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Children of infiltrator father and adivasi mother to be denied tribal rights

Sanjay Kumar Ranchi, Nov 10: Union Minister and BJP National President J.P. Nadda during a public meeting ahead of Jharkhand Assembly elections, at Bishrampur in Palamu district on November 9, 2024. Bharatiya Janata Party president Jagat Prasad Nadda asserted that if the saffron party is voted to power in Jharkhand, it will not allow tribal rights to children of infiltrator father and local Adivasi mother.

double-engine government here for all-round development," the BJP chief said. "US President-elect Donald Trump describing PM Modi as his close friend reflects India's changing image," he said. India ranks second in steel manufacturing and fifth in the mobile phone market globally. The budget for highways was increased by 50 per cent under Modi, he said. Nadda claimed that the Prime Minister worked to bring tribals into the mainstream of society. The budget for tribal welfare was increased by three times, for Eklayva model schools 21 times while around 1.5 crore toilets were built for tribals out of 11 crore toilets across the country.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna to be sworn in as 51st CJI today

Simmi Kaur Babbar New Delhi, Nov 10: Almost 48 years after legendary Justice HR Khanna's supersession; his nephew Justice Sanjiv Khanna will be sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India today. President Droupadi Murmu will administer the oath of office to Justice Sanjiv Khanna at Rashtrapati Bhavan in a ceremony at 10 am. He will succeed Justice DY Chandrachud, who retired. Appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India on January 18, 2019, Justice Khanna will have a six-month tenure as the CJI. He will retire on May 13, 2025. The Centre had notified his appointment as the next CJI on October 24 following Chief Justice Chandrachud's recommendation on October 16.

during Emergency. The majority had declared that the government could suspend fundamental rights and detain citizens without following due process during Emergency. Justice HR Khanna had resigned after the Government notified the appointment of Justice HM Beg - a junior judge -

as the CJI. Son of Justice DR Khanna - a former Delhi High Court judge - Justice Sanjiv Khanna has been a part of many Constitution Bench verdicts, including the ones upholding the abrogation of Article 370 and the scrapping of electoral bonds scheme. He headed the Bench which upheld the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in elections amid the 2019 Lok Sabha poll. A Bench led by him had granted an interim bail to former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal to enable him campaign in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Born on May 14, 1960, Justice Khanna got enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983 and initially practised in the District Courts at the Tis Hazari complex, Delhi, and later in the High Court of Delhi and tribunals in fields as diverse as constitutional law, direct taxation, arbitration, commercial law, company law, land law, environmental law and medical negligence. He was appointed as an additional judge of the Delhi High Court in 2005 and was made a permanent judge in 2006. As a judge of the Delhi High Court, he held the position of Chairman/Judge-in-charge, Delhi Judicial Academy, Delhi International Arbitration Centre and the District Court Mediation Centre.



MVA promises Rs 3K/month to women as it releases manifesto

Naresh Malhotra Mumbai, Nov 10: Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday launched the joint manifesto of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance for the upcoming Assembly polls in Maharashtra and highlighted the five core areas the grouping will work towards in the state. The manifesto promises to give financial aid of Rs 3,000 to women in the state. Launching the joint manifesto of the MVA, 'Maharashtra Nama', Kharge said the five pillars for the progress and development of Maharashtra were farming and rural development, industry and employment, urban development, environment and public welfare. "Our five guarantees will be helpful in the welfare of all in Maharashtra. Every family will receive an annual aid of about Rs 3 lakh. Our Mahalakshmi scheme will give financial aid to all women, who will be given Rs 3,000 each, every month... We will launch a free bus service for the women of Maharashtra... We will give Rs 50,000 each to farmers who repay their loans on time," the Congress President

said. "The youth seeking jobs will be given a Rs 4,000 monthly stipend... Our health insurance scheme of Rs 25 lakh was started by Ashok Gehlot in Rajasthan and it will be implemented in Maharashtra as well. We promise to provide free medicines as well... We have decided to do a caste census and we will remove the 50 per cent ceiling on reservations, in line with Tamil Nadu," Kharge added. The Congress chief also targeted the Prime Minister for linking the 'red book' of the Constitution to 'urban Naxalism' and pointed out that the PM had gifted the same

to Ram Nath Kovind when the latter was President in 2017. "He (PM Narendra Modi) said this red book is an urban Naxalite book and a piece of Marxist literature... He gifted the same book to the then President Ram Nath Kovind in 2017... He even said this book contains blank pages..." In a scathing attack on the BJP, he said, "What does he mean by this? 'Aap kisko kaatenge?' Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi sacrificed their lives to keep the country united. This is Yogi Ji's slogan. Modi Ji says, 'Ek hain toh safe hain'. I don't know which slogan will work... You are among the people who killed the one who got us independence." "They have already divided the people with slogans like 'batenge toh katenge'. We have united this nation," Kharge added. He accused PM Modi of disrespecting Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. "Whatever PM Modi inaugurates collapses or leaks," he added. Maharashtra polls are scheduled for November 20 and counting will be held on November 23. As the elections for the 288 seats in the Assembly approach closer, the political battle between the two major alliances, the Mahayuti and the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), intensifies.



TMC alleges CAPF deployed for Bengal bypolls acting at behest of BJP

Kolkata, Nov 10: The Trinamool Congress has alleged that the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) deployed in West Bengal for the upcoming bypolls were intimidating voters at the behest of the Bharatiya Janata Party and requested the Election Commission of India to take immediate cognizance of the matter. The TMC has also sought details about the ratio of CAPF personnel to West Bengal state police personnel deployed for the bye elections, details of the duties assigned to them, and if the reported activities of CAPF personnel are in line with the ECI's guidelines. "...it has been brought to our notice that CAPF personnel alone, without presence of the State Police, are engaging in various illegal activities at the behest of their political masters (BJP). They are entering private residences to intimidate voters and adversely influence them to cast their votes in favour of the BJP. Such partisan behaviour is illegally skewing the impartiality and sanctity of the ensuing elections," a delegation of TMC leaders, including Derek

O'Brien and Saket Gokhale, submitted in their complaint to the poll body on Saturday. In the letter, the TMC cited Section 8.5(c) of the ECI's 2023 manual on force deployment in elections as per which "Every CAPF team should be provided with a representative of the local Police from the time of their induction till the completion of the electoral process, so that they could do their duty well because of their knowledge of terrain and local language." The TMC has also asked ECI to delineate the legal consequences of deviations from prescribed ECI guidelines, especially "in scenarios where such deviations may compromise the fairness and In another complaint submitted to the ECI on Saturday, the TMC accused BJP state president Sukanta Majumdar of delivering "a false, derogatory and defamatory speech during an election rally in poll-bound Taldangra" on November 7. They also accused Majumdar of insulting the state emblem of India and state police as he said in Bengali, "Don't act as an agent of Trinamool."



Terrorist eliminated in encounter in J&K's Sopore

Srinagar, Nov 09: "Acting on a specific input regarding the presence of #terrorists in Rampora #Sopore area of #Baramulla, a joint anti-terrorist operation was launched by Police and security forces. During the search operation, an exchange of fire took place," the Kashmir Zone Police posted on X. Explore the impact of Trump's victory on India, exclusively. A senior police officer on the condition of anonymity one terrorist has been killed in the operation. The identity and group affiliation of the slain terrorist is being ascertained, the official added. Two terrorists were eliminated by security forces following an encounter in the same town. "Two terrorists have been neutralised in Sopore encounter. Identification and affiliation is being ascertained. Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition recovered. Further details shall follow," Kashmir Zone Police posted on X. "A joint anti-terrorist operation was launched by Police and security forces based on a specific input regarding the presence of terrorists in Panipora of Sopore area in Baramulla. During the search operation, an exchange of fire took place," said the Kashmir police. The Army posted, "On November 7, 2024, based on specific intelligence regarding presence of terrorists, a joint operation launched by the Indian Army and @JmuKnrPolice in Panipura, Sopore, Baramulla.

