rs 48,000 crore for ALH (25), LUH (12), Su-

30 (12), and RD-33 engines (80) being in advanced stages of finalisation and are expected to materialise in the near term," Antique said. Subsequently, an order worth Rs 18,000 crore is expected to materialise on the RoH front. Even the long-term order pipeline continues to remain robust with projects like Tejas MK II, AMCA, TEDBF, IMRH, LCH, and ALH is expected to provide HAL with a business opportunity of Rs 4.5 lakh crore over the next decade.

Antique said the challenges on the GE 404 engine supply front may persist for a large part of FY25 and HAL's commitment to deliver 19 Tejas MK I A aircrafts in FY25 is expected to face moderation. Industry expert suggests that FY25 might see the delivery of eight Tejas MK I A aircrafts with a few of them being delivered with CAT B engines and the expectation is that GE might start delivery of two engines every month from Dec 2024 (the earlier expectation was for Sep 2024). This could impact FY25 revenue booking to mid-high single digit as against its guidance of 15 per cent for FY25," it said.

PSU Stocks Rally Losing Grip Due to Weak Profitability, Higher Expenses; Time To Rejig Portfolio

New Delhi. After chartbuster performance in recent months, PSU stocks are now tumbling across the board due to concerns about overvaluation, slowing earnings growth, and mandatory dividend payouts. In the last year, PSU stocks have witnessed a sharp rally riding on bullish sentiments and monopoly business. The BSE PSU index gained over 90 per cent in the last one year, while select top-performing PSU stocks have more than doubled, according to ACE data.

However, the BSE PSU index dipped 837 points to 21,977 in August points against 22,814 logged in the previous month. Some of the stocks that plunged last month include Cochin Shipyard (-30 per cent), Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (-26 per cent), Mazagon Dock (-21 per cent), BEML (-19 per cent), and Engineers India (-18 per cent).

In an exclusive chat with News18.com, Narendra Solanki, Head Fundamental Research—Investment Services, Anand Rathi Shares, and Stock



Brokers, he explained that after delighting retail by doubling money every few months, the multi-billion dollar rally in PSU stocks is finally taking a break. Q1) Has the dream run for PSU stocks come to an end? Should investors rejig their portfolios?

Answer—Over the past year, PSU stocks (Defence, Power, Capital Goods, Infra, and Railways stocks) have witnessed an exceptional rally, which was led by productive capital expenditure, targeted government initiatives, and improved operational efficiencies. These have resulted in decent topline growth and significant bottom-line

accretion in the past few years.

As a result, the markets have re-rated the PSE segment with higher P/E multiples leading to a spectacular run-up in share prices. However, in the latest quarter, some stocks in these themes saw some dip due to weak profitability on a sequential basis due to some macro headwinds and higher expenses, also the elections played spoilsport impacting execution. We believe that despite short-term challenges the broader theme remains intact in the long term, but valuations are not at comfortable levels right now as were in the past, and a lot of stocks in this pack have some form of cyclicality. Hence, I believe PSEs as a basket is not attractive/cheap right now but some stocks are more attractive than others and that's a stock-specific call one should take while evaluating PSEs. I believe the trajectory is positive for the PSEs going ahead and it could continue to attract investors due to the growth opportunity. One should evaluate stocks independently and consider them for their long-term investment.

Premier Energies shares turn multibagger on debut. What investors need to know

New Delhi. Premier Energies made a remarkable debut on the stock market, with shares skyrocketing 120% over the IPO price, listing at Rs 990 per share. The second-largest integrated solar cell and module manufacturer in India has quickly captured investors' attention, and retail investors are eager to understand the implications. Premier Energies' listing exceeded expectations, with Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research) at Mehta Equities Ltd, saying, "As expected with strong subscription response, the listing was in line with our assumption considering reasonable valuations before listing." The company's ability to capitalise on the booming renewable energy market played a significant role in this impressive performance, he added. Here are some key insights for retail

investors: Valuation stretched after multibagger listing. Despite the strong start, experts have advised retail investors to remain cautious, citing stretched valuations after the multibagger listing. "Post listing, considering the 120% listing gain, the valuation front has moved from reasonably valued to stretched valuations," Tapse said. "This shift has led to recommendations for conservative investors to book profits. However, Tapse added, "Risk takers can continue holding for the long term as the sector outlook remains optimistic," he noted.

