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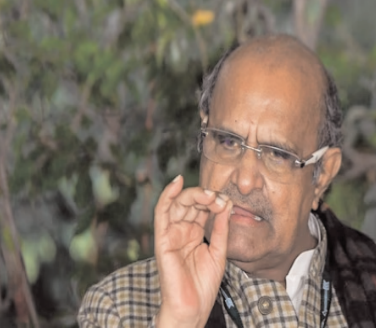
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JD(U) sends 'Emergency' reminder after Akhilesh Yadav asks Nitish Kumar to withdraw support to BJP

Sanjay Kumar Patna, Oct 11: Hours after Akhilesh Yadav asked Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar to 'quit' the BJP-led ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), KC Tyagi, a senior member of the Kumar-led Janata



Dal (United) on Friday responded saying it is Yadav who should call off his alliance with the Congress because of what happened during the Emergency. Yadav made the remark while addressing the workers of his Samajwadi Party outside his residence in Lucknow after he was stopped by the Uttar Pradesh Police from visiting the memorial of Jai Prakash Narayan on the national icon's 122nd birth anniversary. "The movement led by Jai

Prakash Narayan was against the 'dictatorship' of the Congress. Emergency was imposed on June 25 (1975). There was no freedom of expression. Akhilesh Yadav's remark is inappropriate...I want to remind him both his father (Mulayam Singh Yadav) and Nitish Kumar were jailed during the Emergency. He should end his partnership with a party that curtailed people's freedom and violated all democratic norms," Tyagi said, according to ABP News. The prime minister who imposed the Emergency was Indira Gandhi, the grandmother of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, the current Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. The Congress leads the opposition INDIA bloc nationally and Samajwadi Party is among its members. In Lok Sabha elections this year, the two combined to bag 43 (SP-37, Congress-6) out of 80 seats in Uttar Pradesh, where the BJP is in power, restricting the saffron party to 33 seats, down from 62 in 2019 and 71 in 2014. Though the BJP formed its third consecutive government at the Centre, it fell short of what would have been its third successive individual majority; it formed the government with the support from its allies.

Ongoing conflicts have a severe impact on Global South: PM Modi

Simmi Kaur Babbar NEW DELHI, Oct. 11: Ongoing conflicts must be peacefully resolved through dialogue and diplomacy based on a humanitarian approach because of their severe impact on the countries of the Global South, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the East Asia Summit in Laos on Friday.

Addressing leaders of the regional forum that includes the 10 member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) and eight dialogue partners such as the US, Australia, China and Russia, Modi said peace and stability in the South China Sea are in the interest of the Indo-Pacific region. Modi made a two-day trip to Laos to participate in the Asean-India Summit and the East Asia Summit, which were held alongside the Asean Summit. The leaders exchanged views on regional and international issues affecting peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, the external affairs ministry said in a readout. Without directly referencing the Russia-Ukraine war and the Israel-Hamas conflict, Modi called for respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as efforts to find a peaceful solution. "The most negatively affected coun-

tries due to ongoing conflicts in various parts of the world are those from the Global South. There is a collective desire for the restoration of peace and



stability in regions such as Eurasia and the Middle East as soon as possible," he said, speaking in Hindi. "I come from the land of Buddha, and I have repeatedly stated this is not the age of war. Solutions to problems cannot be found on the battlefield. It is essential to respect sovereignty, terri-

torial integrity, and international laws," he said. "With a humanitarian perspective, we must place a strong emphasis on dialogue and diplomacy." He added, "In fulfilling its responsibilities as a Vishwa Bandhu, India will continue to make every effort to contribute in this direction." The Indian government has urged Russia and Ukraine to end hostilities and return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy. At a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow in July, Modi said talks wouldn't be successful under the shadow of the gun. Modi told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at a subsequent meeting in Kyiv in August that a solution cannot be found without engaging Russia. India has also called for an end to the fighting in Gaza, the release of hostages, the resumption of humanitarian aid and talks aimed at a two-state solution. Turning to the situation in the South China Sea, Modi took a veiled swipe at China's aggressive actions in the region by saying that the approach of the countries in the East Asia Summit "should focus on development and not expansionism". "Peace, security and stability in the South China Sea are in the interest of the entire Indo-Pacific region," he said.

Akhilesh Yadav urges Nitish Kumar to reconsider support to BJP-led govt

Naresh Malhotra Lucknow, Oct 11: The BJP this summer fell short of the halfway mark of 272 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha making it dependent on the backing of partners such as the JD(U) Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Akhilesh Yadav on Friday urged Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar to reconsider Janata Dal (United) or JD(U)'s support to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government at the Centre, citing the alleged insult to socialist leader Jai Prakash Narayan (JP) on his birth anniversary. The comment came after police prevented Yadav from visiting the Jai Prakash Narayan International Centre (JPNIC) in Lucknow to pay tribute to Narayan. Yadav later garlanded a statue of Narayan outside his residence in the presence of a large gathering of SP workers. Yadav slammed the BJP government, saying it was hiding something, which is why he was stopped

from visiting JPNIC. "It is a conspiracy to sell the world-class building." He added that JPNIC was opened to the public but the work on it remains incomplete. "I have heard they even



paid an additional 770 crore to their preferred builder, yet the work remains incomplete." He added SP celebrates JP's birth anniversary every year, and they will do so again at JPNIC once the police are removed. "The government, once deaf and dumb, has now gone blind." He added had not it been Navratri and Ram

Navami, SP workers would have removed barricades put up to prevent him from visiting JPNIC. "I appeal to Nitish Kumar to reconsider his support to BJP in light of the insult to JP," said Yadav. The BJP fell short of the halfway mark of 272 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha this summer for the first time since 2014. It won 240 seats, making it dependent on the backing of partners such as the JD(U) and the Telugu Desam Party, which have 28 lawmakers, to return power for the third time in a row. Yadav criticised chief minister Yogi Adityanath, saying the latter does not understand the contributions of Narayan, who led the agitation against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the 1970s. Nitish Kumar was associated with agitation. Yadav said if there were security concerns, the administration could have provided protection. "Instead, they focused all their efforts on stopping me from entering JPNIC." The Lucknow Development Authority cited construction at JPNIC, and danger from seasonal insects and

Bungalow at centre of row formally allotted to Delhi CM Atishi

New Delhi, Oct 11: The controversial 6, Flagstaff Road bungalow in Civil Lines was formally allotted to Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Friday, two days after she was allegedly forcibly made to vacate it, officials



said. They said the bungalow in Civil Lines has been formally allotted to Atishi after completion of due process of handover and preparation of inventory. An offer letter issued by the Public Works Department

(PWD) mentioned that as the bungalow is under investigation by the CBI and other agencies for various "violations", the allottee is "advised" to extend full cooperation in the probe. The BJP targeted Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal dubbing the bungalow, in which he lived as the Delhi chief minister for nine years, as "Sheeshmahal" for alleged irregularities in its reconstruction, costly interiors and household items there. The bungalow was at the centre of an intense tussle involving the BJP and the lieutenant governor (L-G) office after Kejriwal vacated it earlier this month. The PWD letter stated that the bungalow was allotted to Chief Minister Atishi according to the provisions of Delhi Administration Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool) Rules, 1977.

2 Agniveers killed during field firing exercise

Nashik, Oct 11: Two Agniveers were killed during a field firing exercise in Maharashtra, an official said on Friday, adding the Army has initiated a court of inquiry to determine the cause of the accident. Gunner Gohil Vishvarajsinh (20) and Gunner Saikat (21) from Artillery Centre Hyderabad died during a field firing exercise at Deolali Field Firing Ranges in Nashik district, the official said. A team of Agniveers was firing a field gun when one of the shells exploded, the official said, adding the duo sustained injuries and were taken to the military hospital at Deolali, where they were pronounced dead. Based on a complaint by Havildar Ajit Kumar, a case of accidental death has been registered with the Deolali Camp police, and further investigations are on, he said. "Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi and all ranks of the Army salute the supreme sacrifice of braveheart Agniveers (Gunner) Gohil Vishvarajsinh and Agniveer (Gunner) Saikat, who laid down their lives in the line of duty while undergoing training at the firing ranges," the Army said in a post on X.

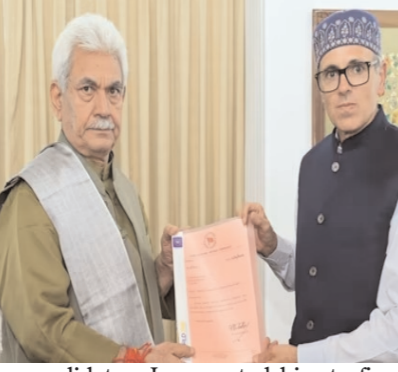
Aircraft faces glitch after take-off from Tamil Nadu, lands safely

Navdeep Singh Sahni Chennai, Oct 11: Chief Minister MK Stalin held an emergency meeting with officials and directed them to follow all safety measures. Later, he congratulated the flight captain and crew for the safe landing. After taking off at about 5.30 pm from the airport, the fault related to hydraulic systems, the landing gear, was noticed. Deffly handling the situation, the pilots later safely landed the aircraft at Tiruchirappalli airport. The chief minister in a post on X said: "I am heartened to hear that the #AirIndiaExpress flight has landed safely. Upon receiving news of the landing gear issue, I immediately coordinated an emergency meeting with officials over the phone and instructed them to implement all necessary safety measures, including deploying fire engines, ambulances and medical assistance. "I have also now directed the District Collector to ensure the continued safety of all the passengers and to provide further assistance. My compliments to the Captain and crew for the safe landing." Aviation regulator DGCA will conduct a thorough examination of the Air India Express plane that suffered a hydraulic failure while operating a flight from Trichy to Sharjah on Friday to ascertain the cause of the glitch. In a statement, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoohan Naidu said the airport and emergency teams responded swiftly and effectively after a full emergency was declared at 1805 hours.

Omar Abdullah stakes claim for government formation in Jammu and Kashmir

Tejinder Kaur Babbar Srinagar, Oct 11: Omar Abdullah said that the oath ceremony will take time, as it does not involve the simple transfer of power from one elected government to another. National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah met lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan in Srinagar on Friday evening to stake a claim for government formation in Jammu and Kashmir. National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah meets lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Friday to stake a claim for forming the government in Jammu and Kashmir.(J&K Raj Bhavan) National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah meets lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Friday to stake a claim for forming the government in Jammu and Kashmir.(J&K Raj Bhavan) "I met the lieutenant governor at Raj Bhawan and submitted the support

letters from the National Conference, Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, CPI (M), and independent



candidates. I requested him to fix a date so that the elected members can take their oaths and the elected government can start functioning," said Omar. However, Omar Abdullah, who has been elected from two constituencies, Budgam and Ganderbal in Kashmir, said that the oath ceremony will take time, as it is not a case of one elected government simply transferring power to another.

"Jammu and Kashmir is now a Union territory, which means Central rule is in place. The lieutenant governor has to prepare the documents and send them to Rashtrapati Bhavan first. From there, they will go to the home ministry. After the home ministry completes its process, the documents will be returned. We have been informed that this will take about two to three days," Omar added. This will be the first elected government in Jammu and Kashmir since 2018, when governor's rule was imposed following the BJP's withdrawal of support from then chief minister Mehbooba Mufti. It will also mark the first elected government after the abrogation of Article 370 and the delimitation of seats in the region. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 29 seats, with 28 Hindu and one Sikh member elected, while none of their Muslim candidates including two former ministers were successful.

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News box

Ladakh's Hanle gets world's highest imaging observatory

MUMBAI. On Oct 4, day of the dawn of the space age with the launch of Sputnik in 1957, India inaugurated Asia's largest and world's highest imaging observatory at Hanle, Ladakh.

Inaugurated by Ajit Kumar Mohanty, department of atomic energy (DAE) secretary and chairman of atomic energy commission, the observatory was built by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in collaboration with Electronic Corporation of India Limited and other Indian industry partners. According to DAE, the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment Observatory (MACE) will play a major role in development of Indian astrophysics and cosmic ray research.

Situated at an altitude of 4,300m, "the telescope will observe high-energy gamma rays, contributing to global efforts to understand the most energetic phenomena in the universe, like supernovae, black holes and gamma ray bursts", says DAE.

This facility will also complement global observatories, strengthening India's position in the field of what is known as "multi-messenger" astronomy, it adds. The project aims at fostering international collaboration, advancing India's contributions to space research and bolstering India's position in global scientific community. Mohanty said it will pave the way for a deeper understanding of universe's most energetic events. He emphasised that MACE will play a role not only in advancing scientific research, but also in supporting socio-economic development of Ladakh.

Mumbai: Khar ITI named after freedom fighter Joseph 'Kaka' Baptista

MUMBAI. The Maharashtra government in a resolution passed on Oct 10, Thursday decided to rename the Khar Industrial Training Institute (ITI) located at 18th road after freedom fighter Joseph (Kaka) Baptista Government Industrial Training Institute.

Joseph Kaka Baptista was born on March 17, 1864. He was affectionately called "Kaka". He was a Bombay East Indian politician and activist in the Bombay Presidency. It is said that he was an associate of Lokmanya Tilak and a participant in the Home Rule Movement. He was the first president of the Indian Home Rule League established in 1916. He was elected as the mayor of Bombay in 1925. Activist and Bombay East India association former vice president Godfrey Pimenta said that he was called as Kaka by the many mill workers of Mumbai whose rights he would often fight for.

Local BJP MLA Ashish Shelar said that he had followed up for it, as a tribute to the prominent figure that he was for the city and the East Indian community specifically. "I had demanded that the Khar ITI be named after Joseph (Kaka) Baptista and am happy that the government has officially sanctioned it," said Shelar.

A decision was taken after the Oct 4 cabinet meeting where a proposal to change the names of 108 government ITI in the state and give the names of persons who have contributed significantly in the social sector and social reformers was tabled and the same has been approved by the Cabinet. Accordingly, the names of 108 ITIs have been changed including the name of Khar ITI.

The Khar institute offers training for ten various trades like carpenter, wireman, welder, electrician etc. and currently has 504 students.

Son's testimony helps Chennai court convict man for killing wife

CHENNAI. A 12-year-old boy's testimony about his father beating up his mother proved crucial for a Chennai trial court to recently convict the 40-year-old of murdering his wife and awarding him life imprisonment. This was despite the deceased's mother, the de-facto complainant and Prosecution Witness number 1, turning hostile during the trial.

The sessions court was delivering the judgment in a case pertaining to B Suresh (40), a railway employee dismissed from service, strangulating his wife Kalpana to death using their son's belt in 2018. It was the Thiru-vi-ka Nagar police inspector's case that Suresh and Kalpana used to quarrel often as she was upset over him not being regular at his job and having an extra-marital affair. He murdered her on September 11, 2018, and later cooked up a story that she had died by suicide using her saree to hang from the ceiling fan.

During the police investigation, several witnesses testified about the domestic violence perpetrated by the accused on the deceased. However, the clinching evidence was the testimony of their elder son who said that a day before the murder, Suresh had punched Kalpana in the chest causing her to fall on a bed and then a table. This helped the prosecution establish the motive; the regular quarrels between them, for the murder. Though Kalpana's mother turned hostile during trial, the court clarified that her evidence could not be rejected completely merely because of this, and the same could be accepted to the extent of her version being found dependable after scrutiny.

BBMP seals 21 PG centres in Bengaluru for non-compliance with new guidelines

BENGALURU. BBMP officials on Thursday sealed 21 Paying Guest (PG) facilities across the city for not following recently issued guidelines. According to BBMP Special Commissioner Suralkar Vikas Kishore, Health and Family Welfare department.

There are 2,193 authorised PG centres in BBMP limits, of which 1,578 PGs are following guidelines and 615 PGs are not following guidelines. A notice will be issued to all and if they fail to adhere to guidelines, BBMP will seal them.

According to Palike officials, three notices have been given to these setups, which are running illegally without obtaining a business licence from the corporation, and fail to follow guidelines. "Steps have been taken to close the PG centres immediately, under Sections 305 and 308 of the BBMP Act 2020. Accordingly,

one registered PG centre and 20 unauthorised PG centres have been closed due to non-compliance with guidelines."

Senior Palike officials say there are 2,320 PG centres which have not obtained licence, and are termed 'unauthorised PGs'. However, of these, 1,674 PG centres are following guidelines like having spacious rooms, hygiene, good kitchen, CCTV for safety etc.

But 646 such PGs are not following essential guidelines. "Of 21 buildings sealed, 20 fall under the 'unauthorised category' for not even getting business licence. A notice will be issued to such setups and steps taken to seal them," said the official.

In all eight zones of the Corporation,



under the supervision of health officers, officials have been directed to visit unauthorised PGs and close those which do not follow the guidelines.

WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES...

Installation of CCTV and 30-day backup footage

Occupancy of a specified number of occupants as per amenities provided / available in the building

Paying guests shall be provided clean and hygienic bathrooms and toilets

Clean drinking water facilities must be provided to paying guests

Owners/entrepreneurs shall ensure availability of sufficient water per resident

If entrepreneur has his own kitchen among paying guests, he should obtain license from FSSAI department within three months of issue of business licence by Corporation

Employers/owners shall compulsorily depute at least one staffer on 24X7 duty for safety of residents staying in PGs

NOC from fire department for building

Signboard on buildings displaying BBMP helpline number 1533, and police department helpline number: 101

Paying guests should have first-aid kits

Owner of PG shall arrange for proper segregation and disposal of solid waste.

Playschool teacher held for caning student in Kochi

Police officials said that the teacher had beaten up the victim earlier also and because of this he was afraid to attend the class.

