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India has become manufacturing powerhouse: PM Modi

Sanjay Kumar

New Delhi, Sep 29: With his government's flagship 'Make in India' initiative completing 10 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday



said India has become a manufacturing powerhouse and it is because of the country's youth power that the 'whole world is looking up to us'.

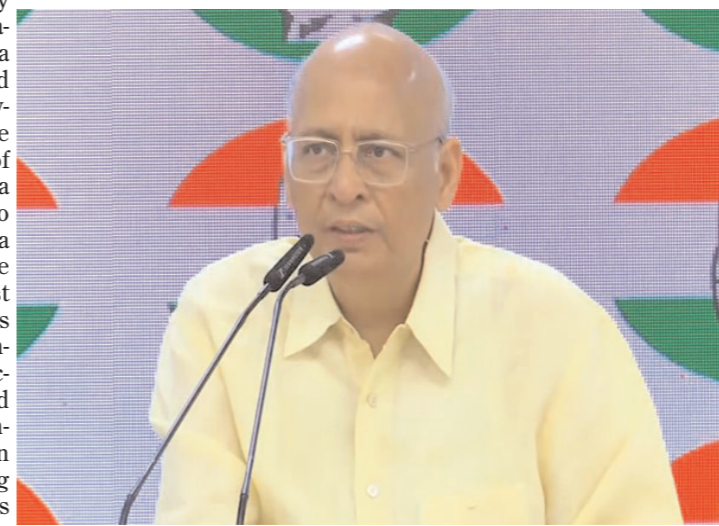
the middle class and MSMEs are getting a lot of benefit from this campaign. This campaign has provided an opportunity to people of every class to showcase their talent," Modi said.

Congress demands Nirmala Sitharaman's resignation over FIR in electoral bond case

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Sep 29: The Congress launched a sharp attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday, demanding the resignation of Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman after a case was registered against her in connection with the now-scrapped electoral bonds scheme.

The complaint alleges that Sitharaman, along with Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials and BJP leaders, orchestrated an extortion racket



under the guise of electoral bonds, benefiting to the tune of over ₹8,000 crore. FIR has been lodged against Sitharaman, BJP Karnataka chief B Y Vijayendra, and state party leader Nalin

Kumar Kateel, among others, under charges of extortion (Section 384), criminal conspiracy (120B), and common intention (34) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Addressing the media, Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh and Abhishek Singhvi condemned the alleged involvement of the finance minister, with Ramesh demanding her immediate resignation.

Govt mulls 3 Bills to implement 'one nation, one election' plan

Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, Sep 29: The proposed first constitutional amendment bill would deal with making provisions for holding Lok Sabha and state legislative Assembly elections together.

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end of terms of the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies together. It also proposes to amend Article 83(2) and insert new sub-clauses (3) and (4) relating to the duration and dissolution of the Lok Sabha.

Constitution amendment bill will also create provisions to hold simultaneous elections to municipalities and panchayats, along with elections to Lok Sabha and state legislative Assemblies by inserting a new Article 324A.

After Yechury's death, CPM names Prakash Karat as coordinator

New Delhi, Sep 29: Former CPI(M) general secretary Prakash Karat has been named coordinator of the Politbureau and Central Committee of the CPI(M) as an interim arrangement in the wake of the sudden demise of the party's incumbent general secretary Sitaram Yechury earlier this month.



Article 370 can be restored only by Central govt: Ghulam Nabi Azad

ST Correspondent

Bani/Jammu, Sep 29: Democratic Progressive Azad Party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addresses a public meeting ahead of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, at Bani in Kathua on Saturday.



Conference nor the PDP spoke in Parliament on Article 370 and statehood. I spoke on it. The prime minister and the home minister had said they would restore statehood," Azad told reporters here.

Flood situation alarming in north Bengal, Centre not extending help: Mamata

Kolkata, Sep 29: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday described the flood situation in the northern districts as "alarming" and claimed that the state was deprived of central assistance to deal with the natural calamity.

Banerjee, who was on her way to north Bengal to inspect the flood situation there, said her government was dealing with the deluge on a war footing. "North Bengal is reeling under flood. Districts such as Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar have been affected.



'Vo todenge, hum jodenge': Deepender

Navdeep Singh Sahni

Karnal, Sep 29: Addressing a rally at Gagsina village in the Gharanda Assembly segment, Congress MP Deepender Hooda today said, "Your each vote will not just elect party candidate Virender Rathore, but will also ensure that Bhupinder Singh Hooda becomes the CM of Haryana for the third time."

ing merit and reservation policies. "This government has abolished permanent government jobs. The employment crisis have worsened under the BJP. The youngsters are forced to go abroad by risking their lives through donkey routes," he said.

ASHA workers. He asked why no BJP leader had ever spoken against the injustice meted out to Haryana's wrestlers. He praised the Supreme Court for intervening in this issue and asked the people to vote for change.



JJP-ASP alliance releases manifesto, promises to buy all crops at MSP

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

Sirsa, Sep 29: The Jannayak Janta Party-Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) alliance on Sunday released its poll manifesto for the Haryana Assembly poll, promising to procure all crops at MSP, unemployment allowance of Rs 11,000 and old age pension of Rs 5,100 per month.

as one-time fee for applying for all recruitments, as per the manifesto, which the two allies named as "Jansewa Patr". A jobs. A hostel would be built for working women in Gurugram while an international training centre for food processing and technology would be built in Fatehabad.

an international sports stadium would be built in Jhajjar while a kabaddi stadium would come up in Sonapat, besides setting up of shooting range in four districts. Industrial areas would be established in every district, which would provide employment to one lakh youngsters, said Chautala, who released the manifesto in presence of ASP leader Chandra Shekhar Azad.



News box

Justice Devan Ramachandran escapes unhurt after car tyre bursts in pothole in Thrissur

KOCHI: Kerala High Court Judge Justice Devan Ramachandran had a lucky escape on Saturday after one of the tyres of his car burst while travelling on the Thrissur-Kuttippuram State Highway, a sizeable stretch of which is in a dilapidated condition. The mishap happened around 3 pm at Mundur along the Kunnankulam-Thrissur stretch while he was returning to Kochi after attending a public function in Kozhikode. The left front tyre burst while his official vehicle was negotiating a deep pothole. The judge, however, escaped unhurt. "I had a lucky escape," Justice Devan Ramachandran said. "The Kunnankulam-Thrissur stretch still has several potholes, though the authorities fixed some of them. The car fell in a deep pothole and one of the front tyres suddenly burst. Luckily no one was hurt. Sir is hearing a case on the bad road condition and today he had personally experienced the same," said a personal staffer of the judge. Soon personnel from the Peramangalam Police station arrived at the spot and changed the tyre of the car after which the judge continued his journey. The Kunnankulam-Thrissur stretch of the State Highway has been lying in a dilapidated condition for a long.

Large potholes have been formed even as the white topping work between Mundur and Peramangalam is progressing at a snail's pace.

TN introduces apartment ownership rules to regulate common areas, infrastructure

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Housing and Urban Development Department has notified Apartment Ownership Rules 2024, which covers common passages, driveways and pathways in the property and common infrastructure intended for the common use of all phases. The rule specifies that any redevelopment of building would require the consent of two-third of apartment owners confirming the terms and agreement for redevelopment and acknowledging the association's statutory empowerment to sign the agreement for redevelopment. The board of managers either suo motu or on request from one fourth of the apartment owners, shall convene a special general meeting with regard to redevelopment. Pursuant to the resolution passed, the association with the consent in writing of not less than two-third of apartment owners of the project, shall intimate the chief planner on area units under CMDA if the building is in Chennai Metropolitan Planning Area or member secretary of local planning authority on the in-principle decision taken by the association for redevelopment. If the building is in ruins, the association shall convene a general meeting and adopt a resolution for engaging promoter or consultant for preparation of detailed redevelopment report and to submit it to the association for approval.

Madras HC sets aside conviction of AIADMK ex-MP in graft case

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has set aside the conviction and imprisonment of former AIADMK MP K N Ramachandran in a corruption case relating to bribing a top bank official for availing of loans in excess of the permissible limits.

Justice G Jayachandran recently passed the orders to set aside the judgment of a special court for CBI, which convicted Ramachandran and sentenced him to seven years in jail with a fine of Rs 1.11 crore in



2020. The conviction and sentence of his son R Rajasekaran and the then deputy general manager (DGM) of Central Bank of India R Thiagarajan was also set aside. "In this case, the prosecution has miserably failed to prove the basic facts by not examining the best evidence, namely, a representative from Marlin Apartments," Justice Jayachandran said referring to the allegation that Ramachandran had arranged for air tickets and stay of Thiagarajan's son and other family in the US. The DGM was accused of sanctioning a loan of Rs 7 crore even though the overall exposure of the trust stood around Rs 15 crore. As a quid pro quo, Ramachandran allegedly arranged for his son and family to travel abroad and stay.

Families protest over Musi project start shifting to Telangana govt allocated 2BHKs

The collector said that the displaced are being offered 2BHKs closest to their residences to minimise disruption in their daily lives.

HYDERABAD: After two days of protests, families who had encroached on the Musi riverbed began vacating their unauthorised homes, accepting the government's offer of two-bedroom (2BHK) houses under a rehabilitation initiative. Over 100 families have already started relocating their belongings from the riverbed to the 2BHK units allotted through lottery conducted after Aadhaar verification. Officials told TNIE that they are coordinating with the residents and the process is going on peacefully. More families are expected to move within the next few days, the officials said.

MAUD principal secretary

M Dana Kishore disclosed that a survey identified 974 homes in the riverbed, of which 576 have been marked for relocation. "Around 400 families have expressed their willingness to move, which is approximately 80% of the affected families," he stated. Since the marking of



encroachments began on Thursday, 120 families have agreed to shift to 2BHK units in various parts of the city. On Saturday, authorities handed over 20 houses to residents, with an additional 100 families

also receiving homes. However, some people who had constructed larger structures and rented them out are reportedly reluctant to relocate as they fear losing a source of good revenue.

Revenue officials of Hyderabad district have facilitated the allocation of homes to several families from Shankar Nagar, Vinayak Veedhi and Nampally mandal. These families have been provided housing in areas like Pilligudiselu near Chanchalguda and Ziaguda in Asifnagar mandal. Hyderabad Collector Anudeep Durishetty and Malakpet MLA Ahmed Balala visited the affected areas, including Vinayak Veedhi and Shankar Nagar, where they distributed 2BHK house certificates. They reminded the residents of the government's commitment to support the displaced families, including providing loans through self help groups and ensuring continuity of education for children. Special provisions will be made for admissions in nearby SC, BC and minority gurukul schools, they said. The collector said that the displaced are being offered 2BHKs closest to their residences to minimise disruption in their daily lives.

Kerala Champions Boat League will be conducted soon, says minister P A Mohamed Riyas

ALAPPUZZHA: Tourism Minister P A Mohamed Riyas has said that the government is planning to conduct the Champions Boat League (CBL) soon. He was speaking after inaugurating the 70th edition of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha on Saturday. "A meeting of the CBL board will be convened soon to finalise the details. Boat races are deeply ingrained in the hearts of Alappuzha residents and are important events for Kerala Tourism. The tourism department's effort is to fully utilise the potential of the boat race which has become one of Kerala's major tourism attractions. A grant of Rs 1 crore has been allotted for the conduct of the prestigious Nehru Trophy Boat Race," said Riyas. Minister for Agriculture P

Prasad who presided over the event said the boat race is a festival that embodies the emotions and enthusiasm of people. "Although the race was postponed due to



the recent disaster in Wayanad, the government decided to go ahead with the event to bring joy and celebration to the

people who were devastated by natural fury," he said. The inaugural function started with a silent prayer in memory of those affected by the Wayanad disaster.

Following that minister Mohamed Riyas laid floral tributes at the Nehru statue. Southern Naval Command Vice Admiral V Srinivas flagged off the race, while Kodikunnil Suresh, MP, presented the 2023 Nehru Trophy Media Award to winners.

The Boat Race souvenir was released by MLA P Chitharanjan by handing over a copy to Changanassery MLA Job Michael. MLAs H Salam, Thomas K Thomas, U Prathibha, Daleema Jojo, and Alappuzha municipal chairperson K K Jayamma, Collector Alex Varghese, and sub-collector Sameer Kishan spoke on the occasion.

Officials suspended for permitting buildings on Telangana govt land are back at work

Officials said that besides suspending the guilty, show cause notices were also issued to some other staff members.

SANGAREDDY: While the district panchayat department had taken action about a year ago against the officials who gave permission for constructions on government land in Patelguda and Kistareddypet in Aminpur mandal, some of them are back at work. Officials said that besides suspending the guilty, show cause notices were also issued to some other staff members. Meanwhile, people whose houses have been razed say that had the government fenced its land and put up boards that it was the owner, they would not have purchased them in the first place.

The officials confirmed that some private individuals raised buildings in Survey No 12 which is government land while the documents showed that the buildings were in Survey No 6. In August last year, district

panchayat officer (DPO) and the Sangareddy RDO conducted a joint inspection in Patelguda and confirmed that



villas were being constructed in Survey No 12. DPO T Saibaba said: "Panchayat secretary Uma Maheshwar Rao who had given permission to build houses on

government land was suspended and show cause notices were issued to MPOs Raj Kumar and Sabin on why action should not be taken against them. Their increments were also cut. "Panchayat secretaries Somarayan and Vasanthi, who gave permission for the construction of two apartments in Kistareddypet, were also suspended last September and notices were issued to two other employees. A DPO said that there was a case in the court related to permission for apartments in Kistareddypet. However, the suspended panchayat secretaries are working at different places after their reinstatement. The residents of Patelguda are complaining that the suspended officials have got their jobs back due to collusion between the contractor and the authorities, while the lives of those who bought villas without knowing that they were on government land, have turned upside down.

Delayed tender turns Bhubaneswar roads chaotic, back-breaking

BHUBANESWAR: If commuting in the state capital through the chaotic traffic and incessant rains has become a pain, blame it on the poor plight of roads. Be it the streets or major thoroughfares, there is no escape from the back-breaking experience in Bhubaneswar. With Durga Puja knocking at the doors, the roads are a major concern for citizens as well as puja organisers. The delayed annual maintenance by Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has left most of the city roads in dire straits. Cracks, rough and uneven surfaces, choked drainage and even lack of markings have become common. Many residential localities grapple with pothole-ridden streets, making commuting a nightmare for residents. The rains have only added to the problem. While the surfaces have come off at many places even along the NH, those in the city are in even more precarious condition. Sources said the road repair works, ideally taken up prior to monsoon, were delayed as BMC struggled to finalise maintenance contractors and award of works through tender. With the change in government, the tender process was



delayed. It shows on the roads. "The stretch connecting Mancheswar to VSS Nagar is full of potholes, and during rain, it becomes extremely difficult to navigate. The Vani Vihar square area is another glaring example. It's the poor roads which have been causing traffic congestions," Deepak Rout, a local commuter said. The potholes on

the road at Vani Vihar square were repaired days before the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier this month. However, after a few spells of heavy rain, it's back to square one.

A senior BMC official admitted that tender for repair works was approved only this month. "Around 17 tenders worth Rs 10 crore were

approved about five days back," the officer said. Around 500 roads and streets having a total damaged stretch of about 168 km have been identified and will be repaired soon.

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NEWS BOX

29 arrests in 3 mths lift veil off gang that mopped 24 crore

Gurgaon. The police have arrested 29 cyber fraudsters this year for cheating people across the country of approximately Rs 24.1 crore. A total of 5,953 complaints were made against the gang's fraudulent activities, the police said.

"Upon examination of the data from the recovered devices by I4C, it was revealed that there are 5,953 complaints and 256 cases registered against these individuals across the country, involving fraudulent activities. Out of these cases, 17 are registered in Haryana, with two cases in cyber crime police station east, four cases in cyber crime police station west, and one each at cyber crime police station, Manesar and cyber crime police station south.

"The investigation revealed that the accused were involved in various fraudulent activities, such as scamming people on the pretext of KYC updates, using fake Instagram accounts, providing technical support, and promising contracts with Maruti company. They would ask their victims to transfer money into their bank accounts and then never respond," said an official at the cyber police station.

The police team recovered Rs 40,500 in cash, 7 mobile phones, 5 SIM cards, and 17 laptops from the possession of the accused.

Truck rams scooter near Rajiv Chk flyover, 2 die

Gurgaon. Two persons were killed after a speeding truck allegedly rammed into the scooter they were riding under the Rajiv Chowk flyover on Saturday morning. The truck driver is on the run, police said.

The victims have been identified as 40-year-old Khem Singh and his sister-in-law Pooja (25). A native of Alwar in Rajasthan, Khem was employed at a spare parts company in Delhi. He lived with his wife — Pooja's sister — in Rajendra Park. Pooja, who was originally from Kotputli in Rajasthan, had come to Gurgaon a few days earlier to visit her sister and brother-in-law. Early on Saturday morning, Khem and Pooja left his house as he planned to drop her off at a bus stand. She was headed home to appear for the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) on Sunday.