BSF catches 200 drones at border, says Pak trying to 'destablise' India with drugs

Navdeep Singh Sahni New Delhi, Nov. 10: BSF recently recovered four more drones within the last 24 hours, the total number of rogue drones seized from Pakistan along this border now exceeds 200. Drone interceptions along the Punjab International Border have surged to 200 as Pakistani networks persist in smuggling narcotics and weapons, aiming to "destabilise" India by promoting drug addiction among youth and "disintegrating" social harmony, according to the Border Security Force (BSF), cited by news agency PTI. The BSF announced in a statement on Saturday that with the recent recovery of four more drones within the last 24 hours, the total number of rogue drones seized from Pakistan along this border now exceeds 200. The BSF is responsible for guarding 2,290 km of the western border along India, including a 553 km stretch along Punjab. This border, also known as the International

Border (IB), continues through Jammu (in Jammu and Kashmir), as well as Rajasthan and Gujarat. The BSF report-



tion of advanced technical countermeasures across the border. The troops have intensified anti-drone tactics, delivering a substantial setback to Pakistani narcotics groups that attempt to transport drugs and weapons into Indian territory with the aim of "destabilising" communities by encouraging drug addiction among youth and "disintegrating" social cohesion. A senior BSF officer told PTI that the 200-plus drones intercepted this year included those shot down by BSF troops, others jammed mid-flight with anti-drone technology, and some recovered on the ground thanks to intelligence leads or information from locals. Most of these drones, according to the officer, are Chinese-made and typically carry drugs, firearms, and ammunition. Among the various payloads, drugs constitute the largest share of items being transported across the border.

Allies will decide Maharashtra CM post-election, Shinde remains BJP choice: Amit Shah

ST Correspondent New Delhi, Nov 10: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has expressed confidence that the ruling Mahayuti alliance will win the Maharashtra election on November 20 with a full majority. Speaking at the release of the BJP manifesto in Mumbai, Shah stated that the next Chief Minister will be chosen by the allies after the election results are announced. Shah said, "Today Eknath Shinde is our Chief Minister. After the election, all three Mahayuti allies will sit together and choose the CM. We will not give Sharad Pawar that chance." He criticised Shiv Sena UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray and NCP chief



Sharad Pawar, suggesting their prioritisation of family over leadership led to splits within their parties. "Someday both these leaders will have to frame a policy to promote genuine talent and leadership in their parties. Otherwise their parties will continue to disintegrate," said Shah. He even asked Uddhav Thackeray to introspect which side of the political fence is he occupying. Shah also highlighted the contradictions within the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance, pointing out BJP's history of keeping poll promises, such as the abrogation of Article 370 and Ram Mandir construction. He cautioned the people of Maharashtra, citing chaos in Congress-ruled states like Himachal, Karnataka, and Telangana. He questioned Sharad Pawar's contribution to Maharashtra during his tenure as Union Minister in the Congress-led UPA government from 2004 to 2014. "While UPA allocated Rs 2 lakh crore for Maharashtra in 10 years, PM Narendra Modi's government has allocated Rs 10 lakh crore." The "Sankalp Patra", BJP's manifesto, promises Rs 2,100 monthly cash transfer to women; enhancement of old age pension from Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,100 and expansion of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi from Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000. It also promises a strict law to bring forced conversions to zero. Shah said all three Mahayuti partners - Shiv Sena, NCP and BJP - had published separate manifestoes and will form a group of ministers post election to ensure cent per cent implementation of promises made.

Yogi Adityanath calls SP 'production house of rioters, criminals', Akhilesh Yadav it's 'CEO'

Tejinder Kaur Babbar Lucknow, Nov 10: Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday hit out at Samajwadi Party, calling its coinage 'PDA' as "Production house of Dangai (rioters) and Apradhi (Criminals)." He also dubbed SP chief Akhilesh Yadav as its CEO and his uncle Shivpal Yadav as "trainer". The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister had coined 'PDA' during the 2022 assembly elections, which stands for 'Pichhde' (backwards), Dalits and 'Alpsakhyak' (minorities). "SP talks of PDA... But tell you what their PDA is. It is the Production House of Dangai (rioters) and Apradhi (criminals). I am giving you this new definition," PTI quoted Adityanath as saying during a rally in Ambedkar Nagar ahead of the November 20 by-polls. "Remember any big criminal,

mafia or rioters... They are party of the production house of SP... Every dreaded criminal, every dreaded mafia, every dreaded rapist is born here (production house). Its CEO (Chief Executive

said, "Whether it was Atiq Ahmed of Prayagraj, Mukhtar Ansari of Ghazipur, Khan Mubarak of Ambedkar Nagar... all of them were the products of the Samajwadi Party's production house. All of them were business partners of the Samajwadi Party in crime." The BJP leader said that after Independence, the socialist movement was started with values and ideals and people like Jayaprakash Narayan, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia, Acharya Narendra Dev, Chandrashekhar, Janeshwar Mishra, Mohan Singh were associated with the movement. "This is what happened in Ayodhya. This is what happened in Kannauj. This is what happened in Lucknow and this is what these people

did in Hardoi," he said. In Uttar Pradesh, nine assembly seats are going to bypolls-Katehari (Ambedkar Nagar), Karhal (Mainpuri), Meerapur (Muzaffarnagar), Ghaziabad, Majhawan (Mirzapur), Sishamau (Kanpur City), Khair (Aligarh), Phulpur (Prayagraj), and Kundarki (Moradabad). Eight of these seats fell vacant after their MLAs were elected as Lok Sabha MPs, while bypoll is being held on the Sisamau seat due to the disqualification of SP MLA Irfan Solanki, who was convicted in a criminal case. In the 2022 assembly polls, Sishamau, Katehari, Karhal, Milkipur and Kundarki were held by the SP, while the BJP had won Phulpur, Ghaziabad, Majhawan and Khair. The Meerapur seat was held by the RLD, which is now an ally of the BJP in the NDA. The Congress is not contesting the bypolls and supporting its INDIA bloc partner SP, while the BSP is contesting solo on all nine seats.



Officer) is Akhilesh Yadav. The trainer is Shivpal Yadav," he added. Continuing his attack on the SP, the chief minister while addressing a rally in Phulpur,

News box

No compromise on education policy for central funds: Minister Poyyamozhi

RANIPET: Tamil Nadu will not compromise on its education policy in order to receive union government funds, School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi said on Saturday. He was speaking to reporters after conducting an inspection at Panchayat Union Middle School in Arakkonam. "The union government's three-language policy is against the state's education policy. We are also against conducting public examination for classes 3, 5 and 8. Tamil Nadu will not compromise on its education policy at any cost to receive funds from Delhi. We can manage all our requirements, including classrooms and laboratories, with state funds," Poyyamozhi said.

Over 3K new teachers

The minister also shared updates on initiatives being taken for government school students. "Under Chief Minister MK Stalin's directive, a total of 3,192 new teacher appointments have been finalised. Enrolment in government primary schools is on the rise. In fact, a recent union government report indicates that 98.8% of students in the state have been enrolled in government schools," Poyyamozhi said. As part of the inspection, the minister interacted with students, who responded confidently, recited poems and 'Tirukkural' verses. Poyyamozhi also inspected the attendance register, maintenance records and examined the cleanliness of the entire school, including toilets.

Dharmapuri-Morappur rail project works in slow lane

DHARMAPURI: Residents and rail passenger associations have raised concerns that the Dharmapuri-Morappur railway line project has been treading water, despite the centre allocating Rs 100 crore in the budget during the 2023-2024 fiscal. Establishing a rail link between Dharmapuri and Morappur has been a 25-year-long demand. Railway Passenger and Social Welfare Association (RPSWA) district secretary Mathialagan said a 36-km railway line between Dharmapuri and Morappur existed during the British period -- built in 1906 and discontinued in 1941. He told that the line, intact at most parts, would connect Dharmapuri with Chennai and could be critical for the district's development. "At present, we have no trains from Dharmapuri Junction. To board Chennai trains, we need to reach Morappur which is 30 kilometres away," he said. Dharmapuri resident K Gopal said, "Railways Minister Piyush Goyal, during his visit in 2019, announced the project with an estimate of Rs 358.95 crore. However, in 2023-2024 union budget, Rs 100 crore was allotted. 13 revenue officials were appointed to oversee the construction and land acquisition. Since then, there has been no update." K Balan, an RPSWA member, said the fund allocated for the project was reduced to Rs 49.37 crore earlier this year. However, speaking to officials from the South Western Railway attributed the delay in progress solely to hitches in land acquisition.

People's Democratic Party to continue its support for Left front in upcoming bypolls

KOCHI: The People's Democratic Party (PDP) will continue to extend its support to the LDF in the upcoming Wayanad, Chelakkara and Palakkad bypolls. This was decided at the central committee and state secretariat meetings of the party held here on Saturday. "It's a direct contest between the LDF and the UDF in Palakkad. This time, the BJP won't be able to enjoy the support that it got during the candidature of E Sreedharan. We have high hopes that a



secular, democratic caution would be maintained against communal forces," said party vice-chairman Adv Muttom Nazar. The party had backed the LDF in the Lok Sabha elections held earlier this year. Meanwhile, the party demanded the intervention of the state government to prevent 'the attempts of Sangh Parivar and extremist Christian sections to create communal divide on the Waqf land issue in Munambam.' "The statement by Opposition leader V D Satheesan that the land in Munambam is not a Waqf property is aimed at justifying the resort mafias who had encroached upon the Waqf land and giving tacit support to forces attempting to create communal divide there," he said.

