

Research should find localised solutions as per Indian needs: PM Modi

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Sep 10: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said there is a need to identify and remove obstacles in the research ecosystem of the country...

per details provided by the ministry of Science and Technology, the PM spoke about setting big targets, focusing on attaining them and carrying out path breaking research.

list of domain experts based on their expertise; and developing a dashboard where information related to research and development in the country can be easily tracked.



stressed upon the need for Scientific monitoring of utilisation of resources for research and innovation. And said the scientific community of the country should have faith that there will be no dearth of resources for their endeavours.

of Atal Tinkering Labs, he suggested grading of these labs and discussed research in various areas such as finding new solutions to environment change, battery ingredients for EVs, lab grown diamonds, among others.

I never offered cash to victim parents: WB CM

Kolkata, Sep. 10: Amid claims made by the family members of the raped and murdered junior lady doctor of the RG Kar Medical College Hospital that they were offered money by the powers that be, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday denied such reports saying false claims were being made against her.

Junior doctors defy SC order, vow to continue strike

ST Correspondent

Kolkata, Sep 10: Doctors shout slogans during a protest demanding justice following the rape and murder of a trainee medic at a hospital in Kolkata.



director of health education (DHE), the striking medics said that they would also take out a rally to 'Swasthya Bhavan' - the headquarters of the health department in Salt Lake - on Tuesday noon.

'Haath jod kar maafi maang rahe the': Tejashwi over future alliance with Nitish Kumar

Patna, Sep 10: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav ruled out all future alliances with Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal (United) Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav on Tuesday.

claimed that Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar "apologised with folded hands" when he visited the former's residence. The former Bihar deputy chief minister claimed that the event unfolded in the presence of his MLAs.

Mehbooba Mufti questions funding for AIP campaign while Rashid is in jail

Navdeep Singh Sahni

Srinagar, Sep.10: Former Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Mehbooba Mufti Monday raised pointed queries to ascertain who is funding the election campaign of Sheikh Abdul Rashid's Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) in Kashmir Valley especially when he is kept behind bars.

Khanabal area of Anantnag district Mufti questioned how the AIP was organising resources and candidates when their chief was behind bars.



took 50 years to form the party, we still do not have the resources to field candidates everywhere. Who is behind his (Engineer's) organization as their candidates are fielded everywhere, where-

from is the funding coming? Where are they getting such courage to engage in hooliganism?" she added. In the same vein the PDP Chief said, "I want to ask the government if you have again come up with a proxy party, Engineer Rashid's party, when all your other proxy parties have failed, you have brought Engineer Rashid's party to the fore, and you are supporting them fully with funds and everything, then tell us clearly that others parties do not have to contest elections," she said.

'Cong conspiring for years to end reservations': BSP chief Mayawati

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

Lucknow, Sep 10: In a long post on X, the BSP chief questioned the party's stance on the issue of reservations and conduct of a caste census. Responding to Rahul Gandhi's recent statements on the issue of reservations, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati alleged that the Congress party is conspiring to end reservations as a whole and asked people from the deprived sections to be "cautious" in wake of Gandhi's "dangerous" statement.

the supreme leader of the Congress party, Shri Rahul Gandhi, in which he has said abroad that when India will be in a better condition, they will end the reservation of



SC, ST and OBC. It is clear from this that Congress has been conspiring for years to end their reservation", she posted. Mayawati alleged that the party neither

implemented OBC reservations while in power at the Centre nor conducted a caste census. "Now it is dreaming of coming to power under its cover (of doing caste census). Beware of this drama of theirs (Congress), which will never be able to conduct caste census in the future", she wrote. The BSP chief also alleged that when the Congress comes to power, it will "definitely end" the reservations of SC, ST, and OBCs in the garb of saving the Constitution. "These people (of reserved category) must be cautious of this party which is pretending to save the Constitution and reservation", she added.

Tensions flare in Manipur as students clash with police

New Delhi, Sep 10: Manipur remained on the boil on Tuesday with an indefinite curfew being imposed in Imphal West and Imphal East and prohibitory orders under Section 163 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita being imposed in Thoubal. This action came a day after student protests demanding restoration of law and order in the state rocked Imphal, exposing chinks in the armour of chief minister N Biren Singh who continues to fire fight. Biren Singh, who has handed over an ambitious wish list to the Centre including the trans-



fer of the 12 member unified command control to him, is learnt to be losing support of the BJP MLAs with some having pressed upon the ruling party to consider President's Rule in the state. Biren Singh has already met the state governor twice in the past four days with no peace in sight. "Due to the developing law and order situation in the district, earlier orders of curfew relaxation stand cancelled with immediate effect from 11 am of September 10. Hence, there is total curfew in Imphal East district with immediate effect until further orders," an order issued by the district magistrate said. In a separate direction district magistrate of Imphal West said, "In supersession of all earlier orders, curfew relaxation period for September 10 is hereby lifted with effect from 11 am of today. Restriction on the movement of people outside their respective residences was lifted from September 1 last year," it said. Essential services will not fall under the purview of the curfew, the order said. Fresh clamp down follows students' plans to escalate protests demanding the removal of DGP and security advisor to Manipur government for failure to control the situation. At least seven people have been killed in the past week with rocket propelled drones in the state as Kuki insurgents have targeted Meitei dominated areas. In Thoubal, prohibitory orders bar assembly of five or more persons.

We will think of scrapping reservation when India is a fair place: Rahul Gandhi

Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, Sep.10: We will think of scrapping reservation when India is a fair place: Rahul Gandhi. The Congress Party will think of scrapping reservations when India is a fair place, which is not the case right now, Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition has said. Gandhi made these remarks while talking to students at the prestigious Georgetown University. "We will think of scrapping reservations when India is a fair place. And India is not a fair place," Gandhi told students at the university here in response to a question on reservation and how long it would continue. "When you look at the financial numbers, then tribals get 10 paise out of 100 rupees; Dalits get 5 rupees out of 100 rupees, and OBCs get a similar number. The fact of the matter is that they're not getting participation," Gandhi said. "The problem is that 90 per cent of India is not able to play. Go through the list of every single business leader in India. I've done it. Show me the tribal name. Show me the Dalit name. Show me

the OBC name. Out of the top 200, I think there's one OBC. They're 50 per cent of India. But we're not treating the symptom," he said. "That's the problem. Now, it (reservation) is not the only tool. There are other tools," he said. "There are many people who come from the upper caste who say, look, what have we done wrong? Why are we being punished? So, then you think about increasing dramatically the supply of some of these things. You think about decentralising power. You think about involving many more people in the governance of our country. You think of opening up. With all due respect, I don't think any of you are ever going to become Adani or Ambani. There's a reason for that. You can't. Because those doors are closed. So the answer to people in the general cast is you open those doors,"

Gandhi said. When asked about the Uniform



Civil Code, Gandhi said he would comment on it only after he knows what is BJP's pro-

posal. "BJP is proposing a uniform civil code. We haven't seen it. We have no idea what they're talking about. For us to comment on it doesn't make sense. When they pull it out, then we'll have a look and we'll comment on it," he said. Gandhi also said members of the INDIA coalition had differences but agreed on a lot of things. "We agree that the Constitution of India should be defended. Most of us agree on the idea of the caste census. We agree that two businesspeople, namely Adani and Ambani, shouldn't run every single business in India. So, for you to say that we don't agree, I think, is inaccurate," he said. "Second thing is that all coalitions... A certain amount of to and fro will always take place. That is perfectly natural. There's nothing wrong with it. We have run governments again and again which have been successful using coalitions. So we are pretty confident that we can do it again," he said.

News box

IL paid at cops' behest? Case transferred, HC told

Mumbai. Bombay high court on Monday was informed that DCP (Zone IX) has transferred to Juhu police the probe into a case where the Khar police allegedly detained two men, seized their mobile phones, and transferred Rs 1 lakh to their employer.

Justices Revati Mohite-Dere and Prithviraj Chavan took note of the affidavit of the senior inspector (SI), Khar police station, that as per the Aug 21 order, the DCP has also assigned the inquiry into the July 17 complaint by the men to ACP, Bandra division. The ACP has issued a show-cause notice to PSIs Laxman Kakade and Manisha Chougule. The SI has also seized the CCTV footage of July 16 and 17 and handed it over to the DCP.

Subhojit Day (27) and Shashank Pawar (29) worked at Sparsh Liaison Services as operational executives. Day had resigned to start his own business and was serving his notice period until July 31. His employer, Indrajeet Singh, was unhappy about it. He learnt that Pawar assisted him. On July 16, around 10.45 am, Khar police called them saying there was a data theft complaint against them. At the police station, around 11 am, Chougule seized their official and personal mobile phones. Singh arrived there and claimed that Day owed him Rs 10 lakh. Kakade demanded Day's GPay pin and Singh transferred Rs 1 lakh to his partner and sister, Chanchal Singh. The transfer with a second bank account failed. However, Pawar's GPay account had a low balance. Both men were sent home without their mobile phones after 8 pm. They moved high court on Aug 7.

On Aug 17, police issued a notice regarding the July 18 FIR under the Information Technology Act but did not share the FIR.

In his affidavit, sub-inspector Mohan Mane tendered his "unconditional apology" as Kakade had "taken the petitioners' phones for verification without following due process of law."

Govt yet to frame rules for amended co-op societies act

Gandhinagar. More than six months have passed since the Gujarat legislative assembly enacted the Gujarat Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill 2024, but govt has not yet formulated the rules governing the implementation of the act. One of the primary rules that needs to be framed is the capping of the transfer fee when a unit of a residential society is sold. When the bill was passed in the budget session of the assembly in Feb this year, top sources in the state govt had indicated that the transfer fee is likely to be capped at Rs 50,000. The governor granted his assent to the bill in March this year.

"The proposed rules for the act are currently under deliberation, but no final decision has been reached yet. The govt might consider further consultation with various stakeholders, which could require additional time. A notification can be issued only after the rules are approved," a senior government functionary said.

Among other rules, the state govt will have to decide on the "development charges" that are levied by many societies. According to highly placed sources in the state govt, a proposal to eliminate development charges altogether is being contemplated.

The state govt had declared that the intention of the legislation was to "ensure that the administration and management of co-operative societies is conducted in a better manner and the interests of the members of the society are safeguarded".

Through the amendment, govt inserted a new section in the Gujarat Co-operative Societies Act, 1961, which states "a co-operative housing society or a cooperative housing service society shall not collect transfer fee more than the transfer fee as may be prescribed".

Man refuses money for cigarettes, killed

Ahmedabad. A 45-year-old man named Amit Parmar, who was staying below a bridge in Bapunagar, was stoned to death after he allegedly refused to give money to buy cigarettes to the accused, Pravin Jadav, who was also staying under the same bridge.

Bapunagar PIA D Gamit said that the murder took place on Sunday. The victim's parents are staying in the Bapunagar area, but the victim was staying under the bridge and was not living with his parents.

Bapunagar cops said that a complaint of murder has been registered against Jadav, who was detained late on Monday night. Jivan Parmar (61), a resident of Hardsanagar, Bapunagar, and the father of the deceased, has registered the complaint of murder. Police said Pravin came to Amit and asked for money to buy cigarettes. Amit, however, refused to give the money, which angered Pravin, and he started abusing Amit. Later, Pravin picked up a stone lying there and hit Amit on the head, causing serious injuries that led to his death. Later, Pravin left the spot but was detained late on Monday night.

Kerala: RSS 'prominent' for speaker Shamseer, but 'communal' for minister Balagopal

Shamseer's remarks came at a time when the Left leadership, including LDF convener T P Ramakrishnan, has termed it a "serious matter".

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:

Aggravating the troubles for the CPM, already struggling to explain its government's deafening silence over the controversial ADGP-RSS meet, differences within the party leadership came to the fore on Monday with Speaker A N Shamseer openly justifying M R Ajith Kumar meeting parivar leaders and Finance Minister K N Balagopal terming RSS "communal". LSG Minister M B Rajesh reminded the speaker that the Sangh fountainhead was banned post-Mahatma Gandhi assassination.

"A senior police officer met an RSS leader. The RSS is a prominent organisation in the country. The officer himself has clarified that he was accompanied by a friend. There's no need to take this seriously, and I don't find anything wrong with the meeting," said Shamseer in Kozhikode, indicating that it was a personal visit and the whole controversy was unnecessary.

Shamseer's remarks came at a time when the Left leadership, including LDF convener T



P Ramakrishnan, has termed it a "serious matter". While CPM state secretary M V Govindan has distanced the party from the ADGP's meeting, CPI secretary Binoy Viswam has demanded action on the issue.

The Speaker's nonchalant response, that too at a time when the entire party leadership has been on a balancing act, has irked many in the LDF and the party. Balagopal said in Delhi that RSS is an organisation that promotes communalism. The CPM

state secretariat member, however, said officials meeting people — personally or professionally — is not something of importance.

In an apparent reference to Shamseer's remarks, Rajesh pointed out that the CPM has always opposed the ideological leanings of the RSS. He further reminded that the party has a clear position about the Sangh parivar. Speaker need not defend government: Salam

"It was an organisation banned by the then Home Minister Sardar Patel, post-Mahatma Gandhi assassination. Even

now, CPM has the same position on the RSS," said M B Rajesh. Salam came down heavily on Shamseer, saying the Speaker need not defend the government. He urged the CPM to clarify whether it's the party's official position. "The Speaker, who's supposed to stay impartial, made such a statement. He has been playing super secretary of the CPM. Even CPM leaders won't dare to make such a statement," said Salam.

Arekapudi Gandhi, a defector, made Public Accounts Committee chairman

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HYDERABAD. Barely hours after the Telangana High Court directive on disqualification petitions, the Legislature Secretary on Monday appointed Arekapudi Gandhi, who is among the 10 MLAs who defected from the BRS to the Congress recently, as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). State Legislature Secretary V Narasimha Charyulu issued a bulletin on Monday appointing chairpersons to the PAC, Estimates Committee and Public Undertakings Committee (PUC). Nalamada

Padmavathi, wife of Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Kodad MLA, was appointed chairperson of Estimates Committee and K Shankaraiah of the PUC.

Understandably, the main Opposition BRS cried foul over the appointment of the PAC chairman which it saw as a departure from convention. The first time a member of the Opposition was appointed the PAC chairman was in 1958-59 and the practice has continued since. This time, the BRS proposed three names T Harish Rao, Gangula

Kamalakar and Vemula Prasanth Reddy for the PAC chairman post and all of them submitted their nominations. However, the Legislature Secretary sprang a surprise by appointing Gandhi as the PAC chairman.

Convention gone for a toss, say BRS MLAs as per the rules of the Legislature, the PAC should be constituted with 13 members nine from Assembly and four from the Council. A motion is moved in the Assembly calling upon the members to elect the members to the PAC from among

themselves. After filing of the nominations, if the number of members nominated after withdrawal is more than the number of members to be elected, an election is held. Following the election, the Speaker appoints one of the 13 members of the PAC as its Chairperson. The term of the PAC is one year.

However, the practice for the last several decades is that the PAC Chairperson post is left to the Opposition and the chairman and members had been elected unanimously, eliminating the need for any election.

Kerala: CPI wants action against ADGP over alleged RSS meet, LDF stays a divided house

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Even as Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan remains mum on the controversial meeting between ADGP M R Ajithkumar and RSS leaders, the Left remains a divided house on the issue. Putting the Left government under more pressure, the CPI has been pushing for action against the ADGP. The CPM meanwhile distanced itself from the row, but took a more cautious stance. A day after the party leadership distanced itself from the ADGP row, CPM Politburo member A Vijayaraghavan said the government would investigate the meeting. Pinarayi has the ability to take appropriate action, said Vijayaraghavan.

Speaking to the media, state secretary M V Govindan said a decision on necessary action would be taken after the ongoing investigation led by the state police chief.

With the LDF meeting scheduled for Wednesday, the CPI is likely to take up the matter in the front. "It was something that shouldn't have happened. The people have a right to know what transpired



between a senior police official working with the state government and the RSS leadership. The demand has already been raised in the public sphere and will be raised at appropriate forums like the LDF," said a senior leader. The CPI national leadership and the AIYF state leadership too came out demanding action.

The chief minister's silence and the government's reluctance to come out with a clear position have irked many within the Left. A section within the Left front, especially the CPI, feels that the new developments and the subsequent controversy surrounding the RSS meeting

could alienate the minor communities, in turn harm the LDF electoral prospects.

CPI general secretary D Raja Monday sought more clarity the ADGP meeting with R leaders. Echoing demand raised by the state party, R said the purpose of the vi should come out. Speaking the media in Delhi, the C secretary said the party l sought a detailed report from state unit on the whole issue.

"The meeting between the AD and the RSS leaders has triggered controversy within and outside the state. There are speculations on the reason behind such a meeting between a senior police officer and RSS leaders. This should be a proper investigation to bring more clarity on the matter," Raja said. CPI state chief Binoy Viswam has already made it clear that the party does not approve of such meetings. The CPI will the ADGP to be kept away from current position. The party has raised demand before the chief minister during the bilateral and informal discussions too.