Long-term potential

Shivani Nyati, Head of Wealth at Swastika Investmart Ltd, highlighted Premier Energies' strategic advantages: "The company's diversified customer base, robust order book, and recent surge in profitability

have contributed to this positive sentiment." Nyati also highlighted that the company's alignment with government initiatives promoting domestic solar production, which bodes well for long-term growth.

Book profit or hold?

For those who participated in the IPO, Nyati suggests a cautious approach: "Investors who participated in the IPO may book profit, but those who still want to hold it may keep a stop loss at Rs 890." This advice is crucial for retail investors navigating the volatile post-listing market. What's next? As Premier Energies continues to expand its manufacturing capabilities and strengthen its market position, the company's future looks promising. Tapse concluded, "Given the company's leadership position, we believe the market could give a premium multiple in the long run."

Can Reko Diq's gold mine end Pakistan's economic crisis

Reko Diq is one of the world's largest undeveloped copper and gold reserves, with the potential to produce 200,000 tons of copper and 250,000 ounces of gold annually for over half a century.



New Delhi Pakistan has been grappling with a severe economic crisis for quite some time, and despite financial aid from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and friendly nations, the situation remains dire. However, the country holds a potential lifeline in its hands—a vast treasure buried in the gold mines of Balochistan, particularly the Reko Diq mine. The government is now considering selling a 15% stake in this mine to Saudi Arabia, which could provide much-needed relief to the struggling economy. According to a recent report by The Express Tribune, Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) has expressed interest in purchasing a 15% stake in the Reko Diq Mining Project. In addition to this, the fund has proposed grants for infrastructure development around the mining sector, aimed at

boosting the overall economic landscape of Pakistan. Government officials have disclosed that in response to Saudi Arabia's proposal, Pakistan has decided to form a committee to review the offer. This committee will provide recommendations to the federal cabinet, which will then decide on the final negotiated price. It's important to note that 50% of the Reko Diq Mining Project is owned by Barrick Gold, while the remaining 50% is divided between the governments of Pakistan and Balochistan.

Potential economic relief for Pakistan

In the face of Pakistan's fragile economic state, the country's gold and copper mines

could serve as a crucial resource to help ease the crisis. Reko Diq, located in the Chagai district of Balochistan, is reported to be rich with millions of tons of gold.

Harnessing this resource could alleviate Pakistan's economic challenges. Reko Diq is one of the largest gold and copper mines globally, making it a critical asset for the nation. Balochistan is known for its wealth of natural resources, with its mines holding substantial reserves of gold and copper. Reports indicate that when the Reko Diq mine was first excavated in 1995, 200 kilograms of gold and 1,700 tons of copper were extracted within the first four months alone. Experts at that time estimated that the

mine could hold around 400 million tons of gold, valued at over \$1 trillion. An old report from Bloomberg highlighted that Reko Diq is one of the world's largest undeveloped copper and gold reserves, with the potential to produce 200,000 tons of copper and 250,000 ounces of gold annually for over half a century. However, progress on the mining project was stalled due to a dispute between the Pakistani government, Barrick Gold, and Antofagasta PLC.

Pakistan's debt equals 42% of GDP

Pakistan's economic troubles have forced it to borrow billions of rupees from various sources globally, pushing its foreign debt to staggering levels. According to a report by Business Today, the country's foreign debt stands at \$124.5 billion, which is equivalent to 42% of its GDP. While financial aid from the IMF has provided some relief, it has been insufficient to bring about significant improvement in the country's overall economic condition. In April this year, Pakistan received more than Rs 9,000 crore in economic assistance from the IMF, which helped increase its foreign exchange reserves to Rs 1.20 lakh crore by May. Despite this, the government acknowledges that selling off state-owned assets may be one of the few remaining options to stabilise the economy.

NEWS BOX

US Open: Swiatek seals 2nd US Open quarter-final berth, De Minaur beats Thompson

New Delhi Iga Swiatek and Alex De Minaur stormed into the quarter-final of US Open 2024 in their respective women's and men's singles draw. The No. 1 seed Swiatek reached her 9th Grand Slam quarter-final and is looking ever so hungry to win the US Open title again. While playing her 100th Grand Slam match, she beat Liudmila Samsonova 6-4 6-1 to qualify for her 2nd US Open quarters. The Polish player not only won her last 33 out of 26 matches, but also registered her 8th consecutive sets win. Swiatek will next face Jessica Pegula in the next round at Flushing Meadows. "We played here two years ago. Playing against Jessica it's never easy. Pretty tricky game style. You have to work low on your legs and be ready for long rallies but also some intense hitting. She's a great player so for sure it's gonna be a challenge," Swiatek said at the on-court interview, as she realised the strength of her opponent.