The incident occurred around 6am, when the speeding truck, which was coming from the Sohna side, rammed into the scooter beneath the flyover.

The truck driver abandoned the vehicle and fled. Passersby rushed the injured duo to a nearby private hospital, where they were declared brought dead by the attending doctors.

Police have initiated an investigation into the matter. "The bodies of the victims have been sent for a post-mortem examination. We are investigating the case and scanning CCTV footage of nearby areas to identify the accused truck driver. He will be arrested soon," an officer said.

Why you must watch the time spent before your laptop and phone daily

Noida. Cardiovascular diseases, considered to be a condition affecting older generations, are increasingly being reported among individuals in the age group of 25-40. Sedentary lifestyles, smoking, prolonged screen time, and stress contribute significantly to this trend, doctors said on the eve of World Heart Day, observed each year on Sept 29.

The latest NCRB data reveals that 9,277 people out of 34,210 who died of heart attacks in India were between 30 and 45 years old. According to the report, heart attack cases rose by 12.5% in 2022 compared to the previous year. "In the past five years, there has been an increase of 25-30% in cases of cardiac arrest in young adults below the age of 40. We are witnessing around 70-80 cases of cardiac ailments every year, many of them 30-40 years old. Stress and sedentary lifestyles are key factors behind the rise," said Dr Sanjeev Gera, director and HOD of the cardiology department at Fortis, Noida. Explaining the major causes of heart attacks in young adults, Dr Purshotam Lal, chairman at Metro Hospital, Noida, said, "Unhealthy lifestyles, such as poor diet, lack of exercise, smoking, and excessive alcohol intake, are major contributors to obesity, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol — key risk factors for heart attacks. Chronic stress and untreated mental health issues, like anxiety and depression, can lead to harmful coping mechanisms, further increasing heart disease risk." He added that these risk factors are becoming more prevalent among young adults with increased desk jobs, screen time, and physical inactivity. Experts opined that chances of heart attack are equal for men and women; however, it is more prone to those with conditions such as high cholesterol, stressful activities, irregular lifestyles, smoking habits, and other underlying conditions.

The most common symptoms of heart attacks include radiating chest pain, shortness of breath, cold sweat, nausea, and high blood pressure, among others.

"Given the escalating trajectory of cardiovascular diseases among young adults, early screening for hypertension, diabetes, and dyslipidemia (abnormal lipid levels in the blood) emerges as imperative. Timely detection through routine health check-ups can pave the path for enhanced management and treatment of these conditions, potentially mitigating the risk of heart disease," said Dr Ajay Kaul, chairman of cardiac sciences at Fortis Hospital, Noida.

Elderly evicted by their heirs after gift deed can cancel it, seek relief under Senior Citizens Act

Ghaziabad/Noida. An 85-year-old retired journalist is facing eviction from his home of 24 years. Two years ago, the Vasundhara resident 'gifted' his flat in Sector 9 to his only daughter. Since then, he has been fighting to keep a roof over his head. The octogenarian alleged his daughter, in her 50s, was subjecting him to immense mental and physical torture in a bid to evict him from the flat. "I bought this flat in Vasundhara's Sector 9 in 2020 years. Around 15 years ago, my daughter's marriage ended in divorce, and she moved in with me along with her son. Initially, everything seemed to be going well. In 2022, with the best of intentions, I transferred the ownership of my flat to her through a gift deed. Within a few months, my daughter's behaviour towards me changed drastically. She started to verbally abuse me. Then came the physical assaults. I'm now facing eviction from the flat," he said. On at least three occasions he was allegedly thrown out of the flat. "I went back as I had nowhere to go. On Aug 9, I was told that my daughter had sold the flat. She is forcing me to sign a letter to transfer the membership of the

cooperative society too," the man said. Another 86-year-old woman has found herself at an old age home days after she gifted her property to her son. Bipin Chauhan of Noida Senior Citizens' Home located in Sector 114 said the woman was brought to the NGO two years ago by her son. "He told us that his mother had dementia and required specialised attention. We readily accepted her into our NGO, with the understanding that he would visit her regularly. For the first few months, he visited her often. Then one day, he took his mother out citing some bank-related work. After they returned that day, the son did not visit her again. His mother, who has age-related problems and dementia, could only tell us that she had signed a few papers. We suspect that the woman was made to transfer her property by way of a gift deed to her heir," Chauhan said. Instances of children and legal heirs evicting an elderly person from their flats and properties, which they had transferred to them by the instrument of gift deed, are not new. According to Chauhan, the reasons for eviction and abandonment



vary. "Some are cast aside due to illness, while others were deemed no longer useful when their caretakers' paycheques ran out. For many, the simple act of ageing was enough to warrant being thrown away, as if their lives held no value beyond their ability to serve." Administrative officials and lawyers say the law on gift deed is clear: A senior citizen can get property given via gift deed back from their children/legal heirs if they fail to provide them food, clothing, residence, medical attention and treatment as mandated under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and

Senior Citizens Act, 2007. The Act which came into effect on Dec 29, 2007, was amended by UP Govt on Aug 3 last year to revise the stamp duty on property transfers via gift deeds. Earlier, the stamp duty was 5% for gift deeds in Noida and 7% for other parts of the state. The govt took into note that a gift deed has sentimental value attached to it, that such transactions are completely non-financial, based on mutual trust and love among family members, and reduced the stamp duty on gift deeds to just Rs 5,000. AIG, stamp and registration (Ghaziabad), Pushpendra Kumar said there are cases where senior citizens revoked gift deeds (used to transfer property) mostly due to "neglect and abandonment" by their children. Lawyer Prashant Kanha, who practises in the Supreme Court, said a gift deed and a will were two different legal documents. A senior citizen can execute a gift deed to transfer property to a donee during their lifetime, which is based on trust and the promise that they will be looked after. Whereas a will becomes applicable only after the death of the senior citizen, he said.

Cong means problems, BJP solutions, says Yogi

Gurgaon. UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath hit the campaign trail in Faridabad on Saturday with just a week to go for the Haryana assembly polls, describing Congress as a party synonymous with the country's problems and BJP as one that represents solutions. Speaking at NIT, where he was invited by BJP candidate Satish Phagna, Yogi accused the opposition party of being soft on corruption, anarchy and terrorism. "Congress is the epitome of problems. All issues plaguing the nation currently are the party's legacy," he told the gathering of BJP supporters. "They were responsible for India's Partition, dividing the country on the lines of caste and language. Be it terrorism, Naxalism or anarchy, they flourished during the Congress regime. Congress embodies every problem in the nation. On the other hand, BJP is the one that provides solutions," he added. Adityanath asked voters to ensure "double engine sarkar" continued in the state for its third term so that there

development." "We are coming up with better plans for your future. So, for good governance and overall development, it is essential to ensure BJP is in office for the third term. Under the new leadership of Nayab Singh Saini, Haryana will continue to set new benchmarks of development. That is why I have come to appeal to you to vote for BJP," he said. The UP chief minister also asked supporters to eradicate Congress from the state. "To maintain this double speed of development, ensure the victory of our candidates Satish Phagna (NIT), Dhanesh Adalkha (Badkhal), Tek Chand Sharma (Prithla) and Moolchand Sharma (Ballabgarh). It's time to eradicate Congress, which played the politics of caste, nepotism and corruption. Let us all ensure BJP's victory," Adityanath said. According to the senior BJP leader, Ram Temple would have come up in Ayodhya soon after Independence had Congress not failed to resolve the issue in 65 years. "Modi ji became Prime Minister

minister with his blessings in 2017. It was only when BJP formed the office in the state that the path was paved for the construction of the temple," he added. Adityanath moved on to national issues like the abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir, saying that "even maulvis have started chanting Ram Ram" after the decision. He recounted an incident during his recent campaign in J&K. "At the airport, I heard someone say 'Ram Ram ji'. When I looked around, I saw a maulvi greeting me. Now, even maulvis have started saying Ram Ram. Soon, the entire nation will chant Hare Ram, Hare

100 ideas: Why trash-free city is not a distant dream

Gurgaon. When we launched our #WeMakeGurgaonTrashfree campaign, we did so with the conviction that there would be no dearth of private initiative in this city of ideas and enterprise in cleaning up their surroundings, irrespective of the municipal shortcomings that have triggered a festering waste management crisis. Exactly a month since we invited our readers to share such initiatives, we stand vindicated. Since Aug 29, the day the campaign was launched, we have received nearly 100 entries from citizens' groups, RWAs and AOs about measures they have implemented to not just ensure effective garbage disposal in their societies and sectors but also reduce the amount of waste generated. All initiatives that thrive not just on good ideas but excellent teamwork. From

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, KAMLA PATI DWIVEDI, S/O Dharm Veer Dwivedi R/O PLOT NO. 04 KHA. NO. 37/2 SHRI SHYAM KUNJ, SECTOR 28 ROHINI, SAHIBABAD DAULAT PUR, DIST. North Delhi - 110042, have changed the name of my minor son PARTH aged 11 years and he shall hereafter be known as PARTH DWIVEDI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, CHAVDA KINJAL wife of NO-13629051N Rank-NK Name-RAJ PUSHPARAJSINH ASHOKSINH R/O VPO-MAHOLEL, TEH-NADIA, DIST-KHEDA, GUJARAT-387330 have changed my name from CHAVDA KINJAL to RAJ KINJAL PUSHPARAJSINH for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 28/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, LAXMINA DEVI W/O No. JC-356288-W Rank NE SUB Name UGRASEKH CHAUHAN presently residing VILL. MAHAKULJI, PO-PARSUPUR, TEH-MADHUBAN, DIST-MAU (UP)-275307 have changed my date of birth from 2003/1981 instead of 15/08/1986. Vide Affidavit dated 27/09/2024 Notary Public Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, I. ARATI KUMARI is legally wedded spouse of No. 14864739Y Rank NK Name AJEET KUMAR YADAV, presently residing VILLAGE MURWAR, BAGAH, SIWAN, BIHAR-841406, have changed my name from ARATI KUMARI to ARTI KUMARI for all future purpose. Vide affidavit No. IN DL6328693400119W dated 28.09.2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, DINESH KUMAR S/O NAND KISHORE PARSHAD, R/O B - 4869, Rohini Sector-18, Rohini Sector-15 S O North West Delhi, Delhi - 110089, have changed the name of my minor son SARTHAK RAJ aged 13 years and he shall hereafter be known as ARNAV RAJ.

NAME CHANGE

I, ANISA W/O MOHAMMAD HAMID MARRHI residing at 169 FOURTH FLOOR GALI GADARYAN BASTI HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN DELHI-110013 have changed my name to ANISA MARRHI for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, SHANTI PADHAN mother of NO-4575053F Rank-HAV Name- SRIKANTA PADHAN residing at VPO-NAIK PADA, TEH-ULUNDA, DIST-SONEPUR, ODISHA-767062 have changed my name from SHANTI PADHAN to SHANTILATA PADHAN for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 28/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, JASPREET GUGGI S/O ROSHAN LAL residing at P/O MANAK RAI VILL LOHARAN, JALANDHAR, PUNJAB-144201 have changed my name to JASPREET GUGI for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

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I, Neeraj W/O Rajesh Kumar R/O B/2, RAILWAY COLONY KISHAN GANJ, DELHI, PADAM NAGAR, NCT OF DELHI-110007, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Neeraj Kumari in my minor daughter Vanshika aged 13 years in her school records. The actual name of mine is NEERAJ, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, HALIMA KHAN W/O MOHAMMAD MARRHI ZUBERI residing at 169 FOURTH FLOOR GALI GADARYAN BASTI HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN DELHI-110013 have changed my name to HALIMA MARRHI for all future purposes.

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I, MAHMOOD S/O AHMED MARRHI residing at 169 SECOND FLOOR GALI GADARYAN BASTI HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN DELHI-110013 have changed my name to MOHAMMAD MAHMOOD MARRHI for all future purposes.

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I, Piyanka Cyril Bhatti W/O Raza Bhatti R/O H.No-1132 Maruti Kunj Society, Bhandi Sohna Road, Chanderi, Gurgaon Haryana-122102. Have Changed My Name To Piyanka Cyril For Future Purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as VUNGAZIM W/O HENRY GINLIANSANG GUIE House No. 91, Type-2, R/K Puram, Sector-7 South West Delhi-110022, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as LUDIMTHIULI KAMEI.

NAME CHANGE

I, MOLANA AHMAD/ MOLANA AHMED/AHMED S/O ISHAQ MARRHI residing at HOUSE NO-169, 4TH FLOOR, GALI GADARYAN, BASTI HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN, DELHI-110013 have changed my name to AHMAD MARRHI for all future purpose.

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NAME CHANGE

I, Surenדר Kumar S/O Om Prakash, R/O T-53/8, Subzi Mandi Railway Colony, VTC: Padam Nagar (north Delhi), PO: Malka Ganj, Sub District: Delhi, District: North Delhi, State: Delhi, 110007, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Sunder Kumar in my driving Licence no DL 0120040058992. The actual name of mine is Surenדר kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, KAMLA PATI DWIVEDI, S/O Dharm Veer Dwivedi R/O PLOT NO. 04 KHA. NO. 37/2 SHRI SHYAM KUNJ, SECTOR 28 ROHINI, SAHIBABAD DAULAT PUR, DIST. North Delhi - 110042, have changed the name of my minor son PARTH aged 11 years and he shall hereafter be known as PARTH DWIVEDI.

NAME CHANGE

I, CHAVDA KINJAL wife of NO-13629051N Rank-NK Name-RAJ PUSHPARAJSINH ASHOKSINH R/O VPO-MAHOLEL, TEH-NADIA, DIST-KHEDA, GUJARAT-387330 have changed my name from CHAVDA KINJAL to RAJ KINJAL PUSHPARAJSINH for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 28/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, LAXMINA DEVI W/O No. JC-356288-W Rank NE SUB Name UGRASEKH CHAUHAN presently residing VILL. MAHAKULJI, PO-PARSUPUR, TEH-MADHUBAN, DIST-MAU (UP)-275307 have changed my date of birth from 2003/1981 instead of 15/08/1986. Vide Affidavit dated 27/09/2024 Notary Public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, I. ARATI KUMARI is legally wedded spouse of No. 14864739Y Rank NK Name AJEET KUMAR YADAV, presently residing VILLAGE MURWAR, BAGAH, SIWAN, BIHAR-841406, have changed my name from ARATI KUMARI to ARTI KUMARI for all future purpose. Vide affidavit No. IN DL6328693400119W dated 28.09.2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

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News box

112 killed in Nepal due to heavy rain, floods; search ops on for 68 missing

Kathmandu. Devastating floods and landslides triggered by heavy rain have claimed the lives of at least 112 people in Nepal in the last 24 hours, as per official data. In addition, over 100 people are injured, and rescue operations are on to locate 68 people who have gone missing due to the calamity in the Himalayan country, several parts of which have been inundated since Friday. A police official claimed that 200 incidents of floods and landslides have been reported, but the number is likely to increase. Rain-related calamities are common in South Asia during the monsoon season. However, experts claim that the severity and the frequency of these disasters is increasing due to climate change. On Saturday, Nepal logged record-breaking rainfall in its 54 years with 323 millimetres of rainfall recorded within 24 hours. More than 3,000 security personnel were deployed to assist rescue efforts with helicopters and motorboats even as 412,000 households are expected to be affected due to monsoon-related disasters, as per the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority (NDRRMA).

Rivers around the capital Kathmandu burst their banks, inundating nearby houses. Kathmandu's main river, the Bagmati, has also been flowing above danger levels following heavy rain. Visuals surfaced, showing people standing on top of buildings or wading through murky waters to get to safety. Videos also showed rescue teams using rafts to pull survivors to safety.

Trump touts possibility of Elon Musk heading 'department of efficiency'

World The US is slowly heading to the November 5 election date, the date candidates have spent months preparing for by spending money, explaining policies and shouting rhetoric and making promises. It is undoubtedly an important election for the country with global implications expected. And both the candidates know it. Vice President Kamala Harris and her Republican rival and former president Donald Trump will soon be heading to settle the electoral competition, with both making promises to give something different to the public. It's one of about 100 copies printed by the secretary of that Congress, Charles Thomson. Just eight are known to still exist, and the other seven are publicly owned. One that has undoubtedly stood out is Trump's promise of appointing Tesla CEO Elon Musk as the head of a government department. Musk has a realistic chance of taking a government position, and one with possible oversight commitments, if Trump gets elected — an absurd possibility to consider. Musk responded to this news. He retweeted another user's attempt to come up with a name for the new department Musk will head. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) was what Sky came up with. And Musk caught on to it quickly, realising the former President and his vision.

Whether the fantasy of an entire department in charge of interdepartmental culling becomes a reality or not remains to be seen.

