

Kerala HC Special Bench to hear Hema Committee report matters

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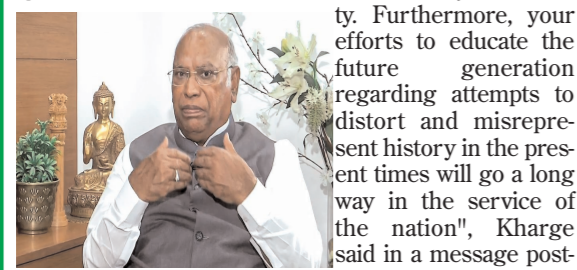
Kochi, Sep 5: The Kerala High Court has constituted a five-judge Special Bench to hear cases related to the Justice Hema Committee report.



be made public. The single judge order came while rejecting the plea by Sajimon Parayil, a film producer, who had challenged the Information Commission's July 5 order directing the State Public Information Officer (SPIO) to reasonably disseminate the information in the report while ensuring that it does not compromise the privacy of individuals.

Kharge urges teachers to be nation builders, fight historical distortions

New Delhi, Sep 5: Calling teachers the "true nation builders", Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday urged them to educate students about India's diversity and attempts being made to distort and misrepresent the country's history.



Further, your efforts to educate the future generation regarding attempts to distort and misrepresent history in the present times will go a long way in the service of the nation", Kharge said in a message posted on his X handle on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

India, Singapore ink MoUs on semi-conductors

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Sep 5: India and Singapore on Thursday inked two MoUs on cooperation in high-technology, including on semi-conductors producing companies coming to India, besides developing artificial intelligence and latest 5G communication architecture.

Semiconductor Ecosystem Partnership'. The two nations will cooperate in areas of developing a semi-conductor cluster, cultivation of talent in semi-conductor design and manufacturing.

labour costs, started to offshore parts of their production process to southeast Asia, including Singapore. Semi-conductor plants in Singapore are currently clustered in four loca-

digital technologies, such as digital public interface like UPI payments, cyber-security, 5G and emerging technologies such as super-computing, quantum computing and artificial intelligence.



6 Maoists killed in encounter in Telangana, 2 commandos injured

Hyderabad, Sep 5: Bodies of the six Maoists were recovered from the spot and their identification was being done. Six cadres of the banned CPI (Maoist), including two women, were killed in an exchange of fire between the ultras and police in Bhadradi Kothagudem district of Telangana on Thursday, police said.

'I am not a threat to society, grant me bail,' Kejriwal urges Supreme Court

Navdeep Singh Sahni

New Delhi, Sep 5: Asserting that he was not a threat to society, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday urged the Supreme Court to grant him bail in a corruption case linked to the Delhi excise policy 'scam' even as the CBI said he can't be given special treatment just because he's an influential person.

Kant and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan that being a constitutional functionary, he was not a threat to the society or a flight risk.



the excise policy 'scam'. It was an 'insurance arrest' made on June 26 after he got bail in the "harsher" money laundering case, he added.

on hearing Kejriwal's bail plea, wondering if such extensive hearings were afforded in routine bail cases. "Both sides we will hear... But we are wondering how long we should hear in a bail matter. Do ordinary mortals get this much time?" the Bench asked as Singhvi went into details of the alleged illegality of Kejriwal's arrest by the CBI.

Kolkata murder case: 'Don't test patience of people', West Bengal governor tells Mamata govt

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

Kolkata, Sep 5: West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose on Thursday once again targeted chief minister Mamata Banerjee-led state government over the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9.

ANI. "The police, a portion of the police is criminalised, a portion is corrupt and a portion of it is politicised." Bose also said that he met the parents of the victim, who



told him certain things which were "very heartbreaking" and that he took them up in his meeting with home minister Amit Shah. "Parents (of the victim) have told me certain things which is very, very heart-breaking. They also gave to me in writing that I have taken up with the home

minister. Within two days we started seeing action. Their feelings we understand. What they want is also justice. The entire Bengal society seeks justice. Justice will be done. Justice should be done," Bose said. Further, he also warned the Mamata Banerjee-led government not to test the patience of the people.

Willing to get disability examined at AIIMS: Puja Khedkar

New Delhi, Sep 5: Former IAS probationer Puja Khedkar on Thursday told Delhi High Court she was willing to get herself medically examined at the AIIMS, after the city police claimed that one of her disability certificates may be "forged" and "fabricated".



get myself medically examined. First they say I changed my name. Now they say disability is questionable. I am willing to go to AIIMS," the senior counsel appearing for Khedkar said. Justice Subramonium Prasad listed the matter for further hearing on September 26, recording that the police have prayed for 10 more days for further investigation.

Parents forced to carry dead sons home on shoulders in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli

Naresh Malhotra

Gadchiroli, Sep 5: A young couple from Aheri taluka was forced to carry the bodies of their two dead sons — who had succumbed to a fever after allegedly failing to get proper treatment in time — from a hospital to their village home 15 km away, in Gadchiroli of which Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis is the Guardian Minister, a top leader said here on Thursday.

has again come to the fore today." The Congress leader pointed out how the pains after a local hospital failed to send an ambulance to pick her up in time. The woman, but they said it could take at least four hours.

Left with no option, Kavita delivered at home a stillborn baby. Her condition fast deteriorated, alarming her kin. The family arranged a local private vehicle and rushed her to a rural health centre in Churani but since she appeared to be sinking, they transferred her to Achalpur and then to Amravati.

The struggle for life ended for both the mother and the infant on Sunday morning. Both lives were lost due to inadequate health infrastructure and exposed the callous officials in Melghat. The government, which is seeking votes by paying them Rs 1500 per month under the 'Ladki Bahin' scheme, could have spent the mega publicity blitz money for ambulances here," said Wadetiwar. Both incidents have evoked strong reactions on social media, though there has been no official response so far.



News box

Video surfaces of elderly UP man sexually assaulting Dalit girl, accused arrested

Sitapur. A 70-year-old shopkeeper was arrested in Uttar Pradesh's Sitapur district on Wednesday after a purported video of him sexually assaulting a Dalit girl surfaced online, police said. The incident is alleged to have occurred when the girl visited the shop of the accused on Tuesday.

The girl's mother filed a complaint with the police, leading to the arrest of the accused, Mohamad Anwar.

Additional SP Sitapur Prakash Kumar said a case was registered against Anwar under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

In a similar incident that occurred in Chhattisgarh's Sakti district, a woman living with a mental health condition was raped by three relatives, an official said on Wednesday. The alleged crime was committed on Monday in a village under Dabhra police station limits and the accused were arrested on Tuesday morning when the matter was reported to police, the official said. The accused, who were drunk, took the woman in her early twenties, to a deserted house and raped her, the official said.

Row over Congress minister's remarks on Shimla mosque, party MLAs oppose

Himachal Pradesh Minister and Congress leader Anirudh Singh faced protests from MLAs of his own party after he alleged that a mosque in Shimla was constructed illegally. Speaking in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly, Singh demanded an investigation into the construction of Shimla's Sanjauli Masjid. Singh also highlighted the alleged illegal construction of the mosque had led to tensions in the area. Singh's allegations, however, were countered by a fellow party MLA and other government ministers, while speaking to the media on the issue, also appeared not to endorse his position. Meanwhile, a group of Hindu organisations held protest marches in the area opposing construction of the mosque.

Anirudh Singh, the Rural Development Minister, questioned if permission was taken from the administration before opening the mosque.

"They started the construction without approval. It was an illegal structure. First, one floor was built, then the rest followed," he said. The minister further added, "They have a habit of engaging in illegal activities. They built a 5-storey mosque. This entire matter should be investigated."

The mosque's construction has been at the centre of a heated debate in recent days in Himachal Pradesh. Around 44 hearings in the courts have already taken place regarding the alleged illegal construction, but no final decision has been reached.

The minister further flagged that thefts in the Sanjauli market area were on the rise and raised concerns about love jihad.

Nagpur man, 25, beats elder brother to death for scolding his wife

Govind Chowkhe attacked his 36-year-old brother Kisan following a heated argument. The brothers and their families lived in the same house with their mother.

Nagpur. A 25-year-old man allegedly beat his elder brother to death in Nagpur city of Maharashtra after he scolded the former's wife, police said. The incident occurred on Sunday in Hingna area of the city, they said.

Govind Chowkhe attacked his 36-year-old brother Kisan following a heated argument. The brothers and their families lived in the same house with their mother. "The argument between the siblings broke out after Kisan

reportedly scolded Govind's wife over a family matter. Angry with him, Govind hit Kisan on his

chest and head multiple times, in which the latter was seriously injured. He was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead," an official of Hingna police station said. The police initially registered a case of accidental death, but the post-mortem report on Wednesday specified that he died of injuries. As a result, the police interrogated Govind, who confessed that he committed the crime. He was then arrested, the official added.

Shirtless, pleading for life: Last moments of Darshan's fan before murder

In both the images, Renukaswamy is not wearing a shirt, while there are parked trucks in the background. An injury mark can also be seen on his body.

Bengaluru. New photos have emerged which show Renukaswamy, a 33-year-old auto driver who was murdered allegedly at the behest of Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, just moments before his death in June. In one of the two images exclusively obtained by India Today TV, Renukaswamy is looking directly at the camera, pleading and scared for his life.

In both the images, Renukaswamy is not wearing a shirt, while there are parked trucks in the background. An injury mark can also be seen on his body.



In the second picture, the victim is seen lying on the ground.

On June 9, Renukaswamy's body was found near a flyover in Bengaluru. According to the police, the 33-year-old, who was a fan of Darshan, was kidnapped and murdered by a gang at the actor's direction after he allegedly sent offensive messages on social media to actor Pavithra Gowda, who is rumoured to be Darshan's partner. As per his post-mortem report, Renukaswamy was attacked with wooden clubs and died "due to shock and haemorrhage as a result of multiple blunt injuries sustained".

The report also indicated that he suffered a ruptured testicle due to being kicked and was also given electric shocks prior. A total of 15 people have been arrested in connection to the murder, including Darshan and Pavithra Gowda. The actor's judicial custody is scheduled to end on September 9. Thursday's development comes a day after the Bengaluru Police submitted its chargesheet in the murder case at a local court. According to the chargesheet, which includes around 230 evidence, blood stains were found on Darshan's clothes, as well as Pavithra Gowda's footwear.

Eaton to invest Rs 200 crore in new Research and Development centre in Chennai

Eaton, a Fortune 500 power management company, will invest Rs 200 crore to establish a new R&D and global application engineering centre in Chennai's Perungudi.

Chennai. Eaton, a Fortune 500 power management company, will invest Rs 200 crore to establish a new R&D and global application engineering centre in Perungudi, Chennai. The facility is expected to create 500 jobs and marks a major expansion of Eaton's operations in Tamil Nadu, where it already runs an electronics manufacturing unit.

The agreement was signed on Tuesday in Chicago between Eaton and Guidance Tamil Nadu, in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, who is on a foreign visit, along with Industries Minister TRB Rajaa and senior officials.

According to government sources, Eaton's move aligns with Tamil Nadu's vision to



become a hub for high-value research and development. The centre will focus on developing advanced technologies and engineering solutions for Eaton's global markets. "This investment reflects a broader trend of multinational companies expanding from manufacturing to R&D in

Tamil Nadu, boosting the state's capabilities in high-value technology sectors," government sources said.

Earlier on August 31, Chief Minister Stalin visited the offices of Apple, Google and Microsoft, discussing 'various opportunities and exciting partnerships' with them. Stalin, who described his US visit as "awe-inspiring", inked a pact under the 'Naam Mudhalvan' scheme in partnership with Google to skill two million youngsters in Tamil Nadu in

AI. Google signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister in a move to set up Artificial Intelligence labs in the south Indian state.

Haryana minister Ranjit Chautala resigns after being denied BJP poll ticket

Chandigarh. Haryana minister Ranjit Singh Chautala resigned from the Cabinet on Thursday after he was denied a ticket by the BJP for the upcoming Assembly election. Ranjit Chautala, the brother of former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala, was among the nine incumbent MLAs excluded from the BJP's first list of 67 candidates for the elections in Sirsa district for the elections to the 90-member Assembly.

The former MLA from Rania constituency in Sirsa district has decided to contest the polls, to be held on October 5, as an independent. The results will be declared on October 8, along with that of the Jammu and Kashmir election.

Chautala had lobbied for contesting from the Rania seat but the BJP fielded Shishpal

Kamboj instead. Chautala joined the BJP earlier this year ahead of the Lok Sabha election after resigning as an Independent MLA. He fought the Hisar parliamentary seat but was defeated by Congress's Jai Parkash.

However, Chautala continued as Power Minister as rules stipulate that a politician can remain a minister for six months without being a member of the Assembly of the state concerned.

The son of former deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, Ranjit Chautala contested the 2019 Assembly election as an Independent candidate after allegedly being ignored by the Congress.

BJP'S FIRST LIST OF 67 CANDIDATES The development comes a day after the BJP

released the first list of 67 candidates, fielding Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini from Ladwa, and Anil Vij from his bastion - Ambala Cantt.

Karnal, which is currently represented by Saini, has gone to senior leader Jagmohan Anand, considered close to former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

More than half of the BJP's 41 MLAs have been renominated, while eight women also figure in the first list.

Shruti Choudhry, the granddaughter of former Chief Minister Bansi Lal and the daughter of senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Kiran Choudhry, has been fielded from Tosham. Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh's daughter Aarti Singh Rao will contest from Ateli.

Violence during Kolkata rape-murder protest in Cooch Behar, Trinamool blamed

The incident took place on Wednesday night in Mathabhanga town during the protest, which was organised as part of the 'Reclaim the Night' campaign to demand justice for the 31-year-old trainee doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

► **Incident took place in Cooch Behar's Mathabhanga town on Wednesday night**

► **Protester beaten up, identified as local CPM leader**

► **BJP condemned incident, accused Trinamool of suppressing protesters**

Kolkata. Violence erupted during a protest in West Bengal's Cooch Behar district during a protest against the brutal rape and murder of the 31-year-old trainee doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital last month. A protester was allegedly assaulted by workers of the state's ruling Trinamool Congress party. The incident took place on Wednesday night in Mathabhanga town during the protest, which was organised as part of the 'Reclaim the Night' campaign to demand justice for the trainee doctor. Thousands of people participated in the peaceful demonstration that featured songs, poems, and street art to highlight violence against women.

Meanwhile, the protester who was beaten up was identified as Pradyut Saha, a local secretary of the CPM party and an employee of the Mathabhanga municipality.

A local Trinamool Congress leader has denied that workers were involved in the violence, stating that the party had organised a separate protest in the town. In an effort to maintain law and order, police have been deployed across Mathabhanga. The opposition BJP has condemned the violence, accusing the Trinamool Congress of suppressing protesters.

In a social media post, Leader of the Opposition in the Bengal Assembly, Suvendu Adhikari strongly condemned the "appalling,



disgusting and cowardly attack on the peaceful protesters of Mathabhanga by TMC Block President Biswajit Roy and other TMC goons". Also condemning the incident, BJP state chief Sukanta Majumdar called the Trinamool Congress "anti-democratic, anti-humanity". "The notorious forces of Trinamool Congress suddenly attacked the peaceful citizen's protest in Mathabhanga

Teacher's Day award for Karnataka principal involved in hijab row 'put on hold'

BG Ramakrishna, principal of the Government Pre-University College in Udupi, allegedly ill-treated students wearing hijab. A Karnataka Minister said a decision on the award will be taken after the matter is thoroughly investigated.



The Karnataka government has "put on hold" a Teacher's Day award to the principal of a college in Udupi district which became the epicentre of a 2022 row when it barred Muslim students wearing hijab from entering the premises. BG Ramakrishna is principal of the Government Pre-University College in Udupi.

Addressing reporters in Bengaluru today, the state's Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa said that a

district committee is usually tasked with selecting a particular name for the award from a list of people that apply to qualify for the honour.

"But the committee has overlooked the issue (hijab row). When we came to know about the issue on Wednesday, we decided to put the award on hold. We need to clarify the matter and will issue an update once we get the clarification. I have asked them (committee) to re-check and get back to us at the

earliest," he said. The Minister stressed that the committee should have verified everything before selecting the principal for the award.

"The way he treated the children, that is the issue. It is not vindictive, please do not make this a political issue," Bangarappa added.

An undated video has also emerged showing Ramakrishna attempting to shut the gates of the college, while several students in jibab are trying to enter the premises.