Dushyant Chautala, JJP workers fined for riding bikes without helmets in Faridabad

GURGAON. Former deputy CM Dushyant Chautala and 14 others were penalised by traffic police on Tuesday for riding two-wheelers without helmets in Faridabad. Dushyant was riding a motorcycle without a helmet as part of a bike rally in the NIT Faridabad assembly constituency. The challans were issued against the bike owners, police said. On August 25, Hazi Karamat Ali of Jannaya Janata Party (JJP) organised a political event at Bachhu park in NIT Faridabad, which was attended by Chautala. To welcome the former deputy CM, Chautala, JJP workers conducted a bike rally from Sohna mod to Gochi, in which around 70 people participated on 50 motorcycles. Dushyant Chautala was riding one of the bikes. Photos of the bike rally were circulated online, in which Chautala and the others are seen riding bikes without helmets. In response to this violation, Faridabad traffic police issued 15 challans on Tuesday, each amounting to Rs 2,000, for riding two-wheelers without helmets. The Faridabad police also released a statement explaining that in crowded areas, at red lights, and similar locations, drivers who violate traffic rules are automatically issued postal challans by its Smart City centre team.

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News box

Defer election of rights body members: EC

Chandigarh: In a setback to the BJP govt in Haryana, the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday deferred a meeting of the selection committee to appoint chairperson, and judicial and non-judicial members of the Haryana Human Rights Commission till the model code of conduct was in force due to assembly polls. This is consequent to the complaint made by Congress to the EC on Friday. It was alleged that the govt has processed the recruitment and fixed the meeting of the HHRC selection committee in violation of the MCC. Chief electoral officer Pankaj Aggarwal confirmed the deferment of holding the meeting till the MCC is lifted.

In its petition to the EC, chairman of the legal, human rights and RTI department of the Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee KC Bhatia had elaborated the sequence of events in the past linked to the said appointment. According to the complaint, the govt had been delaying the process and now the process has been initiated even as the meeting of the selection committee was scheduled to be held on Monday. The selection committee includes the CM, minister in charge of the department of home and the leader of the Opposition.

Power supply to data centre this yr Discom starts laying cables

Noida. The Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited (UPPTCL) has begun work on providing a power connection to the upcoming data centre at DLF Techpark in Sector 143. While 100 MW of power is required for the data centre, UPPTCL on Monday began laying 132 kV transmission lines, which will be completed by the end of Dec or by early Jan. For this, a gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) bay (including disconnectors, voltage and current transformers, surge arresters, bushings and cable-end boxes, and gas density monitors) will be made at the 400 kV substations at sectors 123B and 148. Power supply to the data centre will be provided from two sources from these two substations to avoid disruption in case one source is down. UPPTCL will take Rs 30 crore as supervision charges.

A total of Rs 600 crore will be spent on the power infrastructure of the project, which will include a separate substation of 132 kV for the data centre alone. The data centre is part of the upcoming Rs 3,400 crore DLF Techpark project, which is spread over 25 acres in Sector 143, of which 1.2 million square feet will include housing, an IT block, and a data centre. The IT block and data centre alone will come up in a total space of about 4 lakh square feet. "We have begun laying 132 kV transmission lines for the data centre of the proposed DLF Techpark. The project worth Rs 3,400 crore is the second largest investment in UP and is personally monitored by chief minister Yogi Adityanath. On Aug 22, UP chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh held a meeting with UPPTCL officials, where directives to expedite the work were given," Dileep Kumar Gupta, EE (transmission) UPPTCL, told TOI.

Kanhaiya Mittal apologized for wanting to join Congress: Charanjiv Malhotra

New Delhi. Prominent social worker and Gaumata Raksha and Corona warrior Charanjiv Malhotra said that Kanhaiya Mittal had earlier announced to join Congress, but now Kanhaiya Mittal has taken a U-turn and has maintained the trust of Hindu organizations and Sanatanis. And we all were of Ram, are of Ram and will remain of Ram and I have apologized to the senior leaders and workers of Bharatiya Janata Party and Sanatanis and Ram devotees. He further said that in the last UP assembly elections, Kanhaiya Mittal's song for BJP, Jo Ram ko laye hain hum unko layenge, proved to be a political life-saver for BJP.

This song got so much into the minds of the voters that it broke all records. Charanjiv Malhotra said that senior leaders and workers of Bharatiya Janata Party and Ram devotees and Sanatan have been hurt a lot. Facebook lifeline was very inspired. Famous singer Kanhaiya Mittal realized the mistake he made in the last two days. He has now apologized. Kanhaiya Mittal has taken back his statement by going live and also apologized. Let us tell you that Kanhaiya Mittal was strongly opposed in Ludhiana. Where Hindu organizations and Bharatiya Janata Party leaders had announced not to hold any function with Kanhaiya Mittal. This protest was not limited to only one place but was also seen in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab. I see that you all are worried and I take back my words of joining Congress because I do not want any Sanatanis to lose faith. Charanjiv Malhotra thanked Kanhaiya Mittal on his return to BJP.

Multiple 'Name Change' notices for individuals like Jatin Singh, Mohanmud Ilyas, and Poonam Rani, detailing their previous names and reasons for the change.

In Tosham, BJP vs Congress turns into a battle between Bansi Lal's grandkids

Chandigarh. With the Congress fielding Anirudh Chaudhary against his cousin and BJP candidate Shruti Choudhry, the election contest in Haryana's Tosham constituency has become a direct contest between two branches of former CM Bansi Lal's political family, potentially splitting loyalties among voters. Both Anirudh and Shruti are the grandkids of Bansi Lal. So far, Bansi Lal's political lineage had helped Shruti's mother, Kiran Choudhry, retain Tosham seat in the past few terms. But, with Anirudh entering the fray, the contest in Tosham is now just not about political ideology, but familial legacy and ties. This is the second time that members of Bansi Lal's next generation are fighting elections against each other. In 1998, Shruti's father Surrender Singh had defeated Anirudh's father Ranbir Singh Mahendra from Bhiwani Lok Sabha seat. At that time, Surrender was contesting from Haryana Vikas Party, an outfit founded by Bansi Lal, and Ranbir was contesting on a Congress ticket. When he was alive, Bansi Lal was closer to Surrender, whom he had

declared his political heir. However, on account of Surrender's death in a chopper crash in 2005, Bansi Lal had declared his granddaughter Shruti as his successor in politics. Surrender's wife, Rajiya Sabha MP Kiran Choudhry, had entered state politics in 2005. She had no experience in Haryana politics and had earlier served as a legislator in Delhi. In her first assembly bypoll, which was held after the demise of her husband in Tosham, she won by securing 99.37% votes. At that time, no prominent party in the state had fielded their candidate against her as a mark of tribute to her husband, who was a minister in Bhupinder Singh Hooda govt when he died. She had also served as cabinet minister twice in the Hooda-led Congress govt. Chaudhary was given a ticket by the Congress in 2009 from Bhiwani-Mahendragar Lok Sabha seat and she was elected. Kiran and Shruti, however, joined BJP in June this year due to differences with leader of opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Mahendra had an estranged relationship with Bansi Lal and Surrender. The bitterness between

Bansi Lal and Mahendra could be gauged from the fact that the latter had not even invited his father to his daughter's marriage. Even after Bansi Lal's death, a massive dispute over the former CM's property took place between Shruti and Mahendra. Mahendra had contested assembly elections on a Congress ticket in 2000, 2005, 2009, 2014 and 2019, but could win only in 2005. He had contested only from Badhra or erstwhile Mudhal Khurd assembly seats. He is now in his late 70s. Both Mahendra and Anirudh are sports administrators and have served as members of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Mahendra was its chief from 2004 to 2005. The Tosham constituency in Bhiwani district of Haryana came into existence in 1972. Of the 12 elections in Tosham, nine have been won by a member of Bansi Lal family. In all, the family has contested 11 of these polls. Bansi Lal won thrice, Surrender twice, and Kiran Chaudhary has won four times. Bansi Lal's ancestral village, Golarah, falls in Tosham. Chandigarh: With the Congress fielding

Anirudh Chaudhary against his cousin and BJP candidate Shruti Choudhry, the election contest in Haryana's Tosham constituency has become a direct contest between two branches of former CM Bansi Lal's political family, potentially splitting loyalties among voters. Both Anirudh and Shruti are the grandkids of Bansi Lal. So far, Bansi Lal's political lineage had helped Shruti's mother, Kiran Choudhry, retain Tosham seat in the past few terms. But, with Anirudh entering the fray, the contest in Tosham is now just not about political ideology, but familial legacy and ties. This is the second time that members of Bansi Lal's next generation are fighting elections against each other. In 1998, Shruti's father Surrender Singh had defeated Anirudh's father Ranbir Singh Mahendra from Bhiwani Lok Sabha seat. At that time, Surrender was contesting from Haryana Vikas Party, an outfit founded by Bansi Lal, and Ranbir was contesting on a Congress ticket. When he was alive, Bansi Lal was closer to Surrender, whom he had declared his political heir.

In Gurgaon & Badshapur, stage set for close contests

Gurgaon. Ahead of the state assembly election scheduled for Oct 5, Congress has fielded Mohit Grover, who recently joined the party, from the Gurgaon seat and youth functionary Vardhan Yadav in Badshapur. The strategic move has set the stage for high-voltage contests in both constituencies, especially Badshapur, which was won by an Independent, Rakesh Daultabad, in 2019. Mohit Grover vs Mukesh Sharma in Gurgaon. In Badshapur, the entry of Mohit Grover has added a new layer of intrigue to the electoral race. Grover, who represents the influential Punjabi community, aims to capitalise on his strong voter base. In 2019, Grover

Mukesh Sharma, a Brahmin candidate who will rely heavily on the BJP's traditional support base of Vaishya and Punjabi voters. However, the presence of independent candidate Naveen Goyal, a former BJP member, has thrown a wrench in the works. Goyal's candidacy could split the BJP vote, especially among those dissatisfied with Sharma's nomination. With the Punjabi vote being a critical factor in Gurgaon, Grover's ability to mobilise this community will be key to his success. In Badshapur, the contest is equally fierce, with Congress's Vardhan Yadav going head-to-head with BJP heavyweight Rao Narbir Singh.

former minister in the Haryana govt, is contesting from Badshapur for the second time. While he enjoys strong grassroots support, having worked extensively in the region during his tenure, he would have to fight off the damage caused by internal rivalries within the BJP, particularly among local leaders who were denied tickets. Both the BJP and Congress candidates also face a challenge in the form of Kumudini Daultabad, wife of the late MLA Rakesh Daultabad, who is likely to contest as an independent candidate. Her late husband's popularity among the rural populace could secure their vote share for her. Both Gurgaon and Badshapur will

IAS officer who trained before and after office hrs completes Ironman Triathlon

Ghaziabad. Abhinav Gopal, the 34-year-old IAS officer currently serving as the chief development officer of Ghaziabad, can be said to have nerves of steel, or iron in this case. The analogy is not without reason. The bespectacled, 6 feet 1 inch tall 2020-batch officer has become one of the handful of 1,000 participants to earn the finisher's tag at the 'Ironman Triathlon'. The international sporting event, which is one of a series of long-distance triathlons organised by the World Triathlon Corporation (WTC), was held in Northern Europe's Estonia on Aug 24 this year. The event consists of a 3.9km swim, a 180.2km bicycle ride and a 42.2km marathon

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News box

Biden lied, pulled out US forces from Afghanistan against military advice: Report

World US President Joe Biden was adamant on getting out of Afghanistan, and ignored the advice of the US military, the Afghanistan government and Nato. This was revealed in a House Foreign Affairs Committee's report, which was a result of a more than two-year investigation into America's Afghanistan withdrawal in August 2021, according to a report discussed by a report on September 8. "During his decades-long tenure as a Delaware US senator, eight years as Vice President of the United States and nearly four years as president, Mr Biden has demonstrated distrust of America's military experts and advisors and has prioritised politics and his personal legacy over America's national security interests," the 350-page report revealed.

The involvement of Kamala Harris or any kind of blame has not been mentioned in the report. The sparse mention of Harris in the report led to the resignation of the senior investigator, Jerry Dunleavy, according to the New York Post. The report also added that the Biden administration constantly lied to the American people to get them to support its end to the 20-year-old war in Afghanistan, the review added.

Former US President Donald Trump's administration created and entered the Doha Agreement with the Afghan government and the Taliban regarding America's war in Afghanistan. But Biden did not pay attention to the terms of the agreement that the US would withdraw its troops from Afghanistan if its demands were heard.

Russian 'spy whale' was not shot, died due to stick stuck in mouth: Police

World. A beluga whale, believed to have been trained by Russia as a "spy," was not shot, according to a police investigation. The whale, named Hvaldimir, was found dead earlier this month, but police say it died because a stick got stuck in its mouth, not from human activity.

Hvaldimir became famous in 2019 when he was found in Norwegian waters wearing a camera. He was discovered floating near Risavika, on Norway's southwest coast, on September 1st. Two animal rights groups, One Whale and Noah, had reported the whale's death, claiming he had been shot. They said there were visible bullet wounds on his body. Regina Haug, founder of One Whale, said she saw "multiple bullet wounds," and photos shared by the group appeared to show these injuries. Noah's director, Siri Martinsen, called the wounds "alarming" and suggested the whale might have been killed intentionally. However, a police autopsy found a 35cm stick lodged in the whale's mouth, which likely caused his death. Other injuries on Hvaldimir's body were minor and not serious. The police confirmed, "There was no evidence suggesting that Hvaldimir was shot." Because of these findings, police decided not to continue their investigation. A full report will be released in two weeks.

Hvaldimir first gained attention in 2019 when he was spotted in Norwegian waters wearing a harness labeled "Equipment of St Petersburg," leading to speculation that he was trained by Russia for spying.

The whale's name is a mix of the Norwegian word for whale, "hval," and Russian President Vladimir Putin's first name.

Judge orders change of venue in University of Idaho student murder case

World An Idaho judge has ordered that the trial of Bryan Kohberger, the man accused of fatally stabbing four University of Idaho students, be moved to a different city. In an order issued on Friday, Idaho Second District Judge John C. Judge expressed concerns about Kohberger's ability to receive a fair trial at the Latah County courthouse in Moscow. He cited extensive media coverage and public statements implying the defendant's guilt, as well as logistical issues, stating that "the courthouse isn't large enough to accommodate the case, and the county sheriff's office lacks sufficient deputies to manage security." The judge did not specify the new trial location, as reported by Associated Press. Kohberger's defence team requested the change, arguing that intense emotions within the tight-knit community, combined with relentless media coverage, would make it impossible to find an impartial jury in Moscow, where the killings occurred.

Prosecutors, however, suggested that any potential bias could be addressed by selecting a larger pool of jurors and rigorously questioning them. Kohberger, a former criminal justice student at Washington State University in nearby Pullman, is charged with four counts of murder in connection with the deaths of Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle, Madison Mogen, and Kaylee Goncalves. The students were found murdered in a rental house near the University of Idaho campus in the early hours of 13 November 2022. Police arrested Kohberger six weeks later at his parents' home in Pennsylvania, where he was spending his winter break.

Russia records lowest birth rate in decades, births in June dip below 100,000

Moscow Russia recorded its lowest birth rate since 1999 in the first six months of this year, according to official data published on Monday, with births in June below 100,000, marking their first monthly decline.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

The conjuncture of declining births and rising mortality has led to a decrease in Russia's population, posing an issue for the Kremlin as it wages a protracted war in Ukraine, which Moscow launched with a full-scale invasion in 2022. The Kremlin in July called Russia's low birth rates a disaster for the country.

BY THE NUMBERS

According to data published by the statistics service Rosstat, 599,600 children were born in Russia in the first half of 2024, which is 16,000 fewer than in the same period in 2023 and the lowest since 1999. In June, the number of newborns fell 6%, to 98,600, which is the first time the number fell below 100,000, Russian media reported. Russia's



natural decline of population accelerated this year, with 325,100 deaths recorded between January and June, or 49,000 more than in the corresponding period of last year.

The population decline was somewhat offset by 20.1 per cent growth in migrants in January-June, data showed.

KEY QUOTES

"This is catastrophic for the future of the nation," Kremlin's spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said in July, according to Russian state news agencies. Nina Ostanina, the head of the Committee for the Protection of Families at the Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, told the state RIA news agency that a "special demographic operation" is needed to improve the birth rate.

"We must organise ourselves and conduct another special operation," Ostanina said. "Just like a special military operation - a special demographic operation."

Moscow calls its actions in Ukraine "a special military operation," while Kyiv and its allies call it an unprovoked aggression to grab land.

Trump's rhetoric on elections turns ominous as voting nears in the presidential race

World With early voting fast approaching, the rhetoric by Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has turned more ominous with a pledge to prosecute anyone who "cheats" in the election, in the same way, he believes they did in 2020, when he falsely claimed he won and attacked those who stood by their accurate vote tallies.