Death of Hezbollah's Nasrallah historic turning point, settles score: Netanyahu

World. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday that Israel "settled the account" with a "mass murderer" after death of Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah in an Israeli airstrike in Lebanon's Beirut. In his first public statement since Israel killed Nasrallah, Netanyahu said that Israel has "settled the account" with a "mass murderer" responsible for the killings of "countless Israelis" and many American and French citizens. The Times of Israel reported.

After returning from his trip to the United Nations in New York, Netanyahu said that the killing of Hassan Nasrallah was a "historic turning point". "Citizens of Israel, these are momentous days. We are at what will be seen as a historic turning point. One year ago, on October 7, our enemies attacked us and thought that Israel was on the road to being wiped out. One year later, blow after blow, achievement after achievement, they understand how their hopes have dissipated. Israel has momentum; we are winning," Netanyahu said. Israel's military said on Saturday it had "eliminated" Nasrallah after bombing Hezbollah's central command in the Lebanese capital, where the 64-year-old was reportedly holed up in a bunker. Netanyahu said that Nasrallah's death was a "necessary condition" to achieve Israel's goals. "Nasrallah was not a terrorist, he was the terrorist," Netanyahu said in a statement.

"Nasrallah's killing was a necessary step toward achieving the goals we have set, returning residents of the north safely to their homes and changing the balance of power in the region for years to come," he added. The Israeli Prime Minister said that he gave the directive for the attack that targeted Hassan Nasrallah, as the blows the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) had been landing on Hezbollah in recent days were "not enough", BBC News reported.

Ukraine claims 10 killed as Russian 'suicide drones' hit hospital

10 people were killed and at least 22 others injured after Russia attacked a hospital in Sumy, northeastern Ukraine, early on Saturday.

Kyiv. Russia attacked a hospital in Sumy in northeastern Ukraine early on Saturday, killing 10 people and injuring at least 22 others, Ukrainian officials said. Danielle Bell, head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, said "loitering munitions" - or suicide drones - hit the Saint Panteleimon Clinical Hospital in two attacks 45 minutes apart. "Most of the fatalities occurred during the second strike, which hit as first responders arrived at the site and patients attempted to evacuate," she said. Sumy's regional administration said late on Saturday that 10 people had been killed and 22 injured, including 15 who were in hospital, five of them in serious condition. All the hospital's patients were evacuated to other facilities, it added. Sumy City Council said on its website that nine high-rise buildings were damaged in addition to the hospital. Bell said she had been in Sumy last week following up on a deadly September 19 attack on a geriatric centre in which at least one civilian had been killed and 13 injured, and recalled an August 13 attack on another hospital complex in the



city. "Medical facilities are protected under international humanitarian law and are entitled to special protection. They must not be the object of attack," she said, adding that 33 civilians had been killed and 132 injured in Sumy city and the surrounding region since August 6. Ukrainian prosecutors said

that at the time of the Saturday morning attacks 86 patients and 38 staff members were in the hospital.

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The hospital shared a photograph on its Facebook page it said showed one of those killed, a nurse and mother of two daughters

named Tatiana Tikhonova. "The first attack killed one person and damaged the ceilings of several floors of the hospital," Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said on Telegram.

"Everyone in the world who talks about this war should pay attention to where Russia is hitting. They are fighting hospitals, civilian objects and people's lives," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Telegram. "Only force can force Russia to peace. Peace through force is the only right way." Klymenko did not specify what weapons were used in Saturday's attacks. The regional administration and air forces said the strike was carried out by drones, which Bell identified as loitering munitions.

Attacks on Sumy city and the Sumy region have become more frequent since Ukrainian forces launched an operation in Russia's Kursk region in August and captured dozens of settlements. Sumy city is located just 32 km (20 miles) from the Russian border, and Russian forces, which began a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, have been attacking the region and the city with drones and guided bombs.

Hurricane Helene kills 64 in US, leaves millions without electricity

Perry Massive rains from powerful Hurricane Helene left people stranded, without shelter and awaiting rescue Saturday, as the cleanup began from a tempest that killed at least 64 people, caused widespread destruction across the US Southeast and left millions without power. "I've never seen so many people homeless as what I have right now," said Janalea England, of Steinhatchee, Florida, a small river town along the state's rural Big Bend, as she turned her commercial fish market into a storm donation site for friends and neighbors, many of whom couldn't get insurance on their homes. Helene blew ashore in Florida's Big Bend region as a Category 4 hurricane late Thursday with winds of 140 mph (225 kph). From there, it quickly moved through Georgia, where Gov. Brian Kemp said Saturday that it "looks like a bomb went off" after viewing splintered homes and debris-covered highways from the air.

Weakened, Helene then soaked the Carolinas and Tennessee with torrential rains, sending creeks and rivers over their banks and straining dams. Western North Carolina was isolated because of landslides and flooding that forced the closure of Interstate 40 and other roads. All those closures delayed the start of the East Tennessee State University football game against The Citadel because the Buccaneers' drive to Charleston, South Carolina, took 16 hours. There have been hundreds of water rescues, none more dramatic than in rural Unicoi County in East Tennessee, where dozens of patients and staff were plucked by helicopter from a hospital rooftop Friday. And the rescues continued into the following day in Buncombe County, North Carolina, where part of Asheville was under water. "To say this caught us off guard would be an understatement," said Quentin Miller, the county

sheriff. Asheville resident Mario Moraga said it's "heartbreaking" to see the damage in the Biltmore Village neighborhood and neighbors have been going house to house to check on each other and offer support. There's no cell service here. There's no electricity," he said. While there have been deaths in the county, Emergency Services Director Van Taylor Jones said he wasn't ready to report specifics, partially because downed cell towers hindered efforts to contact next of kin. Relatives put out desperate pleas for help on Facebook. Among those waiting for news was Francine Cavanaugh, whose sister told her she was going to check on guests at a vacation cabin as the storm began hitting Asheville. Cavanaugh, who lives in Atlanta, hasn't been able to reach her since then. The storm, now a post-tropical cyclone, was expected to hover over the Tennessee Valley on Saturday and Sunday.

Incredible mistake: North Korea slams US for providing military aid to Ukraine

Seoul. North Korea, which has been accused of illegally supplying weapons to Russia, said on Sunday that US military aid worth USD 8 billion to Ukraine is "an incredible mistake" and playing with fire against nuclear superpower Russia. US President Joe Biden announced the new aid as Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited Washington to help Kyiv defend itself, including longer-range weapons that will upgrade its ability to strike Russia from safer distances. Kim Yo Jong, the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, said Washington is escalating the Ukraine



conflict and driving all of Europe to the brink of a nuclear war. The United States and the West should not dismiss or underestimate Russia's serious warning," Kim said in a statement published by state news agency KCNA. "Are the United States and the West really able to handle the consequences as they recklessly play with fire against Russia, which is a nuclear superpower?" she said. Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned he could use nuclear weapons if Russia was hit with missiles and would consider any assault against it that is backed by a nuclear power to be a joint attack. Helping Zelenskyy continue a military adventure is a dangerous and irresponsible gamble and announcing the new USD 8 billion in military aid was "an incredible mistake and foolish act," Kim said.

At least 64 dead after Helene's deadly march across the Southeast

PERRY. Movement in the new cycle revealed that massive rains from powerful Hurricane Helene left people stranded, without shelter, and awaiting rescue. The cleanup began after a tempest that killed at least 64 people, caused widespread destruction across the U.S. Southeast, and knocked out power to millions. "I've never seen so many people homeless as I do right now," said Janalea England of Steinhatchee, Florida, a small river town along the state's rural Big Bend, as she turned her commercial fish market into a storm donation site for friends and neighbors who couldn't get insurance on their homes. Helene blew ashore in Florida's Big Bend region as a Category 4 hurricane late Thursday, with winds of 140 mph (225 kph). From there,

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Israel claims to kill another top Hezbollah leader after Hassan Nasrallah

The Israeli military claimed that Hassan Khalil Yassin worked closely with Hezbollah's missile and drone units. He was planning to carry out attacks in Israel in the coming days, the military claimed.

World. Israel has claimed that it eliminated a top intelligence commander of Hezbollah in an airstrike in the southern suburb of Beirut on Saturday. The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said that Hassan Khalil Yassin, headed a unit in Hezbollah's intelligence division that was tasked with locating Israeli military and civilian sites in Israel to be targeted.

The military claimed that Yassin worked closely with Hezbollah missile and drone units and was "personally" involved in



terror plots that were carried out against civilians and soldiers from the beginning of the war and had also planned additional attacks on the Jewish nation in the coming days. The news of his elimination by Israel comes hours after Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah was killed in an Israeli airstrike on Beirut. "Hassan Nasrallah will no longer be able to terrorise the world," the IDF said

while confirming the news of his death in the strikes. Protests broke out in Iran following the news of Nasrallah's death. Protesters carried portraits of the killed Hezbollah leader and also chanted slogans like "Revenge," "Down with Israel," and "Down with the US". Iran has also called for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council amid Hezbollah's dramatically escalating

tensions with Israel. Lebanon declared a three-day mourning period following Nasrallah's death.

Soon after Israel announced Nasrallah's killing, sirens were sounded in several parts of the Jewish nation. A projectile fired by Lebanon crashed into an Israel-occupied West Bank area, but no injuries were reported. Air raid sirens were also sounded on the outskirts of Jerusalem, which the Israeli military said were triggered by "a launch from Lebanon toward Israeli territory". Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described his killing as a "historic turning point", claiming that the country had "settled its account" with a mass murderer responsible for the killings of "countless Israelis" and many American and French citizens. Notably, Israeli strikes in Lebanon killed 33 people and wounded 195 others on Saturday, the Lebanese health ministry said. More than 1,000 people have been killed and more than 6,000 wounded as a result of Israeli attacks in the past two weeks, and about one million Lebanese have been displaced by the strikes.

SpaceX launches rescue mission for two NASA astronauts who are stuck in space until next year

CAPE CANAVERAL. SpaceX launched a rescue mission for the two stuck astronauts at the International Space Station on Saturday, sending up a downsized crew to bring them home but not until next year. The capsule rocketed into orbit to fetch the test pilots whose Boeing spacecraft returned to Earth empty earlier this month because of safety concerns. The switch in rides left it to NASA's Nick Hague and Russia's Alexander Gorbunov to retrieve Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams. Because NASA rotates space station crews approximately every six months, this newly launched flight with two empty seats reserved for Wilmore and Williams won't return until late February.

Officials said there wasn't a way to bring them back earlier on SpaceX without interrupting other scheduled missions. By the time they return, the pair will have logged more than eight months in space. They expected to be gone just a week when they signed up for Boeing's first astronaut flight that launched in June. NASA ultimately decided that Boeing's Starliner was too risky after a cascade of thruster troubles and helium leaks marred its trip to the orbiting complex. The space agency cut two astronauts from this SpaceX launch to make room on the Dragon capsule's return leg for Wilmore and Williams. Wilmore and Williams watched the liftoff via a live link

sent to the space station, prompting a cheer of "Go Dragon!" from Williams, NASA deputy program manager Dina Contella said. Williams has been promoted to commander of the space station, which will soon be back to its normal population of seven. Once Hague and Gorbunov arrive on Sunday, four astronauts living there since March can leave in their own SpaceX capsule. Their homcoming was delayed a month by Starliner's turmoil. Hague noted before the flight that change is the one constant in human spaceflight. "There's always something that is changing. Maybe this time it's been a little more visible to the public," he said. Hague was thrust into the

commander's job for the rescue mission based on his experience and handling of a launch emergency six years ago. The Russian rocket failed shortly after liftoff, and the capsule carrying him and a cosmonaut catapulted off the top to safety. Rookie NASA astronaut Zena Cardman and veteran space flier Stephanie Wilson were pulled from this flight after NASA opted to go with SpaceX to bring the stuck astronauts home. Promised a future space mission, both were at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, taking part in the launch livestream. Gorbunov remained on the flight under an exchange agreement between NASA and the Russian Space Agency.

News box

Pallathuruthy Boat Club lifts Nehru Trophy for 5th consecutive year

ALAPPUZZHA: In a difference of microseconds, Karichal Chundan rowed by Pallathuruthy Boat Club (PCB) became the winner of the 70th edition of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) held at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha on Saturday. Veeyapuram Chundan rowed by Village Boat Club Kainakari became the first runner-up, while Nadubhagom Chundan rowed by Kumarakom Town Boat Club became the second runner-up. Niranam Chundan rowed by Niranam Boat Club was the third runner-up. PCB is winning the NTBR for the fifth consecutive year, while Karichal won 16 victories in the 70-year-long history of the NTBR. Karichal finished the 1,200 m long track in 4.29.785 minutes, while Veeyapuram finished in 4.29.790 minutes. Nadubhagom finished in 4.30.13 minutes and Niranam Chundan finished in 4.30.56 minutes. The PBC lifted the trophy in 2018, 2019, 2022 rowing Payippan Chundan, Nadubhagom Chundan and Mahadevikadu Kattil Thekkethil Chundan respectively. In 2023, they won the title with Veeyapuram Chundan. The captains of the Karichal boat were Alan Moonnuthaikkal and Aiden Moonnuthaikkal from Karichal. A total of 74 boats, including 19 snake boats, participated in the regatta. The boat race scheduled for August 10 was postponed due to the Wayanad landslide tragedy. As the weather was clear the excitement reached fever pitch in and around Punnamada.

Shirur landslide rescue mission becomes India's longest search operation

KOZHIKODE: The rescue mission at Shirur, following a devastating landslide on June 16, has become one of the longest in Indian history. The incident gained national attention on June 19, when it was reported that Arjun, a truck driver from Kozhikode, was feared trapped in the landslide. After intervention at the ministerial level, the rescue operations were ramped up. The landslide prompted a massive response involving the Navy, divers, rescue volunteers, and a dredging unit, all participating in the 72-day mission. While India has faced numerous natural disasters, such as the 2004 Tsunami and the 2013 floods in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, most rescue operations have lasted only a few days. The 2004 Tsunami, which primarily impacted coastal regions, saw rescue efforts completed within 96 hours. The 2013 floods, considered one of the largest rescue operations in India, saw the Indian armed forces evacuate civilians over a two-week period. In contrast, the twin landslides in Wayanad, which claimed hundreds of lives, saw Army-led rescue operations conclude in 10 days, with civilian teams continuing the search for missing persons shortly afterward. At Shirur, efforts focussed on finding Arjun and two brothers from Karnataka, Jagannath Naik and Lokesh Naik, who were also reported missing. The landslide struck early on July 16 near Ankola on the Karwar-Kumta Road (NH 66). By evening, six bodies were recovered from the Gangavali River, with 12 more people reported missing. On July 19, four days after the landslide, news of Arjun's situation surfaced. Kerala Transport Minister K B Ganesh Kumar reached out to Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, leading to intensified search operations.

E-pass for vehicles at Marudhamalai Temple in Coimbatore

COIMBATORE: To manage the flow of vehicles and the parking issues at Marudhamalai Temple, the temple trust has decided to implement an online e-pass booking system for four-wheelers in which they plan to allow 300 vehicles to climb the hill per day. However, this does not imply to those visiting the temple by bike or walk. As a large number of devotees visit the Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy Temple at



Marudhamalai everyday, the number increases every Sunday, Tuesday, Kiruthigai days, and festival days. Due to the lack of parking space in the temple premises, it can only accommodate around 60 cars and 350 bikes at a time. Hence the temple trust denied permission for four-wheelers to access Ghat road on special occasions and the devotees are only allowed to visit the temple either by bus operated by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department (HR & CE) or by walking. Therefore, to streamline this practice, the trust and the department have planned to implement an E-pass system for four-wheelers.

Police find 9-year-old girl, who was believed to be killed after rape

The police continued their probe and circulated Pooja's picture across all railway stations.

BENGALURU: In a dramatic turn of events, a nine-year-old girl, initially believed to be dead after her neighbour falsely confessed to her rape and murder, was found safe and unharmed after a gripping four-day investigation. Pooja (name changed), the daughter of a ragpicker from Goripalya, went missing when her parents entrusted her to Puneeth, a neighbour and another ragpicker, who had always treated her like family. On September 18, the day she went missing, Puneeth told Pooja he would take her to visit his sister in Rajajinagar. Her parents allowed her to go.

However, the next day, Puneeth returned without Pooja. When confronted by her parents, he claimed he had no idea where she was. Her parents filed a missing person's complaint at the JJ Nagar police station.

The police summoned Puneeth, and he told them that he had taken Pooja to Mandya, but got down at Shettihalli. He then falsely confessed to raping and killing her, claiming he had disposed of the body at an onion market in Mandya. But the police remained sceptical as he was intoxicated at the time of questioning, and continued their investigation. The police found out that Pooja with Puneeth had boarded a train to Mysuru from the Kengeri Railway Station. The police then brought him back for questioning and this time, he randomly picked up a piece of cloth from the ground,



claiming he used it to smother Pooja after raping her.

The police, still wary of Puneeth's claims, ramped up their investigation and soon made a crucial breakthrough. They found out that the train he claimed to have taken was an express that did not stop at Shettihalli and had stopped only at Mandya before reaching Mysuru.