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No road repairs, no vote: Posters put up as tempers rise in Gurgaon societies

GURGAON. Residents of several societies in Sector 84 are upset over the deplorable condition of the approach road for a year now. As a display of their strong discontent, they have vowed not to vote in the upcoming elections unless their long-standing grievances are addressed. Messages such as "Support Nahi To Vote Nahi" (No support, no vote) and "Kripya Yahan Vote Maangne Ka Kasht Na Karein" (Please do not bother asking for votes here) are displayed on the society gates. The main connecting road, linking Sikanderpur and Sihi villages, is filled with overflowing sewage and pot-holes. The road, used by those living in residential complexes such as SS Coralwood, SS Almeria, Spaze Privy AT 4, Pivotal Devaan, and Gurgaon One, witnesses frequent accidents due to the dilapidated road condition. Some of these accidents have resulted in serious injuries, adding to the already mounting frustrations. Residents said that MCG had set up a pump house in Sikanderpur to redirect the wastewater to the drainage along the Dwarka Expressway. But the pipeline is prone to damage, causing dirty water to overflow onto the road and further erode the surface. This revenue road serves as the only connection for nearly half a dozen societies in the area, but it has turned into a daily hazard. During monsoon, the road becomes a muddy trap, making commuting impossible. When the Manesar (MCM) was formed in Dec 2020, parts of Sector 84 initially fell under MCG's jurisdiction. However, after the govt redrew administrative boundaries in 2022, the western side of Dwarka Expressway, including Sector 84, was transferred to MCM to resolve jurisdictional disputes. Sandeep Rai, a resident of Spaze Privy AT 4, said, "We have been living with this horrible road condition for almost a year. We have tried everything, be it complaints, meetings with officials, or local representatives, but nothing changes. If they don't care about our basic needs, why should we support them with our votes?" They also highlighted the plight of parents and children who have to wade through dirty water to get to schools, can even walk without getting soaked in dirty water. We have tried reaching out to authorities, but nothing has been done to provide a permanent resolution. With this call, we want to highlight the plight of thousands of fami-

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Name Change I, JAGDISH KUMAR S/O VISHWANATH MISHRA R/O A-01 GREEN HOMES CITY NEAR MUSTRA, RAILWAY STATION JHANSI UTTAR PRADESH -284001 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JAGDISH KUMAR MISHRA FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Name Change I, MALLAPPA father of NO-16123527Y Rank- LNK Name-ASHOK MUDHOL residing at VPO-GOTHE, TEH-JAMAKHANDI, DIST-BAGALKOT, KARNATAKA-587330 have changed my name from MALLAPPA to MALLAPPA MUDHOL for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 05/09/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

Name Change I, SHATRUNJAYA SINGH PANWAR S/O late shri Surendra Singh Panwar R/O 201, TOWER 2 PLOT NO-2, BEVERLY PARK 2, NEAR HOTEL TAJ VIVANTA, DWARKA SECTOR-22, SOUTH WEST DELHI-110075, have change my daughter's name TISHA SINGH to KEENA PANWAR for all future purposes.

Name Change I, SANYAVVA mother of NO-16123527Y Rank- LNK Name-ASHOK MUDHOL residing at VPO-GOTHE, TEH-JAMAKHANDI, DIST-BAGALKOT, KARNATAKA-587330 have changed my name from SANYAVVA to SANYAVVA MUDHOL for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 05/09/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

Name Change I, NARESH KUMAR DEWAN S/O GOVIND RAM DEWAN residing at H.NO-8-81, MANSAROVER GARDEN, DELHI-110015 have changed my name to NARESH DEWAN for all future purposes.

Name Change I, POOJA wife of NO-2895407M Rank-HAV Name- HARANDRA SINGH BHADRAURIA R/O 285, BAPU SADAN SIDDESHWAR NAGAR, GALI NO-4, NEAR WATER PUMP GALI, MORAR, MOHNUPUR, GWALIOR, MADHYA PRADESH-474006 have changed my name from POOJA to POOJA DEVI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 05/09/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

Name Change I, Nishi Saini W/o Rajesh Kumar r/o Goldfinch Apartment, 1058 and 1059 flat number F1 first floor khasra number 1151/3 ward number 8 Mehrauli Delhi 110030 have changed the name of minor daughter Rashi aged 12 years and She shall hereafter be known as Rashi Saini.

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Name Change I, KALPANA GARG W/O PRABHAT GARG R/O E-1-9, E-BLOCK, OM VIHAR EXTN., D.K. MOHAN GARDEN, DELHI - 110059, have changed my name from SAVITA BANSAL TO KALPANA GARG for all future purpose.

Name Change I, C. MOHANAN father of NO-15329850X Rank- HAV Name- PRAJEEESH M residing at VPO-KODAKKAD, TEH-HOSURDURG, DIST-KASARAGOD, KERALA-671310 have changed my name from C. MOHANAN to MOHANAN C for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1958 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1953 vide affidavit dated 05/09/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

Name Change I, Sudha Devi W/o Late Mukund Mishra R/o T-Huts, N-25/267, Block-A, Railway Line, Chander Shekhar Azad Colony, West Zapur, Industrial Area, North West Delhi, 110052 declare that my correct name is Sudha Devi but my earlier Name Under Kala was wrongly mentioned in my Aadhar card. That Sudha Devi and Indar Kala are one and the same person

Name Change I, FAROOQ S/O PUTTAN residing at H.NO-D-65, STREET NO-2, NEAR SAIDIYA MASJID, CHAUHAN BANGAR, NEAR SEELAMPUR DELHI-110025 have changed my name to FARUK for all future purposes.

सर्वजनिक सूचना मैं मुस्कर अली सुपुत्र च. हेर अली माता नामा खानुम, उम 32 वर्ष निवासी बिल्डिंग नं. 633 प्लॉट नं. 3, UGF देखी क्विंटेन, नई दिल्ली-110080 (आफार कार्ड नं. 5399 7125 5551), का हकीकत ज्ञान करती हूँ, यह है कि आज दिनांक 05.01.2022 को श्री मुस्कर अली पुत्र च. हेर अली माता नामा खानुम ने मुस्कर मं को खानुम शर्मा से सेवेक्षण में निना क्विंटेन खानुम फिका क्विंटेन मं के सनान मं को खानुम फिका हे खानुम के मने के मर बा वारी को ह। यह कि अब मुझे अतिरिक्त सिंह के नाम से जाना जाएगा।

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Name Change I, GOPAL SINGH S/O JAI BHAGWAN, R/O WZ-122B, WZ BLOCK, West Side of MCD Park, Dasghara Village, Indrapuri, Central Delhi, Delhi-110012, have changed the name of my minor daughter MANSHIKA aged 16 years and she shall be hereafter known as MANSHIKA CHOUDHARY. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

Name Change I, MD JAVED AKHTAR S/O MOHAMMED JAHANGIR ANSARI R/O H-NO 281 Third floor Khasra NO 794/71 Flat NO.10 Village Maidan Garhi Delhi - 110068 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MD JAVED AKHTAR for all future purposes.

NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that my client Smt. Meena Devi who is the owner of Plot no. 36B, & 36C, Area measuring 100, Sq. yds. Out of Khasra no. 1881 Situated at Pradhanpuram, Colony Village Sadarpur, Pargana Dasna, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad, vide Sale Deed dated 15.01.2003 executed by Sh. Techand in favour of Smt. Meena Devi in respect of Plot no. 36C, measuring 50, sq. yds. Doc no. 1020. And Sale deed dated 10.03.2021 executed by Smt. Alka Devi in favour of Smt. Meena Devi in respect of Plot no. 36B, measuring 50, sq. yds. Doc no. 3557, Initially Sale Deed dated 15.01.2003 executed by Sh. Techand in favour of Smt. Meena Devi in respect of Plot no. 36C, measuring 50, sq. yds. Doc no. 1020. Later, Sale deed dated 15.01.2003 executed by Sh. Techand in favour of Smt. Puspita in respect of measuring 50, sq. yds. Doc no. 399. Later, Smt. Puspita died leaving behind legal heirs. Later, Sh. Sanjeev also died leaving behind legal heirs. Finally Sale deed dated 10.03.2021 executed by Smt. Alka Devi in favour of abovementioned my client in respect of measuring 50, sq. yds. That my client intends to mortgage the said immovable property for her bonafide requirements to Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. Whosoever is having any objection to the said mortgage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be presumed that there stands no objections. NEW DELHI DATE: 5/9/2024 PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE Enrl. No. D/721/02 Office: L-27,GF, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-48 Mob.: 9968006418

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NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that my clients M/s Navneet Developers, S. Kulbir Singh Chandhok S/o S. Prehlad Singh Chandhok and Mrs. Rominder Kaur Chandhok W/o S. Kulbir Singh Chandhok is the owner of The Great Eastern Centre 70, Nehru Place, New Delhi vide Sale Deed dated 25/01/2006 executed by M/s Mahindra Gesco Developers Ltd through GPA Shri Kulbir Singh Chandhok s/o Shri Prehlad Singh Chandhok in favour of M/s Navneet Developers through its Partners Shri Prehlad Singh Chandhok (Vide doc no.1310, book no.1, vol no.1, vol no.5827, pages no.53 to 80, SR-V Delhi) (Apartment Nos. GRD-A and GRD-B, on Ground Floor, admeasuring 8914.48 sq. ft. and 10689.49 sq. ft., along with proportionate rights in the basement) Further, Notarized Retirement Cum Partnership Deed dated 01/04/2010 executed between (1) S. Prehlad Singh Chandhok s/o Shri Jit Singh Chandhok (First Party) & (2) Kulbir Singh Chandhok s/o S. Prehlad Singh Chandhok (Second Party) (3) Smt Rominder Kaur Chandhok w/o Shri Kulbir Singh Chandhok (Third Party) that the First Party withdrew from the Partnership Firm and the Third Party Smt Rominder Kaur Chandhok is joining the Partnership Firm in Place of First Party (S. Prehlad Singh Chandhok). Finally, in this way (A) M/s Navneet Developers through its Partners (1) Shri Kulbir Singh Chandhok S/o Shri Prehlad Singh Chandhok & (2) Smt Rominder Kaur Chandhok W/o Shri Kulbir Singh Chandhok and (B) M/s. Anmol Ventures through its Partners (1) Mr. S. Prehlad Singh Chandhok and (C) M/s. Harbans Kaur Chandhok and (2) M/s. Parmeet International through its Partners (1) Shri Kulbir Singh Chandhok S/o Shri Prehlad Singh Chandhok & (2) Smt Rominder Kaur Chandhok W/o Shri Kulbir Singh Chandhok became the owner of whole structure thereon including basement. Unfortunately, Mr. S. Prehlad Singh Chandhok and Mrs. Harbans Kaur Chandhok expired leaving behind their only legal heir Shri Kulbir Singh Chandhok S/o Shri Prehlad Singh Chandhok. Finally, our abovementioned client who intends to sell the Ground Floor 18, admeasuring 475 sq. ft., The Great Eastern Centre 70, Nehru Place, New Delhi portion to intended purchaser who further intends to mortgage said immovable property for bonafide requirements to HDFC BANK LTD. Whosoever is having any objection to the said mortgage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be presumed that there stands no objections. NEW DELHI DATE: 29/8/2024 PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE Enrl. No. D/721/02 Office: L-27,GF, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-48 Mob.: 9968006418

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that I, Yashika Sagar D/O Prakash Veer Singh Sagar, R/O 16-20, Bapa Nagar, Arya Samaj Road, G-5, Karol Bagh, S.O. DIST. Central Delhi, Delhi - 110005 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Yashika and Prakash Veer Singh in my Caste Certificate No SC/O/22/12329/23 dated 05/09/2023. The actual name of mine and my father are Yashika Sagar and Prakash Veer Singh Sagar which may be amended accordingly.

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Name Change I, GULAB SINGH YADAV S/O BALAK RAM YADAV R/O C-57 SEWA SADAN, GALI NO-2, SANGAM VIHAR, DELVI, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110080 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as GULAB SINGH in my minor son HIMANSHU YADAV aged 17 years in his 10th class educational documents. The actual name of mine is GULAB SINGH YADAV, which may be amended accordingly.

Name Change I, SURYAM Father of No. 15334432M Rank-HAV Name-SANKARA RAO SEEPANA R/O H NO-5-15, MAIN STREET, BHARANIGAM NANDIGAM, VENU-GOPALAPURAM SRIKAKULAM, AP-532201 have changed my name from SURYAM to SEEPANA SURYAM for all future purposes, in my son's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1965 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1966 Vide Affidavit dated 04/09/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

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NEWS BOX

4 people killed, 30 injured in US's Georgia school shooting: Report

Atlanta, US, UPDATED Law enforcement officers in Georgia responded on Wednesday to a shooting at a high school and there were reports that at least four people had been killed.

In addition to those killed, 30 people were injured in the shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, MSNBC reported, citing unnamed law enforcement officers briefed on the incident. One suspect was in custody, the Barrow County Sheriff's Office said in a statement. Condemning gun violence, US President Joe Biden, in a statement, said, "Jill and I are mourning the deaths of those whose lives were cut short due to more senseless gun violence and thinking of all of the survivors whose lives are forever changed in Winder, Georgia. Students across the country are learning how to duck and cover instead of how to read and write. We cannot continue to accept this as normal."

The incident appeared to be under control and students were being released at midday, a Barrow County Schools spokesperson said. ABC News quoted a witness, student Sergio Caldera, as saying he was in chemistry class when he heard gunshots. Caldera, 17, told ABC his teacher opened the door and another teacher ran in to tell her to shut the door "because there's an active shooter."

As students and teachers huddled in the room, someone pounded on his classroom door and shouted several times for it to be opened. When the knocking stopped, Caldera heard more gunshots and screams. He said his class later evacuated to the school's football field.

CNN said it witnessed a patient being loaded into a medical helicopter that had landed at the school.

"At approximately 10:23 am, officers from multiple law enforcement agencies and Fire/EMS personnel were dispatched to the high school in reference to a reported active shooting", the Sheriff's Office said.

The FBI field office in Atlanta dispatched agents to the high school to support local law enforcement, said Jenna Sellitto, a spokeswoman for the office.

Missing US teen found in adult jail after lying about her age, identity

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. A 13-year-old Pittsburgh-area girl who was reported missing early last month spent time with adult inmates at a Pennsylvania jail after she lied to authorities about her age and identity following a shoplifting arrest, a prosecutor said.

Someone at the Beaver County jail eventually recognised the girl as a missing person, leading officials to separate her from the jail's adult population, Beaver County District Attorney Nate Bible said Tuesday. The teen's parents were then notified and they picked her up, and the charges against her were moved to juvenile court, he said. Pittsburgh police posted information about the missing teenager on August 6, and subsequent reports said she had been seen in the city and riding on public transportation. The girl was charged with retail theft after she was caught stealing items from a store in Beaver Falls on August 17, Bible said. At the time, she gave police a false name and birthdate that led authorities to believe she was 18. The teen eventually told officers on several occasions that she was a juvenile from the Pittsburgh area, and they told her they would release her to her parents. However, the girl falsely told them she was homeless, Bible said.

During this time, Beaver Falls police contacted child services agencies in Beaver County and Allegheny County — where Pittsburgh is located — to try to find information about her, but since she had given authorities a fake name no records were found, said Bible, who didn't note how many days she spent with the jail's adult population.

Georgia High School shooting: 14-year-old student fatally kills 4 people, injures nine, officials say

WINDER. A 14-year-old student opened fire at a Georgia high school and killed four people on Wednesday, authorities said, sending students scrambling for shelter in their classrooms — and eventually to the football stadium — as officers swarmed the campus and parents raced to find out if their children were safe.

The dead were identified as two students and two teachers at Apalachee High School in Winder, about an hour's drive from Atlanta. At least nine other people — eight students and one teacher — were taken to hospitals with injuries. The words "hard lockdown" appeared on a screen in junior Layla Ferrell's health class and lights began flashing. She and her frightened classmates piled desks and chairs in front of the door to create a barricade, she recalled. Sophomore Kaylee Abner was in geometry class when she heard the gunshots. She and her classmates ducked behind their teacher's desk, and then the teacher began flipping the desk in an attempt to barricade the classroom door, Abner said. A classmate beside her was praying, and she held his hand while they all waited for police. After students poured into the football stadium, Abner saw teachers who had taken off their shirts to help treat gunshot wounds. Two school resource officers encountered the shooter within minutes after a report of shots fired went out, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Chris Hosey said. The suspect, a student at the school, immediately surrendered and was taken into custody. He is being charged as an adult with murder. The teen had been interviewed after the FBI received anonymous tips in May 2023 about online threats to commit an unspecified school shooting, the agency said in a statement. The FBI narrowed the threats down and referred to the case to the sheriff's department in Jackson County, which is adjacent to Barrow County. The sheriff's office interviewed the then-13-year-old and his father, who said there were hunting guns in the house but the teen did not have unsupervised access to them. The teen also denied making any online threats. The sheriff's office alerted local schools for continued monitoring of the teen, but there was no probable cause for arrest to additional action, the FBI said. Authorities were still looking into how the suspect obtained the gun used in the shooting and got it into the school in Barrow County, a rapidly suburbanizing area on the edge of metro Atlanta's ever-expanding sprawl. At an afternoon news conference, officials would not say what type of gun was used. Barrow County Sheriff Jud Smith choked up as he began to speak during the briefing. He said he was born and raised in the community and his kids are in the school system. My heart hurts for these kids. My heart hurts for our community," he said. "But I want to make it very clear that hate will not prevail in this county. I want that to be very clear and known. Love will prevail over what happened today."