Swiatek's win in 100th Grand Slam match
Swiatek equalled Emma Navarros' record for most hard court wins in the women's draw category as she registered her 29th win. The 16th seed was aiming for her first-ever



Grand Slam quarter-final but couldn't get a single break point. She defended two break points in the fourth game, but could not get hold off Swiatek, who break the Russian to love in the 10th game. The Russian was down 0-3 in the second set, and fought off three break points in the 4th game. However, she handed Swiatek a break with the double fault. Swiatek closed it out on the second match point with her clinical play.

De Minaur wins battle of Australians

De Minaur also stepped up his game this time to reach his first-ever US Open quarter-final in last 4 years. He defeated Jordan Thompson 6-0 3-6 6-3 7-5 to have his 40th win of the year and qualified for his 3rd straight and 4th Grand Slam quarter-final.

"Look I'm doing my best. In the past, my happiness almost depended on my results. I'm trying to do my best to trust the process, trust the journey. I'm doing my best. I'm trying to get better. I'm trying to find happiness outside of just wins and losses. It's helped me so far. But I'm sure as hell a lot happier when I win tennis matches." Alex de Minaur started strong against Jordan Thompson, who struggled with errors in the first set. Thompson improved in the second set, attacking more and winning 71% of net points.

Uruguay legend Luis Suarez announces retirement from international football

New Delhi. Uruguay football legend Luis Suárez has announced his retirement from international football, marking the end of an iconic career that saw him become the country's all-time top scorer. Suárez revealed his decision during a press conference on Monday, September 2, stating that he would retire after Uruguay's FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Paraguay on September 6. Suárez will conclude his international journey as Uruguay's most prolific scorer, with an impressive 69 goals in 142 appearances across 17 years. Suárez made his senior debut for Uruguay on February 8, 2007, in a 3-1 victory over Colombia. He quickly became a vital part of the squad, playing a key role in securing Uruguay's spot in the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. By then, he had already cemented his place in the team, featuring in 19 of the 20 World



Cup qualifying matches. "There is no better pride in oneself than knowing when the right moment to retire is, and luckily I am confident that I am retiring from the national team because I want to take a step aside... I am 37 years old, and I know that it is very difficult to get to the next World Cup. It comforts me a lot that I can retire and not for my injuries to retire me, or to stop being called up," Suarez said in the press conference. "For me individually, it is very helpful for me to want to take that step aside and feel ready. It is difficult because the decision was not easy. But I go with the peace of mind that until the last game I gave my all, and that the flame did not burn out slowly and that is why I made the decision that it should be now," Suarez added.

The infamous 2010 handball

One of the most iconic moments of Suárez's international career came during the 2010 World Cup quarterfinal against Ghana. In the dying moments of the game, Suárez committed an infamous handball on the goal line to prevent Ghana from scoring a certain winner. Although he was red-carded, Ghana's Asamoah Gyan missed the resulting penalty, and Uruguay went on to win the match in a dramatic penalty shootout, advancing to the semifinals.

Sumit Antil wins gold in javelin throw F64, becomes first Indian man to defend title in Paralympics

The 26-year-old world record holder from Sonipat in Haryana bettered his own earlier Paralympic best of 68.55m set in Tokyo while winning the gold three years ago.

PARIS. Star javelin thrower Sumit Antil on Monday became the first Indian man and second from the country to defend the title as he won the F64 category gold with Paralympics record of 70.59m at the Paris Games. The 26-year-old world record holder from Sonipat in Haryana bettered his own earlier Paralympic best of 68.55m set in Tokyo while winning the gold three years ago.

Antil's world record stands at 73.29m.

