

### Bhupinder Hooda on Selja as Haryana CM pick; Owaisi slams Bhagwat's Hindu unity pitch Sanjay Kumar

New Delhi, Oct 7: The exit polls have predicted a massive victory for the Congress in the Haryana assembly elections. The big question now

really is - who will be the chief min-

ister of Haryana should the

Congress win the polls? The names

of Kumari Selja and Randeep

Surjewala are doing the rounds.

However, when asked about them,

Congress stalwart Bhupinder Singh

Hooda recently said the name of the

chief minister would be decided by

the party high command. The

halfway mark in the Haryana assem-

bly is 46. Most exit polls have pre-

dicted that the Congress would win between 44 and 61 seats. Asked about the two leaders, Hooda told NDTV last week: "The high command will decide. These are hypothetical questions." Dig deeper

Haryana Assembly Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda shows his ink-marked finger after casting his vote during Haryana Assembly elections. Haryana Assembly Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda shows his ink-marked finger after casting his vote during Haryana Assembly elections, in Rohtak, Saturday, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen

(AIMIM) MP Asaduddin Owaisi on Rashtriya slammed Monday Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on the latter's remark urging Hindus to unite for their security. According to a PTI report, Owaisi said at a public meeting in Telangana's Nizamabad,"The danger to Muslims, Hindus, Dalits, Adivasis, Sikhs, Christians is from Narendra Modi and Mohan

#### Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Oct 7: The countdown begins for the highly anticipated counting of votes in the Haryana assembly elections, set for Tuesday, October 8. This election carries substantial weight, coming on the heels of the recent Lok Sabha elections,

where the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress emerged as dominant forces in shaping the state's political narrative. The counting process will commence at 8 am, with election officials and party representatives expected to arrive at the counting centres by 5 am. Polling officials will undergo briefings and take their designated positions at the counting tables by 6 am to ensure a smooth and transparent process. The counting process will start with postal ballots, distributed to designated groups such as persons with disabilities, security forces, and key government workers. Once the postal votes are tallied, the focus will shift to the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), giving a full picture of the voters' choices. In these crucial elections, the contest between the

ruling BJP and Congress has intensified. The BJP, in power for the last two terms, is facing strong antiincumbency due to voter dissatisfaction with unresolved socio-economic issues. The Congress is trying to make a comeback, using public discontent with the current government to its advantage. With results on Tuesday, both parties are in a tough battle for the mandate to shape Haryana's future. The exit polls predicted a clear majority for the Congress in Haryana with some surveys predicting more than 50 seats. Two major parties, the ruling BJP and the



Congress expressed confidence in thumping victory. The majority mark to form a government in Haryana is 46. The Congress' likely victory in Haryana will see the grand old party continue its resurgence that began with the Lok Sabha polls earlier in the year. The Mallikarjun Kharge-led outfit from the Hisar seat.

won 99 seats, nearly doubling its tally from the 2019 general elections, when it won 52 seats. It had won 44 seats in 2019. Also, of the 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana, the BJP and Congress won five each, with the former's tally falling by five and the latter's rising by the same number. Among the key contestants is

BJP leader and incumbent chief minister Nayab Singh Saini, who is contesting from the Ladwa assembly seat in Kurukshetra district. In 2014, Saini won from the Naraingarh assembly constituency. However, in 2019, he won from the Kurukshetra Lok Sabha seat. Veteran Congress leader and former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda is contesting from his traditional Garhi Sampla-Kiloi seat in Rohtak district. The two-time chief minister and four-time MP is seen as a probable chief minister candidate for the Congress, although there has not been any official announcement yet. Wrestler-turned-politician Vinesh Phogat is contesting from the Julana seat in Jind district as a Congress candidate. Phogat hails from Charkhi Dadri district, but

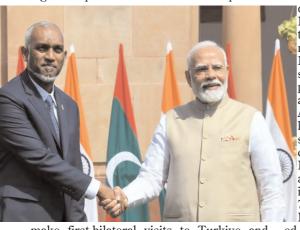
her in-laws are from Julana. The Olympian was among the wrestlers at the forefront of the protest against the then Wrestling Federation of India chief and former BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in 2023. Former BJP leader Savitri Jindal is contesting as an Independent candidate

# India, Maldives ink currency swap agreements

#### Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, Oct 7: India and Maldives on Monday signed currency swap agreements worth \$400 million and Rs 3,000 crore to overcome a foreign exchange crisis in the island nation while separately, New Delhi will firm-up its strategic toe-hold on the islands by 'supporting' provisions of defence platforms, enhanced surveillance and new radar systems. India also rolled out infrastructure projects for ports, airports, housing, hospitals, roads networks, sports facilities, agriculture, fish-processing, schools, water and sewerage while the two-sides agreed to hold discussions on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The currency swap agreements were signed and documents exchanged after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian

President Mohd Muizzu held their first bilateral meeting on Monday. Muizzu said, "Maldives will remain a true friend, committed to our shared vision of peace." The promise of a remaining a "true friend" comes eleven months after Muizzu rode to power in his country in November last year using 'India out' campaign. On assuming power, he had then asked Indian military personnel operating helicopters to leave. He then opted to



make first-bilateral visits to Turkiye and China, breaking away from the traditional first-visit to India. Muizzu is on his first bilateral visit to India from October 6 to October 10. The twin-currency swap agreements will allow Maldives to use the dollars for foreign exchange needs and use Rs 3,000 crore worth

of Indian currency and repay in their own currency. This aid comes in the back drop of State Bank of India - in May and September rolling over \$100 million worth of payments

due from Maldives. At the strategic level, Modi said, "We will continue to support in training and capacity building of Maldives national defence forces (MNDF)". The Ministry of External Affairs put out details, saying India would support Maldives with provisioning of defence platforms and assets to augment capabilities of MNDF. Also, India will help in enhancing surveillance and monitoring capability with radar systems and equipment. India will increase capacity building and training slots for MNDF, Maldives police services (MPS) and other security organizations of the island nation. Modi virtually handed over 700 housing units made in Maldives with New Delhi's money. Modi and Muizzu lauded the use of 'RuPay debit cards' in the island nation and virtually opened the extension of a runway at Hanimaadhoo International Airport at Maldives. The Indian PM said India's infrastructure projects would focus on "greater male connectivity project, support the new commercial port at Thilafushi".

### **BJP** accuses Tejashwi Yadav of 'looting' government bungalow

Patna, Oct 7: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has accused former Bihar deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav of removing furniture, light fixtures, and air conditioners from the government bungalow he vacated. RJD



leader Tejashwi Yadav addressing during one day minority cell meeting of party at RJD office in Patna, Bihar.(Santosh Kumar/ Hindustan Times) RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav addressing during one day minority cell meeting of party at RJD office in Patna, Bihar.(Santosh Kumar/ Hindustan Times) Bihar BJP's media in-charge, Danish Iqbal, on Monday, attacked Yadav, alleging that various items, including furniture, AC units, lights, and even the badminton court mat, were missing from the residence after he left. "The base of the bed is missing, the AC and lights have been removed, and the water outlets in the

washroom have been taken out. Even the badminton court mat has been taken, and the fountain lights and sofas have been taken. It's clear that when Tejashwi Yadav vacated the house, he took everything with him. This speaks volumes about his mentality," Danish Iqbal said, ANI reported. "I'm not just accusing him, but it is completely proven. The way Tejashwi Yadav vacated his official residence, shows his upbringing. The way he vacated the house, he has displayed how to loot government's property," he added. Union minister Giriraj

Singh said, "A person in a public position should not do such derogatory activities... An inquiry committee should be formed to inquire how much money was spent on Tejashwi Yadav's bungalow and a case should also be registered ... " In another development, a Delhi court on Monday granted bail to RJD chief and former railway minister Lalu Prasad Yadav and his sons.

**Gymnast Dipa Karmakar** 

#### announces retirement

New Delhi, Oct 7: Celebrated Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar, who missed out on a bronze medal in the 2016 Olympics by a whisker, on Monday announced her retirement from the sport after an illustrious career. The 31-year-old Dipa, who became the first



female gymnast from the country to compete at the Olympics, finished fourth in the vault event to lose an Olympic medal by just 0.15 points. "After much thought and reflection, I have decided to retire from competitive gymnastics. This is not an easy decision, but it feels like the right time," she said in a statement. "Gymnastics has been at the centre of my life for as long as I can remember, and I am grateful for every moment—the highs, the lows, and everything in between."

rival PDP's support for govt-formation

### Navdeep Singh Sahni

Srinagar, Oct 7: Ahead of counting of votes, National Conference

president Farooq Abdullah on Monday said his party was open to the idea of taking support of Mehbooba Mufti's PDP to form government in the Union territory. He also slammed the move to give powers to the Lieutenant Governor for nominating members to the five reserved seats in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, and said his party would approach the Supreme Court if the BJP-led Centre went ahead with it. Abdullah, while ruling himself out of the race for chief minis-

ter's post, said statehood should be restored to Jammu and Kashmir so that the new government has powers to address the people's problems. "The statehood should be restored, full statehood, where the government has the power to do things. I will not be the CM. conditions of the people of the state, removing unemployment, removing all Let this one thing be clear. I have done the distresses that have occurred in the



my chief minister's job. My problem will be how we make a strong government and how we fulfil the agenda that we have put before the people," he added. "How does it matter? If we all work for the same thing, for improvement in the

last 10 years. First thing we should do is restore the freedom of the press. We should have the

right to say what is true and what is not true. We can be rivals in elections but I have no objections and I am sure Congress will have no objections," he said. The NC president said he was not averse to taking support of the independents as well but he would not go begging for it. "I will not go begging before them. If they feel they can strengthen the state, most welcome. It should be their initiative. They should want to do good for the

people," he added. The former chief minister also slammed the power given to the L-G to nominate members. "The L-G should first of all stay away from this process as a government is being formed.

# '5 members to be nominated by L-G to J&K Assembly may play crucial role in govt formation'

#### **Tejinder Kaur Babbar**

Jammu, Oct 7: Five persons to be nominated by the Lieutenant Governor as members of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly may play a crucial role in the formation of the next government in the union territory, sources said on Monday. The Congress, National Conference and the PDP have opposed the nomination of the five members before government formation, and threatened to move the Supreme Court. In August 2019, Article 370 which gave Jammu and Kashmir special status – was revoked and the state was divided into two union territories. According to section 15 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019,

"Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (3) of section 14, the Lieutenant Governor of the successor Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir may nominate two members to the Legislative Assembly

to give representation to women, if in his not more than two members, one of whom opinion, women are not adequately represented in the Legislative Assembly". The amendment says: "After section 15 of the principal Act, the following sections shall

namely:

Notwithstanding anything contained in

sub-section (3) of section 14, the

Lieutenant Governor of the Union territo-

be

inserted,

15A.

shall be a woman, from the community of Kashmiri Migrants, to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly". It also says, "15B. Notwithstanding anything

contained in sub-section (3) of section 14, the Lieutenant Governor of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir may nominate one member from displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir to Jammu and Kashmir the Legislative Assembly." These five nominated members will have the same powers and voting rights as other MLAs. The Congress has already expressed it strong opposition to the nomi-

nation of five MLAs before the government formation in Jammu and Kashmir, dubbing any such move as an assault on democracy and the fundamental princiry of Jammu and Kashmir may nominate ples of the Constitution. "We oppose the

nomination of five MLAs by the L-G before the government formation in Jammu and Kashmir. Any such move is an assault on democracy, the people's mandate, and the fundamental principles of the Constitution," Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) senior vice president and chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said on Friday. National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said his party might go to the Supreme Court against any such move. "The L-G should first of all stay away from this process as a government is being formed. It is for the government to nominate people and send it (nominations) to the LG. That is the normal procedure. "What they want to do, I do not know. However, if they do it, we will go to the Supreme Court. What is the point in making the government, if the Lord Sahib remains here? We have to fight against all this," Abdullah said in Srinagar on Monday.

### Drones suspected to be from China spotted along IB in Kinnaur

#### ST Correspondent

Shimla, Oct 7: Drones have been spotted along the Indo-China border in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district and they are likely being used for surveillance and espionage purposes, state minister Jagat Singh Negi said on Monday. Speaking to PTI, Negi said drone activity has been noticed in Shipki La and Rishi Dogri villages in Poo block of the district. "Multiple drones frequently flying near the border area have been spotted in the past week and several people have informed me about such sightings," Negi, the MLA from Kinnaur Assembly constituency, said. "Road construction to lay roads up to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) is in progress in both Shipki La and Rishidogri and the possibility of surveillance and espionage by these drones cannot be ruled out," the revenue and horticulture minister said. The minister urged the Union government to take note of the matter and issue necessary directions. The tribal districts of Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti share a 240-km border with China which is traversed by nine high altitude mountain passes. He asked the Union Government to take strong notice of the Chinese drones violating Indian space and take necessary action. As many as 55 villages of Kinnaur district were included in the 'Vibrant Village Programme', which aims to strengthen the infrastructure in border areas with a focus on filling the critical communication gaps, developing tourist centres and sites, providing better and accessible road connectivity, provision of renewable energy, DTH services and other facilities.

#### 'Sanjay Roy raped, murdered Kolkata doctor when she went to sleep'

New Delhi, Oct 7: The CBI has filed a chargesheet against the prime accused, Sanjay Roy, in the rape and murder case of a trainee doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, officials said on Monday. In its chargesheet filed before a special court in Kolkata, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said Roy, who was working as a civic volunteer with the local police, allegedly committed the crime on August 9 when the victim had gone to sleep in the hospital's seminar room during a break, they said. The agency did not mention the charge of gang-rape, indicating that Roy alone committed the crime, according to the officials. Kolkata Police had arrested Roy on August 10 on the basis of CCTV footage which showed him entering the seminar room in the early hours of August 9, they said. The CBI, which took over the investigation on August 14 following a Calcutta High Court order, also took his custody and conducted a detailed interrogation, followed by a polygraph test. Roy had refused to give consent for the narco analysis, following which the CBI could not proceed with the test. The CBI has also arrested Tala police station officer in-charge Abhijit Mondal and former principal of the medical college Sandip Ghosh in the case.



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#### News box

### Main suspect who helped illegal Pak families held

- BENGALURU. In a major breakthrough in the case of the illegal stay of Pakistani citizens in Bengaluru, the Jigani police arrested the main suspect on Saturday. The accused allegedly helped two Pakistani families, which were arrested recently, by providing them with fake identity documents and helping them obtain Aadhaar cards and passports.
- The accused has been identified as Parvez (57), who hails from Mumbai was running a business. The police stated, the arrest was made following a tip-off and after the two families revealed Parvez's details. He was nabbed near the Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station in Majestic. Parvez, an Indian, is accused of assisting Pakistani citizens in obtaining fake Aadhaar cards, Indian passports, PAN cards, and driving licenses. He is reportedly the head of the Mehdi Foundation in India. The individuals arrested earlier, who were propagating the teachings of religious leader Younus Al-Gohar, were in contact with Parvez and acted on his instructions, the police said, adding that the arrested individuals claim that there are many Pakistani citizens scattered across India in different states.
- The Jigani police have taken Parvez into custody and are questioning him. Meanwhile, the two Pakistani families, who were living under Hindu names and were arrested in two separate incidents earlier this week, remain in police custody. Further investigation are on.

### Initiative launched to cure cervical cancer

- BENGALURU. To significantly reduce the incidence of cervical cancer, the State Health Department, in partnership with the Karnataka chapter of ECHO India, Obstetricians and Gynaecologists organisation, and several NGOs, launched 'Accelerating Cervical Cancer Elimination -CCE: The Karnataka Movement'
- This initiative aims to enhance vaccination, screening, and preventive care, to position Karnataka as a model state in the fight against this disease.
- Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao inaugurated the initiative on October 3. The minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to expanding access to cervical cancer prevention and treatment. "The government is implementing all possible efforts to make cervical cancer prevention and treatment accessible to every woman, ensuring early detection and timely intervention to save lives," he added.
- Dr Hema Divakar, Division Director for Well Woman Healthcare, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), highlighted that while national efforts are underway, Karnataka must take the lead in

# Al traffic app leaves ambulance drivers in snarls, cops confused

Bengaluru's traffic congestion poses a significant challenge for ambulance drivers, especially during emergencies.

BENGALURU. While Bengaluru ambulance drivers traffic police had planned to facilitate smooth passage for ambulances, which are often seen stuck in traffic and struggling to ferry patients, by introducing

ASTraM (Actionable Intelligence for Sustainable Traffic Management), the challenges the traffic police face in implementing it have not yielded time. expected results.

Bengaluru's traffic congestion poses a significant challenge for ambulance drivers, especially during emergencies. To address this, traffic police had introduced the ASTraM application nine months ago, aiming to ease the movement of ambulances across the city. However, only 250

have registered for the application so far. The ASTraM app is designed to tackle congestion issues in

the city. One of its features is the ability to track ambulance movements in real-The app enables the control room to

monitor registered ambulances from their origin to destination. It alerts the control room if an ambulance

is stuck in traffic for more than 120 seconds and provides drivers Explaining the challenges faced by with updates on the shortest routes



and traffic conditions. The app also features an SOS button for

urgent interventions. the traffic police, Joint

(Traffic) MN Anucheth told TNIE that prioritising ambulances difficult task. "For instance, about 25 ambulances pass every two hours at KC General hospital in Malleswaram.

Commissioner of Police

to create easy passage for all ambulances as there is no information on the condition of patients they will be

carrying. We can't prioritise and If every ambulance is linked to the act. As there is frequent movement of ambulances around hospitals, it is difficult to facilitate

easy movement for them all the time. It has to be worked out in such a way that it doesn't affect the general traffic.'

near hospitals is a Further, he said that ambulances approaching a particular junction from various directions also pose a challenge, as making way for one vehicle may lead to traffic gridlock, affecting the movement of another.

n such cases, it is difficult Another senior officer said city traffic police are using multiple technologies, but unless common technology is adopted, it will be difficult to ease the movement of ambulances

same application, it would be better. He added that there are over 2,500 ambulances in the city.

### 1 Lakh devotees throng Indrakeeladri

VIJAYAWADA. The presiding deity, Goddess Kanaka Durga, was beautifully adorned in the form of Sri Lalitha Tripura Sundari Devi on the fourth day of the

Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam (SDMSD), atop Indrakeeladri. On Sunday, more than 1 lakh devotees visited the temple to receive blessings from the deity.

According to temple officials, around 70,000 devotees flocked to the temple from 6 am to 6 pm, contributing to a revenue of Rs 70 lakh through the sale of darshan tickets, laddu prasadams, special rituals, and calendars. The statistics revealed that 10,000 devotees purchased Rs 500 darshan tickets,

while 12,000 opted for Rs 300 tickets, and Rs 15,000 bought Rs 100 tickets. The temple opened its doors at 6 am, following traditional rituals performed by priests in the sanctum. Devotees formed long queues outside the Lord Vinayaka temple near Canal Road from

attendance noted until 2 pm. The influx of devotees continued during the night, particularly between 8 pm and 11 pm. Dasara festivities at Sri Durga In her avatar as Sri Lalitha Tripura Sundari



Devi, the presiding deity was depicted sitting in the lap of Lord Shiva, flanked by Goddess Sri Lakshmi Devi and Sri Saraswati Devi, who held 'Vinjamarams' (fans) to serve her, as described in the Lalita Sahasranama Stotram. The name Lalitha Tripura Sundari translates to the "most beautiful girl in the three worlds."