Justin Trudeau's minority government at risk as ally withdraws support

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau faces a political challenge after the New Democratic Party withdrew its automatic support for his minority government, forcing him to seek new alliances to survive confidence votes.

Ottawa. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau suffered an unexpected blow on Wednesday when the small party helping keep his minority Liberal government in power withdrew its automatic support, forcing him to attempt new alliances to govern. Promising to continue governing and pushing through social programs, Trudeau dismissed talk of early elections after the left-leaning New Democratic Party's leader Jagmeet Singh said he was "ripping up" a deal struck between the two men in 2022. But the move leaves Trudeau reliant on support from other

opposition lawmakers to survive confidence votes in the lower chamber of parliament at a time when polls show he will lose badly if an election were held now. An election must be held by the end of October 2025 under Canadian law. "An election will come in the coming year, hopefully not until next fall, because in the meantime, we're going to deliver for Canadians," Trudeau told reporters at a school where he had arrived to talk about expanding lunch programs. "I really hope the NDP stays focused on how we can deliver for Canadians, as we have over the past years, rather than focusing on politics." Trudeau, 52, first took office in November 2015 but has over the last two years struggled to fend off attacks from the opposition centre-right Conservatives, who blame him for high inflation and a housing crisis. With the NDP's support, his government has pushed through social programs designed to address the cost of living. But the NDP's Singh had expressed growing frustration with Trudeau in recent months, especially over what he said was the Liberals' failure to



deal with high prices at grocery stores.

"Justin Trudeau has proven again and again he will always cave to corporate greed," Singh said in a video posted on social media where he also declared that he would run for prime minister in the next election. "Liberals have led people down - they don't deserve another chance."

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Polls indicate the same voter fatigue plaguing Trudeau has also spread to the NDP, which despite successfully pushing the Liberals to introduce measures such as a national dental program is languishing far behind in third place. Under the 2022 deal, the NDP agreed to

keep Trudeau in power until mid-2025 in return for more social spending.

Fred Cutler, an associate professor at the University of British Columbia, said the party needed to reestablish its full independence well before the election.

"At least some voters will say, 'Oh, yeah... the NDP are not just in the Liberals' back pocket, they're competing against the Liberals in the election,'" Cutler said. Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre reiterated his call for an early election to break up what he called a Liberal-NDP coalition driving up prices for Canadians. The House of Commons resumes work on Sept. 16, after which the Conservatives will have the ability to propose a vote of confidence. Trudeau's Liberals could still survive if the NDP abstained on such a vote. A statement from the NDP said the party would decide on an issue-by-issue basis whether to support the Liberals on confidence votes, suggesting it may continue to prop up Trudeau if his fate hung in the balance.

A key moment for Trudeau's government will be its budget update later this year, which.

Four Ukrainian ministers resign ahead of major cabinet rejig

Washington Former Republican Representative Liz Cheney on Wednesday said she would support Kamala Harris for president, ending weeks of speculation about how fully the member of a GOP dynasty-turned-Trump critic would embrace the Democratic ticket.

Cheney, who co-chaired the House investigation into the January 6, 2021, attack, became a fierce Trump critic and was ousted in her 2022 Republican primary in Wyoming as a result, made her announcement at an event at Duke University. In a video posted on the social media network X, she finished by talking about the "danger" she believed Trump still poses to the country. "I don't believe that we have the luxury of writing in candidates' names, particularly in swing states," she said. "As a conservative, as someone who believes in and cares about the Constitution, I



have thought deeply about this. Because of the danger that Donald Trump poses, not only am I not voting for Donald Trump, but I will be voting for Kamala Harris."

Harris' campaign chair Jen O'Malley Dillon said in a statement Wednesday night: "The Vice President is proud to have earned Congresswoman Cheney's vote. She is a patriot who loves this country and puts our democracy and our Constitution first."

The daughter of former vice president Dick Cheney, Liz Cheney has been perhaps Trump's highest-profile Republican critic. She joins other Republicans like her former January 6 committee member, former Representative Adam Kinzinger and former Representative Denver Riggleman, as backers of Harris. More than 200 alumni of the Bush administration and former Republican presidential campaigns of the late Senator John McCain and Senator Mitt Romney also announced their endorsement of Harris last week.

Cheney was in House Republican leadership at the time of the January 6 attack but broke with most of her caucus over Trump's responsibility. She lost her leadership post and was one of the few Republicans willing to serve on the January 6 committee, which was appointed by Democrats who controlled the House at the time.

Priti Patel knocked out of race to replace Rishi Sunak as UK Opposition leader

Priti Patel has been voted out in the first round of the Conservative Party leadership race, with Robert Jenrick emerging as the frontrunner. The next round of voting will further narrow down the candidates.

London British Indian former home secretary Priti Patel was on Wednesday voted out of the race to succeed Rishi Sunak as the next Conservative Party leader, winning the least number of ballots in the first round of voting by her fellow Tory members of Parliament.

Patel, 52, bagged only 14 out of 121 votes, with former immigration minister Robert Jenrick emerging as the frontrunner at this stage of the contest with 28 votes. Shadow communities secretary Kemi Badenoch came in second with 22 votes and will now battle it out with former Tory ministers James Cleverly (21 votes), Tom Tugendhat (17 votes) and Mel Stride

(16 votes) in the next round of voting by MPs next Tuesday when the field will be narrowed down further. The results were announced by the chair of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, Bob Blackman, during a meeting within the Parliament complex in Westminster. After next week's vote, the four remaining candidates will go



head-to-head at the party conference at the end of this month to make it as the final two on the online ballot papers for the wider Tory membership vote. The new leader will take over from Sunak, acting Opposition Leader in the House of Commons since the party's defeat in

the July 4 general election, on November 2. "From growing up watching her father work seven days a week running the local shop to being on the side of businesses and entrepreneurs her whole career, Priti knows the value of hard work and enterprise," read the final leadership pitch of the Gujarati heritage politician, who grew up helping out at the family-run local shop in England.

"Labour's higher taxes and growing socialist state put the growing British economy at risk. Priti is best equipped to hold them to account," said her camp.

While Jenrick has vowed to "unite the Conservative Party around our enduring principles", Badenoch has focussed her leadership pitch on "making the case for renewal". Cleverly claimed "momentum" was on his side and Tugendhat — now fighting Mel Stride to stay in the race next week — claimed he is the only candidate who can deliver a "Conservative revolution".

Student, 14, arrested in school shooting in US's Georgia that killed 4

World A 14-year-old has been arrested for opening fire at a school in the US state of Georgia and killing two fellow students and two teachers. According to media reports, the accused was interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) last year for making online threats about a school shooting.

The incident took place on Wednesday at the Apalachee High School in Winder, a town located about an hour away from state capital Atlanta. The shooting also left at least nine other people injured. The suspect, identified as Colt Gray, a student at the school, immediately surrendered to authorities and was taken into custody. He is being charged as an adult with murder, reports The Associated Press. In a statement, the FBI said that it had investigated online threats to commit a school shooting in May 2023 and interviewed a 13-year-old suspect and his father in nearby Jackson County. The Bureau did not reveal the identity of the suspect at the time and also said that there was no probable cause to make an arrest.

"The father stated he had hunting guns in the house, but the subject did not have unsupervised access to them. The subject denied making the threats online. Jackson County alerted local schools for continued monitoring of the subject," Reuters quoted the FBI as saying.

Meanwhile, authorities are currently interrogating Gray about Wednesday's shooting, but are yet to make details of the incident public, including the type of ammunition he used. While addressing the media about the incident, Jud Smith, Sheriff of Barrow County where Winder is located, said that deputies quickly responded after his department received information about the mass shooting at about 10:20 am (local US time) on Wednesday morning. As officials reached the school, the suspect was "immediately confronted and got on the ground and surrendered", Reuters news agency quoted Smith as saying.

In a statement on Wednesday evening issued by the White House, President Joe Biden slammed "senseless gun violence" and said "students across the country are learning how to duck and cover instead of how to read and write." "We must ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, enact universal background checks, and end immunity for gun manufacturers. Thoughts and prayers are not enough," he said, adding that "we cannot continue to accept this as normal." US Vice President and the Democratic presidential nominee, Kamala Harris called the shooting "a senseless tragedy" and said "we must end the epidemic of gun violence in our country once and for all".

Antony Blinken to visit Haiti to boost UN backed security mission amid violence

Brian Nichols, US assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere affairs, said Blinken will meet with Haitian Prime Minister Garry Conille and the transition council before travelling to the Dominican Republic.

Washington/Mexico City. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will visit Haiti on Thursday, a senior US official said, as Washington seeks to solidify the UN-backed security mission in the Caribbean country that has been ravaged by gang violence. Brian Nichols, US assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere affairs, said Blinken will meet with Haitian Prime Minister Garry Conille and the transition council before travelling to the Dominican Republic. Nichols, speaking to reporters on Wednesday, called on the rest of the international community to step forward with more financial contributions so the existing force — which is led by Kenya

can continue and additional nations can deploy units. The current mission in Haiti is supported by the United Nations, with much of the contributions coming from Washington. The United States is looking at several options, including a formal UN peace-keeping operation, that could help ensure the mission has reliable financing and staffing going forward, Nichols said.

"Our goal is to have a mission that is effective, strong, able to deliver the kind of security progress that the Haitian people deserve. And we're working with our international partners to do that," Nichols said. The United States and Canada have made the largest contributions to the force so far, Nichols said. Gang wars have displaced more than 578,000 Haitians, while nearly 5 million — almost half the population of 11.7 million — are facing acute hunger, with 1.6 million of those people at risk of starvation, the United Nations says. Haiti



in 2022 called for a security mission to help its under-resourced police fight the gangs, who have taken over most of the capital Port-au-Prince. Recruiting minors into their ranks, the gangs have carried out indiscriminate killings, gang rape, and extortion. But progress has been slow. So far just 400 Kenyan police mandated to lead a UN ratified mission have been deployed in Haiti, while countries have lagged in delivering on promises of funds, personnel and armoured trucks. Many Haitians have also been wary of

international interventions after previous UN missions left behind a devastating cholera epidemic and sex abuse scandals.

While in Haiti, Blinken will discuss the urgent need for elections, Nichols said, adding that engaging with the prime minister and transitional council was a priority. "This is a crucial moment in Haiti... We're seeing that forward movement on the security side that we've long waited for, but we also need to see progress on the political side," Nichols said. Haiti has not had a president since former President Jovenel Moise was assassinated in July 2021. While in the Dominican Republic — which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti — Blinken will meet with President Luis Abinader. They will discuss strengthening economic ties, advancing democracy, and promoting increased security in the region, particularly in Haiti, Nichols said.

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Pod taxis to roll out in BKC for rides to nearest stations

MUMBAI. A pod taxi service for BKC, proposed by the state govt in March, has been approved by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA). The route will lie between Bandra and Kurla railway stations via BKC and is planned to be commissioned in three years. At present, commuters headed for the business hub from these stations battle congestion and spend around 45 minutes to reach their destination. MMRDA has awarded the contract to Sai Green Mobility, in collaboration with Ultra PRT, a leading technology provider known for its implementation of the pod taxi system at London's Heathrow airport. "As foot traffic is expected to increase with upcoming projects like the bullet train and new commercial developments, the need for efficient last-mile connectivity has become increasingly urgent," said an official. The initiative follows a detailed techno-economic feasibility study (TEFS) commissioned by MMRDA, which assessed various global technologies. The study, reviewed by Tata Consulting Engineers, identified the pod taxi system as the most suitable option for BKC's topography and anticipated traffic growth. Commenting on the project, chief minister and MMRDA chairman Eknath Shinde said, "The pod taxi system will serve as a benchmark for future urban transport projects across India, promoting sustainable and efficient mobility for our citizens." MMRDA commissioner Sanjay Mukherjee said, "The pod taxi project in BKC represents a significant advancement in urban mobility for one of Mumbai's busiest business districts. This system will not only enhance last-mile connectivity but also reduce congestion and provide a modern, efficient transportation option for daily commuters."

Maharashtra eases rules for Rs 632cr loans to neta-linked mills

Mumbai. Five cooperative sugar factories linked to Mahayuti stand to benefit from a cabinet decision which waived tough conditions on govt guarantees for loans worth Rs 631.6 crore from the apex Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank. These include Chhatrapati factory linked to NCP MLA Datta Bhame, a close aide of deputy CM Ajit Pawar, which received a guarantee of Rs 128 cr, and Bhaurao Chavan factory in Nanded linked to BJP MP Ashok Chavan which received a guarantee of Rs 147.8 crore. As per the cabinet decision, board of directors will not face property attachment over loan repayment. The cooperative sugar factories had been granted the guarantees for term loans on October 23, 2023, based on a stringent policy formulated by the state on Sept 13, 2023. The policy said that directors of sugar factories would be personally liable to repay the loan and their properties could be attached to recover it. It also said that if the factory had a previous loan, then an NOC would be needed from the lender before a state guarantee could be extended for an MSC Bank loan. If the directors changed after disqualification or death, the condition of personal liability and property attachment would be enforced within 10 days on the new directors. In the case of a change in directors after elections, the period would be 30 days. At a meeting on Aug 25, the state cabinet had dropped the property attachment and the NOC requirements and had agreed to a less stringent policy for granting guarantees to factories getting MSC Bank loans. Under the new policy, while the board of directors will remain personally liable for the loan, they will not face property attachment but will merely have to submit a bond regarding their personal liability for loan repayment.

Scattered showers: City gets average rainfall of 5.87mm

Ahmedabad. The city received scattered rain on Wednesday morning and afternoon, with some areas recording recorded half an inch of rain. The Memco area recorded the highest rainfall at 14.50mm. Danapith recorded 9mm, Odhav 11mm, Viratnagar 9.50mm, Ramol 7mm, Ranip 8mm, Chandlodiya 7.50mm, Sarkhej 8mm and Chandkheda 6mm. The average rainfall in the city was recorded at 5.87mm. Six gates of the Vasna barrage were opened, with three opened up to three feet and three up to four feet. A total of 11,058 cusecs of water was released from the Sabarmati river. The Narmada canal saw an inflow of 7,902 cusecs and the Sant Sarovar Dam had an inflow of 2,652 cusecs. Scattered showers in city; average rainfall 5.87mm Ahmedabad saw scattered rain on Wednesday, with Memko recording the highest rainfall at 14.50mm. Six gates of the Vasna barrage were opened, releasing 11,058 cusecs of water from the Sabarmati River. The Narmada Canal and Sant Sarovar Dam also reported significant inflows. 113071386 Jodhpur records 26mm rainfall, highest in city Ahmedabad experienced intermittent light rain throughout Thursday, averaging 14.88mm of rainfall between 6am and 7pm.

IC 814 Kandahar hijack: Who's the terrorist whose body hijackers sought?

Among the initial demands of the five IC 814 hijackers was the body of a terrorist who was buried six months earlier. The terrorist whose body they were demanding was Sajjad Afghani, killed in Jammu in July 1999. Who was Afghani?

New Delhi. "Give us straight answers. Keep your sentences short," read the piece of paper thrown out of the plane. This was Indian Airlines flight IC 814 that had been hijacked to Kandahar. The hijackers had sent their demands to the Indian negotiators. Only then, they said, they would release the prisoners. Their initial demands were -- release 36 terrorists, give \$200 million (Rs 860 crore) and 'the coffin of martyr' Sajjad Afghani.



The hijacking of IC 814 is back in focus with the 1999 hostage crisis being now turned into a Netflix series, 'IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack', directed by Anubhav Sinha. It stars Naseeruddin Shah, Vijay Varma, and Pankaj Kapur. The series is an adaptation of Captain Devi Sharan's book 'Flight into Fear', published in 2000. The hijackers spoke to the Indian government through walkie-talkies provided by the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) Kandahar, and they used the VHS set of the aircraft. The demand for the coffin brought Taliban hardliners to the front, and they began to bring in pressure that the hijackers withdraw their demands. The Taliban Supreme Council, Shura, got involved, and

held a meeting. It finally concluded that the hijackers' demand for money was un-Islamic and should be dropped. The Taliban leaders said if the hijackers refused to comply, they would be asked to fly out of Kandahar. The initial demands were mostly retracted, with India finally swapping three terrorists for all the passengers of IC 814. All this after intense negotiations at the Kandahar airport. It was 1999, and Afghanistan was being run by the Taliban as it is now. Taliban chief Mullah Omar asked his foreign minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil to carry forward the

negotiations, who would speak to the chief hijacker for 30 minutes, according to Anil K Jaggia and Saurabh Shukla in their book, 'IC 814 Hijacked: The Inside Story'. WHO WAS THE TERRORIST? WHY WAS HE WANTED? In 1991, Sajjad Afghani became Commander in Chief of the terrorist outfit Harkat-ul-Ansar in Srinagar. In June 1994, he was arrested with terrorist Masood Azhar, then the general secretary of the terror organisation Harkat-ul-Ansar, by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF). Lt Gen Arjun Ray, then Brigadier General Staff (BGS), described Afghani, a fragile looking but tough man who had even fought the Russians, as the "biggest catch". The Harkat-ul-Mujahideen came together with another terror outfit, the Harkat-ul-Jehad-al-Islami (HuJI), to form the Harkat-ul-Ansar (HuA) in 1993. This was Pakistan's nefarious plan to foment more trouble and bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir. Indian security forces, with the arrest of three of the leaders, foiled that plan.