Reigning world champion Antil is the second Indian overall after shooter Avani Lekhara to defend the Paralympics title. Avani had won gold in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event in Paris after winning a yellow medal in the same event in Tokyo Games. He also joined an exclusive three-member club of Indians who have won two Paralympics gold. Besides Antil and Avani, the third member of the group is current Paralympic

Committee of India President Devendra Jhaharia who won javelin throw F46 gold in 2004 Athens and 2016 Rio Games. Antil has also won gold in the World Para Athletics Championships in 2023 and 2024, besides standing on top of podium in last year's Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China. The wrestler-turned-javelin thrower clinched India's third gold of the Paris Paralympics and first in para-athletics. It was India's fifth medal from para-athletics here. Antil destroyed the field with his second round throw of 70.59m. He had two other big throws of 69.11m in his opening attempt and 69.04m in his fifth effort, both bettering his earlier Paralympic record. Antil, though, could not breach the 75m mark, the target he had set before going to the Paris Games. Dulan Kodithuwakku of Sri Lanka took the silver with 67.03m while Michal Burian of Australia won the bronze with a throw of 64.89m. Two other Indians in the fray, Sandeep and Sandip Sanjay Sargar, finished fourth and seventh with throws of 62.80m and 58.03m respectively. F64 category is for athletes with problems in the lower limb(s), those competing with prosthesis or affected by leg length difference. Antil lost his left leg below the knee after he was involved in a motorbike accident in 2015. A student of Delhi's Ramjas



College, Antil was an able-bodied wrestler before his accident which led to amputation of his leg below the knee. A para athlete in his village initiated him to the sport in 2018.

He even competed against Tokyo Olympics champion Neeraj Chopra in the able-bodied Indian Grand Prix series 3 on March 5, 2021 in Patiala. He had finished seventh with a best throw of 66.43m while Chopra shattered his then national record with a big effort of 88.07m. Earlier in the day, Yogesh Kathuniya clinched his second consecutive Paralympic silver medal in men's discus throw F-56 event with a season's best effort 42.22m. The 27-year-old hurled the discus to the podium-clinching distance in his very first attempt to add to the silver he won in Tokyo. Brazil's Claudiney Batista dos Santos registered a

hat-trick of Paralympic gold medals, creating a new Games record with an effort of 46.86m in his fifth attempt.

Greece's Konstantinos Tzounis won the bronze with 41.32m. The F-56 classification covers limb deficiency, leg length difference, impaired muscle power and impaired range of movement. At the age of 9, Kathuniya developed the Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare autoimmune condition which causes numbness, tingling and muscle weakness that can progress to paralysis. He was bound to the wheelchair during his childhood but overcame the odds with the help of his mother Meena Devi, who learnt physiotherapy to help him regain muscle strength to walk again.

His father has served in the Indian Army.

Kathuniya is a commerce graduate from Delhi's prestigious Kirori Mal College.

Besides two Paralympic silver medals, he has three world championship medals, including two silver and a bronze. On Sunday, Preethi Pal created history as she became the first Indian woman track and field athlete to win two medals at the Paralympics while Nishad Kumar clinched his second successive silver at the showpiece in the men's high jump T47 category. The 23-year-old Preethi bagged a bronze in the 200m T35 category with a personal best time of 30.01 seconds.

Hugh Barter, Aqil Alibhai light up Formula 4 Indian Championship in Chennai

Australian Hugh Barter and South African Aqil Alibhai showcased their racing prowess in the FIA-Formula 4 Indian Championship, each claiming victory in a thrilling day of races marked by dramatic comebacks and tight competition.

Chennai Australian Hugh Barter of Godspeed Kochi and South African Aqil Alibhai of Hyderabad Blackbirds wrote their own scripts to share the day's honours in the FIA-Formula 4 Indian Championship. Starting from pole position, Barter topped Race-1 in typical style, outpacing the field, in another flawless exhibition that underlined his undoubted talent. In contrast, Alibhai, who missed Race-1 due to issues with his car, made



ample amends by winning Race-2 after starting fourth on the grid, and, in the process, displaying considerable skill in defensive driving. Barter, who last weekend had won a race starting last on the grid, was unstoppable while winning the first race that was marred by two Safety Car periods and then a red flag with little over three minutes and a lap left. Meanwhile, Abhay Mohan

(Bangalore Speedsters) quietly moved to P4 from P8 and then jumped to third place behind Barter and Ruhaan Alva Shraichi (Bangalore Speedsters) retired, bringing out the Safety Car for the third time with about six minutes and a lap left of the race. The proceedings were yet again interrupted by a red flag with about 3:30 plus one lap remaining following an incident. Unable to complete Qualifying-2 session, Barter started Race-2

from the end of the grid, but in no time, climbed to fifth before tangling with Ruhaan Alva and dropped to eighth. Ahead of them, Alibhai made three spots to take the lead which he defended with aplomb to win from two Indians, Divy Nandan and Jaden Pariat as the race ended behind the Safety Car. Alva finished fourth while Barter came in fifth.