KOCHI. A playschool teacher has been arrested for allegedly caning a three-year-old boy in Mattancherry. The police apprehended Seethalakshmi, 35, residing near Mattancherry BSNL office, following a complaint lodged by the victim's parents.

They alleged that they noticed injury marks all over the body of the child on Wednesday, and when inquired about it, he disclosed that he was caned by the teacher for not answering questions in the classroom. The



Mattancherry police registered a case and conducted a preliminary probe before

arresting Seethalakshmi on Thursday. She was produced before the court and was granted interim bail.

Police officials said that the teacher had beaten up the victim earlier also and because of this he was afraid to attend the class.

The police will further contact the parents of other students at the playschool to check whether they faced similar treatment from the accused teacher. Seethalakshmi has been working at the private playschool in Mattancherry for the past few years.

Wayanad relief fund: Take some positive action, Kerala HC tells Centre

KOCHI. The Kerala High Court on Thursday directed the Union government to come up with some positive action to release funds from the NDRF and Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) to extend help to Wayanad landslide victims.

"We need to get Wayanad back on track as soon as possible," said the court, asking Additional Solicitor General A.R.L. Sundaresan, who was present in the court, to use his good offices and get some positive actions from the Centre on the issue, including bank loan waiver. The court issued the order on a suo motu case relating to the prevention and management of natural disasters registered in the wake of the Wayanad landslides.

The state submitted that two parcels of land measuring 65.41 hectares in Yythiri taluk have been identified for the reconstruction of model townships to



accommodate the disaster-affected families.

Township: 'All amenities need to be set up' As part of building the township in the places, land plots should be divided and house construction should be done in an eco-sensitive, and sustainable manner.

Internal roads, social amenities like Anganwadi, post office, school, health clinic, waste management facility, community hub, parks, market

infrastructure etc. should come up, said the government.

The HC had on last Friday asked the Centre to respond to the report of the amicus curiae that no amount is released from the NDRF and PMNRF in connection with the relief for the Wayanad landslide victims. Senior advocate Rajith Thampan, the amicus curiae, had submitted that despite the lapse of more than 57 days of the disaster, the Centre has not awarded any grant or amount which the PM assured during his visit to Wayanad.

The amicus curiae had reported that the neighbouring states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana had been allocated a significant amount from the NDRF. They were also given financial assistance from the NDRF without waiting for the final assessment of damage. However, Kerala has not received any significant amount, the report said

Cracks expose in 2bhk housing colony homes scare residents

Residents complain of cracks in walls, peeling cement and lack of proper water facility.

HYDERABAD. Residents of the 2BHK Dignity Housing Colony in Muralidhar Bagh, located close to the Gandhi Bhavan Metro station, are raising serious concerns about the quality of construction and the lack of basic amenities. The colony, which houses 120 units, was inaugurated in May 2023 and falls under the Goshamahal Assembly constituency. However, residents claim that substandard materials were used in the construction, leading to cracks in the walls, peeling cement and inadequate infrastructure, including water tanks.

Spread across 0.59 acres, the colony primarily accommodates members of the Pardhi community, most of whom are daily wage workers, such as fruit vendors and auto-rickshaw drivers. Despite the promise of a "dignified living space", many feel the housing units have been left incomplete and



poorly maintained. K Anil, one of the residents, pointed out several issues in the construction. "Cracks have appeared in the walls of almost every building. The doors are either partially or completely damaged, and there's leakage through the water pipes," he stated.

Pointing to a vacant space, he added, "A community hall and a medical centre were supposed to be built, but they remain incomplete, with carts and garbage strewn around the area. There is also leakage from

the water pipes."

K Chanda, a homemaker living in Block C, complained about the dampness in the walls. "Even though we moved here just a year ago, there's seelan (dampness) in the walls. When I touch the walls, the paint flakes off. Even drilling causes the paint to peel," she said.

Reflecting on their earlier living conditions, she added, "We were better off in the basti (slum), where there was peace. We moved here because [former chief minister] KCR was distributing houses." An official from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) told TNIE that the construction was fast-tracked, but insisted on its quality. "The work was speeded up to meet deadlines ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, but the houses are as sturdy as other 2BHK units.

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News box

Chain snatchers' gang on a spree, woman targeted at railway stn

Gurgaon: A gang targeted a woman and snatched her chain while she was boarding a train from the railway station in the city. Based on her complaint, a case has been registered by the railway cops.

Nisha Yadav, a resident of Surya Vihar Colony, was at Gurgaon railway station with her son Parth on Wednesday evening, and preparing to board a passenger train to Rewari. "I purchased a ticket to Pataudi Road railway station. While boarding the train around 1 pm, I felt pressure on my neck and realised that my 23.3-gram (two tola) gold chain had been snatched. I raised an alarm, but by then the suspect had already fled," Yadav said in her complaint.

Yadav, along with a few other passengers, rushed out of the station to search for the thief but was unable to locate him. "My gold chain weighs around 11.6 grams, with a gold locket weighing two grams attached to it," Nisha added in her police complaint.

The Gurgaon Railway Police registered a case on Wednesday afternoon under Section 303(2) (theft) of the BNS. "The CCTV cameras at the station do not have video backup due to ongoing construction work, and the wires have been cut. We are working to restore the CCTV system. In the meantime, we are collecting footage from nearby areas to help identify and apprehend the suspect," said a railway police official.

Man attempts to extort money to withdraw rape complaint filed by wife, held

Gurgaon. A 24-year-old private worker from Rajasthan was arrested on Wednesday for attempting to extort money from two alleged rape accused by offering to withdraw the complaint filed by his wife in Sept.

The woman had alleged that she was sexually exploited by the accused at a hotel in Badshapur in 2022, and a rape case was registered at Badshapur Police Station under sections 376 (rape), 376(2)(n) (repeated rape of the same woman), and 34 (common intention) of the IPC. On Wednesday, the uncle of one of the alleged rape accused, Anoop Singh, a resident of Bhondsi, approached the police with an audio recording of the complainant's husband demanding money to withdraw the rape complaint. Anoop alleged that the rape case against his nephew and his friend was fake and that, in the presence of the woman who had filed the rape complaint, her husband had initially demanded Rs 10 lakh but later agreed to withdraw his wife's complaint for Rs 1 lakh. "In the first week of October 1, I told them that my nephew and his friend wouldn't be able to arrange Rs 10 lakh. They agreed on Rs 3 lakh. Two days later, I told him that only Rs 2 lakh could be arranged. Finally, on Oct 9, he took Rs 1 lakh with the condition that the balance would be paid later," Anoop said.

Acting on Anoop's complaint, the police set up a trap and successfully caught the husband accepting Rs 1 lakh from Anoop near Rajiv Chowk. Gurgaon police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar said that based on Anoop's complaint, a case was registered against the woman's husband under relevant sections of the BNS.

Helped BJP win 5 Hry seats', Ahirwal belt wants cabinet berth for Arti Rao

Gurgaon. The Ahirwal region has intensified its call for BJP MLA Arti Singh Rao's inclusion in the Haryana cabinet. Arti, the daughter of Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh, won her first election from the Ateli assembly seat in Mahendragarh, defeating Bahujan Samaj Party candidate Attar Lal by a margin of 3,085 votes. Her victory is seen as an extension of the Rao family's political legacy in the region, and now, local party functionaries and community members are pushing for her elevation to a ministerial position in the new BJP govt.

Ahirwal, which spans parts of Mahendragarh, Rewari and Gurgaon districts, has long been dominated by the influence of the Rao family. Inderjit, a six-time MP, has been a central figure in shaping the political landscape of the region. However, in recent years, Ahirwal has felt underrepresented in the state cabinet, leading to frustration among its residents.

Arti's win has now reignited hope for restoring the region's political clout in Haryana. Local functionaries believe her inclusion in the cabinet would ensure that Ahirwal's interests are adequately represented in the state govt.

"The Rao family has been synonymous with leadership in Ahirwal for decades. Arti's victory is a clear mandate from the people and her inclusion in the cabinet is essential to represent the region's voice," president of Yadav Mahasabha Om Prakash Yadav said. Political expert Vikram Singh said the demand for her elevation stems from both her "political lineage and the strategic importance" of Ahirwal in Haryana's electoral landscape.

"The region's significant Yadav population, which has historically been a strong supporter of the BJP, played a key role in the recent election," Singh said. Ahirwal has contributed "significantly" to the BJP's success over the years. Rakesh Jain of Ferozpur Jhirka in Mewat said, "But we have not been given the representation we deserve in the state govt. Arti's victory gives us a unique opportunity to change that," Jain said. Local resident and youth president of Brahmin Sabha in Ateli Bhawani Shankar Sharma said, "We feel Arti, as a fresh face with a powerful political background, is well-suited to address key issues pertaining to Ahirwal, including rural development, unemployment and infrastructure improvement." s the BJP prepares to form its new govt in Haryana, top party functionaries face increasing pressure to acknowledge the demands of the Ahirwal region.

With Arti's win fresh in mind, many are hopeful that she will be given a key role in the state cabinet, ensuring that Ahirwal's concerns are finally addressed at the highest levels of govt.

Garbage burning in the open goes unchecked, Gurgaon chokes on bad air

Gurgaon. The city's air quality has deteriorated over the past six days, primarily due to open waste burning. The heaps of garbage on fire, several spotted by TOI on Thursday, are not just polluting the air but also causing hazards.

There was a fire in Sector 10 that took 20 minutes to douse after trash was set ablaze in a green belt on Thursday. Residents said MCG officials did not respond, after which they contacted the fire officials who eventually doused the flames. The city's air quality index (AQI) remained in the 'moderate' category on Thursday at 110. It was 136 on Friday. The Sector 51 station recorded an AQI of 165 on Thursday, followed by Vikas Sadan at 59. Teri Gram and Gwalpahari's data were not recorded. The last time it was in the 'satisfactory' category was on Oct 5. According to residents, such incidents go unchecked daily despite multiple complaints to the state pollution control board. Waste-burning hotspots include DLF-2, IFFCO Chowk, Sector-10, Udyog Vihar, and Sector 31, among others. Locals alleged shopkeepers, garbage collectors, sanitation workers, and security guards burn trash in the open. "Frequent burning of waste like leaves and twigs has led to thick smoke



and toxic fumes. The AQI in our locality has worsened and people are facing breathing difficulties," said Sector 10 resident Sumit Saini. Amit Kumar, a resident of Sector 90, said there is no mechanism to clean roads, maintain green belts, or garbage disposal systems in new sectors, due to which people choose the easy way out — burning their waste.

"Waste burning on open grounds releases pollutants like PM2.5, PM10, oxides of nitrogen, and carbon monoxide. PM10 is a coarse particle that embeds itself deep in the lungs, causing diseases," said Shubhansh Tiwari, a research associate at centre for science and environment. Talking about the actions being taken to

curb waste burning, HSPCB regional officer Vijay Chaudhary said, "We have asked both MCG and MCM to take steps to curb garbage burning incidents in the city." An MCG official acknowledged the corporation received complaints of open waste burning and they have been forwarded to the concerned sanitary inspectors to carry out checks. "The issue will be resolved soon and violators will be penalised," the official added.

Explaining the health repercussions, Dr Kuldeep Kumar Grover, head of critical care and pulmonology at CK Birla Hospital, said, "Short-term health effects include headaches, nausea, and skin rashes, while long-term exposure can lead to an increased risk of heart disease and birth defects." He added that inhaling large amounts of these pollutants can severely impact the lungs, potentially leading to bronchitis, respiratory swelling, pneumonia, cardiovascular issues, and neurological problems. Growth retardation in children and health issues for expectant mothers, such as persistent coughing, delayed lactation, and hormonal imbalances, are also common consequences of prolonged exposure to pollution from open burning.

Overage vehicles adding to winter choke in Delhi-NCR: CAQM to Supreme Court

NEW DELHI. As noxious air annually envelops Delhi and NCR after puja festivities, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has informed Supreme Court that although farm fires have reduced by 50% in the last three years, a large fleet of overage vehicles in these states accentuate the choking effect.

In an affidavit, CAQM said concentrated action by Centre and state govt saw stubble burning incidents decrease by 49% from 71,304 in 2021 to 36,663 in 2023 in Punjab. During the same period, Haryana saw farm fires reduce from 6,987 to 2,303, it said.

"With persistent field level efforts and targeted policy initiatives in the short-medium-long term, it is expected that instances of paddy stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana will see a definite and marked improvement, with consequent improvement in the air quality of Delhi-NCR during the paddy harvesting season," it said.

However, it flagged the "far from satisfactory" action by Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in phasing out overage and end-of-life vehicles and

said there is a marked lethargy on part of authorities to impound such vehicles. "Delhi has over 3L EVs, but only 3,100 charging stations" Flagging the failure of NCR states in taking overage vehicles off the roads,



CAQM told Supreme Court that Delhi has 59,28,675 such vehicles, but only 22,397 were impounded in 2023 and 308 more in 2024 (till June). The story was similar in Haryana, which has 27.5 lakh overage vehicles but only 220 were impounded in 2023 and 137 more in 2024 (till June). Uttar Pradesh, which has 11.8 lakh overage vehicles, did only marginally better job, impounding 3,058 vehicles in 2023 and 537 more in 2024 (till

June). However, it told the SC that NCR states have been more active in penalising polluting vehicles. Delhi issued 1.64 lakh challans in 2023 and the numbers registered a marked increase to 1.82 lakh challans in the first six months of 2024.

Haryana too appeared more active in 2024 as till June it penalised 91,266 vehicles compared to 11,135 in 2023. The drive against polluting vehicles appeared sluggish in Rajasthan where police penalised 6,154 polluting vehicles in 2023 and 5,502 more in the first six months of 2024. On EVs, CAQM said Delhi with over 3 lakh such vehicles, has only 3,100 charging stations equipped with 4,793 points. It said Delhi govt plans to increase it to 18,000 by 2025-26. UP has over 1 lakh EVs with a meagre 171 charging points, and proposes to provide additional 257 charging points by 2025-26. Haryana has over 95,000 electric vehicles but provided 305 charging points. The state plans to provide 170 additional charging points by 2025-26.

Dry spell pushes maximum temp to 33.5°C, humid days likely for a week

Gurgaon. The city's minimum temperature went up by 2.3 degrees Celsius on Thursday from the usual 19.4 degrees Celsius, and the maximum temperature was 0.1 notches above the normal, at 33.5 degrees Celsius.

The humidity index fluctuated between 50% and 97%, further increasing the discomfort brought about by the muggy conditions.

According to the India Meteorological Department, the maximum temperature is expected to oscillate between 33 and 34 degrees Celsius over the next five days, while the minimum temperature will be between 21 and 20 degrees Celsius. The IMD has predicted arid and cloudless skies with no likelihood of rainfall until Oct 16.

Haryana is anticipated to experience parched and unobstructed weather until Oct 16. Humidity is likely to persist in the region," an IMD official said. Meanwhile, hot and humid weather continued in Delhi as Thursday did not see any respite and was as sweltering as the day before. According to the weather department, no drop in daytime temperature



is expected for the next three to four days. Analysts suggest that the decrease in maximum and minimum temperatures is likely to be gradual. "The north-western winds will continue, with no western disturbance expected to cause an immediate drop. So, the drop in the temperature will

MLAs push start button, put Fbd officials on notice over civic mess

Gurgaon. Days after the Haryana assembly election results, the newly elected MLAs in Faridabad have started holding the civic body officials accountable for numerous issues allegedly plaguing the residents.

adkhal MLA Dhanesh Adlakha and Faridabad MLA Vipul Goyal

with the MCF and Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority (FMDA) officials to ensure better coordination between the two agencies, with the aim of improving the city's conditions, particularly the sanitation situation. "We have been told by the MLAs to fix the problem of

carry out an inspection to check whether their directions have been followed or not," Ombr said.