He also told a gathering of police officers last Friday that they should "watch for the voter fraud," an apparent attempt to enlist law enforcement that would be legally dubious. Trump has contended, without providing evidence, that he lost the 2020 election only because of cheating by Democrats, election officials and other, unspecified forces.

On Saturday, Trump promised that this year those who cheat "will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law" should he win in November. He said he was referencing everyone from election officials to attorneys, political staffers and donors.

"Those involved in unscrupulous behaviour will be sought out, caught, and prosecuted at levels, unfortunately, never seen before in our country," Trump wrote in the post on his social media network Truth Social that he later also posted on X, the site once known as Twitter. The former President's warning - he prefaced it with the words "CEASE & DESIST" - is the latest increase in rhetoric that mimics that used by authoritarian leaders. Election experts and several state and local election officials were quick to condemn the former president's comment, which they viewed in part as an attempt at intimidation as offices are preparing for the start of voting. Barb Byrum, the clerk of Ingham County, Michigan, said she thinks Trump's post is an attack on democracy aimed at driving election officials out of the profession.

"But I know that we are not going to be bullied," said Byrum, a Democrat. "We are civil servants that signed up to make

sure every qualified registered voter has the opportunity to exercise their right to vote, and we will do that." To be clear, Trump lost the 2020 election to President Joe Biden in both the Electoral College and in the popular vote, where Biden received 7 million more votes. Trump's own attorney general said there was no evidence of widespread fraud. Trump lost dozens of lawsuits challenging the results and an Associated Press investigation showed there was no level of fraud that could have tipped the election.

Additionally, multiple reviews, recounts and audits in the battleground states where Trump contested his loss all confirmed Biden's win. Trump, who has spoken warmly of authoritarians and mused recently that "sometimes you need a strongman," has already pledged to prosecute his political adversaries if he returns to power. His allies have drawn up plans to make federal prosecutors more able to target the president's opponents.

Kim Jong Un vows to increase North Korea's nuclear weapons exponentially

World. North Korea's leader vowed to bolster his nuclear weapons capabilities exponentially and prepare his troops for combat as he accused the US and its allies of expanding a "nuclear-based military bloc" in the region. In a speech marking the 76th founding anniversary of his country, Kim Jong Un said he'll get his nuclear force "fully ready for combat" and there's no limit to how much he'll expand his military muscle, official Korean Central News Agency reported on Tuesday. "We are now perfectly carrying out the policy on building the nuclear armed forces on increasing the

number of nuclear weapons by geometrical progression," Kim said, characterizing the task as a "duty and right to existence." The pledge comes as Pyongyang seeks to counter South Korea's moves to strengthen its defense partnership with the US and Japan after the three nations signed a pact on military training in July. The agreement built on a major trilateral summit hosted by President Joe Biden at Camp David in August of 2023. North Korea last month said it would deploy to frontline military units 250 new mobile launchers for ballistic missiles that can deliver nuclear

strikes on its neighbor to the south and US forces stationed there, in one of its biggest displays of its rocket prowess under Kim. It followed the missile initiative by unveiling new suicide attack drones. North Korea may be considering a nuclear test near the time of the November US presidential election to raise its profile, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's national security adviser Shin Wonsik said in July, when he was serving as defense minister. In his remarks this week, Kim said North Korea "secured wonderful military strength by making important achievements.

'Israeli strike on tent camp in Gaza humanitarian zone kills at least 40 people': Palestinian officials

The Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, one of three hospitals to receive casualties, said around two dozen bodies had been brought in from the strike.

DEIR AL-BALAH. An Israeli strike on a crowded tent camp housing Palestinians displaced by the war in Gaza killed at least 40 people and wounded 60 others early Tuesday, Palestinian officials said.

Israel said it targeted "significant" Hamas militants, allegations denied by the militant group. The Civil Defense, first responders operating under the Hamas-run government, said it had recovered 40 bodies from the strike in a designated humanitarian zone known as Mawasi and was still looking for people. It said entire families had been killed as they huddled in tents. An Associated Press cameraman saw three large craters at the scene, where first responders and displaced people were sifting through the sand and

rubble with garden tools and their bare hands by the light of mobile phones after the predawn strike. The Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, one of three hospitals to receive casualties, said around two dozen bodies had been brought in from the strike. The Israeli military said it had struck Hamas militants who were operating in a command-and-control centre. It said its forces had used precise munitions, aerial surveillance and other means to avoid civilian casualties. Israel says it has tried to avoid harming civilians throughout the 11-month war ignited by Hamas' Oct. 7 attack. It blames Hamas for their deaths because the militants often operate in residential areas and are known to position tunnels, rocket launchers and other infrastructure near homes, schools and mosques. Hamas released a statement denying any militants were in the area. Neither Israel nor Hamas provided evidence to substantiate their claims. The war has caused vast destruction and displaced around 90 per cent of Gaza's population of 2.3 million, often multiple times. Israeli evacuation orders, which now cover around 90 per cent of the territory, have pushed hundreds of thousands of



people into Mawasi, a sprawling line of squalid tent camps along the coast.

Aid groups have struggled to provide even basic services in Mawasi, and Israel has occasionally struck targets there despite designating it as a humanitarian zone.

Gaza's Health Ministry says over 40,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza since the war began. It does not differentiate between fighters and civilians in its count. Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, in their Oct. 7 attack. They abducted another 250 people and are still holding around 100 after

releasing most of the rest in exchange for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel during a weeklong cease-fire last November. Around a third of the remaining hostages are believed to be dead. The main U.N. agency providing aid to Palestinians said the Israeli military stopped a convoy for more than eight hours on Monday, despite coordinating with the troops.

UNRWA head Philippe Lazzarini said the staffers who were held had been trying to work on a polio vaccination campaign in northern Gaza and Gaza City.

"The convoy was stopped at gunpoint just after the Wadi Gaza checkpoint with threats to detain UN staff," he wrote on the social platform X. "Heavy damage was caused by bulldozers to the UN armoured vehicles."

He said the staff and the convoy later returned to a U.N. base, but it was unclear if a polio vaccination campaign would take place Tuesday in northern Gaza. The Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The vaccination drive, launched after doctors discovered the first polio case in the Palestinian enclave in 25 years.

Princess of Wales Kate says she completed chemotherapy and will return to limited public duties

The 42-year-old wife of Prince William on Monday released a video in which she appeared alongside her husband and children as she described how difficult the past nine months have been for her family.

LONDON. Kate, the princess of Wales, has completed chemotherapy and will make a limited number of public appearances in the coming months, bolstering Britain's royal family after it was rocked by the twin cancer diagnoses of the princess and King Charles

III. The 42-year-old wife of Prince William on Monday released a video in which she appeared alongside her husband and children as she described how difficult the past nine months have been for her family and expressed "relief" at completing her course of treatment. "Life as you know it can change in an instant, and we have had to find a way to navigate the stormy waters and road unknown," she said in the video, which was shot in a woodland near the family's summer home in Norfolk. "The cancer journey is complex, scary and unpredictable for everyone, especially those closest to you. With humility, it also brings you face to face with your own vulnerabilities in a way you have never considered before, and with that, a new perspective on everything." The royal family has been buffeted by health concerns for much of this year, beginning with the announcement in January that the king



would receive treatment for an enlarged prostate and Kate would undergo abdominal surgery. In February, Buckingham Palace announced that Charles was receiving treatment for an undisclosed type of cancer. Six weeks later, Kate said she, too, was

undergoing treatment for cancer, quieting the relentless speculation about her condition that had circulated on social media since her surgery. While the announcements triggered an outpouring of good wishes for the ailing royals, they also put the royal family under tremendous pressure. Queen Camilla and Princess Anne, the king's sister, took on additional duties to cover the seemingly endless list of public events that make up the daily routine of the House of Windsor. William also took time off to support his wife and their three young children. Charles began his return to public duties in late April when he visited a cancer treatment centre in London. He is scheduled to make the first long-haul trip since his diagnosis when he travels to Australia and Samoa in the fall. Kate said Monday that while she had completed her chemotherapy treatment, the path to full recovery would be long and

News box

Cops shut 'suicide' case, HC finds it 'suspicious'

Mumbai. Bombay high court (HC) has sought to know from additional commissioner of police Paramjit Dahiya what action will be taken in a case that had been closed by MIDC police station, Andheri (E), stating that a 37-year-old man (37) from Kolkata died in Mumbai by suicide although his father claimed it was murder.

"There is something more than meets the eye... This is not the way matters are investigated. Just because you saw the body hanging, you came to a conclusion it was suicide," said Justices Revati Mohite-Dere and Prithviraj Chavan. They directed Dahiya "to go through the petition and the papers of investigation and thereafter inform the court on Wednesday of the action proposed" since the accidental death report in the case was closed on Jul 12.

The man's father, Pankaj Kumar Datta (77), moved HC to direct registration of FIR. On receiving a call from MIDC police officials that his son had died by suicide, he came to Mumbai on Sept 24, 2021. He was shown the body in a prostrate position. He identified him by his clothes. He was pressured to hurriedly cremate Abhishek's body.

The police took Datta to the flat. He was told a fireman broke open the door as the room was locked from the inside. There was no sign of any damage. There was blood on the floor and Abhishek's belongings were scattered. Convinced that his son was murdered and with pictures of the spot, Datta went to police on Sept 26, but they did not accept his complaint. He made several representations but in vain. His petition said in Aug 2021 Abhishek had purchased commercial premises in Gurugram to start a business. He was to return to Kolkata but why he went to Mumbai and took premises on rent for a new job in MIDC is a mystery. Datta's advocate Chetan Damre said Abhishek was murdered sometime between Sept 18 and 21, 2021.

Anti-TB drug: Half the dosage works, finds study

Mumbai. Ahead of the rollout of the shortest treatment for drug-resistant TB, called BPaL, Indian doctors published a study proving that halving the dose of one of the three drugs in the six-month treatment worked just as well.

The BPaL regimen includes bedaquiline, pretomanid, and linezolid, with/without moxifloxacin (BPaLM). It's already prescribed in 40 countries with a daily dosage of antibiotic linezolid at 1,200mg. However, a three-year-long Indian clinical trial, which preceded the Indian govt's approval, found Indian patients doing well with a daily dose of 600mg.

Termining it a "revolutionary outcome", Dr Vikas Oswal, who led the Mumbai leg of the trial that began in Aug 2021, said, "Lower dosages of linezolid are also as effective as high dosage, which was 1,200mg in the global Zenix trial. The Indian study proves that 600mg to 300mg is also as effective as 1,200mg."

The study, published in 'Clinical Infectious Diseases' on Monday, provides the first look at BPaL's India trial led by ICMR's National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis in Chennai. Of the 403 patients with drug-resistant TB enrolled in the trial, 352 were cured while one patient with COPD died. Eleven patients had a recurrence while 19 others had serious adverse reactions in the 12-month follow-up.

KSEB gets two hydel projects after 14 years, adds 100 MW to grid

KOCHI. Struggling to meet the surging power demand during peak hours, the completion of two hydel projects - the 60 MW Pallivasal Extension and the 40 MW Thottiyar project - will bring relief to the KSEB. Though a small step, the completion of the projects, which were abandoned at one stage due to the withdrawal of the Chinese agency, comes as a morale booster to the state power entity. Both projects will be commissioned by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on October 19.

The Pallivasal Extension and Thottiyar project were launched in 2007 and the machinery, including the main inlet valve, turbine and generator, were imported in 2009. However, the Chinese company withdrew from the project citing various reasons, including dollar conversion issue. Left in the dark, the KSEB abandoned the project in 2012 and the machinery was dumped in temporary sheds. However, in 2019, the KSEB constituted a team of experts, who studied the drawings of the machines and started installing them. Celebrating the successful functional spinning of the generators, the KSEB says it is the biggest achievement as the team has mastered the technical knowhow for the turbines and generators.

"It is a major achievement for the KSEB as the projects were completed without support from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

Long wait time: Motorists demand U-turn system at Edayarpalayam Junction in Coimbatore

A 3-day trial run of the U-turn system conducted in March at the spot had evoked a positive response.

COIMBATORE. Stating that they have to wait for 140 seconds for their turn, motorists have requested police and highways department officials to remove the traffic signal at the Edayarpalayam Junction on the Thadagam-Aanaikatti Road and introduce U-turn or a roundabout.

A 3-day trial run of U-turn system conducted in March at the spot had evoked a positive response. Based on the recommendations of the district road safety committee, the Coimbatore police along with the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC), the highways department, district administration have been replacing traffic signals with either a U-turn system or roundabout on several roads in the city. This



helped reduce traffic congestion and motorists breathed a sigh of relief. Now, motorists and residents of Edayarpalayam have sought a similar arrangement at the junction of Thadagam-Aanaikatti Road. "The waiting time at the signal is

about 140 seconds. While the red signal is fixed at about 140 seconds, the time given to cross the junction is a mere 30 seconds. Due to this, not all vehicles can cross the junction despite waiting for nearly two and a half minutes. Many vehicles have to wait for another two minutes to cross the spot," said Aakash Ravikumar, a motorist from Edayarpalayam. Aakash suggested that officials implement the U-turn system at the junction considering the high number of vehicles at the spot.

Speaking to TNIE, Divisional Engineer of the State Highways Department (Road Safety) G Manuneethi said, "So far, we have removed 29 traffic signals across the city and replaced them with U-turn or a roundabout. We already turned off the traffic signals, implemented a temporary roundabout at the Edayarpalayam junction and conducted a trial run for 3 days. Before we could have a full-fledged trial run, police removed the make-shift roundabout and turned on the signals citing traffic issues. Even after it was removed, we received demands from people to introduce a U-turn.

If we get enough support from the police department and the public, we are ready to make the required changes at the junction." When inquired about it, S Ashok Kumar, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) told TNIE that he would immediately check the place soon and take steps to address the issue.

5 ring roads with dedicated bus lanes planned for seamless drive across Mumbai

MUMBAI. Five ring roads are in development as part of a metropolis inter-linking project. The southernmost will incorporate the upcoming Orange Gate tunnel, which will connect Freeway with Coastal Road at Marine Drive (see graphic). Five ring roads are in development to decongest the city and improve connectivity with neighbouring regions like Thane, Palghar and Alibaug. They will be built on existing and partially-existing infrastructure, including Eastern Freeway, WEH and Coastal Road, through connecting bridges and tunnels.

The next three will connect south Mumbai with suburbs, Mumbai with Thane, and the city with Palghar-Alibaug. The fifth, the northernmost ring road, may take some time to materialize, as the Virar-Alibaug multimodal corridor is still in the planning stage. "The development of new roads and additional thoroughfares will enable



traffic to move in a circular pattern, not only within Mumbai but the surrounding Mumbai Metropolitan Region," said Sanjay Mukherjee, commissioner, MMRDA. BMC, MMRDA and MSRDC have invested over Rs 70,000 crore for the ring roads. The inter-linking project was undertaken after a study by MMRDA. 'Mumbai's ring

roads will have dedicated bus lanes' "The new roads will help alleviate traffic congestion on the city's internal roads by providing alternative circular routes," said Mukherjee. "Also, it has been very difficult to provide a dedicated bus lane on the existing roads but on the new roads that are being built there will be a dedicated bus lane and bus stops like on Coastal Road." Connecting Thane via ring roads will be a key factor in decongesting internal roads. The extension of Eastern Freeway, the construction of Thane Coastal Road, and Ghodbunder Road developments will be crucial in connecting Mumbai's north to Thane and Eastern Freeway. Transport activist TV Shenoy said the concept of ring roads is beneficial in the long term. "But there is a lack of planning for interconnectivity between road infrastructure, which will create bottlenecks," he said.

Telangana High Court gives Speaker four weeks to hear pleas on disqualification

HYDERABAD. Justice B Vijaysen Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Monday directed the Legislative Assembly Secretary to place before the Speaker a batch of three writ petitions seeking disqualification of the MLAs who defected from the BRS to the Congress. The court also instructed that a schedule for hearings, including the filing of pleadings, submission of documents and personal hearings, be set within four weeks.

The judge further directed the Secretary to submit a status report to the Judicial Registry of the High Court detailing the Speaker's schedule. If the Speaker fails to



fix the schedule within the stipulated time frame, the court will reopen the cases suo

motu and pass appropriate orders, Justice Reddy said. It may be recalled here that 10 BRS MLAs defected to the ruling Congress.

Justice Reddy observed that two writ petitions were filed in April and another in July, and despite the arguments concluding on August 10, no information has been provided regarding the status of the disqualification petitions. He opined that the petitioners have presented special circumstances that warrant relief.

Aleti Maheshwar Reddy, P Kaushik Reddy and KP Vivekananda have sought the disqualification of Danam Nagender, Tellam Venkata Rao and Kadiyam Srihari.

Two arrested for Prakasam Barrage gate damage, YSRC claims foul play

During the investigation, police noticed that two accused Ushadri and Komati Rammohan owned the boats that drifted and crashed the Prakasam Barrage gates.

VIJAYAWADA. Police arrested two persons in connection with the alleged sabotage behind the crashing of boats into Prakasam Barrage on Monday. The duo were produced before the court and were remanded for 14-day custody.