'Sixer King' Priyansh Arya calls Virat Kohli his favourite, wishes to play for RCB

Nick Hockley announced that he would step down as the CEO of Cricket Australia after serving them for five years. He is expected to leave his role around the end of March.

New Delhi Delhi's rising star Priyansh Arya recently grabbed the spotlight for his blitz at the Delhi Premier League as he smashed six sixes in an over. Arya, who dons jersey No.18, called Virat Kohli his favourite player and his idol. The star India batter has always managed to wow the young generation of cricketers, who aspire to contribute towards Indian cricket like him. Arya was no different as he opened up about his admiration towards Kohli's aggressive style and his aim to emulate the same. He also expressed his desire to play for RCB in IPL. "Virat Kohli is my favourite, want to play for RCB. My favourite team is RCB, admire Virat Kohli



a lot, I like his aggression. I also like to play aggressive cricket. He is my idol," Priyansh told PTL. The 23-year-old wanted to contribute towards helping RCB lift their 1st ever IPL title as the coveted trophy remained elusive of the franchise for more than 17 years.

Priyansh hit six sixes in an over

Arya took the DPL by storm with his breathtaking hitting and is currently the top run-scorer with 602 runs across nine innings. He became the latest entrant in a rare 6 sixes in an over club while playing for South Delhi Superstarz against North

Delhi Strikers. The left-handed batter took on left-arm spinner Manan Bharadwaj in the 12th over with a barrage of sixes. He went on to score his 2nd century of the tournament as he piled up 120 runs from 50 balls.

"I had this thing in mind that if a left-arm spinner comes on to bowl, I will attack him. After the fourth six, I started to believe that I can hit six sixes and will go for that. Ayush backed me and told me to go for the kill," he revealed.

The record-breaking stand

The captain of Delhi Superstarz Ayush Badoni was his partner in crime as he scored 165 off 55 balls and shared a record-breaking stand of 286 runs with Arya. Their stand helped the team rack up 308 runs on the board and in reply, North Delhi could only score 196 runs.

"Badoni's quite relaxed and doesn't talk much, just tells us to express ourselves. The team's environment is calm, coaches talk about the positives rather than negatives. The mindset is to win the trophy," he added.



future transfer more feasible. However, with the deteriorating relationship between Osimhen and the Italian club, the possibility of him continuing with Napoli seems unlikely. Napoli coach Antonio Conte had made it clear on multiple occasions that Osimhen was not part of his plans for the team. This sentiment was further underscored by the club's recent acquisition of Romelu Lukaku as their new number 9, effectively signaling the end of Osimhen's role in the squad. While the club has provided Osimhen with the option to extend his contract until 2027, the fractured relationship makes it doubtful that the Nigerian forward will remain with Napoli beyond his loan spell. Osimhen's move to Galatasaray marks a new chapter in his career, but it also casts a shadow over his future with Napoli, a club where he was once seen as a key figure. As the situation continues to unfold, it remains to be seen whether this loan move is a temporary solution or the beginning of a permanent separation between Osimhen and Napoli.

US Open: Sinner bests Tommy Paul to seal quarterfinal, Beatriz scripts history

Jannik Sinner advanced to the US Open quarterfinals, defeating Tommy Paul and becoming the only player to reach the quarters in all four Grand Slams this year. On the same day, Beatriz Haddad Maia also made history as the first