Gaming apps launder money using kirana stores in Mumbai, ED uncovers

MUMBAI. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has uncovered a money laundering operation connected to illegal gaming and betting apps, involving unsuspecting local shop owners. These shop owners, believing they were participating in the RBI's domestic money transfer (DMT) framework, have inadvertently facilitated payouts for illegal gambling activities. DMT allows instant money transfers to any bank account within the country. Under it, banks can appoint intermediaries and agents (business correspondents) to collect cash from migrants and send it to their relatives. The collected cash is deposited into a common account before being transferred to the recipient's UPI account. The scheme is intended to provide easy and secure money transfer options for migrants who lack access to formal banking services. The ED's investigation into this money trail led them to a 40-year-old mobile accessories shop owner in a Dahisar slum. The shopkeeper, who thought he was simply handling routine DMT transactions, was shocked to learn that a significant portion of the transactions he processed were payouts to winners of gaming-betting apps. A similar discovery was made at another retail shop in Naya Nagar, Mira Road. Illegal gaming-betting operators, mainly based abroad, use kirana stores, small retail outlets, and even fake e-commerce websites to disburse winnings in small denominations, making it difficult for government agencies to track the illicit funds. The operators employ various tactics to lure users into their schemes, including hiring celebrities and social media influencers to promote the apps.

Day after doctor's murder, ex-RG Kar principal ordered renovation in hospital

Kolkata. A day after the body of the trainee doctor was found at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College on August 9, former principal Sandip Ghosh ordered repairs and renovation inside the institution. India Today has exclusively accessed a letter written by Ghosh on August 10 to the PWD, asking them for repair, renovation, and reconstruction of on-duty doctors' rooms in all departments of RG Kar.



"I would like to inform you that there are deficiency of on-duty doctors' rooms and separate attached toilets in various departments of RG Kar Hospital. You are hereby requested to do the needful immediately as per demand of

resident doctors of RG Kar Hospital," the letter written by Ghosh, who resigned from

later clarified that the video was not of the seminar room but of another room in the

his post following a massive outrage over the incident, said. The 31-year-old doctor was raped and murdered inside the seminar hall of the hospital, triggering huge protests from healthcare professionals across the country over workplace safety concerns. A civic volunteer attached to the Kolkata Police, Sanjay Roy, has been arrested. A controversy had erupted over allegations that a part of the seminar room was being reconstructed after a video had gone viral of construction in the hospital.

However, the administration same corridor. The reconstruction was then stopped. In August, the Calcutta High Court questioned the West Bengal government over its "urgency" to renovate portions near the crime scene. "Is it so important to provide a restroom within 12 hours to meet urgency? You go to any district court complex, see if ladies have any restrooms. I say this with responsibility. What has the PWD done? See the condition of the restrooms in the court complexes," the Chief Justice said. Refuting allegations that the renovation was ordered to destroy evidence, the state government's counsel said the demolition work was not near the crime scene. "All these allegations that the place of occurrence (of the crime) has been demolished, destroyed, nothing is correct. The demolition work that happened was not near the place of occurrence," the government's counsel said.

Woman raped, murdered in Karnataka's Bidar; 3 arrested, protests erupt



Bengaluru. An 18-year-old woman was raped and murdered in Karnataka's Bidar city. The police have arrested three people in connection to the case, while protests have erupted across the city, demanding justice for the victim. According to information, the woman was

reported missing on August 29 and her body was recovered on September 1 in the bushes near a government primary school in Gunatheerhawadi. The police had initially registered a murder case, but based on the autopsy report and statement of the accused, it was

reclassified as a rape and murder case. The report revealed that the victim suffered a fatal injury to the head caused by a stone. Of the three accused, one carried out the rape and murder, while the other two, who are friends, waited in a vehicle while the crime was being committed. In a statement, Superintendent of Police, Bidar, Pradeep Gunte said the key accused was related to the victim and a three-member team has been constituted to further investigate the case. He also said that the woman was a Scheduled Tribe. Meanwhile, hundreds of people, carrying banners and placards, took to the streets of Bidar to protest against the rape and murder. Due to the massive protests, roads were also blocked in the city. Meanwhile, Karnataka Minister Eshwar Khandre visited the victim's family today and termed the crime "the most satanic act". He also confirmed that he directed authorities to issue Rs 4 lakh as compensation to the family on behalf of the state government.

Maharashtra assembly elections will be held in November, hints CM Eknath Shinde



MUMBAI. Though the Election Commission hasn't announced dates for the Maharashtra assembly elections, chief minister Eknath Shinde hinted at an event in the city late Tuesday evening that the polls would be held in November. Stating that elections "will be held in two months," Shinde at the event appealed to people to elect Shiv Sena MLA Dilip Lande from the Chandivali assembly constituency. Officials have said that the EC will announce assembly polls in Maharashtra only after the J&K and Haryana election results are out on Oct 4 and is likely to tie them up with the Jharkhand polls. EC sources had told TOI that elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand may be held in Nov and would be completed well before the term of the current Maharashtra assembly expires on Nov 26. Chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar, while announcing the poll schedule for J&K and Haryana last month, had said assembly elections in Maharashtra and Haryana - which were held together over the last few cycles - were delinked this time as the existing Haryana assembly's term was ending much earlier on Nov 3, 2024. Maharashtra has 9.53 crore voters, according to the final electoral roll published on Aug 30, ahead of the upcoming assembly polls. This is a rise of 16.9 lakh voters in just three weeks since the draft roll was published on Aug 6. The state, however, has only 18.6 lakh voters in the 18-19 age-group of young and first-time voters. This accounts for less than 2% of the state's total voters. An EC official said, "The time between the completion of the Jammu & Kashmir poll process on Oct 6 and Nov 3, by when a new Haryana assembly should be in place, was not enough to accommodate the entire poll process, including the nomination procedure, campaign and polling. Besides, in 2019, the Maharashtra assembly's term was only till Nov 9, unlike Nov 26 now, and much closer to the expiry date of the Haryana assembly on Nov 2, 2019, which is why the two states had gone to polls together."

PI suspended after inaction results in shop's demolition

Ahmedabad. The city police commissioner GS Malik on Wednesday suspended an inspector, B D Gohil, posted at the Ranip police station for dereliction of duty. The suspension was prompted following a complaint filed by a 50-year-old fair price shop owner Kamal Sevkhani, residing in Man-Shanti apartment in Vastrapur area. Sevkhani had filed three applications on June 13, 21 and 24 against a man who had allegedly threatened to harm him and destroy his shop in Ranip area, despite a pending civil suit. However, inspector B D Gohil failed to take action, even after Sevkhani called the city police control room. Sevkhani alleged that as a result of the Ranip police's inaction and failure to file an FIR or make an arrest, the accused individual demolished his shop using a bulldozer on Aug 7. The accused also allegedly stole grains worth Rs 90,000 meant for the poor and a laptop valued at Rs 50,000. Ranip police registered a complaint against the man on Aug 8 but did not conduct a thorough investigation, leading to him getting bail. The city police commissioner's order states,



"Thus, in want of taking any serious action on the complaints received, the accused has demolished the shop of Sevkhani. If timely preventive measures had been taken by the Ranip police inspector considering the seriousness of the situation, the loss of property and incidents of theft as mentioned in the filed case would not have occurred. Therefore, it appears that there is significant negligence in your work." Gohil had been posted as the Ranip police inspector since Oct 5, 2022. PI suspended for not acting on complaint of fair price shop owner Ahmedabad police commissioner suspended inspector B D Gohil for neglecting duty after ignoring multiple

complaints from shop owner Kamal Sevkhani. Despite threats and a pending civil suit, no action was taken, resulting in the demolition of Sevkhani's shop and theft of goods worth Rs 1.4 lakh by Ashok Pansal. Actress Kadambari Jethwani files police complaint against 'false case' against her Bollywood actress Kadambari Jethwani has filed a complaint against political leader KVR Vidyasagar, alleging he filed false cases against her family and conspired with police officers to harass them. Her lawyer highlighted the mistreatment of her elderly parents by the Andhra Pradesh Police. The police have recorded their statements. Police complaint filed against Mamata over 'if Bengal burns' warning to PM Modi A police complaint was filed against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee by Supreme Court lawyer Vineet Jindal, following her comments warning Prime Minister Narendra Modi of potential repercussions for other states if the BJP stirs trouble in Bengal. The complaint has been forwarded to the President's office and Ministry of Home Affairs.

India must revive case for Tibet's full autonomy

US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues Uzra Zeya and White House National Security Council's Kelly Razzouk recently met the Dalai Lama, who was in New York for a knee-replacement surgery. China was quick to condemn the meeting, accusing the Dalai Lama of being "a political exile engaged in anti-China separatist activities under the guise of religion".

While the US's Resolve Tibet Act, 2024, has sought to catalyse talks between the Dalai Lama's envoy and China — which are being held through the backchannel, though denied by Beijing — India is not uttering the 'T' word, hoping that a leaders' summit can lead to full disengagement in eastern Ladakh. Indian restraint and patience need to be replaced with building leverage and deterrence.

New Delhi has been unusually vocal about Beijing's attempts to alter the status quo in the West Philippine Sea and Taiwan. Equally, China's coercive activities in the South China Sea and the Himalayas, along with its 'no limits' support for Russia, have drawn considerable international opprobrium. The time is ripe for New Delhi to revive the case for Tibet's full autonomy as a lever against China to settle the border issue. India has stopped saying that the 'Tibet Autonomous Region is a part of China' since 2010. But India needs to strengthen its Tibet stance at home and internationally. It is time to reactivate the All-Party Indian Parliamentary Forum for Tibet to start a discussion on the region and the Dalai Lama succession issue in Parliament. Restlessness among Tibetan youth in Dharamsala is growing over the succession to the 14th Dalai Lama in view of internal contradictions.

Another matter that warrants action is the confusion over India's border: is it with Tibet or China? While Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has consistently stated that his state shares a border with Tibet, not China, the US Senate recently passed a bipartisan resolution declaring the McMahon Line as the border between China and Arunachal Pradesh. This contradiction can unhinge Tibet's legal stand on sovereignty. Besides, there are other matters that the Dharamsala-based Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) needs to resolve with the office of the Dalai Lama.

The RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) had been vocal on Tibet, but since it began to get involved in major policy decisions with the BJP's ruling establishment, it has remained silent on the matter. Civil society organisations need to be mobilised to speak out against the gross human rights violations in Tibet and the adverse impact of its Sinicisation on the ecology. India needs to revitalise its contact and protocol arrangements with the Dalai Lama. A liaison officer from the Ministry of External Affairs is based in Dharamsala. He should be at least a Joint Secretary-level officer. The East Asia Division handles the subject of Tibet and works with the CTA through the liaison officer and coordinates the movements of the Dalai Lama with his office. A new map of Tibet, the Dalai Lama's succession and other political matters are being discussed.

The Foreign Secretary usually visits Dharamsala at least once a year and seeks an audience with the Dalai Lama, who, in turn, is supposed to come to Delhi periodically to meet the Prime Minister. Of late, there have been no meetings. Regarding his succession and the selection process, the Dalai Lama wrote a long letter in 1986 to then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. He told his followers in 2011 that he would live to the age of 104 and leave it to his people to decide whether they wanted a new Dalai Lama or abandon the institution, for which a referendum was mooted. He would appoint his successor at an appropriate time. Earlier this year, the current head (Sikyong) of the CTA, Penpa Tsering, urged China to release the Panchen Lama, who is second only to the Dalai Lama. At the age of six years, Tenzin Phuntsok was anointed the Panchen Lama by the Dalai Lama, according to the tradition of reincarnation. But in 1995, Tenzin and his parents 'disappeared'. The Chinese appointed their own Panchen Lama, Gyaltsen Norbu. It is almost certain that the Chinese will appoint their own Dalai Lama once the incumbent achieves nirvana.

Top-down approach has come a cropper

Leaders who want to support reforms should listen to the change-makers and learn from them

I begin with some bold statements: Global governance has collapsed. Geopolitical governance is broken. Global financial systems and global supply chains are breaking. The United Nations is unable to stop the genocidal massacre of women and children in Palestine because the most powerful country in the world is unwilling to do it. Countries are harming nature's systems with their ambitions to climb GDP rankings, which are supposed to be indicators of their level of development. Even within the richest, so-called democratic countries, citizens do not trust their governments to govern them equitably. The pressure of economic exploitation is breaking the ability of nature's system to sustain itself. Humanity is facing an existential crisis with depleting fresh water sources, degraded soils and runaway climate change. Powerful nations are empowering their armies with more technologies and artificial intelligence. The present danger is that more wars in the future will kill people even faster than climate change will. Do we need more evidence that top-down solutions for global problems have failed? As Albert Einstein and others said, continuing to solve problems with the same way of thinking that has caused them is madness.

Let's think scientifically for a moment. There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All of them must be addressed faster. Moreover, none of them can be solved by themselves because they are interlinked. Each of the SDGs is not manifested in the same way everywhere. Problems of the environment and the climate are not the same in Alaska and Barbados, or in Uttarakhand and Kerala. Problems of livelihoods are quite different in the slums of New York and in rural Bihar. Therefore, all problems must be solved locally. And, everywhere in the world, at least seven of the 17 problems of the SDGs must be solved urgently.

Forecasters estimate that the SDGs will be achieved only by 2087 if we persist with the present top-down and siloed approach of problem-solving, whereas the aim was to achieve them by 2030. How many different combinations can there be of seven problems at a time taken out of 17? 94 million! The problems of the 17 SDGs are manifested on the ground, and they take different shapes everywhere. Clearly, one-size-fits-all solutions developed by global climate scientists or global health experts will not fit local realities everywhere. We need a new paradigm of problem-solving. Local,

community-led systems solutions are the way to solve global systemic problems of inequality, social disharmony and environmental degradation.

The earth on which we all stand is 'common ground'. The established paradigms of governance and management have too much 'I' and too little 'we'; and too much competition and too little collaboration. We must follow a new path, so far less taken, to realise the 'promise of our commons', which the established ways of thinking and acting



have converted into the 'tragedy of the commons'.

A new systemic way of thinking and acting must be spread around. This will require an 'unlearning' of the unsystemic ways of solving problems and organising that have become universal. In the established way of organising on scale, systemic problems are broken up into parts with specialists, and resources, dedicated to solving individual problems separately. However, decisions taken in silos harm other parts of the system. Solutions to make the economy grow with man-made infrastructure destroy the environment. Solutions to save just the environment by removing humans living in forests, or animal grazers in pastures to build renewable energy infrastructure, destroy livelihoods. Increasing the productivity of agriculture by applying more chemicals and replacing farmers with machines has reduced the productivity of soils, and so more chemicals are required. Meanwhile, the farmers displaced are unable to find employment in manufacturing because, simultaneously, humans are being replaced by robots to increase the productivity of factories!

Let us pause our rush to set global targets and programmes to save the world based on old theories that have caused the harm we must prevent. We must

stop the 'God of GDP' from exploiting nature and human beings to feed the growth of the greedy economic machine; instead, the Economy must be made to serve society and nature. The 'green' and 'caring' economies, which economists say will create employment in the future, will require 'informal' community ways of working which create good societies, to replace 'formal' factory ways of working which are required to produce outputs efficiently and boost economies.

This paradigm shift will not be easy, because power must shift from the top to the people. Modern governance systems maintain the structure of the Hindu caste system. The power of knowledge lies with academic experts on pedestals (Brahmins), not farmers and workers with practical experience. Political power is with powerful officers (Kshatriyas), not the people. Economic power lies with traders and accumulators of financial wealth (Vaishnavas), not with those who produce value with their labour. Paradigm changes are never easy because wealth and power accumulate in a process of 'cumulative causation'. Those with wealth and power use it to lobby for rules that make it easier for them to grow their wealth and power. They use their wealth and power to support research, convene conferences and lobby for policies that endorse their ideologies. Those who challenge them are shut out. Thus, paradigms of ideas become locked in hard.

