

Badlapur accused fires at cop, dies in retaliatory firing

Mumbai, Sep 23: The man accused of sexually assaulting two girls at a school in Badlapur town of Maharashtra died in retaliatory firing by police after he snatched a cop's gun and opened fire, an official said on Monday. Akshay Shinde, who worked as a sweeper in the school, snatched the revolver of one of the policemen taking him from Talaja jail to Badlapur on Monday, the official said. He was rushed to a hospital in Kalwa where he succumbed to his injuries, the official said. An assistant police inspector, injured in the firing by Shinde, is undergoing treatment at the hospital, he added. When the vehicle reached near Mumbra bypass, Shinde snatched the revolver of one of the officers in the vehicle and fired two to three rounds, injuring the officer. In response, another officer opened fire on Shinde, injuring him. Massive protests erupted on streets and at local railway station last month after two minor girls were allegedly sexually assaulted by Shinde at the toilet of the school in Thane district. The school had appointed 23-year-old Shinde on a contractual basis to clean their toilets on August 1. The two minors were allegedly abused in the school toilet on August 12. The accused was arrested on August 17. On September 3, the Bombay High Court told the police to build a "watertight" case and do not file a charge sheet hurriedly under public pressure. Opposition leaders expressed shock over the "encounter" and called for a detailed probe into the incident. Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan claimed the "encounter" was done to save "some other" people. Leader of Opposition in the state assembly Vijay Wadettivar said, "This is shocking. There should be a judicial probe into the incident."

PM attends tech CEOs roundtable in New York, meets Google's Pichai

New York, Sep 23: Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in a 'fruitful' roundtable with the CEOs of leading American tech companies, where he emphasised India's growth prospects and discussed initiatives to foster bilateral collaborations across various sectors. The meeting took place at the Lotte New York Palace Hotel on Sunday during the second leg of PM Modi's three-day US visit. It saw the participation of CEOs of 15 major US-based firms working on cutting-edge technologies such as AI, quantum computing and semiconductors. 'Had a fruitful roundtable with tech CEOs in New York, discussing aspects relating to technology, innovation and more. Also highlighted the strides made by India in this field. I am glad to see immense optimism towards India,' PM Modi said in a post on X. During the conference, the Prime Minister said technology collaboration and efforts such as the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies lie at the core of the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, according to a Ministry of External Affairs press release. The prime minister stressed that in his third term, India will make every effort to become the third largest economy in the world, and encouraged the companies to take advantage of India's growth story for collaboration and innovation. "They can co-develop, co-design, and co-produce in India for the world, harnessing the opportunities from India's economic and technological growth," the press release said. Organised by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Engineering, the CEOs of top US tech firms, including Google CEO Pichai, Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayana, Accenture CEO Julie Sweet and NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang attended the conference. Others who participated in the roundtable include AMD CEO Lisa Su, HP Inc CEO Enrique Lores, IBM CEO Arvind Krishna, Nour Afeyan, Chairman of Moderna, and Verizon CEO Hans Vestberg. Assuring the business leaders of India's deep commitment to the protection of intellectual property and to fostering tech innovation, PM talked about India's BIO E3 (biotechnology for environment, economy and employment) policy to develop the country into a biotech powerhouse and on the topic of AI, noted that India's policy is to promote AI for All, underpinned by its ethical and responsible use. The CEOs appreciated India's growing prominence as a global technology hub, driven by its innovation-friendly policies and flourishing market opportunities. They also expressed strong interest in investing and collaborating with India, agreeing that investing in startups would be a synergistic opportunity to innovate and develop newer technologies in the country. Others who attended the conference include Biogen Inc CEO Chris Viehbacher, CEO of Bristol Myers Squibb, Chris Boerner, Eli Lilly and Company CEO David A Ricks, LAM Research CEO Tim Archer, GlobalFoundries CEO Thomas Caulfield, and Kyndryl CEO Martin Schroeter. 'Further cementing technology and business connect. Modi highlighted the economic transformation happening in the country, particularly in electronics and information technology manufacturing and semiconductors. The Prime Minister asserted that his government was committed to making India a "global hub of semiconductor manufacturing". He also



Kolkata doctor rape-murder: SC to hear suo motu plea on October 1

New Delhi, Sep 23: The Supreme Court on Monday said it will hear on October 1 a case it has initiated on its own following the rape and murder of a resident doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata amid the ongoing protests by doctors in West Bengal. At the outset of the day's proceedings, a Bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice JB Pardiwala was urged by a counsel appearing for one of the parties that the suo motu case, which is listed for hearing on September 27, be heard next week due to some urgent reasons. The top court, on September 17, said it was disturbed by the findings given in a status report filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the rape and murder case but refused to divulge the details. It had also sought a status report from the CBI on its probe into financial irregularities allegedly committed by jailed former principal of R G Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh. It also said the CBI was not "sleeping over" the investigation and it needs to be court had told a lawyer who claimed discrepancies in the seizure list and sketch of the crime scene. It had asked the protesting junior doctors in West Bengal to resume work and recorded the assurance from the state government that it will not take any adverse or punitive action against them. Taking note of a letter written by the father of the deceased, the top court had directed that the "valuable" inputs furnished by him should be duly considered by the investigating officer. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, had assured the court that the investigating agency will maintain contact with the parents of the deceased junior doctor and keep them informed about the ongoing probe to assuage their genuine concerns. The medic's body with severe injury marks was found on August 9. A civic volunteer was arrested by the Kolkata Police in connection with the case the following day. On August 13, the Calcutta High Court ordered the transfer of the probe from the Kolkata Police to the CBI, which started its investigation on August 14. "What the CBI has revealed in the report is really disturbing. What you are flagging is of utmost concern. We ourselves are concerned, the CBI has flagged it for us. We are ourselves disturbed by what we have read," the top



'Congress runs in my blood': Sirsa MP Kumari Selja responds to exit rumours

New Delhi, Sep 23: Kumari Selja clarified that there is no discontent within the party, but some internal issues are being worked through as part of its ongoing progress. Congress leader and Lok Sabha MP Kumari Selja. "Congress runs in my blood. Just as my father was wrapped in the party's flag, I too will depart in the same way," said Selja at an event of AajTak. While discussing Congress' internal dynamics, Kumari Selja clarified that there is no discontent within the party, but some internal issues are being worked through as part of its ongoing progress. "There are always internal discussions that aren't meant for public disclosure. The party is moving forward and these are routine matters in decision-making," she added. On the topic of candidate selection, Selja said that it's the party's prerogative to make such decisions, adding, "Anyone can make a claim. My statements may have caused concern for some, but that's the nature of politics." Amid recent reports of Selja staying away from the election campaign, former Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar invited her to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "There is our Dalit sister... sitting at home. A large section of people are today thinking about what they should do. Many people were upset with them and we brought them into the party fold. We are ready with an offer and if (she) comes, we are ready to induct her," Khattar had said. Months after winning the Lok Sabha polls from Sirsa, the former Union minister had indicated her desire to contest the upcoming assembly elections and said she wishes to work in the state but the high command did not field her.



5 new Punjab ministers take oath after 4 are dropped from cabinet

New Delhi, Sep 23: Hardeep Singh Mundian, Barinder Kumar Goyal, Tarunpreet Singh Sond, Ravjot Singh and Mohinder Bhagat were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Gulab Chand Kataria. It was a quiet and solemn ceremony at the Punjab Raj Bhawan, lasting 20 minutes, with most ministers, some MLAs, senior bureaucrats and families and friends of new inductees in attendance. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was present on the stage when the new ministers were called in for taking oath.



After taking oath, the newly appointed ministers thanked the CM, hugged him and shook hands. These ministers have been chosen after the AAP top brass did a thorough background check on the inductees, asking for a list of "honest MLAs" from their own party MPs and other senior leaders. Since the results of the Lok Sabha elections were declared in June, there was a talk of a reshuffle in the cabinet. With this, the total number of ministers in the Bhagwant Mann-led Punjab cabinet has reached 16. This still leaves two vacant berths in the Cabinet, leaving room for more inductions later. The decision to induct the new members was taken on Sunday after the party decided to remove four ministers (Balkaur Singh, Brahm Shankar Jimpa, Chetan Singh Jouramajra and Anmol Gagan Maan) from the cabinet. The four had submitted their resignations yesterday. Earlier in the day, Bhagwant Mann removed his Officer on Special Duty Prof Onkar Singh, reportedly after senior AAP MLA from Delhi Jarnail Singh had complained about the OSD to the CM, during the days of campaign for the Jalandhar bypoll. Onkar Singh, who hails from Lambi in Muktsar, had been appointed OSD to Chairman of Punjab Rural Development Board, a charge held by CM Mann. Before his appointment as OSD, he was working at Punjabi University, Patiala.

After 'worst cabin' video goes viral, Air India gives refund to first-class passenger

New Delhi, Sep 23: Air India has refunded the airfare to an India-origin CEO who had complained about facilities in the first class cabin during his recent Chicago-Delhi flight. His video showing various shortcomings in the cabin had gone viral. There was no official comment from Air India. "Come with me on the worst first class cabin I have ever been on," Anip Patel said in a recent video posted on Instagram and also mentioned in detail about his flight. On the social media platform, Patel mentioned that he recently endured a 15-hour non-stop flight from Chicago to Delhi and that it was far from pleasant. Among other issues, he said there was no WiFi, and the in-flight entertainment was down for the entire flight. Later, Patel, on Instagram, said that while he did not file any complaint, the airline after seeing the video through social media called him and gave the refund. As per LinkedIn profile, Patel is CEO of management company Anip Inc as well as of luxury private matchmaking service Mohan Matchmaking, among other roles. Meanwhile, Air India is in the process of revamping its fleet by inducing new wide body and narrow body planes as well as by upgrading its legacy fleet of 67 aircraft.

'BJP, RSS spreading hate and violence across India': Rahul Gandhi

Sri Nagar, Sep 23: Rahul Gandhi said that BJP has tried to create a wedge between the Pahari and Gujar communities and claimed that this project of the party will fail. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its ideological mentor Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) spread hate and violence across the country. "Wherever they go, they create divisions between castes, religions, states, and languages, trying to incite conflict," said Rahul Gandhi while addressing a rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. "Nafrat ko sirf mohabbat se kaata ja sakta hai. Ek taraf nafrat phailne wale log hain aur doosri taraf mohabbat ki dukaan kholne wale log hai. (Hate can only be overcome with love. On one side are those spreading hatred and on the other side are those promoting love)" said the Congress leader. "Congress will move forward by bringing everyone together and giving everyone their rights," Gandhi said, adding that for them, everyone is equal and they will leave no one behind. He said that whatever the people want and whatever work they want him to do, he is ready to address any issue in Parliament and that the people of Jammu and Kashmir need only to give him the instruction. Read: In J&K, Rahul Gandhi fires salvo at Narendra Modi: 'Psychologically defeated' The Congress leader said that the opposition gained strength after the Lok Sabha results and stands united against the government's 'anti-people' laws and policies. "Narendra Modi has lost his confidence and it is evident on his face. We have impacted his psychology and he is not the same as he once was," said Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi took a swipe at the Centre saying that while Union territories have often been made states or states divided into new states, it is the first time in history that a state Jammu and Kashmir was divided into two Union territories.



Downloading and watching child pornography is crime: SC

New Delhi, Sep 23: Storage of child pornographic material is an offence under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), the Supreme Court ruled on Monday. A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud also suggested to Parliament to make certain changes in the Act. Disapproving of the use of the word 'child pornography', the top court said Parliament should amend the POCSO Act to refer to such material as 'child sexually abusive and exploitative material'. "We have suggested an ordinance can be brought in. We have asked all courts not to refer to it as 'child pornography' in any orders," it said. Pronouncing the verdict for the Bench, Justice JB Pardiwala set aside the Kerala High Court's verdict which held that mere downloading and storing of child pornography on one's mobile phone couldn't be considered as an offence under the POCSO Act or the IT Act. Acting on a petition filed by the Just Rights for Children Alliance, the Bench had in August decided to examine a verdict of the Kerala High Court which ruled that mere downloading and storing of child pornography on one's mobile phone couldn't be considered an offence under the POCSO/IT Acts. Terming the Kerala HC verdict as "atrocious", it had issued notices to the Kerala Government, Sebin Thomas and another asking them to spell out their respective stand on the petition challenging the high court's verdict. Citing the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, the petitioner—a coalition of over 120 NGOs—sought to highlight the fact that there has been almost a 2,561 per cent increase in child pornography cases between 2018 and 2022. On behalf of the drive launched by the Countering Child Sexual Exploitation Team of the Kerala Police functioning under Cyberdome to curb crimes against children. Ruling that an automatic or accidental downloading of child pornography, i.e., videos of children engaged in sexually explicit act or conduct was not an offence under Section 67B (b) of the IT Act or Section 15(2) of the POCSO Act when evidence showed no specific intent to transmit or distribute such content, the high court had discharged the accused who had allegedly downloaded child pornography on his phone from an app. The top court had referred to a challenge against a Madras High Court order that said watching child pornographic videos will not by itself attract offences under the POCSO Act. "We have reserved judgment in the Madras High Court order challenge, just wait for it," the CJJ told Phoolka.



News box

Mumbai: Shops oppose classification of illuminated sign boards as ads

MUMBAI. The Federation for Retail Traders Welfare Association (FRTWA) has opposed the BMC classifying illuminated shop name boards as advertising. In a letter sent to the civic body on September 21, FRTWA president Viren Shah called for the removal of Section 328A, Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, which treats illuminated shop sign boards as advertisements.

The section states, "No person shall, without the written permission of the commissioner, erect, exhibit, fix or retain any advertisement whether now existing or not, upon any land, building, wall, hoarding or structure."

In his letter, Shah said the BMC stated that a non-illuminated name board isn't considered an advertisement. "How illogical is it that once a name board is illuminated with neon lights for visibility at night, it suddenly becomes an advertisement? Multiple courts, including the Supreme Court, have issued stays on criminal notices under Section 328A-a non-bailable offence. Yet, innocent shopkeepers continue to be treated like criminals, facing threats and harassment, despite clear court rulings against this practice."

Shah said, "On one hand the govt is planning to make Mumbai like Singapore with nightlife and shopping to attract shoppers from around the world, and on the other, they want to wrongly send notices that if you put a glow sign on board then it's an advertisement. Any person will laugh at such kind of draconian wrongly interpreted Section 328A. If they do not withdraw these notices and harassment to shopkeepers continue, we will oppose the present govt which is against the traders and we will go one step ahead and call for a retail bandh," which, he insists, they are not.

IIT Bombay struggles to fill reserved faculty positions

MUMBAI. IIT Bombay, like several other IITs and IIMs, is grappling with challenges in filling reserved faculty positions despite a mandate to implement the quota system in recruitment.

Experts highlight that in a country where seats are reserved for backward categories across multiple education levels and PhD requirements for teaching have been relaxed, the shortage of faculty-both in the general and reserved categories-raises serious concerns about the state of education and the uncertain future it signals for the nation's academic landscape.

An RTI filed by the Ambedkar Periyar Phule Study Circle (APPSC) reveals that in 2023, IIT Bombay received 779 applications from OBC candidates nationwide but found none suitable for the positions. Similarly, no ST candidate was selected, while only 4 of the 523 SC applicants were hired. The situation showed slight improvement in 2024, with 2 out of 44 SC applicants, 1 out of 22 ST applicants, and 3 out of 106 OBC candidates being selected. Also, 17 general category faculty were appointed in 2023-24.

The student body stated that the situation is similar across IITs and IIMs. The RTI response to their query states that at IIT Delhi, where many more candidates applied, 6 out of 1,047 SC, 4 of 198 ST, and 16 out of 1,648 OBCs were selected in 2023. In 2021, all IITs advertised for hiring reserved category faculty after the govt mandated reservation in teaching posts. In 2023, education minister Dharmendra Pradhan had informed Parliament that 4,526 posts across the IITs were unfilled.

Surface water meets 69% of state's requirement: Govt

Gandhinagar. A note prepared by the state govt as a preparatory exercise for the distribution of Narmada water to stakeholder states that Gujarat meets 69% of its requirement from surface water, while the remaining is from groundwater sources.

Available water in Gujarat is 55,608 million cubic metres (MCM), of which 38,100 MCM (68.5%) is surface water, while 17,508 MCM (31%) is groundwater. Interestingly, the note prepared by the Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB) says that 80% of surface water resources are located in south and central Gujarat, while the remaining 20% are in other regions of the state. Commenting on the availability of surface water, the note said that the state has 185 river basins, eight of which are perennial. These basins are unevenly distributed, with 80% of the surface water resources located in central and southern Gujarat, while the remaining 20% is spread across the remaining regions of the state.

"Gujarat's 1,600km coastline makes desalination a viable alternative. However, it has not been fully utilized due to high costs, the energy-intensive process, and significant capital expenditure for plant setup," the note said. The note added that despite these challenges, some progress has been made in the field of desalination with the setting up of a 100 MLD (million litres per day) desalination plant at Dahej in south Gujarat.

Remote villages in ASR district, Andhra Pradesh remain in darkness

Villages yet to be connected to power grid despite erection of electric poles and creation of other infrastructure

VISAKHAPTANAM. Buruga and Chinna Konela, two remote tribal hamlets in Rompalle Panchayat under Anantagiri mandal of Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR) district, continue to wait for electricity, despite recent developments in their villages. While electric poles and transformers have been installed, the final steps-connecting the power supply and installing metres-remain incomplete, leaving the villagers without access to power.

For the Kondh tribes who inhabit these villages, the absence of electricity poses significant challenges. Without lights after dark, they rely on torches made from wooden sticks to navigate their surroundings, which are frequented by wild animals, including snakes. The lack of electricity also means that many daily



activities must end before sunset, especially for villagers who depend on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) work and daily wage labour at local brick kilns.