As per the preliminary reports, the arrested persons, Kukkalagadda Ushadri and Komati Rammohan are said to be associates of YSRC MLC and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's programme coordinator Talasila Raghuram.



The duo who hail from Gollapudi and Surayapalem were behind the sabotage where five boats hit the counterweight of gates 67, 69 and 70. Based on a complaint from Irrigation

Department officials alleging sabotage behind the damage caused to Prakasam Barrage gate 69's counterweight, One Town police registered a case under sections 125 and 326B of Bharata Nyaya Sanhita on Saturday. During the investigation, police noticed that two accused Ushadri and Komati Rammohan owned the boats that drifted and crashed the Prakasam Barrage gates. Three machine boats were registered in the name of Ushadri and the remaining two belong to Rammohan.

"The duo displayed negligence which has caused damage to the gate. A probe is on to find whether there is any conspiracy behind the negligence. Call data records of the accused are being examined," said I Town Inspector Guru Prakash. From the day of incident, the ruling TDP leaders including the Chief Minister himself expressed his doubt on the role of YSRC leaders as the boats were painted in blue, white and green colours of YSRC flag and no person claimed the ownership so far.

Fbd highway chase-murder a case of mistaken identity

GURGAON. Aryan, his family said, was good friends with Harshit, their landlord's son. On the night of Aug 23, the two decided on a sleepover. Around 10pm on Aug 23, Harshit, his brother Shanky, their mother and their neighbour Kriti Sharma planned to go to Vardhaman Mall and have noodles. Aryan tagged along. "They had noodles at a stall near the mall and were on their way back home in their Duster around 1.30am. On the way, a Swift started tailing the Duster, blowing the horn occasionally," said an officer at NIT police station. Shanky, who is an accused in an attempt to murder case, thought they were being chased either by cops in civvies or members of a family he had attacked earlier. "He asked his brother Harshit to step on the accelerator. As the Duster sped, the Swift kept up the chase," the officer added. The two cars took the Delhi-Agra highway via Badhkal road and continued for almost 20km. At one point, there was a barrage of bullets from the Swift. As one of them hit Aryan in the head, Harshit pulled the car over near Gadpuri toll plaza. Anil and the others, according to sources, got off the Swift and walked up to the Duster's window where Aryan was seated. They fired at him again — this time directly in the neck from close range. "They took a close look at Aryan and fled, probably realising it was a mistaken identity. Plus, there were women seated behind," a police officer said. The deceased, Aryan was rushed to SSB Hospital in Faridabad, where he succumbed to his injuries on Aug 24 afternoon. Siya Nand — who once was attached to bike taxi aggregators but is currently unemployed — said his landlord Keval Krishna woke him up around 3.30am, saying Aryan had suffered a bullet injury somewhere in Palwal. They rushed to SSB Hospital at the break of dawn, when Aryan was critical. In his initial complaint, Siya Nand alleged the attackers probably planned to kill Shanky, who already had a criminal case against him for attempted murder. Based on his complaint, a case was registered under Sections 103 (1) (murder), 190 (unlawful assembly), and 191 (3) (rioting armed with deadly weapons) of BNS and Section 25 of the Arms Act against two persons known to the Gulati family, said an official. A team of cops and crime branch sleuths searched the houses of the two persons initially thought to have orchestrated the attack, but ruled out their involvement after a few rounds of questioning. ACP (crime) Aman Yadav said they made the arrests after CCTV footage showed Anil and his aides Varun, Krishan, Adesh, and Saurabh — all of whom are from Faridabad. After the arrests last week, the accused were remanded in judicial custody. According to Yadav, they had admitted before interrogators that the attack on Aryan was a case of "mistaken identity". It was Anil Kaushik who opened fire at the youth — four rounds in total. During questioning, the five accused claimed they were just going around in their Swift when they suspected that occupants of the Duster were involved in some criminal activity. So, they gave it a chase and fired at it occasionally. There was no previous enmity between them. Thought cops were chasing us:

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Application No.	Carpet Area (Sq. Ft.)	Apartment No.
15711, 9717	554.77, 2 BHK (TYPE-E)	E-705, D-1305
15193, 5558, 3543, 5612, 9205	635.97, 3 BHK (TYPE-F)	A-508, B-701, A-1008, B-501, B-508
7104, 5054	347.96, 1 BHK (TYPE-A)	F-810, F-1004
9856, 15202, 1758, 3773, 5065	641.71, 2 BHK+S (TYPE-D)	D-607, E-902, C-203, B-1106, A-702

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For CHIRAG BUILDTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
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India-US relations need a reality check

THE Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, is on a visit to the US. The visit has few precedents. The Biden administration is giving considerable importance to it, as was evident when US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on September 3 to discuss the details of this trip. Enjoying the status of a Cabinet minister as LoP, Rahul is expected to meet senior officials in the US administration, business and technology leaders, diplomats, academics and members of the Indian diaspora. Not many Cabinet ministers get such wide access.

Last year, PM Modi's state visit to the US in June had generated considerable excitement. President Biden had then described the India-US ties as "one of the most defining relationships in the 21st century". That visit had led to several major agreements about providing technologies for manufacturing F-414 jet engines in India, setting up of new semiconductor plant, sale of 31 MQ-9B SkyGuardian drones, cooperation in other critical and emerging, space technologies and other fields. Though it was clear even at that time that India and the US had differing positions on several issues, including the Ukraine conflict, as India had refused to criticise Russia directly in view of its close and historical ties. On the issue of human rights too, the two countries had different perspectives, though Biden had downplayed the issue when pointed questions were raised about the human rights record of the Modi government. However, during the G20 Summit in New Delhi in September 2023, both countries showed better cooperation as India, with support from the US, was successful in forging consensus on many difficult issues such as the Ukraine war, climate change, admission of African Union as a new member and a separate agreement on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. The G20 had emerged as a robust platform against the prevailing pessimism where the developed, socialist and developing countries could come together to negotiate on complex problems. Serious differences, however, had begun to emerge between India and the US immediately after the summit. Biden had reportedly wanted to hold a joint press conference with PM Modi. But India was reluctant because of the possibility of Biden indulging in a veiled criticism of India's human rights policies following the arrest of some Opposition leaders earlier. India did not want to mar a successful summit with criticism of its human rights record before G20 leaders. Biden did his presser after reaching Hanoi but nursed a grievance that he was denied that opportunity in New Delhi. These differences on the issue of human rights deepened when Canadian PM Justin Trudeau claimed (without furnishing evidence) in September last year that there were 'credible allegations' of the Indian government's involvement in the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Khalistani activist, who was killed outside a gurdwara in Surrey in June 2023. In November 2023, the US government said it had arrested Indian national Nikhil Gupta in Prague for allegedly conspiring to assassinate another Khalistani terrorist, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, on American soil. The US claimed that Gupta, a businessman, had tried to hire a professional killer who turned out to be an undercover US drug enforcement agent, and was acting on the advice of an Indian government employee engaged in security and intelligence work. Since the US allegations pointed to a nexus between organised criminals, gun-runners, terrorists and others, India agreed to set up a high-level inquiry committee to investigate the matter.

J&K deserves a govt that can deliver

Failed promises have been the hallmark of the Centre's administration of the UT

ON December 11, 2023, the Supreme Court directed that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood be restored 'as soon as possible'. The learned judges, led by none other than the Chief Justice of India, also noted that the Legislative Assembly elections need not await the restoration of statehood, and issued a direction that the polls be conducted before September 30, 2024. A simple reading of the judgment will amply demonstrate how the spirit of the law was conveniently circumvented by reliance on the letter of the law. In a telling statement in the concluding pages of his judgment, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul pleaded that the Union set up a "truth and reconciliation Commission" just like South Africa did after the apartheid era. "This Commission should be set up expeditiously before memory escapes. The exercise should be time-bound. There is already an entire generation of youth that has grown up with feelings of distrust and it is to them that we owe the greatest duty of reparation," he wrote. This was the voice of an anguished Kashmiri at what had become of his people, echoing what had been the demand of a former Chief Minister while in office — Omar Abdullah.

Now a Union Territory, the erstwhile state was brought through a Home Ministry notification under its administrative control to the extent of being as close to the Union Government's administration as is the UT of Delhi. And it is to the executive of this entity that elections will be underway soon, but without Ladakh, which is a separate UT without a legislature.

At issue in this election is the restoration of self-government to the people of J&K, a status enjoyed by the citizens of every state in India, ruled by governments of their choice through a system of elections envied by many of the world's democracies — from legislative assemblies down to the level of panchayats. The restoration of statehood is the centrepiece of the campaign of the Congress' Rahul Gandhi. Set against this is only a string of failed promises and outright flops that have been the hallmark of the Home Ministry's administration of the UTs of J&K and Ladakh. This is then the issue at the core of the campaign since the people across the two UTs will no longer countenance a government that cannot deliver. In a remarkable pretence at restoring democracy, District Development Councils (DDCs), crafted with dexterity by talented bureaucrat BVR Subrahmanyam, then Chief Secretary of J&K, had been established in 2020. In an election swept by an alliance of UT parties, it was elected with no more authority than a cipher for the local police

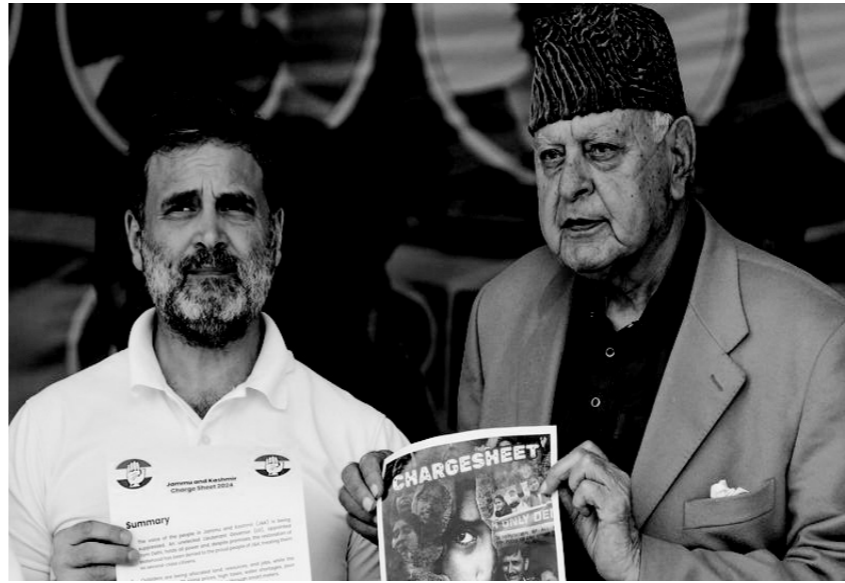
station house officer. The Smart City signage across Srinagar marks sites of sewage effluents, potholed roads, damaged culverts or open manholes, supposedly under repair but with not a labourer in sight, only harassed citizens. Yes, there has been much activity in road-building in the main streets of Srinagar, but these, including the fabled boulevard, have been rendered unmotorable. That's because wide pavements, used as I have seen for myself, by no strollers whatsoever, have been built along the roadside, strangling motor traffic, which now has to crawl nose to tail. A proud young Municipal Commissioner escorted me to the renovated upmarket Polo View market that bridges the Residency and Maulana Azad roads, which together pass off as

Amit Shah has gone nowhere since there are no jobs to be had, reserved or otherwise. Medical facilities have suffered, with nursing homes shutting down and patients travelling to Delhi for remedies. The prestigious Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, instead of being restored to its heyday of the 1980s, when it was equipped with state-of-the-art facilities — and where I was pulled back from the brink of death after an accident in 1993 when I was the Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir — is now languishing under a junior bureaucrat.

This will also explain why Farooq Abdullah's National Conference (NC), in alliance with the Congress, has struck a chord with the people, be it his admirers or adversaries of yore. He is seen as the tallest regional leader who led his party to victory in Kashmir (winning two seats out of three) in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections; in Ladakh, the NC-backed independent candidate won. He also led the PAGD (People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration) to a win in the DDC elections.

This also explains why there is such a proliferation of candidates, even those that have had a declared separatist outlook. State Congress head Tariq Qarra has complained on TikTok that this is a ploy by the ruling party at the Centre to divide the Opposition. The release of several former leaders of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami from prolonged detention in the recent past and their grudging willingness to consider participating in the electoral process would appear to offer such a view. It might be recalled that their foremost leader at the close of the 20th century was Ali Shah Geelani, the apostle of the stridently separatist Hizbul Mujahadeen.

Nevertheless, while the integration of a former Hurriyat leader like People's Conference chairperson Sajjad Lone into 'mainstream politics' was anything but painless, the success of Engineer Rasheed in the parliamentary elections, which he won from Baramulla — worsting none other than Omar Abdullah — has opened a door to dissidents, which in turn will open the way for universal participation in the electoral process, a process which in my mind holds the key to the ultimate resolution of the integration of J&K into India. Whether the upcoming election is looked upon as an exercise in futility as it will end up by forming a legislature with scant authority, the very fact of wide public participation will demonstrate that democracy has at last come into its own in J&K and give India the roadmap to its future with what was and hopefully will be 'the people of the state of J&K'.



Srinagar's Connaught Place. Apart from the fact that the dashing young man was unable to step into the market without being surrounded by 10 armed men in black with LMGs cocked, there were no customers in the market despite it being the high noon of the tourist season. And I was told that this frenetic building activity was being ably conducted by seasoned contractors from prosperous Gujarat, with migrant labour from UP, Bihar and West Bengal. So, what did the Kashmiris get out of this? Sadly, the tale is the same with every other promise. Rates of employment have fallen sharply despite the promise of jobs, with many of the vacancies filled both in Jammu and Kashmir divisions with recruits from elsewhere. The recent extension of Scheduled Tribe facilities to Pahari or Rajput communities in Jammu division amidst a loud proclamation by Home Minister

The Kargil admission

Pakistan must do more to bridge trust deficit

PAKISTAN army chief Gen Syed Asim Munir has uttered the K-word. K stands for Kargil, not what the Rawalpindi Generals are perennially obsessed with — Kashmir. Addressing the Defence and Martyrs' Day event on Friday, Gen Munir mentioned the 1948, 1965, 1971 and Kargil wars — all in the same breath. This public acknowledgement of the 1999 conflict by none other than Pakistan's top military officer debunked the improbable theory that 'private freedom fighters' were solely involved in the intrusions. Even former PM Nawaz Sharif had stopped short of naming Kargil when he admitted earlier this year that Islamabad had violated an agreement with Delhi, signed by him and then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee in February 1999.

It is common knowledge that the Kargil misadventure was orchestrated by then army chief Gen Pervez Musharraf. Smarting from the 1971 defeat, Pakistan tried to turn the tables on India but came a cropper. Why would Gen Munir mention it now, weeks after India



celebrated 25 years of the Kargil triumph? After all, the Pakistani military is firmly in the saddle, with the Sharif

brothers under its control and the 'uncooperative' ex-PM Imran Khan behind bars. This could be an attempt to give the impression that Pakistan is finally coming to terms with its unpleasant past and is keen to learn from its historical blunders. Notably, PM Shehbaz Sharif said at the same event that his country desired peace with all neighbours. Despite these statements, coupled with overtures such as Pakistan's invitation to PM Narendra Modi to attend the SCO meeting in Islamabad next month, India has no reason to let its guard down. The trust deficit persists, with the Jammu region reeling under a spate of attacks linked to Pakistan-trained terrorists. Ironically, Pakistan is itself battling a surge in terrorism in Balochistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

Gen Munir would be well advised to clear the air about his military's role in terror attacks across the LoC.

Unreliable data inevitably leads to flawed conclusions

Appropriateness of the metric of a measurement is immensely important.

IN his January 2023 address, then UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak had stated that the country needed to reimagine its 'approach to numeracy' since we live "in a world where data is everywhere and statistics underpin every job."

But should data always be trusted? In 2020, then Conservative UK PM Boris Johnson had stated that there were 1,00,000 fewer children living in poverty at the time than at the end of the previous Labour government's tenure. However, Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer claimed that 6,00,000 more children were living in poverty under Conservative rule. Interestingly, the government's statistics backed both claims, according to Georgina Sturge, statistician of the House of Commons Library. Thus, both were correct, but how?

Sturge's 2022 book *Bad Data: How Governments, Politicians and the Rest of Us Get Misled by Numbers* shows how crucial data, including that from the government, is riddled with inconsistencies, guesswork and uncertainty. Data disasters from recent political history, including some of Brexit's antecedents, are used to illustrate the book, which is upfront about the flaws and gaps in the data.

Sturge examines case studies of some of the most contentious topics, including gender disparity, immigration, Brexit, hate crimes, poverty and the state of education and healthcare. There is some dispute about what constitutes poverty, contributing to the discrepancy between Starmer's and Johnson's numbers. Sturge queries the definition of poverty. Is it a failure to provide for fundamental needs? And should television and access to the Internet be included among them? Also, should it cover the capacity, say, to pay an unexpected bill of a moderate amount? Neither the unemployment data in the 1980s nor the crime statistics of the 1990s or 2000s for the

UK were reliable. The UK government has altered the definition of unemployment and the method for registering and counting unemployed people numerous times over the past 50 years. Once the union insurance claims were added to the claimant count, it was then expanded to include anyone who was 'actively seeking work'. Broader metrics are currently being used, and they account for those who are actively seeking employment as well as the larger group of people who are not, for various reasons. Sturge claims that nine 'significant' changes have been noted by the UK Office for National Statistics, making it impossible to compare the series over time.