BMC's 'zero waste campus'

drive to begin on October

the early hours, with a significant surge in She embodies peace and knowledge and is known to bestow wealth upon her devotees. The temple's head priest, Shankar Shandilya, explained, "Lalitha Tripura Sundari Devi represents the

second form of 'Tripura thrayam' and is the ultimate, primordial Shakti, existing before Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. Adorned in golden hues and holding a lotus, the Goddess is the light of manifestation, and special prayers to her in this attire can bless devotees with abundant knowledge."

On Sunday evening, Minister for Endowments Anam Ramanarayana Reddy visited the temple and participated in the Nava Harathulu ritual at Durga Ghat. He also enjoyed dance performances at Durga

Kalapeetham, inspected arrangements, and engaged with devotees about the festival's proceedings. The Minister instructed officials to provide battery-operated cars to assist senior citizens and differentlyabled from Om turning point to the Raja Gopuram point.

### Man 'finds' Vietnam nat'l's bag, returns passport steals valuables

Mumbai. A foreign national who had accidentally left behind his travel bag on a long-distance train recently was grateful when a "Good Samaritan" claimed to have found a part of his belongings and returned them. But it later turned out that the Samaritan had, in fact, pocketed valuables from the bag. The Government Railway Police (GRP) at Dadar registered a case of theft and served a notice to the accused. The complainant -- a 34-year-old Vietnam national -- had come down to Igatpuri last month for a Vipassana course. He returned to Mumbai by the Janshatabdi on Sept 27. After alighting at Dadar station around 5:32pm, he realised that he had left his haversack on the train. It contained his passport, MacBook, 350 USD, Indian and Vietnamese currency, car keys, and several electronic items used during travel.

After he had approached the Dadar GRP for help, the complainant received a phone call from an unknown commuter. The commuter claimed to have found his passport and 4 USD. The complainant met him and collected his belongings, while inquiring about what happened to the rest. The commuter replied that he had no clue.

Meanwhile, the Dadar GRP registered a case of theft and checked CCTV footage from all stations between Dadar and CSMT. They discovered that the bag had been picked up from the train at CSMT by a man. They traced his movements on camera as he left the terminus and checked into a hotel. A police team went to the hotel to make inquiries. The accused had left the hotel and the city by then. Police officers got a copy of his Aadhaar card and phone number. The phone location was tracked down to Aurangabad. "Our team went to Aurangabad and searched the accused's residence. All of the Vietnamese national's belongings were found," said senior inspector Anil Kadam. The accused had stolen the valuables and returned the complainants passport. Mumbai: A foreign national who had accidentally left behind his travel bag on a long-distance train recently was grateful when a "Good Samaritan" claimed to have found a part of his belongings and returned them. But it later turned out that the Samaritan had, in fact, pocketed valuables from the bag. The Government Railway Police (GRP) at Dadar registered a case of theft and served a notice to the accused. The complainant -- a 34-year-old Vietnam national -- had come down to Igatpuri last month for a Vipassana course. He returned to Mumbai by the Janshatabdi on Sept 27. After alighting at Dadar station around 5:32pm, he realised that he had left his haversack on the train.

driving awareness, implementing vaccination and screening strategies in alignment with the WHO's strategy.

Dr H Sudarshan, Trustee of ECHO India, urged the government to prioritise the immunisation of young girls, stating, "While we have made great strides in screening and building capacity for cervical cancer prevention, we must now focus on ensuring that young girls are vaccinated."

#### Telangana: GHMC to restore RK Puram's road over bridge

Meanwhile, the rehabilitation and restoration measures for the RoB are estimated to cost around Rs 4.60 crore.



HYDERABAD. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has decided to take up the restoration of the Road Over Bridge (RoB) of RK Puram in Secunderabad. The RoB allows citizens to commute between Sainikpuri, AS Rao Nagar and ECIL. Sources said there have been frequent complaints from motorists regarding the damage to expansion joints and excessive vibrations during heavy vehicular movement over the RoB. Meanwhile, the rehabilitation and restoration measures for the RoB are estimated to cost around Rs 4.60 crore.

GHMC officials said that a private agency carried out a study of the RoB wherein they found that the road was in a distressing condition due to severe corrosion of main rebars observed in girders, diaphragms and deck slab.It is learnt that during the monsoon season, water leakage is observed from the diaphragms and the girder portions, causing rusting of the exposed reinforcement and affecting the strength of the structure. Expansion joints are clogged and are not properly functioning, the officials said.

#### BMC deputy commissioner for sanitation Manoranjan Sahu said initially, 10 government schools will be turned into zero waste campus.

BHUBANESWAR. After initiating steps to transform 140 vulnerable garbage points by involving students, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has decided to turn city schools into 'zero waste campuses'.

BMC deputy commissioner for sanitation Manoranjan Sahu said initially, 10 government schools will be turned into zero waste campus.

"The process to identify these schools is underway. We have

also sought expression of interest (EOI) from different voluntary and non-profit organisations to take up the project in the



city," Sahu said."Under the programme, we will educate students on the importance of waste management for a

sustainable environment. The schools will also be facilitated and encouraged to manage their own waste," he said.

According to BMC officials, the identified schools will be encouraged to reduce the utilisation of single-use plastic. The teaching staff will also be trained to conduct waste-to-craft sessions for students where they will create different products using their skills and creativity. Recently, BMC decided to rope in

around 120 schools to transform 140 vulnerable garbage points in different parts of the city through 'waste to craft' initiative.

# Telangana: HMWSSB to convert 3K defunct borewells into rain water harvesting structures

As per the available data, there are a total of 2,796 power borewells in the HMWSSB service area.

HYDERABAD. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has devised a plan to convert over 3,000 abandoned and defunct public handpumps and borewells into Rain Water Harvesting Structure (RWHS) pits during the 90-day special drive (October-December 2024). The initiative would be launched to increase the groundwater table across GHMC limits. Through RWHS pits, the rainwater flowing waste on the open roads and seeping into sewage pipelines would be diverted.

In the recent summer season, the majority of the borewells dried up between January and June as the groundwater levels were HMWSSB Managing Director K Ashok depleted. Due to this, most of the water consumers depended on the water tankers. The Water Board even made two lakh water tanker trips per day to meet the water The Water Board is also setting up additional demand. As per the available data, there are a total of 2,796 power borewells in the HMWSSB service area. Of them, 1,770 are

functioning while 942 have become defunct and inoperative, and 82 of them have dried or collapsed. Similarly, of 3,070 hand borewells, 954 are in use, 1,717 are non-functional and 339 have dried or damaged. Currently, around 20-25% of rainwater is absorbed into the ground and the rest is wasted through runoff. If every drop of rainwater is conserved for recharging the groundwater, the problem of drinking water shortage would not arise at all. The dysfunctional motors installed at these borewells would be removed and the size of the pipes, previously used to pump out groundwater, would be reduced.

Reddy said the Water Board will adopt the mandatory provision of RWHS in houses that have tap connections.

RWHS pits to divert the rainwater, flowing on the roads and drains, into the pits. It would recharge the dried-up borewells.



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### 56-yr-old man beaten to death by neighbours after spat over water

News box

Gurgaon. A 56-year-old driver was beaten to death by his neighbours following an argument over filling water from a tanker in Faridabad's Nehru Colony.

The incident occurred on Thursday night, and the driver succumbed to his injuries on Saturday. Police have registered a murder case against seven people based on a complaint filed by the driver's son.

Laxman Das, a resident of Nehru Colony and a private school bus driver, was involved in the altercation when his sons, Deepak and Nitin, were filling water from a municipal tanker near their house around 8pm on Thursday.According to Deepak, their neighbour, Arjun, approached them, starting an argument over the noise caused while filling water."Hearing the argument, our father, along with our sister Suman, came in support of us," Deepak said. He added that Arjun's family members, including his father, Sagar, soon arrived at the scene. "They attacked me, my father, and my sister with sticks. They left only after we collapsed with injuries," he said.Laxman, along with Deepak and Suman, was taken to the Civil Hospital by family members. All three had sustained multiple injuries, with Laxman suffering severe trauma to his head and chest. Due to the critical nature of his injuries, Laxman was transferred to ESI Hospital in Faridabad, where he passed away on Saturday morning while undergoing treatment, according to ASI Pushkarmal.On Deepak's complaint, the police registered a case under sections 103(2) (murder), 190 (unlawful assembly), 191(3) (rioting armed with deadly weapons), and 115(2) (voluntarily causing hurt) of the BNS against Arjun, his wife Rinki, Arjun's father Sagar, and their relatives Golu, Ajay, Raju, and Nisha on Saturday evening.Police said the accused are involved in construction business. "The body was handed over to the family. The case is under investigation," ASI Pushkarmal said.

Health officials are urging residents to remain vigilant, take preventive measures, and report any stagnant water sources that could facilitate mosquito breeding.

### Discom lists 23,000 defaulters, sets Oct 15 deadline to pay dues

Noida. Around 23,000 defaulters identified by the power department have been given time till Oct 15 to clear dues amounting to Rs 25 crore. Approximately 30% of these defaulters are regular consumers, while many others are accused of power theft.

"Dues must be settled by Oct 15, after which punitive action will be taken. We will conduct a disconnection drive, and recovery certificates (RCs) will be issued," said Harish Bansal, chief zonal engineer, Noida power department, PVVNL.He added that RCs will enable the district administration to recover the outstanding dues by imposing a 10% penalty fee.Bansal also noted that most of these defaulters are from rural areas of the district, including Dadri, Jewar, and Dankaur. "Notices have been sent to the defaulters, instructing them to settle their dues as soon as possible," he said.

A discom official explained that the Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) issues RCs to consumers who are in default."However, consumers who receive an RC can apply for UPPCL's one-time settlement (OTS) scheme when it is launched. The discom periodically introduces the OTS scheme for the recovery of dues at different times of the year," the official said

# 6 years on, no handover of flats yet, homebuyers protest against realtor

Gurgaon. Agitated homebuyers of Hero Homes in Sector 104 gathered at the project site on Sunday to protest the delayed possession of their flats.

Armed with banners and slogans, the buyers expressed their frustration over the lack of communication from the developer, alleging a complete absence of updates on the project's completion timeline.Protesters held banners highlighting their grievances, with messages like 'Rehne Ko Ghar Nahi... Baat Karne Ko Builder Nahi, Unfulfilled Promises, Unhappy Homeowner, and Deliver Amenities as Committed with Phase 1,' reflecting their mounting dissatisfaction.Since Feb, there has been no clear update. We've tried reaching out multiple times, but all we get are vague promises with no specific timeline," said Mahesh Kumar, one of the protesting buyers.e added that despite the large gathering outside the premises, no official came forward to address their concerns, with the staff instead shutting the gates and deploying security personnel.

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approximately 1,100 flats. Many buyers have already paid up to 90% of the total cost of their homes. For those waiting for possession, the financial burden has been significant, as they are forced to pay both rent and EMIs.Some buyers have also raised concerns about the developer imposing penalties for delayed payments while remaining silent on compensation for the project's delays."We have been waiting for our home for the last six years. The Sept deadline has passed, and despite the OC application in Feb, we still don't have our homes," said Manoj Khandelwal, another protester.

Jatti Bhatia, another aggrieved buyer said that only minimal construction work had taken place in recent months.

In response, a spokesperson for Hero Realty said that the company is committed to prioritising customer needs and that Phase 1 of the project, which includes four towers, has been completed."We have submitted the necessary documents to obtain the Occupation Certificate, and the process of handing over possession will commence as soon as the OC is granted," the spokesperson said.Gurgaon: Agitated homebuyers of Hero Homes in Sector 104 gathered at the project site on Sunday to protest the delayed possession of their flats.Armed with banners and slogans, the buyers expressed their frustration over the lack of communication from the developer, alleging a complete absence of updates on the project's completion timeline.Protesters held banners highlighting their grievances, with messages like 'Rehne Ko Ghar Nahi... Baat Karne Ko Builder Nahi, Unfulfilled Promises, Unhappy Homeowner, and Phase 1,' reflecting their mounting dissatisfaction."Since Feb, there has been no clear update. We've tried reaching out multiple times, but all we get are vague promises with no specific timeline," said Mahesh Kumar, one of the protesting buyers.e added that despite the large gathering outside the premises, no official came forward to address their concerns, with the staff instead shutting the gates and deploying security personnel. The project consists of eight towers with approximately 1,100 flats.

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### YEIDA master plan for aerotropolis, biz district gets town planner's nod

Noida: Nearly two months after it sought a report on zone regulations for data centres and green spaces, the UP Town and Country Planning Department approved on Tuesday the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority's (YEIDA) draft master plan 2041. A blueprint for the next 18 years for developing over 3,000 sq km in six districts under its jurisdiction, the draft plan focuses on boosting industrial development along the Noida International Airport, Heritage City in Mathura and other urban areas in GB Nagar and Bulandshahr.The draft, cleared by the Authority's board in Jan, was submitted to UP govt in July. However, the town planning department sent it back seeking details on data centres, green spaces, healthcare facilities, research centres, transport infrastructure and flood zones, among others.YEIDA CEO Arun Vir Singh said all the points were addressed in a letter dated Aug 30 and now the draft plan will be sent to UP cabinet for final approval. While YEIDA's notified area covers approximately 3,352 sq km across six districts— GB Nagar, Bulandshahr, Aligarh, Hathras, Mathura, and Agra— the phase 1 of the Master Plan 2041 will focus on 759 sq km in Gautam Budh Nagar and Bulandshahr. The plan includes several major projects, including a medical device park, a semiconductor park, an electronic city, and a film city. It includes an aerotropolis - a multimodal commercial zone having corporate suites for business meetings, support services, retail, airline services and hotels under one roof that is proposed to be developed on 6,554 hectares around the Noida International Airport. A central business dis-

trict (CBD) of over 480 hectares is also planned to support business and shopping facilities. An Olympic Park, designed to host international sporting events and provide extensive sports facilities and accommodations for athletes, is also proposed under it.According to the blueprint, YEIDA will develop Aligarh as a logistics park with Tappal-Bajna as its urban node and Mathura as a heritage city with Raya as its urban node.While the second phase of the draft master NAME CHANGE

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It is for general information that I, YASMEEN D/o ASHIQ ALI R/o House No. 1914, Gali No. 19, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Mustafabad, Gokal Puri, North East Delhi, Delhi-110094, declare that name of my father and my mother hav been wrongly written as ASIK ALI and NAJIYA PARVEEN in my CBSE 10th and 12th class Educational Documents The actual name of my father and my mother are ASHIQ ALI and NAZIYA PARVEEN respectively, which may b nended accordingly.

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East Delhi, Delhi-110094, declare that name of mine and my wife have been wrongly written as AASHIQ ALI and is for general information that I HURSHEED AHMAD S/o MOHAM NAZIA PARVEEN in my minor son's namely MOHD RIHAN in his CBSE 10th MAD AQIL R/o B-509, Street No. 13/6, Subhash Vihar, North Ghonda, Garh ass Educational Documents. The actua ame of mine and my wife are ASHIQ AL Mendu, North East Delhi, Delhi-110053 and NAZIYA PARVEEN respective declare that name of mine and my wife have been wrongly written as KHURSHID which may be amended accordingly. AHMED and RAZIYA in my minor daugh-ter's namely ZENAB NAAZ aged 14 years, in her School Records and Birth NAME CHANGE on No M ARSHA is legally wedded spouse o 0110-004564372. The actual name No. 2803344X Rank- HAV, Name PASTE UMESH BHAGWAN R/O VILI mine and my wife are KHURSHEED KALAMBIST, POST KALAMBIST, TEH AHMAD and RAZIA SULTANA respectiv which may be amended accordingly. AWANTWADI DIST SINDHUDURO TATE MAHARASHTRA, PIN 41653

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### Delta 2 roads not swept for days, garbage waits to be lifted too

Noida: Residents of Delta 2 have raised concerns over unkempt parks and accumulating waste, alleging that sector roads have not been swept for over a week, and heaps of horticulture waste remain unattended.

Alok Nagar, general secretary of Sector Delta 2 RWA, Greater Noida, said that the area's cleanliness system has collapsed. He mentioned that garbage collection is irregular, leaving the sector in poor condition. "Due to the negligence of Greater Noida Authority officials, the sector has not been swept for over a week, and heaps of dry leaves and plants have been left unattended for days," he said.Nagar alleged that both contractors and supervisors seem unwilling to carry out their duties unless constantly pursued, and even then, the work remains inadequate. He added that despite repeated complaints, officials have been unresponsive.Other residents echoed similar frustrations, pointing out that parks are overgrown with grass and shrubs, while roads are littered with horticulture and construction debris. Waste collection from roadsides is sporadic, said locals.

Nagar said that if the issue is not addressed soon, residents would escalate their complaints to higher officials and stage a protest at GNIDA office.

### Couple found dead by road, cops suspect a suicide pact

Noida. The bodies of two youths from Bulandshahr were found by a road in Dadri, Greater Noida on Sunday morning. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the youngsters, who were a couple, had entered into a suicide pact after facing opposition from their families regarding their desire to get married, police said. According to police, the deceased were identified as Hritik Bhiduri (22) and Tamanna Bhatti (18). Bhiduri was working in a private company in Greater Noida and living in Kasna in rented accommodation. Bhatti had completed her 12th grade and appeared for the UP police constable exam. ADCP (Greater Noida) Ashok Kumar said that around 8am on Sunday a passerby called emergency helpline no 112 and informed cops that the bodies of two youths were found on a road near Maicha village. A police team, along with a forensic and dog squad, reached the spot for investigation."In the preliminary investigation, it was suspected to be a suicide case as vomiting marks were spotted around the bodies. It was also revealed that the man sent a message to his brother that he was going to attempt suicide," said additional commissioner of police, GB Nagar, Shivhari Meena.