The villagers have repeatedly protested the delay in electrification. A few months ago, families in Buruga village faced the loss of livestock when a tiger killed their cattle. Despite notifying the Forest Department, they have yet to receive compensation for the incident.

The electrification process began after continued demands from the community, with the installation of poles and transformers marking significant progress. However, more than two weeks have passed since, and the final steps remain pending. The delay has frustrated the villagers, who are eager to see the completion of the project.

"The electricity connection brings us access to many basic needs, including drinking water and safety after dark. Without power, we cannot install tap water systems in our homes," they explained, adding, "We are

happy to see the officials speeding up the work, but we urge them to finish it so we can have electricity in our homes." Ravi Kumar, Executive Engineer (Construction & Operation) at Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited (APEPDCL) Paderu, explained the reason for the delay, saying, "Due to recent heavy rains, the roads were inaccessible. We have completed most of the work and are only left with installing metres in the households. The villages will have electricity within a week." For the villagers, electricity represents more than just light. "It will allow our children to study and play after sunset, and it will help the elderly move around safely at night. We hope this final hurdle is cleared soon," they added.

The promise of electricity has sparked hope, but the wait continues. The villagers expressed optimism that their long-standing demand will soon be met, improving their quality of life.

Karnataka MSME heads interact with minister Shobha Karandlaje, call for reforms

BENGALURU. The Central government is actively addressing the challenges faced by micro- and small-scale industries with a series of initiatives aimed at bolstering the sector, said Union Minister of State for MSME and Labour & Employment Shobha Karandlaje on Sunday.

At an interaction organised by the Karnataka Small-Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), she also gave a summary of the measures taken by the ministry to boost the MSME sector in the country. The Association submitted a comprehensive memorandum on behalf of MSMEs in the state. Some of the announcements made



by the minister included a proposal to establish a Centre of Excellence for upskilling by the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) in Peenya, potential inclusion of KASSIA in the

National Board for MSMEs and the rollout of four wage codes to form a National Wage Board.

KASSIA president MG Rajagopal stressed on the need for a holistic approach to ensure MSMEs' survival in the current economic climate. The memorandum highlighted several issues, such as the need for affordable technology, solar power subsidies and reforms in ESIC and EPFO policies. KASSIA also advocated for lower interest rates on MSME loans and increased credit guarantee coverage to support business growth.

Industry leaders, office-bearers and MSME representatives were present.

Karnataka govt plans to replace all 33 crest gates of Tungabhadra dam: CM Siddaramaiah

MUNIRABAD(KOPPAL).

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday said all 33 crest gates of the Tungabhadra dam will be replaced as soon as possible. As per an expert committee report, the crest gates are in a bad shape at present and the government will take necessary steps to save the state's oldest dam, he said after felicitating the team that replaced the damaged crest gate number 19 of the dam. The CM and some members of his cabinet also offered bagina to the Tungabhadra river on the occasion. Siddaramaiah said that after the crest gate was damaged, he was communicating regularly with top officials and district district in-charge ministers of Koppal and Vijayanagara, Shivraj Tangadagi and Zameer Ahmed Khan, respectively.

"By the grace of God and the team of experts, temporary stop logs at the gate were successfully installed," he said.

TB dam is a major water source for



agricultural activities in 9,26,438 acres in Karnataka, 6,25,097 acres in Andhra Pradesh and 87,000 acres in Telangana, he said. "Farmers in three states were worried after the crest gate broke. But during my last visit to the dam after the incident, I had said I would come again and offer bagina," he said. "After the crest gate broke, BJP and other leaders

tried to politicise the incident, though it was a technical error. The TB Dam is among the oldest in the state and was constructed in 1953. Crest gates should be changed every 50 years. This is a lesson for everyone," he added.

Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister D K Shivakumar said the hard work by the expert team of 130 completed an impossible task. "I personally thank all those behind this. We will finish the installation of 33 new crest gates within this year," he added. Siddaramaiah became the first CM to offer bagina. Siddaramaiah became the first CM to offer bagina to the TB Dam in its 71-year history. After it was constructed in 1953, no CM had offered bagina at the dam.

TTD to conduct santhi homam amid concerns over ghee quality for Srivari laddu

A sensory panel of 18 members, trained at Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) Mysore, has been deployed to evaluate the ghee based on colour, taste, and smell.

TIRUPATI. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Executive Officer J Shyamala Rao explained that a Santhi Homam will be conducted on Monday from 6 AM to 10 AM at Yagasala near Bangaru Bavi (Golden Well) to address concerns among devotees regarding the presence of animal fat in the ghee used for making Srivari Laddu Prasadam.

Addressing the media at Padmavati Guest House in Tirupati on Sunday evening, along with the advisors of Agama Shastra, the EO stated that TTD is currently purchasing ghee at Rs 475 per litre from reputed suppliers, Nandini and Alfa Foods. The ghee samples taken from the both have been sent for testing at NDDB and yielded positive results. For reference, the reports indicating the quality of pure and adulterated ghee would be shared with the media to point out variations, he said. He



further explained, "We initiated the process of sending samples to NABL-accredited labs, as they are the only reliable source for testing adulteration. TTD currently has no facility to test for adulteration in ghee, and the testing capacity at our labs is insufficient. Therefore, for the first time, we have begun sending samples to NABL labs to ensure the

quality of ghee used for Laddu Prasadam, and we will continue this practice." A sensory panel of 18 members, trained at Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) Mysore, has been deployed to evaluate the ghee based on colour, taste, and smell. Only ghee receiving a score of at least 7 out of 9 will be accepted for Prasadam making. Ghee with lower ratings will be rejected, he informed.

NDDB has offered to donate equipment worth Rs 75 lakhs to test the quality of ghee and adulteration, which is expected to be provided by December. Additionally, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has agreed to set up a lab in Tirumala. The building for the lab is already identified and the same was communicated with FSSAI. Rao emphasized that all necessary steps are being taken to ensure the quality

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Riddled with craters, but no revamp now for SPR, GMDA starts patchwork

Gurgaon. GMDA has begun repair work of roads across the city, starting with Southern Peripheral Road (SPR) to fix the extensive damage caused during the monsoon. The SPR, a crucial link for commuters and residents living in new sectors, has been riddled with potholes. According to officials, teams have been deployed to carry out the repairs using bitumen, which is more durable compared to the granular material used earlier for filling potholes.

"We have deployed teams to fix the damaged roads. Now that the rains have subsided, we have started work on master roads across the city, including the SPR. We will ensure that all master roads are in motorable condition," said Arun Dhankar, chief engineer of GMDA (Infra-1 division). Earlier this year, GMDA undertook repairs on one section of the SPR — from Ghata T Point to Vatika Chowk. However, the remaining stretch, up to SPR-CPR junction, was left out, leading to deteriorating conditions exacerbated by heavy rainfall and poor drainage system.

Commuters expressed their dissatisfaction over the poor condition and pointed out that potholes not only disrupted traffic flow, but also posed a risk to vehicles and pedestrians alike. "The entire SPR has turned into a dust bowl. If GMDA has undertaken repair works to fix the stretch, it is a welcome respite. I hope it is not an eyewash," said Dhirender Kumar Singh, a resident of sector 78. "Road dust is also the biggest contributor to air pollution. GMDA should complete the works before GRAP comes into effect in Oct," Singh added.

In addition to repairs on SPR, GMDA said plans are in place for recarpeting major arterial roads from sectors 81 to 95. However, these projects were delayed due to imposition of the model code of conduct, which restricts the allotment of new work. Once the model code of conduct is lifted, tenders will be allotted for these works too, said officials. "Most of the roads from sectors 81-95 have been maintained through patch repair since they have been transferred to GMDA from HSVP. We have already called the tender for special repair and upgradation (of Manesar-Dwarka Expressway road) for the improvement of roads in these sectors. We hope to get the approvals soon," Dhankar added.

15 days and counting: Water pipe leakage leads to huge wastage, leaves roads inundated

Gurgaon. Citizens of Sector 22B have alleged inaction on the part of MCG in addressing leakage from a water pipeline near the community centre that was first detected 15 days ago. Water was gushing out of the pipeline and flowing onto the road, leading to a huge wastage in the area that has been marred by water scarcity especially during summer, they said.

The residents, who largely depend on GMDA's limited water supply and MCG tubewells, are also faced with the problem of stagnant water accumulating in large pools on roads, attracting mosquitoes and other pests.

"We have informed the municipal authority of the issue, but no action has been taken so far. It's disheartening to see such a precious resource being wasted, especially when GMDA's supply is already scarce and we are dependent on tubewells to fulfil our daily needs," said Bhim Singh Yadav, RWA president of Sector 22B.

"Moreover, the area has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. We urge the MCG to address the issue promptly and fix the leak on priority," he added.

The leakage has also deteriorated the condition of the roads, with water seeping into the cracks and weakening the asphalt, they said, adding that the community centre too, was surrounded by muddy water, making it difficult for residents to access the facility. "Water always flows onto the roads during supply hours. Moreover, the drainage system is not proper, causing both the leakage and rainwater to stagnate near my house. The road is starting to get damaged, and its surface has become slippery, making it dangerous for passersby, especially the elderly," said Shyam Sunder Muttreja, a resident. Meanwhile, a senior official of MCG said that the matter had not been brought to his knowledge. "However, I will direct the officials to check and get the issue rectified on priority," he added.

In Ggn's 4 assembly seats, 2-way fight likely, with an edge to BJP

Gurgaon. Voters in the four assembly seats of Gurgaon mostly elected Congress till 2014, but from there on, BJP has won all the constituencies from the district apart from one. 2014 was also the first time that BJP formed a government in Haryana with full majority. Before that, Sita Ram Singla was the only BJP candidate to have won the Gurgaon assembly seat.

But the party has been dominant in the last 10 years. In the 2014 Haryana assembly polls, BJP candidates won all four seats — Gurgaon, Badshapur, Sohna and Pataudi. This trend continued to 2019, with the exception of Badshapur, which elected Independent candidate Rakesh Daultabad. The state's 90 assembly seats, the two largest constituencies in terms of voter count are in Gurgaon. Badshapur has 5.2 lakh registered voters, and Gurgaon is second, with 4.4 lakh voters. The south Haryana district, now a saffron stronghold that Congress could not clinch even in the Lok Sabha elections held earlier this year, is particularly significant for the state, considering more than 70% of the state's revenue comes from Gurgaon.

Regional party INLD was once a major player in the Gurgaon seats, but it too has fallen by the wayside since 2014. In the last four state elections, it won just once when INLD candidate Ganga Ram won Pataudi in 2009 by clinching 51% vote share from the constituency. In the last assembly polls, INLD candidates received just 2.5% of the votes from all four Gurgaon seats. JJP, INLD's breakaway party, has never won a seat from the district, but it still fared better than INLD in 2019.

NCLAT asks buyers & lenders to file feedback on NBCC's Supertech plan

Noida. National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has asked 27,000 homebuyers and other stakeholders to submit objections, if any, to a proposal by National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd (NBCC) to complete delayed Supertech projects.

On Sept 19, NCLAT asked the interim resolution professional to look into the concerns of homebuyers, compile a report on objections and suggestions from lenders and landowners as well and upload it on Supertech's website in two weeks. The stakeholders, who have been waiting for years for the completion of projects — many of which are stalled over funds — recently filed an application with NCLAT. Their key demands included an assurance against cost escalation of flats, a forensic audit of accounts to find out if there was any funds diversion and removal of all the then promoters. The tribunal will now review the objections and suggestions on Oct 21 and weigh them against NBCC's

proposal. "Counsel for Noida, Greater Noida, landowners, lenders, the Yamuna Expressway Authority of India, and the homebuyers are granted two weeks to file objections to IA No. 6557 of 2024 (filed by NBCC). These objections should also be submitted to the IRP. All objections will be tabulated by the IRP, and the substance of the objections will be presented in chart form to the court on the next date of hearing so that NBCC's application and the objections can be considered and resolved. All lenders, homebuyers, landowners, and banks are permitted to e-file the objections with a copy sent to the IRP," read the Sept 19 order by NCLAT chairperson Ashok Bhushan and technical member Barun Mitra. Responding to an appeal from homebuyers, NCLAT had in May this year instructed the IRP to engage with NBCC and explore the possibility of the govt-backed construction company to take over the delayed Supertech projects, just like it had done in the case of



Amrapali.

NBCC, subsequently, came up with an extensive plan to complete 50,000 flats across 17 Supertech projects in three years. It asked NCLAT for permission to act as the project management consultant. NCLAT asked NBCC to take prompt action and submit a detailed project report.

The tribunal also heard matters related to Supertech's Doon Square project in Dehradun. Bank of Baroda, one of the company's principal lenders, had recently

approved a one-time settlement proposal for the project. There are 750 units in the project, of which 150 studio apartments have been handed over. Bank of Baroda's proposal outlines specific conditions, including an initial deposit and a structured repayment plan contingent on NCLAT's clearance. The next hearing for Doon Square is scheduled for Sept 25, when NCLAT will review the terms of the OTS approved by the bank and determine the next course of action.

It was in June 2022 that NCLAT limited insolvency proceedings against Supertech to just one of its projects, EcoVillage 2, using reverse CIRP. This allowed Supertech to maintain control over the project's execution in the presence of an IRP. The Supreme Court upheld this decision in June 2023, allowing for a project-wise resolution approach.

FAR rates for large plots goes up 20%, home construction set to get costlier

Gurgaon. Construction of large properties is set to become costlier, with Haryana's department of town and country planning (DTCP) increasing rates for purchasing floor area ratio (FAR) by around 20%. It is the first hike since 2016. Officials told TOI on Sunday that the increase in rates is meant to address rising demand for land in cities like Gurgaon, where population density is rapidly growing.

FAR is the ratio of a building's total floor area to the size of the plot/land on which it was built. DTCP additional chief secretary Arun Kumar Gupta on Sept 10 issued the directive, which specified that there are no changes in FAR rates for plots up to 250sqm. For plots between 250sqm and 350sqm, the new FAR rate is Rs 4,500 per sqm, up 19% from Rs 3,770/sqm. The revised rate for plots between 350sqm and 450sqm is Rs 6,500/sqm, up 21% from Rs 5,380 earlier. The hike is almost

24% for plots larger than 500sqm. The FAR purchase rate for this category was Rs 8,070/sqm and goes up to Rs 10,000 per sqm. A DTCP official said apart from encouraging city planning, revenue earned from increased FAR rates will be given to the municipal corporation for development. But developers said the move could slow down large projects and substantially increase construction costs, forcing realtors to push the burden on homebuyers. "A 20% increase in FAR rates will certainly impact construction costs for larger plots in Gurgaon. While this move is aimed at boosting municipal development, it poses a significant challenge for developers and individual homeowners, especially those working with tight budgets. The additional financial burden may slow down large-scale residential projects and could potentially shift demand towards

smaller plots. Developers will need to reassess their project budgets and pass some of the cost to buyers, which may affect property prices in the area," a developer said. Deepak Verma, a city resident, said the increase in FAR rate was worrying. "This makes it harder for people like us to afford homes, especially in a city like Gurgaon where prices are already high," he said.

The DTCP directive said there won't be an option to purchase additional FAR for plots up to 75sqm. The existing FAR rate for plots between 75 and 100 sqm remains at Rs 1,615 per sqm.

According to officials, the changes have been communicated to Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), town planning departments, urban local bodies (ULB) department, HSIIDC and other relevant agencies. All departments have been instructed to update their processes in line with the revised FAR pricing structure.

60-yr-old dies after e-bike he hired takes an illegal cut to Dwarka e-way, hit by car

Gurgaon. A 60-year-old man on his way to hospital for dialysis succumbed to head injuries he suffered after the Uber bike he had hired allegedly took an illegal cut to enter Dwarka Expressway and was hit by a car from behind.

Ramchayan died at AIIMS trauma centre around 11am on Sept 20, two days after he met with the accident near pillar number 58. According to his family, he was not given a helmet by the Uber rider who accepted the booking. At the hospital, Ramchayan could not recognise anyone, his family said. When his son, Abhishek, called out to him in the ICU, all he replied was 'bhaiyya'. That was the last they heard from him.

Around 2.30pm on Sept 18, Abhishek had booked an Uber Moto to take his father from their house in Shankar Vihar to SGT Hospital for the dialysis. The bike, according to his family, got onto the expressway using an unauthorised cut to reach the hospital faster. A car — possibly a Maruti Swift — that was cruising on the speedway crashed into the bike from behind, causing it to skid on the cratered road. Ramchayan, who was oozing blood from head injuries, was rushed to nearby JSR

Haryana govt school students can apply for scholarship under Centre's scheme

GURGAON. Students in Class 8 of govt schools in the state can now apply for scholarships. The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMS) is being implemented across the country by the department of school education and literacy under Union ministry of education. It has already been rolled out in many states. Asked if launching the programme was a violation of model code of conduct, an official said it's a centrally sponsored programme, the budget for which is allocated by the Union govt. Online applications for the scholarship will be accepted till Oct 10. After the application process ends, a written examination will be conducted at the district headquarters between 11am and 2pm on Nov 17. Students who pass the examination will receive the scholarship from Class 9 to 12. "Students qualifying for the programme will be given an annual scholarship of Rs 12,000. Every month, Rs 1,000 will be deposited into the students' bank accounts for buying notebooks, pens, school bags, shoes, and other necessary items," an official of the school education department said. The combined annual income of the applicant's parents must not exceed Rs 3.5 lakh from all sources, in order to be eligible for the scholarship. Applicants should also have scored a minimum of 55% marks in class 7 (or 50% marks for those from reserved categories).