On Wednesday, Goyal held a meeting with the MCF officials, giving them a week's deadline to resolve the sanitation issues of Faridabad. Adlakha, who has also been a councillor and

is expected for the next three to four days. Analysts suggest that the decrease in maximum and minimum temperatures is likely to be gradual. "The north-western winds will continue, with no western disturbance expected to cause an immediate drop. So, the drop in the temperature will

Thieves on prowl in trans-Hindon: 10 bikes & 4 chains stolen in 3 days

Ghaziabad. Trans-Hindon areas saw a significant rise in street crimes over the past few days, with 10 bike thefts reported in Indirapuram and Kaushambi over the last three days. Four chains and two mobile phone snatching cases were also logged in the two areas within the same period. A bike owned by Dharmendra Kumar, a channel manager at RBL Bank in Indirapuram, was stolen on Aug 3. "Around 10am, I parked my grey TVS Radeon bike at RBL Bank in Aditya Mall and went for a briefing. When I returned, I didn't find the bike where I had parked it. I parked my bike with other colleagues, but only mine was missing. I called the police, who came to investigate. Indirapuram police lodged an FIR in the matter on Thursday evening," he said. Kaushambi police registered another FIR on Thursday regarding the theft of a Blinkit delivery executive's bike. Indirapuram resident Khadimul Byapari reported he parked his bike outside the Blinkit store in front of Cloud 9, Sector 1 in Vaishali, around 7.30pm on Aug 25. "When I returned after ten minutes, I couldn't find my black Hero Splendor BS6. I dialed 112 and cops reached the spot. They advised me to register a complaint through UP COP. A person I know typed my complaint in English in the app as I did not find an option for Hindi," he said. Varsha Saxena (29), a resident of Lajpat Nagar in Sahibabad, was a victim of mobile phone snatching while traveling in an auto-rickshaw on Aug 3. Another woman received minor injuries on her neck after two boys on a scooter snatched the gold chain she was wearing when she was crossing Rajbagh Metro Station with her eight-year-old daughter. Her father, Bishwajit Sharma, filed a complaint on Aug 31. "The incident occurred around 2pm. After snatching Julie's chain, the two fled towards Sunday Bazaar Road in Shalimar Garden," he said. Nimish Patil, DCP Trans-Hindon

- NAME CHANGE**
I, SAROJ wife of JC-471429M Rank-SUB Name-GOPI CHAND KALER R/O VILL-DHANI CHARANAN, PO-KALIYASAR, TEH-HUNJHUNU, DISTT-JHUNJHUNU, RAJASTHAN-331026 have changed my name from SAROJ to SAROJ DEVI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 11/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, JC-471429M Rank-SUB Name-GOPI CHAND KALER R/O VILL-DHANI CHARANAN, PO-KALIYASAR, TEH-HUNJHUNU, DISTT-JHUNJHUNU, RAJASTHAN-331026 have changed my name from SAROJ to SAROJ DEVI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 11/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, JC-471571W Rank-SUB Name-BENDRE VIJAY PANDURANG R/O VPO-PIMPALNER, TEH-PARNER, DIST-AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA-414302 have changed my name from PAYAL BENDRE to PAYAL VIJAY BENDRE for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 11/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, No-2897625K Rank-HAV Name-BHARTENDU KUMAR SINGH residing at 150P, AKHA, AONLA, BAREILLY, UTTAR PRADESH-243301 have changed my name from YOGENDAR PAL SINGH to YOGENDRA PAL SINGH for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 11/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, JC-472141Y Rank-SUB Name-BALJIT R/O VPO-MAJRA D, TEH-BERI, DIST-JHAJJAR, HARYANA-124202 have changed my daughter's name from RAM KISHOR PRASAD TRIVEDI to RAMKISHOR PRASAD TRIVEDI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 05/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

- NAME CHANGE**
I, NO-16019080M Rank-HAV Name-NARENDER R/O VILL-HATHWADI, TEH-JULANA, DIST-JIND, HARYANA-126101 have changed my mother's name from PHOOLPATI to PHULI for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 11/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, KAMBLE BHIMRAO SAKHARAM FATHER OF NO. 4582165K Rank-NK Name-KAMBLE VINOD BHIMRAO Presently residing at VILL-MOUJIE TASGAON, PO-PETH VADGAON, TEH-HATKANANGLE, DIST-KOLHAPUR, MAHARASHTRA-416215 have changed my name from KAMBLE BHIMRAO SAKHARAM to BHIMRAO SAKHARAM KAMBLE for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 11/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, JANA Bai mother of No.4582208N Rank- SEP, Name Khot Sandeep Tukaram R/O Village Julewadi, PO-Save, Teh. Shahuwadi, Distt Kolhapur, Maharashtra- 416215 have changed my name to Janabai Tukaram Khot and his wife Smt. Meenakshi from his all movable and immovable properties/assets as they are misbehaving with my client and no more under the control of my client. If anybody has done, is doing or will deal with his above said both the sons and their wives in any manner whatsoever, he has done the same or is doing the same or will do the same at his/their own risk and my client shall not be responsible for any act of them and their family members and moreover will not have any sort of liability for the same.
- PUBLIC NOTICE**
General Public at large is informed that my client Shri Raj Singh S/o Late Mansingh aged about 64 years R/O House in Front of Pole No. 19, Gali No. 03, Balmiki Colony, Village Bijnawan, South West Delhi, Delhi-110077 has disowned his both the sons and their wives namely 1. Shri Balbeer S/o Shri Rajsingh and his wife Smt. Kamron Nisha 2. Shri Sanjay S/o Shri Raj Singh and his wife Smt. Meenakshi from his all movable and immovable properties/assets as they are misbehaving with my client and no more under the control of my client. If anybody has done, is doing or will deal with his above said both the sons and their wives in any manner whatsoever, he has done the same or is doing the same or will do the same at his/their own risk and my client shall not be responsible for any act of them and their family members and moreover will not have any sort of liability for the same.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, RAM KISHOR PRASAD TRIVEDI FATHER OF NO. 3013676K Rank-NK Name-SHIVAKANT TRIVEDI Presently residing at VPO-DUNDPUR, TEH-BIGHAPUR, DIST-UNNAO, UTTAR PRADESH-209801 have changed my name from RAM KISHOR PRASAD TRIVEDI to RAMKISHOR PRASAD TRIVEDI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 05/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

- NAME CHANGE**
I, SULOCHANA Mother of JC-472299F Rank-SUB, Name-NARESH KUMAR Presently residing at BAHADURGARH PO-LADRAWAN, DIST-HAJAJAR, HARYANA-124507 have changed my name from SULOCHANA to SALOCHNA DEVI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 11/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, JC-471571W Rank-SUB Name-BENDRE VIJAY PANDURANG R/O VPO-PIMPALNER, TEH-PARNER, DIST-AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA-414302 have changed my mother's name from SAKKU BAL to SHAKUNTLA PANDURANG BENDRE for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 11/10/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.
- NAME CHANGE**
I, Yashpal Arora S/o Vasdev R/o S-221/17, Street No-4-5, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name from Yashpal Arora to Yash Pal, for all purposes.
- PUBLIC NOTICE**
This is to inform you that Smt. Kanchan Gupta is the owner of the freehold property bearing No. B-514, with an area of 495 sq. yards, situated in New Friends Colony, Delhi-110025. The entire property was purchased by Sh. Vivek Gupta and Jagdish Prakash dated 19.11.1996. As Regd. No. 562, and the original relinquishment deed dated 10.08.2020, as Regd. No. 2249 both documents have been lost, and an FIR LR No. 1175232/2023 has been registered on 28.11.2023 with P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi. If any person's objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit his/her objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said objection may be kindly sent to the undersigned by way of the Registered Post on the address given below and by E-mail, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property.
[ASHWANI KUMAR] Advocate
Chamber No. 122, Telsi Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P.
- NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY E-TENDERING NOTICE**
Dy. CME/Works for Chief Workshop Manager/North Eastern Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites Open Tender through on line (E-Tendering) for the following works.
S.No.-01, E-Tender Notice No.: Tender No. "01-GKP-MWS-2024-25-2", Name of the work-"AMC of Knorr-Bremse Make fitted Axle Mounted Disc Brake System (AMDBS) in LHB Coaches for 1 Year at Mechanical Workshop Gorakhpur", Estimated Cost (in Rs.): ₹17,87,28,575/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.): ₹10,43,700/-, Cost of the Tender Forms: Zero, Last date of tender submission: Upto 11:00 hrs., Date: 29/10/2024, Period of Contract: 12 Months.
• The Details of above tender are also available on Indian Railway website <https://www.irps.gov.in>
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News box

One dead, 12 trapped 1,000 feet underground at Colorado mine tourist attraction

World One person was dead, and 12 others were trapped 1,000 feet (300 meters) underground on Thursday following an unspecified elevator failure at a former Colorado gold mine that is now a tourist attraction, officials said.

Another 11 people were rescued from the Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine attraction in Cripple Creek, Colorado, Teller County Sheriff Jason Mikesell told reporters.

Emergency responders were attempting to repair the elevator to bring back the 11 tourists and one tour guide who were trapped, Mikesell said. With one tour group below ground, the elevator experienced some type of mechanical failure with another group aboard, resulting in one fatality, while four other people suffered minor injuries, Mikesell said, without providing details of how the person died.

A new mayor takes office in southern Mexico after his predecessor was beheaded

CHILPANCINGO, Mexico. A new mayor was sworn in Thursday in a city in southern Mexico where his predecessor was killed and beheaded less than a week after taking office.

The new mayor, Gustavo Alarcón, a doctor, had been elected as an alternate on the same ticket as deceased Mayor Alejandro Arcos in the June election. Arcos took office on Oct. 1 in the violence-wracked city of Chilpancingo, the capital of the southern state of Guerrero. But his beheaded body was found in a pickup truck Sunday; his head had been placed on the vehicle's roof. Two rival drug gangs are fighting to control the city.

Alarcón took the oath of office with a minimal security detail of a handful of police officers Thursday. He pledged to "work for the good of all" and fight the violence that has gripped Chilpancingo for years. Before he was killed, Arcos had told local media he needed more protection, but officials said no formal request had been received. State and federal governments can offer mayors bulletproof vehicles, additional bodyguards and emergency alert systems. It was not clear if Alarcón had been granted that kind of protection. Chilpancingo, a city of about 300,000, is dominated by two warring drug gangs, the Ardiillos and the Tlacos. One staged a demonstration of hundreds of people, hijacked a government armored car, blocked a major highway and took police hostage in 2023 to win the release of arrested suspects. Earlier this week, federal Public Safety Secretary Omar García Harfuch said four mayors from other towns in Mexico had requested protection on Monday, a day after Arcos' remains were found. The requests came from Guerrero and another violence-plagued state, Guanajuato.

The situation in Guanajuato is so bad that ahead of the country's June elections, at least four mayoral candidates were killed.

An 'appalled' New Zealand official says a navy ship didn't sink because its captain was a woman

WELLINGTON, New Zealand. New Zealand's defense minister issued stinging rebukes of what she said were "vile" and "misogynistic" online remarks by "armchair admirals" about the woman captain of a navy ship that ran aground, caught fire and sank off the coast of Samoa. "Seriously, it's 2024," Judith Collins told reporters Thursday. "What the hell's going on here?"

After days of comments on social media directed at the gender of Commander Yvonne Gray, Collins urged the public to "be better." Women members of the military had also faced verbal abuse in the street in New Zealand since the ship — one of nine in the country's navy — was lost on Sunday, Collins said. All 75 people on board evacuated to safety with only minor injuries after the vessel ran aground on the reef it was surveying about a mile off the coast of Upolu, Samoa's most populous island. The cause of the disaster is not known. "The one thing that we already know did not cause it is the gender of the ship's captain, a woman with 30 years' naval experience who on the night made the call to get her people to safety," Collins said. One of the posters was a truck driver from Melbourne, Australia, she added. "I think that he should keep his comments to people who drive trucks rather than people who drive ships," Collins said. "These are the sorts of people I'm calling out and I'm happy to keep calling them out for as long as it takes to stop this behavior."

About 20% of New Zealand's uniformed military members are women. Collins is New Zealand's first woman defence minister and said she stood alongside Gray and Maj. Gen. Rose King, the country's first woman army chief, who assumed her role in June. "We are all appointed on merit, not gender," said Collins.

Elon Musk unveils Tesla's new two-door robotaxi with no steering or pedals

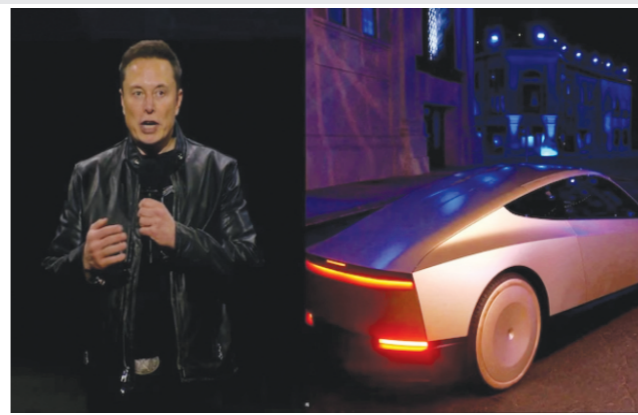
Tesla CEO Elon Musk unveiled a long-awaited robotaxi with two gull-wing doors and no steering wheel or pedals at an event on Thursday, setting the stage for what he believes will fuel the electric vehicle maker's long-term growth.

UPDATED Tesla CEO Elon Musk showcased a long-promised robotaxi with two gull-wing doors and without a steering wheel or pedals at a much-hyped event on Thursday, paving the path for what he has bet will drive long-term growth for the electric vehicle maker.

Musk, who arrived at the stage in one of the robotaxis - called Cybercab - said production will start in 2026 and the vehicles will be available for customers to buy for less than \$30,000. They will cost 20 cents a mile to operate, he said. Enthusiasm around the event has been on display across social media, with screenshots of invites and speculation on what might be disclosed. But investors and analysts have flagged challenges with the technology and reined in expectations. Stellantis chairperson John Elkann was seen in the crowd along with Musk's younger brother, Kimbal, a social media post showed. Musk's plan is to operate a fleet of self-driving Tesla taxis called

Cybercabs that passengers can hail through an app. Individual Tesla owners will also be able to make money on the app by listing their vehicles as robotaxis.

Thursday's event at the Warner Bros studio near Los Angeles, California, is titled "We, Robot" - an apparent nod to the "I, Robot" science-fiction short stories by American writer Isaac Asimov, but also echoes Musk's insistence that Tesla "should be thought of as an AI robotics company" rather than an automaker. Those attending will include investors, stock analysts and Tesla fans. Topping their list of questions will be how quickly can Tesla ramp up robotaxi production, at what cost, and, crucially, how much money it can make from the taxi business. Eyes will also be on progress the company has made with the partial automation software it markets as



Full Self-Driving that company watchers expect to underpin its robotaxis. Musk could also give details on cheaper versions of Tesla's current EVs as well as updates on its humanoid robot Optimus. Musk said in 2019 he was "very confident" the company would have operational robotaxis by the next year.

After missed promises, Musk this year diverted his focus to developing the vehicles after scrapping plans to build a smaller, cheaper car widely seen as essential to countering slowing EV demand. Tesla is at risk of posting its first-ever decline in deliveries this year as buying incentives have failed to attract enough customers to its aging EV lineup. Steep price cuts meant to offset high interest rates have also squeezed profit margins. To convince investors that Tesla can keep up the blistering pace of growth it reported several quarters back, analysts said Musk needs to show a prototype and provide detailed plans on how Tesla can overtake rivals such as Alphabet's Waymo, which operates uncrewed robotaxis ferrying paying passengers in a few U.S. cities.

Gunmen kill 20 miners, wound many in southwest Pakistan

PAKISTAN. Gunmen killed 20 miners and wounded another seven in Pakistan's southwest, a police official said Friday, drawing condemnation from authorities who have ordered police to trace and arrest those who are behind the killings.

It's the latest attack in restive Balochistan province and comes days ahead of a major security summit being hosted in the capital. Police official Hamayun Khan Nasir said the gunmen stormed the accommodations at the coal mine in Duki district late Thursday night, rounded up the men and opened fire. Most of the men were from Pashtun-speaking areas of Balochistan. Three of the dead and four of the wounded were Afghan. No group claimed immediate responsibility for the attack, but the suspicion is likely to fall on the outlawed Baloch Liberation Army, which often targets civilians and security forces. The group committed multiple attacks in August that killed more than 50

people, while authorities responded by killing 21 insurgents in the province. Those killed included 23 passengers, mostly from eastern Punjab province, who were fatally shot after being taken from buses, vehicles and trucks in Musakhail district in Baluchistan. The latest attack drew a strong condemnation from Sarfraz Bugti, the chief minister in Balochistan, who said the "terrorists have once again targeted poor laborers." He said the attackers were cruel and had an agenda to destabilize Pakistan.

"The killing of these innocent laborers would be avenged," he said in a statement. The province is home to several separatist groups who want independence. They accuse the federal government in Islamabad of unfairly exploiting oil- and mineral-rich Balochistan at the expense of locals. On Monday, a group called the Baloch Liberation Army said it carried out an attack on Chinese nationals outside

Pakistan's biggest airport. There are thousands of Chinese working in the country, most of them involved in Beijing's multibillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative.

The explosion, which the BLA said was the work of a suicide bomber, also raised questions about the ability of Pakistani forces to protect high-profile events or foreigners in the country.

Islamabad is hosting a summit next week of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a grouping founded by China and Russia to counter Western alliances. Authorities have beefed up security in the capital by deploying troops to prevent any acts of terrorism. The Ministry of Interior this week had alerted the country's four provinces to take additional measures to enhance security as the separatist groups and Pakistani Taliban could launch attacks at public places and government installation.

Before becoming a King, Prince George wants to be ...

World Prince George who is expected to break a long-standing royal tradition by not serving in the Armed Forces before ascending the throne as King of the United Kingdom. Interestingly, he has a rather fancy career aspiration for a royal family member; he wants to become a chef.

While visiting a restaurant in Norfolk, Prince George declared that he could see his future self working in a kitchen, after being fascinated by a wood-fired pizza oven.

George visited the Wiveton Hall Cafe with his mother, Catherine, Princess of Wales, and their friends. Desmond MacCarthy, the owner of Wiveton Hall Cafe, shared that the 11-year-old prince was fascinated by the wood-fired pizza oven and said, "That's what I want to do when I grow up!" MacCarthy, whose 17th-century manor and cafe were featured in the 2016 BBC documentary 'Normal For Norfolk,' spoke fondly of George, saying, "He was a sweet boy — they start to become less appealing as they grow up." The cafe is near Blakeney and is not far from Sandringham, where the royal family has a residence, Anmer Hall.

Unfortunately, George's dream of working at Wiveton Hall Cafe won't come true, as the cafe is closing next month after 17 years in business. Once praised by culinary legends like Delia Smith, who called it the "best food in Britain," the cafe is shutting down due to rising costs and staffing challenges. MacCarthy acknowledged the challenges, saying that although they had a busy summer, running a seasonal business year-round has become difficult. "It's sad when things change, but I believe something new will come along," he said.