Sky's the limit for Marut Drones

HYDERABAD: While the recent Series A funding of \$6.2 million for drone tech firm Marut Drones will help it establish itself as a nationwide provider of comprehensive drone technology, the DGCA-certified company for manufacturing drones and training operators is still prioritising agricultural productivity. This apart, the Hyderabad-based firm is eyeing expansion into the defence, surveillance and disaster management sectors. In Telangana, drones made by the firm have proven invaluable across sectors: they assist the GHMC in mosquito control for dengue and malaria prevention, aid reforestation efforts with the Forest department and provide the Hyderabad police with surveillance capabilities during major festivals. In an interaction with TNIE, Marut Drones co-founder and CEO Prem Kumar Vislawath shares that the company is looking to leverage this amount to expand the channel and dealer network across the country. "We want to increase the accessibility and build more service centres in order to address onsite technical issues near the customers' farms. We are also looking to improve infrastructure for manufacturing model drones with upgraded technology. Presently, we have a



manufacturing capacity of 50 drones per month. We will be scaling it to 100 to 300 drones per month with a target of building 3,000 in a year," Vislawath, who co-founded the company in 2019 along with IIT-Guwahati batchmates Sai Kumar and Suraj Peddi, says. The firm, with a team of around 200 members, also plans to hire more senior professionals. With five drone training centres — in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh — for drone pilot licencing valid for up to 10 years, Marut Drones plans to augment the number to at least 15 by March 2025, particularly in Tier-II and III cities. In Telangana, there is a centre at NIPHM, Hyderabad, and another one in

Warangal. At present, the company has a fleet of 750 drones and over 1,000 drone pilots across 14 states. "The idea to set up centres in rural areas is to reduce the expense for our customers. By setting up centres near them, we feel that we can bring more people into the sector, especially farmers who can get drone service in their villages," explains Vislawath. Detailing how drones help farmers, he says, "It helps in spraying [different additives] in fields with thorns or crops like sugarcane where there are snakes and mosquitoes, among others. Moreover, they can cover 20-30 acres in 10 to 12 minutes."

To train 500 women by March

Marut drones have already imparted training in spraying pesticides and crop monitoring to 180 women from various SHGs, including 90 from Prayagraj and 60 from Motihari. The firm has an initial target of training at least 500 women by March 2025. "Women from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu SHGs were also trained in Hyderabad this year," Vislawath says. "Fertiliser companies like IFFCO and KRIBHCO manage them and provide work. The women from SHG groups use drones to assist farmers with spraying. Farmers pay for the fertiliser and the fertiliser companies pay the women for their services."

Nurturing 'village-level entrepreneurs'

Vislawath points out that their focus is not on getting farmers to buy drones, but on encouraging unemployed youth or those who have completed their education in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to act as mediators or, as he calls them, village-level entrepreneurs.

"Generally, we discourage farmers from buying drones and instead ask them to use the service. A majority of farmers have 5 acres of land or less. So, rather than handling it themselves, we encourage them, and also suggest at agricultural exhibitions, that unemployed youth, ITI graduates, existing tractor drivers, harvesters, or auto-rickshaw drivers take up the role. We help them purchase drones through loans and subsidies, allowing them to provide services to multiple farmers and generate revenue for themselves," he says. Currently, the three drone models manufactured by Marut Drones — AG365H, AG365 and AG365S — cost around 10 lakh on average and weigh around 30 kg with a payload ability of 10-15 kg.

In October, the company launched a multi-featured AG365H drone at the Amravati Drone Summit in presence of AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu.

IAS officers spar over attendance, FB post lands Prasanth in trouble

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: A squabble between two IAS officers has come out into the open with N Prasanth, special secretary in the agriculture department, criticising his senior A Jayathilak, additional chief secretary (finance), in a Facebook post on Saturday. In response to a comment on his Facebook post, Prasanth even termed Jayathilak "insane". The rumble within the administration taking a public tone has not gone down well with the state government. Chief Secretary Sarada Muraleedharan told TNIE that there will be action against Prasanth, besides an inquiry into the whole episode. Prasanth was provoked by a news report which said that Jayathilak had submitted an adverse report against him to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Jayathilak reportedly raised serious allegations against Prasanth during the latter's tenure as chief executive officer of 'Unnathi - Kerala Empowerment Society',



an initiative for the welfare of scheduled castes and tribes.

He was accused of having taken government files under his personal custody. When queried on the topic, Prasanth returned only a part of the files to the minister's office, Jayathilak's report said. Further, the report said that Prasanth did not turn up at his office regularly. There were months when he was absent for up to 20 days, and he also manipulated attendance records and "other duty" was claimed in the name of non-existent

meetings, the report said. Taking to Facebook, Prasanth likened Jayathilak to a "self-proclaimed successor to the chief secretary post". In his first post on the day, Prasanth explained his version of the allegations against him. He made another post saying that Jayathilak was serving as a "special reporter" to the daily which published the news report.

"I'm compelled to reveal some facts about senior IAS officer Jayathilak who prepares adverse reports against me and promptly submits them to the daily. I am forced to reveal some facts about him which the public should know," Prasanth posted. He added: "Though I don't like discussion on government files in the public domain, I have no other option. I intend to reveal things that would be available under the Right to Information Act. He is a great person who himself proclaimed that he would be the next chief secretary. So, one should have fear and respect towards him."

Worker charred to death as massive fire engulfs factory in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: A 25-year-old man was charred to death when a massive fire broke out at Sri Ram and Co. wood factory in Attibele Industrial Area on the Hosur-Bengaluru Main Road early on Saturday morning. The deceased has been identified as Govind Kumar of Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. He was reportedly sleeping inside the factory at the time of the incident. Around 25 labourers work in the factory and stay in sheds. After the fire broke out, all of them came out, except Kumar. His body was found near a wood pressing machine. Factory owner Harshad Patel told the police that the fire was noticed around 3.30 am. The fire department received the call to their control room at 3.52 am. Fire stations at



Sarjapur and Anekal, including others in the vicinity, were immediately alerted and more than six fire tenders were rushed to the spot. The fire was brought under control after about five hours. Timber stacks, machines and other materials were completely gutted in the incident. The flames were contained before they could spread to the adjacent food factory. The fire was brought under control after about five hours. Local water tankers were also used to douse the fire. "The exact reasons for the fire are not known yet. An electrical short circuit is being suspected. The loss is estimated at around Rs 5 crore. The owner has stated that there were no lapses from his side and they have all the required permission. The company is into manufacturing and supplying bentwood furniture," an officer said.

A case of causing death by negligence under Section 106 of the BNS has been registered. No arrests have been made. The Attibele police of the Bengaluru district police have registered a case.

Housing project for SC/ST, pourakarmikas yet to get approval

BENGALURU: The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) pourakarmikas and eligible SC/ST community members who were selected among 1,110 applicants for the allotment of sites measuring 20x30 feet in Dasanapura Hobli in Bengaluru North and Kengeri Hobli (Bengaluru Urban) expressed frustration over delays by the BBMP welfare department and Urban Development Department in forming layouts and allotting these sites. Secretary of Bahujan Vimochana Chaluvai Gangadhar launched a scathing attack against the BBMP and the state government, stating, "The BBMP and revenue department has contributed nothing in identifying land. Activists have been persistent, securing 29 acres in 2008, yet eligible beneficiaries have struggled for years as the Palike delayed layout formation." Gangadhar also alleged that



Rs 42 crore has been allocated from BBMP's consolidated (Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub Plan SCP/TP) fund of 450 crore but the file for approval is pending before the administrator. "The BBMP welfare department has proposed to construct a complex and allot houses but we rejected the proposal, as our community has long fought for land rights. Once the BBMP

gets the administrator's approval for the formation of the layout with Rs 42 crore allocated under the Special Component, community members will begin constructing their houses," said Gangadhar. Of the total land, 22 acres were designated in Dasanapura Hobli and 7 acres in Kengeri Hobli. In 2018, the Urban Development Department, Bengaluru directed BBMP to fence these areas. However, due to the assembly elections, the land process was delayed.

"In 2023, we raised the issue with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister (DCM) Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar. "Despite the DCM's directive to expedite the process, progress is very slow. The money has been already sanctioned by the BBMP accounts department and the proposal has been sent to the administrator. 40 days have passed with no approvals," said a pourakarmika leader.

Waqf issue needs deft handling, not rabble-rousing

BENGALURU: Most political issues have a shelf life. They peak during elections and taper off soon after that. However, the Waqf land controversy, which has raised a political storm in Karnataka and created ripples in other poll-bound states, is unlike others. If the allegations made by the BJP leaders and claims by farmers are anything to go by, this could have serious repercussions on people who are apprehensive about losing their properties as well as on the social fabric.