The keys to change a paradigm must be found outside the echo chambers of the paradigm. There is hope. Leaders of the commons are convening, learning together and enlarging a non-violent movement of change from below. Leaders on top who want to support reforms that benefit India's disempowered masses should listen to these change-makers and learn from them. Hundreds of them gathered for a 'Commons Convening' at the Ambedkar International Institute in New Delhi from August 27 to 29. Here was proof on the ground that the bottom-up paradigm of cooperative change does improve the lives of everyone in the community and repairs harm to the environment that the expert-led paradigm of growth has caused. These role-models of transformational change reveal the right way to make India Viksit by 2047. Such ideas must be adopted by the powers on top and spread around faster to scale up outcomes. Otherwise, Viksit Bharat will be just another glorious vision in vain, like India@75 before it, and claims to double farmers' incomes and provide employment to all.

Brakes on bulldozer

SC should lay down foolproof guidelines



IN recent years, the bulldozer has been all over the place, riding roughshod over laws, rules and procedures — especially in BJP-ruled states. People booked in cases of rioting and violence, particularly those belonging to a certain minority community, have seen their shanties and shops being flattened well before their guilt (or innocence) could be proved. In some cases, action has been taken without giving any notice to the accused. Such rare 'efficiency' of the authorities is nothing but a vengeful ploy to punish the accused and their families. The contentious exercise, which is carried out in full public view, is meant to send out a stern message to the entire community: Stay out of trouble or face the music. Municipal laws mandate that unauthorised construction or encroachments on public land be razed. But the devil is in the timing and selectivity. Illegal structures come up right under the nose of the administration, which

wakes up to the perennial problem mostly when a communal clash takes place. Making a welcome intervention, the Supreme Court has proposed to lay down guidelines to be implemented across the country

to ensure that such demolitions stay within the legal ambit. The court has made it clear that even if someone is convicted, his or her house cannot be demolished without following the procedure prescribed by law. The guidelines must include the provision of strict action against officials who bypass due process in their zealotry to show 'results' to their political masters. Proceedings should also be initiated against politicians who encourage illegal construction or promise to get it legalised in order to woo voters. The removal of encroachments ought to be a year-round activity, not restricted to the election season or confined to a section of the offenders. A pick-and-choose policy will only make the authorities lose credibility and embolden violators from the majority community.

China keeps reunification agenda alive with pressure on Taiwan

Whether China can successfully launch a military invasion of Taiwan is debatable. But the US and other nations should not disregard the possibility of a sudden operation.

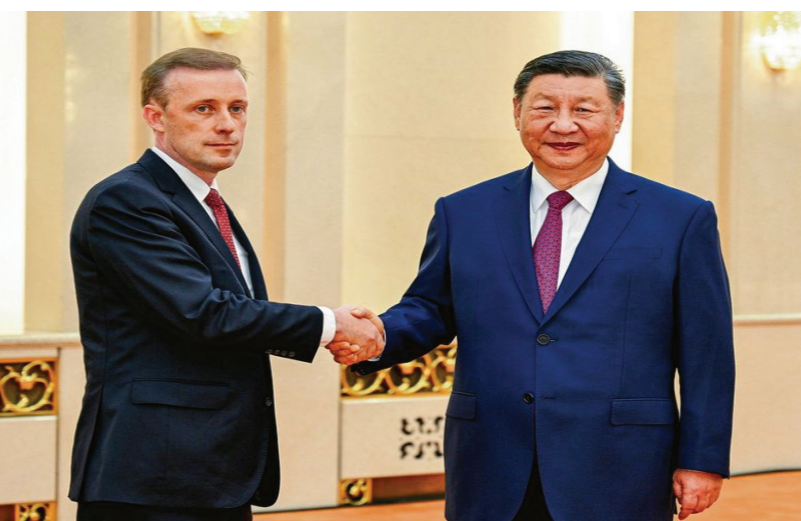
CHINA's unwavering pressure on Taiwan in the backdrop of its military preparations has increased ambiguity about its intentions. During US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan's recent visit to Beijing, Chinese Politburo member and Foreign Minister Wang Yi asserted "that Taiwan belongs to China and that China will be reunified". Reunification with Taiwan is high on Chinese President Xi Jinping's agenda. Coinciding with Sullivan's visit, China also showed an aggressive posturing towards Japan and the Philippines — both countries have signed a key defence pact with the US. Tension across the Taiwan Strait has been rising after the leader of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) Lai Ching-te took over as Taiwan's new President. Since then the Chinese authorities have been mounting military and psychological pressure on Taiwan. Beijing has issued sternly worded warnings, accompanied by personal threats, to Lai Ching-te against making statements that Beijing perceives as provocative. Tensions were raised further when Xi told the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to be ready to invade Taiwan by the 100th anniversary of its foundation in 2027. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Burns had mentioned in February last year that the US knew 'as a matter of intelligence' about Xi's instruction to the PLA.

A few developments have contributed to the increase in tension. The electoral victory of Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for an unprecedented third time and the election of pro-independence DPP candidate Lai Ching-te as President was a setback for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and personally for Xi. The DPP victory came despite Xi having strengthened the CCP Central Committee's (CC) United Front Work Department (UFFWD) in late 2016, by doubling its

budget and personnel strength. CCP cadre Song Tao was also brought out of retirement to head the crucial Taiwan Affairs Office (TAO) of the State Council and the CCP CC's Taiwan Office. According to reports, Song Tao, a close confidant of Xi, has "the deepest knowledge of the DPP" and has had many contacts and communications with his Taiwanese counterpart, Chiu Tai-san. The UFFWD has apparently intensified efforts inside Taiwan. Interactions with Taiwan's main opposition political party, Kuomintang (KMT), have increased with a KMT delegation visiting China almost every week. KMT leader and former Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou has visited China at least twice and met Xi. China's official Huaxia Ribao (Overseas Chinese Daily) almost daily reports Taiwanese officials or politicians' visits to China. Taiwan's armed forces personnel are also being targeted to win them over or get them to defect.

Ever since former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in August 2022, China has maintained military and psychological pressure on Taiwan and kept alive the possibility of using the military to effect the reunification. The PLA Eastern Theatre Command has conducted numerous exercises in the Taiwan Strait and, departing from past practice, has now made crossing the median line almost a routine. They have carried out air and sea exercises around Taiwan and on its eastern coast, prompting observers to assess that the Chinese navy is rehearsing for a blockade. Separately, PLA ground forces and marines have carried out amphibious landing and para-drop exercises ostensibly in preparation for an invasion of Taiwan. There are other indications of the Chinese leadership working to a

timetable for the reunification, if necessary, by force. In April, for the first time, the Government Work Report presented by Premier Li Qiang to the National People's Congress omitted the word 'peaceful' while referring to the reunification of Taiwan. At the 16th Straits Forum in Xiamen in June, Wang Huning, Politburo Standing Committee member and



Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, which is responsible for Taiwan's reunification with Mainland China, also reiterated this. Speaking at a seminar in Malaysia on May 8, Zhang Weiwei said that reunification had entered the 'fast track' and is targeted to be completed by 2027. Zhang, a close associate and supporter of Xi and former English Interpreter to Deng Xiaoping and late Premier Li Peng, is a Professor of International

Relations at Fudan University and Director of its China Institute. Interestingly, Zhang was in France for lectures around the time of Xi's visit and underscored that the Taiwan issue was high on the CCP's agenda and that reunification would be effected soon. If Xi has returned from his European tour with the feeling that the US is distracted and

Europe is preoccupied with the war in Ukraine, it would strengthen his view that China has a window of opportunity to move against Taiwan with minimal possibility of intervention by the West. Whether China can successfully launch a military invasion of Taiwan is debatable. Nevertheless, Beijing retains the option of a sudden, swift operation to seize at least one or all three small islands of Penghu, Matsu and Kinmen just off China's coast. Such a limited Chinese action will end before the US or other nations can react and enable Xi to declare he has begun the process of reunification — becoming the first Chinese leader to achieve this. The US will then face the difficult choice of either responding militarily or imposing punitive economic sanctions against China. Enforcing the latter will be difficult as American and European businesses are reluctant to dilute ties with China.

Countries in the region like Japan, Vietnam and India will certainly take a serious note of China's actions and mull options. It would, nevertheless, be imprudent to disregard the possibility of Xi embarking on such an adventure.

Although it is true that there are no such things as "bad" exercises, certain faulty techniques can make an exercise useless and compromising.

While some of these exercises aren't optimal for fitness, some others should be avoided as they can easily lead to injury. However, it is important to understand that they are not always unsafe or unproductive. Adopting or avoiding any exercise technique depends on an individual's personal fitness goals and objectives. Read on to know more about these common red flags...

Spot reduction exercises: An ineffective method of 'burning fat' followed by many people is spot reduction. The popularity of this belief can be largely attributed to the many exercise gimmicks that we often see in infomercials regarding localized weight reduction. But always keep in mind that weight loss can never be isolated to a particular area. Localized strengthening and toning exercises will only help to firm muscles but will have no effect on the fat content of the target area. A better alternative is to adopt a well-rounded full-body weight reduction program.

Leg extensions (Seated): A very popular exercise for working the anterior thigh muscles, seated leg extensions are actually one of the most dangerous exercises in the gym. This is because the exercise places an unhealthy amount of stress on the knee joint. According to a research published in the *Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*, individuals who worked on the leg extension machines found no benefit during functional tests. This can be particularly dangerous for those who have any kind of knee problems. Safer alternatives are simple lunges and squats without any added weights.

7 exercises you need to avoid

Leg press: Another form of exercise that should be avoided is the leg press as this can place undue amount

of stress on the lower back. This can thus predispose a person to low back injuries. Although, many claim that seated leg press exercises can train your hamstrings, quadriceps and glutes, in reality, it does not engage these muscles at all. All it does is force the spine into a flexed position. Hence, instead of this, try working on bodyweight squats.

Seated abduction or adduction: Just like leg press, seated abduction/adduction movements can place great amounts of stress on your spine. Also, such movements only train these muscles as prime movers. But, in reality, during actual physical activity, they are used only as stabilizers and not as prime movers. An easy and effective alternative is lunges which can be used to train these muscles for their actual purpose of stabilizing.



Leg curls: According to strength and conditioning coach, Charlie Weingroff, exercises like deadlifts are more effective than leg curls. This is because the latter trains the hamstrings only as knee flexors while, during activity, they are used mainly as hip extensors.

Sit ups: As per the recommendations by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a person should never

(behind the head): This is a big "no-no" without proper form, as this may affect your shoulder joint functioning. Only those with extreme shoulder joint flexibility can opt for this exercise and that too, with extreme care for correct form. A better alternative for working your lats is by pulling the bar towards your chest and not behind the head. But, remember to keep your spine straight and abs pulled in while performing this.



How papaya, fenugreek leaves can control Dengue

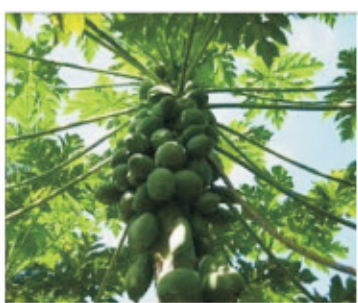
Giloy is helpful in building the immune system and papaya leaves cure dengue fever, an expert says.



Pankaj Aggarwal, from the capital-based Agrawal Homoeo Clinic, has suggested some easy home remedies to control platelet loss and recovery from dengue fever

Giloy (herb): This is helpful in building the immune system, giloy stem marks immediate recovery when consumed in frequently during the fever. Boil two or three giloy stems for ten minutes and serve the patient for better immunity.

Papaya leaves: The budding leaves of papaya tree cure dengue fever and helps in removing excess toxins from the body. The intake of its juice from crushed leaves can help in rising the platelet count.



Fenugreek leaves: Fenugreek leaves help in reducing the pain of the patient and help in restful sleep. It reduces the level of fever stabilizing the blood pressure and heartbeat of the patient.

Goldenseal: The herb proves to be an excellent remedy for its ability to clear up the symptoms of the dengue fever. The leaf when consumed in form of juice helps in eliminating the dengue virus from the body strengthening the immunity of the body against its signs.

Feeling blue? You have impaired your ability to identify colours

Taking the association between our mood and colours beyond a mere metaphor, new research has found that feeling sad can impair our ability to accurately identify colours on the blue-yellow axis.



"Our results show that mood and emotion can affect how we see the world around us," said study first author Christopher Thorstenson from University of Rochester in New York, US.

"Our work advances the study of perception by showing that sadness specifically impairs basic visual processes that are involved in perceiving colour," Thorstenson noted.

In the study, the researchers had 127 undergraduate participants watch an emotional film clip and then complete a visual judgment task.

The participants were randomly assigned to watch an animated film clip intended to induce sadness or a standup comedy clip intended to induce amusement.

After watching the video clip, the participants were then shown 48 consecutive, desaturated colour patches and were asked to indicate whether each patch was red, yellow,

green, or blue. The results showed that participants who watched the sadness video clip were less accurate in identifying colours than participants who watched the amusing clip, but only

for colour patches that were on the blue-yellow axis.

They showed no difference in accuracy for colours on the red-green axis.

The results cannot be explained by differences in participants' level of effort, attention, or engagement with the task, as colour perception was only impaired on the blue-yellow axis.

"We did not predict this specific finding, although it might give us a clue to the reason for the effect in neurotransmitter functioning," Thorstenson said.

The researchers noted that previous work has specifically linked colour perception on the blue-yellow axis with the neurotransmitter dopamine.

The new research was published in the journal *Psychological Science*.



Here's how you should make turmeric

Milk

Much has been said about the benefits of drinking turmeric - or 'Golden Milk' as it is fondly called by the Orientals.

It has been advocated by several schools of native medicine, including Ayurveda. A simple Web search on 'turmeric milk' will tell you about benefits ranging from decongestion to weight loss, so I am not going to delve into that much in this post.

Instead, I want to share with you an authentic method of preparing it, which I zeroed in on after trying several recipes advised by Ayurvedic doctors, and found in many books.

1. Take an inch-long stick of turmeric. Remember that turmeric powder is never as effective as crushed turmeric sticks, because the chances of contamination in the powder are high, plus its

efficacy is also bound to reduce during the heat-generating grinding process. So, take a stick of turmeric (the variety used in cooking; varali manjal in Tamil) and crush it coarsely using a mortar and pestle.

2. Crush a few peppercorns too. The white variety is better.

3. Mix a cup of water with a cup of milk, add the crushed turmeric and pepper and bring to a boil.

4. Simmer for 20 minutes. By this time, the milk will reduce to a cup. This is the reason why I suggest you begin with a mixture of milk and water; else you will end up with a very thick, kheer-like drink that won't be as soothing.

5. Remove from the stove, filter, add a spoonful of honey or palm sugar, and enjoy the drink warm.

6. If you are taking this to relieve a sore throat, add 1/2 teaspoon of ghee to the hot turmeric milk before drinking it. The ghee will melt and coat your throat, relieving you of cough as well.

Note: The most important part is to sit and relax with this cuppa for a few minutes, relishing its soothing flavour and rustic aroma! This will enhance the feel-good factor.



Classrooms razed by Jharkhand government, 130-year-old Odia school cries for help

The Odia Middle School in West Singhbhum, Jharkhand, is one of the oldest Odia schools outside Odisha. Established in 1895, it has been reduced to two crumbling classrooms after the Jharkhand government in 2019 tore down six classrooms, promising to rebuild them. The promise hasn't been kept, and the 230 students are suffering because of no fault of theirs.

► **The Odia school in Kera, Jharkhand, is one of the oldest Odia schools outside Odisha**
 ► **Six of its eight classrooms were razed by Jharkhand government as they were rickety**
 ► **The promise to rebuild them hasn't been fulfilled even after five years have passed**

The walls of this 130-year-old school, which should have reverberated with students reciting poetry or laughter in the corridors, are crying out for help. With over 200 students, this heritage Odia school in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district has been reduced to two crumbling rooms. Six classrooms were demolished by the Jharkhand government in 2019, with the promise that they would be rebuilt. However, those promises weren't kept. It's not just Hindi lessons or maths questions, the major issue worrying the students of this Odia school is the dilapidated condition of the school building. The Odia Middle School in Kera in West Singhbhum's Chakradharpur, which

has a total strength of 223 students, was established in 1895. Of the 223 students, the mother tongue of 113 is Odia. As many as 20 lakh Odia-speaking people reside in 10 districts of Jharkhand, and over 30 per cent of the population in East and West Singhbhum, and Sareikela districts speak Odia. The villagers who have run from pillar to post for 5 years have now written to President Droupadi Murmu for help.