Understandably, in such a scenario, it is difficult to assess whether the situation is getting better or worse, since we either do not count certain things or we do not count them consistently. According to Sturge, irregularities occur in the UK crime or health statistics since the same people who are responsible for reducing crime incident or disease numbers are responsible for recording those numbers. "We don't know... how many people died from Covid-19 or whether crime is going up or down," she wrote. Furthermore, disparities in the approach often distort the meaning. For instance, the data from telephone interviews used for the crime survey during the Covid-19 pandemic may not be comparable to the data from in-person interviews conducted before and after the pandemic.

Besides, if we don't know the underlying narrative, data just can't paint the whole picture. Sturge's book has the lovely historical anecdote of the origin of the term 'cobra effect'. Apparently, in 19th-century Delhi, a reward was offered for those who caught and killed the cobras that were overrunning the city. The public health risk posed by the venomous snakes,



however, persisted even after locals reported wheelbarrow loads of dead cobras to the authorities. It eventually became evident that many people had chosen to breed cobras with the intention of killing them and claiming a reward, and a significant number of these farmed cobras were escaping and attacking people.

Again, only data is not enough; the appropriateness of the metric of a measurement is immensely important. For example, rather than revealing general gender differences, the gender pay gap highlights the under-representation of women in top posts at firms. So, while helpful, this statistic is not very nuanced. In his 2019 book *Bad Data: Why We Measure the Wrong Things and Often Miss the Metrics That Matter*, Canadian urban designer Peter Schryvers drew attention to the drawbacks of data analysis and stressed the need to apply appropriate metrics before making key decisions in the environment, corporate and healthcare sectors. Economist Joseph Stiglitz,

recipient of the 2001 Nobel Prize, once stated: "What we measure informs what we do. And if we're measuring the wrong thing, we're going to do the wrong thing." Of course, there are tons of other examples beyond those two books on bad data. The GDP, which is frequently criticised as an inappropriate indicator of growth, is a crucial one. A small number of wealthy individuals contribute far too much to the GDP. Besides, there are more flaws in the GDP calculation process. In mid-2013, the US Bureau of Economic Advisers had modified its GDP calculation methodology, resulting in an overnight growth of 3 per cent in the US economy. Ghana moved its base year from 1993 to 2006 in 2010, resulting in a GDP growth of 60 per cent and its transformation from a low to a lower-middle-income country. Similarly, Nigeria's GDP grew by 89 per cent all at once when this was 'rebased' in 2014; it surpassed South Africa to become Africa's largest economy. And all that magic happened without any additional economic action. Artificial intelligence (AI), too, is not always correct and unbiased. Bad training data or the intrinsic bias of the data used to train AI models is one of the primary reasons for that. Training data should be vetted to be free of racism, sexism and any other form of discrimination. However, it's almost impossible to guarantee that, particularly since AI requires massive amounts of training data. Therefore, statistical literacy is important for both our daily lives and politics, and data alone is insufficient for the purpose. However, the more general query still stands: Is it possible to draw any significant conclusions from data that seems flawed? Is no data preferable to bad data?

Live like paying guests to make marriage work



Just the way a banker's wife has to put up with her husband's painfully long hours at work, a lawyer's husband too spends the better part of his life on teleconference with his wife. While it is a matter of great pride to be an investment banker's wife or for that matter a savvy corporate lawyer's husband, deep down men and women still have inhibitions about each other's career choices, and would rather give anything for some quality time at home with each other.

With blurring gender divide, women are making a success of high-flying corporate jobs that involve living out of a suitcase while making way for men to explore the finer nuances of culinary art by way of a sous chef's job at a Star hotel. From waiting tables at a restaurant, assisting in a portrait photo shoot, to piercing people's eyebrows, jobs are getting as vivid and imaginative as they come, and are no longer limited to pursuing engineering or medicine to find a standing in the society. Under the facade of this happy acceptance have we really moved beyond professional stereotypes; is a woman as proud of her husband

mixes drinks at a bar, or a man compassionate towards his working-late-hours-in-office wife?

For Nishit Mangal, a manager with a UK-based travel company, it is critical that his partner has it easy at work and returns at day's end to look after their home. "A teaching job would be best suited for my spouse as she can have some time off with the family. While this doesn't go on to imply that a woman with a powerful white collar job is not respectable, just that she'd be too busy for her own good."

Like a busy woman, a very busy man at work too can cause relationships to fall apart. For instance, Anisha Singh, pursuing her Masters, winces at the mention of men from a Merchant Navy background. "Anything but Merchant Navy for me because my father comes from that background and I have experienced a sense of bewilderment that comes with getting to see him after long intervals," she rues. Anisha, however, doesn't attach a prestige-factor to her partner's job. Says she, "He could be doing any job, so long as the two of us are making a decent living, it doesn't really matter."

Shedding more light on this socio-cultural-economic thought process, senior clinical psychologist and marital

therapist, Dr Bhavna Barmi says, "Men stress on respect-worthy jobs for their women, and women by the same token crave for a pride-worthy job for men. Today, family and work lives are so closely intertwined that if one partner is too passionate about his job it can bring about a sense of displacement in the other. And if it turns out to be the woman that does a high profile job and contributes more financially, the man is bound to feel threatened."

Perhaps it is true at some point that your job and your partner's attraction to you are interrelated. There are men like Francis Hughes, a marketing professional with an MNC, who think women with an interesting job is a plus and not an essential for attraction. "It is enough that she is passionate about her job. The worst would be to date or marry someone who hates her work as she'll carry that grumpiness back home, making it difficult for any companionship to bloom," he avers.

Dr Kamal Khurana, marriage and relationship expert, attributes this difference in outlook towards each other's professional commitments to man's organic role as the provider and woman's as the upholder. "Deep within women still prefer men who would provide for them, protect them, and by virtue of which earn a higher salary than them. Men too continue to be deeply conventional in their ideas, expecting a woman to still look after the house and kids, even if she goes out to do a job," says he.

Then how about making the differences work? Explains Dr Khurana, "Both should have the right self-esteem, and live together like paying guests to run the house. The 'unisex mindset' should extend to finances as well, and if you can't rationalise your expectations, you are your partner's gravest enemy."

A job is never dreadful or embarrassing; the key lies in owning yourself, your people, and subsequently, your situation.



5 Things you should never reveal

Online

You may love being online, but that doesn't mean you can reveal all. Here are some things that should be kept under wraps:

Intimate photos or videos: Something that you post in the heat of the moment may come back to haunt you many years later. Anything that's once posted online can never be deleted completely. So make sure that you don't post something that you may not want your colleagues, boss, siblings or parents to see.

Your phone number: And for that matter even your

address. Even if you think that you can trust your e-friend, don't be naive. Similarly don't give out your address for some lucky draw. This very lucky draw may prove 'unlucky' for you.

Don't post any abuses: If you have some complaints against your boss or teachers don't write messages against them over the net. For starters, it can be easily traced back to you. Wouldn't you rather talk about your complaints face-to-face with your boss than miss out on that promotion you were vying for.

Bank details: It's one thing to pay your bills online over secure websites, but never ever can you give out your account number or your ATM pincodes. Don't take such risk no matter what the emergency is. If someone asks you for such details be suspicious of them.

Minute-by-minute details: It's one thing to tell people how you feel or crack a joke a two over the net, but don't give out details like 'going out for groceries' or 'heading to the local bar'.

Is your friend a toxic one?



Take this quiz to know if your friend is someone who doesn't want to see you happy. While knowing that a friend can be toxic is easy, spotting one out of your circle of buddies may be very difficult. Friendship is based on trust, and, at times, unconditional trust can make one not notice things. Certain kind of friends can use unconditional trust to bring about negativity and unhappiness in your life. If you think you know one such person, who is supposedly a friend but probably has vested interests, take this quiz to be sure of it.

You've passed an exam your friend couldn't clear. The next level post the exam is making you extremely nervous but you want to clear it by hook or by crook. Your friend:

a. Encourages you because she is



very happy that at least you cleared the test.

b. Is extremely upset that she couldn't clear the exam. Instead of encouraging you, he/she decides to narrate failure stories of people who've appeared for the level too. Something happened in your life months back and you confide in your friend about it. At the next get-together, a related incident takes place with another friend.

Your friend:

a. Doesn't reveal your secret to anyone.

b. Decides to narrate your experience as a case study to people, thinking it's okay to tell them.

You have been gymming, but still haven't been able to reduce your weight and are extremely conscious about it (which most people know). Your friend:

a. Tells you it's okay to be a little healthy, and gives you company to workout.

b. Makes fun of how you can't fit into this one perfect dress that you love, just because you eat so much.

Does your friend make you feel upset most of the time, never helping you when you feel low?

a. My friend never does that.

b. Yes, most of the times.

Do you enjoy the company of this friend, or does he/she never miss a chance to hamper your self-esteem?

a. I love spending time with my buddy, and just can't do without him/her.

b. Sometimes, I feel my friend can never be nice to me, and makes me feel bad about myself.

Has your friend ever broken your trust without being sorry about it?

a. Never.

b. Way too many times.

If most of the answers are:

a's: You have a friend worth keeping. He/she is extremely loyal to you, keeps you happy most of the times and most importantly, will never leave your side, come what may. Be with them like they've always been with you; we see bonding of a lifetime here.

b's: Sorry to say, but you're friends with a toxic personality who doesn't care one bit about you. Your so-called friend is all about him/herself and sees no reason why he/she should care for your feelings. We suggest you say no to their company, so that you stay happy. Make friends wisely.

Enrol your kid into a toy library

Toy libraries — with a range of engaging, colourful and child-safe playthings — are the new way to keep your fidgety kid occupied.

Raghav is like any other five-year-old and constantly needs new toys to keep him engaged. His parents had scoured all the toy shops and were at their wit's end when they discovered a toy library. Full of the latest playthings, these new additions to city life are a dream destination for hyperactive kids and their harried parents.

"Membership of a toy library is a good way to keep the child engaged. My son Raghav gets bored with toys easily. But after becoming a member of Nutty Newton he waits for a new toy every week," says Priya Farmania. Toy libraries like Toyz Hub, Toyswala, Nutty Newton and Playful Champs prevent parents from burning a hole in their pocket buying expensive toys. All of them stock global brands with a wide selection like wooden toys, puzzles, board games, constructive games, inflatables and more. Educational toys are the latest on the rack and give the kids the knowledge of phonic sounds, spellings and numbers.



"Our vacation packages are very popular. The members can take a break during exams and come back once they get over," says Richa Kanoria of Toyswala, which provides three toys at a time for two weeks for a membership fee of 850 per month. Toys can even be ordered online. "We have around 150 members — from newborns to eight-year-olds," says Sakshi Jain. The libraries hold workshops for artwork, storytelling, and vegetable carvings every week. "The kids come and have a great time with their friends," adds Sakshi. Hygiene is very important for these institutions. "We have toy-specific detergents. We sterilize and dry them in the sun before they're wrapped and delivered," says Sonam Bagrecha of Toyz Hub. They also send out books with two toys every week but don't charge for these. "The idea is to get the kids to start reading," Sonam quips. Seems like kids can have all the fun!

Learn the art of French parenting

There isn't any doubt about the fact that new generation believes in self-improvement. Same could be the reason why French-parenting is coming into talks. New age parents; if not want to act; at least surely want to feel conscious enough toward how well they are performing their duty as parents. Surf a bit of net and you'll know, French parenting is on blogs, in discussions and in books that are on bestseller lists. So here we try to give a gist of why French people boast of having the secret of raising their children right, and what is that they do to make their children sit quietly at the dinner table in a restaurant instead of jumping on your soup bowl or spill your plate in your lap.

The following are some of the important beliefs of the art of French Parenting.

- Children must learn and firmly believe in basic courtesy. Educate them with 'hello', 'goodbye', 'thank you' or 'please' and make sure it comes as a part of their regular vocabulary.
- No matter how much you love your kids and are there with all your one hundred per cent, they must know 'Who's the boss'. Give them the 'big eyes' (a stern look of disapproval) when needed.
- Children must know how to wait. They must understand that things in life don't

always come served on a platter and for that a parent should learn to say 'No'. Don't give in to your child's demands each time.

-Let them learn how to handle frustration. It's observed that French kids learn very

quickly to sleep quietly through night; and the secret is — their parents don't go rushing to pick them up every time they cry during nights.



Trinamool debunks RG Kar's treatment claim on 28-year-old man's death

The Trinamool Congress disputed claims by Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital that a 28-year-old man who died there received timely treatment, instead citing the mother's testimony that alleges medical negligence and lack of doctors.

New Delhi. The Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Tuesday challenged the assertion by Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital that a 28-year-old man, who died at the institution last week, received timely treatment. The party posted a video of the dead patient's mother confronting a senior doctor at the hospital and debunking his claims.

Bikram Bhattachajee, a resident of Konnagar in Hooghly, around 25 km from Kolkata, was admitted to the state-run hospital after being run over by a truck. He succumbed to his injuries on Friday, September 6.

Bikram's parents allege that his death was the result of a delay in treatment due to the absence of doctors in the emergency ward. The hospital, however, refutes these allegations.

Dr Punyabrata Guin, Convenor of the Joint Forum for Doctors, had earlier

stated that Bikram Bhattachajee had received appropriate treatment on time, a claim now strongly contested by the grieving family.

In the video posted by TMC on X, Bikram's mother, Kabita, is seen speaking on the phone to a person who identifies himself as Dr Guin.

"I brought him to the hospital at 9 a.m. I was made to run around from one building to another until around 12:30 p.m. He received no treatment, why are you lying and saying otherwise?" she says.

"I have lost my child and you're making me out to be a liar," she says. Referring to the trainee doctor who was raped and murdered at the hospital, she adds, "Just like her parents want justice, I too demand justice for my son."



The person at the other end of the line asks her whether Bikram had received treatment in a hospital in Konnagar. She denies this and says he was brought straight to RG Kar as there weren't adequate facilities in their town.

The doctor reiterates that her son received treatment at RG Kar and this was confirmed by Dr Saptarshi Chatterjee, the Vice Principal. Kabita Bhattachajee disputes this and demands justice.

In another video shared by the party, she says, "I took my son to RG Kar in the hope that he would make a full recovery at a good facility. Unfortunately, my hopes were dashed."

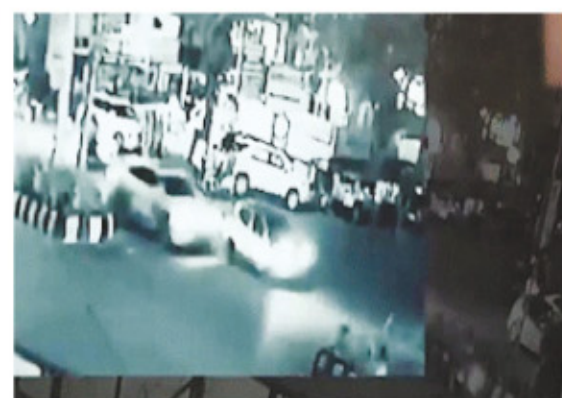
The TMC took to social media to support the family's version of events. "One can barely fathom the agony of a mother who not only lost her child but is now forced to confront the misinformation surrounding his tragic demise," the party tweeted. The Mamata Banerjee-led party said the young man's death was a "preventable loss" and urged doctors to return to work, as many lives were in the balance.

"This only reaffirms what Abhishek Banerjee rightly pointed out – the lives of innocent people must never be sacrificed at the altar of protests.

We must never forget that the primary duty of healthcare professionals is to save lives, not let preventable deaths occur due to negligence!" the TMC tweeted.

TMC MP and national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee had blamed the young man's death on striking doctors. While acknowledging that the demands of the junior doctors were "both fair and valid", he urged them to protest without disrupting essential medical services. "Allowing a death due to PREVENTABLE NEGLECT is tantamount to CULPABLE HOMICIDE," Banerjee wrote on X (formerly Twitter). "If the protest has to continue, it should be done constructively, with empathy and humanity, ensuring no more lives are put at risk through inaction or neglect."

Maharashtra BJP chief's son was inside Audi, 2 other occupants were drunk: Cops
The Audi car owned by Chandrashekhar Bawankule's son hit several vehicles in Nagpur's Ramdaspath, injuring two people.



Mumbai. The Nagpur Police on Tuesday confirmed that Maharashtra BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule's son was inside the Audi car that rammed several vehicles in the city, injuring two people. There were two other occupants inside the luxury car, Arjun Havere and Ronit Chintanwar, who were found to be drunk, police said, citing their medical test reports.