PUBLIC NOTICE erto knew as POOJA D/O SH BABLOO R/O A- 1/302, SECTOR-6 ROHINI, NORTH WEST DELHI DELHI-110085 have changed he name and Shall hereafter be know as IZNA KHAN. It is certified that have complied with other lega requirements in this connection

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SHASHI SHEKHAR Advoca BAR ROOM NO. 16 ROHIN COURTS, DELHI-110085

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Affidavit dated 07/10/2024 before Notar

Public, Delhi

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#### NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Sh. Sushil Kumar who is the owner of Residential House Area measuring 200, sq. Yds. out of Khasra no. 348, Situated at Vandana Enclave, Village Khora, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad. Vide Sale Deed dated 20.09.2016 executed by Smt. Mamta in favour of Sh. Sushil Kumar. In respect of the said property. Doc no.10324, Vol no. 11632, Book no. 1, pages no. 1-94, SRO-II Ghaziabad. That Original Sale Deed dated 27/12/1987 executed by Khemraj in favour of Mrs. Chandrakanta. in respect of the said property. (Doc No. 3676), and Original GPA dated 27/10/1995 executed by Mrs. Chandrakanta in favour of Mr. Ahsan Asgar in respect of the said property., and Original GPA dated 01/11/1996 executed by Mr. Ahsan Asgar in favour of Mr. Jugender Pal in respect of the said property. Were lost on 10/02/2002 duly reported to police as per police complaint dated 04/10/2024 in the police station Crime Branch, Delhi bearing LR No:2176163/2024. If anyone found the same may return to undersigned and if the same is misused shall be at his/her own risk. That my client intends to mortgage the said immovable property for her bonafide requirements to Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. Whosoever is having any objection to the said mortgage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be presumed that there stands no objections. NEW DELHI DATE: 7/10/2024

PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE Enrl. No. D/721/02 Office: L-27,GF, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-48 Mob.: 9968006418

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NAME CHANGE It is for general information that I, JATIN SINGH S/o RAJEEV SINGH R/o H.No C-65/1, Street No.-6, Near Balaji Mandi Brahmpuri, Delhi, North East Delh Delhi-110053, declare that name of m Multiple and the second class Educational Documents. The actu al name of my mother is ANJU RANI which may be amended accordingly.

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, BHOOPENDER AGGARWAL S/c SUBHASH CHAND AGGARWAL, resid ng at G-13, Sector-12, Noida, Gautan Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 ave changed the name of my mind aughter ANGEL AGGARWAL aged 1 years and she shall be hereafter known as ANIKA AGGARWAL. It is certified that have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

NAME CHANGE I, MANISHA is legally wedded spouse o No. 2808529H Rank- HAV, Name SULAGAVE SANTOSH RAGHUNATI R/O VILL-EKONDI, POST- EKOND TEH-KAGAL, DIST- KOLHAPUR, PIN 16232, STATE - MAHARASHTRA have changed my name from MANISHA to MANISHA SANTOSH SULAGAVE for all future purposes. Vide affidavit No. IN-DL66379719545841W dated 04.10.2024 before Public Notary Delhi

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ave changed my name from VARSH hitherto known as BABLI WALIA alias AVINDER WALIA W/O BABLOC o VARSHA UMESH PASTE for all future urposes. Vide affidavit No IN 0L66382501427778W dated SINGH WALIA R/O HOUSE NO-4104 LF PHASE-4. GALLERIA DLF-IV. GUR 4.10.2024 before Public Notary Delhi. GAON, HARYANA-122009 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known a AVINDER WALIA.

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t is for general information that MANDEEP KAUR D/o HARBHAJAN assport No S1238915 issued at ABL DHABI on 07/12/2017, permanen resident of 101 ROSE MAHEL CO-DP HSG SOC NEAR SUMAYYA SINGH, Ex. W/o. AMANDEEP SINGH UKREIA R/0 AC-5 TAGORE GAR HIGH SCHOOL MUMBRA KAUS THANE-400612, MAHARASHTRA DEN, NEW DELHI-110027 declare that got divorce from my Husband AMAN DEEP SINGH KUKREJA, S/c VARINDER SINGH KUKREJA, vide INDIA and presently residing at VILL NO 47, 23RD STREET, NEAR AB ourt decree H.M.A./646/2024 dt DHABI INDIAN SCHOOL, MUROO 12/03/2024. Further, I have changed the name of my minor daughter REHMA ROAD, ABU DHABI, UAE, do hereb change my name FROM SARFARA ABDUL KADIR CHOUGULE to SAR (UKREJA aged 12 Years and she sha reafter be known as REHMAT KAUF FARAZ ABDUL KADIR CHOUGUL future for all purposes.

#### NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Mrs. Sanju Chaudhary is the wher of Third Floor with roof rights on Property Bearing No. 448, out o hasra No. 642, situated at Village Chandrawali alias Shahdara ion the abad of Maharam Mohalla, Bhola Nath Nagar, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi-110032 vide Gift Deed dated 20.11.2019 executed by Mr. Jitender Chaudhary in favour o Mrs. Sanju Chaudhary in respect of said property. Regd. as document No 8927. Vol No. 2081. on Pas., 130- 139. on dated 21.11.2019. SR-IVB. Delhi itially, Khatoni issued by concerned Patwari showing in the name of Mi Devi Sharan in respect of entire property. Later, who executed GPA dated 24.03.1989 in favour of Mr. Satish Kumar in respect of entire property. Later ho executed GPA dated 22.03.1994 in favour of Mrs. Daya Wati in respec of entire property. Later, who executed Sale Deed dated 03.02.2004 in favou f Mr. Jitender Chaudhary in respect of entire property Finally Gift Dee ated 20.11.2019 executed in favour of my abovementioned client who wi e mortgaging the said property with Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. Whosoever is having any objection to the said mort age or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the ndersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be pre umed that there stands no objection NEW DELHI PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE DATE: 7/10/2024

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#### NORTHERN RAILWAY **NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION**

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/FS, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, in terms of Railway Board letter no. 2022/TC(FM)/10/04 dated 13.06.2022, invites bids through e-Auction (www.ireps.gov.in) for the contract of Management and Operation of Cloakroom (on ROMT Basis) situated at PF-1 of Anand Vihar Railway Station (Area 24.726 Sq Mtrs) for 5 (five) years as per detail and schedule given below:-

Date & time Assets to be auctioned No. of e-Auction The contract of Management and Operation of Cloakroom (on ROMT basis) situated 14.10.24 at 11:00 am at PF-1 of Anand Vihar Railway Station (Area 24.726 Sq Mtrs) for 5 (five) years.

Important notes: 1. For more information, requirement and various aspects regarding these e-Auctions, interested bidders are advised to visit https://www.ireps.gov.in/html/helpdesk/learning \_centre.html. (e-Auction leasing section). 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): 5% of the total contractual bid value to be deposited online during the auction. EMD of the successful bidder will be retained as Security Deposit. 3. Railway Administration reserves the full and absolute rights to short terminate these contracts at any point of time and/or for taking any decision regarding the discontinuation/continuation of these contracts with modified/additional terms and conditions depending upon the situations. 3078/2024

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### WORLD

#### News box

### Pro-Gaza protests held worldwide as Israel marks one-year of Hamas attacks

- **Paris.** Thousands of pro-Palestinian demonstrators protested in cities around the world on Sunday on the eve of the first anniversary of the deadly October 7 Hamas attack on Israel that triggered the war in Gaza.
- Demonstrations were held in major cities from Jakarta to Istanbul to Rabat, and followed protests on Saturday in major European capitals as well as Washington and New York.We are here to support the Palestinian resistance," said protester Ahmet Unal in Istanbul, where thousands assembled.In Paris, the Jewish community gathered on Sunday to mark one year since the attack by Palestinian militant group Hamas, when militants attacked southern Israeli communities, killing 1,200 people and taking about 250 hostages, according to Israeli figures.Israel's subsequent military campaign against Hamas in Gaza has killed nearly 42,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's health ministry, and laid waste to the enclave.Israel launched air attacks on Beirut's southern suburbs overnight and early on Sunday, the most intense bombardment of the Lebanese capital since Israel sharply escalated its campaign against Iranian-backed group Hezbollah last month.In Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority country, at least 1,000 pro-Palestinian protesters gathered on Sunday morning near the US embassy demanding that Washington stop supplying weapons to Israel.In Sydney, thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters gathered ahead of the October 7 anniversary, chanting and waving Lebanese and Palestinian flags amid a heavy police presence. One person was arrested for waving an Israeli flag with a swastika in the middle of it instead of the Star of David.In Rabat, thousands of Moroccans marched, calling for a halt to the violence in Gaza and Lebanon, in one of the largest protests in the country since the beginning of the war in Gaza

### 10 injured in northern Israel as Hezbollah rockets hit Haifa

Jerusalem. Hezbollah rockets hit Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, Israeli police said early on Monday, and Israeli media reported 10 people were injured in the country's north. Hezbollah said it targeted a military base south of Haifa with a salvo of "Fadi 1" missiles.

Media reports said two rockets hit Haifa. Police said that some buildings and properties were damaged, and that there were several reports of minor injuries and people were taken to a nearby hospital.Israel's military said fighter jets hit targets belonging to Hezbollah's Intelligence Headquarters in Beirut, including intelligence-gathering means, command centres, and additional

# US disaster relief chief blasts false claims about Helene response as 'dangerous'

Washington DC. The US government's top disaster relief official said Sunday that false claims and conspiracy theories about the federal response to Hurricane Helene -spread most prominently by Donald Trump are "demoralizing" aid workers and creating fear in people who need recovery assistance.

"It's frankly ridiculous, and just plain false. This kind of rhetoric is not helpful to people," said Deanne Criswell, who leads the Federal Emergency Management Agency.It's really a shame that we're putting politics ahead of helping people, and that's what we're here to do. We have had the complete support of the state," she said, referring to North Carolina.Republicans, led by the former president, have helped foster a frenzy of misinformation over the past week among the communities most devastated by Helene, promoting a number of false claims, including that Washington is intentionally withholding aid to people in Republican areas.Trump accused FEMA of spending all its money to help immigrants who are in the United States illegally, while other critics



assert that the government spends too much on Israel, Ukraine and other foreign countries.FEMA absolutely has enough money for Helene response right now," Keith Turi, acting director of FEMA's Office of Response and Recovery said. He noted that Congress recently replenished the agency with \$20 billion, and about \$8 billion

of that is set aside for recovery from previous storms and mitigation projects.here also are outlandish theories that include warnings from far-right extremist groups that officials plan to bulldoze storm-damaged communities and seize the land from residents. A falsehood pushed by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., asserts that Washington used weather control technology to steer Helene toward Republican voters in order to tilt the presidential election toward Democrat Kamala Harris.Criswell said on ABC's "This Week" that such baseless claims around the response to Helene, which caused catastrophic damage from Florida into the Appalachian mountains and a death toll that rose Sunday to at least 230, have created a sense of fear and mistrust from residents against the thousands of FEMA employees and volunteers on the ground.

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We've had the local officials helping to push back on this dangerous -- truly dangerous narrative that is creating this fear of trying to reach out and help us or to register for help," she said.President Joe Biden said in a statement Sunday that his administration "will continue working hand-in-hand with local and state leaders -- regardless of political party and no matter how long it takes."Meantime, FEMA is preparing for Hurricane Milton, which rapidly intensified into a Category 1 storm on Sunday as it heads toward Florida.

### Kamala Harris rejects 'childless women' dig, discusses her own 'modern family'

Washington DC US Vice President Kamala Harris on Sunday rejected Republican Sarah Huckabee Sanders' suggestion that the Democratic presidential candidate is not humble because she does not have biological children.Harris said the Arkansas governor's views on family were outdated and discussed her own "modern family," which includes her husband, Doug Emhoff, and his two children from his first marriage, Cole and Ella.During a town hall Sanders moderated for Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in Michigan in September, she said her kids keep her "humble," while Harris "doesn't have anything keeping her humble."Harris responded to Sanders' comments on the popular "Call Her Daddy" podcast on Sunday, saying "I don't think she understands that there are a whole lot of women out here who, one, are not aspiring to be humble. Two, a whole lot of women out here who have a lot of



love in their life, family in their life, and children in their life.""And I think it's really important for women to lift each other up," Harris added.Harris said family comes in many forms."We have our family by blood, and then we have our family by love, and I have both, and I consider it to be a real blessing," she said. "And I have two beautiful children, Cole and Ella, who call me Momala. We have a very modern family. My husband's exwife is a friend of mine."The vice

Iran stops, then resumes flight ops even as Israeli retaliation looms large

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cancellations announced earlier by the

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state media reported on Monday,

shortening the period of flight

Civil Aviation Organisation.

president also responded to Trump's running mate, JD Vance, having previously complained he didn't want the country run by "childless cat ladies.""I just think it's mean and meanspirited," Harris said.Sanders' office and the Trump campaign did not respond to a request for comment.Harris joined the podcast, hosted by Alex Cooper, for a conversation focused on reproductive

rights, sexual abuse and student loans. The appearance was part of a broader media outreach effort by Harris as she seeks to boost her support in the final month before the November 5 election against Trump. The vice president's campaign, which has come under criticism over the amount of media interviews Harris has done so far, said she will appear on CBS' "60 Minutes," ABC's "The View," CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" and "The Howard Stern Show" this week.

when Gaza-based terror group Hamas

launched unprecedented armed

incursions into southern Israel.

Meanwhile, Israel's defence minister on

Sunday declared all options were open

for retaliation against arch-enemy Iran.

Notably, Iran implemented restrictions on

flights on Tuesday, October 1, when it

launched missiles at Israel in retaliation

for the killing of commanders of its proxy

groups, including former Hezbollah

chief Hassan Nasrallah.Israel vowed to

### Florida prepares for major evacuation as hurricane Milton grows stronger

Florida. Florida prepared on Sunday for its largest evacuation since 2017 as Hurricane Milton intensified in the Gulf of Mexico on its path toward the US state's western coast, coming on the heels of the devastating Hurricane Helene.

Milton, which strengthened from a tropical storm to hurricane on Sunday, was projected to make landfall on Wednesday as a major hurricane, likely hitting near the heavily populated Tampa Bay area, the US National Hurricane Center said.The new hurricane was expected to affect areas already hit hard by Helene, which made landfall further north on September 26.Kevin Guthrie, director of Florida's emergency management division, urged



people to prepare for the "largest evacuation that we have seen most likely since 2017 Hurricane Irma.""I highly encourage you to evacuate," Guthrie told Floridians in a press conference.

Milton was about 780 miles (1,255 km) westsouthwest of Tampa as of 7 pm EDT on Sunday (0000 GMT on Monday), packing maximum sustained winds of 85 mph (140 km) and moving to the east toward Florida at 7 mph (11 kph), the National Hurricane Center said.A hurricane watch was in effect for the northern coast of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

infrastructure sitesOver the past few hours, the airstrikes struck Hezbollah weapons storage facilities in the area of Beirut, the military said, noting that secondary explosions were identified following the strikes, indicating the presence of weaponryAirstrikes also struck Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon and the Beqaa area, including weapons storage facilities, infrastructure sites, a command centre, and a launcher, the military saidIt blamed Hezbollah for deliberately embedding its command centres and weaponry beneath residential buildings in the heart of the city of Beirut and endangering the civilian population.

### Massive blast outside Karachi Airport in Pakistan kills two, injures eight

**KARACHI, Pakistan.** A massive blast outside Karachi Airport in Pakistan on Sunday killed two people and injured at least eight, officials said.Police and the provincial government said a tanker exploded outside the airport, which is Pakistan's biggestBut the provincial home minister, Zia Ul Hassan, told local TV station Geo that it was an attack targeting foreignersA Home Ministry official told The Associated Press that it was an attack on Chinese nationals, one of whom was injured. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Thousands of Chinese workers are in Pakistan, most of them involved in Beijing's multibillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative that connects south and central Asia with the Chinese capital.Videos showed flames engulfing cars and a thick column of smoke rising from the scene. There was a heavy military deployment at the site, which was cordoned off.Deputy Inspector General East Azfar Mahesar told media that it seemed like it was an oil tanker explosion."We are determining the nature and reasons for the blast. It takes time." Police officers were among the injured, he added. The home minister and inspector general also visited the blast site, but they did not talk to the press.Rahat Hussain, who works in the civil aviation department, said the blast was so big that it shook the airport's buildings.

ensuring favourable and safe flight conditions by the Civil Aviation Organisation, all announced restrictions are removed and airlines are allowed to carry out flight operations," state media said six hours before the end of the initial

World Flight restrictions have been lifted

in Iran after conditions were deemed

safe, reported Reuters quoting state

media on Monday. This shortened the

period of flight cancellations announced

earlier by the Civil Aviation

A spokesperson for the organisation had

earlier said that flights from all Iran's

airports would be cancelled until 6 am on

Monday from 9 pm on Sunday."After

Organisation.

operational restrictions, state media cited the spokesperson as saying without providing further details.Iran's precautionary move also came on the first anniversary of the October 7 attacks,

flight cancellation deadline. The flights

were initially cancelled due to

retaliate for the strikes, saying Iran "will pay for it".Hezbollah was dealt a crushing blow by Israel after its leader Hassan Nasrallah was killed in an airstrike in Beirut.

### We will win: Benjamin Netanyahu says as Israel battles Hamas, Hezbollah

Benjamin Netanyahu told troops Israel "will win" as it battles militants in both the Gaza Strip and Lebanon and prepares to strike Iran, almost a year since the unprecedented attack by Palestinian Hamas militants sparked the Gaza war.

Jerusalem. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday vowed to achieve victory and said his country's military "completely transformed reality" in the year since Hamas's October 7 attack, which has left the country fighting two wars.Netanyahu told troops Israel "will win" as it battles militants in both the Gaza Strip and Lebanon and prepares to strike Iran, almost a year since the unprecedented

attack by Palestinian Hamas militants sparked the Gaza war.Israel's army chief, Lieutenant General Herzi Halevi said that, one year on, "we have defeated the military wing of Hamas".Netanyahu had pledged to "crush... and destroy" the militants as fighting began last October, but troops have returned to several areas across Gaza where they had previously conducted operations against Hamas, only to find militants regrouping.In late September, Israel turned its focus north, intensifying military action against Iran-backed Hezbollah, which had been routinely sending rockets over the border from Lebanon in support of Hamas."A year ago, we suffered a terrible blow. Over the past 12 months, we have completely transformed reality," Netanyahu said during a visit to the Lebanon border, according to his office.Hamas on Sunday called the October 7 attack "glorious" and said the Palestinians were "writing a new history with their resistance". Their attack resulted in the deaths of 1,205 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli official figures that include hostages killed in captivity. Dozens of other



hostages are still being held. At last 370 people were killed at one location alone, the Nova rave in the Negev desert, which was commemorated with candles, prayer and music in Tel Aviv on Sunday. Destroyed, displacedIn northern Gaza, the military said it had encircled the Jabaliya area after indications Hamas was rebuilding there despite a year of air strikes and fighting. Rescuers said 17 people, including nine children, had been killed on Sunday by Israeli air strikes on the area.

Israel's military offensive in Gaza has killed at least 41,870 people, the majority of them civilians, according to figures provided by the Hamas-run territory's health ministry and described as reliable by the UN.

- Most of Gaza's population is displaced and much of the territory's housing and other infrastructure destroyed.
- Despite fighting, which has escalated in Lebanon since late September, and the threat of war with Iran, Netanyahu told French President Emmanuel Macron in a phone call that Israel's actions in Lebanon would help bring "stability, security and peace in the entire region", according to Netanyahu's office.Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati appealed to the international community to push Israel for a ceasefire.US Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris said in a pre-recorded interview that Washington was "not going to stop" pressuring Israel and Arab leaders to agree a Gaza truce.

The leaders of Jordan and the United Arab Emirates called for intensified international efforts to stop both wars. Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani warned the fighting could "plunge the region and the world into prolonged conflicts".

## Fresh Israeli strikes hit Beirut after people asked to leave Hezbollah stronghold

According to Lebanon's National News <u>Agency, Israeli warplanes launched two</u> <u>strikes on southern Beirut, with the</u> <u>first targeting the Saint Therese area,</u> <u>and the second targeting the Burj al-</u> Barajneh area.