"It has been five years now and the children are sitting outside or on the veranda. Irrespective of the weather, the children are forced to sit outside



as the school does not have basic infrastructure," the letter reads. The school initially had eight classrooms for Class 1 to Class 8, but six rooms were demolished by the Jharkhand government in 2019. The school authorities were told that the rooms would be reconstructed soon, but no

steps have been taken to rebuild them even after 5 years.

The erstwhile king of Kera, Laxminarayan Singhdeo, had started the school in 1895 with a fund of Rs 2,500. However, the school was officially registered only in 1912 in the presence of renowned reformer and poet Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das. In 2019, the Jharkhand government identified 4,481 school buildings which were not in good shape and ordered the demolition of 3,428 of them for the safety of students. As part of the demolition drive, six rooms of the Kera school were

demolished and school authorities were ensured that new rooms would be constructed. When the building looked like a distant dream than a reality, the villagers approached several officials, but to no avail.

Talking to India Today Digital, the school's principal, Sheela Kumari, said that the strength of the school has reduced considerably in the past five years due to this.

"We usually make the students sit on the two verandas that we have, as the two rooms we have cannot accommodate all 223 students. Adding to our woes is the lack of teaching staff at the school. We have only three teachers for all eight classes of the school," she said.

Maharashtra couple arrested for filing 30 fake claims to get scheme benefits

New Delhi. Police in Maharashtra's Satara district have arrested a couple for fraudulently filing 30 applications to claim monetary benefits under the Ladki Bahin Yojana, a flagship scheme of the Eknath Shinde-led state government that provides Rs 1,500 to underprivileged women as a stipend per month. The arrested persons have been identified as Pratiksha Popat Jadhav and her husband Ganesh Sanjay Ghadge.



According to investigators, the couple submitted the 30 applications using different Aadhaar card numbers. However, the bank account linked to the 30 fraud applications was the same which belonged to Pratiksha.

Based on a complaint lodged by a woman from Panvel, the Satara district administration formed a three-member committee to probe the matter.

While investigating the matter, the concerned authorities found that the amount from the 30 applications were being deposited in the same account, following which the committee filed a report and the couple were arrested on Tuesday.

Confirming the arrest, Superintendent of Police Sameer Sheikh said preliminary investigation revealed that the couple hatched the fraud plan to fulfil their financial needs. The Shinde-led government presented the Mukhya Mantri Ladki Bahin Yojana while announcing the state budget in June. Under the scheme, married, divorced, and destitute women aged 21-65 will receive Rs 1,500 per month with the annual family income of beneficiaries capped at Rs 2.5 lakh.

Will IndiGo's women-friendly seats really help women?

New Delhi. A woman passenger was asleep on a late-night flight from Mumbai to Guwahati. As she woke up, she found her armrest lifted, and she was groped. A man touched the private parts of a woman on a Frankfurt-Bengaluru flight. These are just two instances of sexual assault or harassment that women passengers face on flights. Looking at these instances, IndiGo is letting women choose 'women-friendly' seats. The pilot project, which lets women choose seats next to a woman flyer, has seen huge interest from travellers. However, women themselves are questioning IndiGo's pink-seat policy, asking if this will address the root of the problem, and if it will create segregation. They are also asking if women who do not choose such women-friendly seats will be taken to be open to misbehaviour. It is a big step by India's biggest airline, which operates 49,000 IndiGo flights each month. That women face routine harassment on public transport systems is no secret. About 80% of women are afraid of using public transportation because of personal experiences relating to sexual harassment, a conference co-hosted by the World Bank and the World Resources Institute in 2018. The conference, which focused on transforming transportation, was told that around 94% of women in developing countries like India face harassment during their travels.

INDIGO ALLOWS WOMEN TO CHOOSE PINK SEATS WHILE WEB CHECK-IN

This is why IndiGo is experimenting with women-friendly seats. Like the women-only compartments of railways and metros in India, this will allow women to travel with peace of mind, it believes.

As part of the pilot project, IndiGo is allowing women to look at the gender of other passengers on the seating chart during web check-in. "It is designed to enhance the travel experience for our female passengers, reflecting our commitment to the #GirlPower ethos. Based on extensive market research, this initiative is currently in its pilot phase," a spokesperson for IndiGo told India Today Digital.

93-year-old ex-serviceman beaten to death by grandson over monetary dispute

A 93-year-old ex-serviceman, who retired as a havildar from the Indian Army in 1985, was beaten to death by his grandson in Delhi. The attack happened over the distribution of the elderly man's pension money.

New Delhi. A 93-year-old retired serviceman was beaten to death by his grandson after a dispute over money in Delhi's Adarsh Nagar area. The accused, identified as 35-year-old Pradeep, is currently absconding.

The victim, Bhojraj, a former Havildar who retired from the Indian Army in 1985, regularly distributed his pension money to his two sons, Jayveer and Suresh. He had also built houses for



both sons but lived separately in Azadpur village.

The incident occurred when Pradeep,

Suresh's son, argued with Bhojraj over the distribution of pension money. The quarrel escalated, and Pradeep allegedly beat Bhojraj repeatedly with a stick until he fell unconscious.

Bhojraj was critically injured and rushed to LNJP Hospital, where he died during treatment on Tuesday, according to police. A murder case has been registered, and efforts are underway to locate and arrest Pradeep. Further investigation is ongoing.

BJP's big claim on wrestlers' stir after Rahul Gandhi meets Vinesh Phogat

New Delhi. BJP MP and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday reacted to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's meeting with Olympians Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia, saying it proves that last year's wrestlers' protest was "politically motivated".

"I think our athletes got trapped in a political maze during the protests. What started back then is reaching its climax now. The wrestlers' protests were politically motivated. These people (wrestlers) are seeking a ticket from the Congress. This means that there is a nexus. If it wasn't clear then, it is absolutely clear now," news agency ANI quoted the former Haryana Chief Minister as saying.

Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat were among the wrestlers who protested



against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, former BJP MP and then chief of Wrestling Federation of India. They accused Singh of harassing several young junior wrestlers. Earlier in the day, Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, shared a picture of his meeting with Phogat and Punia, giving rise to speculation of the

wrestlers' entry into politics ahead of the Haryana Assembly election.

Speculations are rife that Vinesh Phogat, originally from Charkhi Dadri, may consider contesting from her home town. However, the Julana constituency in Jind district could be a more likely choice, given her family ties and influence there.

A contest in Charkhi Dadri could lead to a "clash of the cousins" scenario if the BJP fields her cousin, Babita Phogat, from the same constituency. Given her current popularity, Vinesh may wish to avoid such a confrontation. Meanwhile, Bajrang Punia also had a discussion with Congress general secretary KC Venugopal, as per sources.

DGCA orders probe after aircraft engine part found outside Delhi airport



New Delhi. Aviation regulator DGCA has ordered a probe into the incident of an aircraft engine part found outside the Delhi airport, sources said on Wednesday.

While they mentioned that the metal part might be of an Air India Express aircraft that made an emergency landing at the airport on Monday, the airline said that it could not confirm yet if the metal pieces were from its aircraft.

The sources in the know said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered a probe into the incident. One of the sources said the parts are probably of a broken blade of an aircraft engine.

When contacted, an Air India Express spokesperson said its flight IX 145 encountered an engine issue after takeoff from Delhi on September 2.

The flight was bound for Bahrain.

"The failure was managed in accordance with laid-down procedures, and a precautionary landing was conducted at Delhi," the spokesperson said in a statement. Further, the spokesperson said the matter has been reported to the regulator and other agencies concerned and is currently under investigation.

"We are aware of reports of metal pieces being found at Shankar Vihar. At this time, we cannot confirm if these metal pieces are from our aircraft. The investigation is ongoing to establish the facts," the spokesperson added. According to the Delhi Police, a call was received from Vasant Vihar resident Shivani Pathak who stated that metal pieces had fallen from an aircraft at her house.

On reaching the spot, the caller, who is a captain in the Indian Army, said that an aircraft passed over the area and some metal pieces fell from it. She produced one small piece of a black-coloured metal, the police said. A police officer said a technical team would determine if the metal pieces belonged to the same aircraft or not. Since the matter pertains to the airport authority, a case has been filed, the police officer said, adding that a probe is underway.

Kolkata doctor's family claims police tried to suppress case, 'bribe them'

The family of the doctor who was raped and murdered at Kolkata hospital accused the West Bengal police of covering up the case by hurriedly cremating her body and attempting to bribe them.

New Delhi. Family members of the trainee doctor who was raped and murdered last month at a state-run hospital in Kolkata stated on Wednesday that the Kolkata Police attempted to suppress the case by hurriedly cremating the doctor's body and even tried to bribe them.

"The police, from the very beginning, tried to hush up the case. We were not allowed to see the body and had to wait at the police station while the body was taken for post-mortem examination," said the father of the 32-year-old doctor, who was killed at RG Kar Hospital on August 9, as he



joined a protest over the incident in Kolkata. He added, "Later, when the body was handed over to us, a senior police official offered us money, which we immediately declined."

The case was initially investigated by the Kolkata Police but was later handed over to the CBI after the Calcutta High Court ordered the transfer of the investigation to the central agency.

Meanwhile, protests continued in Kolkata and other parts of the state. On Wednesday night, thousands of women took to the streets as part of the 'Reclaim the Night' campaign. The parents of the trainee doctor also joined the protest to support the junior doctors fighting for justice for their daughter.

As the protest continued, the West Bengal Assembly on Tuesday unanimously passed an anti-rape bill seeking capital punishment for rape convicts if the victim dies or is left in a vegetative state. It also proposes a life sentence without parole for other perpetrators.

In another development, the CBI arrested Dr. Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, in connection with alleged financial misconduct at the establishment. The student doctors have alleged that the hospital authorities paid no heed to their repeated demands for increased security infrastructure and measures inside the hospital.

High blood pressure: Exercise and tips

Exercise and tips



This is largely due to unawareness regarding early detection and cure. In India, around 16 per cent of people above 20 years of age suffer from high blood pressure. However, a single high reading does not necessarily imply that you have hypertension. Moreover, even if you were informed recently that you have the condition; there is absolutely no reason to panic. All you need are some basic lifestyle tips and a well-planned exercise routine and you will be as fit as a fiddle.

Overview:

High blood pressure or hypertension is a medical condition when the difference between the maximum (systolic) and minimum (diastolic) pressures exerted by the circulating blood on your blood vessels increases the desirable value (above 90-119 systolic and 60-79 diastolic).

Prime risk factors:

Some of the major factors that increase your risk of developing the condition are:
 Age Increased levels of blood pressure are closely associated with age and the effects of an unhealthy lifestyle



gradually build up.
 Ethnicity Generally, it is observed that people belonging to the African-Caribbean and South-Asian communities have increased probability of developing hypertension.
 Family history Having a family history of high blood pressure places you at a greater risk of developing the condition.

Lifestyle issues It is a well-known fact that your lifestyle can affect your risk of developing it. Major lifestyle flaws include high intake of alcohol, excessive smoking, too much salt and not eating sufficient fruits and vegetables.

Tips to prevent and

control:

One of the primary steps to ensure that you do not develop the condition is by adopting a healthy lifestyle. By healthy lifestyle, we refer to the complete cycle of following a healthy eating plan, and moderate indulgences. Broadly, the prevention and control tips can be segregated into:

- Maintaining a healthy weight - Practice moderation if you drink alcohol - Quitting smoking - Regulating the excessive intake of salt and sodium - Frequent regulation of your health by visiting health care professionals at periodic intervals.

Exercise tips for managing blood pressure:

Becoming active and incorporating regular physical activity in your day-to-day living helps make your heart stronger. This, in turn, can lead your heart to pump more blood with less effort, thereby lowering the force on your arteries and the subsequent reduction of blood pressures.

Aerobic training This form of training can have a major influence on your blood pressure levels. This can include anything from walking, running and hiking to biking and even swimming. On an average, target at least 30 minutes of aerobic activity for most days of the week. In case, you are unable to manage

Commonly referred to as a 'silent killer', high blood pressure or hypertension is a leading cause of death globally.

this time set, you can also opt for shorter bursts of activity as they count too.

Weight training Although these exercises can lead to sudden spikes in your blood pressure levels, they can have long term benefits. Make sure that you consult a physician before embarking on any weight training programs.

Yoga and meditation In order to prevent this condition, yoga postures and meditation techniques should also be incorporated in your daily routine. The prime effect of these fitness programs is that they help combat stress and saturate the mind with tranquility.

Deep-breathing exercises According to a recent research published in the American Journal of Hypertension, a person can regulate his blood pressure level by 'harnessing' the body's own natural pressure regulator. Breathing techniques are easy and effective ways to curb elevated levels of blood pressure. Regular and right breathing techniques can help you maintain normal blood pressure.

However, for long term effects, always remember that you will have to follow these exercise and lifestyle tips on a regular basis. The benefits last as long as you continue with the planned fitness regime.

'Fitness at workplace' is the latest mantra in the corporate world. Companies have realised that regular exercise boosts employee morale, enhances productivity, reduce absenteeism and signs of burnout or depression.

Nowadays, the corporate employees not only stretch themselves beyond their responsibilities, but also stretch their muscles in the office gym. A little bit of planning and a few small additions in one's office routine can help one a healthier lifestyle. According to a World Health Organisation report, India could incur losses to the tune of \$237 billion by 2015 due to rise in lifestyle diseases like heart disease, diabetes, stroke and cancer, because of unhealthy workplaces. Here are some easy everyday things you can do to get healthy and fit while at your workplace:
Stay hydrated: Water helps your body with physical and mental performance, detoxification and

Fun ways to keep fit in your office

- avoid monotony.
Make reasons to walk around: Give yourself several reasons to take a break and move around after every 40 minutes. Simply getting up and moving around for a few moments can keep you focused, less fatigued and feeling better. For example, avoid ordering a cup of coffee/ tea at your desk, go and get it yourself or while speaking with someone on cell phone walk around till you end the call. Get down from your car if driven by a chauffeur a few blocks before your office and walk the remaining distance provided you leave home 10 to 15 minutes before your usual time.
Hit the office gym in lunch hours: Try to exercise for 30 minutes during the lunch time and grab a bite at your desk afterwards. Encourage having an area of a simple gym in your office. It could be jogger or a stationary bicycle or a treadmill.
Simple stretching: People often face stress, back and joint pains and weight gain problems at work. To get rid of such health problems, while sitting in your chair, flex your feet and circle your ankles, stretch your legs and arms as frequent as you can.
Take the stairs: Whenever possible, get moving and take the stairs rather than the elevator. Taking stairs will keep you fit and energetic.
Pack healthy snacks: Rather than buying chips, junk food and sodas during office hours, bring some granola, fruit or raw veggies to snack on. This healthy diet will keep your energy levels fit and steady.
Conduct meetings on the go: When it's practical, schedule walking meetings or brainstorming sessions. Do laps inside your building or take your walking meetings outdoors.
Participate in different office games: Office games such as table tennis, basket ball are an interesting way to keep healthy and fit. These games not only keep your energy levels high but also keep your body in good shape.

Use neem oil, garlic for mosquito free home
 As the national capital battles one of its worst dengue seasons, experts suggest natural methods like neem and coconut oil concoction or garlic to keep the mosquito-borne tropical disease at bay.

Neem oil acts as a great indoor mosquito-repellent owing to its smell that wards off mosquitoes. One can make an effective insecticide by mixing neem oil and coconut oil in equal proportion and rub it on the exposed parts of a body.
 - Another natural method to keep mosquitoes at bay is to plant Tulsi near the window panes. The plant has properties that do not allow mosquitoes to breed.
 - A mixture of lemon oil and eucalyptus oil is extremely effective in warding off mosquitoes naturally. Both have the active component cineole in it carrying antiseptic and insect repellent properties, which makes them effective when applied to the skin.
 - Camphor is an easily available ingredient that kills mosquitoes in a house. Made from the extract of a tree, this compound has been found to have the longest mosquito repellent effect as compared to other natural products. Burning camphor in a closed room can be extremely effective in keeping mosquitoes at bay.
 - Garlic might smell bad, but that is exactly why mosquitoes stay away. All you need to do is crush a few pods of garlic, boil them in water and spray the liquid in the room.



Sensex, Nifty trade flat as investors remain cautious; Zomato shares jump 6%

New Delhi. Benchmark stock market indices were trading flat after opening on a slightly positive note on Thursday as investors remain cautious ahead of key US economic data and the 54th GST Council Meeting.

The S&P BSE Sensex was down 26.89 points to 82,325.75 at 10:27 am, while the NSE Nifty50 fell 1.85 points to 25,196.85. However, the other broader market indices, including smallcap and midcap stocks gained, providing relief to retail investors. Most of the Nifty sectoral indices were also trading in positive territory.