In the run-up to the November 13 bypolls to three assembly segments in Karnataka, and fiercely fought assembly polls in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, leaders from Congress, BJP, and other political parties are engaged in a bitter political slugfest over the Waqf Board's notices to farmers and changes in the land records. Beyond elections, the issue could have far-reaching consequences. When the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024 was proposed by the NDA government in August this year, the Congress-led opposition termed it as "vendetta politics" against minorities. However, the aggressive stance by the state government and Waqf board put Congress on the back foot and weakened its larger strategy to oppose the Bill at the national level. As the notices about land records left several farmers aggrieved, it also raised

questions if the Congress and its government's attitude had emboldened officials to go overboard with their actions. In some cases, changes were made in land records without even issuing notices.

While the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024 is looking into the amendments to the law, on its part, the State Government had not anticipated such a backlash to its aggressive measures. Now, after farmers started expressing concerns and opposition BJP raised the matter in Karnataka and other states, the Siddaramaiah government has gone into a damage control mode. Although it announced that the notices served to farmers would be withdrawn and no genuine landowners would be evicted, new cases of people noticing changes in land records are coming to light from many parts of the state.

As JPC Chairman Jagadambik Pal put it, complaints were pouring in from many districts and there was a 38% increase in issuing of notices in the last two months after the parliamentary committee was formed. Pal, who visited Karnataka earlier this week to meet the aggrieved persons, also claimed that modifications to the land records could not have been done without



the complicity of state officials. The state government criticized the JPC chief's visit, terming it an attempt to mislead people. Purely going by the procedural aspects of the functioning of the JPC, its chief's visit to the state to meet aggrieved persons may be unusual. However, since Karnataka has become the epicentre of the controversy, one has to consider its possible impact on the JPC's exercise. The committee will soon be submitting its report.

Karnataka Minister for Housing, Minority Welfare and Waqf, BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan, and his department may be asserting

the provisions of the law to deliver benefits to the community. Of the 1.08 lakh acres of Waqf property, nearly 85,000 acres have been encroached, the minister claimed during a Waqf Adalat in Kalaburgi.

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News box

SUV breaks toll barrier, 3 held for thrashing staff

Noida: Three men who allegedly crashed their SUV through a toll barrier on the Yamuna Expressway on Nov 7 and assaulted toll plaza workers were arrested on Saturday, cops said. Police are on the lookout for two other men who were also in the car. The men — SUV's owner Abhishek Nagar, his friends Anshul Chandila of Kherli village and Anuj of Junaidpur village — ploughed through the toll barrier near the 11km milestone of the speedway around 11.30pm. The men later got down from their car and assaulted two plaza employees with sticks. A CCTV grab of the incident, circulating on social media, shows the toll plaza staffers trying to stall off the attack by trying to force shut the booth's doors. On Saturday, a police team from Dankaur detained Nagar and Chandila near Galgotia underpass and Anuj in Junaidpur.

Additional deputy commissioner of police (Greater Noida) Ashok Kumar said they are looking for two more culprits. An FIR was lodged under various Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) sections for rioting, attempted murder, causing harm, intimidation and vandalism. "The SUV has been seized", an official said.

Illegal stalls, kiosks razed in Basai

Gurgaon: MCG enforcement team conducted an anti-encroachment drive in Sector 37 and Basai on Saturday, against temporary encroachments like stalls, kiosks, tin sheds and similar structures on roads and side-walks. Encroachers were given a stern warning against committing the offence. "We are taking action against encroachments under a zero-tolerance policy. Encroachments on roads result in traffic congestion. Similarly, encroachments on side-walks force pedestrians to walk on the road, which exposes them to the risk of accidents," said MCG commissioner Ashok Kumar Garg. MCG enforcement teams conducted a similar anti-encroachment drive in Oct last week in areas along Sohna road and the road connecting sectors 27 and 28.

The enforcement teams demolished temporary and permanent food stalls, shanties, tin-shed structures and kiosks that were illegally occupying public spaces. MCG and GMDA, in a joint operation in Oct, removed street vendors and illegal structures along roads and footpaths of Agrasen Chowk and Sector 12 bus stand.

Biker on way home dies in hit & run

Gurgaon: A man on his way home from office on a bike died after he collided with a truck in Bilaspur on Thursday evening. Dharmendra, an auto driver from Kalwadi village in Nuh, said he was headed home when a young biker moving ahead of him was hit by a truck coming from the opposite direction around 8.30pm on Thursday.

Dharmendra said he stopped his auto-rickshaw and realised that the biker hit by the truck was Rahul from his village. As the truck driver fled, he took an injured Rahul to the hospital in his auto, but doctors declared him dead on arrival. A case was registered against the accused at Bilaspur police station under sections 106 (death by negligence) and 281 (rash and negligent driving) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) following a complaint from Dharmendra. Rahul worked with a manufacturing unit in Bilaspur. "The body was handed over to his family after an autopsy. We have initiated efforts to track the truck driver," said a spokesperson for Gurgaon police.

2 bros die as their car rams truck parked near landfill

Gurgaon: Two brothers died after their car crashed into an MCG garbage truck parked near Bandhwari landfill on Gurgaon-Faridabad road early on Saturday. Rahul (30) and Kuldeep (26) were on their way to Gurgaon with two friends in their Volkswagen Polo when they rammed the truck from behind just 100m from the Faridabad-Gurgaon toll plaza. The truck, police said, did not have any indicators on, making it difficult for the victims to see it from a distance at night. Rahul was driving the Polo, his brother was seated beside. Their friends Rajat (27) and Satender (25) were in the back seat. All four were pulled out of the mangled car and rushed to BK Hospital in Faridabad, where Rahul and Kuldeep were declared dead on arrival. Rajat and Satender were shifted to another hospital after their condition deteriorated. "The car was speeding on a deserted road when it crashed into the stationary garbage truck. It was carrying garbage to the landfill in Bandhwari," an officer said.

"The truck did not have any lights on, which is why the four friends could not spot it from a distance. We have registered a case and launched an investigation into the circumstances leading to the accident," he added.

The accused truck driver fled the spot, leaving the vehicle behind. A case was registered against him under sections 106 (causing death by negligence), 285 (danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation), 125(a) (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) 125(b) (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 324(4) (mischief causing damage to the amount of Rs 20,000 and more but less than Rs 1 lakh) of BNS at DLF Phase-1 police station. "An investigation is underway to find out why the dumper carrying garbage was parked on the road when the landfill was so near," said Sandeep Kumar, a police spokesperson.

It was only on Diwali that Kuldeep opened a restaurant at NIT Five colony. The restaurant was a family project, with both Rahul and their father actively supporting the venture.

Rahul, who married two years ago, was helping establish the family business while also managing his own responsibilities. The family was making preparations for Kuldeep's wedding. "They are originally from Etah in UP, but moved to Faridabad four decades ago. The parents are distraught, unable to cope with the loss of their sons in an accident," a relative said. Residents raised concern about rising accidents on city roads because of illegally parked vehicles. It's more of a concern at night. People drive fast and are unable to see these parked vehicles from a distance. By the time they do, it's too late. The situation will get worse during winter, when visibility is heavily compromised," a resident said.

Decade after NGT ban, old cars an unsolved pollution problem

Noida: End-of-life vehicles (ELVs) are among local reasons that worsen air pollution around you due to a combination of outdated technology and increased emissions. But their extended run on NCR roads, because of slack enforcement and unwillingness of vehicle owners to let them go, is an aspect of the fight against pollution that has received little attention.

Winter or summer, vehicular pollution remains the predominant contributor to high PM2.5 levels in the Delhi air shed. In Noida and Ghaziabad, ELVs make up around 20% of all vehicles registered, so their share in total emissions will be no insignificant one. ELVs, defined in Delhi-NCR as petrol vehicles that are more than 15 years old and diesel vehicles above 10, were banned by an order of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in 2015. But scrapping has been slow, and without a tracking system that is monitored end to end, police and the transport department don't quite know the status of ELVs. Ghaziabad has four scrapping centres — Seven Star Auto Scrap, Saral Auto Scrapping India, MSSS Enterprises and Herwin Motors Industries Pvt Ltd —

while Gautam Budh Nagar has Maruti Suzuki Toyotsu India in Noida (Sector 80) and Mahindra MSTC Recycling in Ecotech-1 (Greater Noida).