1 person is dead, 12 trapped in former Colorado gold mine

DENVER. One person is dead and 12 are trapped in a former Colorado gold mine after an elevator malfunctioned at the tourist site, Teller County Sheriff Jason Mikesell said on Thursday.

A rescue effort was underway for visitors stuck underground at a former Colorado gold mine that's now operated as a tourist site, Gov. Jared Polis' office said Thursday. People became trapped due to an equipment malfunction at the Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine near the town of Cripple Creek, but the mine did not collapse, according to the Teller County



Sheriff's Office and the governor's office. Authorities planned an afternoon press conference to provide more details. The mine opened in the 1800s and was closed

in the 1960s but still operates tours. The mine's website describes a one-hour tour in which visitors descend 100 stories into the earth. It says visitors can see veins of gold in the rock and ride an underground tram. Polis said in a statement that the state was sending resources for the rescue effort. "We will do everything possible and assist the county to ensure a speedy and safe resolution of the situation," said Polis. Cripple Creek is a town of about 1,100 people located southwest of Colorado Springs.

Emmanuel Macron remembers Ratan Tata: France lost a dear friend from India

French President Emmanuel Macron praised Ratan Tata's contributions to innovation and manufacturing, as well as his role in strengthening India-France ties, along with his lasting legacy of philanthropy and humility.

World French President Emmanuel Macron expressed his condolences over the death of industrialist Ratan Tata, praising his contributions to innovation and manufacturing while also acknowledging his role in strengthening ties between India and France. In a statement, Macron

remarked that his country "has lost a dear friend from India." "France has lost a dear friend from India. Ratan Tata's visionary helmship contributed to boosting industries in India and France, in the fields of innovation and manufacturing. Beyond this, his legacy will be marked by his humanist vision, immense philanthropic achievements and his humility," the French president said. He conveyed his "deepest condolences" to Ratan Tata's "near and dear ones as well as to the people of India." "We will remember your lifelong commitment to the betterment of society with admiration and respect," Macron said. Ratan Tata, who led the Tata Group for over two decades and is credited with transforming it into a globally renowned conglomerate, died at the age of 86 at Breach Candy Hospital in the city on Wednesday night. The Padma Vibhushan awardee was cremated on



Thursday with full state honours, as people across the world paid tribute to one of India's most respected corporate leaders. US Ambassador Eric Garcetti said, "India and the world have lost a giant with a giant heart," as he paid tribute to Tata. Microsoft CEO, Bill Gates, said, "Ratan Tata was a visionary leader whose dedication to improving lives left an indelible mark on

India—and the world". He added, "His loss will be felt around the world for years to come, but I know the legacy he left and the example he set will continue to inspire generations". Google CEO Sundar Pichai noted Ratan Tata's legacy and was instrumental in mentoring and developing the modern business leadership in India. He tweeted that Tata "leaves an extraordinary business and philanthropic legacy and was instrumental in mentoring and developing the modern business leadership in India. He deeply cared about making India better". Hundreds of people including corporate leaders, politicians including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and celebrities had gathered in Mumbai on Thursday to pay their last respects to Tata.

Iran warns Gulf nations against helping Israel, says 'will respond accordingly'

World. Amid the escalating threat of the Middle East conflict expanding with Israel planning an offensive against Iran, Tehran warned Gulf Arab nations against allowing their airspace or military bases to be used in such an attack. A senior Iranian official stated that any assistance to Israel would be unacceptable and would draw a response.

"Iran made it clear that any action by a Persian Gulf country against Tehran, whether through the use of airspace or military bases, will be regarded by Tehran as an action taken by the entire group, and Tehran will respond accordingly," the senior Iranian official told news agency Reuters. Iran's warning came amid reports that Tehran had cautioned Gulf nations, stating that if "Israeli supporters" intervene directly in the conflict, their

regional interests would be targeted. Gulf Arab nations fear that Iran may strike their oil facilities if they align with Israel in the ongoing conflict. The message emphasised the need for regional unity against Israel and the importance of securing stability. It also made clear that any assistance to Israel, such as allowing the use of a regional country's airspace for actions against Iran, is unacceptable," the Iranian official stressed.

On October 1, Iran launched a barrage of around 200 rockets at Israel, most of which were intercepted and destroyed by Israeli defence systems. This was in response to the killing of the Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah and Israel's military actions in Lebanon and Gaza. According to reports, Israel is preparing to retaliate, with some



suggesting that oil facilities in Iran could be targeted as part of a broader offensive. In light of the escalating threat, Gulf states have urged the United States to prevent Israel from targeting Iran's oil facilities. Citing top sources in Arab nations, Reuters

reported that Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar have also refused to allow Israel to use their airspace for any attack on Iran and have communicated this stance to Washington. Last week, the Gulf Arab states, which met in Doha, sought to reassure Iran of their neutrality and urged Tehran to de-escalate. "The Gulf states think it's unlikely that Iran will strike their oil facilities, but the Iranians are dropping hints they might from unofficial sources. It's a tool the Iranians have against the US and the global economy," Ali Shihabi, a top Saudi commentator said earlier. Meanwhile, Israel continued its assault on Lebanon, intensifying attacks against the Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2024

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festival, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railway, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
02252	New Delhi	08:25	Patna Jn	20:00	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 30.10.24 to 06.11.24
02251	Patna Jn	07:30	New Delhi	19:00	Tri-weekly	Thursday, Saturday, Monday 31.10.24 to 07.11.24
02270	Lucknow	14:15	Chhapra	21:30	6 Days a week	Except Tuesday 25.10.24 to 08.11.24
02269	Chhapra	23:00	Lucknow	06:30	6 Days a week	Except Tuesday 25.10.24 to 08.11.24
02248	New Delhi	08:25	Patna Jn	20:30	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 29.10.24 to 05.11.24
02247	Patna Jn	07:30	New Delhi	19:35	Tri-weekly	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 30.10.24 to 06.11.24
04052	New Delhi	14:20	Jaynagar	15:40	Date Wise	Sat, Tue, Fri, Mon 26, 29.10.24, 01 & 04.11.24
04051	Jaynagar	18:00	New Delhi	18:50	Date Wise	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue 27, 30.10.24, 02 & 05.11.24
04054	New Delhi	14:20	Barauni Jn	11:00	Date Wise	Sun, Wed, Sat, Tue 27, 30.10.24, 02 & 05.11.24
04053	Barauni Jn	12:30	New Delhi	09:10	Date Wise	Mon, Thu, Sun, Wed 28, 31.10.24, 03 & 06.11.24
02250	New Delhi	23:55	Patna Jn	16:40	Weekly	Thursday 24.10.24 & 31.10.24
02249	Patna Jn	17:50	New Delhi	11:00	Weekly	Friday 25.10.24 & 01.11.24
04073	Howrah Jn	04:20	Delhi Jn	05:00	Date Wise	Saturday on 12.10.24
04071	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Date Wise	Saturday on 12.10.24
04072	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	Date Wise	Sunday on 13.10.24
04082	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	Date Wise	Saturday on 12.10.24
04075	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday Upto 17.11.24
04076	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Monday Upto 18.11.24
04498	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:30	Ballia	13:30	Weekly	Sunday Upto 24.11.24
04497	Ballia	18:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	14:25	Weekly	Monday Upto 25.11.24
04022	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:40	Sitamarhi	15:45	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Friday Upto 29.11.24
04021	Sitamarhi	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:05	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Saturday Upto 30.11.24
04032	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:15	Saharsa Jn	10:30	5 days a week	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun Upto 30.11.24
04031	Saharsa Jn	13:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:10	5 days a week	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun Upto 01.12.24
04624	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:45	Varanasi Jn	23:55	Weekly	Sunday Upto 17.11.24
04623	Varanasi Jn	05:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 19.11.24
04080	Delhi Jn	19:30	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Tri-weekly	Monday, Thursday, Saturday 24.10.24 to 16.11.24
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:25	Delhi Jn	08:50	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Friday, Sunday 25.10.24 to 17.11.24
04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:50	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Bi-weekly	Monday, Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	17:00	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Saturday 26.10.24 to 16.11.24
04096	Anand Vihar Terminal	09:00	Ayodhya Cantt	22:00	Tri-weekly	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Upto 18.11.24
04095	Ayodhya Cantt	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	22:30	Tri-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Upto 19.11.24
04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	18:20	Weekly	Thursday 24.10.24 to 14.11.24
04519	Gorakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	Weekly	Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04059	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:55	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday 26.10.24 to 16.11.24
04068	Delhi Jn	19:30	Darbhanga Jn	16:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04067	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	Delhi Jn	16:35	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday 26.10.24 to 16.11.24
04044	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Gorakhpur	14:00	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday 26.10.24 to 26.11.24
04043	Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday 27.10.24 to 27.11.24
04217	Varanasi Jn	06:25	Lucknow Jn	11:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 22.11.24
04218	Lucknow Jn	16:30	Varanasi Jn	21:50	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 22.11.24
04010	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Weekly	Tuesday 29.10.24 to 12.11.24
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	Weekly	Thursday 31.10.24 to 14.11.24
04678	Firozpur Cantt Jn	13:25	Patna Jn	17:00	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 13.11.24
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	Weekly	Thursday Upto 14.11.24
04211	Varanasi Jn	14:50	Chandigarh	07:45	Weekly	Saturday 26.10.24 to 16.11.24
04212	Chandigarh	09:30	Varanasi Jn	01:20	Weekly	Sunday 27.10.24 to 17.11.24
04553	Saharanpur	04:40	Ambala Cant Jn	06:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 30.11.24
04554	Ambala Cant Jn	20:20	Saharanpur	22:30	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 30.11.24
04682	Jammu Tawi	23:20	Kolkata	13:00	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 14.11.24
04681	Kolkata	23:45	Jammu Tawi	12:30	Weekly	Thursday Upto 14.11.24
04078	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:55	Patna Jn	16:25	Weekly	Monday Upto 18.11.24
04077	Patna Jn	17:50	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 19.11.24
04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	Weekly	Thursday Upto 14.11.24
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30	Weekly	Friday Upto 15.11.24
04038	Delhi Jn	19:10	Azamgarh	11:30	Weekly	Sunday 27.10.24 to 17.11.24
04037	Azamgarh	13:30	Delhi Jn	06:10	Weekly	Monday 28.10.24 to 18.11.24
04312	Haridwar Jn	12:30	Howrah Jn	17:10	Weekly	Thursday Upto 14.11.24
04311	Howrah Jn	19:00	Haridwar Jn	23:30	Weekly	Friday Upto 15.11.24
04314	Haridwar Jn	12:30	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:30	Weekly	Friday Upto 15.11.24
04313	Muzaffarpur Jn	09:00	Haridwar Jn	05:30	Weekly	Saturday Upto 16.11.24
04058	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Muzaffarpur Jn	21:15	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday 24.10.24 to 14.11.24
04057	Muzaffarpur Jn	23:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday 25.10.24 to 15.11.24
04062	Anand Vihar Terminal	09:00	Barauni Jn	06:30	Weekly	Sunday Upto 17.11.24
04061	Barauni Jn	08:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:10	Weekly	Monday Upto 18.11.24
02246	Hazrat Nizamuddin	23:55	Patna Jn	16:40	Bi-weekly	Monday, Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
02245	Patna Jn	17:50	Hazrat Nizamuddin	10:50	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Thursday Upto 28.11.24
04526	Sirhind Jn	11:25	Saharsa Jn	17:00	Weekly	Monday Upto 18.11.24
04525	Saharsa Jn	19:15	Ambala Cantt Jn	22:20	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 19.11.24
04006	Delhi Jn	23:05	Jaynagar	23:45	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday Upto 26.11.24
04005	Jaynagar	01:30	Delhi Jn	01:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday Upto 28.11.24
04048	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:20	Kathihar Jn	15:00	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday Upto 26.11.24
04047	Kathihar Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:50	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Saturday Upto 27.11.24
04070	New Delhi	00:20	Rajgir	21:00	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday 12.10.24 to 30.11.24
04069	Rajgir	22:50	New Delhi	23:10	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday 12.10.24 to 30.11.24
02262	New Delhi	00:20	Darbhanga Jn	21:15	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday 13.10.24 to 27.11.24
02261	Darbhanga Jn	23:20	New Delhi	20:15	Bi-weekly	Wednesday, Sunday 13.10.24 to 27.11.24
04224	Lucknow Jn	15:10	Tatanagar Jn	08:50	Date Wise	Wednesday 16.10.24
04223	Tatanagar Jn	11:00	Lucknow Jn	04:55	Date Wise	Thursday 17.10.24
04226	Lucknow Jn	15:40	Tatanagar Jn	09:10	Date Wise	Sunday 20.10.24
04225	Tatanagar Jn	11:00	Lucknow Jn	04:55	Date Wise	Monday 21.10.24

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03575	Asansol Jn	10:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:05	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
03576	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:15	Asansol Jn	10:20	Weekly	Saturday Upto 30.11.24
03435	Malda Town	09:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	14:10	Weekly	Monday Upto 25.11.24
03436	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:45	Malda Town	23:30	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 26.11.24
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Thursday Upto 14.11.24
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:20	Patna Jn	17:20	Bi-weekly	Monday, Friday Upto 15.11.24
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday Upto 15.11.24
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:20	Patna Jn	17:20	Weekly	Sunday Upto 16.11.24
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Weekly	Sunday Upto 16.11.24
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Weekly	Monday Upto 11.11.24
05219	Muzaffarpur Jn	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	06:00	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 31.12.24
05220	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:00	Muzaffarpur Jn	00:45	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 01.01.25
05109	Chhapra	17:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:50	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05110	Anand Vihar Terminal	12:55	Chhapra	06:45	Weekly	Thursday Upto 28.11.24
05023	Gorakhpur	21:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:15	Weekly	Sunday Upto 24.11.24
05024	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:15	Gorakhpur	04:45	Weekly	Monday Upto 25.11.24
05301	Mau Jn	04:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:30	Weekly	Thursday Upto 28.11.24
05302	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:25	Mau Jn	17:45	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
05005	Gorakhpur	14:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05006	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Gorakhpur	08:50	Weekly	Thursday Upto 28.11.24
05049	Chhapra	09:55	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
05050	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Chhapra	14:00	Weekly	Saturday Upto 30.11.24
02525	Kamakhya	22:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
02526	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:20	Kamakhya	03:40	Weekly	Sunday Upto 01.12.24
05671	Guwahati	15:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05672	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Guwahati	14:15	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
05734	Kathihar Jn	11:40	Amritsar Jn	00:10	Weekly	Thursday Upto 28.11.24
05733	Amritsar Jn	04:25	Kathihar Jn	15:00	Weekly	Saturday Upto 30.11.24
03413	Malda Town	07:10	New Delhi	07:30	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday Upto 28.11.24
03414	New Delhi	10:30	Malda Town	07:55	Bi-weekly	Friday, Monday Upto 29.11.24
03483	Bhagalpur	11:00	New Delhi	07:10	Bi-weekly	Saturday, Tuesday Upto 30.11.24
03484	New Delhi	10:30	Bhagalpur	04:10	Bi-weekly	Sunday, Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05565	Saharsa Jn	19:30	Sirhind Jn	00:05	Weekly	Thursday 14.11.24 to 26.12.24
05566	Sirhind Jn	02:00	Saharsa Jn	09:45	Weekly	Saturday 16.11.24 to 28.12.24
03107	Sealdah	00:10	Lucknow Jn	00:10	Weekly	Saturday Upto 30.11.24
03108	Lucknow Jn	01:40	Sealdah	23:50	Weekly	Sunday Upto 01.12.24

09657	Daurai (via Barabanki Jn)	15:00	Barhni	13:25	Weekly	Saturday 12.10.24 to 16.11.24
09658	Barhni (via Barabanki Jn)	19:15	Daurai	19:20	Weekly	Sunday 13.10.24 to 17.11.24
03423	Bhagalpur	13:55	Haridwar Jn	17:55	Weekly	Monday Upto 25.11.24
03424	Haridwar Jn	19:55	Bhagalpur	21:20	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 26.11.24
05736	Kathihar Jn	21:00	Amritsar Jn	09:45	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
05735	Amritsar Jn	13:25	Kathihar Jn	23:45	Weekly	Friday Upto 29.11.24
05047	Banaras	22:00	Ghaziabad	11:45	Weekly	Tuesday Upto 26.11.24
05048	Ghaziabad	12:35	Banaras	05:35	Weekly	Wednesday Upto 27.11.24
02397	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:10	6 Days a week	Except Saturday Upto 15.11.24
02398	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:20	Gaya Jn	00:30	6 Days a week	Except Sunday Upto 16.11.24
05283	Muzaffarpur Jn	06:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 21.10.24
05284	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Muzaffarpur Jn	04:50	Daily	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun Upto 22.10.24
02393	Patna Jn	20:10	New Delhi	12:10	6 Days a week	Except Thursday Upto 30.10.24
02394	New Delhi	13:20	Patna Jn	07:00		

How Jats ruined Congress' party in Haryana

ABOUT a month ago, there was a buzz in Punjab and Haryana High Court circles about the consolidation of non-Jat communities in Haryana, against the growing Jat fortification in the Congress. It was the first indication that, perhaps, things were not going according to popular perception. Litigants from districts like Rohtak, Gurgaon, and Faridabad shared their fear and resentment over Jat assertion in the run up to the polls. "People told us that though they had initially decided to vote out the BJP this time, the manner in which aggressive Jats in their neighbourhood had begun to assert their might even before the polls, was making them do a re-think," a lawyer said.