**Beirut.** Official Lebanese media reported four Israeli strikes on south Beirut Sunday, shortly after calls by Israel's army for residents to evacuate the Hezbollah stronghold which has been bombarded for several days"Enemy warplanes launched two strikes on the southern suburbs, the first targeted the Saint Therese area, and the second targeted the Burj al-Barajneh area," Lebanon's National News Agency said. The NNA later reported two additional strikes, including one it described as "violent". One AFP correspondent said her windows shook after one of the strikes, while another reporter heard loud explosions.

AFP live video footage captured four strikes, two of them triggering big explosions with flaming flares shooting out of thick black smoke.An Israeli military statement issued overnight Sunday to Monday said the IDF had "struck Hezbollah terrorist targets and weapons storage facilities in Beirut".

Israeli warplanes hit targets belonging to Hezbollah's intelligence headquarters in Beirut, the statement added. They had also hit "Hezbollah weapons storage facilities in the area of Beirut", reporting secondary explosions after the strikes "indicating the presence of weaponry". Earlier Sunday



evening, Israel military spokesman Avichay Adraee issued an "urgent warning to the residents of the southern suburb of Burj al-Barajneh and Hadath" to leave these areas.

- "You are located near Hezbollah facilities and interests, and the IDF (Israeli military) will operate against them in the near future," he added in a statement on X.In the night from Saturday to Sunday, the southern suburbs were hit by more than 30 strikes, the NNA said, in one of the most intense barrages yet.
- Lebanon's Hezbollah movement and its foe Israel have been exchanging near-daily cross-border fire for nearly a year in fallout from the Gaza war.
- But since September 23, Israel has launched devastating air strikes on targets in Lebanon that have killed more than 1,110 people and forced more than one million to flee their homes.Israel last week killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in south Beirut, a densely populated area before residents fled Israel's intensifying bombardment.





### News box Fake certificates for **TNPSC** jobs: Government staff among 9 booked for fraud

MADURAI. The Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) in Madurai registered a case against assistant commissioner (state taxes) of Thiruparankundram assessment circle, deputy superintendent of police (Attur), revenue divisional officer (Kancheepuram), and personal assistant (general) to Coimbatore collector apart from five other persons on charges of cheating to secure advantage in appointments through the TNPSC group I services by availing 20% reservation under the Tamil medium quota, in connivance with Madurai Kamaraj University officials.

- According to police sources, a case was booked against Assistant Commissioner (state taxes) S Swapna (34), Personal Assistant (General) to Collector of Coimbatore NA Chanheetha (40), Deputy SP (Attur sub-division) KC Sathish Kumar (40), RDO Kancheepuram M Kalaivani (37), former senior superintendent of MKU R Sathiamoorthi (62), Superintendent SC/ST Cell of Directorate of Distance Education (DDE) of MKU K Purushothaman (59), administrator of Life Educational Trust A Murali (40), programme officer of the Trust R Narayana Prabhu (41) and Coordinator of Sethupathi Institute of Higher Studies A Rajendran.
- Sources said that in 2020, the principal secretary to higher education department based on the report of the V-C of MKU, directed to inquire into allegations on the DDE. Meanwhile, the Madras High Court based on a PIL plea, directed the DVAC to investigate into the irregularities committed in conducting examinations and issuance of PSTM (Person Studied in Tamil Medium) certificate by MKU. The DVAC inquired 22 candidates, who submitted their PSTM certificates issued for their appointment to Group-I services from 2012 to 2019. As many as four of them had completed their course through the DDE.

### Villagers rescue newborn from abandoned house near Chidambaram in TN



CUDDALORE. A newborn girl, who was abandoned behind a house in Pichavaram near Chidambaram, was rescued by the villager on Sunday. The villagers along with the help of the police admitted the infant to a hospital for treatment.

# MLA Anvar lauds Stalin, tears into Kerala CM Pinarayi, LDF govt

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MANJERI. Seeking to put the CPM on the defensive further, MLA P V Anvar tried to juxtapose the 'principled and strong anti-Sangh Parivar stand' of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in Tamil Nadu with the 'clandestine deal' between the CPM and the BJP in Kerala.

Addressing a public meeting in Manjeri on Sunday, the Nilambur MLA, who fell out with the CPM recently, said the DMK did everything to block the attempts of the BJP to win at

least one seat from Tamil Nadu. He said the party gave its sure seat at Dindigul to the CPM and took the Coimbatore Lok Sabha constituency when it was known that the BJP was eyeing the seat."DMK is the most secular and democratic force in the country. I had gone to meet the party leaders in Chennai. Where else can I go? Should I go to the RSS headquarters? If I had gone there (RSS centre), the government would have given me full support," he said.

Anvar alleged that the LDF government had tried to sabotage his meeting with DMK leaders."A secretary in the government flew to Chennai on Sunday and tried to meet Chief Minister M K Stalin, who was



attending the airshow by the defence department. He wanted Stalin to issue a statement against me," Anvar said. He alleged that a secret deal has been struck between the CPM and the BJP for the ensuing byelections in the Palakkad and Chelakkara assembly constituencies."As per the agreement, the CPM will vote for the BJP in Palakkad and in return, the party candidate will get BJP votes in Chelakkara," he said. He reiterated his charge that it was Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan who paved the way for the BJP's victory in Thrissur in the Lok Sabha elections. Thrissur Pooram was disrupted with the intention to turn the people against the government, he said.

Anvar said he went to Chennai to seek the blessings of Stalin and the people of TN, "who successfully blocked all ways for BJP".

No intention to start a political party now, says Anvar

"I have no intention to start a political party now. I want a social movement," he said.

The venue of the public meeting in Manjeri was decorated with the portraits of renaissance leaders in Kerala, including Sree Narayana Guru, Chattambi Swamikal, Vakkom

Abdul Khader Moulavi and Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara. Portraits of Muhammad Abdurrehman, K Kelappan, Abdurrehman Bafaqi Thangal and A K Gopalan were also placed near the venue. The policy of his new organisation, Democratic Movement Kerala, includes creation of a new district after bifurcating Malappuram and Kozhikode districts, implementation of caste census, voting rights from non-resident Keralites and ensuring justice for the Malabar region. ormer IUML Ernakulam district president Hamsa Parakkatt and Mappilappattu artist Bappu Velliparamba were also present on the stage along with Anvar.

### **Crisis-hit Sircilla Textile** Park in Telangana ceases operations

RAJANNA-SIRCILLA. The Sircilla Textile Park wore a deserted look on Sunday as 70 units ceased their operations. Sources said that the owners of units in Baddenapally were unable to pay power dues and bemoaned the lack of marketing facilities and government support. Around 1,000 workers from Telangana and other states lost their jobs, they added. Annaldas Anil Kumar, president of the Sircilla Textile Park Cloth Manufacturers Association (STPCMA), said that shutting down the textile manufacturing units was the only viable option to avoid further crises. Textile unit owners have stopped manufacturing operations in their respective



units, he said. Meanwhile, the workers who lost their jobs have appealed the government to provide

support to resume manufacturing activities in the textile park. After the announcement by textile unit owners on October 1 that they would cease operations from Sunday, a team from the regional office of the Ministry of Textiles visited the Sircilla Textile Park to assess the ground situation. At the manufacturing units, cloth worth Rs 80 crore has piled up like hillocks due to the lack of marketing facilities. STPCMA director Gajula Sarath Kumar expressed concern over the inability to sell the cloth.

According to STPCMA members, the Telangana government's electricity charges of Rs 8 per unit are a "burden on them". In comparison, the Maharashtra government supports the textile industry in Bhiwandi by charging Rs 2 per unit for textile manufacturing units, they claimed.

### Karnataka: Rain kills three, damages 150 houses in North Karnataka

HUBBALLI/BALLARI/GADAG. Three people were killed and over 150 houses damaged after heavy rain lashed several parts of North Karnataka on Saturday night. As predicted by weather agencies, several districts in North Karnataka came under the grip of heavy rain owing to a cyclonic activity in the Bay of Bengal.

Two people were killed in Vijayanagara district on Saturday after a lightning struck them on Sunday. The victims Narappa Banakar (55) and Prashant Banakar (45) were both from Dasanapura village of Hagaribommanahalli taluk in Vijayanagara district. In Davanagere district, 81year-old Kulagatte Basavarajappa died after his house wall collapsed on him late on Saturday night. His son and daughter-in-law were also injured in the incident and are being treated at a hospital. They are out of danger.

Met Department sources said 130 mm of rain that lashed in a few hours in undivided Ballari district and surrounding areas caused intense floods. Heavy rain was also reported



in Raichur, Koppal, Yadgir and Kalaburagi districts. 55 mining trucks stuck in flood waters

Over 55 mining trucks were stuck in flood waters in the Sandur mining area. Local residents rescued around 25 truck drivers who were stuck inside their vehicles. The district administration said paddy, banana and chilli crops in over 9,000 hectares were washed away.

#### In both Ballari and Vijayanagara districts, senior officials rushed to villages where intense damage was reported. Undivided Ballari MP E Tukaram also inspected the rainhit areas and visited villages where heavy rain was reported.In Nargund and surrounding areas of Gadag district, roads turned into mini-rivers after heavy rain on Saturday night. The region received incessant rain for over two hours, forcing people to spend a sleepless night. The rainwater got mixed with drainage water and flooded many houses.

Rain floods apartment, fells trees in Bengaluru Bengaluru: Heavy rain affected normal life in many parts of the city on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Houses and residential complexes were flooded, a compound wall collapsed damaging many two-wheelers, 15 trees were uprooted, and many roads became rivers leading to bumper-to-bumper traffic stretching for kilometres after the city received heavy rain on Saturday night.

> No pay for over 100 govt college staff in 6 central districts for 11 months, families in distress

Mother-daughter duo, minor boy held for kidnap and murder of 6-yr-old girl

Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, along with two other ministers NMD Faroog and M Ramprasad Reddy visited the airl's house and consoled the bereaved family

- Residents passing by an abandoned house on Madha Koil Street in Pichavaram heard cries of a baby and discovered the newborn girl lying behind the house. They immediately informed the Chidambaram Annamalai Nagar police. After the police arrived the place with ambulance service, the baby was taken to Cuddalore District Medical College Hospital in Annamalai Nagar. Following this, the infant was transferred to the District Child Protection Unit in Cuddalore, sources said.
- The police have registered a case and are investigating to identify the parents of the child. "We suspect the infant was born three to four hours before she was found. We are inquiring with nearby hospitals for further information," a police sources added.

### Boars, monkeys make life difficult for jangaon ryots in Telangana

- JANGAON. Wild boars and monkeys have been wreaking havoc on crops in several villages across Chilpur, Zaffarghad, Station Ghanpur, Jangaon, Narmetta and Ragunathpally mandals. Local farmers have requested forest and revenue officials to take measures to control the menace. Meanwhile, in a bid to protect their crops, ryots have been installing fencing around their fields.
- After the recent rains, crops such as paddy, groundnut, pulse and cotton were cultivated. They are expected to be ready for harvest in November and December. However, wild boars and monkeys have damaged them, the ryots added.P Srinivas, a farmer from Chilpur mandal, expressed concern over the increasing number of wild boars and monkeys in the area. He said these animals were destroying crops such as cotton, maize and groundnut in the fields. Despite bringing the issue to the attention of the officials, the suggested solution was to install fencing around the agricultural fields, he said, adding that many farmers have been left to struggle on their own.Acknowledging the severity of the matter, Jangaon District Forest Officer (DFO) B Lavanya told that measures were being taken to address the issue.

CHITTOOR. Three persons, including a mother-daughter duo and a minor boy, were arrested on Sunday in connection with the suspicious death of a six-year-old girl at Punganur in Chittoor district. The 6year-old girl, identified as Asmiya Anjum, had gone missing on September 29. She was found dead in a water tank on October 2.Police investigation revealed that a financial dispute between one of the accused and Asmiya's father, Ajmatullah, was the motive behind the murder.

Chittoor district Collector Sumit Kumar and Chandolu oversaw the investigation.

Elaborating on the case, the SP said a woman, key accused in the case, borrowed Rs 3.5 lakh from Ajmatullah. After she failed to repay the loan, Ajmatullah threatened to file a lawsuit against her. Agitated by the threat, the woman hatched a plan to kidnap and kill Asmiya. When the girl was playing outside her house on September 29, the woman approached her and lured her to leave the spot. The woman, along with her mother and the minor boy, fed the child before choking her to death. The trio then shifted the body on a bike and discarded it in a nearby summer storage tank. "As per preliminary medical reports, there were no signs of injury or rape," said Manikanta Chandolu.

Superintendent of Police Manikanta He confirmed that crucial evidence and suspicious movements of certain individuals led to the arrest of suspects. He explained that after a missing complaint was lodged by Asmiya's family on September 29, 12 police teams, including

search parties with trained dogs and technical units, were dispatched to comb the town. Nearby lakes, ponds, abandoned wells, and buildings were searched with the help of municipal workers and youth. Additionally, surveillance footage from CCTV cameras around the town was thoroughly examined, and technical teams from nearby districts were brought in to assist. Police interacted with Asmiya's family, neighbours, teachers, and others who had last seen her.

The investigation also explored potential leads involving anyone who may have previously harassed or touched the child inappropriately. The SP emphasised that no one involved in the heinous crime will be spared.

Since November 2023, these educators and support staff have gone without pay, forcing their families to grapple with a growing sense of helplessness and despair.



- TIRUCHY. The prolonged delay in giving salaries has left 49 hourly lecturers, 34 guest lecturers, and 33 non-teaching staff from the 10 erstwhile constituent colleges of Bharathidasan University in financial and emotional distress.
- Since November 2023, these educators and support staff who are working in government colleges in Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Tiruchy, Permabalur and Pudukkottai districts have gone without pay, forcing their families to grapple with a growing sense of helplessness and despair. K Ramesh (59), one among the hourly paid lecturer working in the Nanilam government arts and science college in Tiruvarur for the past 12 years, is now questioning his career choice.

"In this age and in my 25 years of experience in teaching, I am working in a petrol bunk due to mounting debts and poverty. My salary is Rs 14,200 per month as a hourly lecturer, nonetheless I work for a duration equivalent to that of regular employees." G Jagadeeshwari (50), a doctorate in History, working as a guest lecturer in Orathanadu girls arts and science college, said their service is only profitable to the government as a single associate professor gets Rs 1 lakh salary per month and they get only Rs 25,000 and that too not for over a year."I am mentally distressed and cannot decide whether to stay in this job or quit. I have lost self-respect in the family as they know I am working in a job which doesn't pay. I don't know whether we would get the salaries or not. Teaching is the only profession I have done throughout my life. I don't know anything apart from that. Even if we get the salary all the money would be enough to settle my debt." Beyond the immediate financial impact, the delay has eroded the trust between the staff and the college administration. "We have given everything to our students and our institutions, but when it comes to taking care of our livelihoods, no one seems to care. It's disheartening," shared an hourly lecturer who has been teaching at one of the affected colleges for over a decade.

# Night pharmacies under scanner over illegal sale of narcotic

These drugs, often used for pain management or anxiety treatment, can also be misused for recreational purposes.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. The Kerala State Pharmacy Council has raised concerns that some pharmacies, particularly those operating at night, are selling narcotic medicines without valid prescriptions, creating a risk of abuse.

These drugs, often used for pain management or anxiety treatment, can also be misused for recreational purposes.

In addition to Schedule X drugs, certain antibiotics classified under Schedule H and H1 too are being sold in that manner despite government efforts to control antimicrobial resistance, the council pointed out, drawing attention to the lax regulations in place."Such questionable drug sales often occur at night when the pharmacist hands over responsibilities to salesmen. Pharmacy owners frequently hire unqualified assistants to save costs, and these individuals may not be aware of the rules, leading to careless dispensing practices," said Kerala State Pharmacy Council president O C Naveen Chand.



Regulations mandate that drugs must be dispensed under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. According to the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, a pharmacist is required to work only eight hours, leaving assistants in charge during extended hours. Naveen Chand highlighted the importance of ensuring that prescriptions are current and that drugs are not dispensed on the basis of outdated or repeated prescriptions. He suggested that pharmacists keep a copy of prescriptions as a standard practice.

A N Mohan, state president of the All Kerala

Chemists and Druggists Association (AKCDA), while acknowledging there may be isolated instances of noncompliance, said most pharmacies adhere to the regulations.

Some establishments may compromise on rules to increase profits, but we do not support such practices. It is the responsibility of the authorities to take action, and we are ready to assist them," he said.Mohan also called for a review of the pharmacy licensing process to prevent indiscriminate approvals. The drugs control department, with 48 inspectors overseeing more than 27,000 pharmacies, faces challenges in enforcing these rules. Despite limited resources, we do conduct inspections and take action against stock discrepancies. We are actively working to combat antimicrobial resistance and implement a national programme to address narcotic drug abuse among children. Inspectors are also involved in various tasks, including sample collection and prosecution," an officer said.

## EDITORIAL

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### War, valour and values in Vietnam

In typhoon-torn Vietnam, though being roombound for two days, we had interesting experiences last month. Some fellow golfers, who had visited the country a couple of months earlier, told us that the Vietnamese were a friendly people with values to cherish. And that, with fortitude and valour in their blood, they had rebuilt their war-ravaged country. The typhoon was to hit our city Hanoi at 7 in the evening, when we ventured out, walking up to a lake nearby. Soon, we realised that we had made a foolish decision, for we were caught in heavy downpour and wild, gusty winds. While hobbling back to the hotel, and mindful of the uprooted trees, my wife, Koumdi, harboured a fishing bait, flung unknowingly by a boy, on her trouser. While trying to remove it, she suffered an injury on her finger and it started bleeding profusely. Panicked, we shouted for help when a 10-yearold girl came running from her shop-cum-home.

- She made Koumdi sit on a chair and ran inside to bring a first-aid box. She put the band-aid on the finger, saying something which we could not understand. But her smile said it all. The boy kept standing on one side, being an epitome of an apology. For the next hour or so, we were sheltered in their tiny house.
- In Ho Chi Minh City, our guide, Danh Hong Puch, told us interesting facets about the Vietnamese. We were surprised to know that the kids in the country generally do not want to go to school; instead, they stay on their land and pursue their parents' profession.
- Puch, who spoke monk-like, talked about the Buddha and his teachings, especially compassion. He too wanted to go back and live with his parents in a few months.



- We saw the fields with built-up ornamental graves; according to Puch, the Vietnamese liked to be buried only on their property. I was reminded of the man in New Orleans, who wanted to be buried 'above land' since he had lived in swamps all his life! Pretentious human desires do not leave them even after death.
- Puch introduced us to families on Unicorn Island, located in Mekong river, who have been living there for generations, rearing cattle, growing fruits and crops, and even raising beehives for honey.Some distance away from Ho Chi Minh City, we saw bunkers, which stretched up to a distance of 250 km, used by Vietnamese guerillas and their families during the war with the US. The design of these bunkers is so scientific that despite having kitchens and wells inside to subsist, these are difficult for the enemy to detect. Guerrillas even wore sandals in the reverse manner, so that the enemy was fooled into believing that they were going in a particular direction, whereas it was just the opposite.