NAME CHANGE

I. Mohd Arshad S/O Abdul Khalk R/O F-112 New Vajay Nagar, 12 Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201009 have changed my name from Mohd Arshad to Arshad Khan for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I. Poonam Singh / Poonam Charak W/o Jaswant Singh R/o J-2061 Devedvir Vihar, Sector, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011 Have Changed My Name To Poonam Singh Charak For All Future Purposes

NAME CHANGE

I. Sanjay Kumar S/o Lakshpat Rai R/O H-NO-RZ-15, South West Kamla Park, Near Agwal Sweet, Najafgarh-110043, Delhi, Have Changed My Name To Sanjay Goyal For All Future Purpose

NAME CHANGE

I. JAGDISH CHAND is legally Father of No. 6499465Y Rank SEP/CHIEF Name CHANDRA PAL, presently residing VPO-BOHIT, Teh. BAREILLY, Dist. BAREILLY, STATE -UTTAR PRADESH- have changed my name from CHANDRA PAL to JAGDISH CHAND for all future purposes. Vide affidavit No IN-15865007287342V dated 23/09/2024 Before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I. PRABEEN KUMARI Wife of JC-811746X Rank-SUB/MAJ Name-RAKESH KUMAR R/o VILL-TIPPRA, PO-CHIRUHULLI, DIST-AURANGABAD, DIST-KANNARA, HIMAACHAL PRADESH-176031 have changed my name from PRABEEN KUMARI to PARVEEN KUMARI for all future purposes vide Affidavit Dated 23/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I. JAGDISH CHAND is legally Father of No. 6499465Y Rank SEP/CHIEF Name CHANDRA PAL, presently residing VPO-BOHIT, Teh. BAREILLY, Dist. BAREILLY, STATE -UTTAR PRADESH- have changed my name from CHANDRA PAL to JAGDISH CHAND for all future purposes. Vide affidavit No IN-15865007287342V dated 23/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I. SUPHALA MAJIHI mother of NO-15207656N Rank-HAV Name-RATIKAN-TAMAJHI residing at VILL-GADATARAS, PO-GADATARAS, TEH-ANGUL, DIST-ANGUL, ODISHA-759129 have changed my name from SUPHALA MAJIHI to SUPHALA MAJIHI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 23/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I. JC-768701F Rank-SUB Name-SURESH KUMAR legal Father of SUGAM KUMARI R/o VPO-ZANABAD, TEH + DIST-REWARI, HARYANA-122411 have changed my daughter's name from SUGAM KUMARI to SUGAM YADAV for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 23/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I. SARITA DEVI W/O RAMESH KUMAR R/O PLOT NO 1151 BINDAPUR UTTAM NAGAR NEW DELHI 110059 DECLARES THAT I HAVE CHANGED NAME OF MY MINOR DAUGHTER HARSHITA KUMARI TO MINU VAND HER CORRECT DOB 07/09/2009 THAT HER NAME MINU WILL BE USED FOR ALL FURTHER PURPOSE.

NAME CHANGE

I. ASHOK KUMAR son of CHIRANJILI LAL residing at 8, RAYSEENA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001 have changed my minor son's name from DEVYENSH to DEVYANSH for all future purpose

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, MOKSHA D/O BIJENDER R/O House no-1174, Harshuk panna, Pooth Khurd, Pooth Khurd, Pooth Khurd DIST: North West, Delhi - 110038 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as BIJENDER SINGH in my 10th and 12th class education document. The actual name of my father is BIJENDER which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, MAHIR ABAS S/O RAMZAN ALI R/O I-61, 2nd Floor, Grey Apartment, Murad Road, Badli House, Jamia Nagar Okhla, New Friends Colony, South East Delhi-110025 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as RAMZAN in my CBSE 10th class Educational Documents. The actual name of my father is RAMZAN ALI, which may be amended accordingly.

D.O.B. CHANGE

I. PRAKASH LAXMAN GAWDE father of NO-14839599Y Rank-HAV Name-GAWDE LALIKANT PRAKASH R/O 27/3B, KAMLESHWAR GALLI, VTC-HANDIGANPUR, TEH AND DIST-BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA-591143 in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1953 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/06/1950 vide affidavit dated 19/09/2024 before Notary Public BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA.

NAME CHANGE

I. LEELA PRAKASH GAWDE mother of NO-14839599Y Rank-HAV Name-GAWDE LALIKANT PRAKASH R/O 27/3B, KAMLESHWAR GALLI, VTC-HANDIGANPUR, TEH AND DIST-BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA-591143 have changed my name from LEELA PRAKASH GAWDA to LEELA PRAKASH GAWDE for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1950 instead of my correct date of birth as 05/04/1954 vide affidavit dated 19/09/2024 before Notary Public BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA.

NAME CHANGE

I. BABY UPADHAYAY is legally wedded wife of No-14674063L Rank-NK/OT/CEV Name-SATYENDRAN KUMAR UPADHAYAY permanent resident of VILL-RISHRA, POST-RISHRA, TEHSIL-SERAMPORE, DISTT-HOOCHLY, WEST BENGAL-712248 have change my name from BABY UPADHAYAY to BABY UPADHAYAY (due to my name is wrongly mentioned in the service record of my husband) for all future purposes. Vide affidavit No IN-159622812466383V dated 22.09.2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I hitherto known as MOHD ABID Transgender child of QAMAR, R/O H-NO-827-82B, L-21 Masjid, Chilla Gate, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NARGIS.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, RAKESH KUMAR PUNN S/O PYARE LAL R/O. ????/10/10 Kamrudin Nagar, Mode Yadav Park, Ext. Najafgarh Road, West Delhi Delhi-110041, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as RAKESH KUMAR in my minor daughter HARSHITA PUNN aged 13 years in her school records and Adhar card no 5150 6598 8332. The actual name of mine is RAKESH KUMAR PUNN which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I. Mukesh Saini S/O K.L.Saini age 46 years R/O Shanti Nagar Bad Bishanpura kolana Dausa Raj-303313 has changed my Name Mukesh Saini to Mukesh Kumar Saini Vide Affidavit No.-BW 535782 Before Notary public/Rajasthan

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, PROMILA KRISHOPHAR DO PALTOO SINGH, W/o KRISHOPHAR R/o 397, Ayuth Niirmani Estate, Muradnagar, Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201206, declare that name of mine and my husband have been wrongly written as PROMILA CHRISTOPHER and CHRISTOPHER HEARALD in my Service Record. The actual name of mine and my husband are PROMILA KRISHOPHAR and KRISHOPHAR respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Ratana Kumari Chaki S/O: Ranjeet, R/O 4665, GALLI NO-6, OLD SEELMAAPUR, Gandhi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi - 110031, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as Ratana and Pinki in my minor son Rohan Chaki aged 14 years in his birth certificate no MCDOLIR21104022478. The actual name of mine and my wife are RATANA KUMARI CHAKI AND MANMINI HALDER, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that Mr. Syarwan Yadav Thakur intends to purchase Residential Flat No. G-3 on Ground Floor, Without Roof Rights, area measuring 49.25 Sq. Meters, built on Plot of land out of Kharsa No. 73-M, Situated in the Building/Complex known as Shelahe Apartment Village Ghaggar Begumpur, Tehsil Daudi, District Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. from Mrs. Gurja Kurnia & Mr. Roshan Kumar Singh. Mrs. Gurja Kurnia and Mr. Roshan Kumar Singh have agreed to sell the property from Mrs. Akhtar Bano and Mr. Shajar Ali, and Mr. Nawazish Ali through sale deeds dated January 18, 2024. Previously, Mr. Salammat Hussain, Mr. Shajar Ali, and Mr. Nawazish Ali were the owners, through sale deed dated December 5, 2017. Subsequently, Mr. Salammat Hussain passed away on December 12, 2018, leaving behind legal heirs: Mrs. Akhtar Bano (wife) and Mrs. Tajwar Sultan (daughter). Mrs. Tajwar Sultan has given her no objection for the sale of the property by her mother. They constructed a building on the property and was sold the said floor jointly. The same property is being financed by Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited, Branch Noida. If any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit higher objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the undersigned by way of the Registered Post on the address given below and by E-mail, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that Mr. Shander Kumar intends to purchase the Second Floor Left Side, Partition, without Roof/Terrace Rights, built on property bearing Nos. M.C. No. 2424 & 2430, measuring 126.78 sq. meters, located at Chhiprawa Kalan, Jama Nearby, Delhi, from Mr. Raj Kapoor, Mrs. Neena Kapoor, Mr. Tarun Khanna, and Mrs. Madhu Khanna. The entire property was purchased by Mr. Ram Kumar Singhal and Mr. Raju Singhal from Mr. Prem Chand Jain through a Sale Deed dated 15.05.1989. Prior to this Sale Deed, Mr. Ram Kumar Singhal had executed a Registered Will dated 04.04.1985 in favour of Master Raju Singhal. Subsequently, Mr. Ram Kumar Singhal passed away on 01.04.2013, and his wife, Mrs. Sushila Devi Singhal also passed away on 19.03.1995. They left behind only one legal heir, Mr. Raju Singhal. Thereafter, Mr. Raju Singhal sold 1/4th share to each of the entire property to Mr. Raj Kapoor, Mrs. Neena Kapoor, Mr. Tarun Khanna, and Mrs. Madhu Khanna through individual Four Sale Deeds. They constructed a building on the property and now agreed to sell the Second Floor jointly. The same property is being financed by RFL Bank Limited, located at AF-19, 20, F-17 Aditya Mall, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad U.P. 201012. If any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit higher objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the undersigned by way of the Registered Post on the address given below and by E-mail, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property.

[ASHWAN KUMAR] Advocate

Chamber No. 122, Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P.

NAME CHANGE

I, Joshua Daly T/S Daly Thomas Thothalli R/o 1-B, Neethi Apartments, Plot No-84, LP Extension, Patparganj, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 Have Changed My Name To Joshua Daly Thothalli For All Future Purpose

PUBLIC NOTICE

I hitherto known as DEEPA PRABAKARAN alias G DEEPA alias G DEEPA PRABAKARAN. Name: NAPILLAI GOKULOSS W/O: N PRABAKARAN Permanent R/O PLOT NO-31, 2nd CROSS STREET, SENTHIL NAGAR, CHENNAI, NEAR POLICE STATION, KOLATHUR, TIRUVALLUR, KOLATHUR, TAMIL NADU-600095. I have changed my name as TOWER-5, EAST KIDWAY NAGAR, DELHI-110023 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as G DEEPA PRABAKARAN.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my client Mrs. Resthna is the owner of Unit No. S-1, on Second Floor Rear Side (without roof rights), Property bearing No. 582-B/2, addressing 29.25 sq. yds. out of Kharsa No. 583, Situated within Extended Abadi (Lal Dora), of Village Devli, Tehsil Saket, New Delhi-110080 by the virtue of Sale Deed dated 02.02.2022 and intend to get the financial assistance from Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited will provide the financial assistance. If any person(s) /institution has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within 07 days from the date of this notice on the address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

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A -38, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048, Ph. No. 011-49774545

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[ASHWAN KUMAR] Advocate

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News box

Kamala Harris to unveil new economic policies on US wealth creation this week

World US Vice President Kamala Harris plans to roll out a new set of economic policies this week that aim to help Americans build wealth and set up economic incentives for businesses to aid that goal, three sources with knowledge of the matter said.

None of the sources would provide specific details on the expected new policies, and the Harris campaign would not comment on any new proposals. However, Harris' 2020 presidential run and President Joe Biden's administration included plans with similar goals.

Israel probes possibility of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar's death in strike: Report

World Israel is investigating the possibility that Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas, was killed in a rocket strike on Saturday that hit a school sheltering displaced Palestinians in Gaza City, a media report said.

"The Walla news site notes that the Shin Bet has rejected the report and believes that Sinwar is alive. The intelligence being investigated holds that Sinwar was killed during IDF operations in Gaza".

Rescue workers search for at least six people missing after heavy rain pounds Japan's Noto region

TOKYO. Rescue workers were searching for at least six people missing on Sunday after heavy rain battered Japan's north-central region of Noto, triggering landslides and floods, and resulting in one fatality in an area still recovering from a deadly earthquake on January 1.

Bibles, sneakers, silver coins: How Trump is cashing on election merchandise

Though rarely seen at church, Trump says the Bible is his "favourite book," and around Easter the former president began selling the sacred text for \$59.99 online.

UPDATED. He built on his father's real estate empire and turned the family's millions into billions, but Donald Trump has not stuck to selling merely buildings.

University was sued for defrauding its students. That has not stopped the candidate, however, who is currently offering an array of items for sale centred around his image some of which are unusual, to say the least.



fire at a Pennsylvania rally in July. The Secret Service agents who shielded him and rushed him to safety are not depicted.

offering scraps of fabric affixed to trading cards." This is something to give your family, your kids, your grandchildren," boasts Trump in a video.

PM Modi meets Palestinian President, expresses 'deep concern' over Gaza crisis

The MEA said that PM Modi reaffirmed India's "unwavering" support to the people of Palestine, including continued humanitarian assistance.

UPDATED Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on the sidelines of a session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.



views of further strengthening long standing friendship with the people of Palestine," said PM Modi while sharing pictures of his meeting with President Mahmoud Abbas on his X account.

Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah. This was the first meeting between PM Modi and the Kuwait Crown Prince.

Cop killed, 3 injured in blast targeting foreign diplomats in Pakistan

Peshawar. Suspected militants set off an explosion targeting a convoy of foreign diplomats in Pakistan's restive northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province Sunday, killing a police officer and injuring three others.



"All the diplomats are completely safe. The improvised explosive device targeted the convoy of police that was on security duty," the police official said.

diplomats has returned safely to Islamabad and expressed sympathies with the family of the deceased police officer.

arranged by the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) in collaboration with the Swat Chamber of Commerce.

Around 40 per cent cities, regions not meeting CO2 emission cut goals: Survey

World More than 40% of major companies, cities and regions have still not set any targets to cut greenhouse gas emissions, according to an annual "stocktake" released on Monday to gauge global progress in the fight against catastrophic climate change.



198 countries, 706 sub-national regions, 1,186 cities and nearly 2,000 publicly-listed companies.

Google owner Alphabet GOOGL.O as examples of "good practice" when it comes to implementing net-zero pledges.

Kate Middleton seen in public for first time after cancer treatment



London. Kate and her husband, Prince William, were seen Sunday attending church with King Charles III and Queen Camilla near their royal Balmoral estate in Scotland.

News box

668 cr sanctioned for constructing concrete rural roads

Gandhinagar. The state govt on Sunday said that a sum of Rs 668 crore has been sanctioned to convert 787 panchayat roads into concrete roads. An official statement said that the amount will be used to convert 1,020 kilometres of asphalt roads into concrete roads. The govt said that as a result of water accumulation and traffic movement, sections of asphalt roads get deteriorated. As a permanent solution to the problem, an allocation of Rs 668.30 crore has been made to construct 5.50 metre wide roads. In cases where concrete roads cannot be built, paver blocks will be used, the statement added. The recent spell of rain in most areas of the state and subsequent water logging has damaged the road network to a large extent. The funds from this scheme will be used for strengthening roads in village areas of the state, the statement added.

Gujarat couple held in Delhi with forged Canada visas

AHMEDABAD. A couple from Mehsana were caught at Indra Gandhi International (IGI) airport in Delhi with forged Canadian visa stamps just before they were to board a flight to Toronto on Sep 15. Now, a team from Delhi Police is camping in Gandhinagar to search for the human smuggler from Mehsana. According to a complaint filed at IGI Airport police station on Sep 15, Ashishsinh Chavda, 22, and wife Priyanka, 20, from Kada in Visnagar, were apprehended at the airport before they were to board an Air Canada flight to Toronto on counterfeit visas. "The couple were to board flight number AC-43, but while conducting document checks, airline staff discovered fake visa stickers on their passports. The stickers were affixed on seventh page of their passports, with serial numbers E741959470 and E741959471," the FIR states. "The flight they were supposed to board was scheduled to take off from the Delhi airport at 10.50pm on Sep 15. Police have registered a case against the couple under Sections 318 (4) (cheating), 336 (3) (forgery) and 340 (2) (producing forged documents as genuine) under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) as well as Section 12 of the Passport Act for using a forged travel document," the FIR reads.

Couple had planned to illegally enter the US. According to sources at the IGI airport, during their four-day police remand, the couple told the investigating cops that they had sought the assistance of a visa agent from Kalol town in Gandhinagar to obtain visitor's visas for Canada.

Sources at the IGI airport said the couple had planned to illegally cross into the US from Canada and their agent had even assured them of a job in the US. After the couple's confession, a Delhi Police team reached Gujarat and has been camping in Gandhinagar to trace the human smuggler who is on the run. Earlier, on Aug 22, Krupesh Patel, a man from the Ranip area of the city, was caught at the IGI airport in Delhi for allegedly trying to travel to Canada on a counterfeit visa stamp. This was his second attempt as he had been caught in 2019 at the Mumbai airport while trying to board a flight to Canada on the same forged visa.

Recently, Yash Prajapati, a 22-year-old man from Nardipur in Kalol taluka of Gandhinagar, died of a heart attack while attempting to cross the Canada-US border to enter the US. On Saturday, his body was sent to his native place, where he was cremated.