In the din of the election campaign where every analyst and observer felt otherwise, such pieces of information may well have been dismissed as mere straws in the wind. As it turned out, the one party — the Congress — which should have paid attention to the changing pattern of electoral winds was too busy giving hope and muscle to its Jat vote-bank. The Haryana election story will be dissected and analysed for months to come. But a few points stand out. A quiet subterranean consolidation of non-Jat communities like Brahmins, Banias, Scheduled Castes, Punjabis and Other Backward Castes took place without any of them making a noise about it. Contrast this with the high decibel Jat assertion that dominated the airwaves during the election campaign. The high octane coverage of Vinesh Phogat's journey from the airport to her village in Charkhi Dadri with Congress Lok Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda accompanying her in a colourful cavalcade was not missed. The BJP maintained a distance. The Jat community went delirious with joy, even as the others watched in sullen silence.

The BJP ran an effective low key campaign that focussed on stoking fears of Jat dominance, the return of 'kharchi parchi' — the so-called bribe-giving system of handing out jobs — as well as its welfare agenda for smaller backward groups. The BJP's transparent job recruitment policy resonated with voters, giving them hope that going ahead, the distribution of jobs would be more equitable. Candidates and workers, in small roadside meetings reminded people of how a return of the Bhupinder Singh Hooda style of governance would impact their lives. That they would go back to existing on the fringes of governance while the powerful Jat community would corner government largesse. For many communities, like the Banias and Sainis, bitter memories of the 2016 Jat agitation when they suffered the loss of both property and lives, were rekindled. More than anything else, however, the Haryana election results reflect a larger social churn in which marginalised communities are openly clamouring for their place in the sun. They remain fearful of the aggressive dominance of a single community, but are willing to quietly hit back to retrieve their rights. The BJP has successfully tapped into this vein of fear.

Whether OBC or Dalit, the overriding theme in the countryside that has led to the current sharp polarisation seems to be their growing aspirations coupled with an acute consciousness of their rights. To say 'no' to dominant groups riding roughshod and no longer as willing to make way for powerful communities. Even less willing to wait for a better tomorrow. And so the BJP stepped in and offered to hold their hand. In rally after rally Amit Shah repeated the mantra — how the BJP was determined to expand reservations for backward castes in Group A and Group B government jobs. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini missed no opportunity to stress his OBC caste, pointedly asking the Congress if they would ever nominate an OBC as chief minister.

The Congress' high decibel campaign — greater rhetoric, but reduced reliance on cadre support — was no match for the BJP's meticulous election management, which returned to the RSS' formidable grassroots network, with pracharaks fanning out into the villages to spread the party's message. It all happened so quietly, that many even in the BJP were perhaps taken by surprise when the poll results came in.

India's economy up despite West Asia conflict, but dangers loom

In its own self-interest, India should make a strong push for peace in West Asia.

A YEAR has elapsed since the Israel-Hamas conflict erupted on the world stage. There were worries that it would stall India's trajectory towards a higher growth path in the post-Covid recovery phase. These fears have been put to rest as the gross domestic product (GDP) rose by a surprising 8.2 per cent in 2023-24. The first quarter of the current fiscal has been subdued, at 6.7 per cent, but the central bank expects an overall growth of 7.2 per cent in 2024-25. However, external headwinds could still be a spoiler, given the latest developments in West Asia. Israel's attacks on Hezbollah in Lebanon have been followed up by Iran's flurry of retaliatory missiles. The situation remains tense in the region amid fears over the prospects of a wider regional conflagration. In case this becomes a reality, it would be a big blow to the global economy and India, too, would face the consequences.

Even in the past year, India has not remained unscathed by geopolitical tensions. The disruption of the movement of merchant shipping through the Red Sea has led to a diversion of most Europe- and US-bound cargoes to the longer and more expensive route via the Cape of Good Hope. This has come as a double whammy for exporters as they simultaneously face new carbon emission rules laid down by the European Union for a wide range of products. The Russia-Ukraine war also continues to have ramifications in the form of depressed demand in critical western markets. Import costs are similarly rising as many shipments from the west are now moving through the longer route to avoid the Suez Canal and the ongoing depredations of the Yemen-based Houthis.

The situation remains an irritant, with roughly two-thirds of all merchant shipping reported to be avoiding the traditional passage through the canal. It must be remembered that 12 per cent of the global trade uses this key shipping lane. On the other hand, oil markets have moved to the bearish mode after the initial shock of the onset of the Israel-Hamas conflict. Prices have been drifting lower partly due to the fact that the oil-producing areas have not been directly affected, at least as yet. The other factors, including reduced demand from China and excess supplies in the market, have weighed more heavily on the crude oil prices. Currently, despite a spike after missile attacks by Iran, the benchmark Brent crude is ruling at around \$77 per barrel while the West Texas Intermediate crude is around \$73. These are manageable levels for India which imports over 85 per cent of its fuel needs. The fact that oil prices have not shot up over the past year despite the challenging geopolitical scenario has been a considerable relief for this country. The situation is now changing in several respects. Most important is the prospect of an economic revival in China. One of the main factors behind the softening of oil



prices was the slowdown in the world's largest importer. The latest monetary stimulus package announced by the Chinese government seems to be the first step in bringing the economy back to better health. In case these measures succeed, the demand for oil could pick up significantly and this, in turn, would push up global prices.

The Indian equity markets are already facing the brunt of the enthusiasm of foreign institutional investors (FIIs) for stocks in China, where valuations are considered more lucrative. The FIIs have turned sellers in the past month, lured by the fact that the Hang Seng index shot up by 26 per cent. At the same time, the scenario on the Israel-Iran front has become even more ominous, with reports emanating that more strategic attacks may be on the way. These indicate that Israel could be thinking of launching missiles at Iran's oil installations or ports.

Most of Iran's crude is sold to China owing to the sanctions imposed on it by the US. But its availability has been a moderating factor in the world markets. Attacks aimed at cutting off Iranian crude supplies would immediately lead to a spurt in the prices. In case this happens, a region that produces most of the hydrocarbons needed to run the global economy will be engulfed in a war. As far as India is concerned, it will be worried about the fate of millions of expatriate citizens residing in the Gulf region who may be at risk due to the conflict. Rescue operations may be needed to evacuate them in some cases. Any strife will also affect the flow of remittances to this country which

have been a major source of revenue in recent years. The outcome of the hardening oil prices will be inflationary pressures on the domestic economy. Costs will rise for industries reliant on oil and gas as feedstock. The power sector could face serious shortfalls in availability, leading to outages in parts of the country. Fertilisers is another key area that would bear the burden of higher costs and this could potentially affect the agriculture sector.

Disruption in the global supply chains would affect countries around the world, including India. It is difficult to make a detailed assessment of the impact as it would depend on the extent to which the conflict widens in West Asia. There is no doubt, however, that it could potentially create an even bigger shock to the world economy than the Russia-Ukraine war, owing to the energy resources located in the region. In this context, it must be noted that the biggest oil producer in the world is now the US. Yet, the Gulf region accounts for a sizable amount of oil and gas supplies to the rest of the world, with Saudi Arabia being the largest exporter. It is also the midway point for trade flows between Europe and Asia. Even a regional conflict will, obviously, spill over to create ripples elsewhere. As far as India is concerned, it has so far managed to push ahead with economic recovery despite mounting geopolitical challenges. In case the Israel-Iran conflict remains sporadic, the domestic economy is resilient enough to sustain the pace of growth. But if it expands into a wider war.

Congress in a spot

Mandate for NC-Cong signals a fresh start

A stunning defeat in Haryana and a dismal performance in Jammu & Kashmir have undermined the Congress' pre-eminent position in the INDIA bloc ahead of the Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly elections. The grand old party was sitting pretty after an impressive show in the Lok Sabha polls, but things have changed after the October 8 verdict. Some of its allies, such as the Shiv Sena-UBT (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray), the CPI and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), have advised the Congress to introspect and review its strategy for the upcoming polls. With the Maha Vikas Aghadi's seat-sharing talks in Maharashtra entering the last lap, the Shiv Sena-UBT and Sharad Pawar-led NCP are sensing an opportunity to extract a better bargain from the Congress.

The Congress has been quick to remind its alliance partners that it was the top performer in Maharashtra in this year's



Lok Sabha polls, winning 13 of the 17 seats it contested (Shiv Sena-UBT and the BJP won nine each). However, there is simply no room for complacency after the party made the blunder of regarding Haryana as low-hanging

fruit. Its decision to go solo rather than tying up with AAP has come under scrutiny. Though AAP drew a blank, its vote share of 1.79 per cent impacted the outcome of the neck-and-neck race between the BJP and the Congress.

As the Congress high command returns to the drawing board, it needs to be more accommodative of its INDIA partners. With the BJP in the ascendant in Jharkhand, the Congress should be humble enough to play second fiddle to the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. In Maharashtra, too, it must prioritise what is best for the alliance over what suits its own interests. The BJP has regrouped very well after its underwhelming show in the parliamentary polls — hubris has made way for coalition dharma. The Congress can learn a lesson or two from its archenemy.

Let's not fail the voters of J&K

This election, like the one held in 1977, has called for restoration of the people's dignity

SO, the election results are out after much conjecture and wild guesses. The UT of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) now has an elected Assembly. But as one commentator on a popular TV programme surmised, "What were all the promises about — including the promise of restoration of statehood?", considering that the Vidhan Sabha is only a cipher with nominal authority. So, does the 2024 J&K election have any significance in the context of being part of the world's largest democracy and given that this was the first Assembly poll since the state lost both its statehood and its supposed special status under the now-trashed Article 370 of the Constitution on August 5, 2019? This was also the first Vidhan Sabha election held after the extension of the notification of Scheduled Tribe (ST) status in February to the Muslim Rajput (Pahari) community, primarily residing in Poonch and Rajouri areas of the Jammu division with a scattering in Kashmir — nearly two years after the Delimitation Commission redrew constituencies and submitted its report in May 2022. The latter meant that 44 per cent of the population, which constitutes residents of Jammu, would vote in 48 per cent of the seats, while the 56 per cent living in Kashmir would exercise their franchise in the remaining seats. Yet, the election campaign was lively, even rowdy and redolent of the 1977 election, which returned a triumphant Sheikh Abdullah to power, roundly defeating a coalition led by none other than the Janata Party, the ruling party at the Centre led by then Prime Minister Morarji Desai. And this time, too, avowedly separatist and radical elements entered the fray, although under different titles but not disavowing their stated agenda. One



idiotic 'leader' called upon the winner to refuse to form the government. What then, one might ask the gentleman, was the purpose of fighting the election? This election, like the one held in 1977, has called for the restoration of the people's dignity. The 2024 poll results are as decisive as those of the 1977 election. What could be disconcerting is that all Hindu-majority seats have almost unanimously gone to the BJP. But the ruling party's effort at polarising the tribal community worked decisively in favour of the National Conference (NC), the choice of most Kashmiris. On the eve of the election, I had spoken to an old friend from Sakhri Maidan, a Rajput village in ST-reserved Mendhar constituency

in Jammu. He told me that he had given his word as a Rajput to the BJP leadership to vote for that party if ST status were granted. They had kept their word, he said, and now he must keep his. The Mendhar seat was won by Javed Ahmed Rana of the NC, which bagged six ST-reserved seats, with the Congress getting one, Independents (likely to join the NC-Congress coalition) two and the BJP none. There is then no polarisation in the support base of any party except the BJP. Does the party need to review its appeal? Yet, the big question remains: With the Vidhan Sabha being an organism with little authority, what is all the fuss about? The CM-designate, Omar Abdullah, has already given a call

for the restoration of statehood, but there is little doubt that his election to the position will not give him the authority to deliver on this demand. Nevertheless, the enthusiasm generated, the debate and discussion and the interest aroused in this election across the country, crowned by the widespread participation in the process by all sections of the population — be it in Jammu or Kashmir — carry their own lessons. The most noteworthy of these is that India and its natural constituent (J&K) clearly acted together as one entity in upholding democratic rights — to contest as well as to speak out. Is that not the common aspiration of every Indian? Should this not be recognised inasmuch as also the dream of every Kashmiri? The economic and political challenges facing the people of J&K, which they share with the nation, are common knowledge. Omar has identified these in outlining the tasks that he has set for himself. Economic amelioration amid rising inflation, education and healthcare, gender equality, all working together in what is constitutional decentralisation, harnessing public mobilisation through panchayati raj — these are all common aspirations. The people have passed through decades of suffering and violence. The victorious alliance has shown its sensitivity to these issues in its manifesto. Are we going to allow them to deliver? The voters of J&K have given their voice to joining a national aspiration. But what they have also said loud and clear is that they want to do this themselves and not forcibly through an authoritarian hand.



Gardening can make old people stay more Healthy

Indulging in gardening may not only keep older adults active but also boost their health and mental well-being, finds a study. The findings showed that older women who spend more than three hours on household chores a day and got less or more than seven hours of sleep a night, were less likely to be in good health. However, the researchers found that the similar criteria had no effect on the health of

elderly men. It is because older women spent more time doing repetitive housework like cleaning and cooking, while men spent time in gardening and maintenance work, which is mentally very stimulating, the Daily Mail reported. "The difference in the sexes' health is probably to do with the type of housework women tend to do, which is a lot more

repetitive and routine work, like cleaning and cooking. While this probably has some limited health benefits, it is not very physically active, is not really exercise and is not very stimulating mentally, which relates to physical health," Nicholas Adjei, researcher at the Leibniz Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology in Germany, was quoted as saying by the paper. "Men did much more active household chores,

such as gardening and maintenance. The physical exertion is good for the health, with gardening involving digging, mowing and carrying soil. We think gardening and fixing things may also be more enjoyable than cleaning," Adjei added. For the study, researchers looked at more than 36,000 pensioners, who reported about their daily activities and general health. Healthiness was calculated based on participants' answers

to a questionnaire, in which they rated their health on a five-point scale from "poor" to "very good". The results showed that even taking away sleep, which can impact people's health, men appear healthier when doing jobs around the house.



Lighting makes all the Difference



Most conventional lighting is directed downwards, but uplighters can diffuse light, creating a more subtle effect, without glare or dazzle. If you don't want lighting to be confined solely to the perimeter of the room, use free-standing lamps. Floor lamps also called as standard lamps are available as uplighters, down lighters or spotlights, in both modern and traditional styles. There is an even greater variety of table lamps available. Some have touch-sensitive bases, which allow you to adjust the light level and save energy.

How to get maximum effect

Use down lit lamps, which cast a shadow on the floor, and keep the ceiling dark or



use uplighters to reflect light of the ceiling and light up the whole room. For a feeling of space use wall sconces that don't take up much space and can be the same colour as

the wall to blend in. For practical reasons some rooms like the kitchen and living room may have several lights. For easy control on all the lights use a lighting circuit so that you

can turn them off in one go, and switch them on individually. However with a little know-how you can easily get maximum lighting effect in every single room:

Kitchen:

Separately highlight work areas with halogen downlighters or clip on lights for a clean, clear beam over areas such as the sink and islands. If your kitchen is also a dining room, for an occasional touch of ambient lighting choose a functional chandelier or pendant light on dimmers for your main light.

Dining room:

Take care to avoid or reduce lighting glare to fall on the eyes of the diner. Ensure downlighters are aimed straight onto the table surface. Place chandeliers where they create sparkle as opposed to distracting light. Wall sconces placed above eye-level can be very effective too.

TV room:

Do you watch TV in the dark? Apparently it's not good as it strains the eyes. To reduce the effect, position a light near the TV in such a way that it needs to shade from the viewer's eyes and shouldn't reflect on the screen. Do this and you'll still be able to view in relative darkness but with less strain on your eyes.

Bathroom:

To avoid splashes, ceiling downlighters are most practical. For a relaxing candle light effect have these on a dimmer but remember the safety of children and older folk who need to see clearly when they bathe.

Outside:

Don't forget about your garden or outside porch. Light up your porch or door to make it welcoming and safe. Place lights below walls and plants you wish to feature. You could even light your garden path.

Bedroom:

Don't have downlighters above the bed as they create glare. Instead try a wall sconce slightly above your head and over your shoulder to avoid shadows. Or have a table lamp placed slightly behind you.

Wardrobes:



To find clothes quickly, light up the wardrobe interior for a clear view.

Shop around, you might see something you never knew existed. These days there are lots of lighting shops offering different looks. From Italian lighting to art nouveau and art deco reproduction, hand-forged iron, iron chandeliers, candle holder designs, glass shades, period lighting, strobe, halogen and different shaped light bulbs. Get the proportions right. The lamp base and shade fittings should be in proportion with the room. Small lamps could look odd in a large room. With lampshades, pick colours that suit your soft furnishings, curtains and carpets. They should be in contrast with the walls, instead of being the same colour or they might just get lost in the ambience. Use a downlighter over a vase of flowers. Highlight architectural features. Recessed downlighters can look great in built-in shelves or alcoves.

Get creative, go ahead and bring warmth, drama and sheer elegance to your home with lighting techniques.