If vehicles come to these centres, then the regional transport office will know. Problem is, very few come. So far, going by RTO estimates in Noida, around 25,000 vehicles have been scrapped. This is only around 15% of the 1.86 lakh ELVs identified from vehicles registered in the city. Some may have gone to unauthorised scrap workshops and some sold or shifted to residents living outside NCR where the NGT ban does not apply. But it's likely that a large number of these ELVs are still on roads. Nawab Khan, owner of Seven Star Auto Scrap, told TOI there is lack of awareness among vehicle owners due to which the pace of authorised scrapping is slow. "We scrap only 10-15 vehicles per month. If the govt takes up this initiative and raises awareness, then the number of vehicles that are brought here will certainly go up," he said. Khan has been



running his facility for one and a half years. Between Noida and Ghaziabad, there are 4.2 lakh ELVs. Of these, around 90,000 are relatively higher polluting diesel vehicles. Noida has 1.5 lakh petrol ELVs and around 39,000 diesel ELVs while Ghaziabad has 2.9 lakh petrol ELVs and around 50,000 diesel ELVs.

For authorised scrapping, ELV owners need to submit a form on the Parivahan portal, share vehicle details, select the scrapping centre, and submit the form. The scrapping centre evaluates the vehicle

and quotes a price for the ELV. If the owner agrees to the price, the staff come to pick the vehicle up. Then a certificate is issued to the ELV owner, which can be submitted to the ARTO to deregister the vehicle. Udit Narayan Pandey, assistant regional transport officer (ARTO-enforcement), Noida, admitted "the pace of scrapping is slow". "The transport department is conducting a drive targeting ELVs in compliance with GRAP (graded response action plan) and directives from NGT," he said. The transport department has decided to take data from toll plazas to track ELVs. "We will take details of vehicles from toll plazas in Jewar and the Noida-Delhi borders. Teams will issue fines if they are caught on the spot," he added.

PK Singh, regional transport officer of Ghaziabad, said a similar drive is on in the city. "We will further expedite the process," he said. Last month the UP govt announced a 75% tax exemption for vehicles registered before 2003 and a 50% rebate for those registered before 2008 upon scrapping.

Need more info: 85% property ID complaints sent back to owners

Gurgaon: Around 85% of complaints filed by residents regarding rectification in their property IDs have been returned for lack of documents and information, data sourced from municipal corporations have shown. Across the state, there are 74,227 complaints that are yet to be resolved despite being filed months ago. Of these, the NCR districts of Gurgaon and Faridabad account for 30%. At almost 90%, the number of applications returned to property owners is even higher in these two districts. Ashok Garg, who assumed office as Gurgaon municipal commissioner on Tuesday, expressed concern at the sheer number of applications rejected by civic bodies. "The high number of objections being returned to property owners raises significant concern. This should not have happened. I will examine the process and initiate improvements wherever required," he told. And it's not just Garg. Chief minister Nayab Singh Saini had also expressed concern over the high volume of unresolved complaints in a closed-door meeting with officials, sources said. Property IDs — which are a must

for executing registries, sale deeds, paying taxes or even issuing water bills — were made mandatory by Haryana govt to bring transparency in the system. But in the run-up to the recent assembly elections, it came under severe criticism of opposition parties, who claimed that the documents were riddled with errors and mismatches and caused much inconvenience to people. Most of the complaints were returned to owners over lack of clarification and documentary evidence. For example, an application that sought to fix property dimensions in govt records was sent back to the owner, seeking documents that proved the claim. The applicant is required to submit the documents online. Officials said there were many who were not even aware that their complaints had been sent back, causing significant delays. "It's ironic that this online system was actually designed for effective delivery of services, but is now posing a major challenge. Not all residents are tech-savvy. When complaints are sent back to residents, many of them do not follow up on them. This adds to the pendency list," a senior official said.

The 74,000-odd complaints weren't only filed online. Some of these application forms were filled in Samadhan Shivir camps in the presence of govt officials, raising questions on their efficacy.

Among the aggrieved residents is James Lobo of Sushant Lok-3. Lobo applied for a property ID a year and a half ago, but is yet to get one. "All of a sudden, I discovered that MCG records suggest that I have dues worth Rs 12,000. Moreover, details of the property seller are incorrect. I am concerned about paying Rs 12,000 against wrongly listed sellers, particularly for a newly constructed property. Plus, there is discrepancy in the property size as well. Records show it's 350 sq yards, but the actual measurement is 300 sq yards," he added. What's more of a concern is that another resident of his tower has successfully obtained a property ID despite pending dues. So, how are complaints being addressed? Despite numerous online submissions and visits to the MCG office, my complaints are being sent back without any resolution," Lobo said. Sachin Kalra, a resident of Sector 52, attended several camps to register a complaint after repeated attempts online.

Industry body will cancel land allotment if lease deed delayed

Ghaziabad: Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) board has approved a proposal to annul residential land allotments if lease deeds are not executed within two years. In its recent meeting, the board also gave a nod to a proposal to impose additional charges if allottees fail to start construction on plots allotted to them even after two years. Once implemented, several of the over 5,000 allottees in Tronica City may lose their plots or cough up hefty extension fees — to be levied at the rate of 1% of a plot's cost for the first year and an additional 1% for each year thereon till the fifth year. Thereafter, one will have to pay 4% of the prevailing land rate in the respective sector per year.



The Trans-Delhi Signature City in the Tronica area bordering Delhi, conceived in 2000, is spread over 1,700 acres. Around 5,200 residential plots were carved out at the housing society at the rate of Rs 24,000/sqm. Over the years, the Authority allotted 5,013 plots, while 187 plots are yet to be sold. "Several of the 5,013 allottees are yet to get the lease deeds executed. Construction is yet to start at several others," UPSIDA project officer Sharmila Patel said.

Patel told that UPSIDA will give allottees additional time to execute lease deeds if they do not do so within the first 90 days of allotment. If lease deeds are executed within the first 90 days of allotment, the plot buyer will get a waiver on the interest levied for the documentation process too. "An allottee will have to pay interest if the lease deed is executed within the next 90 days, that is between the 91st day to the 180th day," Patel said. Allottees will have to apply for the paperwork and pay an extension fee too — 1% of the plot's total cost for the first year, which will go up to 2% of the land's rate, if an extension for executing the lease deed is sought for the second year. "If allottees fail to apply for an extension for lease

Walking tracks, solar lights & selfie point: How a dumping ground was transformed

Gurgaon: The Urban Square near the Kanhai intersection, which recently received a makeover with a walking track, seating arrangements, and a selfie point amid green spaces, will soon be completed with solar lights, aiming to make the recreational area more welcoming for visitors. As part of this initiative, 72 solar lights will be installed at an estimated cost of Rs 12 lakh. GMDA has prepared a proposal, which is currently awaiting approval from the CEO. Earlier this year, GMDA transformed an underutilised 1,600 sqm land parcel along the slip road connecting Sector 44 with Ardee

Chowk, aimed at improving pedestrian safety and enhancing traffic flow in the area. Previously, the site was an eyesore, often used for storing construction materials and parking heavy machinery, making it inaccessible and unattractive for public use.

"We will install solar streetlights at Urban Square to ensure that this open green space remains welcoming and secure for visitors during the evening hours, especially during the winter season.

These lights are cost-effective and require little maintenance. Moreover,

has been submitted to the authority for approval," said R.D. Singhal, chief general manager, mobility division of GMDA.

Kanhai Chowk connects sectors 44, 45, and 52, where traffic from Millennium City Centre, Golf Course Road (extension), Ambedkar Road, Sohna Road, St. Thomas Marg, and Golf Course Road merges. With many gated communities, schools, and markets nearby, the junction experiences heavy traffic flow and pedestrian movement.

Urban Square can accommodate up to 50 people at a time and can be used for

NAME CHANGE
I, Bhagwati Devi mother of Army No 15716833M NK Satyvir Singh R/O Vill-Basaiya Raymal, PO-Jaingara, Teh-Kirawali, Agra, UP have changed my name from Bhagwati Devi to Bhagwati Devi and DOB from 20/04/1967 to 01/01/1972 vide affidavit dt 11 Nov 2024

NAME CHANGE
I, Sajjad Khan S/o Shamim Khan alias Md Shamim Khan R/o Village and Post NainaGhat, ward No. 18, District, Darbhanga, Bihar 847239 Inform that in my educational certificates from CBSE Delhi the name of my father has been wrongly mentioned as Md Shamim Khan whereas his true and correct name is Shamim Khan which may be amended accordingly

NAME CHANGE
I, Masoom Ali S/o Shaikat Ali R/o 1999 - B, Kotla Mubarak Pur, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 that I have Renounced HINDUISM and Embraced ISLAM w.e.f.126-10-2024 and also changed my name from MASOUM ALI to MASOUM KUMAR for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I, ZULFIQAR ALI S/o Mohammad Ali R/O 4589, GALI SHEESH MAHAL, GALI SHAHTARA, AJMERI GATE, DELHI-110006 Declare that my name is wrongly mentioned in My Son Hasan Ali Passport as ZULFIKAR ALI However my correct name is ZULFIQAR ALI for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as MOHAN S/O DEEPAK KUMAR R/O M-II, E-17, GALI No. - 5, SHIV MANDIR, SANGAM VIHAR, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110062 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MOHAN KUMAR.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rameer Singh father of army no - 15716833M NK Satyvir Singh R/O Vill-Basaiya raymal, po-Jaingara, Teh-Kirawali, Agra, UP have changed my name from Rameer Singh to Ranvir Singh and Date of birth from 18/04/1965 to 01/01/1969 vide affidavit dt 11 Nov 2024.