Debris disposal rates set for revision after a decade

Ahmedabad. For the first time since 2014, the solid waste management department of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) is set to revise debris disposal rates, following an intimation issued by the municipal commissioner. The proposal will be placed before the health and solid waste committee on Monday for approval. The city's debris management rates have remained stagnant for nearly a decade, are now long overdue for an update. The revision aims to address not just the increase in debris generation but also the operational costs involved in transportation and disposal. The municipal commissioner's letter also outlines a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which all sectors — be it private properties, govt departments, or residential areas — will be required to follow. Additionally, the strengthening of the dedicated C&D debris cleaning squad is also on the agenda, ensuring that the new guidelines are implemented effectively. The previous rate revision took place in 2014. Since then, the city has witnessed a surge in construction and renovation projects. "The AMC has set up 26 designated plots across the city for free debris disposal. However, citizens also have the option of lodging a complaint via the Comprehensive Complaint Redressal System (CCRS) number 155303, or via the municipality's website or mobile app.

Telangana government likely to amend GHMC Act to confer powers on HYDRAA

HYDERABAD. A day after the Cabinet granted statutory status to the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRAA), it is learnt that the government is all set to promulgate an ordinance amending the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Act. Sources said that officials are currently drafting these amendments, adding that a new act for HYDRAA will not be created, rather the existing GHMC Act will be amended to confer powers to HYDRAA. Currently, powers to protect lakes, water bodies, parks and other public spaces in Hyderabad are held by HMDA, GHMC and HMWSSB. Some lakes are also protected under the WALTA act, overseen by district collectors and tahsildars. The Cabinet's decision will delegate similar powers to HYDRAA without removing those from existing organisations. After the amendments, both HYDRAA and GHMC will work simultaneously to safeguard water bodies with the Outer Ring Road, including the recently added 27 Urban Local Bodies and 51 Gram Panchayats in GHMC. An official told TNIE that the government has sought legal action to avoid legal challenges. The official said: "There will



not be large-scale amendments, only one or two additional sections will be added to the Act."

CCTV cameras to monitor water bodies in city. Meanwhile, sources reveal that to enhance lake protection, the Cabinet has

decided to monitor lakes and water bodies with CCTV cameras and link them to Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), and said that the chief minister believes in the need for continuous monitoring through ICCC.

Police arrest main accused in petrol pump attack case in

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. The main accused in the Ooruttambalam petrol pump attack case was arrested by Maranalloor police on Saturday. Adarsh, 27, a native of Balaramapuram, was arrested from Kollam where he had been lying low since the incident that took place on February 4 this year. According to the police, Adarsh led an eight-member gang that attacked the petrol pump staff and looted Rs 25,000 from them. The gang had arrived at

the petrol pump under the guise of filling fuel. After refilling, two of the bikes drove away after refusing to pay cash. The pump staff questioned the group members over the matter. During the altercation, the gang members, some of them having criminal cases against them, attacked the pump staff and decamped with the collection bag that allegedly had Rs 25,000 in it. This incident created a big furore, prompting the police to take strong action. The police registered

cases against eight people, who all went into hiding as the investigators began tracking them down. Seven of them were nabbed two months later from their hideouts. Adarsh, the first accused, meanwhile fled to Kollam and thus managed to evade the cops for some time. The police, meanwhile, got information about his presence in Kollam and took him into custody. The Maranalloor police said Adarsh has a strong criminal antecedent.

Woman regains ability to walk after complex spine surgery at Kimshealth Hospital in Thiruvananthapuram

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. A 52-year-old woman from Kottarakkara who had been paralysed for months due to a complicated spinal condition has regained her ability to walk following a complex surgery at Kimshealth Hospital. The patient suffered from upper thoracic kyphoscoliosis, a rare spinal deformity characterised by abnormal inward and lateral curvature, which caused paralysis of both legs. Despite experiencing symptoms earlier, the woman delayed surgery due to concerns about the risks involved. Her condition was further complicated by neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that leads to tumour growth on nerves and skin.

As her spinal curvature worsened, she lost control of her bladder and bowel function. The medical team headed by consultant Orthopaedic Spine Surgeon, Dr Ranjith Unnikrishnan, recommended a complex Posterior Vertebral Column Resection (PVC) surgery to correct the spinal curvatures and relieve pressure on the spinal cord. The procedure involved reconstructing the spinal column with titanium rods and cages. After a 14-hour surgery, the patient started walking within ten days. Dr Jacob John Theophilus, Dr Ashwin C Nair, Dr Anoop Shivakumar, Dr Pradeep Moni V B and Dr Jerry John were also part of the surgical team.

Krishna village craves for basic amenities

VIJAYAWADA. Residents of Nagavaram village in Krishna district are facing hardships due to inadequate infrastructure, including poor road connectivity, drinking water crisis, limited transportation, and inadequate medical services. The village is split between two Assembly constituencies, two mandals, and two panchayats, resulting in a lack of accountability, with no leader or official taking responsibility for the issues. The jurisdictional split has caused confusion and inaction, with 200 of the 350 families in the village falling under Mukkolu Panchayat of Guduru mandal in Pedana constituency, while the remaining 150 families are part of Vemavaram Panchayat, Gudlavalluru mandal of Gudivada constituency. This division has hampered efforts to address the village's common problems effectively. One of the major concerns is the lack of educational infrastructure. The only government primary school in the village was closed and merged with an Urdu school, forcing students to travel six kilometres to Kautavaram or Vadlamannadu for high school education. College students must go to Gudlavalluru



or Pedana towns. While a private school bus from Pedana operates, most students have to walk three kilometres to catch it due to the absence of proper road connectivity. "The road problem affects us the most," said local resident Karra Veerababu. "When it rains, the gravel road becomes impassable, causing accidents and injuries to children on their way to school. We request Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan to help pave a proper road." Villagers must walk several kilometres from Vemavaram to reach the village, as auto drivers refuse to enter,

citing the poor condition of the roads. This poses difficulties for the elderly and pregnant women in need of medical care.

"Groundwater in the village has turned salty. Women are forced to walk at least a kilometre to fetch water from wells. Though water is supplied through street taps every two days, it is not drinkable. We urge the authorities to provide safe drinking water," said senior citizen Daram Pushpavathi. Daram Suresh, a resident, urged the CM to unify the village under one panchayat and mandal to simplify administration and resolve local issues. He highlighted that split jurisdiction allows officials to evade responsibility.

In response, Krishna Collector DK Balaji said road issues will be addressed through the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), and the drinking water problem would be resolved through the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scheme. Despite several representations to officials and the Deputy CM, villagers are still awaiting concrete action to improve infrastructure and bring relief to their struggling community.

'Box of Kindness' of Customs Department collects essentials worth Rs 12 Lakh

VIJAYAWADA. The officers and staff of the Customs Preventive Vijayawada Commissionerate and Central Goods and Services Tax (GST) organised a 'Box of Kindness' drive, to assist flood victims in Vijayawada, from September 12 to 19. This initiative took place across their offices throughout the State. The donations collected were sorted, and relief kits were assembled to support approximately 1,400 individuals. The total value of the materials, estimated at Rs 12 lakh, included essential provisions such as blankets, sarees, mosquito nets, soaps, toothpaste, sanitary pads, towels, and floor cleaners. On Sunday, Commissioner of Central GST Guntur and Vijayawada Customs, Sadhu Narasimha Reddy, flagged off four vehicles filled with



these relief kits from the Customs Vijayawada Office in Auto Nagar. The kits were then distributed to underprivileged families in flood-affected areas, including YSR Colony, Kandrika, Vambay Colony, and Rajiv Nagar. This distribution effort was part of

the Swachh Bharat Mission's Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2024 campaign, running from September 17 to October 2. Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission, this year's theme, 'Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskar Swachhata,' emphasises cleanliness as a natural habit. Several officers, including Prashant Kakarla, B Lakshmi Narayana, Joint Commissioner, and Assistant Commissioners, along with staff from various departments, took part in this drive. Swachh Bharat This distribution effort was part of the Swachh Bharat Mission's Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, running from September 17 to October 2, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission

Climate change led to floods: Collector G Srijana

VIJAYAWADA. G Srijana, NTR District Collector, attributed the recent disaster in Vijayawada to the growing impacts of climate change, stressing how the region's infrastructure narrowly averted a more severe crisis. She highlighted the importance of structures like Nagarjuna Sagar, Puli Chintala, and Almati barrages, which helped manage the floodwaters. Built 67 years ago with a capacity of 11 lakh cusecs, the Prakasam Barrage faced unprecedented pressure during the recent heavy inflows. She raised concerns about the barrage's capacity to handle future disasters without additional infrastructure improvements. Speaking at the Collectorate, she detailed the scale of the crisis, which resulted in 43,000 cusecs of water from the Budameru catchment area submerging low-lying areas and farmland. The Velagaleru regulator and the G Kondur region both recorded around 90 cm of rainfall, compounding the floodwaters in the Krishna River. She pointed out that if the Velagaleru gates had not been lifted, the regulator gates might have collapsed. The weak Budameru bund was another contributing factor to the disaster. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu played a crucial role in managing the crisis, monitoring relief efforts for over ten days and launching 'Operation Budameru' to address the issue permanently. This initiative targets canal encroachments, with 270 acres of agricultural land, 80 structures, and 3,000 homes identified for action. In response to the flood, 4,036 enumerators carried out re-verification across 179 secretariats, identifying 1.75 lakh homes in flood-hit areas. Financial relief was swift, with Rs 157.85 crore processed for 2,740 accounts within three days. Insurance claims were handled by 20 companies, and over 2,000 workers provided additional relief to affected families.

After 40 years, Alangad jaggery makes a sweet comeback in Kerala

KOCHI. Alangadan Sharkara is back. It has been 40 years since the iconic jaggery brand disappeared from the shelves in Kerala. Now, the first batch of homegrown and homemade Alangad jaggery has re-entered the market. Having worked continually for around three months, the sugarcane-processing unit at Alangad has started churning out jaggery. So far, the unit has produced a total of 1,000kg of jaggery, which is priced at Rs 180 per kg.

Industries Minister P Rajeev told, "For now, sugarcane for the production of Alangadan Sharkara is being cultivated on a 16-acre farm. The aim is to expand the cultivation to 50 acres."

He said the project was launched as part of the 'Krishikkoppam Kalamassery' initiative that envisions the development of agriculture in the village. "Under the initiative, water bodies are being restored, irrigation systems are being improved, and efforts are being made to bring back traditional agricultural produce and to create value-added products from them," Rajeev said. According to Alangad panchayat president P M Manaf, the crop is being cultivated at Neerikode, Kongoripilly and Thiruvallur. "The initiative is receiving all



support from the Emakulam Krishi Vignyan Kendra (KVK), Alangad Cooperative Bank, Krishi Bhavan, agriculture department, Atma, and Alangad block panchayat," he added.

Further, Rajeev said some of the texts associated with Kerala's trading history mentions Alangad jaggery. "It is said that the jaggery was even exported to China in the distant past. The jaggery was said to have medicinal properties. The different taste has been attributed to the quality of the soil where it grows. Unlike jaggery from other areas, Alangadan Sharkara is known for its pure sweetness. And this is what made the jaggery famous and was considered to be fit for royal families," the minister said. According to Jayaprakash, of the Alangad Cooperative Bank, full-fledged production using the entire harvest from the 16 acres will happen by February or March 2025. As per a document by ICAR-KVK Emakulam, the sugarcane, particularly in the Periyar basin, holds significant historical significance in Kerala for its production of jaggery. "Despite the rich history, sugarcane farming in Kerala faced challenges like low profitability, high labour costs, and competition from cheaper alternatives, leading to a decline in quality and quantity of jaggery, particularly the renowned Alangadan Sharkara," it said.

Playing for country, for money

Rio de Janeiro 2016. The Olympics mixed doubles semifinal is on, and an Indian tennis legend is getting a bit anxious, for there looms the real possibility that Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopanna would beat Venus Williams and Rajeev Ram.

Sania and Bopanna won the first set 6-2, and we — fans, sports writers, coaches, Indian sportspersons — were hoping for an encore in the second... All except the anxious legend. He didn't want Sania and Bopanna to win a silver — or any medal! — because he had not been picked to partner Sania in the Olympics. Sania-Bopanna were, also, foes to him, for they were members of the camp of his former male doubles partner. Thus, he was willing hard, with all his heart, for Sania-Bopanna to fail, to lose in the semifinals, to not win a medal — the Indian medal count be damned. In the event, Sania and Bopanna lost the second set 2-6 and the third 3-10 to Venus-Ram; they still had the opportunity of winning a medal, a bronze, but they lost the third-place playoff 1-6, 5-7 to Radek Stepanek and Lucie Hradecka. It was a heartbreaking loss for Sania-Bopanna, for the Indian media pack, for the Indian fans — but not so for the aforementioned legend.

the anxiousness of this great player at the possibility of a medal for Sania-Bopanna, and then the glee at them missing it — came to one's mind when controversy broke out over India No. 1 Sumit Nagal demanding \$50,000 from the All India Tennis Association to play for India in the Davis Cup tie against Sweden. India, missing top singles stars Nagal, Sasikum Mukund and Yuki Bhambri, got a 0-4 hammering from Sweden.

Sportspersons are human, not exemplars of morality, rectitude, patriotism. They're just like us — and possibly we're a bit better, because we're never exposed to the temptations that some sportspersons, especially cricketers, face every day of their lives. And if they do give in to temptation, those watching from the sidelines start booing. Sportspersons turn cynics when quite young, for their experience, of fellow players and coaches, tells them that the sports administrator is venal and undependable — often a politician or bureaucrat or businessman who joins up for clout in his city, then country, then the world. Once they have the vote in, say, the global governing body of a sport, or in the Olympics, such men are like kings — feted and lionised at the biggest sports events in the world. Power can be difficult to digest for the petty — they turn autocrats, treating athletes like menials.

Some of these men turn up at, say, the tennis event at the Olympics, sozzled silly, courtesy complimentary alcoholic beverages. We in the media have seen them countless times, as have athletes. Sportspersons have utter contempt for such freeloaders. Somdev Devvarman, the former India No. 1 who had a highest global ranking of No. 61, said in 2017 about certain AITA officebearers who had missed the fourth and fifth sets of his Davis Cup match in 2014: "They were getting late for their single malt party down at the club as they thought my match was done and I had no chance of coming back. This information certainly didn't come as a surprise to me. I expect them to be unpolished. I also got a solid whiff of their single malt Scotch as they poured over me with congratulations after the match." Nagal, facing criticism for asking for money to play for India, clarified: "It is standard practice in professional sports for athletes to be compensated for their participation in events, even when representing their country."

Nagal also said he was undergoing rehab after an injury, and had informed "AITA well in advance about my inability to participate" in the Davis Cup. It must be stated that playing tennis as a pro — with the need for a team of coach, physio, trainer, doctor, etc — is a very expensive proposition, and players do need to focus on their bread and butter, the ATP tournaments. AITA officials did not reveal that the association does get money from the International Tennis Federation with which to compensate Nagal — that players do get paid for playing in the Davis Cup.

Fences and Fault Lines: Why Border Security Alone Won't Heal Manipur

Securing the border is a start, but fences alone can't heal the wounds of ethnic conflict

It is encouraging that Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in the context of the ongoing crisis in Manipur, stated on 16 September 2024 that "we are talking to the Kuki and Meitei groups. We have prepared a road map and will take all possible steps (to ensure peace)." He also mentioned that the government has begun the process of fencing the India-Myanmar border and has completed the deployment of Central Reserve Police Forces (CRPF) in the troubled state. Manipur, he further asserted, has experienced relative calm, with no 'major incidents', except for three days of violence in the previous week. While this conveys a sense of proactiveness and optimism, some basic questions stare us in the face. The violence in Manipur, between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo people, began on May 3, 2023. The Meitei people, who constitute the majority population of the state, largely occupy the Imphal valley, while the Kuki-Naga people, who account for 30 per cent of the total population of roughly 3 million, are predominantly settled in the hill areas abutting the border with Myanmar. The clashes were triggered by a ruling of the Manipur High Court on April 14, 2023, directing the state government to send a recommendation to the Central government regarding the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe status. The Kukis felt this would jeopardise their share of reservation rights and allow the larger population to occupy land in Kuki-dominated areas, which were already under threat due to hill forests being cleared by the state administration, ostensibly to combat poppy cultivation. The ethnic divide was further deepened by religious differences: the Meitei are predominantly Hindu, while the Kuki and Naga communities are largely Christian.

To be fair to the BJP government in Delhi, ethnic clashes in Manipur are not a new occurrence. Even before May 2023, such violence would sporadically erupt, sometimes with dangerous consequences. However, what we have witnessed over the past sixteen months has intensified the Meitei-Kuki divide to unprecedented levels. Trust between the two communities has completely broken down, violence has escalated — now involving the use of drones and sophisticated weapons — and the segregation is near total, with a physical buffer zone cutting across like a gash between the two ethnic groups. As per reports, the violent clashes that broke out on May 3, 2023, resulted in 81 deaths, of which 77 were Kukis and 10 were Meiteis. In the 16 months since, official figures report that 235 people have been killed, over 1,000 injured, 60,000 displaced and still living in refugee camps, 4,786 houses burned, and 386 religious structures vandalised, including temples and churches. Unofficial estimates suggest these numbers may be much higher. The violence has been marked by a great deal of atrocity. On July 19, a viral



video showed two women being stripped, paraded naked, sexually assaulted, and gang-raped, presumably by Meitei men. One of the victims' father and brother were killed while trying to protect her. A police complaint was lodged, but no action was taken for two months until the video emerged. The Supreme Court, taking suo motu cognisance of the video, stated bluntly that there seems to be a complete breakdown of the Constitutional machinery in the state. Simply put, Manipur has been engulfed in unremitting violence, arson, and rioting for far too long, with no signs of a resolution. This situation should be of prime concern to the government. Manipur is a sensitive border state, with a 352 km porous boundary shared with unstable Myanmar. The Kuki population overlaps with the Chin tribe in Myanmar, and the entire region is flooded with arms, the intervention of hostile powers — notably China — awash in drugs, plagued by cross-border terrorism, and rampant illegal immigration.