While in Da Nang and heading up to Ba Na Hills, we met Minh, a Vietnamese who had stayed for 22 years in California, USA, and who had returned to his moorings. He was in our group as just another member, but took care of everyone around. With us, he was extra helpful. He would caution, "Mind your head please!" and "Mind your step please!" He would offer to take pictures and suggest angles and the perfect light options. Minh limped a bit since he had undergone a knee replacement surgery, but it did not deter him from offering a hand to Koumdi if it was a steep climb. At our luncheon, he guided us to the vegetarian counter. I couldn't help telling him, "Minh, you are a good man!" He smiled and said.

### Lessons from encounters in the wild

The biggest impediment to conservation is the conflict between humans and wild animals

While we have been celebrating 'wildlife week' across India, beginning from October 2, disturbing news has come from African countries such as Namibia and Zimbabwe. Apparently, orders have been issued to cull elephants for providing food to hungry citizens. Many of these countries have been reeling under severe drought conditions, and coupled with supply chain disruptions due to the wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, governments have been facing the daunting task of addressing the hunger of the countrymen.Drought is linked to global warming and the developed countries responsible for this have not paid adaptation funds of \$100 million annually, or the loss and damage funds agreed to in annual climate conferences. No one can do any conservation with a hungry stomach. The biggest impediment

to conservation is the conflict between humans and wild animals. With the fragmentation and degradation of wildlife habitats and forests, wild animals stray into human areas and damage crops, properties and also inflict human and livestock casualties. Though human casualties are inflicted by tigers, leopards, wolves, wild buffaloes, etc, the largest number of deaths take place in elephant attacks. Whenever a child is lifted by a wolf and an adult is killed by large carnivores or an elephant, the affected community members turn against the Forest Department. They protest and create a law and order situation. If it is not handled effectively, often members of the community turn against the conservation programmes and all efforts go in vain. Recent incidents of wolves' attacks in UP's Bahraich is one such example.In the case of Bahraich, the habitat for wolves, which historically lies between Katarnia Ghat forests and Ghaghara river, has been shrinking owing to frequent changes in the course of the river. According to experts, the wolves there have cross-bred with stray dogs and the offsprings are no longer fearful of moving into human areas in search of food. The UP Forest Department has already taken five out of the six wolves into captivity. Under pressure from the community, it had no option but to capture and shift wild wolves to a zoo/safari.The reasons for tigers and leopards attacking and killing humans in the Terai belt of UP and Uttarakhand are similar. The habitats have been fragmented due to human encroachments, rivers changing course and diversion of forests for infrastructure and developmental projects. There have been several incidents of communities targeting wild animals. Apart from being poached and hunted, the animals straying into human areas are killed by the villagers. Tigers living on the periphery of forests at times attack livestock for food. They drag the kill several



hundred metres to hide it under tree groves and bushes and feed on it. Tigers are known to eat twice a week; the half-eaten carcass of the kill is often revisited. Villagers exploit this weakness of tigers and spray poison on this. The tiger gets killed whenever it revisits. Unless there is an accidental encounter, wild animals maintain a safe distance from humans and would never attack. Only when the distance is breached do the animals attack in self-defence. While perambulating forests infested by

elephants, forest officers take a lot of precautions. There have been several instances when officers on duty got killed in elephant attacks. A clear distance of 200 metres is to be maintained between the elephant and the human while moving in the forests. When the direction of the wind is from the elephant towards the human, one can afford to go a bit closer. But when the direction of the wind is towards the elephant, a safe distance of 200 metres must be kept. When we move in forests, we make sure that the colour of the vehicle is not white, nor do we wear any white-coloured clothes. In December 1977, NR Nair, the then Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, lost his life when he went too close to photograph an elephant in Karnataka's Bandipur forests. He was attacked and killed on the spot. In 1989, while working as the Deputy Conservator of Forests at Kollegal in Karnataka, I was going with my wife and kids in a Mahindra jeep on a hilly narrow road in an elephant area and was charged by an elephant from the front. We were lucky that the elephant did not touch us and turned away. If it had pushed the jeep, five of us, including the driver, would have disappeared from earth. Elephants feed on small-sized trees, which have lower carbon absorption capacity. This removes the competition. Big trees with a higher carbon absorption grow luxuriantly.

# Phogats, politics, patriarchy

Vinesh Phogat — 30 years old, Asian champion, near-Olympics champion, World Championships medallist

is a mere child, a girl who must listen to and obey the patriarch of the family, Mahavir Phogat, the man who turned his daughters and nieces into world-class wrestlers. For Mahavir, she's a chit of a girl — yes, she can easily wring your neck but, for him, she's a mere overgrown kid whom he started coaching after his brother Rajpal died, killed by a madman in 2003. She must listen to him, as she did when he started training her in Julana village over 25 years ago.Is it patriarchy that makes Mahavir Phogat tell niece Vinesh through the press --- that she should not have joined politics, and certainly not the Congress party?Patriarchy, unfortunately, seems to be the more charitable explanation for his public comments against his niece and protege, for the other explanation is politics - Mahavir had joined the BJP along with his daughter Babita in 2019. A politician, said Nietzsche, divides mankind into two classes - tools and enemies and those aspiring for great success in politics

become adept in using people, and being used. In the case of the Phogats, politicians seem to have divided the family into enemies of each other. Vinesh, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia - married to Mahavir's youngest daughter, Sangeeta — were the face of the wrestlers' protest against then Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh over allegations that he had sexually abused several women wrestlers. To Mahavir's credit, he did put himself on the right side in this significant battle for women's right to pursue a career in sports without being molested by officials or coaches - this, every insider knows, is a very big problem in sports. Mahavir, in fact, went so far as to say, in early August, that Vinesh's reaching the final of the 50kg class at the Paris Olympics represented a slap on Brij Bhushan's face.Babita, however, has been rather reticent in expressing support for her cousin Vinesh and the wrestling sisterhood, and quite mum on her party colleague Brij Bhushan; she went so far as to suggest that the protesting wrestlers were misled by the "Opposition parties".

Punjab BJP's woes

Top brass should pay heed to Jakhar's plea



two successive terms as a junior ally of the Shiromani Akali Dal, is struggling to regain ground. It has poached several Congress leaders in an attempt to bolster its state unit, but the ploy has not yielded substantial electoral dividends. The saffron party drew a blank in Punjab in this year's Lok Sabha elections, though it did manage to improve its vote share. Having set its sights on the 2027 Assembly elections, the BJP cannot afford to let things drift. With farmers and Sikhs being key vote banks in the state, antagonising or ignoring them can be perilous. Though the Centre eventually repealed the farm laws, Punjab's farmers have not yet forgiven the BJP as well as PM Modi for the hardships they suffered during the historic stir. The trust deficit also stems from the Union Government's apparent reluctance to legalise the MSP for all crops. Paying heed to Jakhar's plea and doing course correction can make a difference.

Jakhar has sought prompt redressal of farmers' grievances and a review of the contentious strategy to grant frequent parole to rape and murder convict Gurmeet Ram Rahim. Both are emotive subjects in Punjab — the state's farmers were at the forefront of the year-long agitation against the three Central farm laws, while the Dera Sacha Sauda chief continues to be in the crosshairs of the Sikh community due to his alleged role in sacrilege and blasphemy cases.

ALL is not well with the Punjab BJP. Discontent

within its ranks has been brewing for a while, and

now things are coming to a head. State party

president Sunil Jakhar's unwillingness to stay at

the helm has brought the fault lines out in the open.

The former Congress stalwart has reportedly told PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah

that there is a need to change the BJP's and the

Centre's approach to issues concerning the state.

The BJP, which was in power in the border state for



### War, valour and values in Vietnam



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I can write this now as the person around whom this episode hinges is no more and can't be harassed, harried, or worse. Yet, for safety's sake, let's not take his name and simply call him Mr X.My father, probably egged on by an old memory, once wrote to the Headmaster of Lahore's Central Model School. Before Partition knocked the bottom out of so many lives, this was where he had studied before moving on to Lahore's famous Government College. The upshot was that he received a letter from Mr X, also an alumnus of the school, though much after my father. The Headmaster must have shown the letter to X, who then wrote to my father to say that he had grown up in Shimla, in Barnes' Court, today's Raj Bhavan of Himachal Pradesh. His father had been on the staff of the last British Governor of undivided Punjab, Sir Evan Jenkins. With Partition, the family had moved to Pakistan. In time, Mr X left for another country and did well in business. When he aged, he sold his business and returned to Lahore. As he said, he 'wanted to live out the rest of his life with family and friends'.

Someone vouchsafed Mr X's credentials for a visa to India and one summer evening, both he and his wife arrived in Shimla. I helped arrange a visit to the Raj Bhavan. No matter what politicians from both sides of the border may plot and plan, the person-toperson affection between the ordinary Pakistanis and Indians is considerable — you just have to see both nationalities living it up with friendship and bonhomie when they are in another country and on neutral ground. Mr X was able to revisit the romping grounds of his childhood and the security staff were



kind, yet careful, courteous and yet, cautious. Then, one day, Mrs X and Mr X came home for dinner. Mrs X and my mother got into a conversation. The lady, trying to open a stream of talk, I assume, asked my mother, "How many servants do you have? We manage with four." Our mother, who when she had to had been a sweeper, cook, dish-washer, wife, mother and academic rolled into one, did not know what to say. More bluntly put, I don't think she had either the interest or the patience for conversations like this. Our guest carried on, "We pay two servants

and we give the other two food." Suddenly, our rather placid and calm mother acted as if she'd been stung. "What do you mean, 'You give just food?"" Yes, we give food" was the answer.

Good manners came to the fore. My mother returned to her calm and gentle state. "How nice," she said. "Should we have dinner now?"

After leaving India as a child, this was Mr X's first visit to the country and it was the first time his wife had come. Expectedly, over the course of the few days they were in Shimla, the conversation turned

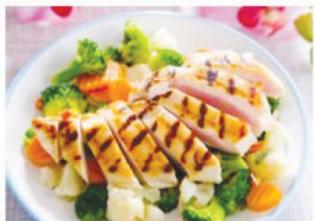
time and again to the similarities and common ground that we had as a people. At the same time, we also spoke of how different our countries had become. The fundamental difference seemed to emerge from the fact that the Constitution of Pakistan was adopted in 1956, while India's had come into force in 1950. Those crucial six years seem to have altered the trajectory of that country. The feudal order continued, with a limited number of individuals and families controlling both money and power. Then, one evening, Mr X and I went out for a drink and a meal. The place where we were at had several serving and retired Army and civil officers, who were also there for a drink and a meal. One introduced Mr X. Within moments, he was surrounded. A barrage of questions was fired. That inquisition of sorts could be summarised in a single sentence, "Why does Pakistan behave the way it does with India?" He did not say so, or even indicate this, but I won't be surprised if Mr X thought that this chance meeting was an ambush arranged by me. One tried one's best to extricate him from this situation, but he was quite capable of holding his own. His answer to the barrage was, "I've lived most of my life out of Pakistan as a businessman and only returned to retire." As we left, Mr X was visibly upset. He said, "Don't you realise that both our countries have become very different? You have democracy here. In Pakistan, we alternate between some sort of a democracy and military coups. There is no clear power centre. We have four: the Army, the ISI, the religious hardliners and then the weakest, the elected government."

#### New Delhi, Tuesday, 8 October 2024

# FOODS

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Diabetics needn't restrict themselves to boring soups and fat-free snacks. Try these simple recipes with unconventional grains that pack in flavour and nutrition.

Organic food is the buzz word and every nutritionist, model, health enthusiast is swearing by their daily dose of quinoa. Organic or not, grains such as polenta, couscous, barley and flax seeds suddenly find themselves in the limelight, outsing the good old rajma and chana. We get Chef Prakash Lopes, from Citrus at The Leela, to teach us healthy and delicious variations using these grains.Barley and vegetable broth

#### Ingredients

- 200 ml Barley (soaked overnight) 5 ml Olive oil 15 gm Carrots (chopped) 15 gm Onions (chopped) 5 gm Fresh herbs of your choice 200 gm Vegetable stock 1 Garlic (chopped)
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### Method

- Boil the soaked barley grains in hot water till they soften and keep aside. - Boil all the vegetables and cook them until

they are soft.



Diabetics

stock and bring the it to a boil. - Let it simmer it for a few more minutes and season with salt and pepper. - Garnish with chopped herbs and serve hot. Chef's tip for non-diabetics: Add a dash of

balsamic reduction to the soup. Alternatively, you can also add a few drops of Tabasco sauce to spice up this preparation. If you want to indulge, substitute olive oil with butter.

100 gm Couscous 50 gm Onion (finely chopped) - Combine the boiled barley with the vegetable 25 gm Yellow bell pepper (finely chopped)

25 gm Red bell pepper (finely chopped) 50 gm Tomato (deseeded and finely

30 ml Olive oil

#### Salt and pepper to taste

- Soak couscous in hot water and cover it with cling wrap.

- Keep it soaked until it softens. This should take about 10 minutes. Strain and let it cool. - In a bowl, add all the chopped vegetables and tip in the cooked couscous once it cools.



- Season it with salt and pepper, followed by lemon juice and olive oil.

- Toss it gently with a spoon and serve cold. Chef's tip for non-diabetics: You can toss in some boiled potatoes or red kidney beans to make it wholesome. You can also add a few pieces of fruit for a sweet tinge. Vegetable and chicken stew with polenta

Ingredients 600 gm Polenta 600 ml Milk 100 ml Olive oil 20 gm Onions (chopped) 20 gm Carrots (chopped) 20 gm Garlic (chopped) 1 kg Chicken (chopped) 1 tsp Peppercorns 5 gm Sage leaves 1 tbsp Rosemary 2 Bay leaves 1 kg Tomatoes (chopped) 1 tsp Nutmeg powder

Salt and pepper to taste Method

· Heat a litre of water and add the polenta to

- Cook this for five to six minutes, stirring continuously.

- The polenta might bubble excessively, so be careful. Once it is cooked, let it cool in an open vessel

- In another pan, saute the garlic and add the vegetables and meat.

- Cook this mixture until the chicken is done.

- Add sage leaves, rosemary, bay leaves, peppercorns, tomatoes and nutmeg powder to this mix.

- Let the mixture simmer for six to seven minutes. You can add some vegetable stock to avoid browning.

- Continue to cook mixture for about40 minutes. - Season with salt and pepper and serve it with polenta

Chef's tip for non-diabetics: Butter, cream and cheese can be added to the polenta while cooking. This will give it a creamy texture, rich flavour and a smoother bite ....

Quinoa salad

Ingredients 1/2 cup Quinoa (cooked)

1/4 cup Yellow bell pepper (chopped)

1/4 cup Red bell pepper (chopped)

4 tbsp Basil and thyme (finely chopped)

1 tbsp Olive oil

2 tbsp Fresh lemon juice Salt and pepper to taste

Method

- In a salad bowl, mix all the vegetables with quinoa and herbs

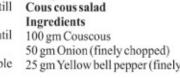
- Drizzle it with olive oil and lemon juice. » Season with salt and pepper and serve cold. Chef's tip for non-diabetics: You can drizzle the

salad with some balsamic reduction for a more enriched, gourmet flavour.



From starters to desserts, a peek into the special menu





chopped) 20 gm Parsley (finely chopped)

25 ml Lemon juice Method

# **Changing palettes** with changing times

Over the last few years, Chennaiites have begun to relish exotic cuisines. finds out what's on plates nowadays

The cityscape has undergone a sea change especially in the culinary sphere. Since the launch of Chennai Times five years ago, a lot has changed - not just in food but people's palates and tastes as well.

So apart from the regular Chinese, Mughlai, Continental that has existed since a long time, today, you can find cuisines like Lebanese, Japanese, Burmese, Greek, Korean and more. Pratiti Rajpal, who works

at a star hotel in the city, says, "We had to change our entire buffet in the last one month because people want to try out new cuisines and are more experimental when it comes to food now." They have now added Thai, sushi, hot and cold chats and much more to the menu.

Chennaiites now have evolved palettes (because of more travel and exposure to foreign cultures on TV) and want variety while ordering food, and they can't be blamed either! It is this evolving appetite that has compelled the city's restaurants and hotels to redo their menus.Chef Thomas Angerer, Executive Chef at a luxury hotel, says, "Due to the influx of new hotels and restaurants in Chennai, people have opened up to





different cuisines and are ready to try out what's new. They are open to newer concepts as well. It wasn't the same case a few years back."

And people here agree. "I love food, and more than that I like trying out new cuisines. Earlier, to try out an authentic cuisine one had to go to a star hotel. But now there're so many small restaurants and so many choices. Food has changed in this city," says Kiran P, an engineer and an ardent food lover.

Food festivals regular held across the city at eat-outs have also made people inquisitive about international food and exotic cuisines. Saurabh Agarwal, an entrepreneur who has been in Chennai for over six years, says, "I like going for food fests; it is great way to find out what different foods taste like. Over the years I have seen the change in food habits.

When I first came to Chennai, there were very few places where I could get good north Indian food. Forget north Indian, the only food easily available was different types of south Indian cuisines. Now many restaurants offer a variety. In fact, we have Korean, Greek and Lebanese restaurants as well!"

While Italian was always a favourite in this city, more south Asian cuisines are emerging.

Manoj Kurian, proprietor of a Burmese restaurant in the city, says, "My restaurant is a year old and people who come here don't feel that they are eating an alien dish. I have had a great response as well." He believes had he opened his restaurant a few years ago, it might not have done so well. "Burmese food has been in Chennai but it was thought of as street food," he adds.

finds exciting selections like Pineapple Shikanjvi, Makai Shorba, Zaffrani Murgh Tikka, Kadai Paneer, Palak Methi, Ghehoon Ki Kheer, Moong Dal Halwa and much more.

The special menu, available from April 14 to April 21 is on from 12 noon till 3.30 pm for lunch and 7 pm till 11.30 pm for dinner. It is priced at 400 plus taxes per couple. Essential dos in summer from the chef Have high water content vegetables. Try less spicy food. However, usage of capsicum and peppers always helps. Eat fruits like watermelon blended with tomato or pepper. Yoghurt drinks of low fat at

# Punjabi style!

As the city is high on its appetite binge with Baisakhi round the corner, The Funjabi Tadka (TFT) is geared up to celebrate the season of harvest with a delightful culinary spread.

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little bit of sugar can make lettuce-based salads Avenue, opp Tollygunge up for the loss of body salts. dressed with the essence Police Station, Kolkata Experiment with ofcardamom. cucumber, tomato and Venue: 19A Southern



# NATIONAL

# Congress MLA's son, seen roaming outside hospital despite arrest, sent back to jail

Congress MLA Dharam Singh Chhokar's son, Sikandar Singh, accused of defrauding over 1,500 home buyers and siphoning off Rs 400 crore, was sent back to jail after India Today reported that he was seen roaming freely outside a Rohtak hospital.



in a money laundering case, has been sent back to custody.