NAME CHANGE
I, ARCHANA Wife of No. 15349370P Rank HAV Name RAHUL DIVEDI Presently residing at VILL-PHOOP, ATER ROAD WARD NO-9, DIST-BHIND, MADHYA PRADESH-477555 have changed my name from ARCHANA to ARCHANA DIVEDI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 09/11/2024 before Executive Magistrate, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, ANUP MUKHERJEE S/O S K MUKHERJEE residing at HOUSE NO-1047/10, 1ST FLOOR GOVINDPURI have changed my name to ANUP KUMAR MUKHERJEE for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as ROHIT S/O RAM KUMAR R/O M-II, E-17, GALI No. - 5, SHIV MANDIR, SANGAM VIHAR, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110062 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ROHIT KUMAR.

NAME CHANGE
I, RAJNISH VERMA S/O VIJAY KUMAR VERMA R/O C-904 AIG PARK AVENUE GC-02 GH-1 GAUR CITY-1, GREATER NOIDA WEST, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201301 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO RAJNISH KUMAR VERMA FOR ALL PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE
I, PARVEEN DAHIYA S/O SURAJ BHAN residing at SE-6, Singhatpur Ext., Shalimar Bagh, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110088 have changed the name of my minor Daughter AVNI aged 9 years and She shall hereafter be known as AVNI DAHIYA.

NAME CHANGE
I, PARVEEN DAHIYA S/O SURAJ BHAN residing at SE-6, Singhatpur Ext., Shalimar Bagh, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110088 have changed the name of my minor Son ABHIK aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as ABHIK DAHIYA.

NAME CHANGE
I, No-4591513F Rank- SEP Name-THAKOR DAYARAMBHAI BAJUBHAI Father of SHRUTIBEN THAKOR residing at AT-VASARDA, TA-WAV, DIST-BANASKANTHA, GUJARAT-385575 have changed my minor daughter's name from SHRUTIBEN THAKOR to THAKOR SRUSHTIBEN DAYARAMBHAI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 09/11/2024 before Notary public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, DINESH KUMAR S/O KASHMIRI LAL residing at A-54, A-BLOCK, NEW MULTAN NAGAR, DELHI-110014 Declare that DINESH is my given name and my surname is KUMAR

NAME CHANGE
I, SARVESH DEVI Wife of No. 15445821F Rank SEP Name-MANOJ KUMAR Presently residing at VILL-NAGALA DHYAN (KURSHANDA), SADAABAD (DEHAT), HATHRAS, UTTAR PRADESH-281306 have changed my name from SARVESH DEVI to KUMARI SARVESH for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 09/11/2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, Ranveer Singh father of army no - 15716833M NK Satyvir Singh R/O Vill-Basaiya raymal, po-Jaingara, Teh-Kirawali, Agra, UP have changed my name from Ranveer Singh to Ranvir Singh and Date of birth from 18/04/1965 to 01/01/1969 vide affidavit dt 11 Nov 2024.

NAME CHANGE
It is for general information that I, ROSHAN DEVI W/O CHUNNI BHAGAT R/O 679, Main Kanjhawala Road, Kanjhawala, North West Delhi, Delhi-110081, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as ROSHAN BHARTI in my minor daughter's namely MANSHU KUMARI aged 17 years in her CBSE 10th class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is ROSHAN DEVI, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I, Pinki Tiwari D/O Daya Ram Tiwari R/O M-19, Upper ground floor Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar West Delhi Delhi -110059, declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as Shobha Tiwari in my 10th class educational documents. The actual name of my mother is Laxmi Tiwari

NAME CHANGE
It is for general information that I, MUNNI DEVI W/o Late GUGAN SINGH residing at Cheeta Dunga (37), Rewari, Haryana - 123102, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as MUNI DEVI in my Husband's PPO No. - 240559504554. The actual name of mine is MUNNI DEVI, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE
It is for general information that I, KRISHAN KUMAR S/O KAMESHWAR PRASAD, Permanent Address-Village Bari Pahari, Moratalao, Nalanda Sohnsari, Bihar 803118. Present Address- WZ - 312, F/F, R/Side, Nangal Raya, near old Ration office, New Delhi-110046, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SUB KRISHAN KUMAR in my minor Daughter namely CHANDA KUMARI aged 16 years in her 10th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is KRISHAN KUMAR, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE
I, Salim Khan S/o Akbar R/O H.No.E-373, Gali No.5, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Salim.

NAME CHANGE
It is for general information that I, SUBHASH CHANDER MADHOK S/O BISHAMBER NATH MADHOK residing at House No. - 36B, Professor Colony, Baisamand Road, Hisar, Haryana - 125001 declare that the name of mine and my Father have been wrongly written as SUBHASH CHANDER MADHOK and BISHAMBER NATH MADHOK respectively which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby informed that Ms. Sonia, daughter of Mr. Rajender Singh, and Mr. Brijesh Kumar Pahal, son of Mr. Dharambir Singh, are the rightful owners of Apartment No. STR-0606303, located on the 3rd Floor, Star Court, Tower-06, Jaypee Greens, Land 2, G-Block, Greater Noida, U.P., by virtue of the Deed of Transfer (Sub Lease Deed) dated 02.11.2021. It has been reported that the last page (Page No. 21) of the original Deed of Transfer, executed between Mr. Vishal Goyal, Mrs. Veena Goyal, and Mrs. Shai Priya, in favor of Ms. Sonia and Mr. Brijesh Kumar Pahal, with Registration No. 20606 in Book No. 1, Volume No. 39732, on pages 31-150, dated 02.11.2021, in SR-Sadar, Greater Noida, has been lost. An FIR (LR No. 2283658/2024) has been lodged with the Crime Branch, Delhi, regarding the loss of the document. If any member of the public comes across the lost document or has information regarding its whereabouts, please contact Mr. Brijesh Kumar Pahal at #9871002783. [BRIJESH KUMAR PAHAL] Mob No. 9871002783

NEWS BOX

43 monkeys escape from research lab in US's South Carolina, 1 recovered

Columbia. One of 43 monkeys bred for medical research that escaped a compound in South Carolina has been recovered unharmed, officials said Saturday. Many of the others are still located a few yards from the property, jumping back and forth over the facility's fence, police said in a statement. The Rhesus macaques made a break for it Wednesday after an employee at the Alpha Genesis facility in Yemassee didn't fully lock a door as she fed and checked on them, officials said.

The monkeys on Friday were exploring the outer fence of the Alpha Genesis compound and were cooing at the monkeys inside. The primates continued to interact with their companions inside the facility on Saturday, which is a positive sign, the police statement said.

Alpha Genesis CEO Greg Westergaard relayed that efforts to recover all the animals will persist throughout the weekend and for as long as it takes, the statement said. The monkeys are about the size of a cat. They are all females weighing about 7 pounds (3 kilograms). Alpha Genesis, federal health officials and police all said the monkeys pose no risk to public health. The facility breeds the monkeys to sell to medical and other researchers. Alpha Genesis provides primates for research worldwide at its compound in Yemassee, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northeast of Savannah, Georgia, according to its website.

Prince Harry's memoir recounts his encounter with Sean 'Diddy' Combs, who is awaiting his trial in jail



World. Prince Harry's memoir, *Spare*, was released in 2023 and detailed his royal life, including his encounter with Sean 'Diddy' Combs. The account resurfaced in the memoir after the mogul was arrested in Manhattan, New York, following several lawsuits filed against him. Diddy is lodged in Brooklyn's Metropolitan Detention Centre as he awaits his trial on May 6, 2024. Prince Harry's encounter with Diddy Prince Harry and his elder brother, Prince William met the disgraced for the first time at a benefit concert. It was organised to honour their late mother, Princess Diana, in July 2007. He wrote in his memoir, "To mark the tenth anniversary of our mother's death. Willy and I organized a concert in her honour. The proceeds would go to her favourite charities, and to a new charity I'd just launched—Sentebale," as reported by Daily Express US. Additionally, he noted, that Harry and William were focused on the business while planning out the details of the concert. The event would have been Princess Diana's 45th birthday and her tenth death anniversary.