Given the above, questions inevitably arise as to why the Central government has allowed this volatile situation to fester and escalate for so long. Why is Amit Shah only now speaking about having a 'road map for peace' after 16 months of continuous violence, when the warring

groups are nearly irreparably divided? Why is the fencing of the Myanmar border being initiated only now, when both the Central and state governments have consistently blamed illegal immigration from Myanmar for the crisis? Is border fencing a desirable or feasible solution, given the challenging topography and overlapping tribal ties on both sides? Why has the CRPF been deployed so late, despite longstanding allegations regarding the partisan role of the Assam Rifles? And why has Chief Minister Biren Singh remained in office despite facing criticism for his handling of the crisis and accusations of bias towards the Meitei majority?

Above all, the lack of direct intervention from Prime Minister Modi is increasingly a point of concern. A visit from the PM or a concerted effort to lead an all-party delegation could signal a commitment to finding a lasting resolution. Since 1947, no secessionist movement against the Indian Union has succeeded. But the neglect of the Manipur tinder box situation poses a serious threat to our hitherto untarnished record. It is for this reason perhaps, that Mohan Bhagwat, the RSS chief, expressed serious concern in June this year about the year-long violence in Manipur, emphasising that the situation needs to be dealt with on a priority basis.

Battle for Haryana

Promises galore in BJP-Cong showdown

AS Haryana gears up for the Assembly elections on October 5, the contest is primarily between the ruling BJP and the Congress. Given the people's concerns on unemployment, agricultural distress and economic inequality, both parties have promised transformative reforms in their manifestoes. While the BJP has focused on industrial growth and welfare schemes, the Congress is leaning towards populist economic relief. Both parties harp on development works during their tenures, with voters being sceptical of the claims as they are not fully supported by ground realities. Both face accusations of unfulfilled promises. The Congress, led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda, has outlined key guarantees: an MSP law, 300 units of free electricity, Rs 6,000 pension for seniors, widows and the disabled and a Rs 2,000 monthly allowance for women aged 18 to 60. It



also promises to restore the Old Pension Scheme and conduct a caste census. The BJP, under JP Nadda, pledges to establish 10 industrial towns, create two lakh

government jobs and provide Rs 2,100 per month to women. Its manifesto emphasises industrial growth alongside housing projects and expanded healthcare. Both visions, however, face hurdles, including the state's financial health, in the implementation of these ambitious promises.

Interestingly, AAP, another party contesting all 90 seats, is making a pitch with focus on education, healthcare and clean governance. Though Arvind Kejriwal, after quitting as the Delhi CM, is going full throttle in campaigning, AAP may not disrupt the two-party dominance. But it could divide the anti-BJP vote and weaken the Congress' chances. The INLD, in alliance with the BSP, remains influential in rural and Jat-dominated areas. Abhay Chautala is positioning himself as a strong alternative. With multiple contenders, this election will test Haryana's evolving political dynamics.

PM Modi's US Visit: Time to Capitalise on Shared Interests

The Biden presidency has, on the whole, been positive for India. During it, Prime Minister Modi made a State visit to the US and also addressed the American Congress for the second time

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's is visiting the US where he will participate in the Quad summit, address the Summit of the Future at the UN, and meet American CEOs as well as the Indian diaspora. At the UN summit, he may also have some bilateral meetings with leaders of some countries.

A meeting with Bangladesh's Muhammad Yunus is not on the cards, even though Yunus had expressed a desire to meet with Modi. Some may argue that a meeting would provide an occasion for a frank exchange of views on our concerns about the developing situation in Bangladesh and the anti-Indian orientation that it is taking. On the other hand, it is also apparent that Yunus is a figurehead and not in control of the internal forces at play, besides the fact that his interim position is not constitutionally legitimate. In any case, our High Commissioner in Bangladesh is engaging the key members of the interim government. Donald Trump said at one of his rallies that he would be meeting Modi. Unless Trump is in New York it is not clear how this meeting can be arranged. Since the electoral race is very close and Trump could well win, it might be politic not to appear to snub him by declining a meeting, which he seems to want. On the other hand, politics in the US has got so highly polarised that the Kamala Harris camp may not view Modi's meeting with Trump kindly, especially because of their past Houston bonhomie, and impute it as interference in the election process. Since Modi will not be meeting Harris, it would obviously be best to avoid meeting Trump. The Foreign Secretary in his press briefing has been evasive on the subject. The Quad summit is being hosted by Joe Biden in his native Delaware. He is still the president but he is a diminished figure

because of the manner in which his bid for a second term was ingloriously terminated by Democratic Party leaders, apart from his cognitive difficulties. The presidential election is also only a few weeks away. If he were still in the race, the Quad summit would have had a different meaning. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan, another participant, is also on his way out. In any case, whether Trump wins or Harris wins, the China challenge, which both parties recognise, means that the Quad will remain relevant and important. The Biden presidency has, on the whole, been positive for India. During this time, Modi made a state visit to the US and addressed the US Congress for the second time. Differences between the US and India on our ties with Russia, including in the area of defence, our purchase of discounted Russian oil, our unwillingness to take sides in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and abstaining on resolutions in the UN targeting Russia, were contained, though simmering resentments on the US side remain. Many agreements in the area of defence-related cooperation, including on the easing of export controls, were signed. Some significant projects such as the supply of GE 404 engines for our Tejas Mk1 and Mk1A aircraft and the co-production of GE 414 engines for Tejas Mk2 and initial batches of the AMCA, with substantial transfer of technology have been concluded. The supply of GE 404 engines has, however, encountered delays because of supply chain issues on the US side, leading to some speculation about the reasons, but it appears that the US had outsourced manufacturing of some parts of the engine to other countries and that is where bottlenecks have arisen. India-US cooperation in the



area of critical and emerging technologies as part of the ICET agreement breaks vital ground for cooperation in areas such as AI, quantum computing, robotics, biotechnology, critical materials, 5G and 6G, human spaceflight semiconductors etc. That the ICET is headed by the National Security Advisers on both sides testifies to the serious commitment of both countries to this initiative. Progress is bound to be slow, and is slow, because of the very complex layers of US controls on technology cooperation, besides the fact that the ICET project involves government, research bodies, academia and the private sector. Added to which are US concerns about leakages of such technologies to Russia from India. The INDUS X is an India-US Defence Acceleration Eco-System

involving India and US startups was also launched during the Biden presidency. US NSA Jake Sullivan has been a motivating force in India-US ties.

It is under the Biden presidency that the Quad was raised to the summit level. In that light, India's decision to cede its turn to hold the summit to Biden, as a farewell gesture to him, is the right one. India is committed to the Quad, which we now describe as a global good, notwithstanding the opposition of both China and Russia as they see it as a throwback to bloc politics. No doubt, China is a glue that binds the Quad together, as all four countries have concerns about Chinese geopolitical

assertiveness and expansionism. At the same time, all four have major trade ties with China, which prevents a robust confrontation with China, as the cost to all in varying degrees will be high. The US does not want a military confrontation with China, which gives China scope for putting steady pressure on Taiwan and the Philippines, and, in general, asserting itself in the South and East China Seas. Australia has reached out to China after a period of tensions. Japan is flexing its military muscles a bit, but the US security umbrella is vital for it. Under Kishida, it has moved even more firmly into the US orbit to the extent of supporting Ukraine and breaking off with Russia.

Skincare generally involves making an effort to get one's skin to look healthy and beautiful and then trying to maintain that healthy skin.

6 things that damage your

Skin

Even though we try hard to achieve soft and smooth skin we neglect several factors in our daily lives that end up damaging our skin. Here are a few things that we need to avoid if we want beautiful skin.

Sleeping with make up on

This is not a myth, sleeping without washing off your make up will damage your skin. Make up clogs pores and prevents the sebum glands from breathing. This causes pimples and acne. Sleeping with make up also leaves smudges on your pillow that will lead to accumulation of bacteria on it. When you sleep on that pillow again, it will lead to bacterial infection on your skin.

Excess coffee intake

Coffee can give you an energy boost, but it can cause your skin to age faster and wrinkle. Having two cups of coffee in a day is fine but when you increase your intake, you accelerate the ageing process.

Chlorine

Swimming may be an ideal fitness exercise but it is not good for your

skin. Chlorine is a cleaning ingredient and can dry your skin by robbing it of its moisture. Chlorine tends to stay on your skin even after a shower. So remember to use a good body wash and loofah to scrub the chlorine away.

Too much Spa time

Frequent spa treatments

can make the skin sag as its elasticity and collagen is weakened. If you love a good sauna every other day, you should reconsider your choices.

Popping pimples
You may be tempted to break a pimple and get rid of it but this will

only damage your skin. When you break a pimple it pushes the bacteria and dirt deep into the pores of your skin which could leave a mark. What's worse is that, this could also cause an outbreak of pimples. So remember not to pick on your pimples and use home remedies instead.

Mobile phones

We all spend long hours on our mobile phones without knowing that this could be a cause for acne. If you notice that you have more breakouts on that side of your face, it is probably due to excessive use of your mobile phone. This happens because bacteria builds up on the mobile screen and causes pimples when we place the mobile across our face. To avoid this, make sure you clean your mobile phone often or use a hands free device.

Quick tips to prep up for the evening



To make sure that your skin compliments the outfit you will wear today, here's an easy skin care routine.

Head in for a cleanup

A face cleanup will de-clog your pores. Light products can work wonders for your skin. Opt for a light massage to only rejuvenate your skin.

Yoghurt to your rescue

Mix some curd with lemon and apply it to your face. Keep it for 20 minutes and wash it off with cold water. Yoghurt will remove the tan and lemon will lighten your skin. Further the cold water will aid in tightening your pores.

Choose light makeup

The trick to look your best on this day is to ensure that you apply less makeup. Opt for a natural look to sport—a nude lip gloss and eye shadow.



Get ample rest

Though we would suggest you to start dressing up a bit early to avoid last minute confusion, make sure that you get ample rest before you begin with the celebrations. This will ensure that you do not feel lethargic but look your best.

For most of us, acne woes begin during our teenage years and usually subside when we approach adulthood. During our teens, we experience a lot of hormonal changes and sometimes, these changes can cause acne.

Adult acne: Causes and Treatments



However, many people suffer from acne even as adults and the reasons for this outbreak may not be the same as teenage acne. As an adult, dealing with acne can be very stressful, so understanding its causes and treating it appropriately, is important in order to get a clear complexion.

Causes of Adult Acne:

Sebum: Sebum is one of the main causes of adult acne. It is an oily substance that is produced by the sebaceous glands in the skin. This sebum clogs up pores and becomes inflamed as it attracts bacteria.

Hormones: Hormonal changes affect the sebum level which causes acne.

That's the reason why women face breakouts during their menstruation cycle and menopause.

Cosmetics: Cosmetics can also cause adult acne. If you are already prone to acne, it is best to avoid cosmetics, which further aggravate it.

Stress: Studies suggests that the stress hormone affects the sebum production in the skin, which causes adult acne.

Hereditary: If you notice that there are several members of your family who suffer from adult acne, there a good chance that the problem is hereditary.

Adopt a skincare routine: Since the major cause of acne is the sebum production in the skin, one should take skincare very seriously. Wash your face with a face wash, specially created for oily skin. Also, try and splash your face with water, several times a day.

Oil-free cosmetics: If you have acne, you must invest in cosmetics that are non-acneogenic (won't cause acne) and non-comedogenic (won't

close pores). Since oil is the main reason for breakouts, always buy oil-free products.

Anti-acne creams: Anti acne creams can be used for immediate results as they get rid of the acne causing bacteria.

Home remedies: There are a number of home remedies, which treat acne and these involves herbal ingredients like turmeric, neem leaves, milk et al. For more on acne home remedies, read - Skin Care: Home Remedies for Acne

High-tech treatments: Many dermatologists offer various high-tech treatments, such as laser treatments, which promise to treat acne as well as acne marks. These treatments are usually effective but they are can burn a hole in your pocket.



Ways to prep up before the party

Ready to dazzle? Here are a few tricks to try out

Go bold with red lips

A red lip is an easy way to achieve the glamorous look. However, you need to keep your skin tone in mind while doing so. For those with cool tones, you should choose a blue-based one, while those with warm tones, should choose an orange-red lipstick. Further, make sure that you do not overpower your eyes with a dramatic look. Let the red lips take the centre stage.

Choose liquid liners

Liquid liners look much neater than pencil or gel-based eyeliner. It also helps to define your eyes well. The best way to apply liquid eyeliner is to make sure that it does not smudge on the sides.

Add sparkle

Adding sparkle is a great way to glam up your look.

You can add it by using a sparkly eye shadow or eyeliner. Opt for a light shade of eye shadow so that it does not overwhelm your face. If you wish to flaunt less, choose a glitter-based eyeliner.

Flaunt a smokey eye

A style which has never gone out of fashion, the smokey eye look is every woman's favourite. There are many variations of doing a smokey eye. Try black and charcoal shades of brown. You can also mix a little purple in it so that your eye calls for attention.

Don false lashes

These lashes have so much wow power. They can easily add more definition to your eyes. It's a little tricky to apply them, but keep practising and you will surely learn to wear it well before you head on for your party.



Tips to beautify nails

Keep your nails healthy by focussing on cleanliness. Try olive oil, milk cream and acetone-free nail polish removers for clean and healthy nails.

Preethi.S, training head, Naturals Salon Training Academy, doles out tips for perfect nails:

- Take a bowl of olive oil and soak your nails in it. Leave them in it for 10 minutes then wipe off

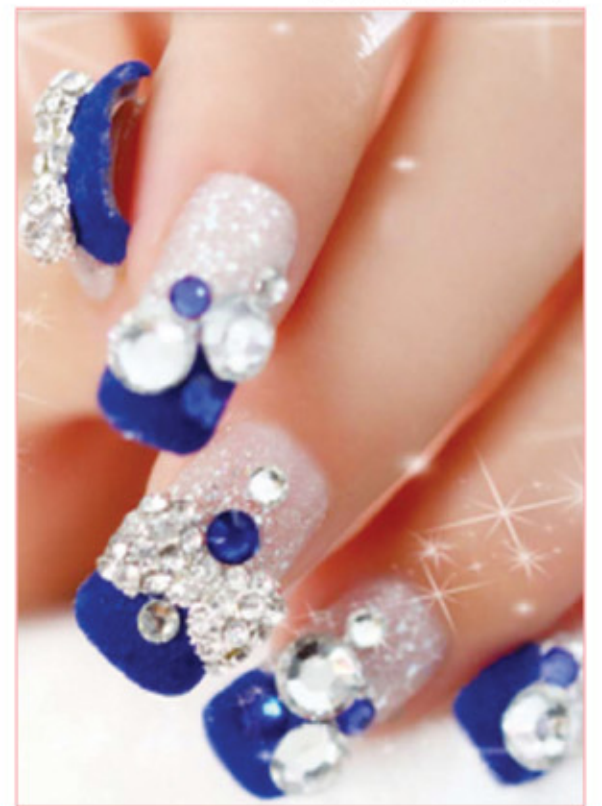
excess oil with cotton wool.

- After washing hands, apply a hand cream to prevent them from drying up. Dry nails have more chances of breaking.

- To further avoid dryness, use nail polish removers that are acetone-free.

- Gently massage your nails after applying milk cream.

- Use the finishing side of a nail buffer to help in blood circulation in the nail bed



"Need God's Grace To...": Row Over Minister's Remark On EY Staff's Death

Social media users, including Opposition MPs, have accused Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman of making insensitive remarks without addressing the issue of toxic workplaces.

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's remarks on the death of a 26-year-old chartered accountant, allegedly due to work pressure, has sparked a row. The minister has said people need inner strength to handle pressure and this can only be achieved by divinity. Several social media users, including leaders from the Opposition, have termed the remarks insensitive. Addressing an event at a Chennai medical college, Ms Sitharaman referred to Anna Sebastian Perayil's death without mentioning Ernst & Young, where she was working. "Our children go to colleges and universities for education and come out with flying colours. A company, without mentioning its name, it's a partnership. There, a woman who had studied CA well (was) unable to

cope with the work pressure. Two-three days ago, we received news -- she died unable to cope with the pressure," she said. What should families teach -- whatever you study and the job you do, you should have the inner strength to handle that pressure and this can be achieved through divinity only," she said. "Believe in God, we need to have God's grace. Seek God, and learn good discipline. Your Atmashakti will grow only from this. The inner strength will come only with growing Atmashakti," the Finance Minister added. "Educational institutions should bring in divinity and spirituality. Then only will our children get the inner strength, it will help in their progress and that of

the country. That is my strong belief," the minister said, according to news agency PTI. The remarks sparked a row, with social media



users accusing the Finance Minister of making insensitive remarks without addressing the issue of toxic workplaces. Priyanka Chaturvedi, Rajya Sabha MP from Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray), hit out at the Finance Minister's remarks.

"Dear Nirmala Sitaraman ji, Anna had (the) inner strength to handle the stress that came with pursuing a gruelling Chartered Accountancy degree. It was the toxic work culture, long work hours that took away her life which needs to be addressed. Stop victim shaming and at least try to be a little sensitive, am sure god will be the guide if you seek." CPI MP P Sandosh Kumar accused the Finance Minister of "belittling and demeaning everyday struggles of working people across the country". "Overwork, inhuman working conditions, pervasive unemployment and lack of social security are creating stress and insecurity among workers, particularly the younger sections of our workforce across occupations. Instead of addressing these

structural concerns, the finance minister's advice to 'rely on God' is bizarre and insensitive," he said in a statement. Besides the Opposition leaders, several social media users found the remarks insensitive and said the government should address the toxic work culture in many organisations.