The top 5 gainers on the Nifty50 were Titan, LTIM, Divi's Lab, JSW Steel and Shriram Finance. On the other hand, the top losers were Nestle India, Bharti Airtel, Britannia, M&M and Maruti. Shares of Zomato surged as much as 8% in early trade after JP Morgan hiked its target price. The stock was up over 6% at the time of publishing this article. Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Stability in US markets sets the tone for the resumption of rally in India. But there is no room for a breakout taking the benchmark indexes to much higher levels. Higher levels will attract FII selling which will keep the rally moderate." "The ideal strategy should be to buy high quality stocks on declines and wait patiently. Banking stocks, whose valuations remain depressed due to the credit-deposit mismatch and the consequent concern over profitability, offer good contrarian buying opportunity for long-term investors," he added.

Gala Precision Engineering IPO allotment: Step-by-step guide to check status

New Delhi. The initial public offering (IPO) of Gala Precision Engineering saw massive interest from retail investors as it was subscribed over 200 times.

The Gala Precision Engineering IPO was subscribed 201.41 times by September 4, 2024. The price band for the IPO was set at Rs 503 to Rs 529 per share.

It saw 91.95 times subscription in the retail category, 232.54 times in the Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIB) category, and 414.62 times in the Non-Institutional Investors (NII) category. Investors who have bid for Gala Precision Engineering Limited can check their allotment status online. They can log in to either the BSE website or the website of Link Intime India Private Ltd, the registrar for the issue.

Gold, silver price : Yellow metal records dip, silver trades higher on MCX

New Delhi. Precious metals showed mixed trends in the Indian markets today. Gold is trading on the lower side of the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) while silver prices have recorded a hike on Thursday, September 5.

Gold futures, maturing on October 4, 2024, stood at Rs 71,421 per 10 grams, after recording a dip of Rs 45 or 0.06 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 71,466. Meanwhile, silver futures, due on December 5, 2024, witnessed a hike of Rs 12 or 0.01 per cent and were retailing at Rs 83,577 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 83,565. The price of gold varies for different regions in the country based on certain parameters such as the excise duty, making charges and the state taxes.

GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET

Gold was little changed on Thursday as investors kept to the sidelines ahead of U.S. payrolls data that could provide more clues on the size of an expected rate cut this month, news agency Reuters reported.

According to the latest metal report, spot gold stood almost unchanged at \$2,497.47 per ounce by 0222 GMT, while, U.S. gold futures rose 0.1 per cent to \$2,527.60.

Rapido raises \$200 million in funding, now valued as unicorn



NEW DELHI: Rapido, a mobility startup has raised \$200 million in its Series E funding round led by WestBridge Capital, a prominent investment firm focused on investments in India. This latest investment elevates Rapido's post-money valuation to \$1.1 billion. Rapido, which competes with Uber and Ola, said that the newly raised funds will be strategically allocated to expanding the company's operation across India. Aravind Sanka, Co-founder of Rapido said, "With this new infusion of capital, we are eager to explore and expand our offerings, ensuring we meet the evolving needs of our customers." Sumir Chadha, co-founder and Managing Partner at WestBridge Capital, said "From dominating bike taxis to making significant strides into 3W autos and cabs, their growth is a testament to their operational rigour and relentless focus on customer and captain satisfaction."

Sebi denies toxic work culture allegations

The regulator said these officials are misguided by external elements to target the credibility of Sebi and its leadership.



MUMBAI. Markets regulator Sebi on Wednesday issued a statement denying the allegations of 'toxic work culture' within the organisation that some of its senior employees have made to finance ministry. The regulator said these officials are misguided by external elements to target the credibility of Sebi and its leadership. "Sebi apprehends that the junior officers have been receiving messages from external elements outside their group, instigating them to ... go to media, go to the ministry, go to the board ... perhaps to serve their own purpose."

"In fact, the letter of August 6, 2024, was not sent by the Sebi employee associations to the government and a

section of the media. It was an anonymous email that was sent, and officers and associations have themselves condemned it and communicated the same to HRD through emails."

Termining the media report on September 4, it said the HRA issues are the result of staff misguided by external elements. Among the numerous other benefits, Sebi employees were demanding 55% increase in house rent allowance (HRA) over the allowance set in 2023, it said.

"Sebi officers are well-paid, and for entry-level officers at Grade A, the cost to company is Rs 34 lakh per annum, which compares favourably even with the corporate sector. The new demands placed by them would amount to an additional CTC of Rs 6 lakh per annum," Sebi said. On the problems raised against updation of Sebi's automated management information system (MIS) for key result areas (KRAs) and the 15-minute silent protest against this last

month, the statement said this was introduced to bring transparency and timely delivery of regulatory views.

In their purported letter to the ministry, Sebi Employees Association had cited lack of respect and mistrust shown at the highest level towards employees is the core problem and thus the main reason for their public outburst. "It's not a secret that gradually over past two-three years, fear has become primary driving force in Sebi. Unprofessional language is casually used by the people at the highest level. Shouting, scolding and public humiliation have become the norm in official meetings." The Sebi said a group of employees have consciously designed a strategy to change the narrative to frame the issue as relating to work environment, with an objective to have bargaining power to seek more benefits. A letter focused on "work culture" was crafted and sent to HRD on August 6, 2024. A mail from A-C grades officers on August 9 said "we condemn such email and any media leaks in strongest terms. It appears that someone is trying to further his/her personal agenda. We disassociate ourselves from any such attempts."

Government eyes \$1 bn export opportunity from alcoholic, non-alcoholic drinks

NEW DELHI. Amid a rise in demand for Indian liquor, the government is eyeing \$1 billion in exports from alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages over the next few years. The Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEEDA), which comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said they have plans to promote Indian alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages in the international markets. "It (APEEDA) is potentially eyeing \$1 billion in export revenue over the next few years. APEEDA as part of the 'Make in India' initiative has been targeting to increase exports of Indian Spirits to major foreign destinations," said a statement issued by the commerce ministry. India currently ranks 40th in the world for alcoholic beverage exports. The country's exported beverages worth over Rs 2,200 crore in FY24. The major destinations include the UAE, Singapore, Netherlands, Tanzania,



Angola, Kenya and Rwanda. APEEDA also said in a landmark development for Indian spirits, Diageo India (United Spirits Ltd), among the country's leading alco-bev companies, is set to launch Godawan in the United Kingdom, an artisanal single malt whisky made in Rajasthan.

Godawan is produced under the Make in India initiative of the Government of India with an investment exceeding Rs 200 crore. "The Government of India has set an ambitious target of \$2 trillion in exports by 2030 - \$1 trillion in goods

and \$1 trillion in services... This vision is intricately tied to our transformative initiatives: Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat. These programmes are propelling India's transformation into a global manufacturing hub, and Godawan stands as a shining example of their success," said Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Vinod Giri, Director General of the Brewers Association of India, said that there is huge potential for Indian products in different countries. "While the single-malt will play a greater role in making India's reputation as a high-quality whiskey producer, the volumes will come from beverages which are more palatable taste-wise and price-wise such as premium Indian whiskeys and premium rum," he said. Giri added that price-wise there is huge export potential is there in the United States, Africa and Europe.

Hiring for festive season to jump 30 per cent in tier-2,3 cities

BENGALURU. Ahead of the festive season, there is a 25-30% increase in hiring, especially in tier-2 and 3 cities, compared to the previous season.

YesHab Giri, Chief Commercial Officer, Operational Talent Solutions, Randstad India, a talent company, said that they are witnessing a significant surge in talent demand, particularly within the e-commerce, logistics, and last-mile delivery sectors. "This increase is particularly prominent in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, such as Jaipur, Indore, Ahmedabad, Coimbatore, Lucknow, Vadodara, Surat, Bhubaneswar and Bhopal," he said.

Flipkart on Wednesday said its supply chain will create over 1 lakh new jobs across 40 regions this festive season, and the roles encompass various supply chain verticals, including inventory



managers, warehouse associates, logistics coordinators, kirana partners and delivery drivers.

Ahead of The Big Billion Days (TBBDD) 2024, the e-commerce company has also launched 11 new fulfilment centres (FCs) across nine cities. With this, there are 83 FCs in the country.

Aditya Narayan Mishra, MD & CEO of CIEL HR, said they anticipate a 15-20% rise in demand for temporary

workers this festive season, driven by increased activity in sectors such as consumer durables, retail, e-commerce, logistics, tourism, hospitality, and manufacturing.

"Companies are actively recruiting for roles including Front Office Executives, Field Sales Associates, Merchandisers, Customer Relationship Officers, Business Development Executives, Delivery Personnel, After-Sales Service Technicians, as well as Pickers, Packers, Loaders, and Manufacturing workers," he said.

Recently, TeamLease Services said the e-commerce industry is poised for a 35% surge in sales during the upcoming festive season, and this surge will make companies onboard 10 lakh gig workers and 2.5 lakh contractual staff.

GST Council may reduce tax rates on life, health insurance premiums: Report

The GST Council is expected to review recommendations from the fitment panel, which has been examining the 18% GST rate on health and life insurance products.



New Delhi. Ahead of the upcoming 54th GST Council meeting on September 9, there are reports that discussions may take place on reducing the Goods and Services Tax (GST) currently applied to life and health insurance premiums. The council is expected to review recommendations from the fitment panel, which has been examining the 18% GST rate on insurance products, reported CNBC-TV18. As per the report, one of the key proposals from the panel is to exempt pure-term individual life insurance policies and reinsurers from

GST. If approved, this change could impact government revenue by around Rs 213 crore. Any reduction is expected to directly benefit consumers, with life insurance companies passing on the savings. Meanwhile, the fitment panel has presented four potential options to reduce the GST burden on health insurance premiums. The most significant option suggests a complete exemption for health

insurance premiums and reinsurers, which could result in a substantial revenue loss of Rs 3,500 crore. Another option focuses on exempting premiums for senior citizens and policies with coverage up to Rs 5 lakh, carrying a potential revenue impact of Rs 2,100 crore. A more limited proposal suggests offering exemptions only on premiums paid by senior citizens, which would have

a smaller revenue impact of Rs 650 crore. Another option on the table is reducing the GST rate on all health insurance services to 5%, without the benefit of input tax credit (ITC), which could result in a Rs 1,750 crore loss for the government. Despite these proposals, the fitment panel has not agreed on how to proceed with health insurance. The GST Council will make the final decision during its upcoming meeting on September 9, with insurance proposals expected to be a key part of the agenda.

The issue of high GST rates on health and life insurance premiums made headlines after Union minister Nitin Gadkari wrote to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

In a letter to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari expressed concerns about taxing insurance premiums, saying it equates to "taxing life's uncertainties" and hampers the growth of the insurance sector. He urged the government to consider the potential long-term benefits of reducing the GST burden on such critical services.



New Delhi. Zomato shares jumped over 7% on Thursday, climbing to an intraday high of Rs 261.50 after global brokerage firm JPMorgan raised the company's target price to Rs 340 from Rs 208, maintaining an "overweight" rating. This marked a significant vote of confidence for the food delivery giant, which has been steadily expanding its market footprint. According to JPMorgan, Zomato is at the forefront of a consumer transformation with its focus on convenience-driven quick commerce. The company's success in establishing a viable business model in the National Capital Region has prompted further expansion across major metros. The brokerage expects this scale to

improve monetisation through stronger channel margins and increased ad spending, positioning Zomato to disrupt the modern trade and e-commerce space. Boosting optimism, JPMorgan also revised its revenue forecasts for Zomato by 15-41% for the financial years 2025 to 2027.

In addition to quick commerce, Zomato has been diversifying its business by integrating core dining services with a new ticketing platform. This expansion was furthered by Zomato's acquisition of Paytm's events and movie ticketing arm earlier this year. The transaction, which was completed in August, involved Zomato acquiring a full stake in Orben Technologies Private Limited and Wasteland Entertainment Private Limited, solidifying its grip on the event and ticketing industry. Zomato's financial performance has also helped fuel investor interest. For the quarter ending June 30, 2024, the company reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 253 crore, a sharp rise compared to the previous year. Blinkit, Zomato's quick commerce arm, contributed to this growth with a 145% year-on-year surge in revenue, reaching Rs 942 crore. Despite challenges like negative EBITDA of Rs -3 crore for Blinkit, Zomato's overall gross order value (GOV) across its B2C segments—including food delivery, quick commerce, and Going Out—grew by 53% year-on-year to Rs 15,455 crore.

NEWS BOX

Paralympics, club throw: Dharambir wins gold, Pranav silver in historic Indian 1-2

Paris India's Dharambir won the gold medal in the men's club throw F51 event at the Paralympics 2024. On Wednesday, September 4 at the Stade de France - Seat DT/Club, Dharambir finished on top with the best throw of 34.92m, shattering the Asian record. Pranav Soorma, another Indian, bagged the silver medal with the best attempt of 34.59m in the event.

India scripted history by securing its first-ever 1-2 finish on the podium in a track and field event at the Paralympics on Wednesday. The gold medal that Dharambir won was also India's first medal in club throw in the history of the quadrennial sporting spectacle.

Dharambir, 35, bettered his effort from the Tokyo Paralympics in 2021 by nearly 10m to take home the gold medal on a stunning evening for India on the field. The 1-2 for India came shortly after Harvinder Singh won the country's first-ever archery gold medal at the Paralympics.

Paris Paralympics, Day 7 Highlights

The F51 category in the Paralympics is for athletes with impaired muscle power or range of movement in their trunk, legs,



and hands. They compete in a seated position and use their shoulders and arms to generate power. Amit Kumar, the other Indian in the event, could not bag a medal after finishing at the bottom with the best attempt of 23.96. Zeljko Dimitrijevic of Serbia clinched the bronze medal with the best attempt of 34.18m. The Paralympic and world records of 35.42 and 36.22, respectively, stayed untouched.

With Dharambir and Pranav's podium finish, India took its medal tally in the Paralympics 2024 to 24 with five gold, nine silver, and 10 bronze. With Pranav's gold, India also equalled their best gold-medal tally of five that they achieved in Tokyo three years ago. Dharambir started on a shaky note, making four foul attempts in a row before hurling the 34.92m throw. The massive effort helped the Indian club thrower stay on top of the charts throughout the competition in the 10-man field. Pranav made his best effort in the first attempt and managed five throws over 33m. MORE ABOUT DHARAMBIR AND PRANAV

Dharambir, who hails from Sonapat in Haryana, started his journey in Para athletics in 2014, focusing on discus throw with the mentorship of Indian Paralympian Amit Kumar Saroha.

Sumit Antil calls recalls sleepless night ahead of Paralympic glory in Paris

New Delhi. India's para-athlete Sumit Antil recalled his sleepless night ahead of his Javelin Throw final at the ongoing Paralympic Games in Paris. Notably, Antil won his second successive gold medal at the Games, achieving a distance of 70.59 metres in the Men's Javelin Throw F64 final.

Antil managed to break his own Paralympics record with a throw of 69.11 in his first attempt and later bettered it by achieving 70.59 metres on his second attempt. The 26-year-old had earlier set the Paralympics record in Tokyo with a 68.55 metre throw.

Recently, Antil recalled his anxiety ahead of the final and revealed how he couldn't sleep along with other members of the Indian contingent. "We were having food and were chilling outside. I knew we would not be able



to sleep. It is very normal since you face competition pressure. Jhajaria sir (Paralympic Committee of India president Devendra Jhajaria) was watching us from above. He was able to understand what we were going through and came down to motivate us, it was good," Antil told ANI.

Antil became first male and second Indian overall to defend his medal at the Paralympics. Earlier, Antil had also revealed how a message from India's Paris Olympics silver medalist Neeraj Chopra, fuelled his ambitions to go for gold.

India's best ever performance at Paralympics "It's a very good atmosphere in Paris and it will be a good experience, but don't try anything new," Antil revealed after winning the gold medal in Paris. "I took that advice to heart and it turned out to be a really good experience for me at the Paris Paralympics. Neeraj bhai and I stay in touch, and we discuss our sport regularly. Our conversations are about continuing to do our best and bringing glory to the country," Antil said during the virtual media interaction on September 3.

Meanwhile, India have registered their best ever medal haul at Paralympics having won 24 medals so far including five gold, nine silver and ten bronze.

Yashasvi Jaiswal reveals how head coach Gambhir helps India play 'fearless cricket'

Yashasvi Jaiswal revealed head coach Gautam Gambhir's mantra which helped the Indian team play fearless cricket. Jaiswal is playing for Team A in the Duleep Trophy tournament

New Delhi. India's emerging star batter Yashasvi Jaiswal is all but ready for the upcoming big home season. The 22-year-old revealed how the newly-appointed head coach Gautam Gambhir helped India play a fearless brand of cricket. He said that the team received a lot of backing from Gambhir during his first series as coach in Sri Lanka. Jaiswal is gunning to make full use of the Duleep Trophy season to hone his skills for India's upcoming Test series against Bangladesh, followed by New Zealand.