The police continued their probe and circulated Pooja's picture across all railway stations. Just when hopes were dimming, the police received a call, saying a girl had been found alone in a train coach in Mysuru on the same day

Pooja had gone missing. The Mysuru Railway Police, who had taken her to a local shelter -- Balamandir, informed the Bengaluru police. When Pooja was finally located, she revealed that Puneeth had treated her kindly during the journey. The police conducted tests on Pooja and confirmed that she was safe and was not raped. After learning that she was born in Bengaluru in 2014, the police checked all hospital records and obtained her birth certificate from a now-closed hospital in Vijayanagar. They enrolled her for an Aadhaar card and are now searching for a school to help her start anew.

27-year-old wanted in 15 burglaries held, Rs 1.2 lakh cash seized

COIMBATORE: A 27-year-old man wanted in a more than 15 burglary cases at Thudiyalur was arrested on Thursday. Rs 1.20 lakh cash and five sovereign gold jewellery were seized from the accused. The suspect has been identified as U Solomon, a native of Elk Hill near Ooty. Police said that Solomon, from Karumathampatti, and Kovilpalayam under Thudiyalur police limit, burgled a house within Peelamedu police limit on Sunday (September 22) and stole Rs 1.20 lakh cash and five sovereign



gold and a car. However, as he approached the 5th hairpin bend of the Pollachi-Valparai Road, he lost control hit a rock, and fractured his right hand. As a result, he left the car and reached Thudiyalur by bus. After noticing the car, Valparai police alerted Peelamedu police and informed the vehicle owner. Police added, "After getting a tip-off that he was living on the road near Thudiyalur bus stand, the police arrived at the spot and arrested him on Thursday and remanded him to Coimbatore Central prison on Friday. In another incident, J Hariharan (19), a resident of Valparai, along with his friends A Balu alias Arumugam (25), a construction worker, and B Anand alias Anandaraj (19), robbed Rs 200 cash from V Vetrivel (18), of Vazhai Thottam in Valparai and a second-year Bcom student at knife point.

Harish Rao advises Telangana CM Revanth Reddy to earn goodwill, not curses on Musi project

HYDERABAD: Advising the Congress government and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to earn the goodwill and blessings of the downtrodden rather than inflict suffering upon them, former minister T Harish Rao on Saturday questioned the rationale behind implementing development projects at the cost of displacing the poor. Speaking at BRS Bhavan along with former minister Sabitha Indra Reddy after interacting with people affected by the recent demolitions carried out by



HYDRRA and the proposed Musi Riverfront Development Project, Harish strongly criticised the survey of the structures built on the riverbed and its catchment areas. "Under K Chandrasekhar Rao's rule, the poor were not subjected to such treatment," Harish said, accusing the Congress government of unplanned decision-making. The former minister also called for an all-party meeting to discuss the issues surrounding the Musi area and proposed that any

action plan should incorporate the views of all political parties. He pointed out that while only a notice was served to Tirupathi Reddy, the brother of the chief minister, the homes of poor residents faced demolition. Harish alleged that the death of Gurrampally Shivayya Buchamma, a resident of Kukatpally, was not suicide but a consequence of the government's actions through HYDRRA. He also took aim at Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, questioning his stance on bulldozer politics, and demanded that the Congress leader first address similar issues in Telangana. Harish Rao assured "victims" of

HYDRRA that they have the full support of the BRS, stating that Telangana Bhavan would always be open to them. He said that a BRS delegation, comprising MLAs, MLCs and senior leaders, would soon visit the Musi river area to meet with those affected. He also accused the government of neglecting public health, referring to recent outbreaks of viral fevers in the state. Harish alleged that the government's lack of preparedness was damaging the reputation of Hyderabad.

Researchers note 31 endemic species in Karnataka

BENGALURU: A team of researchers from the state have collated all information of the amphibians in the state. They have found that the number of species present in Karnataka has increased from 92 species in 2015 to 102 now in the year 2024. Researchers also pointed that these 102, 31 are endemic species. This list includes Nyctibatrachus karnatakaensis (Kudremukh Wrinkled Frog); Raorchestes echinatus (Spiny Bush Frog); Microhyala laterite (Laterite Chorus Frog); Micrixalus kottigeharensis (Kottigehar Torrent Frog); Raorchestes honnametti (Honnametti Bush Frog) are endemic to Karnataka, said the research paper.

"This finding will help the state government agencies and other states take up better planning and protection measures. The environment and forest departments are working on identifying and declaring a state frog, and this research paper, now in public domain, will help," said K S Chetan Nag, from Centre for Urban Ecology, Bio-Diversity, Evolution and Climate Change (CUBEC), Jain (Deemed-to-be-University) and co-author of the research paper. The research paper titled-



Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Western Regional Centre (WRC), Pune and Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru. Researchers in the paper noted that the first amphibian species described from Karnataka was in 1853. Since then, amphibian discoveries in Karnataka has seen a drastic rise. The amphibian checklist for Karnataka was first made in 2013 with 88 species, later in 2015 it accounted for 92 species and now it is 102 species.

"In the present checklist, the species diversity has been categorised based on the state's agro-climatic zones. Our studies suggested that the highest species diversity was encountered in the hilly agro-climatic zones of Karnataka with 89 species, followed by the southern transition zone with 24 species; the least species diversity was encountered in the North Eastern transition zone and North Eastern dry zone with six species diversity. Among the threatened species category four species were categorised as critically endangered, 14 as endangered and five species as vulnerable," the paper stated. Habitat fragmentation is a severe threat to the dispersal of amphibians, and their survival as they require both land and water for their survival and completion of the life cycle. Provisions of water bodies in the vicinity of agricultural landscapes support the viable populations of already available species in these regions. Pond ecosystems and wetlands ecosystems available within these agro-climatic zone need immediate conservation measures for the conservation of amphibians.

Relax meat sale ban on Mahalaya Amavasya, say Poultry traders

The Association noted that the day provided an important business opportunity to small traders and shopkeepers, many of whom rely on such occasions for their livelihoods.

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Poultry Traders' Association has raised concerns over the ban on animal slaughter and meat sale on October 2, which coincides with both 'Mahalaya Amavasya' -- a significant day for Hindus to honour their ancestors during 'Pitru Paksha' and Gandhi Jayanthi. Association president KN Nagaraju said that a representation was given to the Chief Minister's Office, additional chief secretary, urban development department, Bengaluru and BBMP chief commissioner



seeking intervention. He emphasised that the ban will deprive many communities of non-vegetarian offerings, a traditional part of 'Pitru Paksha'. "Since we have been traditionally celebrating this day, we need some relaxation from the ban on meat sale and slaughter of animals," said Nagaraju. Association general secretary N Selvaraj, General Secretary of the association said that if the government and Palike refuse to budge, they will appeal to the community members to hold the rituals in advance on Sunday or on October 1. The Association noted that the day provided an important business opportunity to small traders and shopkeepers, many of whom rely on such occasions for their livelihoods. Therefore, they appealed to the government for leniency in enforcing the ban.

'Coexisting Champion' drive to feed stray dogs

As part of the 'Coexisting Champion' initiative, provision will be made to register animal lovers who regularly feed the animals.

BENGALURU: To address aggression due to hunger among stray dogs, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is set to launch a new initiative called 'Coexisting Champion', announced Suralkar Vikas Kishore, Special Commissioner of the Health, Animal Husbandry and Welfare Department.

The BBMP has identified that in several places in the city, community animals are not receiving adequate meal, with many not even getting one meal a day. Experts noted that this lack of food contributes to aggressive behaviour among stray dogs, which result in an

increase in dog bite incidents. "Recent reports of stray dog bites stresses the



need for immediate to control the situation. Therefore, the BBMP will coordinate with animal keepers, civil servants, hotel

owners, health department staff and other interested parties to ensure that the dogs are properly fed," he added. As part of the 'Coexisting Champion' initiative, provision will be made to register animal lovers who regularly feed the animals. Animal keepers feeding dogs under BBMP will be allowed to register with the animal husbandry department of the corporation and a registration link will be provided on the social media page of the Animal Husbandry Department. The registration of animal keepers under the corporation will start from October 2 and will be open till October 31.

Registration of animal keepers is not mandatory. The corporation took the initiative to carefully plan registrations and create a sustainable database.

Aatmanirbharta should not cost IAF dear

The world has seen the robust Indian Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) capability in the past two decades through the tireless flying done by the IAF's (Indian Air Force) transport aircraft fleet flying great distances in the neighbourhood — and many times to distant lands too. The IL-76 was the workhorse of this effort in the past but now it is the C-17 and C-130 that hog the limelight. Planned for acquisition in the beginning of this century, when one political party was in power in Delhi, the project, however, fructified when another party had taken over the reins of running the government.

Similarly, the Sukhoi 30, inducted in 1997 by the Deve Gowda government on plans made earlier by the PV Narasimha Rao administration, would be the backbone of our nation's deterrence posture for many more decades. The induction schedule of the Rafale fighter jets has followed a comparable timeline. Likewise, the present government would also plan many projects that would strengthen India's hard power in the coming years. There is, thus, a continuity that gets mandated in defence procurements, and since deterrence and war-fighting capability accretion takes decades to build, there must be a continuum too in policy making. As India builds up its hard power through the aatmanirbharta campaign to face its challenging security environment, a recent statement of the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (now the Air Chief designate) made at an air-power seminar gains salience; the Vice Chief had remarked that, "aatmanirbharta is what we are riding on, but this self-reliance cannot be at the cost of the nation's defence." Wise words they are in the current stridency of misplaced nationalism vis-à-vis the self-sufficiency campaign; they need an analysis, lest their import is lost in the cacophony of our robust political atmosphere. The aatmanirbharta campaign is indeed noteworthy in India's desire to attain self-sufficiency in arms to prevent being at the mercy of supplier nations who have a history of arm-twisting to meet their geopolitical plans. Thus, the negative lists of imports and positive lists of items to be bought only from indigenous sources are indeed welcome, but with a rider; these directions cannot be at the cost of hollowing up of the fighting potential of the three services. The media has highlighted innumerable examples of projects slipping up on timelines and costs that reveal the continuing trend by R&D (research and development) and production agencies of promising more than their capability and expertise to bag armament contracts. The Vice Chief's statement is a public acceptance of the prevalence of this malaise. And, if another example is needed, then the present delay in the supply of Tejas Mk1A fighters to a squadron-deficient IAF should drive home the point.

The delay in Tejas Mk1A deliveries has been attributed to the delay in supply of the F-404 engines by the US manufacturer, General Electric (GE). The supply of Apache helicopters to the Army, too, has been delayed by a year. One hopes that this has nothing to do with India's assertion of its relations with Russia in the Ukraine-Russia imbroglio, despite US opposition. The problem is that the follow-on Tejas Mk2 (a conventional design) is also being planned around a higher power F-414 engine from GE who, incidentally, is also setting up a plant with supposedly 80 per cent transfer of technology to make the engine. Next in line for the IAF is the futuristic Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) whose Mk1 version would have the same 98 kN thrust F-414, followed by a Mk2 version with an indigenous engine producing a higher 110 kN of thrust to give true fifth-generation capability to the AMCA. The AMCA prototype is expected in 2028 — pushed from earlier pronouncements of 2024 and then 2026. Logically, and hopefully, the Tejas Mk2 prototype would come before this new AMCA target date.

Rising Islamophobia in Himachal Pradesh worrisome

From architecture and painting to music and religion, the role of Muslims has been crucial to the state's evolution.

As Islamophobic activities rage across Himachal Pradesh, every iota of pretense about the state's 'intrinsic', 'inclusive' character is being shredded into smithereens. With their epicentre at Shimla just a couple of weeks ago, where right-wing outfits protested against an illegal mosque, the matter has far surpassed its original purpose. Similar demands have been voiced at Mandi and Kullu, and Muslim-owned shops have been marked in red and vandalised in Solan and Palampur. With over 25,000 illegal buildings strewn across Himachal, 15,000 of which can be found in Shimla itself, the mass mobilisation against a few minority structures, howsoever 'illegal', is nothing but a political exercise.

While many people have been quick to point out how such a sentiment has "never" been witnessed before in the state, in reality, there have been precedents. In June this year, a Muslim shop owner in Nahani was violently attacked by a Hindutva mob for purportedly sharing a photograph of an animal sacrifice during Eid-al-Adha. During the pandemic, many people belonging to the majority held Muslims responsible for "introducing" the virus to the state. That the minority constitutes barely two per cent of the population hardly deters such opinions. In the ongoing crisis, the most striking claim has been that Himachal's demography is in "acute danger," since the state never had a Muslim population history, let alone cultural contributions, to speak of. In the same vein, the repeatedly invoked "growing number" of Muslims is unambiguously posed as a "threat" to the overall character, despite little evidence to back the claim. Such assertions are not only ignorant of the past but also dangerously deceptive. Because from architecture and painting to music, religion and everyday activities, the role of Muslims has been crucial to the hill state's flourishing for centuries.

The state capital's predominant architectural style of dhajji, widely used across heritage buildings, was introduced by Muslim workers. As Simla, the summer capital of the Raj, was reaching its heyday in the middle of the nineteenth century, Muslim labourers and coolies were brought in from Kashmir and Ladakh to carry out the construction work. Dhajji's timber-framed model with infills of stones, bricks, pine needles and mud was not only earthquake resistant but also pleasing to the eye. As conservation architect Saumya Sharma observes, "It was not difficult to reproduce a European aesthetic



inspired by the Tudor style in Simla because of the presence of craftsmen from Kashmir and Ladakh." Going back even further, the beginnings of Pahari art, unarguably Himachal's greatest cultural gift to the world, are inextricably linked to the social context and styles of Mughal paintings. Nearly three decades ago, the famed Indian novelist and art critic Mulk Raj Anand had remarked that "the dispersal of Mughal-trained artists had started in the late Akbar period in the regions of Nurpur, Chamba and Mandi", where numerous paintings were done by those "working in the popular Mughal style." He said that the treatment of architectural elements such as "turrets, panelled doors, latticed windows, trellis work and wooden pillars, and the intricate design, were not a characteristic of the folk paintings of the hill areas, but were adapted from the Mughal paintings brought home from Delhi by the Rajas." Interfaith expressions can also be gleaned from diverse zones. At the outskirts of Shimla lies the dargah of Hazrat Baba Strotri (also spelled Salautri) at Ghora Chowki, visited by all communities in the hope of curing skin diseases. In different parts of Sirmour district, Goga Maharaj is worshipped as a pir by the Muslims and as a deity by the Hindus. Chamba's famous Sui Mata Temple is located on Shah Madar Hill, the latter named after a Syrian Sufi saint who migrated to India more than six centuries ago. In the same region, the international

Minjar Mela commences with the offering of the holy minjar (silk tassels resembling maize blossoms) by a Muslim family.

Kullu's Jamlu devta belonging to Malana village is annually worshipped via its affinity to the emperor Akbar. In Kangra's Khaniyara village, at the Indru Nag Dev temple, Hindu chants accompany drumbeats and shehnais, traditionally played by Muslim musicians. In the same district, frescoes inside the two-century-old temple of Dada Siba transpose Krishna, Ram and Dwarपाल to the Arabic tale of Laila Majnu. Numerous well-known names have also been attached to the capital's Muslim heritage. Many old timers remember affluent businessmen like Mir Nadir Hoosain, who owned major properties like Elysium Hotel and Belvedere. Hamid Karzai, the former president of Afghanistan, remembers his time spent in Shimla while pursuing higher studies from Himachal Pradesh University in the 70s and 80s. Sitarist

Ustad Vilayat Khan also made Shimla his home in the early decades of Independence. Professor Abdul Majid Khan, an academic, foreign ambassador and the town's most "visible" Gandhian, had left his family in Pakistan to settle in the capital. Residents still recall Professor's habitual "pause" before the Ridge-based statue of Mahatma Gandhi daily, when he bowed to pay his respects, replete in a Gandhi cap and achkan.

But it is the common labourers and migrants, whether Gujjar tribesmen or the coolies and porters, that remain the most abiding symbol of the state's Muslims. The latter's association with Himachal goes back to the times of the Central Asian trade, when many Muslims travelled far and wide exchanging goods and ideas. Today, of course, from Shimla to Chamba, there exist several mohallas named after Kashmiris and Ladakhis, attesting to their assimilation within the social fabric.

As these workers continue carrying backbreaking loads every day to keep the local economies alive, it must be introspected in times such as these, if we, as a majority, are only content to see the "other" in "subservient" roles. And as chants from Hanuman Chalisa and of "Jai Shri Ram" get vindictively appropriated for ousting every imprint of the minority community, we also have to ask ourselves if this is what the devtas of Dev Bhoomi actually stand for.