The Audi car is registered in the name of Bawankule's son, Sanket. After the incident on Monday, Arjun and Ronit were taken into custody. The police are yet to conduct a medical examination on Sanket.

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, Nagpur Police DCP Rahul Madne dismissed reports that there was political pressure and said Sanket had been called for questioning.

"Initially, it was not clear to us if Sanket Bawankule was in the car. Arjun and Ronit were taken into custody and from them, we came to know that Sanket was in that car last night. He has been called for questioning," the DCP said.

CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury on respiratory support, condition critical

The CPI(M) said in a statement that Yechury is admitted at the intensive care unit of the hospital and is being treated for an acute respiratory tract infection.



New Delhi. Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, who was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi last month, is on respiratory support, the party said in a statement. The CPI(M) said in a statement that Yechury is admitted at the intensive care unit of the hospital and is being treated for an acute respiratory tract infection. "He is on respiratory support. A multi-disciplinary team of doctors is closely monitoring his condition, which is critical at this time," the party said in a statement on X. Yechury was admitted to the emergency department of the AIIMS on August 19 after he complained of a high fever.

A source was quoted as saying by news agency PTI that he was admitted to the hospital due to pneumonia and there was nothing serious. The CPI(M) leader had recently undergone cataract surgery.

Karnataka minister urged to mandate Kannada prescriptions for government doctors

The Kannada Development Authority (KDA) urged Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao to mandate that doctors in government hospitals write prescriptions in Kannada.

Kannada Development Authority urges medical prescriptions in Kannada
Proposal to honour doctors promoting Kannada Medical Education
Minister supports the proposal



New Delhi. The Kannada Development Authority (KDA) on Monday urged Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao to issue an order requiring doctors in government health centers

and hospitals to write medical prescriptions in Kannada, the state's official language.

In a letter to Rao, KDA Chairperson Purushotham Bilimale proposed that

the government recognise and honour doctors who promote Kannada in their work. He suggested that doctors be felicitated annually on Doctors' Day at the taluk, district, and state levels for their commitment to using the language. Bilimale also encouraged the minister to foster an environment where Kannada-loving doctors in private hospitals, along with hospital administrators, are motivated to use the language in their practice. Supporting the idea, Medical Education Minister Sharanaprakash Patil said, "There is nothing wrong with the proposal to issue prescriptions in Kannada. Most doctors know Kannada, but it is a matter of convenience. They should also learn how to write drug names in Kannada."

Historic flight by Vice Chiefs of Army, Navy and Air Force in Tejas fighter jet

New Delhi. The Vice Chiefs of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force made history by flying in the indigenously manufactured Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas on Monday.

Vice Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal AP Singh, piloted the lead fighter, while Army Vice Chief, Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani, and Navy Vice Chief, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, flew in the Tejas twin-seater.

"Their joint participation in the exercise demonstrates the growing focus on cross-domain cooperation, with land, sea, and air forces working together to face modern challenges. This unprecedented joint flight, marking the first time when the three services Vice Chiefs have flown in one occasion, is a powerful testament to India's advancing integrated defence capabilities, commitment to self-reliance, and showcases not only their leadership



but also the seamless integration of India's armed forces," the Indian Air Force (IAF) stated in an official statement.

The flight took place over Jodhpur as part of Exercise Tarang Shakti 2024, India's first multinational exercise organised by the Indian Air Force. With a diverse range

of participants, this IAF-led exercise aims to foster closer ties and enhance cooperation across various capacities. The inclusion of the Tejas in this mission underscores the crucial role indigenous platforms play in modernising India's defence infrastructure, it added.

"The flight of the Tejas, a symbol of India's indigenous defence manufacturing prowess, represents a significant moment for the nation's 'Make in India' initiative. Designed by Aeronautical Design Agency (ADA), developed and produced by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), the Tejas is a state-of-the-art multi-role fighter designed to meet the needs of India's armed forces while reducing reliance on foreign imports. This opportunity was also utilised by three Vice Chiefs for interacting with the participating forces both from India and FFCs," reads the official statement.

Congress's Sam Pitroda says Lok Sabha polls not fair: I know too much about EVMs

While accompanying Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in the US, Sam Pitroda questioned the integrity of India's electoral process, particularly the reliability of electronic voting machines or EVMs.

New Delhi. Controversial Congress leader Sam Pitroda expressed scepticism about the fairness of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, despite the incumbent BJP failing to secure a majority on its own. Pitroda, who is currently coordinating Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's outreach trip to the US in his capacity as Chairperson of the Indian Overseas Congress, reiterated his concerns about

the integrity of the country's electoral process. During an interaction in Virginia, Pitroda said, "I think the basic change after the elections is that the people of India voted for democracy. The people of India ensured that BJP does not get more than 400 seats. It was heartwarming to see how people voted."

However, he also questioned the transparency of the election process, particularly the reliability of electronic voting machines (EVMs).

"I am one of those who believe that the elections were not fair," he stated. "I know unfortunately little too much about the electronic voting machine process, the entire logistics, and what could go wrong and how it can be manipulated. It's not foolproof, no matter what anybody says."

Pitroda cited the Congress's financial difficulties leading up to the elections, after its bank accounts were frozen by the



Income Tax department for alleged tax defaults. The party had previously called the move "a deep assault on India's democracy," arguing that it crippled their election campaign by restricting access to funds. "In an environment where the Congress Party's bank accounts were frozen, institutions were captured... it is hard to get a fair election," Pitroda said.

Pitroda's comments come just months after his return to the Indian Overseas Congress chairmanship, a post he had resigned from following a massive controversy over his "racist" remarks in the midst of the Lok Sabha elections. He had suggested that Indians in the East resemble the Chinese, while those in the South look like Africans, sparking outrage.

The Congress leader later clarified that his resignation was voluntary, and he had stepped down because his words had been twisted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the election campaign. Pitroda is currently accompanying Rahul Gandhi on his three-day US visit aimed at engaging with members of the Indian community and American lawmakers. He said the agenda for the meetings on Capitol Hill includes interactions with Congressmen and think tanks.

Six common foot problems



Statistics show that millions of women suffer problems with their feet, while one in five men suffer foot pain most days. Here's the low-down on the most common foot problems and how to beat them.

Corns and calluses
What are they? Thick, hardened layers of skin that develop on bony areas of the feet caused by ill-fitting shoes that rub and can be painful.
Prevent it: Avoid shoes that are too tight or have very high heels, which compress areas or those that are too loose, as your foot will slide and rub. Remove hardened skin with a pumice stone.
Treat it: If the corn is very painful, see a chiropodist. They can remove the corns or, in more serious cases, may fit you for orthotic insoles that sit in your shoes and will correct any imbalance in the way you walk.

Bunions
What are they? Painful bony swellings at the base of the big toe, which can be a result of shoes that cramp the feet. Bunions can run in families.
Treat it: You can buy pads that ease pressure on the big toe joint, along with orthotic insoles that help the feet work properly. In severe cases, surgery can remove swollen tissue and part of the bone.

Prevent it: Make sure your shoes don't squash your toes together — there should be space between the tip of your toes and the end of the shoe. Avoid heels higher than two inches for long periods.

Verrucas
What are they? Verrucas are warts caused by a viral infection found on the soles of the feet or between toes. Some can start as a small pink area with a few black dots, which develops into a larger, brown area with hardened skin.
Treat it: If it is large or painful, a chiropodist can freeze the area to kill the virus.

Athlete's foot
Prevent it: The virus thrives swimming pools and communal showers, so it pays to always wear flip-flops until you're in the water.

What is it? A fungal infection that causes sore, itchy patches of skin between the toes, which then crack and flake. It may have an unpleasant smell and toenails can become infected, thick and brown.
Treat it: If the toenail is infected, see a chiropodist so they can file down the nail and prescribe a topical solution to fight the infection.
Prevent it: Change your socks or tights daily, and don't wear the same shoes two days in a row. Sandals also help as they allow air to circulate between the toes.

Fallen arches
What are they? This common complaint happens as the arch of the foot collapses and becomes flat. It can cause painful, achy feet and calves.
Treat it: Pain relief and special insoles. In severe cases, surgery may be required.
Prevent it: Avoid high heels for long periods. Because heels cause your tendons to tighten, your ankle can't bend properly, and so the tendons in your foot arch to try to compensate and can break or collapse.

Ingrown toenails
What are they? When growing nails become painfully imbedded in the skin at the sides.
Treat it: Soaking feet in saltwater can prevent infection and reduce swelling.
Prevent it: Don't cut your toenails too short — follow the outline of your toe and file away any sharp edges.

You may be maturing in age, but that doesn't mean that you let your skin age more than it should in your 30s. Can't find the solution to the fountain of youth? We get you the basics of skin care - important tips that every man and woman in their 30s must pay close attention to.

How to prevent skin damage in your 30s



Here are some expert insights from a Dermatologist and a Gynecologist on how you can prevent your skin from ageing prematurely. This is what you ought to know about skin care in your 30s. Dr. Uma Rani, Senior Consultant on Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute in New Delhi talks about the maturing skin in your 30s. She reveals, "30 is the age of adult life. So, all the structures of body and the skin will show adulthood changes. Skin has different types of texture i.e. dry, normal & oily. There are no major changes seen throughout menstrual cycles. We might notice few changes like oily skin or pimples during pregnancy because of hormonal changes." Seems like a fair deal but this is a gynecologist's point of view. She leaves us with tips

on how to improve and enhance your skin texture and feel. 1. "We should keep our skin perfect by regular washing, applying moisturisers, taking plenty of water or fluid." This is the basic advice that one should follow at any age. Washing up ensures clean skin, but you should also moisturise your skin to replenish the lost nutrients from your skin. And water is a blessing in more ways than one for your body. 2. "We should have fruits, salads and avoid oily, spicy, fast foods." Fruits and salads are always a wiser option for your well being. Oily food not only adds flab but is also the reason for the spurt of pimples and oily skin. If you are looking for the fountain of youth, opt for fruits with high levels of anti oxidants.

3. "The skin should also be massaged with natural soothing creams." Let's face it, the climate cannot be controlled unless you have the moolah and a private jet. Hence, change in temperature affects your skin besides dust and pollution, which also hampers the texture of your skin. Natural soothing creams rejuvenate your skin cells bringing it back to life. Dr. Nipun Jain, Senior Consultant in Dermatology at Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute

spots)." The doctor shares some tips for healthy skin in your 30s: 1. **Cleanser:** "In the morning, use a cleanser with alpha hydroxy acids (AHAs) like glycolic acids for exfoliation of the skin. In the evening, you can wash with a creamy mild cleanser." 2. **Moisturizer:** "A good sunscreen with SPF 15 or more with good UVA/UVB protection is a must for you. Use a good moisturizer with antioxidants, like green or white tea, pomegranate, or vitamin C, which will protect your skin from damaging free radicals." 3. **Night-time treatment:** "Once you're in your 30s, choose a night cream or serum with retinol or retinoids. Start using an eye cream daily. For dark circles, use one with hydroquinone, vitamin C, or botanicals that brighten, like kojic acid, soy, or licorice. For puffiness, look for one containing caffeine and for extra moisturization, use one with hyaluronic acid." Above all, if skin troubles do not go away with routine application of relevant ointments, a healthy diet, and regular exercise, then consult your doctor. Sometimes, hormonal imbalances can wreak havoc on skin as you step into your 30s.

Curing smudged nail polish

Hardly anyone has the time for a leisurely manicure and much less the patience to let your nail polish dry in its own sweet time. Here's a quick fix to put you out of your misery: So you applied your nail polish but can't sit still while it's drying? There's nothing more horrible and shabby looking than smudged nail polish. You might as well go bare rather than sporting polish that's smudged and ruined. If you thought removing the nail paint and applying all the coats all over again is the only way to remedy the situation, read on. Here's an awesome tip that not only saves time but is also hassle-free. Dip a cotton bud in nail polish remover. Roll the cotton bud over the smudged parts while gently sanding it down. You can also use your fingertip instead of a cotton bud. Dip your finger in some nail polish remover and smooth over



the messed up bits. Apply a fresh coat of paint when your nail dries up. Ta-da!

Essentials for your evening skincare routine

Caring for your skin during the evening is extremely important, especially because throughout the night your skin cells repair and rebuild. Here are some things you need to do every day. **Cleanser** The first and the foremost step to your evening skin care routine is to cleanse your face well and remove all the make-up. Going to sleep with your make-up on can age your skin and also clog your pores and cause sebum to build up. Select a cleanser suited to your skin type. **Make-up remover** A make-up remover is a must. Make sure that you remove all the make-up around your eyes. Especially if you are wearing heavy eye make-up, use a make-up remover to wipe off your eye make-up and then use a cleanser. **Toner** Though a lot of women do not use a toner, yet it is said



that you must use a toner when you remove your make-up. Toner is meant to cleanse your skin but it also does a plethora of other things like moisturise, balance pH, refresh your skin and help tighten the pores. **Moisturiser** After cleansing and toning your skin, applying a moisturiser is a must. As stated earlier, a skin repairs and rebuilds cells during the night, thus make sure that you apply a night moisturiser before you retire for the night. **Eye cream** A good eye cream is essential. The area around your eyes tend to darken due to stress and use of heavy eye make-up. Thus make sure that you use a good eye cream before you go off to bed every night.

Explained: Why Paytm shares jumped 9% in early trade

New Delhi Paytm shares saw a strong rise of over 9% in early trading on Tuesday, hitting Rs 687.40 per share on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). This marked the second day in a row that the stock gained momentum.

While the exact reason for the sharp increase is unclear, but many believe it could be due to the GST Council's decision not to impose any new GST rules on UPI transactions under Rs 2,000. It may be noted that shares of One 97 Communications, Paytm's parent company, have been climbing steadily. In the past week, Paytm's share price has risen by more than 13%, and in the last month, it has gone up by over 30%. Over the last three months, Paytm's stock has jumped by more than 74%.

Paytm's share price is now almost 120% higher than its 52-week low of Rs 310, reached on May 9, 2024.

On August 28, Paytm announced that it received approval from the Ministry of Finance to invest in its payment services business. With this approval, Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL) will move forward in resubmitting its payment aggregator application. Meanwhile, PPSL will continue providing online payment services to its existing partners.

What's next for Paytm shares?

Analysts say that Paytm shares are still looking strong. However, they caution that the stock might face resistance in the Rs 710 to Rs 730 range.

If it breaks through this level, the share price could reach Rs 800. Ganesh Dongre, Senior Manager at Anand Rathi told livemint.com that investors with a medium-term outlook could hold onto the stock, aiming for the Rs 800 target. He advised maintaining a stop-loss below the previous day's close and buying on dips if the stock drops significantly.

Narayana Murthy criticizes coaching classes, advocates for genuine learning and critical thinking

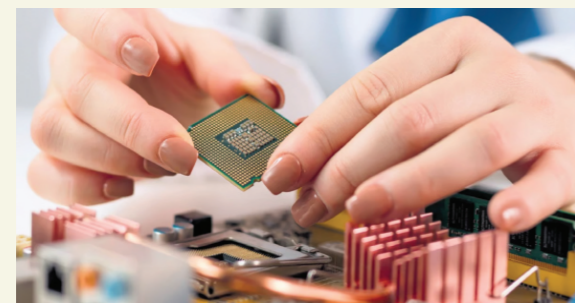
New Delhi. Narayana Murthy, co-founder of Infosys, has expressed strong reservations about the effectiveness of coaching classes, particularly those in high-pressure environments like Kota. Speaking at the launch of Paul Hewitt's 13th edition of Conceptual Physics in Bengaluru, Murthy argued that coaching centres are not the optimal solution for students aiming to excel in examinations. Murthy emphasized that the true purpose of education should be to cultivate critical skills such as observation, analysis, and hypothesis testing skills essential for addressing real-world problems. According to him, the reliance on coaching classes is indicative of a larger issue within India's education system, which often prioritizes rote memorization over meaningful learning.

He observed that many students resort to coaching centres because they do not fully engage with their school curriculum. This, coupled with parents' increasing dependence on these centres, highlights a troubling trend. "The growing coaching industry, now worth over Rs 58,000 crore annually and expanding at 19-20% per year, underscores a systemic problem," Murthy stated. Murthy advocates for an educational approach focused on understanding and critical thinking rather than mere memorization. He reflected on a 1993 workshop at Infosys where he defined innovation as the pursuit of better, faster, and cheaper methods whether in daily tasks or complex problem-solving.

PLI scheme for chip: 20 requests pending

NEW DELHI. Nearly 20 applications are pending with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for evaluation and approval for semiconductor under the production linked incentive scheme, a senior government official said on Monday.

As per Akash Tripathi, CEO of the India Semiconductor Mission, the country is expected to have more than 10 semiconductor units within the next decade to meet its domestic and global demand. "India should have at least 10 semiconductor units including fabs to meet the demand for chips both in India and worldwide," said Tripathi. The government announced an incentive of Rs 76,000 crore to develop semiconductor ecosystem in 2021. It has so far approved several semiconductor projects including a chip fabrication unit in Dholera, Gujarat, and four chip packaging units: three in Sanand, Gujarat, and one in Morigaon, Assam. The cumulative



investment in these projects is Rs 1.50 lakh crore.