Delhi HC denies eviction stay for unauthorised colony

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has raised alarm over record-high pollution levels in the Yamuna River, as it denied a request to halt the eviction of residents from Shram Vihar, an unauthorised colony located in the river's ecologically sensitive floodplain. A bench led by Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela dismissed the plea, stressing that the area falls within zone 'O', a fragile ecological zone earmarked for the rejuvenation of the river. The court rejected the argument that the colony's location outside the floodplain, with only a one-in-25-year flood risk, justified its continued existence. The bench pointed out that the area is vital for horticulture and is home to a diverse ecosystem. "Zone 'O' is designated for the restoration of Yamuna's natural flow and development in harmony with the river," the court noted. Referring to a recent report by the Delhi Pollution

Control Committee, the court expressed concern over faecal contamination levels being nearly 2,000 times the permissible limit, driven largely by untreated sewage from unauthorised

(DDA) countered that the colony lies in a protected zone and is not on the list of recognised unauthorised colonies. Advocate Prabhshay Kaur, representing the DDA, argued that the colony fell in zone 'O', which was conceived for rejuvenation and eco-friendly development in line with the river and its morphology. According to Kaur, Shram Vihar had not been included in the list of 1,731 unauthorised colonies recognised by the Delhi government and was not due for recognition in future. The court noted that though the applicants claimed the colony to be on private land, they had neither brought on record any sanctioned plan nor any completion certificate post-construction. "It is a settled law that even owners of a private land have to take permission from the statutory authority before carrying out any construction and if that is not done, the construction is liable to be demolished," the bench underlined.



settlements. With pollution in the Yamuna at an unprecedented level, the court underscored the urgent need for protective measures. The residents of Shram Vihar had sought protection under regulations meant to recognise unauthorised colonies, claiming the land was private. However, the Delhi Development Authority

record any sanctioned plan nor any completion certificate post-construction. "It is a settled law that even owners of a private land have to take permission from the statutory authority before carrying out any construction and if that is not done, the construction is liable to be demolished," the bench underlined.

Withholding bail when merited is unjustified punishment: Delhi HC

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has ruled that if an accused is found deserving of bail, withholding it effectively becomes a form of punishment. The observation was made by Justice Chandra Dhari Singh while granting bail to Yudhveer Singh Yadav, a former Delhi Police Sub-Inspector, in a bribery case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Justice Singh noted that denying bail when it is warranted contravenes the principle that "bail is the rule, and jail is the exception," a maxim repeatedly upheld by the judiciary. Yadav faced allegations of demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 2.5 lakh, but Justice Singh underscored that bail decisions should not serve as punitive measures. Singh further stressed that withholding bail must be exercised with caution, taking into account the broader interests of justice. In granting bail, Justice Singh also addressed the nature of the charges against Yadav, who was charged with an offense carrying a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment. While

acknowledging the gravity of the allegations, he underscored the presumption of innocence until proven guilty and the importance of safeguarding public trust in law enforcement. The court highlighted that in cases involving public servants accused of corruption, a balanced approach is crucial. However, the right to bail should not be dismissed merely due to the seriousness of the charges if the accused's circumstances justify release. The court said that it is imperative to note that the case against the petitioner involves the offences wherein maximum imprisonment is upto seven years. "It is the case of the petitioner that he may be released on bail in view of the fact that he has been falsely implicated in the instant case and the bribe amount has already been recovered. It has been further argued that the petitioner has duly cooperated with the investigation and that he is no more required by the CBI for any purpose," read the court's order.



Coast Guard pilot's body found in Arabian Sea after month-long search

New Delhi: The body of an Indian Coast Guard pilot who went missing after his helicopter crashed in September was found off the coast of Gujarat, authorities said on Friday. Cmdr. Rakesh Kumar Rana, the pilot in command of the ALH MK-III helicopter, was among four people on board when it made a water landing in the Arabian Sea on September 2. One crew member was



rescued, and the bodies of two others — Cmdr (JG) Vipin Babu and Pradhan Navik Karan Singh — were recovered shortly after the crash. The Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy launched a massive search and rescue operation following the crash, but they were unable to locate Rana for over a month. Rana's remains were found about 55 kilometres southwest of Porbandar, Gujarat, on Thursday, the Indian Coast Guard said in a statement. The search for him involved more than 70 air sorties and several vessels, carried out over 82 ship days. The remains will be cremated with full military honours, the Indian Coast Guard said.

Rajasthan man arrested for spreading hatred, disrupting communal harmony online

New Delhi: A man has been arrested for disrupting communal harmony and spreading hatred on a social media platform, police said. The man, identified as Wajid Khan, is a resident of Gagwana in Rajasthan. He claimed to be a journalist working for a foreign media channel. Rural Circle Officer Ramchandra Chaudhary



stated that the police had received information via social media about Khan, who was repeatedly posting inflammatory comments intended to disturb communal harmony and incite hatred. After verifying the allegations, the police found them to be true and took him into custody. Khan's mobile phone has been confiscated, and an investigation is underway to uncover the nature of the posts he shared, which reportedly went viral and disturbed communal peace. The police are also monitoring individuals who attempt to disrupt communal harmony on social media and worsen societal tensions. Additionally, they are identifying those who engage with or follow such criminal elements online.

Odisha teacher attends school in drunken state, handed show cause notice

New Delhi: A show-cause notice was issued to a headmaster of a government school for attending in a drunken state in Odisha's Jajpur, according to an official. The headmaster was employed at a primary school in Dharmasala in Jajpur. The incident came to light after the school managing committee and several parents reported it to the Block Education Officer, demanding strict action. The officer issued the notice on Thursday, giving the headmaster three days to respond. The parents and the school management also demanded the immediate transfer of the headmaster to another school, citing that he frequently arrives at school intoxicated. A viral video of the

headmaster in an inebriated state was shown to the committee. In the video, the headmaster is seen lying on the



road just a few yards from the school. Abhijit Barik, the Dharmasala Block Education Officer, stated that appropriate actions will be taken based on the headmaster's response.

"We have issued a show cause notice to the headmaster and asked him to reply in three days. After getting a reply, we will initiate appropriate action based on it," he said, as quoted by news agency PTI. This is not the first instance of a teacher attending school while intoxicated. Last year, three similar cases were reported in Jajpur district. Similar incidents have been reported in other states as well. In March this year, students from a primary school in Chhattisgarh's Bastar chased away a drunk teacher by throwing slippers at him. In February, a teacher from Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, was suspended for arriving at school in an intoxicated state.

KTR's shoutout to Omar Abdullah on Jammu and Kashmir comeback, he responds

New Delhi: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah got a shoutout from BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) after his party won a majority in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections. "Congratulations @OmarAbdullah. What a terrific comeback," KTR posted on his official X handle. "Like they say, you made sure your comeback was better than the setback. Best wishes in governing the most beautiful state of India (in anticipation that statehood will be restored soonest)." KTR was referring to the 2014 Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, where the NC was reduced to 15 seats. This time, in the first elections since the abrogation of Article 370, the NC secured 42 of the 90 seats. Its



alliance partner, the Congress, won six seats. Omar Abdullah secured victories in both Ganderbal and Budgam constituencies. The results were a vindication for his party, the Valley's oldest, and a personal triumph after his loss to then-jailed separatist Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, in the Lok Sabha polls. "Thank you very much KTR Sb.

Setbacks are only opportunities to learn & improve but in this case the credit is all to the voters of J&K," Abdullah responded on X, expressing gratitude to the electorate for their faith in the democratic process. KTR wasn't the only leader to congratulate Abdullah. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin also lauded the NC-Congress alliance, calling their victory "stupendous." "This is more than just a win for #INDIA and democracy—it's a mandate to fulfil the aspirations of restoring the dignity and statehood of Jammu and Kashmir," Stalin wrote, tagging Abdullah in the post. In his response, Abdullah thanked Stalin for his support. He extended an invitation to both KTR and Stalin to visit Jammu and Kashmir soon.

Nayab Saini likely to take oath as Haryana Chief Minister on October 15: Sources

New Delhi: BJP leader Nayab Singh Saini, who steered his party to a record third consecutive victory in the Haryana Assembly polls, is likely to take oath as the Chief Minister again on October 15, sources told India Today TV. A 10-member committee has been formed by the state chief secretary to oversee the oath-taking ceremony arrangements. The committee will be headed by the Panchkula District Commissioner. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other top leaders, including Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states, are likely to attend the oath-taking ceremony. The BJP had indicated during the elections that Nayab Singh Saini, who replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as the Chief Minister in March, will be its choice for the top post if it wins. Nayab Singh



Saini is from the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), a major vote bank in the state. Earlier this week, Nayab Singh Saini and other newly-elected BJP MLAs of Haryana met with the senior party leadership in Delhi. Nayab Singh Saini also met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP chief and Union Ministers Amit Shah and JP Nadda. Bucking a decade of anti-incumbency and defying exit poll predictions, the BJP scripted a turnaround in Haryana and ended up with its best-ever haul of 48 of 90 Assembly seats. The Congress, which was eyeing a comeback, finished with 37 seats. The JJP, which allied with the BJP from 2019 till March 2024, was decimated. The AAP failed to open its account and the INLD managed to win just two seats. Three independents, including Savitri Jindal, also won and have decided to support the BJP.

Juice Seller To Millionaire Scammer: Mahadev Betting App Accused's Empire

New Delhi: Even as Indian authorities prepare to likely receive Saurabh Chandrakar, one of the main promoters of the Mahadev betting app, sources told NDTV how the money was moved around, the extent of the nexus involved in the operation of the app and the titular role of two Chhattisgarh-based brothers. According to sources, Chandrakar's formal arrest in the Dubai was based on an Interpol-issued arrest warrant in a money laundering and fraud case. Chandrakar along with another promoter of the app, Ravi Uppal was detained and put under "house arrest" in Dubai late last year following the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) request for issuance of a Red Notice (RN) against them. Chandrakar and co-promoter Ravi Uppal hailed from Chhattisgarh's Bhillai, but operated the Mahadev betting app from Dubai. When he lived in his hometown, the former ran a juice shop. He is said to have left for Dubai in 2019.

After starting the app, the duo opened call centres in major cities of Malaysia, Thailand, UAE and India through which various subsidiary apps were made to facilitate online betting. In Chhattisgarh and other states of India, around 30 call centres were being operated with the help of two persons, identified as Sunil Damani and Anil Damani, both close aides of Chandrakar and Uppal. The ED has claimed the network consisted of around 4,000 'panel operators', based across different states in India, with handling around 200 customers placing bets. Using this method, the two made at least 200 crore daily, and managed to build a criminal empire in the UAE. Investigation by the ED found that thousand of crores were swindled through the betting and other interlinked apps, according to sources. **The money trail of a deep-running nexus** Chandrakar and Uppal, along with the



police, bureaucrats and politicians operated a nexus to run the app and manage its proceeds in India. With help from the Damanis, a large number of benami bank accounts were opened. Anil Damani was entrusted with rerouting the money obtained through hawala to pay the police, politicians and bureaucrats to avoid coming under the scanner. Money was also sent to Chandra Bhushan Verma, an Assistant Sub Inspector with Chhattisgarh Police, for the same purpose. He was in direct contact with Vinod Verma, the political advisor of then

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, with whose support he was managing the syndicate of police, bureaucrats and politicians. The Damanis also sent large sums of cash to the promoters in UAE through hawala. During questioning, Anil Dmani said that in the last 2-3 years, Sunil Damani and he carried out transactions to the tune of 60-65 crore through hawala on the request of Uppal, while he was given 6 lakh. He added that they run the hawala ring through their jewellery shop. Call Detail Records show the Damanis have been in constant contact with Chandrakar and Uppal. Satish Chandrakar, who was arrested in this case by the ED, was running four call centres and had a five percent stake. He too was tasked with overseeing the illegal money transactions. Probe also revealed that Satish Chandrakar was also connected to gangster and drug mafia boss Tapan Sarkar, who is on the run in the case.

Best ways to decorate your space with Plants



Plants look just adorable and keeping them indoors not only brings life to the entire place but they also improve the air quality by reducing toxins existing in the atmosphere so make sure you are decorating your abode with plants nicely.

Myna Batavia, Founder of Green Carpet, and Preeti Narula, Founder of Living Balconies, list down ways to decorate your house with plants.

* Your living room is the best place to be decorated with a lot of greenery. Potted plants are the best choice to be kept in the living room. These pots are available in different sizes and colours to suit your requirements. Ensure that they are visible over the furniture kept in the living room.

* The dining area should be graced with plants such as money plants, bamboo plants, and ferns in glass bottles and vases.

* Embellish your bedroom with indoor plants such as Sansevieria which increases oxygen levels at night to have a sound sleep. You can keep small potted plants on bedside tables on either side of the bed.

* In the open space or balconies, install a shelf or hanging flower boxes along the railings to make it look attractive from outside. Also planter in sync with wall colours and embellishing the place with animal artefacts will increase the beauty

Here are few ways to decorate your house with plants. You can keep small potted plants on bedside tables on either side of the bed. Use your old crockery set for planting to decorate your kitchen, living room, and even bathrooms.

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* Also just to fill in the empty area of your apartment, you can try keeping big plants in colourful pots.

* Decorate your living space with indoor plants as they make any area feel bright,

lively, calm and beautiful.

* Place your plants on shelves or wooden pallets to create a mini indoor garden.

* One can also hang indoor plants like Chinese money plant, Staghorn ferns, snake plants and weeping fig in the balcony.

* Use your old crockery set for planting to decorate your kitchen, living room, and even bathrooms.

* Make your own terrarium with succulents to create a decorative piece in your kid's room or dining table.

5 cheap and easy ways to get rid of ants

Even though they are tiny, ants are irritating and create lot of destruction with their presence in the house. Their long trail leads to a burrow into the ground or kitchen counter-tops and then there is no way you can get rid of them. They march in hundreds and aim at your favourite food left open making you run for its life. They appear in numbers from nowhere and attack at the eatables left unattended. Did you know that some of the queen ants can give birth to millions of babies. Whoa! Doesn't that sound scary? Though killing ants is not a great idea but you can definitely avoid their excursion to your home. Here are few easy hacks that will solve the purpose and are also not expensive methods. Take a look:



systems and outer skeletons of ants resulting in death.

Citrus peels

Leave citrus peels like cucumber peels in the areas known to ants. These peels are toxic to the types of fungi that ants feed on, so ants do their best to avoid them. You can also use the citrus peels of lemon and oranges.

Flour

Ants repel flour and hence you can sprinkle some of it at the back of the kitchen shelves and the entry-points of the ants. Yes, it is true!

Salt

Sprinkle salt across the door frame or on their path and see the difference. Ants will be discouraged from crossing the barrier created.

Vinegar

Vinegar is the king of all home remedies and you must have it stocked up all the time at your home. Mix white vinegar and water in equal quantities and wipe down your kitchen counter-tops, cupboards and places where you generally spot ants. Keep repeating throughout the day. Ants hate the smell of vinegar and the solution also removes their scent trails.

Borax

You can mix Borax and sugar and place the mixture where ants can find it. But be careful if you have little kids and pets at home, the mixture can be toxic. Borax damages the digestive

At home with Ultra Violet



steps and not go overboard."

Ultra violet, with its bold and vivid blue, is a perfect match with raw materials such as concrete and natural wood. For statement corners, try ultra violet in different combinations; with sage green, lemon yellow, or vermilion. "In small spaces, avoid using ultra violet vertically like in curtains and walls. Use in small accessories on floor and below eye level," suggests decor expert Vaishnavi Pratima. In large spaces, experiment with walls in ultra violet juxtaposed against contrasting furniture.

— Additional inputs from decor expert Anuja Joshi

Complex and contemplative in equal parts, ultra violet is often associated with mindfulness practices. A reason why you are likely to spot purple-toned lighting in meditative spaces. The colour is said to fill people with energy and positivity and inspire connection. Why not embrace the hue to bring some happiness and tranquility into your home?

UV ways

Decor expert Astha Khetan says that

ultra violet adds a certain depth to a space. Whether you are using a statement pillow, painting, accent wall, a few sprigs of lilac or a vintage rug - a simple touch of the magical hue is all you need to transform your space. Her advice: "The easiest way to start decorating with a new colour is to take baby

How to go UV?

Pick jewel tones for a strong visual punch. But the idea is to make an impact without being garish

Make sure your colours stay sophisticated by choosing shades from the same family that are not all too bright

Mix dark and romantic purple with other super-saturated dark colours and rich fabrics like velvet Use flowers like pansies, iris, phlox, hydrangea, petunia, verbenas, freesia, and columbin

Use vases made in violet assortment A tricky hue for homes, if you play it right UV can be the pop of colour that your house needs.

Violet can be used in dining couture too. Think a white table with UV napkins. Bring in violet accessories like candle stands, lampshades, vases to add a splash of colour



Five decor trends that are making a comeback

If you are someone who is fond of warm, comforting and old-fashioned styles, especially when it comes to doing up your home, its definitely time for you to rejoice. The upcoming year, 2018 is expected to see some old, overdone and overused decor styles making a comeback with a vengeance and once more, to grab its position in the limelight.

Though trends and style are ever-changing and ever-evolving concepts, many will agree that the bottom line will continue to be the same always — any kind of decor works only when it can make a house feel like home.

Here's looking at a few dated trends that are expected to be a hit next season...

Metal and more

Using brass in fixtures, table lamps and furniture accents has been around forever, and this trend is surely not going anywhere soon. So pick up stylish chandeliers, floor lamps in shiny golden metal



who are cooped up in studio apartments; however, big and extra-large furniture is sure to take up space in the top hottest decor trends list for the coming year. If not all, opting for at least one statement x-large piece of furniture could help you be in vogue.

Golds and greens

The avocado green was a big hit in the 70s. Home decor professionals say that this colour is all set to take up center stage once more. You could choose to use it on walls or furnishings, all the while balancing it with golds. Bright golds and yellows can make your home look brighter and warmer all the while adding a certain fresh charm to the room.

Framed forever

Displaying a cluster of pictures all over one wall has been done to death. But the fact that filling a wall with pictures that matter to you will never really go out of style. Gallery walls are expected to make a comeback next year, say experts.