Unapologetic Gujarat

SC cuts state govt to size in Bilkis Bano case

WHEN Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his Independence Day speech last month that state governments should ensure quick action in cases of atrocities against women, he was obviously alluding to the recent rape-murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata. It is unlikely that the PM had on his mind the Bilkis Bano case, in which a pregnant woman was raped and seven of her family members murdered during the 2002 communal riots that broke out when he was the Gujarat CM. Incidentally, it was on another Independence Day — in 2022, when India was celebrating 75 years of freedom — that the Gujarat Government released the 11 convicts who had been sentenced to life imprisonment in this case. As they walked out of the Godhra sub-jail, they were welcomed with garlands, as if they were heroes and not perpetrators of unpardonable crimes.

The shocking decision to free the convicts was quashed by the Supreme Court in January this year,



but the state government continues to defend the indefensible. Its petition seeking a review of the verdict has now been dismissed by the SC. This proves beyond doubt that the state authorities misled another Bench of the court by suppressing facts to prepare the grounds for remission two years ago. It was the government of Maharashtra, where the trial and sentencing took place, that was empowered to pass the remission order. However, the BJP dispensation in Gujarat brazenly usurped this power, while an obliging Centre put its stamp of approval on the premature release of the lifers.

Left with egg on its face yet again, the Gujarat Government would be well advised to introspect. It must not forget in a hurry the PM's words that 'we need to instil a sense of fear amongst those abusing women'. Conniving with rapists and murderers will only dent the State's credibility and embolden criminals.

War-torn world needs Gandhian balm

Our modernity, despite the grand Enlightenment promises of reason and freedom, has failed

AS I recall Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi or seek to understand his worldview through an interpretative understanding of the texts he is known for — The Story of My Experiments with Truth and Hind Swaraj — I confront a paradox. A careful look at the harsh reality of the world we live in indicates that Gandhi is dead, or his spirit is negated everywhere — from the domain of political economy to the spheres of culture and education. Yet, despite this negation, I feel strongly that we need to have a serious engagement with him in order to save and heal this tormented world. To begin with, as I look at our collective destiny in these hyper-modern/hyper-nationalist times, I feel that we are defining ourselves primarily as reckless consumers seduced by the market-driven ideologies of 'good living' and militant warriors intoxicated by a set of exclusivist identity markers. As we internalise the gospel of ceaseless consumption — a logical consequence of neoliberal market fundamentalism — our needs multiply and our insatiable greed (more cars, more gadgets, more consumption, more electricity, more fossil fuel extraction, more deforestation and hence more carbon emissions) causes severe damage to the environment. Likewise, as we become more and more hyper-nationalist, we further divide and fragment the world. In a way, it becomes exceedingly difficult to free ourselves from the oppressive binaries: Hindu vs Muslim; India vs Pakistan; or for that matter, Israel vs Palestine. Yes, we find ourselves in what many social scientists would characterise as a 'risk society' — a society tormented by war, militarism, terrorism, authoritarianism and above all, a climate emergency. Of course, there is not even the slightest trace of the Gandhian spirit in this world.

Gandhi — possibly, like Henry David Thoreau — urged us to reduce our artificial needs, value

spiritually awakened simplicity and live in harmony with the ecosystem. Gandhi urged us to discover the source of inner strength, courage, commitment to truth and justice and the art of resistance against an unjust system (say, colonialism or the caste system) in ahimsa, aparigraha and sarvodaya. Possibly, in Gandhi's mental landscape, there was a creative blend of the Bhagavadgita's notion of karmayoga and the redemptive power of the love Jesus articulated in his Sermon on the Mount. Moreover, it is not difficult to find the traces of philosophic anarchy and romanticism in Gandhi's ways of critiquing the entire edifice of industrial capitalism. Yes, his sharp comments on 'doctors and lawyers' in Hind Swaraj or his romance with a fairly decentralised village swaraj indicates that he differed significantly from the standardised notion of modernity prevalent in his times, be it bourgeois industrial capitalism or Marxian socialism. Likewise, as he articulated sharply in his Autobiography, John Ruskin had a profound impact on the way he celebrated the dignity of labour and interrogated the oppressive binary: mental vs manual. In Gandhi's worldview, farmers, weavers and carpenters play no less an important role than doctors and lawyers. It was, therefore, not surprising that the doctrine of Nai Talim or basic education he pleaded for attached so much importance to the kind of pedagogic practice that uses one's hands and legs, unites the brain and the heart, and combines theory and practice. Don't forget that Gandhi himself experimented with it as a 'teacher' while engaging with the children or young learners who were staying with him at the Tolstoy Farm in South Africa during 1910-13.

Hence, a question I often ask myself is whether it is possible to rediscover Gandhi in these turbulent

times, critically and creatively experiment with his ideas, and evolve a philosophy of praxis for creating a just and humane world. Well, we should not forget that Gandhi's critics were many. We know the way the likes of Rajani Palme Dutt used their Marxian doctrine of historical materialism and critiqued



Gandhi's romantic longing for 'village swaraj' or some sort of 'nonviolent socialism' as Ram Rajya. Likewise, Dr BR Ambedkar was never comfortable with Gandhi's approach to the caste question. And of course, as the politics behind his assassination revealed, the brigade of militant Hindu nationalists loathed Gandhi — and his doctrine of ahimsa and religious pluralism. These critiques notwithstanding, the fact is that it is difficult to escape Gandhi. The reason is that our modernity, despite the grand

Enlightenment promises of reason and freedom, has failed. We live amid all-pervading violence — the violence of techno-science and its instrumental rationality leading to a massive environmental disaster; the violence of new devices of surveillance through which the modern state seeks to establish its absolute control over its citizens and devalues the fundamental principles of democracy; the violence of religious fundamentalism and the simultaneous growth of diverse forms of terrorism; and above all, the routinisation and normalisation of war — one war leading to another! Yet, those who refuse to be paralysed by the pessimism this dystopian world creates and believe that it is still possible to save this world are likely to plead for a paradigm shift — from the aggression of power to the civility of dialogue; from possessiveness to distributive justice; from religion as an instrument of hyper-nationalism to what late Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh characterised as the religiosity of loving kindness and compassionate listening; from revenge and violence to what political philosopher Martha Nussbaum regarded as peace, reconciliation and forgiveness; and from one-sided emphasis on economic prosperity to the cultivation of soul force. And if we want to undertake this transformative journey, there is no way we can avoid a rigorous engagement with Gandhi and his quest for an ecologically sustainable, peaceful and egalitarian world that emphasises people's soul force rather than the brute power of a heavily centralised, authoritarian state. Gandhi was not perfect; yet, he seems irresistible.



Face cream

ingredient may help slow down ageing

Using complex genetic data analysis and testing, scientists have shown for the first time that allantoin, which is found in botanical extracts of the comfrey plant and is an ingredient of many anti-ageing creams, can mimic the effect of calorie restriction and increase lifespan in worms by more

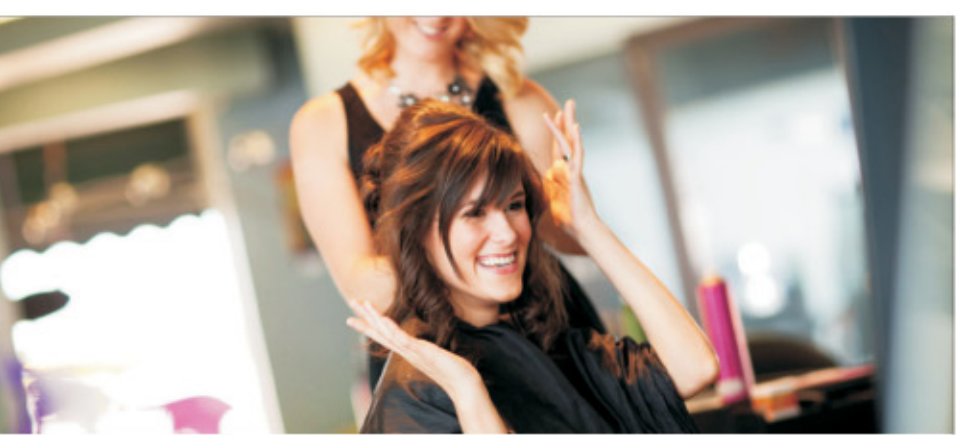
than 20 percent. Calorie restriction -- a reduction in calorie intake without malnutrition, has been found to slow down the ageing process in several animal models from worms to mammals, and developing drugs that can reproduce this effect, without the side effects, could have widespread human applications. "Calorie restriction has been shown to have health benefits in humans and, while more work is necessary, our findings could potentially result in human therapies for age-related diseases," said study lead author Joao Pedro de Magalhaes from University of Liverpool in Britain. To identify potential calorie restriction mimetic compounds, the team made use of existing molecular signatures from human cells and

A commonly used skin care ingredient is one of several newly identified compounds that can mimic the life-extending effect of a starvation diet, a new study has found.

treated with a variety of small-molecule drugs. The researchers found that worms treated with allantoin, rapamycin, trichostatin A and LY-294002 not only lived longer, but also stayed healthier. Molecular analysis of allantoin suggests it acts by a different mechanism from rapamycin, a well-known longevity drug. "Testing anti-ageing interventions in humans is not practical, so developing computational methods to predict longevity drugs is of great use," Shaun Calvert from University of Liverpool noted.



Say hello to bouncy hair with these tips



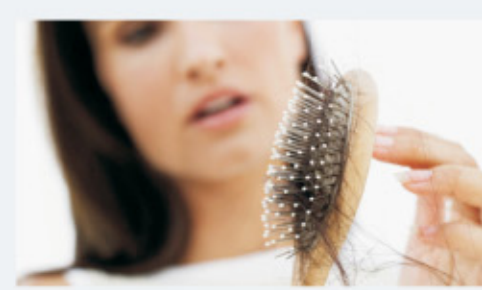
Want big bouncy hair? Follow these tips for volume that stays...
A layered haircut gives a more voluminous look
 When your hair is cut in layers, it does not take a lot of weight on the strands on top and that is the reason they do not look flat and weighed down. And this kind of a haircut also helps to retain the shape given to thick hair at

the time of cutting, for a much longer time.
Stay clean and clear
 Product residue can weigh down your hair and make it look limp. Make sure that you are thorough with your cleansing.
Mix and match hair products
 After a wash, use a leave-in conditioner, then apply a serum. If you are blow-drying, then spritzing on a heat-protect serum makes

sense. If you want to boost roots then spray some thickening product with the ends coated with a little shine serum.
Sleep your way to voluminous hair
 This is the easiest way to have big hair — shampoo and condition your hair. Let dry naturally. Before you hit the sack, twist the entire length of your hair and then roll it up into a bun. If your hair is too short for one bun, make sections of it and tie them up in soft scrunchies. You could make little braids too. The morning will see you with stunning, wavy hair.
Blow-dry the right way
 Blow-dry your hair upside down with the dryer directed at the roots. After most of it is dry, flip your head upright. Now, pick up sections with a paddle brush and dry again. You could also use a root-boosting product.
Curls can add volume
 Whether you have thin or thick hair, curls and waves can get you that instant volume you want.

Home remedies for hair fall in winter season

Using curd and lemon, or getting a hot oil massage during winter months, can prevent hair fall and dandruff, says an expert. Rahul Agarwal, CEO, Organic Harvest, has shared home remedies:
- Curd and lemon: This combination helps you to reduce hair fall and acts as a natural conditioner during the winter season. It cures dryness of the scalp and reduces dandruff. Squeeze a few drops of lemon in curd and apply on your hair as a mask. Let it dry and then rinse.
- Hot oil massage: To regain strength and shine of your hair, massage your scalp with hot oil. It nourishes the hair skin and helps your scalp against winter winds.



- Oil and camphor: To keep your head and hair cool, mix small amount of camphor and oil and apply it on your scalp. It reduces dandruff and the itchiness on the scalp.
- Steam: This helps you regain the moisture

content and strengthens your hair. It opens the follicles of hair so that they can absorb more nutrients. Above all, steam helps in healthy hair growth, reduces hair fall and makes them shine.
- Neem and coconut oil: It acts as anti-fungal oil against the fungus that affects scalp, which makes it red and extremely itchy. Neem and coconut oil together becomes an antiseptic against dandruff and scalp irritation.
- Neem paste and curd: A mix of neem leaf paste with curd, when applied on the scalp reduces hair fall, prevents the greying and boosts up hair growth.

Go from drab to fab in just a few minutes

With the party season in full swing, you need to make sure that you are equipped to change from a work-dreary daytime look to a festive-cheery party look in a jiffy, despite that demanding job and a host of household chores.

Since you are getting dolled up within the office itself, the look should be one that uses only enough products that can fit into your tiny makeup pouch. One of the tips to keep in mind is not to experiment with makeup when you are in a hurry, rather stick to the tried and tested techniques. This step-by-step guide can help you transform in a matter of minutes.
Wash off the day's grime with a scrub
 Begin on a clean canvas. After working the whole day, your face needs a good wash, so use a gentle face scrub to clean it up and remove all remnants of makeup.
 Use a light-reflecting moisturiser and

under your eye with the base of your triangle, parallel to your lower eyelid. Then blend it gently with a brush or fingers.
Define your eyes
 Use a black kohl or an eyeliner in some cool colour to line your upper lashes. Or try your favourite tried-and-tested (avoid experimenting with eyeliner if you are in a hurry) cat-eye look with a black gel liner. Then use an eyelash curler and once curled, apply a few coats of mascara to open up your eyes. Let dry between coats to avoid clumpy lashes.
Sculpt your face



primer
 A generous application of a light-reflecting moisturiser will soften your skin. Priming your face is the next important step before you apply a foundation.
Choose a good base
 Apply a light foundation with your brush if your skin is blemish-free. If not, then choose one that gives good coverage. Brushes are quick and give an even finish much faster than when you apply by hand.
 Cover up with concealer
 Use a mineral concealer with light reflecting properties to disguise under-eye dark circles. Apply this in a triangular patch

Use a bronzer and blush in tandem to cut and shape your face. This also helps to slim down your face and gives the cheeks some definition.
Embrace bold lips
 Dark red lips spell party like nothing else can. Outline with a lip pencil first and then fill in colour with a lip brush. This is extremely important if you are applying dark colours. If not properly lined, it could ruin your look.
Opt for a quick blow-dried look
 Brush and spritz some spray to plump up your hair. Use a paddle brush to lift your hair and backcomb a few sections to get extra volume.



West Bengal Doctors To Decide On Resuming 'Cease Work' After SC Hearing Of RG Kar Case

The decision of medics was taken after three doctors and three nurses were assaulted following the death of a patient at the College of Medicine and Sagore Dutta Hospital near Kolkata on Friday night.

NEW DELHI. Junior doctors in West Bengal said on Saturday that they would take a decision pertaining to resuming total 'cease work' in medical colleges after observing the state government's submission on their safety and security at workplaces during the hearing of the RG Kar rape and murder case in the Supreme Court on September 30.

The decision of medics was taken after three doctors and three nurses were assaulted following the death of a patient at the College of Medicine and Sagore Dutta Hospital near Kolkata on Friday night. The doctors alleged that the attacks at the state-run hospital show that the state government has "totally failed" to deliver promises to provide them security. Following the attacks, one of the junior doctors said that the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC government in the state totally failed in providing us safety and security.

The state government has totally failed in providing us safety and security, and that is the reason the attack took place in Sagore Dutta Hospital. We are giving the state some time and want to hear their submission



regarding our security during the Supreme Court hearing on Monday, and then from 5 PM, we will start total 'cease work' at all hospitals across Bengal," the junior doctor said, as quoted by PTI. "It seems that our meetings with the chief minister and the chief secretary were not taken seriously.

How can patients' family members threaten one of our female colleagues to repeat what has happened at the RG Kar hospital. We do not feel secure in the hospitals; we lost all hope in the state government," he said. The decisions were announced following a junior doctors' general body meeting held after the assaults on medics at the Sagore Dutta Hospital. Soon after Friday's incident, junior doctors at the Sagore Dutta Hospital started "total cease work" there. On Sunday, junior doctors decided to organize a rally across the state, protesting the Sagore Dutta Hospital incident. "Where gone the assurances on our safety and security. We will go for a bigger demonstration," Aniket Mahato, a doctor who was also present there, said, as quoted by PTI. Depending on the submission on the part of the Bengal government in the Supreme Court hearing on Monday, junior doctors might contemplate whether to go for "total cease work or not", Mahato said.

Air quality panel under SC fire over Delhi pollution

SC bench says no punitive action has been taken against those who burn crop stubble

NEW DELHI: Slamming the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) over its failure to curb air pollution due to crop residue burning, the Supreme Court on Friday observed that the air quality panel needed to be more active in its approach in dealing with the issue. A two-judge bench of Justices Abha S Oka and Augustine George Masih expressed its dissatisfaction with the CAQM's report on the stubble burning issue and sought a better compliance report. It fixed the matter for further hearing on October 3. Underscoring that the Commission should do its best to ensure that stubble-burning alternative equipment is used at the grassroots level, the top court asked for effective steps taken in this regard.