New Delhi. Haryana Congress's MLA Dharam Sikandar Singh, along with his father, is Singh Chhokar's son, Sikandar Singh, who accused of defrauding over 1,500 home was seen roaming freely outside a Rohtak hospital, even after being arrested by the ED booking fake construction expenditures in a booking fake construction expenditures in a booking fake construction expenditures in a real estate firm. He was arrested by the ED in March.

The action against Sikandar Singh came after an India Today report showed him roaming freely outside Rohtak's Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS). In its report, India Today accessed CCTV footage in which Sikander Singh was seen leaving the hospital unlawfully despite being in judicial custody.

Sources also claimed that after leaving PGIMS, Sikandar Singh was spotted using a Fortuner SUV, staying in hotels, partying, campaigning for upcoming Haryana Assembly elections and using his phone actions that flout legal protocols.

Sikandar Singh was twice admitted to PGIMS, once from September 2 to 16 and again from September 26 to the present date. However, according to sources, Sikandar Singh does not suffer from any serious medical condition despite his hospitalisations.

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### Post Haryana, die is cast for triangular contest in Delhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his campaign in Haryana, albeit indirectly, said all the small parties fighting outside the INDIA bloc were doing so to help BJP beat the anti-incumbency.

New Delhi. Haryana assembly polls are over, whatever the results on Tuesday, die has been cast hard for a triangular contest in Delhi. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), given its track record of harming the Congress interests vis--vis the BJP, was never a trusted constituent of the INDIA bloc. Its role in strengthening the anti-BJP alliance was always suspect and whatever doubts remained got cleared during the Haryana assembly polls. The ruling party in Delhi and Punjab, first pushed for an alliance in Haryana carrying forward from the last Lok Sabha polls a few months back. They, however, broke away most haphazardly when everything looked settled giving rise to suspicion about their seriousness about the cause of fighting BJP together.Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his campaign in Haryana, albeit indirectly, said all the small parties fighting outside the INDIA bloc were doing so to help BJP beat the anti-incumbency. His comments came after Arvind Kejriwal said no government would be formed in Haryana without the support of the AAP.

This statement has been deduced as Kejriwal not being averse to joining hands with the BJP post-results in Haryana. While Rahul Gandhi has been guarded in his comments, his brother-in-law and party general secretary Privanka Gandhi's husband was more direct

UP woman kidnaps child in Delhi due to social stigma over being 'childless', arrested

To make sure that her in-laws are not shocked by the sudden discovery of a child, Nirmala lied and gave them the "good news" of her pregnancy, well before time.

NEW DELHI. A 37-year-old Nirmala Devi (name changed), who had been unable to conceive in her wedlock, was facing constant humiliation at her in-law's house in Bulandshahar.

Fed up of humiliation, she made up her mind to become a mother by hook or by crook. "Why can't I just steal..?," an evil thought crossed her mind and she decided to rob some mother of her child.

But Nirmala was unsure of committing such a crime in Bulandshahr as to how would she be able to make up a story of giving birth to a child given her condition. So, she decided to come to Delhi and was staying in the capital for the past three months with her relatives and finding the right target. To make sure that her in-laws are not

shocked by the sudden discovery of a child, Nirmala lied and gave them the



"good news" of her pregnancy, well before time. She even used to send her pictures to her in-laws, somehow depicting her bulged belly.Now came the last and most difficult stage of her plan - stealing a child. On October 5, Nirmala saw a girl child playing on the street in front of her house in Rohini. "She enticed the child with a packet of snacks, kidnapped her and took the victim child to the house of her known in Sector-5, Rohini," Deputy Commissioner of Police

(Rohini) Guriqbal Singh Sidhu said.Soon, the family of the twoyear-old girl noticed the disappearance of their child and raised an alarm. The police were intimated which then lodged a case and started searching for the missing girl by analysing the CCTV footage of the cameras installed in the vicinity of the place of occurrence. The DCP said

the the kidnapped girl was rescued once they scanned through CCTV footage. Nirmala's questioning was nothing but a wretched-turned-sordid tale of a childless mother. The accused woman told the cops that she got married in 2017 in Bulandshahr, UP but had no child out of the wedlock so far. Therefore, in order to get rid of her image of a barren woman in her matrimonial home she decided to kidnap a child.

## Wangchuk begins hunger strike at Ladakh Bhawan

THE SIKH TIMES

The Delhi Police, in a letter to the coordinator of the Leh Apex Body (LAB) representing the protesters, said that the request was received at a "very short notice".



NEW DELHI. Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk on Sunday began a hunger strike at Ladakh Bhawan in the national capital after the Delhi Police denied him permission to protest at the iconic Jantar Mantar.

"After trying everything possible to find a legitimate place for our anshan fast in New Delhi, we have finally decided to start our fast here at Ladakh Bhavan New Delhi where I was virtually detained for the last 4 days," Wangchuk posted on social media. He also stated that there are elderly men and women who walked with him all the way to Delhi from Ladakh for a period of 32 days - roughly 1,000 km.

The Delhi Police, in a letter to the coordinator of the Leh Apex Body (LAB) representing the protesters, said that the request was received at a very short notice", and that no specific time frame was mentioned about the gathering.

The guidelines require that applications for holding any demonstration at the Jantar Mantar must be sent at least 10 days before the planned event. It also requires the duration of the planned event to be between 10 am and 5 pm," Additional DCP Anyesh Roy's letter read. It further stated that LAB's application mentioned that this "hunger strike" was planned when the expected meeting with the top leadership had not materialised.

It is quite clear that this proposed anshan will be a prolonged one. There is no provision under the extant laws, rules and guidelines under which permission can be granted for any kind of anshan', let alone an open-ended, without timeframe, mass event, as is discernible from the application," it read.

in his attack."When they release Baba Ram Rahim for 20 days before the elections, who has charges of murder and rape, and you (BJP) release him to campaign ... I would say having Kejriwal ji come out of prison just in time so that he can campaign in Haryana, I think these are premeditated actions of the BJP," Vadra said while speaking to a news agency. Though it may just be a coincidence, Kejriwal getting bail after the alliance talks between Congress and AAP collapsed has set tongues wagging.

### AAP minister Bharadwaj hits out at BJP over Delhi bus marshals

Bharadwaj pressed BJP leader Vijender Gupta for clarity on when the official order would be issued.



- NEW DELHI. AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj on Sunday addressed the ongoing controversy surrounding the recruitment of bus marshals, accusing the BJP of avoiding its commitments.
- Yesterday, BJP was exposed on camera. The AAP and Congress are doing everything, and BJP is only running away. We have seen Vijender Gupta running away."He added that Gupta stated the Lieutenant Governor (LG) had accepted the Delhi government's order to induct the marshals.
- Bharadwaj pressed BJP leader Vijender Gupta for clarity on when the official order would be issued."We just want to know when the order will be passed and at what time," he said On Saturday, Delhi Police detained Bharadwaj and other AAP leaders as they protested outside the L-G's residence, calling for the regularisation of bus marshals and civil defence volunteers.

# earning, Howrah, Chennai Central follow

New Delhi railway station tops in annual

NEW DELHI. The New Delhi railway station, designated to be developed as a world-class station, has retained its top Other railway stations, all position among the country's 100 most earning and busiest railway stations for the financial year 2023-24, according to data released by the Railways.

West Bengal's Howrah station stands second and Chennai's MGR Central third. These three railway stations among the top 100 have set examples in annual earnings and passenger footfalls together. New Delhi railway station earned more than Rs 3,337 crore during the year, registering 39,362,272 passenger footfalls, followed by Howrah with an annual earning of over Rs 1,692 crore with 61,329,319 passengers and Chennai's MGR Central

with a revenue of Rs 1,299 crore from 30,599,837 passengers.

categorised as NSG-1 (Non-Suburban Grade-I), which followed the above three are Secunderabad station, generating an annual earning of Rs 12,76 crore from 27,776,937 passengers; Hazrat Nizamuddin with Rs 1,227 crore from 14,537,686 passengers; Lokmanaya Tilak terminal in Mumbai with Rs 1,036 crore from 14,680,379 passengers; Ahmedabad in Gujarat with Rs

1,010 crore from 18,260,021 passengers, and Mumbai CST with Rs 9,82 crore from 51,652,230 passengers, as per the data.In



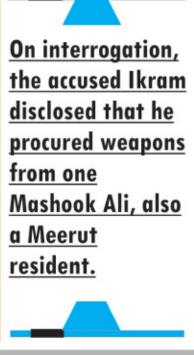
addition to these NGS-1 stations, Pune railway station in Maharashtra and Anand Vihar in Delhi also have figured among 100 top earning stations. Pune registered

an annual earning of Rs 9,76 crore from 22,256,812 passengers and Anand Vihar recorded Rs 8,44 crore from 12,235,275 passengers.

According to the official assessment of earnings, 22 stations of NSG-1 are among 100 top in terms of revenue generation. The data shows that 16 stations of Northern Railway are among 100 top earning stations, followed by 15 stations of Southern Railway, 11 of Central

Railway, 9 of East Central Railway, 7 of Eastern Railway, and 6 of Northern Central Railway.

# Delhi police unearth gun-making unit at UP's Meerut flat, two arrested



firearms were being manufactured and from Meerut City," Srivastva said. eventually supplied to the criminals of the capital, an official said on Sunday.

Apart from this, two accused including a supplier and owner of the factory of illegal weapons were placed under arrest.

Special Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Devesh Chandra Srivastva said on an input, a team of Central Range (Crime) nabbed one Ikram, a Meerut resident, who came to Delhi to supply illegal weapons to some criminals."Two country-made pistols and six live cartridges were recovered from his

possession. A case under Arms Act was registered and he was arrested accordingly," Srivastva said.

On interrogation, the accused Ikram disclosed that he procured weapons from one Mashook Ali, also a Meerut resident.

**NEW DELHI.** Delhi Police has dismantled "On the basis of technical surveillance and at a network of illegal supply of firearms and the instance of accused Ikram, the team busted a factory in UP's Meerut where succeeded in apprehending Mashook Ali,



When put through sustained interrogation, the accused, Mashook Ali, revealed about an isolated flat in Kashi Ram Colony in Meerut, where a factory was set up by him for manufacturing illegal weapons. Immediately, the cops raided the place and found 14 country-made pistols, 41 Barrels

and eight tools, which were used for manufacturing the illegal weapons. "Mashook Ali also confessed that he manufactured more than 80 country-made pistols," the officer said.

The officer further said the accused Mashook runs a mobile shop and was also found previously involved in many criminal cases of Arms Act, Cheating, Forgery Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 etc. Further probe is on, he added.

This neutralising of the network comes in the backdrop of many gun firing incidents in the national capital.On September 27, three people fired 20

rounds of gunshots inside a luxury car showroom in West Delhi. Then, the very next day, on September 28, a man fired three to four rounds outside a hotel in Mahipalpur. On the same day, there was another shooting in Nangloi, at a sweet shop.

# FOODS



Geronimo Stilton, Captain

Underpants, Wimpy Kid, Percy

# What are KICS Reading?

Pranksters George Beard rushed in to meet the demand. and Harold Hutchins are Divya Chandran's sons terrorised by their Adhvik and Dhaman picked principal, the mean up the reading habit seeing Benjamin Krupp. They get their parents read. Today, her back, and how! They turn elder one reads National him into a reluctant Geographic's NG Kids superhero who wears just Magazine (for ages 6-14). briefs and a cape! If you are There's also an NG Little Kids

have got the story by now. "Adhvik loves reading about This is the tale of Captain wildlife. So, I make it a point Underpants, a hot favourite to pick up books on the among pre-teens. Then, subject. Dhaman likes The there's the adorable mouse Berenstain Bears. When we let who publishes 'The kids read books relating to the Rodent's Gazette'. He topics they are interested in, it scouts around for news keeps the reading habit alive," instead of cheese and she says. But, yes, she does craves a vacation. That's check if the books are age-Geronimo Stilton. He also appropriate. has a sister, Thea Stilton, Adventure is cool who has a separate series in J. Yashaswi finds Captain her name. There's a big Underpants cool because it

read the squiggly text that life and an element of magic. literally shivers when His mother Nandini says she Geronimo is afraid.

to the page. Luckily, others electronic gadgets. Book

a 10-year-old, you would Magazine (for ages 3-6).

smile on kids' faces as they combines adventure, school

world.

visit it, they end up seeing tries to ensure her son reads a and picking up books they Books for kids are big news mix of modern-day tales and would have never been now. There was a time vintage kids' books. So, Roald exposed to otherwise. when interest in books Dahl and Enid Blyton are a Anu Vignesh's daughter came down and technology vital part of his reading list too. Mayanka, a Class V student, turned temptress. But, Of late, parents and schools is a huge fan of Enid Blyton. authors such as J.K. are encouraging children to Rowling hooked kids back read, if only to keep them off She's loves horses too, and so, an encyclopaedia on

stores hold events for children. Online store Flipkart is working at reading list. So are pre-teen initiatives such as book books such as the St. Claire's readings with famous series children's authors, to draw

Rema Giridhar's daughter in young readers, says Anil Layanaya, 9, reads a lot of Goteti, director-retail. Amar Chitra Katha and Niranjani Ramanathan, who Geronimo Stilton. "We allow runs JustBooks library in her to read what she wants to. Coimbatore, says parents When she chooses a slightly are keen on books that higher read, we step in as showcase Indian culture and censors, so that she reads the tradition in an easy-to-read right books," she says. manner. Probably why,

Abhirami, 15, is a voracious publications by Tulika reader. She grew up abroad Books, Karadi Tales and and so also reads books that Amar Chitra Katha are very are unfamiliar here. Her popular. "It helps that most mother Vasanthi, an avid new international titles are reader herself, says she has available here too." That always encouraged Abhirami way, children keep pace to read. "We have gently with what others in their age nudged her to try books a group are reading across the little higher than her level. This has ensured she reads all Niranjani says that a library books, not just those she is helps because when children used to or is comfortable with," she says. Thanks to this, Abhirami reads Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Jerome K Jerome and PG Wodehouse. But, she also loves Asterix!

Sometimes, children's reading habits rub off on adults. That's what happened horses is popular on her

with Vasanthi. "Abhirami authors who were not tells me about the new around when I was a kid. At authors she's reading. It's any age, it's nice to read lovely because these are



A one pot dish for those hurried afternoons Method: Preparation time: 4

minutes Cooking time: 16 Serves: 4 Ingredients: 1 onion, sliced

1 red and 1 green pepper, de-seeded and sliced 50g chorizo, sliced 2 garlic cloves, crushed 1 tbsp olive oil 250g basmati rice 400g chopped tomatoes

200g raw, peeled prawns, defrosted if frozen

Boil the kettle. Heat the oil in a non-stick frying or shallow pan with a lid, fry the onion, peppers, chorizo and garlic in the oil over a high heat for 3 minutes. Stir in the rice and chopped tomatoes. Stir for 2-3 minutes till the rice is well coated. Add 500ml boiling water, cover, then cook over a high heat for 12 minutes. Uncover, then stir - the rice should be almost tender, stir

Jackson...kids today have much to choose from.

kiddie books," she says, rushing off to read her daughter's copy of Jacqueline Wilson's Hetty Feather.

#### "I've to return it tonight!" What sells online

Anil Goteti of Flipkart says that Indian authors such as Ruskin Bond, R.K. Narayan and Sudha Murthy are amongst the most popular kids' authors. Adventure is a top seller, followed by the fantasy genre. And, despite the influx of new authors

and titles, Enid Blyton and R.K. Narayan are still a hit. **Top-Sellers** 

Ages 5 to 7 Geronimo Stilton, Roald Dahl, Captain Underpants, Wimpy Kid, Dr. Seuss

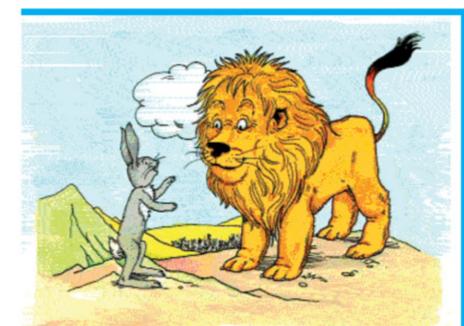
Ages 8-10 Wimpy Kid, Famous Five, Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, Amar Chitra Katha, Percy Jackson and Narnia

Ages 11-15 Lord of The Rings, The Hunger Games, Calvin and Hobbes, Artemis Fowl, Tintin and Twilight

# **Recipe: One pot** Spanish rice and prawn

in the prawns, with a splash another min until the more water if the rice is prawns are just pink and the looking dry, then cook for rice tender.





All people lamenting how kids these days don't read much, wake up and smell the coffee. Kids are very much reading, and a lot, because parents today are making an effort to ensure their kids start early and get hooked to reading by the time they can read independently. And it's a habit that seems to stay, once they get going.

Mridula Charlu, a senior

for children. Many libraries conduct monthly activities for kids around a theme or book that could include painting, craft, making up their own stories - al of which lead kids towards more stories and more books. Divya Purandar is a

familiar figure in Bangalore's bloggers' circles as the one who blogs manager at an IT firm says at One Story A Day. It all it's been two years since their started for Divya and her then three-year-old son Abhay when they were in America. She was bowled over by the books and library system there. She started this habit of reading her son one story a day and it's become an inseparable part of their life over the last four years. "Now he's picked up reading on his own and I get him books from early readers' series thrice a week," says Divya. She's a member of three libraries "just for him", and apart from borrowing, also buys him books every month. "He's not really a voracious reader and doesn't grab each and every thing I get him, but now I discover he's interested in reading books on adventure, cars, and mythology, especially Amar Chitra Katha." But why then are so many rueing that kids don't read? Mridula points out that there are two kinds of children those that read and those that don't. Umesh Malhotra, CEO o f Hippocampus library, says

parents — those who are educated and have always believed in the power of reading, and those who are schooled and focus mostly on academics and struggle to realise the importance of the reading habit in their children's lives. "The average starting age of reader in our place is about 3.5 years and we have upward of 3,000 members. Many mothers bring their kids to our library

when they are as young as

one, and we have seen them

evolve as readers till they are



# Rabbit's Ruse

A large, green forest, was ruled over by Lion - the undisputed king of the jungle. He wanted to give the impression that he was kind and benevolent. To win the trust of his subjects, he thought it would be a good idea if he selected his ministers from amongst them. After mulling over the idea for a long time, he chose Bear, Monkey and Rabbit to assist him. Bear represented the big animals, Monkey the medium-sized ones and Rabbit the small ones. This way, Lion hoped to achieve the right balance. Honesty

Everything went well for some time. Then Lion realised that he could not kill any animals when Bear, Monkey and Rabbit were his ministers, because they would want to protect their own. So, once again he put on his thinking cap and pondered over the problem.

"If I get rid of these three ministers, I can do what I please without being answerable to anyone," he thought. Very soon, he came up with an idea. He smiled broadly and his whiskers twitched excitedly. The plan was extremely simple.

Lion called his ministers for a high level meeting. Greetings were exchanged and he requested them to be seated. Lion said, "You have been with me for a while now. I want to make sure that the high position you hold has not spoiled you. So I am going to test you."

"What is the test?" asked the bewildered ministers.

Lion was not very happy with his ministers. So he decided to test them. Would they pass the test?