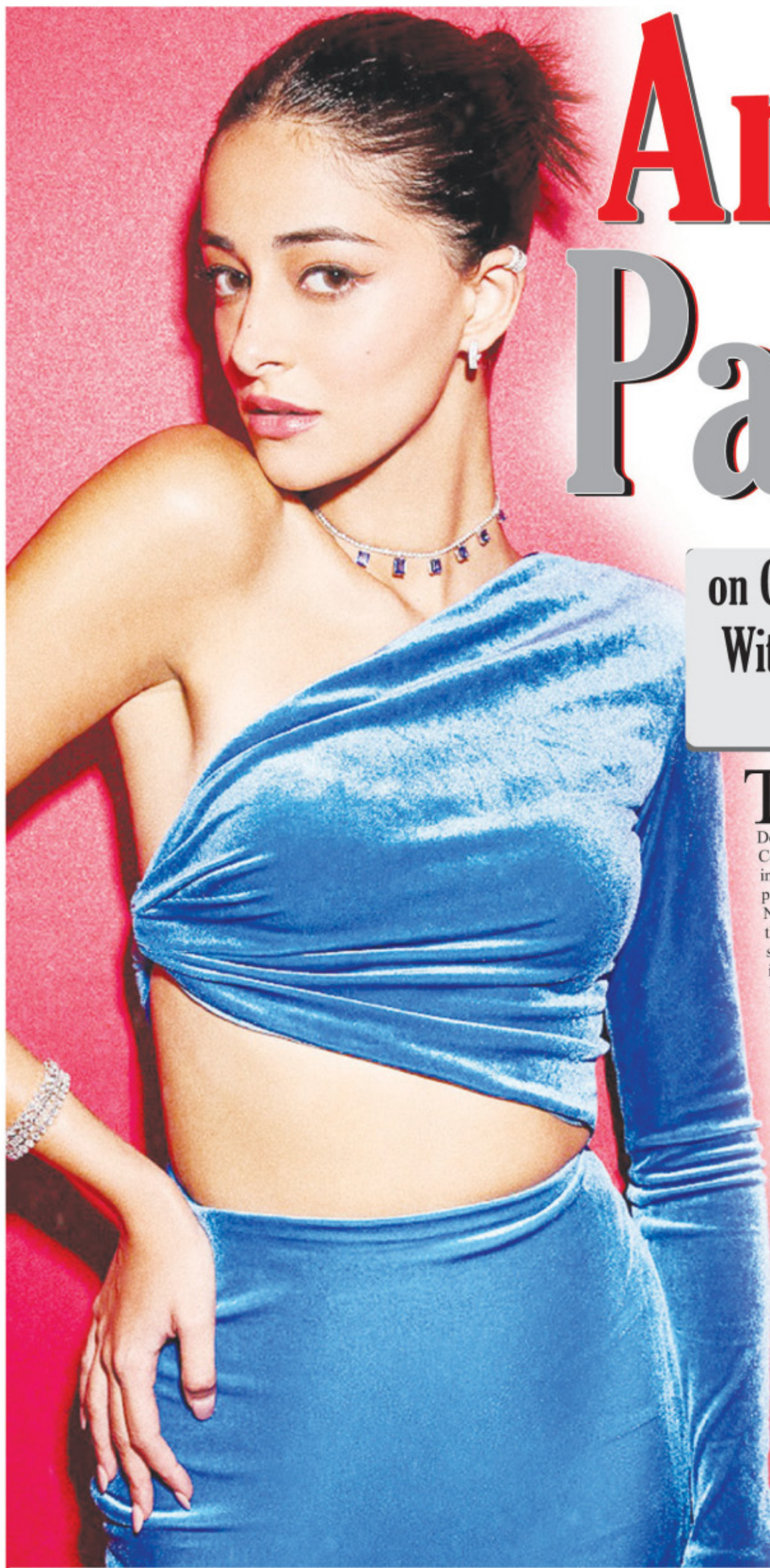
New York. Jannik Sinner secured his place in the US Open quarterfinals by defeating USA's Tommy Paul in a thrilling Round of 16 clash, winning 7-6, 7-6, 6-1. This victory makes Sinner the only player this season to reach the quarterfinals or better in all four Grand Slams, showcasing his remarkable consistency. The match between Sinner and Paul was a high-intensity battle that kept the Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd on the edge of their seats. Both players demonstrated exceptional skill, trading powerful



shots and showcasing impressive court movement. The first two sets were tightly contested, with neither player willing to give an inch. Both sets

required tie-breakers to determine the winner, reflecting what was an evenly matched contest to say the least. It wasn't until the third set that Sinner, the

World No. 1, truly asserted his dominance. Tommy Paul, who had fought valiantly in the first two sets, seemed to lose his composure, allowing Sinner to capitalize and close out the match with a decisive 6-1 victory. This win sets up an exciting quarterfinal clash between Sinner and World No. 5 Daniil Medvedev on September 4, promising another thrilling encounter. On the same day, Beatriz Haddad Maia made history by becoming the first Brazilian woman to reach the US Open quarterfinals. She defeated Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki at the Louis Armstrong Stadium in a hard-fought match, winning 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Both players displayed incredible power and determination, but it was Haddad Maia who emerged victorious, maintaining her composure in crucial moments. Haddad Maia will now face Karolina Muchova in the quarterfinals, as she continues her historic run at the US Open.