As the capital announced for the scheme is nearing exhaustion, the government is expected to announce a second tranche of incentives for semiconductor soon. Tripathi mentioned that if necessary, the government will increase the allocation to develop the semiconductor ecosystem in the country.

"When the mission was started, it was anticipated that at least 10 years of support would be needed until we become mature. If the funds need to be expanded, we will do it," said Tripathi. The government recently approved a Rs 3,307 crore proposal for an outsourced assembly and testing (OSAT) unit by Mysuru-based Kaynes Semicon. The OSAT unit will be set up in Sanand, Gujarat, with a total capacity of 6.3 million chips per day. Meanwhile, the Maharashtra government announced that it had approved a \$10 billion chip plant to be jointly established by Israel's Tower Semiconductor and the Adani Group. Regarding this, Tripathi said Israel's Tower Semiconductor has submitted its application, but the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has requested more details including information about its technology partner and financial model.

US partners with India Semiconductor Mission

US has announced a collaboration with India's Semiconductor Mission to explore opportunities for expanding and diversifying the global chip ecosystem.

US, India join hands to expand semiconductor industry. All you need to know

The US Department of State will collaborate with the India Semiconductor Mission, under India's Ministry of Electronics and IT, to explore ways to grow and diversify the semiconductor ecosystem.

New Delhi The United States and India have taken a huge step towards expanding the global semiconductor supply chain. The US Department of State will collaborate with the India Semiconductor Mission, under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, to explore ways to grow and diversify the semiconductor ecosystem.

This initiative will be supported by the International Technology Security and Innovation (ITSI) fund, which was established through the CHIPS Act of

2022. "The US Department of State will partner with the India Semiconductor Mission, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India to explore opportunities to grow and diversify the global semiconductor ecosystem under the International Technology Security and Innovation (ITSI) Fund, created by the CHIPS Act of 2022 (CHIPS Act)," said a press release by US Department of State. This partnership aims to build a more resilient and secure global semiconductor value chain. The initial phase will involve a detailed assessment of India's current semiconductor ecosystem, looking at its regulatory framework, workforce capabilities, and infrastructure. Key stakeholders in India, such as state governments, educational institutions, research centres, and private companies, are expected to play a major role in this analysis. The collaboration between the US and India is part of a broader effort to ensure the global semiconductor supply chain remains strong amid increasing digital demands. Semiconductors are critical components



in a wide range of products, from vehicles to medical devices, making their reliable supply essential. The CHIPS Act, signed by US President Joe Biden in August 2022, was created to boost semiconductor manufacturing and research within the United States. It also established the ITSI Fund, which allocates USD 500 million over five years (USD 100 million per year) to support secure and trusted telecommunications technologies and semiconductor supply chains. This

partnership with India is one of the first steps under this fund to enhance international cooperation in the semiconductor sector. The ITSI Fund will help the US and India strengthen their semiconductor industries, with both nations benefiting from the improved supply chain resilience. A comprehensive assessment will provide the groundwork for future joint initiatives to enhance this sector further.

Strengthening ties through technology

The growing partnership between the US and India reflects the increasing alignment of their strategic interests, particularly in the technology sector. Speaking at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, US Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell highlighted the importance of this relationship, stating that expanding the US-India partnership is one of the most critical efforts of the Biden-Harris administration. Campbell mentioned that the cooperation between the two nations is set to reach new heights, with technology being at the core of their collaboration.

Elon Musk set to be world's 1st trillionaire, second could be an Indian: Report

New Delhi. Tesla CEO Elon Musk is on track to become the world's first trillionaire by 2027, according to a new report by Dubai-based Informa Connect Academy. With his wealth growing at an impressive annual rate of over 110%, Musk's fortune has reached a staggering \$241 billion, as per Bloomberg's billionaire index. Following closely behind, Indian industrialist Gautam Adani is poised to be the second person to hit the trillionaire mark, potentially reaching the milestone by 2028. Adani's wealth has been increasing at a remarkable rate of 123% annually.

Other billionaires like Nvidia founder Jensen Huang, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, and LVMH's Bernard



Arnault are also expected to cross the trillion-dollar threshold by 2030.

India's wealth boom has been in the spotlight recently, with two reports underscoring the nation's rapid rise in wealth creation. A Fortune India report revealed that the combined wealth of the country's richest individuals has

surged past \$1 trillion, reaching \$1.19 trillion (Rs 99.86 lakh crore), with 185 dollar billionaires.

Leading the pack are Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani, each with wealth exceeding Rs 10 trillion. Close behind are the Shapoorji Pallonji family, with a combined fortune of Rs 3,64,932 crore. According to the Hurun India Rich List 2024, India has been minting a new billionaire every five days throughout 2023, adding 1,539 ultra-wealthy individuals with fortunes of more than Rs 1,000 crore. Meanwhile, the Bloomberg real-time index places Ambani as the richest Asian, with \$111 billion, followed by Adani at \$99.6 billion

Sensex, Nifty open marginally higher on positive global cues; Paytm up 9%

Benchmark stock market indices opened marginally higher on Tuesday after a rally in global markets. The S&P BSE Sensex was down 47.27 points to 81,512.27, while the NSE Nifty50 shed 18.70 points to 24,917.70 as of 10:05 AM. Early trade in Nifty50 saw movements in both directions among top stocks. Leading the gainers was Divis Laboratories with an increase of 3.22%. Bharti Airtel also performed well, rising 1.51%. Axis Bank showed notable growth, climbing 1.16%. Power Grid Corporation and LTIMindtree rounded out the top gainers, advancing 1.08% and 1.00% respectively. SBI Life Insurance experienced the largest decline, dropping 3.10%. HDFC Life Insurance followed with a fall of 2.62%. Bajaj Finserv also faced losses, declining by 1.93%.



Shriram Finance and Bajaj Finance completed the list of top losers, dipping 1.86% and 1.44% respectively. The Nifty Midcap100 index led the gains, rising by 0.85%, while the Nifty Smallcap100 index also performed well, increasing by 0.74%, suggesting continued interest in smaller firms.

Meanwhile, the India VIX, often referred to as the fear gauge of the market, experienced a notable decline of 0.50%. Early trading session saw mixed performance across Nifty's sectoral indices. Several sectors posted gains, with Nifty Media leading the positive performers, rising 1.31%. Nifty Midsmall Healthcare also showed strong performance, increasing by 1.23%. Nifty Pharma gained 1.01%, while Nifty Healthcare Index rose 0.90%. Other sectors in the green included Nifty IT, up 0.53%; Nifty Consumer Durables, advancing 0.38%; and Nifty Realty, climbing 0.19%. Nifty Metal and Nifty PSU Bank saw minimal gains of 0.03% and 0.01% respectively. On the downside, Nifty Financial Services 25/50 experienced the largest decline, dropping 0.93%. Nifty Financial Services also struggled, falling 0.62%. The auto sector faced pressure with Nifty Auto decreasing by 0.31%. Nifty Oil & Gas dipped 0.33%, while Nifty FMCG fell 0.16%.

Suzlon Energy shares up 5%. Will positive momentum continue

Suzlon Energy shares were up nearly 5% after the company announced a major 1.17 GW order win from NTPC Green Energy.

New Delhi, Suzlon Energy shares surged nearly 5% on Tuesday, hitting Rs 78.05 per share, after the company announced a major 1.17 GW order win from NTPC Green Energy. The deal has boosted Suzlon's cumulative order book to almost 5 GW, marking its highest-ever tally. The order will see Suzlon install 370 wind turbine generators (WTGs) across projects for NTPC Renewable Energy and Indian Oil NTPC Green Energy in Gujarat. Morgan Stanley reiterated its "overweight" rating on Suzlon Energy following this contract, stating that the deal enhances earnings visibility for FY26 and FY27. The brokerage firm has set a price target of Rs 73.4, aligning closely with the stock's current

trading levels. Suzlon, which had previously been ineligible to bid for public sector orders due to its negative net worth, has now secured a significant PSU deal after a long break. Additionally, nearly 0.3% of Suzlon's equity—equivalent to 3.7 crore shares—was exchanged in a



block deal at Rs 77 per share, with a total transaction value of Rs 272 crore. Suzlon's share price opened with a gain of 4.8%, reaching Rs 77.93.

Of the five analysts covering Suzlon Energy, three have given it a "buy" rating, while two suggest a "hold." ICICI Securities holds the highest price target of Rs 80 per share, reflecting

growing optimism for Suzlon's continued growth. It may be noted that India's wind energy market is expected to see a surge in the coming years, with hybrid renewable energy (RE) projects and round-the-clock (RTC) energy solutions becoming more prominent.

Suzlon's new WTG model, the S144, which boasts a hub height of 160 metres and can generate 40-43% more power than previous models, is key to capturing this growth. This technology makes low-wind sites viable, particularly as India transitions to fixed and dispatchable renewable energy (FDRE) tenders.

With a cash surplus of Rs 1,197 crore, analysts believe that Suzlon is well-positioned for timely capital expenditures, including investments in blade molds and other technological improvements. Analysts believe that if the company continues to capitalise on India's wind energy expansion, the stock could potentially break through its current resistance levels and move towards Rs 80.

Gautam Adani's \$1.85 billion airport deal in Kenya hits legal roadblock

The deal faced opposition from various groups in Kenya, with a key legal challenge filed by the Kenya Human Rights Commission and the Law Society of Kenya

NEW DELHI. A recent legal ruling has halted a \$1.85 billion deal between Adani Airport Holdings Ltd and the Kenyan government, which would have allowed the company to manage Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) for the next 30 years. The Kenyan High Court has suspended the agreement until further legal discussions can take place, reported Financial Times.

The deal faced opposition from various groups in Kenya, with a key legal challenge filed by the Kenya Human Rights Commission and the Law Society of Kenya, reported Bloomberg. The plaintiffs argue that leasing the airport, considered a vital national asset, to a private company violates key constitutional principles like good

governance, transparency, and responsible use of public resources. They believe the decision to lease JKIA was not in the best interest of the country.

Concerns over the deal

Faith Odhiambo, president of the Law Society of Kenya, expressed concern about the financial burden this deal could place on the country. She highlighted that the agreement could lead to job losses and place undue fiscal risk on the public, while providing little to no value for Kenyan taxpayers.

The opposition also claims that Kenya has the capacity to fund airport expansions without resorting to long-term leasing.

On the other hand, the Kenyan government defends the decision. It points to the urgent need for improvements at JKIA, which is currently operating beyond its capacity. Henry Ogoye, acting Managing Director of the Kenya Airports Authority, said that the deal would go through strict reviews to ensure it complies with public-private partnership regulations. He also mentioned that the investment required for JKIA's upgrades is significant, and



without private sector involvement, it would be challenging for the government to meet these financial needs.

Adani's expansion plans

Gautam Adani, who is Asia's second-richest person, has been rapidly expanding his airport business. Adani Enterprises already manages eight airports in India, handling 23% of the country's air traffic. JKIA would have been Adani's first airport venture outside India, marking an important step in the company's international expansion strategy. As part of the project in Kenya,

Adani Airport Holdings plans to invest \$750 million by 2029 to build a new terminal and taxiway. By 2035, the company aims to invest an additional \$92 million for further upgrades. The long-term plan is to list the airport business on stock exchanges by the fiscal year 2028, which could help finance more global projects.

Opposition from workers and political figures

However, the proposed deal has sparked resistance within Kenya. The Kenya Aviation Workers Union, which represents about 10,000 employees, initially planned a strike over fears of job losses and the potential impact of the deal on their livelihoods. These concerns have added to the challenges facing the agreement. In India, opposition leaders from the Congress party have also raised concerns, with Jairam Ramesh warning that the protests in Kenya could lead to negative sentiments towards India. The ongoing backlash highlights the complexity of such international deals, especially when national assets are involved.

NEWS BOX

Afghanistan vs New Zealand Test in limbo due to poor facilities in Greater Noida

New Delhi. The much-anticipated one-off Test between New Zealand and Afghanistan at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh seems to be in limbo due to substandard infrastructure, including a poor drainage system, at the cricket ground. After the opening day of the Test match was washed out due to rain on Monday, September 9, the start of the second day's play was delayed on Tuesday morning due to a wet outfield. The woeful facilities and drainage system at the Greater Noida stadium have come under severe scrutiny. Greater Noida has been witnessing persistent rain over the last few days. Afghanistan and New Zealand struggled to complete practice sessions in the lead-up to the Test due to the soggy condition of the outfield. Despite clear weather on



Monday morning, overnight rain had left the outfield wet.

The on-field umpires had as many as six inspections on Day 1 before calling it off. The field, particularly around the mid-on and mid-wicket areas, was rendered unplayable as large patches of soggy, muddy outfield posed a significant risk for players. Ground staff scrambled to manage the situation, resorting to covering the affected areas with sawdust. However, these makeshift efforts were far from adequate. On Tuesday, a concerning sight was the staff digging up sections of the outfield and filling them with dry soil and grass in a desperate attempt to make it playable. The affected area stretched around two-thirds of the field, and even with these efforts, the outfield remained far from suitable for Test match conditions. Although rain began only late in the evening on Day 1, it worsened the already damp outfield. An inspection was scheduled for noon on September 10, but both teams, anticipating another delay, remained in their hotels. Ground staff, numbering around 20-25, including 15 outsourced workers, were seen battling the conditions with inadequate resources. Despite the availability of five super soppers (two automatic and three manual), the drying process was slow and inefficient. Covers—three 30-yard and five larger 80x60 sheets—were in place.

Eyeing Worlds, wrestler Bajrang moves court to quash NADA suspension

CHENNAI: Wrestler Bajrang Punia has approached the Delhi High Court to quash the National Anti-Doping Agency's notice of charge and provisional suspension dated 21.06.2024 for apparent 'refusal' to give urine samples during the selection trials organised by the now defunct ad-hoc committee at Sonapat in March.

He has approached the Delhi High Court for an urgent hearing on the ground that he would be seeking participation at the World Championships in Albania next month.

Vidushpat Singhania, who is representing



Bajrang, said that they were requesting the Delhi High Court to quash the NADA provisional suspension order and also sought an enquiry into the use of expired kits for sample collection last year. "Another point is why NADA has not filed its response to Bajrang's explanation since 11 July 2024 and not given a hearing to Bajrang," asked the lawyer. The lawyer said that the wrestler would be seeking to participate at the World Championships hence the request for an urgent hearing. The wrestler has termed the suspension arbitrary. "...the Respondent (NADA) again sought to arbitrarily charge the athlete with an anti-doping rule violation by serving a Notice of Charge dated 21.06.2024 and provisionally suspended him for the second time..." Interestingly, the petitioner pointed out that a notification dated 23.04.2024 that suspended him for an alleged apparent anti-doping rule violation for refusing to submit to sample collection during the Wrestling Selection Trials was revoked by a NADA hearing panel on the ground that formal notice of charge was not filed. The NADA in June filed the formal Notice of Charge and said: you are formally charged with the following ADRV (anti-doping rule violation): Article 2.3 (evading, refusing or failing to submit sample collection by an athlete.

How realistic is Joe Root's threat to Sachin Tendulkar's record

England batter Joe Root is slowly closing in on Sachin Tendulkar in the list of leading run scorers in Test cricket. Here's a look at their numbers at different stages of their career.

New Delhi. Joe Root has been on a sensational run in Test cricket in recent times and has made a rapid rise in the list of leading run scorers of the format. The 33-year-old is currently the sixth-highest run-scorer in the history of cricket's oldest format with 12,402 runs to his name from 146 matches (267 innings) at an average of 50.62 with 34 hundreds and 48 fifties. He also has the sixth most hundreds to his name in Test cricket as he continues to climb up in the list full of legends such as Sunil Gavaskar, Alastair Cook, Brian Lara, Ricky Ponting, amongst others. Root's numbers didn't look as massive as they do now as he had 7,823 runs from 97 Tests till 2020 at an average of 47.99 with 17 hundreds and 49 fifties.

However, ever since 2021, he has been the best batter in the format accumulating 4579 runs from 49 matches (90 innings) at an average of 55.84 with 17 hundreds and 15 fifties. Root's sensational run has made him a top contender to surpass the legendary Sachin Tendulkar and become the leading run scorer in the history of Test cricket. The legendary

batter is the highest run scorer in Test cricket with 15,921 runs to his name from 200 matches at an average of 53.78 with 51 hundreds and 68 fifties. Root is 3,519 runs away from levelling Tendulkar at the top of the list and has six more Tests this year still to play, three in Pakistan and as many in New Zealand. Given his current form, he will be expected to shorten the gap between him and Tendulkar further as he's just 71 runs away from becoming England's all-time highest run scorer in Tests surpassing Alastair Cook (12,472 runs). With Root constantly closing the gap between him and Tendulkar, one must wonder where the legendary Indian batter was after 267 innings in his career.