"I am going to ask each of you a question. I want an honest answer. Will you promise to be absolutely honest?"

"We will, we will," the three ministers chorused.

"What is the question, Your Majesty?" Deciding to go in order of size, Lion turned to Bear. "Tell me, how does my mouth smell?" Honest Bear told lion the truth as promised. "It smells foul, Your Majesty." Lion gave a royal roar. "How dare you! This amounts to treason. Your position has gone to your head." The next instant lion jumped on Bear and killed him.

Next he looked at Monkey and posed the

same question. Monkey decided to be crafty, having witnessed the fate of the bear. "It smells as fresh as a rose," he lied.

"You liar! Do you think I am a fool to be taken in by your flattery?" He grabbed Monkey by the

neck and shook him till his teeth rattled. Then he killed him.

Only Rabbit remained. Lion faced him and repeated the question. Rabbit sniffed and cleared his throat. "I am sorry, Your Majesty. I am unable to answer your question. I have a bad cold and am unable to smell anything. If you grant me a couple of days to recover, I can answer your question," he bluffed. "Honestly!" he added for good measure.

Lion nodded his regal head and dismissed Rabbit. Delighted that his ruse had worked, Rabbit sped away. Needless to say that he never returned.

family of four took a library membership at their neighbourhood branch of Just Books "because we all love books. We used to go to the library once a week on Saturdays, now we are not so regular," she admits. She started reading books to her now nine-year-old daughter Arundhati when she was barely one. "And then while potty-training her, we gave her books to read to keep her entertained while she sat...that's where it really started, she laughs. "By the time she was three, she was reading independently. Now, I have to tell her to stop reading, go out and play. My husband and I read a lot as well, so I guess she picked the habit from us." Arundhati has a group of about six other classmates, who exchange books between themselves and read. Her son Agastya, now a little over four years, and Arundhati read every night before they go to bed. Some classics are also downloaded on the iPad for

There may be other many encouraging factors too, apart from enthusiastic bookworm parents. The number of good libraries that allow books to be ordered from home and are delivered at the doorstep have increased. So have activities around books - new book launches are accompanied by storytelling sessions

them to read.

about seven. Parents have taught children the alphabet by the time they are three, and they specially take time out to make them read," he observes. Varsha Pillai, mother to

early. "She is Aadya, who's just a little over a b l e t o two, has been reading to her identify and recognise daughter since she was one. She started identifying things things around her. Recently in books before she turned two. They graduated from hard board books, to touch and feel, to small stories like

the Baby Einstein series. we went to the Mysore zoo Books are also great

company for children on

long journeys, she's

realised. Varsha believes

there are many takeaways to

children learning to read

and she recognised a Toucan because she'd seen it in a book." Apart from going to the library regularly, Varsha also buys second-hand books that can be roughused, and come at a much

lower cost than rather expensive children's books otherwise.

## BUSINESS

### RVNL, IRFC, IRCON: Railway stocks fall up to 8%. Check here

NEW DELHI. I Railway stocks fell up to 8% on Monday, with Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) shares seeing the biggest decine for the day.

Shares of RVNL fell 7.76% to Rs 455.30. The stock had been trading within the Rs 500 to Rs 550 range in the past few days. RVNL shares have fallen 12% in the past 5 days, and 19% in the last month.As the executing arm of Indian Railways, RVNL is tasked with project execution for various initiatives assigned by the ministry. The company handles projects from inception to commissioning, covering design, contract awarding, and project management. Investors are weighing the prospects of RVNL amid its current consolidation phase and potential for recovery. However, it was not the only railway stock that saw a decline. Shares of Ircon International Ltd fell 5.27% to Rs 205.90. IRCON shares have fallen over 8% in the last five days and close to 15% in the past month.

IRFC (Indian Railway Finance Corp Ltd) shares have also fallen as it declined by 4.74% to Rs 144.86. The stock has fallen 7% in the past 5 days and 14% in the past one month.

### Gold, silver price : Precious metals witness dip on MCX

NEW DELHI. Both gold and silver prices recorded a dip on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Monday, October 7, 2024.Gold futures, maturing on December 5, 2024, stood at Rs 75,935 per 10 grams on December 5, 2024, stood at Rs 75,935 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a dip of Rs 208 or 0.27 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 76,143.Similarly, silver futures, maturing on December 5, 2024, witnessed a dip of Rs 655 or 0.70 per cent and were retailing at Rs 92,694 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 93,349.The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors 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 eased on Monday as bets firmed for a smaller U.S. rate cut in November after strong jobs data, while investors awaited inflation data and comments from Federal Reserve officials for further cues, news agency Reuters reported.

According to the latest metal report, spot gold 0.2 per gold futures stood unchanged at 0.2 per cent to \$2,667.10. cent to \$2,647.49 per ounce by 0432 GMT, while, U.S.

### Understanding the importance of Investing



# **Insurance surrender value: What** it means for policyholders

**MUMBAI.** After many a dilly-dallying and revision spanning close to three years, the new surrender value norms by regulator Irdai, which is effective from October 1, will significantly alter the life insurance landscape. The new norms mandate life insurers to pay back higher amount to a policyholder who chooses to switch or surrender her policy. This goes a long way to protect customer interest and make insurers become more professional and also contain misselling, one of the biggest pains plaguing the insurance sector. For the uninitiated to the life insurance

lexicon, the surrender value is the money a policyholder receives if she terminates her policy before maturity. It's usually the cash value of the policy minus any surrender fees/penalties.

The new norms will also help a life policyholder in many more ways including higher early-exit payouts with higher surrender value, easier portability, lesser deductions and penalties, and fewer chances of misselling as the agent may

lose money if the policyholder stops paying premium early, and the customer, if not made the king yet, is assured of getting a fair treatment. New regulations

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) released new regulations on the surrender value of life policies in June 2024 with effective implementation from October 1. The initial draft was out in December 2022 which proposed a higher surrender value but underwent many revisions.

The regulator says every policy offered by a life insurer under a non-linked platform and has acquired a surrender value should not lapse for non-payment of further premium. It should be kept in force to the extent of the paid-up sum assured, calculated by means of a formula it has approved and the reversionary bonuses or the guaranteed additions, if any, already attached to the policy.

This means policyholders will get a higher refund on discontinuation under the new calculation method even after paying just

a one-year premium. Before this, no surrender value was applicable to policies in the first two years of surrender/cancellation. And even from the third year, the payback was very nominal and was arbitrarily given.

Now on, for the discontinued/lapsed for non-payment of premium or ported out policy after one year, you will get as much poincy after one year, you will get as much as 80-85% of the premium paid. For instance, if you paid a monthly premium of Rs 10,000 (Rs 1,20,000 for a year), you will get slightly over R1 lakh as the surrender value. Till now, there was zero refund for one year.

The new norms have set some specific valuation methodologies for surrender. The following are the key benefits for a policyholder now:

#### **Higher refund**

A policyholder is legally eligible to receive a higher portion of her premium back if she surrenders the policy after the first year. For example, if your policy monthly premium is Rs 20,000, you can receive 80-85% of the premium paid after one year. Earlier you weren't eligible for a single penny. The Irdai master circular states: "the special surrender value (SSV) calculated shall become payable after completion of the first policy year provided one full year premium has been received." The new norms also say the insurer must ensure that the SSV is at least equal to the expected present value of the paid-up sum assured on all contingencies, paid-up future benefits, and accrued/vested benefits, accounting for any survival benefits already paid.Not just that there is also a specified rate of interest to be charged as part of the calculations, which states that the interest rate cannot exceed the prevailing yield on 10-year G-Secs plus a 50 bps spread. Earlier, after two years, the policyholder was only entitled to an unspecified guaranteed surrender value.

#### Fewer chances of misselling

One of the biggest benefits for customers apart from getting higher value back, is the fear of becoming a victim of misselling.

## Ola Electric shares tank 8% in early trade day after CEO's ugly spat with comic

New Delhi. Shares of Ola Electric Mobility, the two-wheeler electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer, dropped by 8% on Monday in early trade. This marks the third consecutive day of declines for the company, which has now lost ground in five of the last six trading sessions. Since its market debut in August, the stock has faced challenges, with its value falling over 20% in the past month alone.Ola Electric's

initial public offering (IPO) saw the company list at Rs 76 per share. Shortly after, the stock surged, reaching a post-listing high of Rs 157.4, more than doube its issue price. However, it has since dropped 43% from those peak levels, currently trading at Rs 91.94 by late morning on Monday, with a 7.18% decline for the day. The recent plunge in Ola Electric's stock price comes amid a growing



controversy involving the company's CEO, Bhavish Aggarwal, and a social media dispute. The tension arose after stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra publicly criticised the company on X for what he described as inadequate service centres and a lack of refunds for dissatisfied customers. Kamra's tweet quickly escalated into a heated exchange between him and Bhavish Aggarwal, with frustrated customers

and market observers joining in on the discussion. The public spat between Aggarwal and Kamra has drawn attention to existing customer complaints about the company's service. Complaints about after-sales service, especially concerning refunds and the availability of service centres, have been a recurring issue for the company, and the CEO's confrontational response has sparked widespread criticism online.

In the past few months, Ola Electric had been positioning itself as a key player in the EV sector, with plans to expand its market share in India's growing electric vehicle market. However, the company's current struggles highlight the importance of customer service and reputation management, especially in a competitive industry like EV manufacturing.

### Markets pare early gains, trade lower in afternoon trade

MUMBAI. Equity benchmark indices pared all early gains and were trading lower in midsession trade on Monday, with the Sensex plunging 215.18 points while Nifty declined to crack below the 25,000-mark amid profittaking and decline in the shares of blue-chip HDFC Bank.The BSE Sensex dropped 215.18 per cent to 81,473.27 in the afternoon trade after soaring 449.32 points earlier in the day.From its intra-day high of 82,137.77, the benchmark tanked 548.83 points to 81,139.62.The NSE Nifty also slumped 191.65 points to 24,822.95.

The benchmark hit an intra-day high of 25,143 in the early trade and a low of 24,798.65. From the Sensex basket, NTPC, Adani Ports &

Special Economic Zones, PowerGrid, Titan, JSW Steel, Axis Bank and State Bank of India were among the major laggards.



# How to grow your wealth passively

New Delhi. The Securities and Exchange Board of India recently relaxed rules to enable mutual funds to launch passive investment schemes swiftly. You may wonder about the importance of this action. Despite all the noise about mutual funds through active campaigning, only three to four per cent of people invest through mutual funds. The total assets under management of MFs may have topped R 60 lakh crore. However, as a percentage of gross domestic product It will only change when the company or GDP, it is not even 20%. In developed markets, it is well over 100% of GDP.When mutual fund regulations were put together in the 90s, the regulatory framework for eligibility, trustee and sponsor relationships, asset management, and other thingswas designed with active fund management in mind. That means diversified equity, hybrid, and multicap schemes that involve a fund

benchmark index. Hence, it is essential to have strict oversight when setting up a fund management team. In the case of passive funds like index funds or exchange-traded funds, they follow a rule-based investment strategy set by the underlying index. The asset management company or the fund manager has little to do in this situation. For example, a Nifty 50 index fund will have the same allocation as the Nifty 50 index. managing the index changes the composition of the schemes. As a result, existing mutual fund regulations do not necessarily apply to passive funds. As a result, Sebi has introduced a Mutual Fund Lite framework for companies looking to launch only passive mutual fund schemes. New companies looking to launch only passive schemes can do so under these relaxed eligibility criteria rules.

exchange-traded funds are easy to understand. Your returns are in line with the benchmark index. For example, if there were an index fund that tracked the S&P BSE Sensex, the fund would have grown from 100 in 1980 to 3500 in 2001 to over 80,000

However, ITC, Bharti Airtel, Infosys, ICICI

- **New Delhi** Investing is an absolute necessity I would call it part of the 5th R - Money! It is also scary! Imagine it is at a cross of politics, mathematics, emotions, markets, salesmen, and your own future. For a non-investor it is unavoidable and scary.
- How can a person explain investing to a person who is scared about investing? Simply by giving examples of our day to day living. Tell a housewife that if she can plan and run a house, she can look after the house's portfolio too
- Tell a man if he is doing 'costing and budgeting' for his employer, he can do the same thing for his family too.
- Tell the family that building a financial plan is like building a bridge - you should assume that there will be overloading and likewise some excess capacity has to be provided for.
- Compound interest is like buying mango and using the seed to start a mango farm. How many mangoes will be created out of one mango is infinite! We all know that one mango has one seed -but one of us knows how many mangoes are there in one seed. Even a seventh class kid understands this concept. Investing in good companies is like cooking – putting more heat will not make things faster. One has to know the technique and require adequate patience.Families are kept together by sensible parenting. Parents can sit with children and explain all these concepts to children. Tell them the difference between needs, wants, luxuries and how the family prioritises its money usage.

### After funding, Anil Ambani group plans growth strategies

- NEW DELHI. The Anil Ambani group is poised to execute its growth startegies after it raised R17,600 crore fund and two of its operational firms Reliance Infrastructure Ltd and Reliance Power Ltd became near zero debt companies, sources with the company said.
- A senior official of the group stated that Reliance Group's strategy of raising capital through equity or equitylinked long term bonds will offer the group companies essential growth capital for their expansion plans.
- In the past two weeks, both Reliance Infrastructure and Reliance Power have announced raising R4,500 crore through preferential issues of equity shares, and R7,100 crore from global investment fund, Varde Partners through equity linked long term FCCBs.An additional R6,000 crore will be raised through Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP), with Reliance Power and Reliance Infrastructure each aiming for R3,000 crore. With resolutions in place, shareholder approvals are expected by the end of the month. Even with a conservative debt-to-equity ratio of 70:30, raising over R17,000 crore in equity or equity linked bonds will provide the group companies a total investment outlay of R50,000 crore for their future business plans over the next few years, sources in the company said.

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today. The compounded annual growth rate, or the average growth rate assuming reinvestment of profits, is around 13%. That is probably well above the average inflation rate in the economy over these years. The primary objective of investing mustbe to beat inflation and create long-term wealth. Your retirement savings deserve the necessary time to grow into a corpus that can take care of your old age. The National Pension Scheme (NPS) allows you to opt for index funds for your retirement money. Till 15 years ago, India did not have such a meaningful, defined contribution scheme. India only had defined return schemes, such as an employee provident fund.

Bank and Bajaj Finance were trading in the green territory.In Asian markets, Tokyo, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Seoul were settled on a higher note on Monday. Wall Street ended with gains on Friday.Global oil benchmark Brent crude fell 0.14 per cent to USD 77.94 a barrel.Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 9,896.95 crore on Friday, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought equities worth Rs 8,905.08 crore, according to exchange data.On Friday, the BSE Sensex tumbled 808.65 points to settle at a threeweek low of 81,688.45, while NSE Nifty slumped 235.50 points to 25,014.60.Last week, the BSE Sensex tanked 3,883.4 points, or 4.53 per cent, and the Nifty slumped 1,164.35 points or 4.44 per cent.

# Fashion venture on cards: Is Mark Zuckerberg shifting from tech to trendy

Known for his casual wardrobe, which usually includes plain grey t-shirts and hoodies, Zuckerberg is now adding a personal touch to his outfits.

New Delhi. Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Meta and founder of Facebook, is planning to venture into the world of fashion. At 40 years old, between managing one of the biggest tech companies in the world, Zuckerberg has found time to design his own line of tshirts. Recognised for his casual attire, typically consisting of plain grey t-shirts and hoodies, Zuckerberg has now made a conspicuous change to his dressing style, opting for more expressive designs that have caught people's attention. In recent months, Zuckerberg has been spotted wearing oversized t-shirts, which he designed himself. The shirts are printed with classical phrases, a new passion project he revealed during a podcast



interview in September. He mentioned that his t-shirts carry some of his favourite sayings, adding a deeper meaning to his wardrobe.

Speaking on the "Acquired" podcast in mid-September, Zuckerberg said, "I've kind of started working on this series of shirts with some of my favourite classical sayings on them." This revelation gave a glimpse of his growing interest in fashion design.At the podcast, Zuckerberg was seen wearing a black t-

shirt with a Greek phrase, "pathei mathos," which loosely translates o "learning through suffering."

He added that this saying held personal meaning, calling it "a little family saying." This symbolic shift in his wardrobe represents more than just a fashion statement; it seems to highlight a new creative side of the tech mogul.Mark Zuckerberg's shirts aren't just ordinary designs as the messages printed on them reflect his interest in classical literature

and philosophy. For example, at a Meta keynote presentation, Zuckerberg wore another of his custom-designed tshirts, this time printed with "aut Zuck, aut nihil," a twist on the Latin phrase "aut Caesar, aut nihil," meaning "either a Caesar or nothing."Zuckerberg has partnered with Mike Amiri, a wellknown fashion designer based in Los Angeles, to produce these unique tshirts. Amiri, who launched his brand AMIRI in 2014, is no stranger to high fashion. His brand is sold in over 160 high-end stores globally, including Bergdorf Goodman in New York, Harrods in London, and Galeries Lafayette in Paris.AMIRI has also opened standalone stores in major cities like Beverly Hills, New York, Shanghai, Tokvo, and Dubai. By teaming up with a designer of this calibre, Zuckerberg's venture into fashion signals a serious interest in the industry, though it remains unclear how deep his involvement will go beyond this t-shirt line.For years, Mark Zuckerberg has been known for his simple, no-fuss wardrobe choices, but his recent foray into designing t-shirts shows a different side of his.

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### NEWS BOX Manchester United boss Erik ten Hag plays down pressure after Aston Villa draw

New Delhi. Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag reaffirmed his alignment with the club's senior management despite the team's dismal start to the season, following a 0-0 draw against Aston Villa on Sunday. United, sitting in 14th place with only two wins from nine games across all competitions, are enduring their worst start in the Premier League era. The goalless result was accompanied by growing media speculation about Ten Hag's future.The club's leadership, including co-owner Jim Ratcliffe, CEO Omar Berrada, sporting director Dan Ashworth, and technical director Jason Wilcox, were in attendance at Villa Park, closely observing the team's performance. Speaking after the draw, as quoted by Reuters, Ten Hag said that he has the backing from the board and the team showed belief and faith during the match.

'We are all on board together, on one page, we know what we are working through it's a long-term process," Ten Hag said. "We have come through two very tough away games (including Thursday's 3-3 Europa League draw at Porto)."This is a team, we



showed the belief and faith we have."

A win would have relieved some of the pressure on Ten Hag, and United came close, with Bruno Fernandes almost breaking the deadlock in the second half when his long-range free kick struck the bar. Marcus Rashford also tested Villa goalkeeper Emi Martinez, who produced two key saves to deny the visitors."We created loads of chances in our seven (Premier League) games but we have to step up," Ten Hag said.

We have to take into consideration (striker Rasmus) Hojlund is returning, he's still coming up to full fitness. But others are stepping up. I was impressed by Rashford, also (Alejandro) Garnacho is so good and Antony at the end.