Ananya Pandey

on Call Me Bae's Comparisons With 2 Broke Girls, Emily in Paris: 'I Don't Like...'

The moment the trailer of Call Me Bae dropped, the internet drew comparisons with several shows in the West. Reddit and X were filled with comparisons with Two Broke Girls, which starred Kat Dennings and Beth Behrs, and Netflix's Emily in Paris, starring Lily Collins. Although fans will have to wait to see if Call Me Bae is indeed inspired by the chick-flicks in the West but Ananya Pandey urges people to watch the show before they speak. In an exclusive chat with News18 Showsha, Ananya addressed the comparisons. "Just because this is the genre or the theme of the show, doesn't mean it is the copy of something else. It's like, if there's a romcom that's already been made, it doesn't make it a copy. It is following a similar format or genre. It's a template," Ananya Pandey told us exclusively. Her Call Me Bae co-star, Niharika Lyra Dutt added, "All the shows mentioned are good shows. I feel like if it is reminding the audience of these things then it means it is comforting them and they want to watch more."



Ananya explained further, "I don't like the fact that when something is made in Hollywood and then it's made in India, people call it the sasta version of that. Why can't you be proud of the content that is coming from your own country? You sit and watch these shows for hours. But it is coming from your own country... Without watching it, don't judge it is what I would say."

She added that the characters will be the highlights of the show. "I think the best part of this show is its characters. Even though the template maybe chick-flick or that format, all the characters of the show are so wonderfully unique. Once you watch the show, I think people will relate," she added. Call Me Bae is created by Ishita Moitra and the story was penned by her, Samina Motlekar and Rohit Nair. The eight-episode series stars Ananya Pandey, Vir Das, Gurfateh Pirzada, Varun Sood, Vihaan Samat, Muskaan Jaferi, Niharika Lyra Dutt, Lisa Mishra and Mini Mathur. The series will stream on September 6.

Pregnant Deepika Padukone Shows Off Baby Bump in Stunning Maternity Shoot with Ranveer Singh

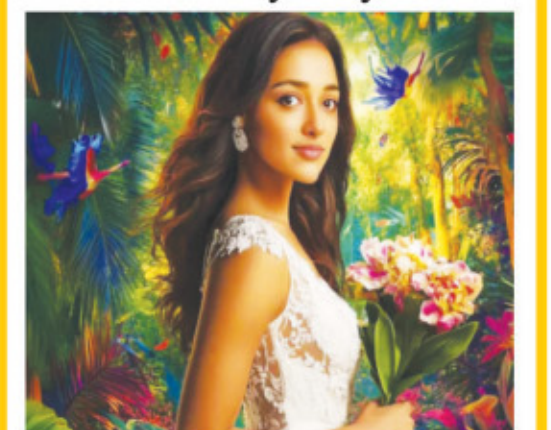


Mom-to-be Deepika Padukone took to Instagram and silenced the relentless speculation and criticism about her pregnancy by sharing a stunning maternity shoot that has left fans in awe. For months, many trolled and shamed her, with some calling her baby bump fake and others claiming that its shape kept changing. These harsh comments fuelled many rumours. However, Deepika shut down all the chatter with a beautiful carousel of photos, where she poses with her husband, actor Ranveer Singh, who lovingly cradles her baby bump. Check them out here:

A heavily pregnant Deepika Padukone's maternity shoot is a stunning celebration of a special chapter in her life. In one striking photo, she wears a black lace bralette paired with a black suit, her baby bump on display, while she beams her signature million-dollar, dimpled smile. Another photo captures her in a gorgeous black transparent dress, gracefully showcasing her bump. The most intimate of the series features Deepika in yet another black dress, posing with husband Ranveer Singh, as he gently cradles her baby bump.

After much speculation, Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh finally announced their pregnancy in February this year. Taking to Instagram, the much-loved couple shared that their baby will arrive in September 2024. The post met with a lot of love from their industry peers including Alia Bhatt, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Vikrant Massey, Ayushmann Khurrana, and Sonam Kapoor Ahuja, among many others. Through the past few months, Deepika's public appearances where she's flaunting her baby bump have been going viral. She has also been grabbing attention for setting chic maternity fashion goals. News18 Showsha recently dropped an exclusive update for DeepVeer fans.