"There has been total non-compliance of the Act. Please show us a single direction issued to any stakeholder under the Act," Justice Oka said, questioning whether any substantive steps had been taken to address the problem.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Ashwarya Bhati, senior law officer representing the Central govt, emphasised that effective steps such as issuing advisories and guidelines to manage the crisis have been taken in this regard. The apex court, however, was unimpressed. "It is all in the air, nothing they have shown regarding what has been done in the National Capital Region (NCR) states," Justice Oka observed. "Not a single committee has been formed to tackle the stubble burning issue. Every year, we witness stubble burning, indicating total non-compliance with the CAQM Act. Have any committees been constituted? Show us one step taken. What directions have you utilised under the Act? You are merely silent spectators," the bench said.

Amicus curiae Aparajita Singh pointed out that the CAQM was not doing enough to tackle the issue. "What effective action are they taking? ... If it is still continuing year after year, then these are not answers," Singh told the bench.

Delhi Police constable crushed to death by liquor supplier's car

NEW DELHI. A Delhi Police constable was crushed to death on Sunday by a liquor supplier's car in the city's Nangloi area. The police have recovered the car but the driver is currently on the run. According to police sources, constable Sandip stationed at Nangloi police station received information that a liquor supplier's car was approaching. He saw that a WagonR was being driven recklessly, and pointed out to the driver not to drive harshly. Suddenly, the vehicle that was overtaking sped up and hit Constable Sandeep from behind, dragging him for about 10 metres before eventually hitting another parked car.



Sandeep was immediately taken to Sonia Hospital and later shifted to Balaji Hospital in Paschim Vihar. He was declared dead. As per CCTV footage, Sandeep took a left turn in a gali and indicated the Wagon R to slow down. On this, the car suddenly accelerated and hit the bike and dragged the deceased with bike. Constable Sandeep got head injuries leading to death. A case under 103 BNS is registered and an investigation is taken up. 2 persons who are absconding from the vehicle are being searched. Sandeep was 30 years old and is survived by mother, wife and 5-year-old son. Delhi Police is saddened by the departure of a family member in such a tragic circumstance.

Student allegedly jumps off 5th floor of Delhi building, no suicide note found

NEW DELHI. A 19-year-old dental student died after falling from the fifth floor of a building in a residential complex in south Delhi's Sangam Vihar area on Saturday, police said on Saturday. The incident took place this afternoon when the girl, who lives in a different building in the residential complex, went to the fifth floor of the building and allegedly jumped from there, they said. No suicide note was recovered from her but a CCTV footage was found in which she



was seen standing on the fifth floor of the six storey building alone, a police officer said.

The girl's family lived in the same building where the incident happened but about six months ago they shifted to another house in the same locality, the officer said. Today, she came alone to her vacant old house and fell off the balcony, the officer said. Bablu Verma, a resident of the same building, said that her family had shifted to another house but nobody knows why she came here in the afternoon. The girl, a first-year BDS student, was taken to the Batra Hospital and later shifted to Majeedia Hospital where she succumbed during the treatment, the police said.

The crime team has inspected the spot and the body has been shifted to AIIMS Hospital for a post-mortem examination. Further investigation is underway, they said.

Delhi Mayor directs MCD commissioner to submit report on road condition in two days

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi has asked the MCD commissioner to provide a detailed report on the condition and upkeep of roads managed by the civic body within two days, an official said on Saturday.

It comes a day after AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal asked Chief Minister Atishi to prioritise road repair work. The Mayor highlighted concerns over the significant disrepair of many MCD roads in residential areas, indicating a pressing need for improvements as the election approaches.

In a written communication addressed to the MCD Commissioner, Oberoi stated, "It has come to my notice that most MCD roads in colonies all over Delhi are in serious disrepair. Not only is this making travel difficult for all the residents of Delhi but it has



also put residents at increased risk of accidents due to potholes. Besides, broken roads also lead to increased suspension of road dust, which is a major contributor to air pollution in Delhi." "It is unacceptable that such a routine matter of maintenance and construction of MCD roads in the

national capital isn't being carried out in a timely manner. Any further delay in carrying out these works will adversely affect pollution levels in Delhi," she wrote further. Oberoi also demanded a detailed report on the budget allocations for road projects in FY 2024-25, current spending, and explanations for any unspent funds.

"The MCD has kept a budgetary provision of Rs 1,000 crore fund for road maintenance and another Rs 500 crore under the mayor's discretionary funds, to be utilized for the revamp of MCD roads in the current financial year 2024-25. The Commissioner (MCD) is directed to share the status of maintenance and construction of MCD roads within two working days i.e. latest by 5 pm on Monday, 30th September," her directions read.

After firing at car showroom for extortion, gangsters target hotel, sweets shop in Delhi

NEW DELHI: Hours after firing at a second-hand luxury car showroom in the national capital, two more such incidents have been reported, police said on Saturday. While some unidentified shooters targeted a hotel at south Delhi's Mahipalpur area early Saturday, some assailants opened fire at a sweets shop in Sultanpur Mor in Nangloi later. No one was injured in the three firing incidents but it raises several questions on the law and order situation in the national capital.

In the past few months, the cases of extortion calls and shooting on the direction of foreign based gangsters continue to trouble Delhi's businessmen,



police sources said. According to a police officer, around 9.30 am on Saturday, two men with their faces covered came on a bike and opened three to four rounds of fire at 'Roshan Halwai'. No one was injured in the incident but there were

some shattered glasses in the shop. Police suspect the shooting was related to protection money of some gangsters. After the firing at the sweets shop, a note with "Deepak Boxer Bhai, Ankesh Lakra Bhai and Vishal Bhai" -- the names of gangsters -- written on it, police said. CCTV footage has been collected and a probe was underway, they said. Around 2.30 am, two men came on a motorcycle and fired around five to six bullets at the main entrance gate of Impress Hotel in south Delhi. Similar to the Mahipalpur incident, no one was injured in the incident but some glasses were damaged, police said. Hotel staff and some guests were present in their rooms when the

incident took place. Police has initiated a probe into the case. The hotel's receptionist, Khalida told PTI Video that she was not present during the firing as her shift started in the morning. She added, "They did not target anyone but they opened fire at the gate. Five to six rounds were fired they and fled," Khalida said.

On Friday night, three men opened fire at a second hand luxury car show room in Naraina in West Delhi. In this case also, no one was injured but the attackers targeted the cars in the showroom. Sources said it was an extortion bid by the Himanshu Bhau gang and a slip reading "Himanshu bhau since 2020" was recovered from the spot.

Chandrayaan-3 May Have Landed On Moon's Oldest Craters, Says Researchers

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New Delhi: India's lunar mission Chandrayaan-3 possibly landed in one of the oldest craters of the Moon, according to scientists who analysed images from the mission and satellites.

The crater was formed during the Nectarian period, which dates back to 3.85 billion years and is one of the oldest time periods in the Moon's history, the team, including researchers from the Physical Research Laboratory and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Ahmedabad, said. S Vijayan, an associate professor in the Planetary Sciences Division, Physical Research Laboratory, told PTI, "Chandrayaan-3 landing site is a unique geological setting where no other missions have gone. The images from the mission's Pragyan rover are the first on-site ones of the Moon at this latitude. They reveal how the Moon evolved over time".

A crater is formed when an asteroid crashes into the surface of a larger body like a planet or a Moon, and the displaced material is called 'ejecta'. Revealing how the Moon evolved over time, the images showed that



one-half of the crater was buried under material thrown out or 'ejecta' from the South Pole-Aitken basin -- the largest and most known impact basin on the Moon, the researchers said.

An impact basin is a large, complex crater with a diameter of over 300 km, while a crater measures under 300 km in diameter. Forming of ejecta is "similar to when you throw a ball on the sand and some of it gets displaced or thrown outwards into a small pile," explained Vijayan, who is the corresponding author on the study that appeared in the journal

Icarus. "When an impact basin is forming, surface material will be thrown out. If the diameter of the impact basin is larger, sub-surface materials from greater depths will be excavated," Vijayan said. In this case, Chandrayaan-3 was found to have landed within a crater -- about 160 km in diameter -- and detected in the images as a nearly semi-circular structure.

The researchers said this likely indicated one half of the crater, the other half of which was 'degraded' by getting buried under ejecta from the South Pole-Aitken basin. "Further, near the landing site, ejecta or material 'thrown out' from another impact crater further away was observed -- images captured by the Pragyan rover revealed that material of the same nature was present at the landing site," Vijayan said.

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5-minute quick Hair Fixes

Start by creating a high ponytail and place a hair doughnut at the base of the ponytail to give the bun a nice shape, recommends the hair genius. Cover the bun with your hair and secure it with a hair band leaving the hair hanging around the bun. Divide the extra hair in two sections and braid each one of them. Finish by carefully wrapping the braids around the bun and secure with bobby pins.

Ponytail: Using a paddle brush, tease the ponytail to add volume. Braid the teased hair into a regular braid and pull it to the side to create that nice messy-chic texture.

The Loose Bun and Headpiece: This is the perfect style to showcase a beautiful headpiece, says Asgar. The style is simple and understated, and can easily be done in less than five minutes. To create this look, pull your hair into a low loose ponytail and secure it with an elastic band. Carefully twist the ponytail and wrap it around the base. Finish by securing it with bobby pins.

The Bubble Ponytail: Fun, quick and chic this hairdo is ideal for a post-beach makeover, says Asgar. Apply a smoothening balm to your tresses and gather your hair in a high ponytail. Tease the ponytail to get a nice volume and add a texturising spray. Take clear elastic bands and place them along the ponytail in equidistant intervals. Finish with a light-hold hair spray to keep it in place.

The Messy Side Braid: This bohemian-chic hairdo is ideal for a summer bonfire party and the perfect accessory for a long flowy dress. French braid the back strands of your hair from back to side and create a side

The Front Side Braid: A playful feminine hairdo, the front side braid is perfect for a summer evening out. Start by applying sea salt spray to get lovely tousled waves. Part your hair to the side and French braid the front section of your hair and pin it at the side, leaving the rest of your tresses loose. Use bobby pins to hold it in place.



How to get a natural Blush

Apply beetroot: Crush or mash a beetroot and extract its juice. Apply some of it regularly, preferably in the morning. Beetroot is extremely rich in iron and hence, you may also drink a glass of juice everyday to get a natural blush on your cheeks. **Gramflour face pack:** Make a face pack by mixing one tablespoon of gram flour, one tablespoon of curd, one tablespoon of cream and a pinch of turmeric powder. Apply this pack on your face and leave it to dry. This pack is especially beneficial in removing a tan and making the cheeks glow. **Rose petal face mask:** Crush some rose petals and grind some almonds in a blender. Add some teaspoons of mint juice and honey to it. Apply this liberally for at least a week to get best results. Your face will look pink and healthy. **Cider Vinegar:** Vinegar is a detoxifying agent.

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Beauty benefits of Curd

Known to cure any kind of skin or hair-related problems, curd has a number of beauty benefits. The wonders of curd are not just restricted to soothing your system and help digest food. Curd also works are a marvelous beauty recipe and is used by many women to treat various skin and hair problems at home.



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These moves will keep you looking vibrant

From lifting eyebrows to slimming down the double chin can make you look beautiful and 10 years younger to your real age. Experts of different cosmetic brand share tips to look younger all the time, reports huggingtonpost.com.

Lift your brows: High, full brows look youthful and help define all your features. Use a brow powder or pencil a shade lighter than your hair color to fill in sparse areas, then sweep a fine line right above the top of the arch.

Camouflage Crow's feet: Nix heavy cover-up, which makes lines more obvious. Instead, brighten the area with concealer under the outer third of your lower lashes and a creamy highlighter just below any lines.

Reduce Parentheses: To diminish the lines that run from your nose to your mouth, apply concealer one shade lighter than your skin over the shadow below the fold only, not over the entire crease. This pro trick reduces the appearance of a defined edge.

Pep up your pout: The sides of the mouth tend to droop with age. To lessen the effect, brush highlighter on the corners and concealer just below the outer edges of your lower lip to minimize shadows.

Slim double chin: Apply a light layer of foundation or matte bronzer two shades darker than your skin under your chin, shading over any jowl.

Restless in Seattle: How concerned are airlines in India over the Boeing workers' strike

NEW DELHI. Talks between American aerospace major Boeing and the Union representing around 33,000 of its striking workers collapsed Friday with no further negotiations scheduled for the time being.

This has left Boeing's customer airlines globally — among them India's Akasa Air and Air India Express — disconcerted and anxious. However, they might not be pressing the panic button just yet.

The strike over wage revision, which has now entered its third week without a resolution in sight, has brought to a grinding halt the production of Boeing's best-selling 737 narrow-body aircraft, which currently have nearly 5,000 outstanding orders. Boeing's aircraft delivery schedules, which were already delayed due to other problems, could be hit further in the event of a protracted strike. So, how worried are Akasa Air and Air India Express, which have 300-plus Boeing 737 MAX aircraft on order between them?

According to sources in the two airlines and industry watchers, the strike is unlikely to impact the carriers' planned operations in the immediate-to-near term as they are assured of aircraft deliveries till the end of this year, and their network and capacity expansion plans in the short term are already tuned to that schedule. The key concern is the impact that a potentially long-drawn-out strike could have on aircraft deliveries over the subsequent months and even the next couple of years. But any clarity on that front is contingent upon the resolution of the strike. Additional delays could directly hinder the airlines' capacity and network expansion plans over the medium term, sources indicated. Then there could be additional headaches like inability to acquire and hold additional slots at airports due to slow capacity addition, being forced to extend leases on older and less efficient aircraft (in Air India Express's case) that were to be replaced by the new jets, and difficulty in retaining pilots who are on the bench and not released for flying due to aircraft delivery delays—more relevant for Akasa Air.

The airlines are in regular touch with Boeing but with no real progress in negotiations with the workers' union, the aircraft manufacturer has not given the carriers any guidance on the agitation's likely impact on delivery timelines, it is learnt. "We know our business challenges cause disruption for our customers and we deeply regret the impact on them. We continue to provide technical support and stay in close contact with our customers during this time," Boeing said in response to The Indian Express's queries. Air India Express and Akasa Air did not respond to requests for comments.

Govt eases export curbs for non-basmati white rice

New Delhi. A day after removing the export duty, the Centre on Saturday revised the export policy for non-basmati white rice from "prohibited" to "free," but imposed a minimum export price (MEP) of \$490 per tonne. A notification to this effect was issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

"The export policy of Non-Basmati White rice (semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed: Other) under HS code 10063090 is amended from 'prohibited' to 'free' subject to MEP of \$490/tonne with immediate effect and until further orders," states the DGFT order. The DGFT order came a day after the Centre removed the export duty on non-basmati white rice. According to the notification, which came into effect immediately, the export duty on "semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (other than parboiled rice and basmati rice)" has been reduced to "nil" from the current rate of 20 per cent. The Finance Ministry also reduced the export duty on three categories of non-basmati rice. The export duty on rice in the husk (paddy or rough), husked (brown) rice, and parboiled rice has been cut from 20 per cent to 10 per cent, according to the notification.

India had banned the export of non-basmati white rice in July of last year to boost domestic supply. While the Centre had banned shipments of non-basmati white rice, it had allowed exports through the newly formed National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL). In the financial year 2023-24, India exported 23.59 lakh tonnes of non-basmati white rice, with the largest quantities shipped to Kenya, Mozambique, and Cameroon.

NTPC Green Energy, Hyundai, Swiggy IPO: Companies Rush to Primary Market to Raise Rs 60,000 Crore in October-November

New Delhi. IPO-bound NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL) has entered into a JV agreement with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology for green projects. The company's initial public offering has been keenly awaited by investors. The NTPC Green Energy IPO, which is expected to raise Rs 10,000 crore, is likely to be opened in the first week of November. The price band and official dates of the IPO are yet to be announced. Here's everything you need to know about the NTPC Green Energy IPO

NTPC Green Energy IPO: What Analysts Say
ICICI Securities has given a 'buy' rating to the shares of NTPC. It said NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of NTPC, is looking to debut on exchanges as the company files its DRHP.

"We analyse NGEL's business, look at its valuation metrics and evaluate key concerns. The company has an operational capacity of 3.2GW, 12GW of contracted under-construction renewable energy (RE) projects and future development pipeline at 11GW. NGEL is not only looking to set up utility-scale RE projects, but also tie up with corporates and PSUs for their captive RE requirements. We expect the return ratios for captive to be higher than utility-scale projects," ICICI Securities said in a note. NTPC targets 60 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy (RE) capacity by FY32.

"We estimate revenue of Rs 117 billion (Rs 11,700 crore), EBITDA of Rs 95-100 billion (Rs 9,500-10,000 crore) for its portfolio. EV to EBITDA remains the best valuation metric to analyse NGEL's RE portfolio. Retain BUY and TP of Rs 495 on NTPC," ICICI Securities stated.