Anna Sebastian Perayil's death has sparked a nationwide conversation on how toxic workplaces are affecting the well-being of employees. The matter came to light after Anna's mother Anita Augustine wrote to Ernst & Young India Chairman Rajiv Memani and said her daughter had died just four months after she joined the company and flagged a work culture that "seems to glorify overwork while neglecting the very human being behind the role".

4 dead, over 40 injured after bus falls into gorge in Maharashtra's Amravati

Local residents, along with assistance from the Chikhaldara Police, immediately responded, helping rush the injured to hospitals in Paratwada and Amravati.

New Delhi. In a tragic accident in Maharashtra's Amravati district, four people lost their lives and more than 40 passengers sustained serious injuries when a bus travelling from Amravati to Khandwa veered off course and plunged 60-70 feet into a deep gorge. The bus, carrying approximately 50-55 passengers, met with



disaster when the driver lost control. Local residents, along with assistance from the Chikhaldara Police, immediately responded, helping rush the injured to hospitals in Paratwada and Amravati. Authorities fear the death toll could rise.

"The rescue operation was swift, but the number of critical injuries raises concerns," a police spokesperson said. Emergency teams are continuing efforts at the accident site as investigations proceed into the cause of the crash.

Suicide Or Foul Play? UPSC Aspirant's Body Found After Going Missing For 10 Days In Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar

New Delhi. The body of Deepak Kumar Meena, a 21-year-old talented student from Dausa district of Rajasthan, who was preparing for UPSC Mains in Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi, was found in the bushes under suspicious circumstances after he went missing for last 10 days. As per the initial investigation, police are considering it a suicide.

According to the initial investigation, police believe it was a suicide. Police said that no suicide note has been found, so the reason for the suicide is unknown at this time. According to police, the youth has been missing for the past ten days. After receiving



information about the missing youth, police began searching for him and found his body near the bushes in the Mukherjee Nagar area on Friday. According to police, the young man committed suicide by hanging himself in bushes near the Dussehra grounds in the Mukherjee Nagar area.

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Iron rods found on rail tracks in Punjab's Bathinda in another derailment bid

The iron rods were spotted earlier this morning, prompting the loco pilot to apply the brakes just in time.

New Delhi. A major train derailment attempt was narrowly avoided on Monday after iron rods were found on a railway track in Punjab's Bathinda. The Government Railway Police (GRP) has registered a case and initiated a probe. The rods were spotted earlier this morning, prompting the loco pilot of the freight train to apply the brakes just in time. "The police stated that an investigation is underway to determine whether this was a conspiracy by some miscreant. Early this morning at 3 am, a freight train was passing through the Bathinda-Delhi railway track. However, due to the presence of iron



rods placed in the middle of the tracks, the train did not receive a signal, resulting in a delay of several hours,"

said Shavinder Kumar, Investigating Officer, Government Railway Police, Bathinda. This is the fifth incident in September where unidentified individuals have attempted to derail trains. In a similar

case on September 22, a potential disaster was averted when the loco pilot of a goods train applied the brakes in time after spotting an LPG cylinder placed on the tracks near Perambur Railway Station in Kanpur district, Uttar Pradesh. On September 10, the Railways stated that there have been 18 attempted derailments across the country since August.

Between June 2023 and now, there have been 24 such incidents where objects like LPG cylinders, bicycles, iron rods, and cement blocks were found on railway tracks. According to Indian Railways, 15 of the 18 reported attempts occurred in August, while four took place in September, including the most recent derailment attempt in Kanpur.

'BJP Wants A Hung Assembly In J&K...': Omar Abdullah's Big Charge Amid Assembly Polls

New Delhi: Jammu Kashmir National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Sunday campaigned for National Conference candidate Tanveer Sadiq on the picturesque Dal Lake in Kashmir, utilizing the iconic shikara boats to connect with voters. The event was a vibrant display of color, with enthusiastic supporters chanting NC slogans and singing party songs.

Speaking to the media, Omar said, "BJP wants a hung assembly in Jammu Kashmir so that they can extend governor rule further in Jammu Kashmir, but there will be no hung assembly. The NC-Congress alliance will form a government, which is why

we have created a pre-poll alliance with Congress. We will ensure that BJP cannot extend governor rule in Jammu Kashmir."

When asked about BJP's top leadership being stationed in Jammu, Omar said, "BJP has no stake in Kashmir, which is why they are focusing their efforts on the Jammu campaign and using it for central politics. They target Jammu and we are aware of their behavior towards Muslims across the country, where 14% of Muslims reside, yet they haven't found a single Muslim to represent in Parliament."

Omar highlighted the beauty of the region, saying, "This is a beautiful place in the world, and we are fortunate

to live here. However, amidst this beauty, many people face hardships, and they will express their feelings through their votes." He emphasized their efforts to reach every corner to educate people about the BJP's plans. Omar alleged that all parties in Kashmir are uniting to oppose the NC-Congress alliance. He added, "We don't need a survey, but from what we hear from the people, we are confident that the NC-Congress will form the government in Jammu and Kashmir." Stay informed on all the latest news, real-time breaking news updates, and follow all the important headlines in India news and world news on Zee News.

"Egregious Error By High Court": Big Supreme Court Order On Child Porn

New Delhi: Downloading and watching child pornography is an offence under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the Supreme Court ruled today in a landmark judgment on the stringent law to prevent child abuse. The bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justice JB Pardiwala set aside the Madras High Court order that had ruled that merely downloading and watching child pornography was not an offence under the POCSO Act. The Supreme Court noted that the high court had committed an "egregious error" in passing the judgment. The Madras High Court's order had come in a case in which a 28-year-old man was charged with downloading child pornography on his phone. The court had quashed the criminal proceedings against the man and said children these days are grappling with the serious issue of watching pornography and society must be mature enough to educate them instead of punishing them.



The Supreme Court today restored the criminal proceedings against the man. At the outset, Justice Pardiwala thanked the Chief Justice for the opportunity to pen this judgment. The order focused on Section 15 of the POCSO Act which lays down punishment

for the storage of pornographic material involving children. "Any person who stores any pornographic material involving a child and fails to report or destroy it is punishable with a fine of not less than five thousand rupees, and repeat offence will be punishable with

fine of not less than ten thousand rupees. If the material is stored for further transmitting or propagating, then along with fine, it is punishable with upto three years of imprisonment.

For storing child pornographic material for commercial purpose is punishable with three to five years of imprisonment, and in subsequent conviction, upto seven years of imprisonment," the Section says.

Justice Pardiwala said that in this case, mens rea is to be gathered from actus reus -- mens rea refers to the intent behind the crime and actus reus is the actual criminal act. "We have said on the lingering impact of child pornography on the victimisation and abuse of children... We have suggested to the Parliament to bring an amendment to POCSO... so that child pornography can be referred to as child sexually abusive and exploitative material. We have suggested an ordinance can be brought in. We have asked all courts not to refer to child pornography in any order," the bench said.

BJP cannot advise me, Congress will decide my journey: Kumari Selja



New Delhi. A day after Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar responded to speculations of Senior Congress leader Kumari Selja joining the BJP, the latter has now replied that the BJP should refrain from advising her. Khattar had invited the Congress leader to join BJP and had said that any self-respecting individual would consider their next steps after the treatment she received from the Congress party. Speaking exclusively at the Panchayat AajTak Haryana 2024 event on Monday, Kumari Selja said, "BJP leaders should refrain from giving me advice. Congress runs through my veins, just as my father passed away wrapped in the Tricolour. I, too, will go wrapped in that same Tricolour one day".

The Congress leader addressed key issues regarding the upcoming Haryana elections during her appearance at the Panchayat AajTak 2024 event. Speaking about the internal dynamics of the Congress party, she emphasised that there is no dissatisfaction within the ranks, but rather, some internal matters that are being resolved as the party continues to move forward. "There are always discussions within the party that we cannot share publicly.

The party is progressing, and such matters are part of internal decision-making," she explained. When asked about the party's decisions on candidacies, Selja said, "It's up to the party to make decisions, and anyone can stake their claim. I may have said things that possibly created fear among some, but that's part of politics". She clarified that her fight was not for personal gain.

"I wanted to contest from Uklana in the assembly elections, but I didn't receive the ticket. However, that doesn't mean my existence in politics ends there. There will be more opportunities in the future", she remarked. On the question of who will be the Chief Minister if Congress wins the elections, she noted, "It's not clear yet. The party high command will decide, but time has its own way of unfolding".

Dandruff

Why you should not apply hair Oil?



Indians love their hair oil and view it as a cure all for hair problems especially hair loss. We even use hair oil to give us relief from an itchy flaky scalp. Dr. Vijay Singhal, Dermatologist at Delhi based Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute sets the facts straight about whether hair oil is a dandruff cure.

Hair oil may soothe an itchy scalp and reduce dandruff flakes, but Dr. Vijay explains, "Hair oil has been used in our country as a continuance of our age-old traditional way of moisturising our hair. However, the truth is that the hair oil forms a layer on the scalp that prevents moisture from entering the skin naturally. This leads to the formation of flakes and dandruff because of the choked pores. So, I do not recommend applying hair oil."

Applying hair oil on a scalp, which is already infected with dandruff intensifies the process of hair fall. When hair oil remains on the hair for a long time, it loses its shine and turns dull. So, it is important to avoid applying hair oil on your scalp if you are struggling with



dandruff. Try these home remedies to reduce itchy-flaky dandruff: 1. Lemon Juice solution: Massage lemon juice on your scalp before taking a shower. Wash your hair thoroughly after 15-20 minutes. This treatment helps to remove stickiness, prevents dandruff



and makes your hair look radiant.

2. Aloe Vera rub: 20 minutes before you take a shower rub aloe vera gel on your scalp. Leave it on for a full 20 minutes, and then wash your hair with a shampoo.

3. Curd/yoghurt remedy: Apply some curd on your hair and scalp and keep it on for at least one hour. Wash it off with a mild shampoo thoroughly. Do this at least twice a week. Ages 11-15 Lord of The Rings, The Hunger Games, Calvin and Hobbes, Artemis Fowl, Tintin and Twilight

Ways to make lip gloss last longer

Lip gloss looks beautiful but it has a short life as it wears off quite easily. Read on to know how to make it last longer

Lip gloss is every woman's basic necessity. It's shiny and glamorous and adds volume to any lip colour. But the only problem is that it doesn't last longer and smudges off quite easily. But that doesn't mean that you stop wearing it. Just keep in mind not to wear it on bare lips. We suggest you some tips to make your lip gloss last longer and look beautiful.

Use a lip liner

Before you apply any lip gloss, outline your lips with a lip liner of the same colour and fill in a bit. It will prepare a base for your lip gloss to adhere to. It not only makes the lip gloss last longer but also avoids any smudges. It also makes your lips look fuller.

Try out a lip stain

Applying lip stain beneath lip gloss is another smart trick as it is not sticky. When you apply a coat of lip gloss over lip stain, its dry formula will absorb the gloss. Another benefit is that it will moisturize your lips and give it a sheer, which you can flaunt.

Final step, lipstick

Sometimes even long-wear lipsticks fail to give long-lasting finish and effect. This is why, many use lipstick and lip gloss together as it makes a strong combination. Apply a layer of gloss over lipstick to make your lip colour last longer.



5 benefits of using Eye Pillow



1. Eye pillows are not only designed to soothe and relax tired eyes but the aromatic effect of essential oils and herbs that are infused in the flax seeds help calm and rest the mind.
2. Flax seeds sewed in delicate muslin cloth of eye shaped frame ensures perfect amount of acupressure needed by the eye to revitalize and freshen the vision.
3. Essential oils and herbs that are used in our variants of eye pillows work for a particular therapeutic purpose. For e.g. Eucalyptus eye pillow is excellent for people

Eye pillow not only soothe your eyes after a long, tiring day at work but also benefit you in a couple of other ways. Here are a few...

suffering from headaches caused by cold and provides relief from sinus whereas Lavender eye pillow reduces anxiety and insomnia.

4. Common properties of eye pillows: Relieves irritated, itchy and burning eyes caused by over exposure to television, sitting in front of computer screens. Sedates the nerves, relaxes the mind and balances the body.
5. A slight refrigerated eye pillow cools the eyes further. Place the eye pillow in refrigerator prior to use in the sealed zip pouch.

Keep your make-up Brushes clean

Women tend to have elaborate make-up sets but they often forget the importance of keeping the application brushes spick-and-span for hygiene and longevity. Femalefirst.co.uk reports that the market offers specialist make-up brush cleaners from leading brands like MAC. Even if they are a little costly, they work very well.

A gentle foaming cleanser may also be used. It is vital to remember that the water you use for cleaning is clean. Put the brushes under the tap and lie them flat to dry since if the water seeps into the handle, the bristles can become loose.



Jet-spray for younger looking Skin?

Painful cosmetic procedures can be done away with, thanks to jet-spray, a relatively new technique that is touted to take away years from your face. Skin specialists tell us more about it...

Bath salts for a glowing skin

Bath salts not only exfoliate your skin and relieve muscle tension, but also heal common problems such as eczema, psoriasis and rashes. They cleanse and brighten your skin as well.

The benefits

When used in their natural form, bath salts contain minerals and nutrients that keep your skin soft, smooth and supple. Says beauty expert Farheen Shaikh, "Bath salts contain Magnesium, Sodium and Bromide. They get easily absorbed in your skin pores and purify it, thus improving its radiance, texture and tone."

A good relaxant

Bath salts ease muscular tension and help remove fatigue. They also remove toxins from the body and promote a feeling of well-being.

Choose the right one for your skin

Dry and flaky skin: Use a bath salt which will boost your skin's radiance and



increase moisture. Almond or orange bath salts work the best for you.

Tired and dull skin: Rosemary or peppermint will provide a cooling sensation, which will improve blood circulation and perk up your skin's appearance.

Puffy skin and cellulite: Mineral or seaweed bath salts are your best bet. They have negative ions, which pull in minerals and nutrients into your bloodstream and help flush toxins.

Pick the right one

Always pick a bath salt that is not lumpy. Says beauty expert Nikos Narkissos, "They should contain natural ingredients and nutrients. Blue and purple bath salts are soothing, while yellow and orange are energising.

Grain size also matters. For example, finer grains dissolve quickly and work well as scrubs and exfoliants."

Types of bath salts

Orange: These are fresh, crisp and tangy. They work wonders for your skin and also lift your mood.

Lavender: Relaxing, therapeutic and curative, they provide relief from tension and stress.

Dead Sea: Apart from their healing properties, they also make your skin glow.

Eucalyptus: Has curative properties, which ease stiff muscles and also reduce pain.

Cinnamon: Known for antibacterial properties, it flushes impurities from your system and refresh your pores. They also tone your skin.

Green Tea: For a softer and problem-free skin, these work wonders.

What's jet-spraying?

Dermatologist Dr Apratim Goel says, "Jet spray technology or the jet peel is a relatively new, non-invasive, relaxing and painless skin-care procedure."

How it works

It is based on a simple principle. "Pressurised air accelerates a jet of micro droplets, which is used to gently cleanse and exfoliate your skin," says Dr Goel. It removes dead skin cells and helps regulate blood circulation.

How it helps

The technique delivers key micronutrients in facial skin. "Vitamin C (which acts as an antioxidant) and Hyaluronic acid (Restylane and Vital) are mainly used in this treatment. Hyaluronic acid moisturises the skin naturally," says dermatologist Dr Bindu Sthalekar. The jet transports moisture and vitamins into your skin without even touching it, adds Dr Goel.

Is it new?

Jet Spray is a relatively new technology. "It has been in the market for two-three years," says Dr Sthalekar.

The benefits

"Penetration is better in jet-spray technology," says Dr Sthalekar. It unclogs pores and removes debris that

naturally builds up in your skin. The jet also massages and improves blood circulation, making your skin look smooth and younger," adds Dr Goel.

Is it painful?

No, the jet is cool and soothing and one feels instantly relaxed.

Drawbacks

Experts say many people are not able to handle the pressure created by the jet-spray. Also, senior dermatologist Dr Sushil Tahiliani points out that the procedure doesn't have any scientific validity. He says, "It claims to cleanse debris and improve blood circulation, but there are no scientific studies to prove it. The human body is designed to age. Even if you stop ageing of the face using various methods, you cannot stop the layers under the skin, the muscles and the bones from ageing. You should not run after procedures that claim to make you fairer and younger."



NEWS BOX

Sensex, Nifty hit all-time highs as bulls dominate Dalal Street



NEW DELHI. Benchmark stock market indices opened Monday's trading session on a positive note as investors remain hopeful of more policy easing by the US Federal Reserve later this year. The S&P BSE Sensex climbed to an all-time high of 84,843.72 moments after opening, while the NSE Nifty50 rose to 25,910.35. At around 9:30 am, the Sensex was up 257.38 points at 84,801.69, while the Nifty50 rose to 107.30 points to trade at 25,898.25. Both benchmark indices reached all-time highs on Friday, fueled by optimism that the US economy is on track for a "soft landing". Most of the other broader market indices also opened the trading session on a positive note, indicating that risk appetite among investors has gone up after the US central bank's recent rate cut.

Nifty Pharma and Nifty Auto led the sectoral gains, while Nifty IT traded in the red due to sectoral weakness.

Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, "The charging bull got a shot of steroids from the Fed when it cut interest rates by 50bps on September 18th. More than the rate cut, it was the Fed chief's optimistic commentary that lifted the markets sharply."

"The signal from the Fed is that inflation is under control and the economy is unlikely to tip into recession. This message is positive for equities, positive for emerging markets and positive for India," he added.