Choosing monochrome

The sheer sophistication of monochrome will always ensure that it never goes out of style. The statement a stark black and white decor can make is unparalleled and will appeal to you if you are a follower of the minimalist style. This decor trend is holding on to its position at the top for a long time presumably.

Extra-large luxe

The luxury of space might not really be for many Mumbaikars

Gold, silver price : Precious metals record hike on MCX

NEW DELHI Both gold and silver prices recorded a hike on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Friday, October 10, 2024. Old futures, maturing on December 5, 2024, stood at Rs 75,841 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a jump of Rs 544 or 0.72 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 75,297.

Meanwhile, silver futures, maturing on December 5, 2024, witnessed a marginal hike of Rs 671 or 0.74 per cent and were retailing at Rs 90,975 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 90,304. **GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN MAJOR CITIES** The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors, including the value of the rupee against the dollar. Global demand also plays a key role in determining the trends observed in the rate of precious metals.

GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET

Gold prices climbed on Friday after recent data supported bets for a Federal Reserve interest rate cut next month, while market participants awaited the U.S. Producer Price Index (PPI) report for further direction, news agency Reuters reported. According to the latest metal report, spot gold gained 0.5 per cent at \$2,641.70 per ounce by 0245 GMT, while, U.S. gold futures rose 0.7 per cent to \$2,658.90.

Samsung says it will continue to work with govt

NEW DELHI. Technology giant Samsung announced on Thursday that it will continue to work with the Government of India and various states where it operates. This statement from the South Korean tech giant came in response to media reports from Tamil Nadu suggesting that the company is planning to leave the state following prolonged protests at its Sriperumbudur plant. Thousands of workers have been protesting at Samsung's facility in Sriperumbudur, on the outskirts of Chennai. The protests have entered the second month, with workers demanding recognition of their union and improvements in working conditions.

"Samsung has been a strong partner in India's growth journey for nearly three decades and committed to the government's 'Make in India' initiative. We will continue to work with the Government of India and various states where we are present, to realize their vision of nation building through investments in manufacturing, R&D, responsible citizenship and



transformational innovations. We are thankful to the Tamil Nadu Government for their support," said a spokesperson of Samsung.

Samsung's Sriperumbudur plant, operational since 2007, has never before encountered such a protest. This plant is a crucial production unit, accounting for one-third of its annual revenue in India, approximately \$12 billion. The strike, which began on September 9, was driven by workers' demands for higher wages, specifically a raise from Rs 25,000 to Rs 36,000 over the next three years, as well as official recognition of their union.

Equity fund inflows drop 11% in Sept; sectoral funds continue to drive growth

NEW DELHI. Inflows into equity mutual funds saw a drop of 11% in September even as thematic and sectoral funds continue to drive healthy collections. In September, net inflows into equity funds fell to Rs 34,419 crore from Rs 38,239 crore in the previous month. The drop in equity fund inflows was despite a 2% jump in the equity markets during the month.

According to experts, the drop in equity fund inflows could be owing to investors' concern over valuation, increasing geo-political uncertainty and moderation in earnings, resulting in redemption from equity funds. Of the Rs 34,419 crore net inflows into equity funds in September, sectoral and thematic funds accounted for Rs 13,254 crore, or 38.5% of the net inflows during the



month. In August, these funds had accounted for 47% of the total inflows. Mid and small cap funds continue to remain big draws for investors as they together accounted for Rs 9,000 crore net inflows into equity funds. Of Rs 2.03 lakh crore net inflows in the current financial year (April-Sep) in equity-oriented funds, 47% or Rs 96,489 crore has come into sectoral/thematic funds, largely driven by launch of new funds.

Cautioning investors of pumping money in new fund offers, Abhishek Tiwari, chief business officer, PGIM India AMC, says investing in this category can be highly rewarding in the short to medium term, but it comes with relatively higher risk as one has to get the timing of entry and exit right in a sector fund, especially the ones which are narrow and dominated by a top-down view. Meanwhile, net asset under management (AUM) of the mutual fund industry grew in September to Rs 67.09 lakh crore as on 30 September, up 4.65% month-on-month. At the end of August 2024, the net AUM was Rs 66.70 lakh crore.

Exporters can now claim rebates on output side

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notifications and schemes outlined in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP).

According to the sub-rule (10) of Rule 96 in the CGST rules, if one has used certain tax benefits or exemptions on the materials imported or bought locally, one cannot claim a refund of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) that was paid when exporting goods or services. In other words, if one received some form of tax relief on inputs, one won't be able to

get a refund on the export tax. The repeal of Rule 96(10) is expected to offer substantial relief to numerous exporters whose transitional credits had been effectively blocked due to the restrictive conditions imposed by the rule. Under the previous regime, exporters who claimed certain benefits under FTP schemes were barred from claiming a rebate of taxes on exported goods, leading to operational challenges and financial strain. The rule's

deletion now enables these exporters to claim rebates on the output side without the risk of being disqualified due to simultaneous claims under FTP schemes. Experts advise exporters affected by Rule 96(10) to review their rebate claims and transitional credits in light of this notification. They also advise them to consult tax professionals to ensure that all claims are aligned with the updated regulatory framework, which takes effect from 8 October 2024. This will ensure that exporters fully leverage the relief provided by the deletion of Rule 96(10), while maintaining compliance with the revised CGST rules. According to Vishal Kulkarni, Director of Tax, Teva Pharmaceuticals, India, the deletion of this rule will enable ease of doing business in India, fostering a business-friendly environment in India. 'Deletion of Rule 96(10) serves a dual purpose' first, it provides relief to taxpayers whose transitional credits were previously blocked. Secondly, its removal strengthens the argument that the rule, in its earlier form, was ambiguous, and possibly arbitrary, said Abhishek A Rastogi, founder, Rastogi Chambers.

Garuda Construction and Engineering IPO allotment: Online guide to check status

NEW DELHI. The allotment for the initial public offering (IPO) of Garuda Construction and Engineering is to be finalised today after having seen a muted response from investors compared to how the other public issues have performed in recent times. Garuda Construction and Engineering IPO opened for bidding on October 8 and closed on October 10, looking to raise Rs 264.10 crore. The Garuda Construction and Engineering IPO was subscribed 7.55 times overall. By October 10, the public issue saw 10.81 times subscription in the retail category, 1.24 times in the Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIB) category, and 9.03 times in the Non-Institutional Investors (NII) category. Investors who have bid for Garuda Construction and Engineering Limited can check their



allotment status online. They can log in to either the BSE website or the website of Link Intime India Private Ltd, the registrar for the issue. Bidders can expect notifications, alerts, or emails regarding the debit of their funds or the revocation of their IPO mandate either over the weekend or by Monday, October 14. The Mumbai-based construction company experienced a

subdued response from investors. Choose 'Garuda Construction and Engineering Limited' from the list.

Put in your application number and PAN card ID. Confirm that you're not a robot and submit steps to check allotment through Link Intime Limited. Visit the Link Intime India Private Ltd website. Select 'Garuda Construction and Engineering'. Choose the Application Number/Demat Account/PAN option and enter the details. Enter the Captcha. Click on the 'SUBMIT' option. Expected listing gains for Garuda Construction and Engineering The grey market premium (GMP) for Garuda Construction and Engineering has seen a significant drop due to the lacklustre investor interest. The latest reports suggest that the company is not commanding any premium in the unofficial market, indicating a minimal listing gain for investors.

TCS profit logs 5% growth in Q2; revenue up 7.6%

MUMBAI. Tata Consultancy Services, the largest software exporter from the country, has logged in a 5% growth in net income at Rs 11,909 crore, earning an 18.5% profit margin from a Rs 64,259-crore revenue that has clipped at 7.6% y-o-y in the September quarter, following the passing of Ratan Naval Tata late Wednesday night due to age-related ailments, the emeritus chairman of the group as well as the parent Tata Sons, has called off the planned post-earnings presser to mourn the timely demise of its ex-chairman under whom it has become the largest software exporter and also the group's cash cow. On a sequential basis, net income inched down by 1.1%, missing Street expectations. Despite the better than expected numbers, the TCS counter declined 50 bps to Rs 4,228.40 on the BSE at close after hitting a high of Rs 4,293.30 intra-



day. he earnings were declared after the market hours. The quarter saw the company netting an operating margin of 24.1% helping it fetch a net margin of 18.5%. This had net cash

12.3%. As much as 35.5% of its people are women. The company has declared a dividend of Rs 10/share with the record date being October 18.

"We saw the cautious trends of the past few quarters continue to play out in this quarter as well. Amidst an uncertain geopolitical situation, our biggest vertical of BFSI showed signs of recovery. We also saw a strong performance in our growth markets," the company's CEO K. Krithivasan said.

Milind Lakkad, the HR head, said the company welcomed 11,000 associates in the first half of the year, and remains on track for trainee onboarding as planned. "We have also commenced the campus hiring process for FY26. Our strong talent base and increased learning intensity prepares us well for the complex technology transformations that customers entrust us with," he added.



completed the list of top losers with a drop of 0.70%. Attractive valuations in other markets, particularly in Chinese stocks, will facilitate further selling by FIIs in India since Indian valuations are elevated. Concerns of earnings downgrades in H2 FY 25 render Indian valuations difficult to sustain. However, the sustained flows into the domestic mutual funds, where monthly SIPs have set a new record of Rs 24,500 in September, will ensure that all FII selling will be easily absorbed by DII buying. This has been the trend in October so far," he added. The Nifty Smallcap100 index led the gains, rising by 0.67%, while the Nifty Midcap100 index also performed well, posting a gain of 0.27%. The India VIX, often referred to as the fear index, saw a notable decline of 2.37%. Several sectors posted gains, with Nifty Media leading the way, up by 1.30%. Nifty Metal also performed strongly, rising 1.29%.

With unwavering integrity, Ratan Tata prioritised values over profit

Whether it was a critical boardroom decision or a personal challenge, Ratan Tata remained a figure of calm and clarity.

NEW DELHI. Ratan Tata's leadership transcends the boundaries of business; he shaped not only the Tata Group but also everyone fortunate enough to work with him. He was a visionary, the first to push Tata into the global stage with bold moves like acquiring Jaguar Land Rover and Corus Steel. It wasn't just about expanding—it was about setting a precedent for what Indian businesses could achieve internationally. He had the foresight to think beyond borders, but what made him truly stand out was the way he did it—with unwavering integrity, always prioritising values over profit. In the many years I've been associated with the Tata Group, his influence has been

ever-present. Whether it was a critical boardroom decision or a personal challenge, Ratan Tata remained a figure of calm and clarity. He never allowed the weight of a situation to cloud his judgement. This ability to stay composed under pressure is something I've tried to emulate in my own career. His wisdom wasn't forceful but gentle, and his approach inspired confidence. There was never a moment where I didn't feel heard or supported when seeking his guidance. One of the most remarkable traits Ratan Tata displayed was his deep commitment to fairness. No matter how challenging the decision, he was guided by principles, ensuring that everyone was treated with respect and dignity. Even when he was in a position of immense power, he never took advantage of it. He led with a quiet strength that made people want to follow him, not because they had to, but because they trusted him. That trust came from his consistency—he never wavered in his ethics or his belief in doing the right thing. But beyond his business acumen, it was his humanity that touched me most. His humility was perhaps his greatest

strength. Despite his monumental achievements, Ratan Tata was never above sitting down and listening to anyone who had something to say, no matter their rank or title. He was open to new ideas, always curious, and willing to embrace innovation. His genuine interest in people and technology made him a forward-thinking leader. He constantly pushed boundaries while keeping his feet firmly on the ground. Working with him taught me the true essence of leadership: it's not about individual success but about nurturing those around you. He believed that Tata's greatest asset was its people, and his ability to recognize potential and cultivate it was nothing short of extraordinary. I've seen firsthand how he built teams, not just with talent but with a sense of shared purpose and belonging. He understood that the strength of an organisation lies in the collective effort of its people, and that is a lesson I carry with me in every endeavor. Ratan Tata's contributions to philanthropy also left an indelible mark on me. His belief in giving back was as strong as his belief in business. Whether it was improving access to healthcare, revolutionising

education, championing animal welfare, or working on sanitation projects, his quiet but impactful philanthropy changed lives. He never sought recognition for these efforts; his focus was always on making a difference where it mattered most. What I've admired most about him is how he handled life's challenges—both professional and personal—with grace. Even in difficult times, he was always warm, approachable, and willing to listen. His ability to remain sharp and thoughtful, while also being compassionate, has been a guiding light for me. In times of doubt or difficulty, I often reflect on his calm demeanor and the lessons he imparted, which were not just about business but about life. In many ways, Ratan Tata shaped not just my career but my personal outlook. He taught me that leadership is about more than results—it's about the legacy you leave through the people you touch, the values you uphold, and the humility with which you carry yourself. His influence on my life is something I hold dear, and I am endlessly grateful for the wisdom.

NEWS BOX

Lionel Messi's return spoiled as Venezuela hold Argentina, Brazil edge past Chile

New Delhi Argentina were held to a 1-1 draw by Venezuela in South American World Cup qualifiers, marking Lionel Messi's return to international action. The 37-year-old captain, back after recovering from an injury suffered in the Copa América final against Colombia, was instrumental in Argentina's early goal. On a waterlogged pitch, delayed by half an hour due to heavy rain, Messi set up Nicolás Otamendi to open the scoring just 13 minutes into the match. However, Venezuela fought back in the second half, with Salomón Rondón's header from a Yerferson Soteldo cross leveling the game. Gerónimo Rulli, standing in for the suspended Emiliano "Dibu" Martínez, was beaten by Rondón's strike. Despite the draw, Argentina remains atop the standings with 19 points, while Venezuela climbed to sixth with 11 points. Argentina next faces Bolivia, while Venezuela will take on Paraguay. "It



was an ugly match. We couldn't even make two passes in a row, the ball stopped because of the water on the pitch. It is difficult to play in these conditions, the pitch did not help," Messi told TyC Sports after the game.

Brazil beat Chile in thriller

Meanwhile, Brazil managed a dramatic 2-1 comeback victory over Chile. After a disappointing loss to Paraguay, Brazil fell behind early when Eduardo Vargas headed in a goal just two minutes into the game from a Felipe Loyola cross. Chile missed several chances to extend their lead, allowing Brazil to equalize in first-half stoppage time through Igor Jesus, who powered in a header from Savinho's cross. Brazil dominated the second half and found the winner in the 89th minute, as Luiz Henrique curled a strike from the edge of the box to secure the crucial three points. The win lifted Brazil to fourth place in the standings with 13 points, trailing Uruguay by two and Argentina by eight.

Other Results

Other results on October 10 saw 10-man Bolivia upset Colombia 1-0 and Ecuador and Paraguay play out a goalless draw.

Tom Latham's plan for New Zealand against India: No fear, take it to them

New Delhi. New Zealand's newly-appointed Test captain, Tom Latham, has urged his team to adopt a fearless approach as they prepare for a three-match series against India. Latham, who took over the captaincy after Tim Southee stepped down following the recent series against Sri Lanka, aims to steer the team out of a tough stretch of four consecutive World Test Championship losses, which have effectively dashed their hopes of reaching the final. Latham's first challenge as full-time skipper will be leading the Black Caps in India, with matches scheduled in Bengaluru, Pune, and Mumbai over the next three weeks. Historically, New Zealand has struggled in India, securing just two Test wins in 36 matches, with the last victories coming in 1969 in Nagpur and 1988



in Mumbai. As quoted by ESPNcricinfo, Latham said that he is hoping the Blackcaps will play with a bit of freedom and attempt to take the game to the Indian side.

The New Zealand captain said that his players have got plans ready for the series and will be aiming to fine tune those things. "From my point of view it's about trying to continue doing the good stuff we've been doing, trying to put my spin on things," Latham said. "It's an exciting challenging going over to India and once we can go over there hopefully [we can] play with a bit of freedom, bit of no fear and try and take it to them. If we do that hopefully gives ourselves a good chance. "Think in India we've seen teams that have done well out there in the past have been quite aggressive towards them, especially with the bat. They've looked to play a few shots, but also put them under pressure which is really important over there, rather than sitting and waiting for something to happen. We'll decide on how we want to play when we get over there, but guys have got plans around how they like to approach things and hopefully we can fine tune those."

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Leaning on past experiences

Latham has previously captained New Zealand's Test team in nine matches, stepping in for Kane Williamson between 2020 and 2022.

Thank you Rafael Nadal for teaching the world why it's important to not give up

New Delhi Let's face it—Rafael Nadal didn't just play tennis, he fought it. Every point, every match, every tournament felt like a life-or-death battle, and we, the fans, have been lucky enough to witness his gladiatorial spirit. So when he announced that it was time to put a full stop to his competitive career, it felt like a gut punch—like we'd lost a warrior from the arena. Sure, the Davis Cup in London is set to be his swan song, but deep down, it's hard to let go of the idea that we'll never see Nadal claw his way back from the brink of defeat on a world stage again. Nadal on clay? It's like a superhero finding his power source. His topspin forehand spun like it was defying gravity, and his footwork was as smooth as salsa on the slow, red surface. But what truly made Nadal the King of Clay is his stamina—this guy could run a marathon, then casually crush a five-set match like it's a warm-up. At Roland Garros, he built a fortress—14 French Open titles and a 63-title record on clay! The rest of the tennis world? They're just trying to keep up in his gritty, clay-streaked wake. We will never truly grasp the extent of what Rafael Nadal put his body through—how many times he pushed, twisted, iced, and numbed it, just to keep bringing that famous "Vamos" roar to life. He wasn't one to dwell on the gory details, though. For Nadal, you either

won or you didn't. No excuses. No complaints. And if you got the chance to battle again, you were just grateful. His mindset was simple: suffer if you must, but fight till the end. The gruelling reality behind his success was laid bare in 2022 when he claimed his 14th French Open title—his 22nd and final Grand Slam—on a foot he essentially shut down with pain-numbing injections. When asked just how many shots he took to make it happen, Nadal's deadpan response was classic: "It's better you don't know." That sums up Nadal, doesn't it? A man willing to walk through fire—or in this case, numb his foot completely—just to add one more chapter to his already mythic legacy.