Sachin's numbers after 267 innings
Notably, the Mumbai-born cricketer had 13,091 runs to his name at an average of 55 with 44 hundreds and 54 fifties at the same stage where Root is currently at in his career. From there onwards, Tendulkar witnessed the last peak in international cricket where he plundered over 1,601 runs in the next 23 innings and became the first batter to score 14,000 runs in the format.

At the landmark 100th Test mark, there was a stark difference between the two players as Root had 8,507 runs at an average of 50.33 from 183 innings with 20 hundreds and 49 fifties. On the other hand, Tendulkar had



8,405 runs from 160 innings after 100 Tests at an average of 57.96 with 30 hundreds and 34 fifties. With age on Root's side, Tendulkar's record is all set to be broken. The numbers clearly show Root's low conversion rate early on in his career, which he has improved upon massively since 2021, having converted 17 out of his 32 fifties into centuries. Having an average of over 45 in seven out of the ten countries he's played in, Root is rated among the best performers all across the globe. The only major nation he's struggled while playing in is Australia, where he averages 35.68 from 14 matches, scoring 892 runs with the help of nine fifties. On the other hand, Tendulkar has the feat of averaging over 40 in all the ten countries he's played in. Comparing the England star with the legendary batter would be sheer absurdity, as Tendulkar holds the edge over the England batter in several departments, be

it consistency, better performance across the world and better conversion rates.

However, Root is far from done in his career and will turn 34 this December. Given his current form and the legacy he's created for himself, he's set to play for his country for at least three more years and has a great chance to leave Tendulkar behind in the all-time list if he continues his form.

More importantly, Joe Root is one of the busiest Test batters since the start of 2020, playing 57 matches. England are one of the busiest Test sides even after the advent of the World Test Championship cycle. Root has played 57 matches since the start of 2020, 11 more than his nearest rival Zak Crawley.

Root is far ahead of his contemporaries when it comes to the frequency of Test matches. Among the Fab Four of the modern era (Root, Virat Kohli, Kane Williamson and Steve Smith), the England batter has played the most number of Tests in the said period. **FAB 4 SINCE 2020**

Joe Root - 57 matches

Steve Smith - 37 matches

Virat Kohli - 29 matches

Kane Williamson - 22 matches

Root averages 12 Tests per year and he is increasingly becoming a Test specialist for England. However, it remains to be seen if Root can sustain his sensational form as he heads into the twilight period of his career.

New Zealand announce squad for women's T20 World Cup 2024, Rosemary Mair returns

New Zealand announced the squad for the women's T20 World Cup 2024 set to be played in UAE from October 3. Sophie Devine is set to lead the team for the final time in T20Is.



New Delhi. New Zealand announced their 15-member squad for the upcoming women's T20 World Cup 2024 on Tuesday, September 10. Veteran players Suzie Bates and Sophie Devine are all set to feature in their ninth edition of the T20 extravaganza having been a part of the tournament ever since its inception in 2009. Devine will also give up her T20 captaincy at the end of the tournament. Seamer Rosemary Mair has marked her return to the team following a back injury sustained during the home series against England. Off-spinner Leigh Kasperk will reinforce the spin attack alongside Melie Kerr, Fran Jonas and Eden

Carson. On the other hand, wicket-keeper batter Izzy Gaze will be making her first appearance in the T20 World Cup. White Ferns head coach Ben Sawyer is delighted with the squad and congratulated everyone for making it to the team. "Congratulations to all of the players named in this squad, it's a significant achievement to be selected to represent your country at a World Cup. I'm really pleased with this squad, I think these are our best 15 players to adapt to what will likely be varied conditions," said Sawyer in a media release.

T20 World Cup to start from October 3

Notably, the T20 World Cup is set to begin from October 3 and will be hosted in the UAE after the tournament was shifted from Bangladesh due to the political unrest in the country. New Zealand have been put in Group A alongside Australia, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The Sophie Devine-led side will start their campaign with a couple of warm-up fixtures against South Africa and England on September 29 and October 1 respectively before playing their first Group Match against India on October 4. Ahead of the tournament, New Zealand will tour Australia for a three-match T20I series to prepare for the mega event beginning from 19th September. New Zealand women's squad for T20 World Cup 2024: Sophie Devine (C), Suzie Bates, Eden Carson, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Fran Jonas, Leigh Kasperk, Amelia Kerr, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Mair, Molly Penfold, Georgia Plimmer, Hannah Rowe, Lea Tahuhu.

Bangladesh rising pace sensation Nahid Rana confident and ready for India Test series

DHAKA. Having made an instant impact with his brilliant performance in the historic 2-0 triumph over Pakistan, Bangladesh rising speedster Nahid Rana has now set his eyes on the upcoming away Test series against India. The 21-year-old consistently hit 150 kph and stood out as the star performer, especially in the second innings of the final Test in Rawalpindi where he took 4/44 as Bangladesh secured a historic sweep. "Obviously we are well prepared for the India series. We have started training. The more we are prepared the better we will be in execution during the matches," Rana said in a video shared by Bangladesh Cricket in 'X', formerly Twitter. "India are a good team but the team that plays better cricket will win. We will see when we go there." The speedster, from Chapainawabganj, has emerged as a new

sensation in Bangladesh cricket with his ability to bowl consistently fast over long spells. He made headlines by crossing the 150 kph mark on his Test debut against Sri Lanka in March this year. Then in Pakistan he established himself as a genuine fast bowling threat by making an immediate impact in the second Test. He dismissed Shan Masood with his third ball before scalping the prized wicket of Babar Azam in his next over. "Before leaving, I had said that I wanted to achieve something for my country, and it feels great to have delivered on what was expected of me," he said. The first Test is slated in Chennai, a venue known for its bounce-friendly pitch.

Asked if he is ready to hit the 152 kph mark again, Rana said, "I will strive to give my best. Pace is something you can't always predict - it depends a lot on rhythm.

Sometimes, it just clicks, and suddenly you find yourself hitting those speeds."

"I never set out to clock 152 kph or push past that. I just focused on executing the team's plan. My friends and folks back in the village are really happy of my achievement," he added. Rana's journey in cricket began when his brother enrolled him in an academy in 2020 after finishing college. He made his first-class debut in October 2021 and quickly made a mark, taking 32 wickets in the following season.

In the 2022-23 National Cricket League, Rana and Sumon Khan achieved a rare feat with both taking over 30 wickets, an accomplishment not seen in over 11 years for fast bowlers in the domestic first-class tournament. Determined to carve his own path, he said: "I don't want to be like anyone else.

Reacting to his son's selection in the Indian team, Yash's father Chandrapal who has been a cricketer himself, said that it's a matter of pride for their family. He recalled the challenges his son had to face and praised his fighting spirit. "First of all, it is a matter of pride for our family. When a kid starts playing, he dreams of representing the country. Now, he has earned a call-up to represent the nation. From a small city, he has come so far. There were many tough challenges in his life, but he kept fighting. He was always obsessed with cricket. When your focus is right, you will get success," Chandrapal Dayal told ANI. Further speaking ahead, Chandrapal hailed his son's progress as a player across different tournaments such as the Ranji Trophy and the IPL (Indian Premier League).



We kept motivating him and gave him positivity: Radha Dayal
"I was a cricketer myself, he saw me play as a kid. Though he could not play for UP in U19, he was selected in U23 back in 2018 and since then, he has not looked back. He has been progressing consistently since then, be it in the Ranji Trophy, IPL etc. This dream of playing for India has also come true," he added. Yash's mother Radha was also thrilled to bits following her son's selection in the national team and revealed how they motivated him to continue playing irrespective of the circumstances.

"It is a matter of happiness for us. This is a big deal for us. We are celebrating it all together. All family members have gathered and will be bursting firecrackers. We cannot express our happiness in words. This all took a lot of hard work. We kept motivating him and gave him positivity to go on no matter what," she said.

Yash Dayal's rollercoaster ride on cricket pitch

Dayal had a decent debut in the IPL playing for Gujarat as he scalped 11 wickets from nine matches in their victorious campaign of 2022.

Saina Nehwal hits back at trolls for belittling her 2012 Olympics bronze medal

India badminton star Saina Nehwal has hit back at her trolls for questioning her bronze medal win during the 2012 London Olympics. Nehwal became the first Indian shuttle to win a bronze medal.

New Delhi. India badminton star Saina Nehwal has hit back at her trolls for questioning her bronze medal win at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Notably,

Nehwal scripted history at the Games as she became the first Indian shuttle to win an Olympic medal.

The Haryana-born athlete was up against China's Wang Xin in the bronze medal match and ended up losing the first game by 18-21. She was further trailing in the second game as well by 0-1 before the Chinese athlete ended up twisting her right knee. As a result, she had to withdraw from the match and Nehwal was awarded the bronze medal. Nehwal's victory was recently questioned by some trolls on social media who alleged that she was gifted her bronze medal. Saina and her husband, Parupalli Kashyap recently addressed the issue in an interview. During the Paris Olympics she had said something and in the comments (on social media) I was seeing people saying that that she got gifted the bronze medal," said Kashyap in a conversation with RJ Anmol and actor Amrita Rao.

Nehwal hit back at her trolls asking them to at least qualify for Olympics first.



"Olympic level ke layak toh bano aap. Pehle Olympics ke liye qualify toh karke dikhaao (Try and get yourself up to the level of the Olympics)," said Saina. Saina Nehwal's comments on Vinesh Phogat irked fans. Nehwal openly expressed her opinion during

the recently concluded Olympic Games in Paris. Following wrestler Vinesh Phogat's disqualification from her gold medal match, Nehwal had stated that she was also responsible for the unfortunate turn of events. The comment didn't go down well with several social media users who began bashing her left, right and centre for her remarks. The badminton player also found herself in another controversy after she compared the fitness demands of cricket with other sports. The former world number one player was also subjected to trolling for her remark with people asking her to

face Jasprit Bumrah once. Meanwhile, Nehwal did not participate in competitive badminton since her Singapore Open appearance last year. As she battles arthritis, she is considering retirement as well by the end of the year.

Janhvi Kapoor's

Reaction To Varun Dhawan Taking Photos With Fans Is Hilarious

After Bawaal, the popular Bollywood actors Janhvi Kapoor and Varun Dhawan are collaborating once again on Shashank Khaitan's upcoming entertainer, Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari. The duo, who is busy shooting for their film, which is slated to be released in April 2025, was recently spotted at the Mumbai airport as they returned from Udaipur after completing their shooting schedule in the city. On Sunday, Janhvi and Varun were papped as they exited the Mumbai airport together. The duo opted for casual looks as their airport OOTDs. While the Bhediya wore a casual oversized shirt paired with distressed jeans and sneakers, Janhvi opted for an all-black athleisure wear. She kept her hair open and wore sneakers to complete her look. In several paparazzi videos, Varun was seen stopping on his way to click some pictures with his female fans. Meanwhile, his co-star proceeded to leave the airport. As Janhvi continued walking towards the exit, she was heard saying, "Main nikalti hun sumdi mein."

Not long ago, popular filmmaker Karan Johar posted a video on his Instagram account, offering a glimpse into the "muhurat puja" of Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari, which he is producing. The video included some memorable moments from the event. Sharing which, KJo wrote, "JUST PURE LOVE!!!! Sunny Sanskari & Tulsi Kumari's shooting with their family begins. Send them love, blessings, and warm wishes for a journey filled with sunshine! #SunnySanskariKiTulsiKumari in cinemas, 18th April 2025!"

Till now, Janhvi has had an eventful 2024. The actress, who made her debut in 2018, had not one but three releases. At the beginning of this year, she made a special appearance in Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon starrer Teri Baaton Mein Uljha Jiya. Then, she was seen in the films Mr. & Mrs. Mahi and Ulajh.

At present, Janhvi is gearing up for the release of his Telugu debut film, Devara: Part 1, alongside Jr. NTR and Saif Ali Khan. Ahead of its release on September 27, the Koratala Siva-directed film has already achieved a milestone. It has become the fastest Indian film to sell 15,000 tickets in the USA, that too, just days after the launch of pre-sale tickets. On the other hand, Varun made a cameo appearance in Shradha Kapoor, Rajkumar Rao, and Pankaj Tripathi starrer Stree 2. He was seen as a 'bhediya' in the Amar Kaushik-directed film. Apart from this, he has Citadel: Honey Boney, Baby John, Ikkis, and Border 2 in the pipeline.



Sidharth Malhotra

Congratulates Deepika Padukone-Ranveer Singh For Their 'Little Blessings'

Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh have embraced parenthood and are on cloud nine. The couple has welcomed their first child baby girl on September 8. Well, wishes are coming in and today Sidharth Malhotra also wished the couple for their little blessing. He took to social handle and shared the wish. Sidharth Malhotra shared the official announcement post on his Instagram stories and wrote, "Huge congratulations, @ranveersingh and @deepikapadukone, on your little blessings! Sending all my love and wishes to you both and family." Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh officially shared the announcement on social media. Their heartfelt post read, "Welcome Baby Girl 8.9.2024. Deepika & Ranveer."

On the work front, Sidharth Malhotra was last seen in Yodha with Rashmi Khanna. Recently, it was reported that Sidharth Malhotra made a sudden exit from Balwinder Singh Janjua's upcoming film Mitti, just one month before the shoot was scheduled to commence. The news has gone viral. However, an official was never made for the film. Peeping Moon has reported creative differences as the reason. Peeping Moon in its report mentions the reasons for his departure remain unclear, citing both creative differences with the director and concerns about the script itself. Other sources suggest Malhotra simply wasn't convinced by the project's direction, others claim his decision may have been influenced by a desire for more creative control on set. There's also speculation that the actor's recent box office struggles may have played a role, potentially making it difficult to secure funding for the film. Bollywood Hungama earlier reported that Mitti is an action film being shot in Uttarakhand. Not willing to speak much on the project, Janjua said, "It is an action drama set in Uttarakhand. It is a story about guilt, about living with the baggage of guilt. It is the story of saving your home and your zameen, your mitti. It is about family and relationships."



Vikas Sethi Funeral: Mom Inconsolable; Hiten Tejwani, Sharad Kelkar Attend Last Rites



Vikas Sethi's funeral took place on Monday evening. A video from the funeral has surfaced online in which Vikas' mother, Suraksha Sethi broke down seeing her son's mortal remains. Vikas was cremated in Mumbai a day after he died. He passed away on Sunday in Nashik following a heart attack. The last rites were attended by his mother, his grieving wife and other family members. Vikas' Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi co-star Hiten Tejwani was also present at the funeral. He paid his last respects and met Vikas' family. Also present at the funeral was TV actor Sharad Kelkar. Watch the video below: Vikas Sethi's wife Jhanvi Sethi spoke to PTI after his death and shared details of his death. She revealed that the couple was in Nashik for a family event when he started vomiting and experiencing diarrhea. He didn't want to go to the hospital, so they called a doctor home.

After we reached my mother's house in Nashik, he had vomiting and loose motions. He didn't want to go to the hospital so we asked the doctor to come home," she said. When she checked on him, he had already passed away. "When I went to wake him up at around 6 am (on Sunday), he was no more. The doctor there told us he passed away last night in his sleep due to a cardiac arrest," she shared. His body has been sent to Cooper Hospital in Mumbai for a post-mortem. Vikas was best known for his role in Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi, Kahiin to Hoga and Kasautii Zindagi Kay (the old one). He also had a short but impactful role in Karan Johar's Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham. The actor played the role of Robbie, Kareena Kapoor's boyfriend in the movie.

Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein Re-Release Mints Over 3 Crore; Will It Outperform Its Original Collection?



Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein, starring Dia Mirza and R Madhavan, was re-released in cinemas on August 30 and has once again grabbed audiences' attention. The romantic drama, known for its timeless love story and iconic soundtrack, is reportedly performing better at the box office compared to its original release. A fan favourite for decades, the film continues to win hearts. Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein, grossed about Rs 5.36 crore during its original run. As per a Pinkvilla report, it has already earned Rs 3.2 crore in 10 days of re-release. Reportedly, the film's re-release is likely to outperform its original release. The publication mentioned that the film is particularly doing well in Pune, where the majority of its revenue has come from. Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein has received roughly Rs 75 lakh in 10 days in the city, which is quite rare for most films.

Post the re-release of the film, Dia Mirza and R Madhavan resorted to social media to thank their fans for their support. They also held a live Instagram session, during which they discussed many topics. The duo uploaded a clip from their live session and wrote, "We just wanted to say a BIG thank you #RHTDM for all the love you have shown us over the last 23 years and the love you are giving the film in theatres right now." During the session, she also recalled their shooting day and mentioned, "We were travelling from one place to another for 14-18 hours, constantly going from one place to another. We would often catch up on our sleep on the flight. The film was also shot that way - we had shot in South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and Mumbai. The film's release date was announced before we finished the bhaag daud

"Meanwhile, on the work front, R Madhavan was last seen in Shaitaan, co-starring Ajay Devgn. The film earned rave reviews from both fans and critics. He will next act in Shankara and De De Pyaar De 2, co-starring Ajay Devgn and Rakul Preet Singh. Dia Mirza was last seen in the film IC 814- The Kandahar Hijack which also starred Vijay Varma, Pankaj Kapur and others.