Swiggy public issue: Plans to expand dark stores, invest in technology, cloud infrastructure

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NEW DELHI. Food delivery platform Swiggy, which will raise Rs 3,750 crore via a fresh issue of shares, plans to use over Rs 559 crore of the net proceeds out of Rs 982 crore towards investing in its material subsidiary, Scootsy. Scootsy will in turn be utilised for opening about 538 dark stores. A strong network of dark stores (which is a retail distribution centre for online orders) is



essential for quick commerce players.

It proposes to open dark stores in cities where its existing dark stores operate: Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, New Delhi and Kolkata. As per the Draft Red Herring Prospectus

(DRHP), the SoftBank-backed firm plans to set up 538 dark stores from fiscal 2025-2028 and the aggregate capital expenditure for setting up these stores will be Rs 559.1 crore.

As the quick commerce business is

becoming more competitive, recently its rival Zomato-owned Blinkit announced plans to set up 2,000 dark stores by the end of 2026. As of June 30, 2024, Swiggy has 581 open dark stores as part of its quick commerce business segment which are held by Scootsy on a leasehold basis.

Swiggy is planning to invest Rs 586.2 crore in technology and cloud infra. Currently, it has built technology infra on top of services provided by third-party technology and cloud infra vendors.

"We aim to innovate, iterate and improve our technology stack to enhance platform experience, offerings for users as well as our restaurant partners, merchant partners and brand partners, and improve operational efficiency," Swiggy entered an arrangement with Amazon Web Services India effective till February 28, 2026, for availing services like cloud storage and support services, database, computation and analytics services, site recovery and firewall services.

Gold rises 29% so far this year, may soar to Rs 8,000/g by December

MUMBAI. Bullion price continued to sizzle for the third day on the back of global rally that began since the Ukraine war and has gained an unprecedented speed since the US Federal Reserve cut the interest by 50 bps—first time in four years.

Every analyst is expecting the rally to continue for some more time ranging from \$2,800-3,000/ounce or Rs 7,550-8,000 per gram by December. The yellow metal has already gained 29% this year after a 20% rally in the previous year. Gold continued to gain on Friday, adding Rs 35/g which took the retail price to Rs 7,575/g for pure gold. Similarly, silver also shot up by Rs 1,705/kg to Rs 92,522, according to the closing price details on the Indian Bullion & Jewellers Association website. Since the rate cut hope gained traction, gold has been performing well in the global markets, already reaching the year-end target of \$2,700/ounce. After crossing the sensitive price



barrier, the metal is trading today at \$2,691/ounce. In a note on Friday, a day after the metal crossed the \$2,700/ounce mark on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, global agency Fitch Solutions said they are expecting the price to jump to \$2,800/ounce by the end of the year. "We are revising up our 2024 gold price forecast from \$2,250/oz to \$2,375/oz, expecting gold prices to trade within the range of \$2,500-2,800/oz in the coming months," Fitch Solutions said. This marks a departure from the \$1,943/oz

average seen in 2023. We are now neutral to bullish towards gold for Q4, 2024- Q1, 2025 as prices receive support from the US Fed's rate cuts and high levels of geopolitical tension. That said, we note some downside risks to gold, especially if Trump wins the forthcoming US elections, which would support the US dollar and pressure gold. "In the longer term, we expect gold prices to remain elevated in the coming years compared to pre-Covid levels," the note concluded. According to Ica Ratings, gold prices are buoyed by the evolving global economic and geopolitical environment, including ongoing tensions in West Asia, rising investment demand for gold amid expectations of more interest rate cuts, and the massive central bank purchases led by China and India. All this had the average domestic price surging 14% in FY24 and another 29% so far this year.

Anna Sebastian's death: why is Narayana Murthy silent

New Delhi. The tragic death of Ernst & Young (EY) employee, Anna Sebastian Perayil, from overwork and stress has not gone in vain. It has forced the cavalier managers of the accounting firm to issue guarded regrets. It has triggered a national debate on the toxic work culture and the slave driving that happens behind the hallowed portals of these service organisations; and the government has ordered a "thorough investigation into the allegation of unsafe and exploitative work environment" at EY.

In this swirling debate, an important person whose silence is deafening is Infosys co-founder N R Narayana Murthy. He took the country by storm in September last year when he called on young people to work a 70-hour week to boost productivity and improve the economy. He was backed by Ola's Bhavesh Aggarwal and Vinod Khosla, co-founder of IT major, Sun Microsystems. The latter described Murthy's critics as those who needed mental health therapy. Narayana Murthy's call for a 70-hour-week got

so much traction that MPs in Parliament wanted to know if there was a government proposal to switch to these new work hours. Given his strident stand, shouldn't Mr Narayana Murthy have some comment to make on the death of Anna Sebastian Perayil? Why are Vinod Khosla and Bhavesh Aggarwal silent too? After all wasn't it overwork that did her in? Anita Augustine, the distraught mother of Anna, points this out in her letter to E&Y chairman Rajiv Memani:

"Anna confided in us about the overwhelming workload, especially the additional tasks assigned verbally beyond the official work. I would tell her not to take on such tasks, but the managers were relentless. She worked late into the night, even on weekends, with no opportunity to catch her breath... With the collapse of the trade unions and collective bargaining in recent years, employees are forced to compete with each in a debilitating race. India's corporate culture glorifies long hours, and expects employees to stay and work late into the night. Those

that stick to their working hours are looked down upon as 'losers' or 'under-performers'. The belief that long and arduous worktime increases productivity has been proven to be a fallacy. It is the quality of work that matters. A balance of worktime with recreation, sports and family time not only creates a more eager and happy worker, but also a more productive one.

In Australia, a sporting nation, there is no one in offices to take a call past 5.00 PM. They are all out in the open on their bicycles, in the swimming pool or wielding a tennis or squash racket. No one has accused these employees of delivering low productivity! Long, sweat shop working hours are no guarantee to economic advancement. In fact, the most economically advanced countries have progressively reduced working hours: European Union countries have a low average of 36.4 hours per week. Of these the most advanced — Netherlands, Norway, Germany — average between 32.4 and 34.6 hours per week.



remaining Rs 900 crore from Authum Investment and Infra and Sanatan Financial Advisory Services. Authum Investment and Infra, an NBFC, had acquired Reliance Commercial Finance from Anil for Rs 1 crore in 2022. RInfra will cut its debt from Rs 3,831 crore to Rs 475 crore, which is 87% reduction, by clearing outstanding dues to lenders like Life Insurance Corporation (Rs 600 cr), Edelweiss ARC, ICICI Bank, and Union Bank, as per company filings. But the filings didn't disclose where the money has come from as it has accumulated loss of about Rs 3,900 crore in last three years. With these fund infusions, RInfra's net worth will rise from Rs 9,000 crore to Rs 12,000 crore, so says the filings. What is to be seen how the new investors will gain a few years down the line. The board approved seeking shareholder nod to raise an additional Rs 3,000 crore via a QIP. On September 18, RPower said.

SEBI board meeting set to address allegations against chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch

MUMBAI. The first board meeting of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) since Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch came under scrutiny from Hindenburg Research and faced a series of charges from the Congress Party is scheduled for Monday. The board is expected to discuss the numerous allegations regarding non-disclosures and conflicts of interest against her, alongside a range of policy decisions related to consultation papers that have surpassed their public consultation deadlines. Notably, a formal agenda has not been finalised for this critical board meeting, according to sources. Should the allegations against Buch be addressed, she will need to recuse herself from the proceedings. On August 10, the New York-based short-seller Hindenburg Research levelled several allegations against Madhabi Buch and her husband, Dhaval, primarily concerning non-disclosure of income from her private advisory businesses to both the government and SEBI, as well as conflicts of interest arising from Dhaval's employment following her appointment. Subsequently, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera raised

additional charges based on her income tax filings and other official documents. The Buchs have categorically denied all charges, describing them as "malicious and baseless," and have threatened legal action. While SEBI refrained from convening an emergency board meeting, it did issue a statement the following day, cautioning investors against reacting to allegations made by the short-seller and assuring them that the regulatory framework in the country remains robust. The statement reaffirmed confidence in the regulatory leadership but did not delve into the specifics of the various disclosures. A SEBI source stated, "The Madhabi issue has been in deliberation for the past week or so, and the board cannot but discuss it. The nature of the allegations makes it clear that the board cannot ignore them." It is unusual that SEBI did not call for an emergency board meeting following the Hindenburg and Congress allegations, especially given that Madhabi Buch has participated in four public events in Mumbai since then, though she has avoided press interactions—contrary to her previous



practice of engaging with the media on the sidelines. Additionally, the government has yet to issue an official response to these allegations, with the only governmental action thus far being the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament inviting her for a performance review. Some observers argue that it is "unfair to expect the board to be answerable for the chairperson's alleged non-disclosures, as she has been appointed by the government." The board is also expected to discuss eleven consultation papers that have passed their public consultation deadlines and are ready for final decisions. Among the significant topics likely to be addressed are proposed measures to restrict retail

participation in the Futures and Options (F&O) segment—a development the market is watching closely—and regulations for a 'mutual fund lite' aimed at passively managed funds. Other discussions may include the introduction of a new asset class bridging Portfolio Management Services (PMS) and mutual funds, as well as an extension of the definition of 'connected persons' under insider trading norms to include certain relatives. Since January, SEBI has published two studies highlighting the significant losses retail investors have faced in the derivatives market. The latest report, released last week, revealed that 93 percent of retail investors in the derivatives space lost an average of ₹2 lakh each in the last three fiscal years ending March 2024, amounting to a collective loss of ₹1.8 trillion during that period. The anticipated reforms concerning the derivatives framework are expected to have a considerable impact on the market, aiming to curb the gambling-like trading behaviours that have proliferated with daily expirations of index-derivative contracts.

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LaLiga: Barcelona's perfect start ended after 4-2 Osasuna thrashing

New Delhi, Barcelona's perfect start to the LaLiga 2024/25 season came to an end as Osasuna thrashed them 4-2 on Saturday, September 28. Croatian striker Ante Budimir was the star of the show for the home side as he scored a brace to secure a major upset on Saturday. Barcelona manager Hansi Flick made strategic changes to his lineup, benching regular starters Lamine Yamal, Raphinha, and Inigo Martinez in preparation for their upcoming Champions League match against Young Boys. This decision, however, did not pay off as Osasuna, fuelled by a sold-out home crowd, adopted an aggressive approach from the start. They pressed high and utilised quick



counter-attacks that exploited the weaknesses in Barcelona's altered lineup. The scoring began in the 18th minute when Bryan Zaragoza, on loan from Bayern Munich, delivered a precise cross that Budimir headed home for the opener. Zaragoza himself extended Osasuna's lead just 10 minutes later, showcasing his speed and skill by dribbling past Jules Kounde and then rounding the goalkeeper to score into an empty net. Barcelona managed to reduce the deficit in the 53rd minute, thanks to a critical error by Osasuna goalkeeper Sergio Herrera. Herrera's blunder allowed a weak strike from Pau Victor to slip through his hands and into the net. However, Osasuna regained their two-goal advantage when Budimir converted a penalty in the 72nd minute, after being fouled by defender Sergi Domiguez inside the box. The game was all but sealed in the 83rd minute when substitute Abel Bretones scored with a brilliant long-range strike, making it 4-1 for Osasuna. Although substitute Lamine Yamal scored Barcelona's second goal with a powerful shot from the edge of the box in the 89th minute, it was too late to change the outcome. In added time, Ferran Torres hit the post, but Barcelona's efforts were ultimately in vain. Despite dominating possession, Barcelona struggled to create meaningful chances until late in the game when Flick introduced Yamal and Raphinha from the bench.

'Dog stops play' as hilarious scenes unfold during Durham vs Kent match

New Delhi The Durham vs Kent county championship match on Saturday, September 28 had an unexpected pitch invader in the form of a dog, who made his way to get a closer look at the action. At the halfway stage of Day 3, the dog suddenly wandered onto the field, capturing the attention of both the players and the spectators. The incident occurred when Durham skipper and opening batter Alex Lees was batting at 135*, having just been joined by David Bedingham at the crease.

The dog, seemingly intrigued by the action on the field, stood beside one of the Kent fielders. However, it seemed like he wasn't too pleased with how the match was unfolding as the cute canine decided to make a quick retreat back to the boundary line, which drew an amusing reaction from the crowd and the on-air commentators. You can see the full video below: Despite the unusual interruption, Durham maintained their strong performance throughout the match. After being put into bat by Kent skipper Jack Leaning, Durham's captain Alex Lees led the charge with a sparkling century. Lees scored 144 runs from 180 balls, including 18 boundaries, setting the tone for Durham's innings. He was well-supported by Emilio Gay, who contributed 52 runs from 96 balls, and David Bedingham, who smashed 66 runs off just 38 deliveries. Bedingham's aggressive batting included three boundaries and six sixes, showcasing his prowess as Division One's leading run scorer.

Kent's bowlers, however, did not go without making an impact. New ball pacemen Grant Stewart and Nathan Gilchrist, along with leg-spinner Matt Parkinson, managed to take crucial wickets. Parkinson was particularly effective, securing a six-wicket haul with figures of 6 for 109. This fightback gave Kent some hope, although Durham's total of 360 runs still left Kent trailing significantly. Kent's response to Durham's first innings was not ideal, as they lost early wickets. Tawanda Muyeve was caught behind for just 5 runs, and Jaydn Denly's wicket followed soon after. However, a partnership between Harry Finch and Jack Leaning, worth 72 runs, helped stabilise Kent's innings. At the close of Day 3, Kent were 96 for 3, still 264 runs behind Durham's total.

The match is crucial for Durham as they aim to climb higher in the County Championship Division One 2024 points table. The first two days of the match were completely washed out due to heavy rain, adding to the pressure on both teams to make the most of the available time.

IND vs BAN: Mayank Yadav selection shows India's focus on format specialists

Mayank Yadav was amongst some of the big call-ups by India for the upcoming T20I series against Bangladesh. The selection of the pacer shows India's new-found focus on using format specialists.

New Delhi. The Indian squad for the Bangladesh T20I series was announced on Saturday, September 28, and the highlight of the selection was the inclusion of several genuine stars from the IPL who are finally getting their well-deserved opportunities. This trend began with the Zimbabwe series following India's T20 World Cup victory and appears to be continuing not only in the shortest format of the game but also in the other two formats. Notable inclusions this time are the return of Varun Chakaravathy to the squad, along with the exciting newcomers Harshit Rana and Mayank Yadav. Mayank thrilled everyone with his raw pace during the IPL 2024 season, where

he picked up 7 wickets from 4 matches before his season was cut short due to injuries. The team management had seemingly seen enough of the pacer and gave him a fast bowler contract and even put him in a special program at the National Cricket Academy to get him ready for the Bangladesh series.

However, this shows the team management's commitment towards picking players for specific formats and according to their playing style. Parthiv Patel would allude to this while talking to JioCinema, as he said that IPL performances are being rewarded and there is a clarity in the thought process as well. "IPL performance has been rewarded and that's how it should be. So basically that's a stepping ladder. If you play Mushtaq Ali and then you get picked for IPL and once you do well there, you get picked for Indian side and that's exactly what the selectors have done." "There is definitely clarity of thoughts and plus, you know, India is trying to test the depth of the squad as well. You know, depth of Indian players. That is the reason why you see a lot of young players are, you know, getting their chances," said



Parthiv. The former Indian wicketkeeper also feels the Delhi pacer is being put in for the right format and not in Test cricket, as people have been asking for. I think for Mayank, this is a great opportunity and this is the right format for him to get a look in. He has played a lot of T20 cricket, so the load will not be that much now. People are talking about whether he should come and play Test cricket, but that's a complete different beast. But here, he's done well in IPL, someone who can come in and bowl those bouncers and can bowl at 145-150 consistently and that is a plus.

Gambhir a big factor in Mayank inclusion?

Speaking about the Mayank inclusion, Saba Karim said that the call was certainly from the coach, Gautam Gambhir, who wants the pacer to spend time with the main team and learn and work with bowling coach Morne Morkel. "I think the Indian selectors and the team management they want to invest in a young speedster who can clock close to about 150. And I think that's what the Indian team requires at this stage. His performance, whatever he played in IPL, I think Gambhir was part of that squad. So he has seen him closely and he feels that this is the right time draw him into the squad. Being with the team, there will be a lot of learning for him. He will be able to spend time with Morne Morkel, and that is that would be priceless for him," said Karim. Mayank's inclusion does show that India will be keeping emphasis on having specialists for each format, something other teams have done well in the past. The captain Suryakumar Yadav, is the perfect example of this and it seems Mayank could be the next one.

MS Dhoni as uncapped player IPL's revived rule will not just benefit CSK

IPL 2025: MS Dhoni fans were overjoyed after the BCCI brought back the 'uncapped player' rule for retentions ahead of the mega auction. Former India opener Aakash Chopra highlighted that the rule will not just benefit CSK and the former India captain.