Preity Mukhundhan To Make Her Malayalam Debut With Maine Pyar Kiya



Tamil actress Preity Mukhundhan, who is best known for her role in the recently released film Star starring Kavin and most notably for her appearance in the very popular Tamil music video Aasa Kooda, will soon make her debut in Malayalam with the film Maine Pyar Kiya. The makers of the film announced her addition to the cast and released a poster featuring the Tamil actress.

The film, which is touted to be a romantic comedy with suspense elements, will be directed by debutant Faizal Faziludeen, who has co-written the screenplay with Blk Fzl. It will be bankrolled by Sanju Unnithan's Spire Productions, who recently took to social media to announce the film and its title Maine Pyar Kiya. Maine Pyar Kiya has cinematography by Don Paul P, editing by Kannan Mohan, music by Ajmal Hasbulla and sound design by Renganaath Ravee. Details about the rest of the cast have not been revealed by the makers yet and more announcements are expected when the film hits the theatres soon. Preity Mukhundhan also has a Telugu film titled Kannappa in the pipeline, which is directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh. The upcoming Telugu film is written by Vishnu Manchu in the lead role and has guest appearances by popular stars like Mohanlal, Prabhas, Akshay Kumar and Kajal Aggarwal.

Preity Mukhundhan, born in Trichy, is a rising star who rose to overnight fame with her moves in the song Aasa Kooda. The song became a viral sensation and so did the actress.

Her journey in the entertainment industry began when she moved to Chennai to utilise her skills and talent in acting. This decision soon bore fruit when she debuted with the music video Muttu Mu2, which also stars Teejay Arunasalam, Yogi B, Sivaangi Krish and Vijay TV Pugazh. Preity also acted in the Tamil film Star, directed by Elan and starring Kavin and Aaditi Pohankar. However, it was her video Aasa Kooda that made her a star on social media. Her follower count on Instagram went from around 100,000 to a staggering 741,000. Being a trained dancer, Preity's moves surely impressed the audience.

Karisma Kapoor

on Rumour That Kapoor Women Aren't Allowed to Work: 'Mummy, Neetu Aunty Ko Ghar Basana Tha'

Karisma Kapoor recently opened up on Zakir Khan's show Aapka Apna Zakir, addressing the long-standing rumour that the Kapoor family doesn't allow their women to work. The actor clarified that it was actually the women's own choice. Karisma explained that her mom, Babita Kapoor, and aunt Neetu Kapoor decided to focus on family life, while others like Geeta Bali and Jennifer Kendal chose to keep their careers alive after marriage. When Zakir brought up the chatter about whether Kapoor women needed permission to work in the industry, Karisma set the record straight. She said, "Yeh sab baatein hain ki mujhe allow tha yaa nahi tha. Jab meri mummy ki shaadi hui aur Neetu aunty ki shaadi hui, unka choice tha ki unko ghar basana tha, bachche karne aur career achha hua tha. Unka choice tha (All this discussions about whether I was allowed or not is just that discussions. When my mom and Neetu aunty got married, it was their choice to focus on building a home, having children, and stepping away from their careers, which were going well. It was their decision)."



Karisma also pointed out that Shammi Kapoor's wife, Geeta Bali and Shashi Kapoor's wife, Jennifer Kendal, kept working after they got married. She said, "Similarly, Shammi uncle and Shashi uncle's wives, Geeta Bali ji and Jennifer aunty, unhone kaam kiya shaadi ke baad. Toh aisa kuch baat hai nahi ki

Kapoor family mein shaadi ke baad kaam nahi kar sakte yaa Kapoor ladki kaam nahi kar sakte. Aisa kuch nahi tha (They continued working after marriage. So, it's not true that in the Kapoor family, you can't work after marriage or that Kapoor women aren't allowed to have careers. There was never such a restriction). On the professional front, Karisma Kapoor is currently seen as one of the judges on India's Best Dancer 4 alongside Geeta Kapur and Terence Lewis. The actress will next be appearing in the upcoming OTT series Brown. The thriller series revolves around a detective who investigates the murder of a young woman from a well-connected family while recovering from alcoholism. It also stars Helen, Ajinkya Deo and Soni Razdan in key roles.