Meanwhile, Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said, "Key US data during the week like the GDP growth numbers for the second quarter and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's Speech this Thursday, followed by US PCE inflation on Friday will be in focus. On the technical front, the Nifty may see aggressive targets between 26300-26500 zone with support at 24301."

Netflix India being probed over visa violations, racial discrimination: Report

NEW DELHI. India is investigating the business practices of US streaming giant Netflix's local operations, including allegations of visa violations and racial discrimination, according to a government email sent to a former executive. The details of India's investigation were included in a July 20 email, reviewed by Reuters, which was written by a home ministry official to Netflix's former director of business and legal affairs for India, Nandini Mehta, who left the company in 2020. "This is regarding visa and tax violations concerns regarding the business practices of Netflix in India," wrote Indian official Deepak Yadav from the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) of the home ministry in Delhi. "We have received certain details in this regard w.r.t (with respect to) the stated company's conduct, visa violation, illegal structures, tax evasion and other malpractices including incidents of racial discrimination that the company has been engaged in while conducting its business in India," he added.

In an emailed statement, Mehta said she was pursuing a lawsuit in the US against Netflix for alleged wrongful termination as well as racial and gender discrimination - charges the company denies. Mehta said she welcomed the Indian investigation and hoped the authorities made their findings public, but did not elaborate on the allegations made by the government. Yadav declined to comment, saying he was not authorised to speak to the media. The FRRO and India's home ministry did not respond to Reuters queries. A Netflix spokesperson said the company was "unaware of an investigation by the Indian government". The Indian official's email shows growing scrutiny of Netflix in India, where it has roughly 10 million users and which it considers a growth market where companies target affluent people in the nation of 1.4 billion people. Over the years, the US streaming giant has developed more local content featuring Bollywood actors.

It has also often faced heat in India over its content deemed insensitive by some users. This month, it was forced to add new disclaimers to an Indian series about a plane hijack after social media outrage and government anger over what they said was Muslim hijackers being shown as Hindus. "We have received certain details in this regard w.r.t (with respect to) the stated company's conduct, visa violation, illegal structures, tax evasion and other malpractices including incidents of racial discrimination that the company has been engaged in while conducting its business in India," he added.

Key factors for first-time investors

Start investing now – Immaterial of what your age is, you should start investing as soon as you know about investing.

NEW DELHI. A few things that you should know (or do) as a New Investor

Start investing now – Immaterial of what your age is, you should start investing as soon as you know about investing. Most of us know that investing as much as possible, as often as possible and leaving it invested as long as possible is the ONLY secret to good investing. We did not learn this directly, but we learnt compounding which taught us that 'n' was more important than 'r' simply because n was in the Power of the equation! If you have no clue about investing and you come from a family that has never invested, it is sensible to get an advisor. Get an advisor who has 10-12 years of experience at least. He or she will keep you grounded in a bull market and

build up your courage in a bear market. Think of him as a Financial Coach to whom you can turn for all your money questions.

Make goals sheet – the way you invest for your daughter's education after 10 years is going to be different from investing for your retirement after 24 years! The money needs to be saved differently for the car that you want to buy in 4 years! For different goals you allocate your investments in different ways. Investing in simple Index funds is a great way to start your investment journey. Investing in an index fund means you are investing in the best companies of the category. The BSE index comprises India's top 30 companies and the Nifty 50 represents India's top 50 companies.

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soon as you are comfortable you can invest in things like large-cap funds, mid-cap funds, multi-asset funds, etc.

Learn about taxation of investing. Would you invest in your children's name, parents name, clubbing, when to withdraw, capital

gains, etc. are as important to know as investing. Not all Chartered Accountants are attentive to changes in taxation of investments, it is important that you LEARN and implement the learnings in your own investment management.

Be sceptical about anything that you see or hear – whether it is your banker, advisor, blogs, vlogs, magazines, etc. Reading good books on investing is much better than reading articles on investing. Even worse is reading Fund Manager commentary of the situation of the market. Accept that you will lose money in equities – and make sure that your parents, wife, children know and understand that this will happen. The support that you need from the house is very important. If you don't involve your immediate family they will be scared and scare you into doing completely wrong things. Being scared is fine, but panicking and selling is the worst thing you can do in a down market.

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Should you subscribe Manba Finance IPO: Check GMP, price band, details

Manba Finance IPO: The IPO is fresh issue of 1.26 crore shares and closes for subscription on September 25, 2024.



NEW DELHI. The initial public offering (IPO) of Manba Finance IPO opened for bidding on Monday, looking to raise a sum of Rs 150.84 crore.

Manba Finance Limited, founded in 1998, offers a variety of financial services, including loans for new two-wheelers (2Ws), three-wheelers (3Ws), electric two-wheelers (EV2Ws), electric three-wheelers (EV3Ws), used cars, along with small business and personal loans. The IPO is fresh issue of 1.26 crore shares and closes for subscription on September 25, 2024. The price range for Manba Finance's IPO has been set between Rs 114 and Rs 120 per

share. Investors are required to apply for a minimum of 125 shares. For retail investors, the minimum investment amount is Rs 15,000.

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An IPO report from Anan Rathi said that Manba Finance Bank Ltd has established relationships with more than 1100 dealers with the ability to expand to new underpenetrated geographies (currently present in 66 locations spread across six states in western, central and north India) and a Technology drive and scalable

operating model with quick Turn Around Time (TAT) for loan processing (5.30 days as of March 31, 2024).

"At the upper price band company is valuing at P/BV of 1.70x with a market cap of Rs 6,028 million post issue of equity shares and return net worth of 15.66%. We believe that the IPO is fairly priced, hence we recommend a 'Subscribe-Long Term' rating to the IPO," said the report. Latest grey market premium (GMP) for Manba Finance IPO The last grey market premium (GMP) for Manba Finance's IPO stands at Rs 60, as of the latest update on September 23, 2024, at 10:32 AM.

Given the IPO's price band of Rs 120, the estimated listing price is Rs 180 (calculated as the cap price plus the current GMP). This suggests a projected gain of 50% per share.

The allotment for the Manba Finance IPO is anticipated to be finalised on Thursday, September 26, 2024. The company's IPO is set to be listed on both the BSE and NSE, with the tentative listing date scheduled for Monday, September 30, 2024.

Cochin Shipyard, RVNL, IREDA among 7 PSU stocks in ASM framework. Details here

NEW DELHI. Seven Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) stocks, including Cochin Shipyard, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL), and Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA), have been incorporated into the long-term Additional Surveillance Measure (ASM) framework.

The move by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) aims to enhance market integrity and protect investor interests amid growing volatility in these stocks.

Previously, PSUs were exempt from this surveillance, but the decision to include them follows a review by the NSE and Sebi during their Joint Surveillance Meeting on September 20, 2024. The ASM framework is designed to alert investors about stocks exhibiting unusual price variations and trading volumes. The amended framework became effective on September 23, 2024.

In early trading, reactions to this announcement were mixed. While shares of Cochin Shipyard were up by 0.72% at Rs



Is Warren Buffett's cash pile costing him billions in missed gains

NEW DELHI. Warren Buffett, investor and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, has built up a massive cash reserve following the sale of shares in companies like Apple and Bank of America. These sales have left him sitting on an enormous cash pile, now totalling around \$280 billion. However, some investors are questioning whether this strategy is costing him potential gains in the booming US stock market. One such investor, Samir Arora, founder and fund manager at Helios Capital, recently shared his thoughts on the matter. He said that Buffett's decision to hold on to so much cash, instead of reinvesting it during the current market rally, could have led to a significant loss in potential returns. According to Arora, Buffett may have missed out on as much as \$60 billion by keeping the funds on the sidelines.

Missed market gains

Buffett's cash position has grown after he sold shares in some of his biggest investments. The decision to sell off a portion of his stake in Apple and Bank of America, while earning modest returns through safe investments like treasury bonds, has been a cautious approach. However, Arora believes



that this cautiousness has come at a cost. The US stock market has risen sharply over the last two years, with an estimated gain of around 50% from September 2022 to September 2024. In contrast, Buffett's cash, invested in lower-risk assets like treasuries, is earning just around 5% per year. Arora suggests that the Oracle of Omaha has effectively lost out on around 40% of potential returns on the \$150 billion he was holding in cash over that time. This, according to Arora, adds up to a missed opportunity of \$60 billion. While not a direct loss, it's the kind of return Buffett could have seen if he had invested more

aggressively during the market's rise.

Cost of sitting on cash

Buffett's conservative approach to investing is well-known. He prefers to wait for the right opportunity, often making large purchases during market downturns when prices are low. However, Arora believes this strategy has its drawbacks, particularly in a rising market. In a post on platform X (formerly known as Twitter), Arora said that for Buffett to recover the lost opportunity from holding cash, the stock market would need to fall by at least 20%. Only with such a decline would Buffett's decision to keep a large cash reserve be seen as a smart move. For Buffett to gain real value from this strategy, the market would have to drop by around 30%, allowing him to buy shares at significantly lower prices. Arora raised the question of whether waiting for such a fall is worth it, especially given the ongoing rally in the US market. In his view, holding so much cash during a period of growth may be costing Buffett and Berkshire Hathaway more than they stand to gain from future dips in the market.

1,859.80 at 10:50 am, other stocks like RVNL and IREDA faced declines of 1.58% and 0.77%, respectively. The varying responses highlight the market's uncertainty regarding the implications of being placed under ASM. The ASM framework classifies stocks based on several parameters, including price volatility and delivery percentages, aiming to encourage caution among investors.

For those holding shares in companies now under ASM, it is crucial to exercise diligence. The framework serves as a reminder to assess the underlying fundamentals and market conditions before making investment decisions. For investors, being included in the ASM framework means closer scrutiny of these stocks. It may lead to increased volatility, making short-term price movements more pronounced.

Investors should consider setting tighter stop-loss orders and conducting thorough research on these companies' financial health and market position.

GST rate rationalisation: GOM to discuss slab, rate tweaks on September 25

New Delhi. A ministerial panel in charge of reviewing Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates is set to meet on September 25, 2024, to discuss possible changes to the current tax slabs and rates, reported news agency PTI. The meeting, which will take place in Goa, is part of the ongoing efforts to streamline and rationalise the GST structure.

This panel, known as the Group of Ministers (GoM), is led by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary. The GoM, which consists of six members, last met on August 22. They submitted a status report to the GST Council on September 9, outlining their initial findings. One of the key areas of focus has been evaluating the impact of changing tax rates on certain goods and services. At present, the GST system in India operates on a four-tier structure. Goods and services are taxed at different rates, depending on their category, which are 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%.

Essential goods, such as food items, are either exempt from GST or are taxed at the lowest slab of 5%. In contrast, luxury and demerit goods (which include items like cars and tobacco products) are placed in the highest slab of 28%. Additionally, some of these items also attract a cess, which is levied on top of the 28% GST.

Possible changes in GST slabs

There has been ongoing discussion about merging the 12% and 18% GST slabs into one unified rate. However, no formal proposal has been made so far. The current average GST rate is around 12%, which is lower than the revenue-neutral rate of 15.3%. A revenue-neutral rate is the rate at which the government neither loses nor gains revenue after the implementation of GST. The lower-than-expected average rate has raised concerns about revenue generation, prompting the GoM to initiate discussions on possible adjustments to the



current tax rates.

Not all states are in favour of changing the GST structure. West Bengal and Karnataka, in particular, have expressed reservations about making any immediate changes to the tax slabs. After the August meeting, West Bengal Finance Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya commented that she did not support altering the existing GST rates. She argued that the current structure should

remain untouched for now. Similarly, Karnataka Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda noted that the GST system has largely stabilised in recent years, and any changes could disrupt this balance. He suggested that the panel should carefully analyse the need for any adjustments before making decisions. "What do you achieve by disturbing it?" he asked, adding that the GoM would revisit the issue in the upcoming meeting. During the last meeting in August, the GoM tasked the fitment committee—comprising tax officers from both the Centre and the states—with collecting more data and analysing the potential impact of tax rate changes on various items. The data gathered by this committee will be crucial in determining whether any adjustments should be made to the GST slabs and rates. The panel, in its upcoming meeting, is expected to delve deeper into these matters.

NEWS BOX

Shoaib Akhtar's lookalike Imran Muhammad from Oman D10 League goes viral

New Delhi. A youngster has been going viral on social media for his uncanny resemblance to former Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar. A video from the ongoing Oman D10 League shows a young fast bowler Imran Muhammad running in to bowl during a game between IAS Invincibles and Yallah Shabab Giants. The long-haired Imran is seen running in with the same intensity as veteran seamer Shoaib Akhtar and also has a similar action as the former Pakistan seamer. Imran's clip has been garnering attention on social media as fans have been left stunned by his resemblance with Akhtar. As per the video, Imran has been enjoying a good run in the tournament having picked 21 wickets from 14 matches at an average of 10.71 and an economy of 8.65. However, his team IAS Invincibles is on the second last spot on the points table with just five wins from 15 matches having 11 points to their name.

Imran has his roots in Pakistan and is making a living in Oman working as a CCTV camera installer and a part time cricketer. His action and appearance took people



down memory lane remembering Akhtar. Akhtar's international career

Notably, Akhtar is touted as the fastest bowler in the history of international cricket as he became the first man to breach the 100mph barrier during the 2003 World Cup match against England. Akhtar had several memorable battles with legendary India batter Sachin Tendulkar who famously took him apart during the ODI World Cup 2003. Akhtar is the seventh-highest wicket-taker in international cricket for Pakistan having scalped 178 wickets in Tests and 247 in ODIs. His career was marred by injuries and several controversies but the Rawalpindi Express managed to leave an indelible mark in the history books with his fiery spells. Akhtar's last appearance in international cricket came against New Zealand during the ODI World Cup 2011 when he was smacked for 70 runs in 9 overs. He announced his retirement midway through the tournament and never featured again for his country.

Shubman Gill teases Mohammed Siraj over old viral video: 'Ye official id hai'

New Delhi. Star India batter Shubman Gill was seen teasing his teammate Mohammed Siraj over his old viral video while fielding on Day 3 of the first Test against Bangladesh. The incident took place late on Day 3 as Bangladesh were batting in their second innings with Najmul Hossain Shanto and Mominul Haque at the crease.

In the 22nd over of the innings bowled by Ravichandran Ashwin, Gill was brought in at silly point for the new batter Mominul. While walking towards his fielding position, Gill hilariously shouted, "Mohammed Siraj Official id hai baaki sab fake hai, (Mohammad Siraj Official is the my official id, rest all are fake)." The star batter was poking fun at Mohammed Siraj who had earlier announced his official handle on Instagram in the same manner while recording a video message of his fans. The video is often seen going viral on social media every now and then. Coming back to the match, Gill scored a phenomenal century



in the second innings of the match after being dismissed for a duck in the first innings. He played a magnificent knock of 119 *(176) in the second innings with the help of ten fours and four sixes.

India won the first Test by 280 runs. He got involved in a massive 167-run stand with Rishabh Pant for the fourth wicket as the duo helped India take their lead past 450. Pant also scored a scintillating 109 (128) registering his sixth Test century. Courtesy of their partnership, India managed to take a massive 514-run lead in the second innings. In reply, Bangladesh were bundled out for 234 with captain Najmul Hossain Shanto being the top scorer with his innings of 82 (127). Ravichandran Ashwin scalped his 37th five-wicket haul for India registering figures of 6/88 in 21 overs after scoring a brilliant hundred in the first innings. As a result, he took home his 10th Player of the Match award in Tests.

India won the first Test by 280 runs and took a 1-0 lead in the two-match series with the second match set to be played from September 27 at Green Park, Kanpur.

South Africa denies Afghanistan sweep of one-day cricket series

← Laver Cup: Ben Shelton and Alejandro Tabilo defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas and Casper Ruud 6-1, 6-2 on Saturday, giving Team World an 8-4 lead over Team Europe after day two of the Laver Cup.

SHARJAH. South Africa denied Afghanistan a series sweep with a seven-wicket win in the third and final cricket ODI on Sunday.

Aiden Markram's unbeaten 69 led South Africa to 170-3 with 17 overs to spare in the one-day international after Afghanistan collapsed for the first time in the series and was bowled out for 169 in 34 overs.

Afghanistan won the series 2-1.

An inexperienced South Africa was dismissed for 106 and 134 in the first two games, but Markram paced the chase well on yet another slow wicket at Sharjah

Cricket Stadium with a gritty 67-ball innings. "Feeling very happy with the series win," Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi said. "I would be more happy if we would have won this match." He called the three runouts of his team's batters "a big reason why we didn't finish on top." Afghanistan was missing its ace leg-spinner Rashid Khan because of a hamstring injury.

Earlier, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who made a century in the last game, held the innings together by contributing 89 runs in 94 balls after Afghanistan chose to bat first. But none of the other top eight Afghan batters could score more than 10 with three of them run out. No. 9 batter AM Ghazanfar made a whirlwind 31 not out off 15 but South Africa always looked in control through the disciplined bowling of Lungi Ngidi, Nqabayomzi Peter and Andile Phehlukwayo, who all picked up two wickets each. South Africa finally got used to the conditions in the United Arab Emirates as their pace bowlers Ngidi and Phehlukwayo were well supported by



some superb fielding. Ngidi tested the batters upfront through his cutters and slow balls and pinned debutant opener Abdul Malik leg before wicket inside the power play. Ngidi then had Rahmat Shah run out when Gurbaz's drive clipped his fingers in the follow through and hit the stumps at the non-striker's end. Shahidi was run out while going for a second run and Ikram Alikhil met a similar fate when he went too far down the wicket before Gurbaz sent him back as Afghanistan slipped to 113-5 in the 22nd over. South

Africa should have dismissed Mohammad Nabi on 5 but captain Temba Bavuma didn't go for the television referral against Bjorn Fortuin's arm ball before the spinner had Nabi caught behind in his next over. Gurbaz tried to accelerate in search of his second successive century before he holed out to Reeza Hendricks at extra cover but Ghazanfar's late flurry ensured Afghanistan crossed the 160-run mark. Bavuma (22) and Tony de Zorzi (26) provided South Africa with a solid start of 40 and controlled the power play before Bavuma was undone by off-spinner Ghazanfar and clean bowled.