New Delhi. MS Dhoni has returned to the spotlight as the Board of Control for Cricket in India announced the retention and auction rules for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. The organisers brought back the 'uncapped player' rule, which had existed from 2008 to 2020. The rule enables teams to buy an Indian player, who has not played international cricket in the last five years or hasn't had a central contract, as an uncapped player. An uncapped player can be bought for Rs 4 lakh while teams have to shell out at least Rs 11 crore to retain a capped player. The BCCI confirmed that a team can retain a total of six players through retentions and Right To Match (RTM) options. India Today has learnt that the first choice and the fourth



choice will have to be paid Rs 18 crore, while the second choice and the fifth choice need to be paid Rs 18 crore and the third option Rs 11 crore. Notably, the BCCI increased the overall purse to Rs 120 crore. MS Dhoni was expected to retire from the IPL at the end of the 2024 season after having hinted about his swansong last year. Dhoni won the IPL 2023 title, leading the Super Kings. Dhoni stepped down as captain and handed over the baton to Ruturaj Gaikwad in 2024, but he remained tight-lipped about his future after the end of the season. Dhoni stressed in the past that his future in the league would depend on the auction rules, as he has been conscious of not

impacting the purse of the team with his position in the team.

Fans on social media have been quick to link the return of the uncapped player rule to the increased probability of MS Dhoni playing for another year in the IPL. However, former India opener Aakash Chopra hinted how the return of the 'uncapped player' rule will not just benefit the Super Kings, but franchises like the Mumbai Indians and the Gujarat Titans. "Why do you need the uncapped player rule? Because you can retain the player at Rs 4 crore. So that retention will not affect your purse," Aakash Chopra told JioCinema. "If you have to retain five players, then you will have to shell out Rs 75 crore. If you are willing to retain six players, then you will have to spend Rs 79 crore. After that your purse will become small," he added.

"Yes, MS Dhoni is there in the discussion when we talk about the uncapped player rule. But this rule had been there since 2008. It was there until 2021. No one used it. So they removed it. Now they have brought back this rule.

Premier League: Liverpool go top with Wolves win, Arsenal survive Leicester scare

New Delhi Liverpool climbed to the top of the Premier League table with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over bottom-placed Wolverhampton Wanderers. Ibrahima Konate scored his first-ever Premier League goal, and Mohamed Salah secured the win with a second-half penalty. The breakthrough came in first-half stoppage time, when Diogo Jota beat his defender down the left flank and delivered a perfect cross for Konate. The 25-year-old centre-back powered a header past the Wolves goalkeeper to give Liverpool a 1-0 lead. However, Konate was involved in a defensive lapse that allowed Wolves to equalise in the 56th minute. The Frenchman appeared to let the ball roll out for a goal kick, but Jrgen Strand Larsen kept it in play, crossing for Rayan Ait-Nouri to score from close range. Must Liverpool quickly responded. Just five minutes later, Nelson



Semedo fouled Jota inside the box, and Salah calmly converted the resulting penalty to restore the lead, quieting the crowd at Molineux.

Arsenal survive Leicester scare
Meanwhile, Arsenal pulled off a dramatic 4-2 win over Leicester City. Mikel Arteta's side

looked in complete control during the first half, with Gabriel Martinelli opening the scoring in the 20th minute. Martinelli then provided the assist for Leandro Trossard to double Arsenal's advantage in stoppage time before the break.

Leicester were ineffective in the first half but found their way back into the match early in the second. A free kick deflected off James Justin and looped into the net in the 47th minute, and Justin then scored a stunning volley in the 63rd minute to level the game, shocking the Emirates crowd. Arsenal, however, regained their composure in stoppage time. Trossard bundled in Bukayo Saka's corner to make it 3-2, and Kai Havertz added a fourth goal to seal the victory. The win moved Arsenal to 14 points, level with Manchester City, who drew with Newcastle United earlier in the day.

IPL Retention: MS Dhoni memes viral after BCCI reintroduces uncapped player rule

IPL 2025 Retention: The Indian cricket board reintroduced the uncapped player rule which enables a team to retain an Indian player who has not played international cricket in the last five calendar years for a reported sum of Rs 4 crore. The rule is likely to enable Chennai Super Kings retain MS Dhoni at a cost that would still enable them to go for big-money buys in the mega auction.

New Delhi. Cricket fans on social media have stepped up their meme game following the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announcement regarding retention rules ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 auction. Among the major announcements, one notable change is the return of the uncapped player rule. Fans have

quickly drawn conclusions about this rule, highlighting the possibility of MS Dhoni continuing to play in the IPL, this time as an uncapped player.

In a significant announcement, which was slotted as the seventh in the eight-point list, the BCCI announced that Indian players, who hadn't played any international game for at least five calendar years would be considered an uncapped player. MS Dhoni retired from all formats of international cricket in August 2020, but the former captain played his last match for India in July 2019 - in India's World Cup semi-final defeat to New Zealand. "A capped Indian player will become uncapped if the player has in the last five calendar years preceding the year in which the relevant Season is held, not played in the starting XI in International Cricket (Test match, ODI, Twenty20 International) or does not have a Central Contract with BCCI. This will be applicable for Indian



Players only," BCCI said on Saturday, September 28. MS Dhoni playing as an uncapped player. <https://t.co/ijNrh8i4ypic.twitter.com/mqPB2vycim> — à à à (@Vidittt) September 29, 2024 MS Dhoni was tight-lipped about his future as a player in the IPL after the end of the 2024 season.

He had hinted after winning IPL 2023 with Chennai Super Kings that 2024 edition would be his last and he would see it as a way of giving it back to his fans. However, Dhoni has not announced retirement from the IPL and it looks likely that the 'uncapped player' rule might facilitate another season of Dhoni in the cash-rich T20 league.

The retention cost for an uncapped player in IPL 2025 will be Rs 4 crore, according to news agency PTI.

Dhoni has been conscious about how his retention affects the Super Kings. In 2022, Ravindra Jadeja was paid Rs 16 crore as the retention fees by CSK while Dhoni got Rs 12 crore. On Saturday, the IPL announced each team can retain a maximum of six players. This can be either via retention or using the Right to Match (RTM) option. The six retentions/RTMs can have a maximum of 5 capped players (Indian and Overseas) and a maximum of 2 uncapped players.



Barcelona boss Hansi Flick takes blame for Osasuna loss: It's my responsibility

New Delhi, Barcelona manager Hansi Flick took responsibility for his team's 4-2 defeat against Osasuna, acknowledging that his decision to rest key players contributed to their first La Liga loss of the season. Barcelona, who had won seven consecutive league games leading up to the match, were caught off guard by an energetic Osasuna side. The hosts were devastating on the counter-attack, with Croatian striker Ante Budimir scoring twice and Bryan Zaragoza wreaking havoc down the flanks throughout the game. Flick had opted to rotate his squad with an eye on the upcoming Champions League fixture, leaving regular starters like Lamine Yamal, Raphinha, and Inigo Martinez on the bench. However, the gamble backfired, as Osasuna took full advantage of the changes in Barcelona's lineup to hand the league leaders a surprising defeat.

Speaking after the loss, Flick said that he had to accept the result as the team didn't play well

on the day. The Barca boss said he was trying to protect the players with the rotations and the team made a lot of mistakes. "You have to accept these defeats. We didn't play very well. I think it's my responsibility," Flick told Movistar Plus.

"(With the rotations) I tried to protect the players, because they have been playing a lot of minutes. But I didn't expect us to play like this. We made a lot of mistakes and Osasuna did well. Although in the second goal I think there was a foul at the start of the action, I'm not entirely sure because I haven't been able to see it yet, but that's what I've heard.

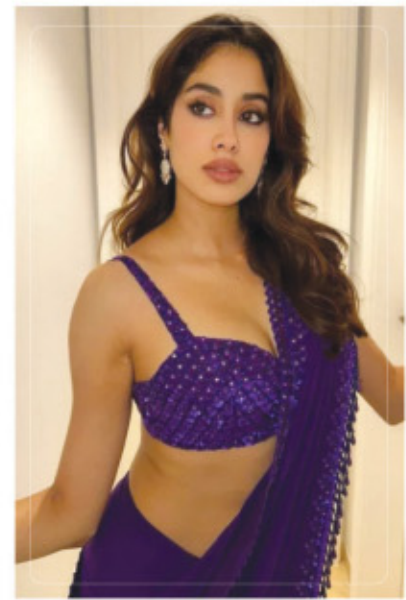
"To score four goals against us is too much, but I've told the team that we have to keep going. It's a busy schedule and we are on the right track." The defeat may have ended Barcelona's perfect start to the campaign, but they remain at the top of the points table. Barca have 21 points at the moment, 4 more than arch-rivals Real Madrid. Los Blancos will play Atletico Madrid in the derby on Sunday, September 29.

Janhvi Kapoor

Relishes A 'Quick Minute' Meal At Home Even While Promoting Devara 1

Janhvi Kapoor is a foodie who keeps advocating for good food and healthy lifestyle despite her busy schedule. Currently, she is busy promoting her latest film Devara: Part 1, which hits the theatres today, September 27. Amidst the last-minute promotion schedules, she took some time out to enjoy a mouth-watering meal at her home. The actress shared a photo of her lavish meal on her Instagram stories. The meal included ragi roti, rice, three to four types of sabzi, mixed-veg spaghetti, fish curry, chicken salad and what apparently looked like white sauce pasta, among others. We can also spot a wiped-and-scraped plate that seemingly belonged to Janhvi. It proves how much the diva enjoyed her meal. "It's a welcome home for a quick minute," wrote Janhvi

Janhvi's foodiculous stories are known to all. Undoubtedly, her Devara co-star, Jr NTR, is completely aware of it. However, he

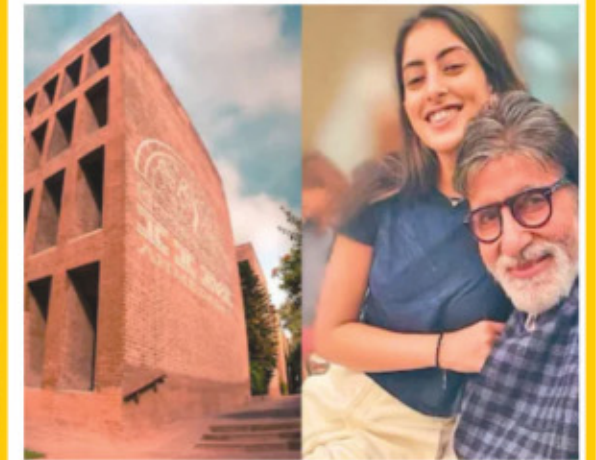


once teased the actress for not sending him food when he was in her city. The Telugu superstar was seen playfully complaining about Janhvi while they went on a promoting spree on the comedy reality show The Great Indian Kapil Show. The actor mentioned that he sent good food to Janhvi when she was shooting in Hyderabad but didn't get any favours from her since he arrived in Mumbai for the promotions. "When she was shooting in Hyderabad, I sent her good food twice. I have been in Mumbai for a day now, she hasn't

sent me even a bite of food. Let alone food that is made by her, she has not even sent me food from a restaurant," he said, leaving the actress blushing...his was not the first time we became acquainted with Janhvi's culinary explorations. Earlier, Janhvi shared a glimpse of a delicious meal from the Devara sets. It was when she was shooting for the film in Hyderabad. For the unversed, a song from the film was shot in Shamshabad on the city's outskirts. Taking to her Instagram stories, she shared a picture revealing how she was enjoying meals on the set. "I. Love. Shooting. For Devara," read her caption atop the photo, followed by a couple of emojis. The picture gave a clear glimpse of a dining table with various South Indian food items. Devara: Part 1 has several songs in the 2-hour 45-minute film. The list includes Chuttamalle, Fear Song, All Hail The Tiger, Daavudi, Dheere Dheere, Paththavaikkum and many others. Janhvi Kapoor is in two songs, including a fast-paced, peppy track, Daavudi and Chuttamalle, a romantic song in which Janhvi's character Thangam sings about her feelings for Jr NTR's character.



Navya Naveli Nanda BREAKS Silence on Trolling Over Her IIM Ahmedabad Admission: 'I Accept That...'



Amitabh Bachchan's granddaughter, Navya Naveli Nanda, shared her thoughts on dealing with social media trolls following her admission to the prestigious IIM Ahmedabad. Speaking at the India Today Mumbai Conclave 2024 on Thursday, Navya expressed both gratitude for the opportunities that social media provides and acknowledged the challenges it brings.

"Social media has been a great platform because it's given a lot of people a voice, a lot of people who previously might not have that kind of reach," Navya shared during a session titled, 'Beyond the Legacy: Gen Z for a Just and Equal India.' She emphasised how social media can drive change, stating, "I think it's a great place for me as an individual to put my work out there. It's been a great tool that, if used in the right way, has a lot of potential to bring about a change." Reflecting on her academic journey, Navya expressed her gratitude for being part of IIM Ahmedabad. "India has some of the finest institutions in the world, and being a part of IIM Ahmedabad is incredible. I feel fortunate to receive higher education under the guidance of some of the finest professors in the world," she said.

Navya, who is also known for her social initiative, Project Naveli, talked about the importance of public feedback. "If I consider myself to be working for people, I don't think I can be offended by what they say. It's essential for me to look at feedback; it will only make me a better person, better entrepreneur, and a better Indian," she explained.

Addressing the criticism she often faces, Navya acknowledged her privileged background, stating, "I accept that I come from a very different lived reality. People will have something to say about that." However, she emphasised that her focus remains on her personal and professional goals, adding that her responsibility is to her work and self-improvement. "I don't give a lot of thought to what people say negatively; I use it to do the best I can in my journey," she concluded.

Upendra Re-release: The 1999 Classic Expected To Stay Strong In 2nd Week



The trend of re-releases has taken Indian cinema by storm. In the past few weeks, several cult-classics and iconic releases from Bollywood as well as the South cinema, have drawn the audience to theatres. One such name on the list is the 1999 classic Kannada release, Upendra. Upendra was re-released in theatres on September 20, 25 years after its original release. Since its release, the film has received a massive response from the fans and audience. If more reports are to be believed, Upendra has continuously been screened for the past week and does not show any sign of slowing down in the next.

The film's shows are reportedly going houseful in several places; its popularity not only growing among the local audience but also internationally. As Upendra enters the second week of its re-release, the shows are being reported to be packed across several theatres, indicating the enthusiasm of the fans. According to the producer of the film Shilpa Srinivas, producers from other countries have expressed their wish to acquire the remake rights. Expressing her gratitude for the successful re-release, she stated, "It's heartwarming to see that even after 25 years, audiences are still enjoying Upendra with the same enthusiasm."

The film is directed as well as written by Upendra while Shilpa Srinivas has produced the film under the banner of Srinivasa Productions. They cast Upendra as the lead, along with names like Raveena Tandon, Prema and Damini. The music in the film is done by Gurukiran and the cinematographer is A V Krishna Kumar while T Shashikumar has done the editing. The film was originally released on October 22, 1999. Currently, Upendra is busy with the shoot of his upcoming UI, for which he is also credited as the director. The cast includes Upendra, Reeshma Nanaiah, Sunny Leone, Jishu Sengupta and many others. It is being produced under the banners of Lahari Films and Venus Entertainers.

Disha Patani

Shares Stunning Photos On 'Sister' Mouni Roy's Birthday, Says 'I Found You Forever'



Disha Patani and Mouni Roy are very good friends and always sharing photos. Today, on Mouni's birthday Disha shared a series of photos from their vacation. She also penned a note and called her sister. Fans too reacted. Taking to her Instagram handle, Disha shared photos and wrote, "I found you forever happiest b'day to my brightest star monzu, thank you for bringing so much happiness to my life grateful to have you, my sister from another mister :p love you." One of the fans wrote, "Wow So sexy". Another wrote, "Disha recently shared new photos on her Instagram Stories featuring Mouni, and they truly embody the essence of pure friendship. In the photo, Disha Patani and Mouni Roy are seen hugging and posing for a candid shot, both with their eyes closed and smiling for the camera. What truly stole the spotlight, however, was Disha's heartfelt note accompanying the image, which read, "I really found you. Thank you for everything. So grateful to have you."

Disha Patani and Mouni Roy became close friends during The Entertainers Tour in 2023. During the tour, the duo travelled across the US with Akshay Kumar, Sonam Bajwa, Nora Fatehi, Aparshakti Khurana and Stebin Ben. Often hanging out together, they are seen setting BFF goals every time they step out together for dinner dates in town. A few weeks back, both the actresses were captured outside a plush restaurant in town. Twinning in pastel-hued ensemble, they looked pretty and all things gorgeous during the outing. Work-wise, Disha Patani last impressed fans with her role in Kalki 2898 AD co-starring Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone and Kamal Haasan. Released on June 27, the film raked in nearly Rs 1,000 crore worldwide and has fans eagerly waiting for its next instalment. Next up for her is Kanguva wherein she will be sharing the screen space with Suriya, Bobby Deol and Prakash Raj. Set to be released on October 10 this year, the sequel of the film is currently in the pre-production phase and will go on floors in late 2025 or early 2026.