"Yes, I have spoken with him during the Sri Lanka series. He really backed us saying just go out and play freely and enjoy the game and we will be with you. It gives us a lot of confidence and helps us to play fearlessly," Jaiswal told PTI. Jaiswal is on course to



cement his place as India's Test and T20I opener, although he is yet to make his debut in the ODI setup.

Jaiswal's hard work never stops! Jaiswal realised the importance on being consistent and upgrading his skills as he

revealed that he has been running hard yards in the nets. "I am working hard at nets ahead, first for the Duleep Trophy and then for the Bangladesh series. It's not about setting personal goals, as you know in cricket you have to be consistent and keep working on your skills. The 22-year-old felt that domestic tournaments like Duleep and Irani Trophy help to prepare well for the international matches.

"Domestic tournaments like Duleep Trophy and Irani Trophy are very important games and it gives me a lot of confidence and helps me prepare for those (international) games," he said. "I try to remain in my zone and contribute to the team's winning cause. You get to learn a lot of things in tournaments like Duleep Trophy and it is very good for you to play such intense games ahead of a Test series," he added. Jaiswal had a breakout Test series against England as he became only the 2nd Indian batter after Sunil Gavaskar to score 700-plus runs in a single series. He also scored over 1000 Test runs within 16 innings and became the 2nd fastest Indian after Vinod Kambli to do so, who achieved this feat in 14 innings.

Jannik Sinner eager to face 'good friend' Draper in maiden US Open semis outing

Jannik Sinner opened up on facing Jake Draper in the US Open semi-final and admitted that the battle against his 'good friend' will be a tough one. Sinner reached his maiden US Open semi-final.



New Delhi. Jannik Sinner advanced to his maiden US Open semi-final and is eager to face his good friend Jake Draper next, in what he predicts to be a tough one. It was a trifecta of Grand Slam meetings between Sinner and Daniil Medvedev this year and it was the Italian who prevailed for the 2nd time. The World No. 1 Sinner brushed aside the anti-doping controversy to edge past the 2021 US Open champion Medvedev. He won 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 against the Russian at the Arthur Ashe Stadium on Thursday (as per

India). "We know each other very well. We are good friends off the court. It'll be a tough one. He's playing incredible. He hasn't lost a set yet. He's playing very very good. So let's see what's coming. I'm just happy to be in the semis. Let's see who plays better in a couple days," Sinner said at the on-court interview. "It will be a tough one"

Sinner acknowledged the threat which Draper

could pose, knowing he is yet to drop a set at the US Open 2024 with 15 wins. The 22-year-old is also the first Briton in 12 years to reach the semi-final of the US Open. It will be maiden semi-final appearance for both Sinner and Draper at Flushing Meadows. Sinner vs Medvedev Sinner became the 4th active player to reach the semi-final, or better of all four Grand Slams, showcasing his remarkable consistency. However, the road to this was not that easy, in what was a rematch of the Australian Open 2024 final. Sinner also called win against Medvedev a tough one as he was challenged physically by the opponent. "It was very tough. We know each other quite well. We played in Australia and London this year. We knew it would be very physical. It was strange the first two sets because whoever made the first break started to roll. I'm really happy. Thanks everyone for staying so long. I really appreciate it," he said.

Duleep Trophy: Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar and Prasidh Krishna to miss first round

Suryakumar Yadav, Prasidh Krishna and Ishan Kishan will not be featuring in the first round of the Duleep Trophy beginning from September 5 in Bengaluru and Anantapur.



New Delhi. India batter Suryakumar Yadav, wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan and fast bowler Prasidh Krishna have been ruled out of the first round of Duleep Trophy 2024. Notably, the Indian domestic season kicks off with the Duleep Trophy on Thursday, September 5 with two games happening simultaneously at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru and Rural Development Trust Stadium,

Anantapur. However, none of the aforementioned trio will be featuring in the first round of the competition, informed BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India). Kishan has been ruled out due to a groin injury sustained during the ongoing All-India Buchi Babu Tournament.

Sanju Samson has been announced his replacement in India D squad. Meanwhile, Suryakumar Yadav has been also ruled out after suffering a sprain to his right thumb while fielding in the All-India Buchi Babu Tournament. Both Suryakumar and Kishan

are being monitored by the BCCI medical staff and further evaluation next week will determine their availability for the second round. Kishan last played for India in November 2023 and later lost both his place in the team the BCCI Central Contract for missing domestic cricket. The upcoming season is extremely crucial for the Jharkhand player to earn his place back into the team. On the other hand, Suryakumar Yadav is also eyeing to break into the Indian Test team after making his debut in 2023 against Australia.

Meanwhile, fast bowler Prasidh Krishna is also nearing his re-habilitation after undergoing surgery for his left quadriceps tendon and hence also won't be seen playing in the first round. Notably, Krishna made his Test debut in South Africa in December 2023 and later played for Karnataka in the Ranji Trophy which proved to be his last game before prolonged absence from the pitch due to injury.

US Open: Jannik Sinner advances to semi-final after beating former champion Daniil Medvedev

Jannik Sinner advanced to the semi-final of US Open after beating former champion Daniil Medvedev by 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4.

New Delhi. Jannik Sinner advanced to his first semi-final of the US Open after beating Daniil Medvedev on Thursday, September 5 at Arthur Ashe Stadium. The duo got involved in a riveting clash leaving the crowd awestruck at several stages of the game but it was Sinner who emerged victorious by 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4. The Italian started the match on a positive note winning the first set comfortably by 6-2. However, Medvedev made a brilliant comeback by completely dominating the second set and sealing it by 6-1. The Australian Open 2024 finalists were once again putting on a show at Flushing Meadows as the crowd expected another five-setter clash between the two star players. The momentum shifted constantly during the game from one side to the other as Sinner once again showed his

class in the third set by breaking Medvedev twice who lost the set with forehand forced error. However, the Russian took inspiration from his recent quarter final win over the Italian at the Wimbledon and refused to get broken in the fourth by holding his first three serves.

Sinner registers sixth win over Medvedev

Sinner was also up to the task as he managed to take the lead by earning a breakpoint courtesy of another forehand unforced error by the fifth seed. Medvedev amounted to a total of 57 unforced errors as Sinner registered his sixth win over the Russian rival. He eventually sealed the third set with a forehand winner and advanced to the semi final knocking out the 2021 champion. Following his win, the Australian Open champion stated that he was aware of the challenges the game would pose. "It was very tough. We know each other quite well. We played in



Australia and London this year. We knew it would be very physical. It was strange the first two sets because whoever made the first break started to roll. I'm really happy. Thanks everyone for staying so long. I really appreciate it," said Sinner in her on court interview after the game.

Sinner will face Jack Draper in semi final

Sinner is now the fourth active player to make it to the semi finals of all four Grand Slam events after Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Marin Cilic. He will be up against Britain's Jack Draper in the semi final who advanced through with straight sets win over Australia's Alex de Minaur.

Commenting on his upcoming clash, Sinner revealed the camaraderie he shares with Jack Draper and lauded him for his performances so far in the tournament. "We know each other very well. We are good friends off the court. It'll be a tough one. He's playing incredible. He hasn't lost a set yet. He's playing very very good. So let's see what's coming. I'm just happy to be in the semis. Let's see who plays better in a couple days," he added.

Meet Dharambir and Pranav, India's historic Paralympic club throw medalists

New Delhi. Meet India's historic club throw medalists, Dharambir and Pranav Soorma, two athletes who have overcome life-altering challenges to bring glory to India at the Paralympics 2024. India made history at the 2024 Paralympics with a spectacular 1-2 finish in the men's club throw F51 event. Dharambir, 35, secured a gold medal with an astounding throw of 34.92m, shattering the Asian record and earning India its first-ever medal in this category. Pranav Soorma, another Indian star, clinched the silver with a remarkable throw of 34.59m, marking a historic moment for Indian athletics. Dharambir's life took a dramatic turn when a diving mishap in his hometown of Sonapat, Haryana, left him paralyzed from the waist down. In 2014, he found a new passion in para sports, training in club throw under the guidance of fellow para-athlete Amit Kumar Saroha. Dharambir's determination paid off when he qualified for the 2016 Rio Paralympics. Since then, he has consistently impressed on the global stage, and his gold medal at the 2024 Paralympics, with a record-breaking 34.92m throw, marked the pinnacle of his career. Dharambir's journey reflects the strength of his spirit and his ability to transform adversity into triumph.

The inspiring stories

Pranav Soorma's story is equally inspiring. At just 16, Pranav was left paralyzed after a severe spinal cord injury caused by a falling cement sheet. Despite this, he embraced para sports while in the hospital and found new purpose in athletics. Pranav's achievements include medals at international events like the Serbia Open and Tunisia Grand Prix, but his proudest moment came at the 2024 Paralympics, where he secured a silver medal with a throw of 34.59m, right behind Dharambir.

Dharambir and Pranav create history

The event, held at the iconic Stade de France on September 4, was a defining moment in India's Paralympic journey. Dharambir, who had previously won silver at the Tokyo Paralympics, delivered an even better performance this time, improving his distance by nearly 10m to top the podium. His gold medal was not only a personal triumph but a monumental achievement for India, as it marked the country's first-ever gold in club throw at the Paralympics. Pranav Soorma's journey to silver was equally inspiring.



Anushka Sharma

Makes Rare Appearance, Looks Super Cool In Red Pants



Anushka Sharma made a rare appearance in Mumbai on Wednesday (September 4) evening. The actress, who returned from London just a day before, was snapped by the paparazzi as she stepped out for an event in the city. Photos and videos of Anushka that are now going viral on social media show the actress posing for the shutterbugs in her uber-cool look. For the event, she sported a blue shirt and paired it with red pants and matching heels. One of the videos shows Anushka flaunting her million-dollar smile while posing for the cameras. Another clip features the actress walking carefully in heels amid Mumbai rains. Check out some of her photos and videos here:

Anushka returned to Mumbai on late Tuesday night. The actress has reportedly shifted to London with her cricketer husband Virat Kohli. They first met in 2013 while shooting for a television commercial. The two fell in love with each other but kept their relationship under wraps. In 2017, they tied the knot in an intimate ceremony in Italy. Anushka and Virat welcomed their first child, a baby girl in January 2021 and named her Vamika. In February this year, they became parents once again when they welcomed a baby boy – Akaay. Anushka and Virat have now moved to London with their children to live a life away from the glitz and glamour. Meanwhile, on the work front, Anushka Sharma will soon be seen in Chakda Xpress. It is a biopic on the life of cricketer Jhulan Goswami. The movie also marks her comeback to film after six years. She was last seen in Zero with Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif. The upcoming sports drama will be released on Netflix. However, its release date has not been announced as of now.

Sushmita Sen's

Birthday Note For Daughter Renee: 'Beyond Precious You Remain'

Today marks the birthday of Sushmita Sen's elder daughter, Renee Sen. The actress celebrated the special day by reflecting on her journey as a proud mother and cherishing the moments spent with her children. Sushmita shared a heartfelt video featuring a mix of old and recent photographs of Renee, her younger daughter Alisah Sen and herself. The video beautifully encapsulates their journey together, with Sushmita declaring that Renee is "truly a gift from God." In one of the pictures, Sushmita clutched baby Renee close to her while they were being photographed for a magazine cover. Another photo shows Renee smiling as she receives a cuddle from her mother. In one of the snaps, Alisah and Renee posed together dressed in white. Sushmita also shared several photos and videos of Renee from some of their trips together. In one clip, Renee was seen enjoying the sea, while in another, the mother-daughter duo posed inside a car.

Along with the video



compilation, Sushmita wrote, "Happyyyyy Birthday my first love Renee Sen... And my love at first sight!!!!...This song will forever play in my heart...carrying you...humming along...waiting ever so impatiently, for you to call me "Maa"...I thank God, for gifted me YOU!!! Beyond precious you remain!!! Sooooo sooooo proud of you & all your accomplishments...and it's only just begun!!!!... I love you Shona!!!!" She wrote, "Happyyyyy 15th Birthday Shona Alisah Sen. Here's to you...God's greatest gift & the love of my life!! I LOVE YOU!!!!" Sushmita Sen shared a collection of photos. The post included nostalgic images of Alisah as a child, enjoying moments with her mother, as well as a snapshot of Alisah savouring a delicious meal. There were also pictures of Sushmita with both Alisah and Renee, capturing their cherished family moments. Last month, Sushmita Sen also

celebrated her younger daughter Alisah's birthday. The actress wrote a sweet note to her daughter describing her as the "love of her life". Sushmita Sen last appeared in the third installment of Ram Madhvani and Sandeep Modi's action thriller series, Aarya. The series follows the life of Aarya Sareen (Sushmita), who joins a mafia organisation to protect her family and avenge her husband's death. The show also features Sikandar Kher, Vikas Kumar, Viri Vaghani, Viren Vazirani, Angad Khan, Ankur Bhatia, Maya Sarao and Vishwajeet Pradhan. Most recently, the actress made an appearance on Rhea Chakraborty's podcast, Chapter 2.



Papa-To-Be Ranveer Singh Returns To Mumbai Days Ahead of Deepika Padukone's Delivery

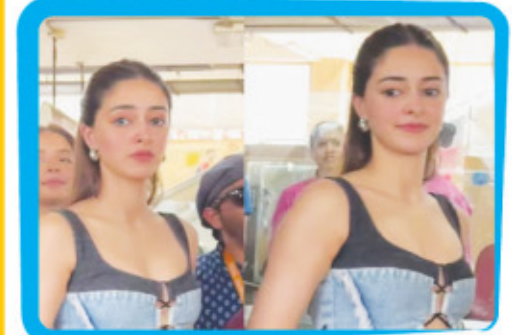


In a few days from now, Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh will be 'mumma and papa'. While everyone is waiting for the baby's arrival, it was recently reported that Deepika is due to deliver later this month. Now, days ahead of the same, Ranveer Singh has also returned to Mumbai. On Wednesday evening, Ranveer Singh was snapped by the paparazzi outside the Mumbai airport as he arrived back in the city. In a video that surfaced on social media, the actor was seen walking out of the airport. He sported a white hoodie with matching pyjamas and layered it with a long black coat. The actor also sported a matching cap and looked dapper as always. Check out the video here:

Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh announced their pregnancy in February this year. Last month, News18 Showsha exclusively reported that the couple is likely to welcome their first child together on September 28. "Deepika and Ranveer are eagerly waiting for the upcoming chapter of their lives and are busy setting up a space for their baby. If things go as per plans, she will deliver the baby on September 28 at a hospital in South Bombay. At present, the soon-to-be mother is enjoying every bit of the break that she has taken from work," a source close to DeepVeer told us.

Besides this, we also learnt that Deepika is likely to take a small break from work till March 2025. "Her maternity leave will last till March of next year. And after that, she'll immediately get busy with filming the sequel of Kalki along with Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan and Prabhas," the insider added. Meanwhile, on the work front, Ranveer Singh will soon be seen in Singham Again. He also has the much-awaited Don 3 in his pipeline. Farhan Akhtar directorial will also star Kiara Advani in the lead.

Call Me Bae: Ananya Panday Promotes Debut Series At Mumbai Metro



Ananya Panday is busy promoting her upcoming web series Call Me Bae, which is set to stream on the OTT giant Amazon Prime Video soon. Directed by Collin D'Cunha, the show follows the life of Bella (played by Ananya), finding herself and navigating her work and love life in the city of dreams after she loses all the generational wealth. The actress has now been leaving no stone unturned to promote her debut series. On Wednesday, the Gehraiyaan actress was spotted promoting Call Me Bae at a Mumbai Metro station along with her co-stars Niharika Lyra Dutt, Lisa Mishra and Muskaan Jaferi. Several pictures and videos of the cast members from the station have surfaced on social media.

In one such video, Ananya could be seen standing on the metro escalator with the other cast and team members standing behind her. Talking about her look, the Pati Patni Aur Woh actress looked drop-dead gorgeous in a denim sleeveless crop top that she paired with matching jeans with tassels. Besides her, the series also stars Vir Das, Varun Sood, Vihaan Samat and Gurfateh Pirzada in lead roles. It will stream on Amazon Prime Video from September 6.

The series has been jointly backed by Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta and Somen Mishra under the banner of Dharmatic Entertainment Pvt Ltd. During the show's trailer launch, Ananya said, "It's (The series) an amalgamation of all these chick-flick kind of movies that I loved growing up. And then there was obviously Poo (Kareena Kapoor's character in Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham), who was iconic. I dressed up as Poo two years ago. I have all of her quotations on my mirror and everything, so she's definitely left an impression on me." "It's like a mix of Schitt's Creek, Clueless, Aisha and Nancy Drew. I don't think we're really getting to watch (such films and series) right now. It's the kind of show that I enjoy watching. It's very light, young adult, happy and fun. Even though Bae has a bit of all these characters (in her), she is fully her own person," she added. Talking about her other projects, she will also be seen in director Vikramaditya Motwane's next cyber-thriller CTRL which will stream on the OTT platform Netflix on October 4.