How Tennis World Reacted to Rafael Nadal's Retirement

How many times have we seen Nadal rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes of what looked like an inevitable defeat? Remember that insane rivalry with Federer at Wimbledon in 2008? Or his back-and-forth duels with Djokovic, particularly at Roland Garros, where Djokovic managed to break his clay-court dominance—only twice, mind you. For most players, a 97% win rate on any surface would be unfathomable, but for Nadal? It's just Tuesday on the red clay of



Paris. Now, there was no golden farewell for Rafa. No sun-soaked final victory lap, no dramatic final set with confetti raining down. Sure, injuries dimmed his light this year, but we still saw flashes of the old Rafa—those sharp forehands that cut through the air like a scythe and the sheer will to win that seemed to make the tennis ball bend to his will. Four of his 14 French Open titles were won without dropping a single set. I mean, come on! Who does that? Then, there's the statue at Roland Garros, a ten-foot steel tribute to Rafa's intensity. Let's be honest, who else could earn a statue while still playing? It sits there, poised mid-forehand, reminding every player walking through those gates who

owns that clay.

Rafael Nadal's Full Retirement Statement And what a journey it has been. From the sleeveless-kid wonder in 2005 to the elder statesman of 2022, Nadal never once took his foot off the gas. Whether it was taking down Federer in their epic battles or grinding out a match point against Djokovic, Nadal's sheer willpower seemed limitless. He wasn't just playing for titles; he was playing to prove that no matter the obstacle, it could be overcome. Injuries tried to stop him.

Opponents tried to break him. But Rafa always came back stronger. For every loss, he had five wins. For every setback, there was a comeback. His career has been the ultimate "how-to" manual on perseverance, written in blood, sweat, and the occasional bandage. Diagnosed with Mueller-Weiss syndrome back in 2005, Nadal defied every physical limitation the experts placed on him. Bad knees, back pain, broken ribs, and a foot that practically gave up on him—none of it stopped him. He didn't just conquer the clay at Roland Garros; he figured out grass, dominated hard courts, and crafted some of the sport's greatest moments, like his miraculous comeback at the 2022 Australian Open.

Kisme Virat Kohli's hilarious reaction to fan's Border Gavaskar Trophy request

Virat Kohli had a hilarious reaction when a fan asked him to set the Border Gavaskar Trophy stage on fire in Australia. Kohli will be a key player for India during the series down under, which will begin in November.



New Delhi. India's star batter Virat Kohli had a hilarious reaction when a fan told him to be on fire during the Border-Gavaskar trophy. Kohli returned to the Test team during the Bangladesh series after having missed the England one earlier in the year. Despite failure in the Chennai Test, Kohli would show his aggressive side in the match in Kanpur, where he scored 47 off 35 balls and remained unbeaten on 29 as India won the

match by 7 wickets. In a video that has been circulating on social media on October 11, Friday, Kohli can be seen interacting with fans as he made his way to the car. As the star batter was about to enter the car, a fan told Kohli to set the BGT

stage on fire in Australia. To this, Kohli had a surprised reaction and he would ask "Kisme? (In what?)"

The fan would then reply to him telling it was the BGT series to which, Kohli just said "acha (ok)." You can see the full interaction below: While the dating of the video is unknown, it seems like Kohli is back in India ahead of the New Zealand series, which will begin on October 16, with the first Test taking place in Bengaluru.

Kohli's record in Border Gavaskar Trophy Kohli has a stellar record in the Border Gavaskar Trophy, scoring 2042 runs from 25 matches at an average of 47.49. In Australia, the star batter has 1352 runs in 13 matches, with 6 hundreds and 4 fifties to his name. When India won the BGT in 2020-21, Kohli had to head back home for the birth of his daughter. India would win the series 2-1 and will be hoping that Kohli can play a big role in them retaining their crown.

We gave our soul for George Baldock in England win: Greece's Vangelis Pavlidis

Greece's hero against England, Vangelis Pavlidis, claimed that the entire team gave their soul for George Baldock in their historic win at Wembley on October 10, Thursday. Pavlidis scored a brace as Greece defeated England 2-1.



New Delhi. Greece's hero against England, Vangelis Pavlidis, claimed that the team gave their soul for George Baldock in their historic win over England on October 10, Thursday. Greece secured a historic 2-1 victory over England in the Nations League at Wembley, with Pavlidis scoring a brace, including the stoppage time winner.

However, the triumph was tinged with emotion, as the Greek team paid tribute to British-born Greek international George Baldock, who tragically passed away earlier this week. Baldock, aged 31, was found dead in a swimming pool at his home in Glyfada, just months after joining Panathinaikos from Sheffield United. The defender, of Greek

ancestry, earned 12 caps for Greece, with his final appearance coming in March.

Before kickoff, a minute of silence was observed in Baldock's memory, and despite Greece's first-ever win against England, the mood at the final whistle was somber. The Greek players honored Baldock by lifting a shirt bearing his name during their subdued celebrations. Speaking after the match, as quoted by Reuters, Pavlidis said that it wasn't a day to talk about football and their thoughts were with Baldock and his family. "It was a very special day and match for us.

Our thoughts are with George," Pavlidis said. "We are professionals and had to play the match. We gave our soul for him tonight. Today is not a day to talk about football. He was part of our team. We will miss him very much." Also to wish strength to his family and not talk about football. The whole day was numb. We won tonight and don't want to celebrate. There are just no words."

How the match unfolded

Pavlidis opened the scoring in the second half with a sharp finish and was a constant threat, with Greece having three additional goals ruled out. Jude Bellingham appeared to salvage a point for England when he equalized in the 87th minute. However, Pavlidis sealed the win deep into stoppage time, scoring his second of the night to secure Greece's place at the top of Group B2 with nine points. England, led by interim manager Lee Carsley, suffered their first defeat, leaving them in second place with six points.



shine, Nakamura expressed disappointment about the current state of American chess, which influenced his decision to skip the Chess Olympiad after participating for seven consecutive editions from 2006 to 2018. His absence raised eyebrows, particularly after American GM Wesley So suggested the U.S. could have easily won gold if Nakamura had competed. Responding to So's comments, Nakamura argued that the Indian players, particularly Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi, were exceptional throughout the tournament, effectively clinching two points in every match. "Wesley was being emotional. I think he's just wrong. Even if I had played, I don't know if it would have changed the outcome," he stated. Nakamura also highlighted issues within American chess, criticising the minimal participation of players in events and suggesting that many ratings are inflated due to limited competition. He pointed to players like Levon Aronian, who maintain high ratings by competing in fewer tournaments, as indicative of a broader problem. Moreover, Nakamura shared that financial considerations played a significant role in his decision to skip the Olympiad.

Shots of Pietersen, rhythm of Root: Nasser Hussain's heavy praise for Harry Brook

Nasser Hussain has claimed that Harry Brook has the shots of Kevin Pietersen and the rhythm and hunger of Joe Root after the 25-year-old scored a blazing 317 in the Multan Test on October 10, Thursday.

New Delhi. England's Harry Brook was heavily praised by Nasser Hussain after he scored an incredible triple hundred against Pakistan on Day 4 of the Multan Test. Starting the day on 142, Brook continued his

fine run in Pakistan and piled on the misery on the hosts as he created history by scoring the second-fastest triple hundred in the history of Tests.

Reaching the landmark in just 310 balls, Brook's innings would come to an end at 317. England would end up scoring 823 runs in the first innings, the fourth-highest score in the history of Test cricket. Speaking to Sky Sports, Hussain said that Brook's triple hundred at a run a ball is something that is unheard of. The former England captain pointed out that Brook is a mixture of Pietersen's shots and the rhythm and hunger of Joe Root. "You get a run-a-ball fifty maybe in Test cricket, but a triple-hundred at virtually a run a ball is unheard of! It was a phenomenal knock. I saw a tweet actually and I quite agree with it: Harry Brook has the shots of Kevin Pietersen and the rhythm and hunger of Joe Root," said Hussain.



"If you named five of England's greatest ever players, Pietersen and Root would be in there. He has the 'flamingo' shot he plays like Pietersen, plus the Yorkshire grit of Root, and his tempo."

"One lad you have to look out for is Harry Brook"

Hussain also recalled how Root had once mentioned about Brook five years ago and said that the 25-year-old was someone to watch out for. Hussain feels that Brook would have grown up watching Root play and now is breaking records along with him in the England team.

"I remember being at The Oval about five years ago and I was about to go up to Headingley for a [T20] Blast game, and Joe said to me, 'One lad you have to look out for is Harry Brook'. You can see what he saw in Brook. He is beautiful to watch. Brook would have grown up watching Root bat, and now he is out there breaking records with him," said Hussain. England are just 4 wickets away from winning the Multan Test, with Pakistan left reeling at 152 for 6 in the second innings and trailing by 115 runs.



Radhika Madan

On 'Nepotism' In Bollywood: 'Meri Ek Galti Hogi Toh Merko Toh Nikaal Denge'

Radhika Madan, who started her career in television with *Meri Aashiqui Tum Se Hi* and transitioned to Bollywood with her 2018 debut in *Pataakha*, has spoken about "nepotism in the industry". She acknowledged that actors with family ties and connections in the film world often have an easier path compared to outsiders like herself. Her statement comes after nearly six years in the industry, where she has worked on various projects and observed the challenges of being an outsider. During her conversation with Shubhankar Mishra on his YouTube chat show *Unplugged*, Radhika opened up about the "presence of nepotism" in Bollywood, just like any other industry. She highlighted that star kids get ample amount of opportunities to learn from their mistakes, but with outsiders, that ain't the case. "Unko seekhane k liye 2-3 filmein aur mil jaati hai ki 'Abhi seekh jaega, arey dekho improvement hai, arey third film mein kitna accha lag raha hai.'" (They are offered 2-3 films to learn from their mistakes, and people pat on their backs for improving with every film.)" She continued, "You can't act, we gave you an opportunity, you're out." Radhika emphasised that outsiders often develop strong survival instincts because they know they won't get many chances. "Meri ek galati hogi toh meko toh nikaal denge, merko nhi mauke milne wale 2-3 filmon ke, acting seekhane ke liye (I could be replaced after just one mistake, and I won't have the luxury of learning through multiple films)," the actress stated. She also pointed out that outsiders are expected to have perfected their craft before coming to the set, while there are no such expectations for star kids. Previously, in 2020, when Sushant Singh Rajput suddenly passed away, the topic of nepotism exploded on social media, with many celebrities sharing their opinions on the matter. Radhika, too, discussed the topic with the *Hindustan Times* and mentioned, "We outsiders don't have the luxury of choice. When I started out, it wasn't like a line of scripts were lying with me, and I could choose the best or zero in on the director or banner to debut with. Tab yeh tha ki jo ho raha hai aur achha lag raha hai, mujhe mil jaye bus (It was like I had to choose from whatever was happening, and I liked it). It's not easy as an outsider." After her debut in Bollywood with *Pataakha*, co-starring Sanya Malhotra, Radhika rose to fame with her work alongside the late Irrfan Khan on *Angrezi Medium*. *Monica*, *O My Darling*, *Kutney*, *Saas*, *Bahu Aur Flamingo* and *Sarfira* are some of her other notable works.



Kajol in Shock as Jaya Bachchan Kisses Her, Fans Notice Her in Her Happiest Form



Kajol and Jaya Bachchan's video went viral today, leaving fans surprised. The video captured a moment when Jaya Bachchan surprises Kajol with a kiss. The adorable interaction happened while they were celebrating Durga puja in Mumbai. They even hugged each other. In the video, shared by Manav Manglani, we can see Kajol dressed up in a beautiful saree and Jaya Bachchan opted for a yellow colour saree. Both were indulged in a conversation when suddenly Jaya Bachchan planted a kiss on Kajol's cheek. Kajol was shocked and also burst into laughter at the same time. Fans were quick to notice Kajol's reaction. One of the fans wrote, "So nice bond they share". Another wrote, "First time seeing Jayaji happy and in good mood". Earlier, a video surfaced online showing Kajol and Jaya reuniting at the North Bombay Sarbojanin Durga Puja Pandal on Thursday morning. The actresses were seen offering their prayers to Durga Maa and catching up afterward. While they were chatting, a group of people blowing whistles took them by surprise. The noise annoyed Kajol. She asked who was whistling in the room. In another video, Kajol was also seen directing the crowd to move. She asked the crowd to make way for to others once they had offered their prayers. For the unversed, the North Bombay Sarbojanin Durga Puja Pandal is managed by Kajol and Rani, and their family. Every year, the cousins welcome the Durga idol and host people from their families and others in the city. Every year, the pandal was hosted at Tulip Star Hotel. However, due to the sale of the property, the family shifted the celebrations to SNDT Women's University ground in Juhu.

Bigg Boss Kannada 11: Dharma Keerthi Raj And Aishwarya Shindogi's Bond Garner Attention



In *Bigg Boss Kannada* Season 11, the blossoming romance between Dharma Keerthi Raj and Aishwarya Shindogi is becoming more evident with each passing day. Recently, Dharma Keerthi accidentally injured his hand while cutting vegetables in the house. Aishwarya, noticing his injury right away, rushed and tended to him with great care. After making sure he was alright, Aishwarya took it upon herself to finish cutting the vegetables, stepping in to ensure he didn't have to continue. Their growing bond has captured the attention of both housemates and viewers alike. The other contestants, eager to play matchmakers, are taking every opportunity to tease Aishwarya and Dharma, playfully stirring the pot and amplifying the chemistry between the two. Their light-hearted banter and humorous remarks not only add to the fun atmosphere in the house, but also serve to strengthen the budding relationship between Aishwarya and Dharma. As they encourage this connection, the playful teasing creates a vibrant energy that further ignites their growing bond, making their interactions all the more captivating for the viewers.

Aishwarya clarified that there is nothing romantic happening between her and Dharma Keerthi Raj. When the show's host, actor Kiccha Sudeep posed a question to the housemates, the board displayed that all the contestants except Aishwarya Shindogi and Dharma Keerthi Raj answered "yes." When prompted to explain their responses, Aishwarya firmly stated, "There is nothing between us." Fellow contestants took the opportunity to tease both of them, playfully questioning why they had been touching each other's shoulders. This banter added a humorous twist to the ongoing discussions about their relationship, further entertaining the audience. Hamsa also mentioned that there appears to be a blossoming love between Aishwarya and Dharma Keerthi within the *Bigg Boss* house. He noted that the two share a close bond and even humorously remarked that the round chapati they made together looked heart-shaped. Aishwarya has been quite active in the kitchen, and Hamsa expressed that their teamwork resembles what one might call "couple goals." He observed that Aishwarya's face lights up whenever she mentions Dharma Keerthi's name. Both Aishwarya and Dharma Keerthi insisted that there is nothing romantic between them. The actress openly shares her feelings, admitting that she finds Dharma "very cute." Her confession took an even more endearing turn when she revealed how much she enjoys watching him chop fruits, adding a touch of sweetness to her admiration for him.

Priyanka Chopra's

Cousin Meera Calls Bollywood A 'Cult': 'Go To Parties, Be A Part Of One Group...'

Priyanka Chopra and Parineeti Chopra's cousin, Meera Chopra is a popular actress in the Tamil and Telugu industries with over 25 films in her belt. However, she was unable to replicate this success in Bollywood. In a recent chat, she opened up about her equation with Priyanka and the 'cult' like behaviour in Bollywood. Reflecting on her dynamic with Priyanka, Meera Chopra told *Hitflik*, "Our fathers are first cousins. We were a very close-knit family when we were young. Very middle class. When we were small, nobody really thought that we would get into the glamour field. When Priyanka made her breakthrough, she paved the way for us all. Otherwise, I feel that, back then, the middle class never considered cinema as a profession. People didn't think beyond doctors and engineers."

Meera also spoke about her success in the South and said, "In the South, I never went out and looked for work. I was not even interested in the South because I am a very North Indian Punjabi girl. The language was always an issue for me. Every movie I did there, I told myself, 'This will be my last film'. Yet, I ended up doing about 25 films. It was because they were offering me work and the money they gave was so tempting." She said, "I have heard stories of people who have been dying to work down South meeting the wrong people. I never faced that; in fact, I faced this in Bollywood. Hre, I was going out and looking for work. I never got work served on a platter."

Reflecting on why she couldn't replicate her success up North, Meera mentioned, "It's a little scary to start with. It's a very close-knit industry. A lot of people don't know what goes inside. Nobody knows where to start. When I came here, I didn't know if I needed to meet a certain director, and how I needed to go about it. Nobody shares their numbers, and even if they do, the person never replies to your messages."

"I came from a very successful career, and I had the confidence that I would be able to make it. When you come from a successful career in one industry, it becomes difficult to start from scratch in another," Meera shared. She recalled, "In the beginning, I was told, 'You have to network, you have to go to parties, you have to make your own connections', which now I know is very important because this industry is like a cult. There are many different cults in this industry, and you have to be a part of one group so that you keep getting work from that group. It still happens that way. In this industry, you get work if you are friends with the right people. It's much easier. To prove your worth takes much longer time and struggle... I would have done over 20 films even if I didn't have the talent."