Harry stated, "The venue had to be big enough (Wembley Stadium) and the tickets had to be priced right (forty-five pounds) and the entertainers had to be A-list (Elton John, Duran Duran, P. Diddy)."

Prince Harry mentioned in the lawsuit

Diddy was slapped with a string of charges and his mansion in Miami was raided which unearthed 1,000 bottles of baby oil and lubricants at his home. During the same time when the raids were conducted, Harry was mentioned in one of the lawsuits for Diddy filed by music producer Rodney "Lil Rod" Jones. The \$30 million lawsuit claimed that Diddy used his association with celebrities, including Harry, to gain legitimacy.

Multan AQI still over 1,900 as Pakistan deals with apocalyptic smog

World. Smog enveloped Lahore and Multan region in Pakistan after the air quality index rose to 760 and 1,914 respectively, reported news agency ANI. Multan has become the world's most polluted city, due to which authorities are trying to find ways to control the pollution levels. On Friday morning, Multan's AQI crossed the 2000 mark on Air Quality Index reading, as per Dawn.

Authorities had not applied any methods to control the smog until now and citizens reportedly failed to wear their masks as well. In Lahore, heavy smog led to wide-scale road closures for the second day consecutively as several points on roads were blocked for traffic. At least 9 people were injured in a road accident near Kalashah Kako on GT Road, Mureed K when a van crashed into a truck due to low visibility, reported ANI. All markets and trade activities are closed today based on directives by the Lahore high court. On other days of the week, markets have been instructed to wrap up by 8 pm. The situation in Pakistan's Punjab is even worse, with the government implementing measures to bring down pollution levels and issuing a high alert. The state has closed parks and museums till November 17. The Punjab education department has ordered the closure of tuition centres and academies as well as private and public schools up to the higher secondary level across affected districts until November 17 too.

The concentration of PM2.5, a fine particulate matter in the air that negatively impacts health, was 947 micrograms per cubic metre, which is 189.4 times above the WHO guideline, as per IQAir. The global health body considers anything over five micrograms per cubic metre as hazardous.

Donald Trump wins Arizona, clinches all 7 swing states in US election victory

Donald Trump won the battleground state of Arizona, completing a sweep of all seven battleground states in the 2024 US presidential election.

World. Donald Trump completed a clean sweep of all seven swing states in the US presidential election, securing victory with a projected win in Arizona. The Grand Canyon State, which holds 11 electoral votes, was the last battleground to declare its result, putting Trump's total at 312

electoral votes against Vice President Kamala Harris's 226. Trump's dominance in swing states—including Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin—proved decisive in handing him the presidency for the second time. Arizona, which had leaned Democratic in recent years, was the cherry on top. In 2020, President Joe Biden narrowly won the state, becoming the first Democrat to do so since Bill Clinton in 1996. Trump's victory this year represents a significant shift, flipping Arizona back to the Republican column.

During his campaign, Trump talked up issues of border security, immigration, and crime involving illegal immigrants, topics that resonated strongly in Arizona following a record migrant influx in 2023. He tied Harris and the Biden administration to rising inflation and record-high illegal border crossings, promising to tackle these challenges with mass deportations and a



planned hiring of 10,000 additional border agents. Trump also pledged to reallocate portions of the military budget to strengthen border security.

These promises appeared to sway voters, particularly in a state with marked demographic shifts. Arizona is home to the fourth-largest population of Hispanic voters, a demographic with which Trump made notable gains in 2024, according to polling data. The win in Arizona marks the sixth state that Trump has flipped from Biden's Electoral College victory in 2020.

Other Biden-won states where Trump prevailed this year include Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Trump also secured North Carolina, a state he eked out a win in last time but which Harris had fiercely contested in this election. On Saturday, The Associated Press called Nevada, another battleground state, for Trump, awarding him the state's six electoral votes. He was declared the winner after it became apparent that there weren't enough uncounted ballots in the state's strongest Democratic areas to overcome the Republican's 46,000-vote lead over Harris.

Beating projections of a close contest, Trump clinched a second term early on Wednesday when Wisconsin pushed him past the 270 electoral votes needed to win. He also won the popular vote, a first for him in his three runs for the White House. Trump will take office on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2025, on Capitol Hill, in Washington.

Canada detects first presumptive human bird flu case, teen infected

Ottawa. Canada has detected its first presumptive case of H5 bird flu in a person, a teenager in the western province of British Columbia, health officials said on Saturday. The teenager likely caught the virus from a bird or animal and was receiving care at a children's hospital, the province said in a statement. The province said it was investigating the source of exposure and identifying the teenager's contacts. The risk to the public remains low, Canada's Health Minister Mark Holland said in posting on X.

"This is a rare event," British Columbia Health Officer Bonnie Henry said in a statement. "We are conducting a thorough investigation to fully



understand the source of exposure here in B.C." H5 bird flu is widespread in wild birds worldwide and is causing outbreaks in poultry and US dairy cows, with several recent human cases in US dairy and poultry workers. There has been no evidence of person-to-person

spread so far. But if that were to happen, a pandemic could unfold, scientists have said. Earlier in November, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention asked for farm workers who have been exposed to animals with bird flu to be tested for the virus even if they do not have symptoms. Bird flu has infected nearly 450 dairy farms in 15 US states since March, and the CDC has identified 46 human cases of bird flu since April.

In Canada, British Columbia has identified at least 22 infected poultry farms since October, and numerous wild birds tested positive, according to the province. Canada has had no cases reported in dairy cattle and no evidence of bird flu in samples of milk.

Kamala Harris's stepdaughter reacts to mental breakdown reports after 'Momala's' election loss

World. In 2013, Kamala Harris got married to Douglas Emhoff, who has two children from his previous marriage to Kerstin Emhoff — Cole and Ella. The almost stepdaughter was seen visibly emotional during Vice President Harris' concession speech at Howard University on Wednesday, after President-elect Trump won by nearly 4 million votes, leaving Emhoff's "Momala" with a big defeat despite a strong start. "There's a rumor about me having a mental breakdown and getting checked into a hospital. Not true," Emhoff wrote in an Instagram post after a video of her went viral, showing her having an emotional meltdown. She continued, "Also, f—k you if you're out there spreading that. There's nothing wrong with showing emotion and crying. Anyone who says there is probably needs a good cry."

Emhoff emphasised the importance of expressing emotions and shared that she had been spending time playing fetch with her dog, Jerry, since the election. Open about her mental health, Emhoff also acknowledged the

collective sadness and stress many are experiencing after the loss. "I've struggled with my mental health my whole life and I'm not ashamed of it," she added, noting all she had done since Election Day was play fetch with her dog Jerry.



Ella Emhoff, daughter of Doug Emhoff and his first wife, film producer Kerstin Mackin, has been a vocal figure on social media for some time. In July, she clapped back at JD Vance with a sharp response, writing, "How can you be 'childless' when you have cutie pie kids like Cole and I?" referring to her brother.

Ella Emhoff opens up about health struggles

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She revealed that her condition led her to spend much of her adolescence in and out of doctors' offices and physical therapy. "I had lower back surgery, grew several inches, and now live with chronic pain," she wrote in a post, accompanied by a photo. "Behind every piece is a pain management device hard at work," she said, adding, "I have had chronic back pain and have for most of my life. My chronic pain people, what are we using to feel comf?" Emhoff

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Qatar Withdraws As Mediator For Gaza Ceasefire Talks; Signals Return Only If...

Gaza Ceasefire Deal. Qatar has 'stalled' the mediation efforts for a Gaza ceasefire and hostage deal until the parties "show their willingness and seriousness to end the brutal war and the ongoing suffering of civilians." Foreign Ministry spokesman Majed bin Mohammed al-Ansari stated that Israel, Hamas, and the United States had been notified 10 days earlier that Qatar would halt its mediation efforts if an agreement wasn't reached in that round. This decision reportedly came after growing frustration over the lack of progress toward a ceasefire in Gaza. Notably, Qatar, along with the US and Egypt, has spent months in unsuccessful negotiations aimed at securing a truce and arranging the release of hostages and prisoners.

On reports of Qatar ousting militant group Hamas' leadership from the country, the statement quoted



foreign ministry spokesperson Ansari's remarks to a Qatar News Agency (QNA) stating, "Media reports regarding the Hamas office in Doha [are] inaccurate ... the main goal of the office in Qatar is to be a channel of communication between the concerned parties, and this channel has contributed to achieving a ceasefire in previous stages." Qatar, which hosts a large U.S. military base, has been home to Hamas's political leadership since 2012 with approval from Washington. Following Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel last year, both Qatari and U.S. officials noted that Hamas leaders would continue to stay in Doha as long as their presence supported communication efforts.