De Zorzi was twice dropped off Nabi's successive deliveries before Nabi had him trapped lbw and Hendricks' run of poor form continued when he mistimed a pull shot and was caught after scoring 18.

Markram and Tristan Stubbs controlled the chase with their match-winning 90-run stand with Stubbs 26 not out.

"We were quite clinical with the bat," Bavuma said. "In terms of series, not what we planned for, (but) the guys will take a lot of experience and learning from it."

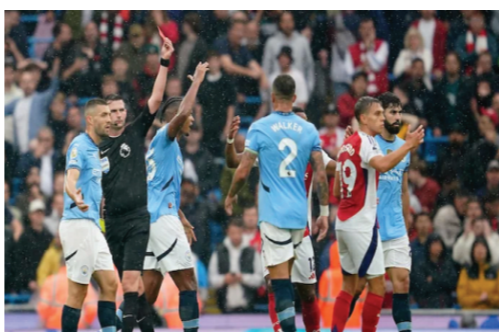
Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta expects 100 PL red cards after Trossard's sending off

← Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta predicts 100 Premier League games will see sending off this season, following Leandro Trossard's red card in his side's 2-2 draw with Manchester City.

London Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta has voiced his frustration over the controversial sending off of Leandro Trossard during Arsenal's dramatic 2-2 draw with Manchester City, predicting that this season could see "100 Premier League games" affected by similar dismissals. Referee Michael Oliver showed the Belgian winger a second yellow card for delaying the restart by kicking the ball away just before half-time. The first of Trossard's two yellow cards came after a foul on City's Savinho in the 33rd minute. However, the incident that led to his dismissal came shortly after, as he kicked the ball away following a foul call, a decision which drew sharp criticism from Arteta. The incident evoked memories of Declan Rice's red card against Brighton & Hove Albion last month, where the Arsenal midfielder was similarly punished for

kicking the ball away.

Arteta, visibly frustrated in his post-match press conference, declined to delve deeply into the specifics of the decision. "I prefer not to comment," the Spaniard said. "I've seen it and it's that obvious, so I'll leave it to you guys. I was already in big trouble trying



to solve what happened on the pitch. It's not my problem to solve what happens off the pitch." When asked about a potential double standard regarding City's Jeremy Doku, who was not carded for a similar offence earlier in the match, Arteta was pointed in his response: "That's what I'm saying. It's obvious that it's not necessary to comment on it. It's the second time. I'm expecting 100 Premier League games to be 10 against 11 or

even nine vs 10 this season. Let's see."

Despite holding a 2-1 lead at the time of Trossard's dismissal, Arsenal were unable to hold out for all three points, as substitute John Stones netted a 98th-minute equaliser for City. The draw keeps Pep Guardiola's side top of the Premier League, while

Arsenal remain fourth, two points behind the reigning champions. In the aftermath of the red card, Arteta was forced to make a halftime change, bringing on Ben White to shore up his defence in place of Bukayo Saka. White, a surprise absentee from the starting lineup, had been dealing with fitness concerns but was called upon in the wake of Trossard's sending off.

"Yeah, we didn't want to play him that long, but we had to," Arteta explained. "I spoke to him yesterday and I wanted to protect him. He's not going to ever tell you that he's not fit. He will run through a brick wall for you. The intention was not to use him today. But I'm very grateful because he performed extremely well." The match saw Manchester City initially take the lead through Erling Haaland before Riccardo Calafiori, making his first Premier League start, equalised for Arsenal with a stunning long-range effort. Gabriel then gave the Gunners a 2-1 lead with a header, only for City to claw back with Stones' lat

Kuldeep Yadav must play Kanpur Test against Bangladesh: Sanjay Manjrekar

New Delhi. Former India cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar wants the Indian team management to include Kuldeep Yadav in India's playing XI for the upcoming second Test against Bangladesh in Kanpur. Manjrekar, speaking after India's victory in the first Test, expressed disappointment over Kuldeep's exclusion in Chennai and highlighted the spinner's value in Indian conditions. Kuldeep, who has featured in 12 Tests since his debut in 2017, has amassed 53 wickets with consistent performances in key series, including a notable display against England earlier this year. In that series, he claimed 19 wickets in four matches and contributed crucial lower-order runs.

However, despite his proven track record, the left-arm spinner was omitted from the first Test in Chennai, with India opting for a pace-

heavy attack that included Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, and Akash Deep. Manjrekar criticized this decision, suggesting that India missed an opportunity by not playing Kuldeep, even though the Chennai pitch was expected to favor seamers early on. "I feel Kuldeep Yadav should not be dropped so easily. Even if it was not a turner, India would have benefited from playing him in Chennai because seamers get help for just one or one-and-a-half days on an Indian pitch. It starts supporting spinners after that, and when you have a bowler like Kuldeep Yadav, you should not keep him out this easily," Manjrekar said in an interview with ESPNcricinfo. As India prepared for the Kanpur Test, Manjrekar urged the team management to reconsider Kuldeep's omission, irrespective of the pitch

conditions. The cricketer-turned-commentator emphasized that even if the surface appears green initially, spinners often come into play after the first few hours, making Kuldeep a valuable asset alongside the other frontline spinners. "India should go with this approach in Kanpur. Even if it's a green top and the sun is out, they should keep in mind that the green top will be just for the first few hours, and Siraj and Bumrah are enough for that. When you have three proven spinners, you should play all of them," Manjrekar added. Kuldeep's ability to trouble batters with his wrist spin and variations could be a decisive factor in Kanpur, where conditions might favor India's spin attack as the match progresses. Whether the Indian team opts for a change in strategy will be seen as the series finale draws closer.

1st Test: Jayasuriya takes five to lead Sri Lanka to 1-0 series lead vs New Zealand

Galle. Star spinner Prabath Jayasuriya picked a superb five-wicket haul to help Sri Lanka secure a 63-run victory over New Zealand in the opening Test match in Galle, taking a 1-0 lead in the two-match series on Monday. Jayasuriya's 5-wicket helped the hosts bowl out New Zealand for 211, successfully defending a target of 275.

New Zealand faced a tough challenge needing 68 runs on the final morning, but their hopes were dashed early as Rachin Ravindra, the key player, was dismissed quickly. Sri Lanka took just 29 balls to wrap up the game, having always been in control. New Zealand's turning point came on day three, when they squandered a strong position at 255 for 4, failing to capitalize and take a significant first-innings lead. Chasing 275 in the final innings, New Zealand required substantial partnerships, but despite starts from Kane Williamson, Tom Latham, and Tom Blundell, none could carry on. Ravindra's valiant 92 stood out, but it wasn't enough. Jayasuriya was the star of the show with figures of 5 for 68, while fellow spinner Ramesh Mendis also played a crucial role, picking up 3 for 83. Sri Lanka vs New Zealand, 1st Test Day 5: HIGHLIGHTS

After winning the toss and opting to bat, Sri



Lanka faced early difficulties, finding themselves at 106/4. However, Kamindu Mendis' brilliant century steadied the innings and, with contributions from the lower order, Sri Lanka posted a challenging first-innings total of over 300. New Zealand responded positively at the top of the order, but Sri Lanka's spin attack dismantled their middle and lower order, restricting them to a slender first-innings lead of 35 runs. In the second innings, Sri Lanka batted steadily to set a target of 275, which proved too steep for the visitors. Despite New Zealand's determined chase, Jayasuriya's exceptional spell sealed the win for Sri Lanka, securing an unassailable lead in the series.

From Alex Ferguson to Pep Guardiola: A coach's route to Premier League dominance

New Delhi The Premier League has long been known for its action-packed and unpredictable nature, drawing football fans worldwide. Over the years, the league has seen numerous dominant sides, but few rivalries are as storied as that between Manchester's two footballing giants—United and City. What began as Manchester United's reign under Sir Alex Ferguson has slowly shifted to Pep Guardiola's era of dominance at Manchester City. From the once-iconic red to the now-indomitable blue, Manchester has seen a significant power shift.

Under Ferguson, Manchester United were the undisputed kings of English football, winning 13 Premier League titles between 1992 and 2013. His teams combined physicality with fast, attacking football, creating a formula that was hard to beat, even in Europe. However, since Ferguson's departure in 2013, United have struggled to recapture their former glory. Meanwhile,

City have risen to power, winning their first Premier League title in 2012 and going on to claim eight more by 2024, including four consecutive titles, something no other team has accomplished in the league's history.

India Today recently had the opportunity to speak with former Manchester City winger Shaun Wright-Phillips during City's Premier League trophy tour in New Delhi, India. Wright-Phillips reflected on the shift between the two Manchester clubs. He pointed out how Ferguson's influence over United's structure and discipline led to an era of sustained success and added that much of that magic left with him when he retired. "I think now the Man United fans understand how much Sir Alex Ferguson was actually doing at that club. He wasn't just doing the team. It was almost like he was running the whole club. Like, I don't know whether that's true or false, but that's the way it looks. Since



he stepped down, the club, in many ways, have gone down... I remember Jose Mourinho said a quote, I think when he once started at United and eventually won the Europa League, he said this the best job he's ever done in terms of making Man United achieve that, that was because of everything behind the scene. That's what's going on... And so far, he hasn't been wrong. As things stand, United has, in many ways, they've got

a lot sort out," Wright-Phillips said. How Alex Ferguson left with the best of United

Ferguson's arrival from Aberdeen in 1986 marked the start of Manchester United's ascent. While the legendary manager had access to the famous "Class of '92," featuring David Beckham, Ryan Giggs, and Paul Scholes, along with big signings like Cristiano Ronaldo and Robin van Persie, it was Ferguson's ability to extract the best from his squad that set him apart. He molded individual stars into a cohesive unit, always putting the club's collective success above individual fame. In stark contrast, post-Ferguson United has seen heavy investment in big names like Paul Pogba, Angel Di Maria, Raphael Varane, and even a more mature Cristiano Ronaldo. Yet, despite the massive outlay, results have rarely followed, with most stars failing to deliver consistently and leaving with little impact.

Priyanka Chopra

Shares Glimpse Of Her Camera Roll And It Is All About Nick Jonas, Malti's Sweet Moments

Priyanka Chopra is a global icon and always shares updates about her personal life with fans. On Saturday, the actress gave a glimpse of her camera roll and it is clear proof of her obsession with hubby Nick Jonas and Malti Marie. Fans reacted too. Taking to her Instagram handle, Priyanka shared the video and wrote, "playing on loop... @joejonas". The clip opens with a selfie of Priyanka Chopra dressed in a black bodycon dress. Followed by a selfie with her daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas. She also dropped a selfie with her BFF Tamanna Dutt from when she attended her brother Siddharth Chopra's engagement bash. She also posed with her husband Nick Jonas, their little daughter, and Kevin and Joe Jonas at the celebratory gala. She penned on video, "POV: you open my camera roll."



Nick Jonas also gave fans a heartwarming glimpse into his camera roll. He shared intimate moments with his wife Priyanka Chopra, and their daughter, Malti Marie. The singer and actor took to social media, offering a sneak peek of the cherished moments he's captured. Taking to his Instagram handle, Nick

Jonas shared a video clip that features his moments with Priyanka Chopra, Malti Marie, his brothers and his father. He did not write anything for the caption but dropped a heart emoji. One of the fans called them a power couple. Many dropped heart emojis. Nick Jonas, Priyanka Chopra's husband, celebrated his 32nd birthday on September 16. The multi-talented American singer marked the occasion with a special celebration, thanks to his proud wife. Priyanka Chopra shared a heartwarming carousel of cherished moments with Nick and their daughter, Malti Marie, to make the day even more memorable. On the work front, Priyanka recently completed shooting for The Bluff and is now moving to her next project, Citadel Season 2. In addition, she has Heads of State and Jee Le Zarra in the pipeline. Meanwhile, Nick will be next seen in Power Ballad.



Jayam Ravi On Divorce With Aarti: 'If She Wants To Reconcile, Why Has She Not Reached Out?'



Tamil actor Jayam Ravi has been making headlines for his separation from his wife, Aarti. Last week, it was rumoured that he has already moved on and is allegedly dating Keneesha Francis while Aarti wants to reconcile. However, the Ponnaiyan Selvan actor has addressed these rumours and called them false. Jayam Ravi told the Hindustan Times, "I want a divorce. If Aarti wanted to reconcile as she states, why has she not reached out to me? Why has she not responded to the two legal notices I sent? Does this behaviour look like she wanted to reconcile with me? Will there be news about a 'girlfriend' if the intention was to reconcile?" He added, "How did these rumours about this person (Keneesha) start? Why should anyone drag a third person unnecessarily into this issue? I plan to start a spiritual healing centre with Keneesha and we are looking for some suitable location. My divorce has nothing to do with this. This reflects badly on me and it also reflects badly on others involved, like our families. Has anyone thought about that?" When asked if it was true that he wanted custody of his sons, the actor said, "Yes, I want custody of my children - Aarav and Ayaan. I am ready to fight this divorce out in the court for 10 years or 20 years or however long it takes. My future is my children; they are my happiness." "I want to produce a film with my son Aarav and introduce him to cinema at the right time. That's the dream I have. When I acted with him in Tik Tik Tik six years ago, I had stated on stage at the success meet that that had been the happiest day of my life. I am waiting for that day again," he said. "I have clearly said in my statement that everyone should respect our privacy. The case is in court and the first hearing is coming up in October. Going forward, I'll do everything legally. There's no going back - I want a divorce," he emphasized. On September 10, Jayam Ravi announced his divorce on social media. He issued a statement announcing that he and his wife Aarti are parting ways. Jayam Ravi and Aarti were married for 15 years and are parents to two sons.

Rupali Ganguly Lands in Trouble After She, Manager Ride Scooter Without Helmets



Anupamaa actress Rupali Ganguly courted controversy after she and what seems to be her manager were seen riding a bike. The actress was leaving an awards show on Saturday night. In an attempt to ditch the traffic, Rupali chose to leave the venue on a scooter. Dressed in a grand dress, the actress did not hesitate to sit on the two-wheeler. The person riding has been identified as Kaushal Joshi, who is said to be Shehnaaz Gill's manager. While she was lauded for her simplicity, many noticed that neither she nor the person riding the bike sported a helmet. "Why that guy is not wearing a helmet?" a comment under the video featuring the actress and her team member read. "Celebrities don't need helmet," another comment read. Rupali was attending the Star Parivaar Awards 2024 winners on Saturday night. The actress, who is the face of Anupamaa, won the Best Patni. She also took home the Best Bahu award. She was also reportedly awarded the Best Maa trophy. The show and Rupali have been in the news after Sudhanshu Pandey, who essayed the role of Vanraj Shah, exited the show. In August, Sudhanshu in an Instagram live announced his exit. He was heard saying that he is "now not a part of 'Anupamaa' show and that he is not playing Vanraj Shah. "I apologise for taking this sudden decision." After there were rumours about Rupali being responsible for Sudhanshu's exit, on September 1, the actor cleared the air that nobody is responsible for his exit and that it is his decision to move on in his career. "No one is responsible for this, and no one can be responsible, perhaps no one has the power to be responsible for firing an actor like me. I don't think it is fair to hold someone responsible," he had said. Recently reports suggested that Gaurav Khanna, who portrays Anuj, and Rupali Ganguly, who plays the titular character, are leaving the show. However, in a recent interview, Anupamaa producer Rajan Shahi dismissed these rumours.

Triptii Dimri

To Romance Dhanush In Aanand L. Rai's Tere Ishk Mein? Here's What We Know



Director Aanand L. Rai recently addressed rumors regarding the casting of his upcoming film Tere Ishk Mein, which reportedly stars Triptii Dimri opposite Dhanush. While Rai refrained from confirming the details, he assured fans that an official announcement would be made soon. In a recent interview with Zoom, Rai responded to the speculation sparked by a PeepingMoon report that Dimri had been cast. He remarked, "Let the speculation keep rolling. I will give my cast very soon." Tere Ishk Mein, initially announced last year, has faced delays due to Dhanush's prior commitments, but shooting is expected to begin in October. Rai also addressed the growing comparisons between Tere Ishk Mein and his 2013 romance drama Raanjhanaa, which also featured Dhanush in the lead role. He acknowledged the connection between the two films but clarified that the similarities are limited to the team involved, including himself, Dhanush, AR Rahman, Irshad Kamil, and Himanshu Sharma. "Tere Ishk Mein is a different story, but yes, you may get the fragrance of Raanjhanaa because of the feel, energy, and mood," Rai explained. He further elaborated, "It's an expansion, not an extension. It expands that emotion in a different film." The film was announced on the 10th anniversary of Raanjhanaa. In his announcement, Rai hinted at the spirit of the film, writing, "Kundan and this boy are the same, but his mood is to blow up the world! Only for you... Tere Ishk Mein." In an exclusive chat with News18 Showsha earlier, the filmmaker reveals details about Tere Ishk Mein and how he plans to revisit the sensibility of Raanjhanaa. "In 2011, after Tanu Weds Manu, I was curious to see how a person like me would handle tragedy. When Himanshu (Sharma, the writer) brought the world of Raanjhanaa to me, I was eager to explore a story centered on love and tragedy," he said.