### Mohsin's quest to rise above challenges with Honda Racing India

CHENNAI. The stage was set for IDEMITSU Honda India Talent Cup NSF250R's concluding race of the season. The technicians from the team were at it too, crossing out all the checklists required in order to ensure a smooth ride for the participants. Tyre pressure: check; brakes: check; suspension: check (part of the checklist).In that atmosphere, one of the riders, Mohsin Paramban, seemed calm and relaxed. The 21-year-old from Mallapuram had already done his homework well before the technicians had taken over at the Madras International Circuit on Sunday. That eye for detail is one of the reasons behind Mohsin's smooth ride in the championship, an initiative by the Honda Racing India to nurture promising talents for both national and international championships.

# Lebron, Bronny James create NBA history as 1st father-son duo to play together

LeBron James and his son Bronny created NBA history as they became the 1st father-son duo to play a match together. LeBron and his son created the historic moment when they stepped out on court for the pre-season game between LA Lakers and Phoenix Suns.

New Delhi. LeBron James and his son, Bronny, made NBA history on Sunday night by playing together for the first time during a preseason game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Phoenix Suns. This marked the first time a father and son have played simultaneously in an NBA game, let alone for the same team. The moment was made even more special as it coincided with Bronny's 20th birthday.Bronny James

entered the game at the start of the second quarter, joining his father on the court. The crowd at Acrisure Arena in Coachella Valley erupted in cheers when Bronny's name was announced. However, the initial minutes weren't without challenges-Bronny committed two turnovers, and LeBron followed with one of his own. LeBron then made a 3-pointer, and moments later set a screen for Bronny, though Bronny missed

St Lucia Kings win maiden CPL title,

beat Amazon Warriors by 6 wickets

his 3-point attempt. Bronny was substituted after playing just over four minutes, and LeBron followed shortly after.

LeBron, beginning his 22nd season in the NBA at age 39, has long expressed a dream of sharing the court with one of his sons. This dream became a reality after the Lakers selected Bronny with the 55th pick in the 2024 NBA Draft. Bronny, who spent one season at the University of Southern

California before declaring for the draft, has had a remarkable journey, especially after recovering from a cardiac arrest over a year ago. Although he is expected to spend much of his rookie season developing with the South Bay Lakers in the G League, it's anticipated that he will play alongside his father in a regular-season game soon.Lakers head coach JJ Redick confirmed that the team has already discussed plans for their next father-son moment, though no specific date has been set. LeBron had rested during the Lakers' first preseason game against the Timberwolves, but Bronny played 16 minutes, scoring two points and recording three blocks.LeBron, who became a father at 19, had long hoped to play in the NBA with one of his children. His family includes his high school sweetheart, Savannah, and their three children: Bronny, Bryce, and Zhuri. The James family has worked toward this historic moment for years, scrimmaging together during Lakers' workouts.

This rare occurrence mirrors other iconic father-son duos in North American sports. In baseball, Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr. played together for the Seattle Mariners in the early 1990s, and hockey legend Gordie Howe shared the ice with his sons Marty and Mark for the WHA's Houston Aeros and the NHL's Hartford Whalers.

### Sidespin to overspin': Varun Chakravarthy talks secret to success

#### The Kings defeated Amazon Warriors by 6 wickets

-Chase and Jones' 88-run stand gave Kings the win

... Kings ended their 11-year wait for the title

New Delhi. After an 11-year wait, the Saint Lucia Kings claimed their first-ever Caribbean Premier League (CPL) title on September 6, defeating the defending champions, Guyana Amazon Warriors, in a thrilling final. The victory made Saint Lucia the fifth team to win the CPL, finally ending their run as the only original franchise yet to claim the title.

Formerly known as the St Lucia Zouks, the Kings had endured a long CPL history without success. In 2023, they finished third but were eliminated in the playoffs by the now-defunct Jamaica Tallawahs. However, this year, they rose to the occasion with a



memorable performance to secure the championship. The final was marked by a remarkable fifth-wicket partnership between Roston Chase (39\*) and Aaron Jones (48\*), whose 88-run stand powered the Kings to victory. Saint Lucia had earlier been in trouble at 51/4 after 9.5 overs, losing key players, including captain Faf du Plessis. With 66 runs needed off the final 30 balls, Chase and Jones took control, accumulating 47 runs across the 16th and

17th overs to reduce the equation to 19 off 18 balls. They comfortably reached the target with 11 balls to spare, with the game ending anticlimactically on a wide bowled by Imran Tahir.Saint Lucia's bowling had set up the match well. After winning the toss and opting to bowl, the Kings restricted Guyana to 102/7 after 18 overs. However, the Warriors managed to add 36 runs in the last two overs to finish with 138, giving themselves a fighting chance.Post-match, captain du Plessis praised the team's resilience. "It has been special. We've been really consistent throughout

the competition. At one stage, I thought it was time to pack our bags, but we always believed in the depth of our squad."Roston Chase was named Player of the Match for his crucial contribution, while the tournament's leading wicket-taker, Noor Ahmad, who took 22 wickets at an economy of 6.19, was named Player of the Series. The victory capped a remarkable campaign for the Kings, cementing their place in CPL history.

Gwalior. India spinner Varun Chakravarthy made his comeback to the national team after nearly three years. On his return, the spinner scalped three crucial wickets to script the downfall of Bangladesh's batting. After the match, Varun Chakravarthy opened up on the technical changes he made to his bowling.

Speaking in the post-match press conference, Chakravarthy said that he was not bowling the traditional side-spin anymore, but had transitioned into an over-spin bowler.Overspin is a weapon used by spinners to put additional revs on the ball, which dips the ball faster than usual due to the Magnus Effect. The overspin also has impact on the bounce of the ball as the rapidly turning ball aids the bounce off the pitch against the batter, putting them in trouble.I used to be a side-spin bowler, but right now, I have completely shifted to being an over-spin bowler," Varun explained after the first T20I against Bangladesh.

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# Bangladesh do not know how to score 180

Having pocketed the overall title with a victory just 24 hours or so ago in the six-lap Race 1 of the fifth and final round, Mohsin could



afford to relax. But that didn't mean he wasn't willing to go full throttle in his last assignment as he was hunting for his eighth win of the season. However, he was denied by Savion Sabu, who displayed nerves of steel, to capture the 8-lap Race 2. Mohsin's run was only good enough for second spot. "I'm not happy with my performance. I was hoping to finish on a high," Mohsin later reflected.He's mindful that he needs to keep producing the Ws in order to climb the ladder that is generally considered to be steep (motorsport is still considered a niche sport with sponsors being hard to come by for riders like Mohsin). Though they get all the support from Honda Racing India, most riders don't have a steady income and they have to fend for themselves sometimes.

Honda Racing India, on their part, are cognizant of the challenges the riders face and have been looking to enhance their support in the near future. It's mainly performance-driven. Miss out on a race due to injury and that could hurt their chances of generating income.I need a good back up. then I could get the license to push more. That is something that is lacking. Most people see this as a hobby," Mohsin noted.

# runs: Najmul Shanto blasts batters

Gwalior. Bangladesh captain Najmul Shanto was not happy with his team's performance in the 1st T20I match against India. Bangladesh were hammered by 7 wickets in the first fixture of the 3-match series.

The Bangladesh side failed to turn up with the bat and were only able to score 127 runs, which India chased down in just 11.5 overs. Shanto slammed the side after the match, stating that they did not know how to score 180 runs.Speaking at the post-match press conference, captain Najmul Shanto blasted the side's batting order and said that Bangladesh were much better than what they turned up in Gwalior.Shanto himself scored 27 runs before getting out to Washington Sundar in the 12th over of the game. On Sunday, October 6, the majority of the Bangladesh batters

seemed out of depth against the Indian bowling attack, which had two debutants in the playing XI.

"I wouldn't say we played badly. We are a better team than this. We haven't done well in this format for a long time, but I don't believe we are such a bad team," said Najmul Shanto."I don't want to talk about any aggression in the way we approach our scoring, but sometimes we have to select the



balls correctly. We will think about it, but we can't rush in changing our approach," Shanto said.

The Bangladesh captain blamed the conditions back at home stating that the team is so used to playing in 140-150-run conditions that they do not know how to score 180 runs in good batting conditions.

individual player. I think the batting unit Bangladesh in fact, have breached the 180-run didn't do well today. There will be barrier only 4 times in the last 2 years, out of 45 matches played. The scores have come twice against Ireland and twice against Sri

Lanka. Out of the 4 times that the have scored 180+, three have come in home conditions. However, Bangladesh - out of those four matches, lost both games against Sri Lanka, once in 2022 and once in 2024.

We have the ability, but we have room for improvement in our skills. We have been batting in this way for the last ten years. Sometimes we do well. We have to make some changes, perhaps where we practice back home. We play on 140-150 wickets at home. Our batters don't know how to score 180 runs. I won't blame just the

wickets, but we have to consider skills and mentality," Najmul Shanto was critical of the team after the match.Bangladesh's fortunes in the T20I format have not been good for a while. In the recently concluded T20 World Cup 2024, Bangladesh lost all three of its matches in the Super 8 stage and got knocked out of the tournament.



"It's a minute technical aspect of spin bowling, but it took me more than two years. gradually tested it in TNPL and IPL. While the mental aspect also had to be worked on, the major chunk of effort I put in was on my technical side," he further added.Varun Chakravarthy got back into the Indian team on the back of a fantastic performance in the Indian Premier League. In the 2024 season, Chakravarthy combined with Sunil Narine to guide Kolkata Knight Riders to a title win, after a gap of 10 years.

Originally, Chakravarthy had debuted for India in the run-up to the T20 World Cup 2021 but was dropped right after the team's unsuccessful campaign in the United Arab Emirates.

# Women's T20 World Cup: Why India's semis chances look grim despite Pakistan win

#### India registered their first win of the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 over Pakistan, beating them by six wickets. However, they still have a lot to do to qualify for the semi final.

New Delhi. India finally opened their account in the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 as they beat Pakistan by six wickets in their second match on Sunday, October 6 at Dubai International Cricket Stadium. After opting to bat first, Pakistan scored 105/8 in their allotted 20 overs with Nida Dar top scoring with her innings of 28 (34).

In reply, India chased down the target in 18.5 Hence, India still have the worst run rate overs courtesy of good contributions from Shafali Verma (32 off 35) and captain Harmanpreet Kaur (29\* off 24). Arundhati

Reddy was adjudged Player of the Match as she registered her career best figures of 3/19 in four overs.Following their victory, India are in the fourth spot in the five-team group with one win from two matches having a net run rate of -1.217. The time taken to complete the victory over Pakistan has improved their net run rate just slightly as it has gone from -2.90 to -1.217.In order to bring their net run rate into positive, India had to chase down the target in 11 overs which would've brought their net run rate to +0.084. However, they missed out on the opportunity as openers Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana (7 off 16) got their team off to a measured start.India have the second-worst NRR in Group A

among teams who've won in Group A with New Zealand (+2.900), Australia (+1.908) and Pakistan (+0.555) sitting above them.



The Harmanpreet Kaur-led side will next face Sri Lanka in their third fixture on Wednesday, October 9 at Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

The Asia Cup Champions are yet to register their first win of the tournament, having been hammered by Pakistan and Australia. The Women in Blue will desperately need to beat Sri Lanka by a huge margin to get their net run rate into positive before they face the defending champions Australia in their last fixture on October 13.

If India don't improve their net run rate in the next game, they will have to depend on New Zealand to also beat Australia and win all of their matches. In such a scenario, India will directly advance to the semi-finals by winning their last two fixtures against Sri Lanka and Australia. However, if Australia don't lose

to New Zealand, India will have to surpass either Australia's or New Zealand's net run rate to progress ahead in the tournament. Hence, their next fixture is extremely crucial for them which could well decide their fate in the tournament

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# Natasa Stankovic

### Announced First Project Post-Separation; Mamitha Baiju Shares BTS Photo With Thalapathy Vijay

Months after her separation from India cricketer Hardik Pandya, Natasa Stankovic is ready to let go of the past and move forward, with her major focus being on her professional career. The Serbian model went back to her homeland following her separation four years after the marriage. However, upon returning to India, Natasa filmed her first project. On Saturday, Natasa took to her Instagram account to unveil the first look of her upcoming music video, Tere Krke, alongside singer Preet Inder.

Thalapathy Vijay's decision to quit acting to concentrate on his political career has undeniably disappointed his die-hard fans. One of his many fans who were disheartened was Malayalam actress Mamitha Baiju. During a promotional event of her last release, Premalu, she expressed regret at not being able to share screen space with Vijay and had acknowledged being a fan of him since Ghilli. The interview had gone widely viral. And that is probably

why the makers of Vijay's last film have roped in Mamitha to play a pivotal role in the film.Actor Shivaji Satam, best known for portraying ACP Pradyuman in CID, recently reflected on a heartfelt moment with Sanjay Dutt during a challenging chapter in Dutt's life. Facing accusations tied to the 1993 Mumbai blasts, Dutt confided in Satam while juggling exhausting court hearings by day and late-night film shoots. Though ultimately acquitted of charges related to the bombings, Dutt was sentenced to six years in prison under the Arms Act in 2007 for illegal possession of weapons.

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Sujoy Ghosh's Kahaani (2012) was a turning point in his career. The filmmaker showed his ability to create a gripping narrative on a modest budget. After facing setbacks with previous projects like Jhankaar Beats and Aladin, Ghosh poured his heart into Kahaani, which turned out to be a massive success, earning Rs 79.20 crore globally on a budget of just Rs 15 crore, according to Sacnilk.Ranveer Singh previously announced his next big film with Aditya Dhar. The untitled film boasts a stellar cast including Sanjay Dutt, R. Madhavan, Akshaye Khanna and Arjun Rampal. Now, a Peeping Moon report claims that 19-year-old Sara Arjun has been cast as Ranveer's love interest in the film.

Vicky Aur Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video: Rajkummar Rao, Triptii Dimri Groove To Pawan Singh's Peppy Track Chumma



Rajkummar Rao and Triptii Dimri bring their charm to the latest track from their upcoming film Vicky Aur Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video. The song, titled Chumma, is a high-energy number sung by Pawan Singh with music composed by Sachin-Jigar, and it's poised to become the next desi party anthem. In the music video, Rajkummar's character eagerly waits for a glimpse of Triptii, as they both dance to the upbeat track. With vibrant performances by Pawan Singh, Rupali Jagga, Rupesh Mishra, and Mansa Jimmy, this song is designed to get listeners on their feet. Pawan Singh, who lends his voice to the song, also makes a special appearance, joining Rajkummar and Triptii as they dance with a lively group of background performers.

Vicky Aur Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video is a comedy centered on a lost sex tape of a newly-married couple in the '90s. Alongside Rajkummar and Triptii, the film stars Mallika Sherawat, Vijay Raaz, Rakesh Bedi, Archana Puran Singh, Tiku Talsania, and Mukesh Tiwari. The trailer teases the couple's frantic efforts, aided by their family, to recover their "suhagraat CD" in the scenic town of Rishikesh.

The film is set to hit theaters on October 11, where it will face competition from Alia Bhatt's Jigra. In a recent conversation with Mid-day, Raaj Shandilya said, "The idea was that a huge population of our country is coy, yet children are born every second. We are living in a world where any video can go viral within seconds. So, we decided to make a film for the middle class that has a message with a lot of humour and romance. I also wanted to explore the plight of the people at whose expense we laugh. [At the same time], we wanted to explore how people from small towns facing this dilemma would feel."Shaandilyaa also talked about his writing process and mentioned that he writes his comedies keeping the audience's reception in mind. He continued, "When I am writing, I am conscious that it should be something that the majority enjoys and no one should get hurt."

Puppy Videobombs Suhana Khan's Makeup Tutorial, Check Out Her Reaction



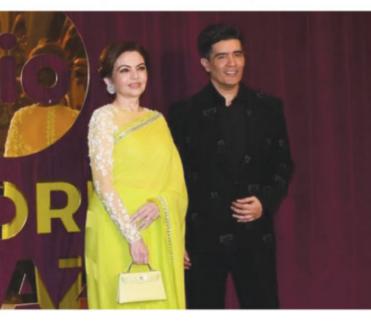
# Sends a Special Message To Manish Malhotra For His New Store: 'My Good Friend...'

Nita Ambani attended Manish Malhotra's store launch on Saturday night at Jio World Plaza. The businesswoman looked stunning in a green saree and carried a Hermes Kelly handbag that caught everyone's attention. While she posed for the paparazzi, Nita Ambani gave a sweet shoutout to Manish. In a video shared by a paparazzo, Nita Ambani was seen telling, "I am here to wish my good friend, Manish Malhotra all the very best for his new show at the Jio World Plaza." Watch the video below:

Besides Nita Ambani, the store launch was attended by veteran actress Rekha, Bollywood starlet Kriti Sanon and soon-to-debut star

Shanaya Kapoor.For the grand occasion, Rekha was seen wearing a beige saree. She posed for the cameras before she went to wish Manish. A video also showed Manish personally escorting Rekha. He was seen holding her hand as

they walked past the cameras.Meanwhile, Kriti looked gorgeous in red. The actress draped a shimmery red saree and her backless blouse had the fashion police impressed. Also attending the launch was Shilpa Shetty and Karan Johar. The actress looked gorgeous in white and was also seen catching up with Karan.



Vijay Varma was also present on the occasion. The IC 814: Kandahar Hijack star was seen wearing a stylish pink and black Manish Malhotra shirt with a pair of pants. He styled the outfit with a chic pair of sunglasses.

The festive season is officially here and Suhana Khan is spreading the joy by sharing some quick makeup tips perfect for the celebrations. In her recent video, Shah Rukh Khan's daughter shared the secret behind her hit festive looks. But it was her pet dog who stole the limelight by videobombing right in the beginning. When Suhana was about to start the tutorial, her furry friend ran into the room and jumped on her lap to see what was going on. The Archies actor was unable to resist, as she paused to play with her dog. She was seen laughing and cuddling the pooch after which she gently took her pet out of the room and finally continued with the tutorial. The video featured Suhana in a gorgeous red sequin saree by Manish Malhotra. The festive season is officially here and Suhana Khan is spreading the joy by sharing some quick makeup tips perfect for the celebrations. In her recent video, Shah Rukh Khan's daughter shared the secret behind her hit festive looks. But it was her pet dog who stole the limelight by videobombing right in the beginning. When Suhana was about to start the tutorial, her furry friend ran into the room and jumped on her lap to see what was going on. The Archies actor was unable to resist, as she paused to play with her dog. She was seen laughing and cuddling the pooch after which she gently took her pet out of the room and finally continued with the tutorial. The video featured Suhana in a gorgeous red sequin saree by Manish Malhotra. Even though Suhana was running late for a party, she managed to share her quick and easy threestep makeup routine with her followers. While applying her makeup, she mentioned that many people were messaging her to find out where she was, but she was determined to complete her tutorial. Sharing the video on Instagram, she wrote, "When you say you're reaching in 5 but you're still at home curling your hair. I know a thing or two about getting ready in a rush, and here's a snapshot of what it looks like."Next, Suhana Khan is gearing up for her upcoming action-thriller King, marking her first with her father and Bollywood superstar, Shah Rukh Khan. The project has seen a lot of excitement among fans, who are eager to witness the camaraderie between the father-daughter duo on screen together for the first time.