However, the statement indicates that Qatar's move is likely a temporary stance and it is likely to resume mediation efforts if both Tel Aviv and Hamas show 'serious' intent to end the 'brutal war' and 'suffering of civilians' caused by it. A US official in Washington stated that the Biden administration had advised Qatar two weeks ago that keeping Hamas's office open in Doha was no longer productive and suggested the delegation be expelled, reported PTI. After Hamas turned down the latest ceasefire proposal, Qatar accepted this recommendation and notified the Hamas delegation of the decision 10 days ago, according to a senior US official. Hamas has repeatedly demanded an end to the war and a full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza as a condition for any ceasefire. Meanwhile, Israel is firm on securing the release of all hostages and maintaining a presence in Gaza.

Canada's Brampton Hindu Temple Suspends Priest Allegedly Fueling Clashes

Ottawa: The priest of a Hindu temple in the Canadian city of Brampton has been suspended for spreading "violent rhetoric" during recent clashes between protesters carrying Khalistani flags and the people present there. On November 3, the protest occurred at the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton and unverified videos circulating on social media appeared to show demonstrators holding banners in support of Khalistan. The videos showed fist fights and people striking each other with poles on what appears to be the grounds surrounding the temple.

The protesters carrying Khalistani flags clashed with people and disrupted a consular event co-organised by the temple authorities and the Indian Consulate. On Wednesday, a statement from the Hindu Sabha Mandir said the suspension was due to the priest's "controversial involvement" with protesters on Sunday, but did not elaborate, the Canadian Broadcasting



Corporation reported. Taking to X, Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown said the priest spread "violent rhetoric," asking the community not to respond to violence and hate.

This is leadership that is helpful. The vast majority of Sikh Canadians and Hindu Canadians want to live in harmony and don't tolerate violence. Hindu Sabha Mandir President Madhusudan Lama has

suspended the pundit who spread violent rhetoric. The Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council denounced the acts of violence at the Hindu Sabha on Sunday night," Brown said in the post. "Remember we all have more in common than what divides us. In tense times, we can't let the agitators fuel the flames of division. The leadership of both Sikh and Hindu communities in the GTA do not want this division, hate and violence. I am asking everyone in the community to not respond to violence and hate. Law enforcement will be there to respond. This is their job. We must continue to be the country where the rule of law is followed," the post further read.

The violence initially broke out at the Hindu temple in Brampton on Sunday afternoon after members of a group called Sikhs for Justice held a protest while Indian consular officials were visiting. Officers were dispatched to the property around noon, Peel police said. The Sunday incident was

condemned by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who said every Canadian has the right to practise their faith freely and safely. Trudeau thanked the local authorities for the swift response to protect the community and probe this incident.

India condemned the attack with an expectation that those indulging in violence "will be prosecuted".

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said that New Delhi remains "deeply concerned" about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada. The relations between India and Canada came under severe strain following Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations in September last year of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in Khalistan extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar's killing. New Delhi rejected Trudeau's charges as "absurd". India has been maintaining that the main issue between the two countries is that of Canada giving space to pro-Khalistan elements operating from Canadian soil with impunity.

News box

KCR to deploy his trusted lieutenants for BRS revival

SANGAREDDY : Facing setbacks in two successive elections, the BRS is formulating a strategy to show that it is not down and out for the count in the upcoming local body elections scheduled for January. Party sources said that BRS supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao has instructed senior leaders, including party working president KT Rama Rao and former minister T Harish Rao to implement this plan. Reports suggest that KCR, currently based at his farmhouse in Erravalli in Gajwel constituency, is planning a movement aimed at holding the Congress-led government accountable for its election promises. The BRS strategy reportedly includes public programmes and protest activities to pressurise the Congress government for its "unfulfilled promises", especially the six guarantees made to the people of the people of Telangana. In particular, the BRS aims to mobilise support among farmers on the issue of paddy procurement. BRS leaders are expected to focus on unfulfilled assurances like financial aid for farmers and women, as well as promised benefits for the unemployed. Senior party leaders said that KCR wants Rama Rao and Harish Rao to conduct padayatras in South and North Telangana, respectively, as a means to engage directly with the public. These padayatras are intended to amplify the BRS presence in Telangana, presenting the party as a viable alternative to the Congress.

Telangana: Crushed under debt, powerloom owner, wife die by suicide

RAJANNA-SIRCILLA : Unable to bear the burden of mounting debts, a powerloom owner and his wife allegedly hanged themselves to death at their residence in Vempeta, Sircilla town, on Saturday afternoon. According to sources, the victims — Bhairi Amar, 48, and Sravanthi, 45 — were under financial distress owing to the downturn in the powerloom sector and did not have any work orders from the government or private organisation for months. They are survived by their three children. A local BRS leader, Diddi Raju, who is also a part of the weavers community, told reporters that Amar was buried in debt due to a lack of work orders and had already sold four of his looms to a scrap dealer to sustain himself and his family. "According to Amar's relatives, the couple had borrowed 95 lakh, including a housing loan from a bank," Raju said, urging the government to intervene in the matter and prevent such incidents in the future. "Otherwise, the entire powerloom sector will be finished in the region," the BRS leader said. He claimed that the situation has left the powerloom weavers and owners gripped by fear and uncertainty. In the past, it was primarily the weavers who faced such extreme distress, but now, even the owners are reaching a breaking point. (If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or iCall, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 0222521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm.)

Railway revises Dasapalla to Sonepur stretch for movement of wildlife

BHUBANESWAR: A major bottleneck concerning the long-pending Khurda-Balangir railway line is likely to be resolved soon as the Indian Railways has agreed to create additional structures on the Dasapalla-Sonepur stretch and sought the state government's consent to share 50 per cent cost. Sanctioned in 1994-95, the 301 km project was stuck due to many issues like court cases, land acquisition and forest clearance. After the forest clearances obtained for the 68 km Dasapalla-Purunakatak, it has been decided to create additional facilities for movement of wildlife as the 140 km Dasapalla-Sonepur stretch passes through hilly terrain and reserve forests. Accordingly, the East Coast Railway (ECOR) has revised the estimate for the 140 km stretch to Rs 3,284.19 crore, excess by Rs 1,297.7 crore as compared to its earlier estimate. The excess estimate includes additional facilities like tunnels, bridges and animal over and under passes worth Rs 640.8 crore and the rest due to price escalation. Dasapalla-Sonepur stretch was sanctioned at a cost of Rs 1,986 crore in June 2016. The state Forest department and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change had recommended to create facilities to safeguard the forest envelope and protection of wild animals including elephants during the approval. Source said, the ECOR has revised the estimate by incorporating several changes like construction of tunnels, viaducts (bridges), new bridge openings, elephant over and under passes in compliance with the forest and wildlife clearance. As the Dasapalla-Purunakatak stretch passes through dense forest and Baisipalli wildlife sanctuary, it involves 597 hectare of forest land. Five tunnels with a combined length of 10.11 km will be dug at a cost of Rs 200 crore for smooth passage of animals while reducing the disturbance to the habitat as well as forest cover. Around one lakh trees will be saved due to the tunnels.

Women end the judiciary gender skew in Kerala

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KOCHI: Gone are the days when the judiciary was a male bastion that women found hard to break into. And, Kerala is leading the charge, with the gender spread in the state's district judiciary reflecting the change. The number of women serving as judicial officers, including magistrates and session judges, in the state's district judiciary is rising. The reply to an RTI application filed by TNIE reveals that out of the 539 serving district judicial officers, 260, or just over 48%, are women as on September 12, 2024. Of the 36 officers who recently completed their one-year induction training for civil judges (junior division) at Kerala Judicial Academy, 26 (72%) were women. Former Chief Justice

of India D Y Chandrachud had highlighted the development in a recent speech. Women excelled in the Kerala Judicial Service Examination, 2023, with 75 candidates securing a spot in the rank list. Fifty candidates have been appointed from the latest Kerala Judicial Services Examination rank list as civil judge (junior division) trainees. There are currently 36 female candidates among the 50 trainees undergoing the one-year pre-induction training at the judicial academy. Appointment of civil judge officers in the judicial service will take place only after the completion of training, the RTI reply from the Kerala High Court said. The picture is different when it comes to the Kerala High Court. Among the 45 judges, only four are women. Experts said the trend points to a progressive shift, highlighting the expanding role of women as key contributors to the judiciary's future. "68 women district and sessions judges in state, says RTI reply S Vijayakumar, former NIA/CBI special

judge, told TNIE women form almost half of the total population in India but their presence and percentage in vital fields of society has been meagre or insignificant. However as time advances their numbers come up. Kerala judiciary is no exception, said Vijayakumar. "In the recent past, the number of women judges in the district judiciary, especially at the entry level here, has been skyrocketing. When judges in court are women, those who suffer issues of discrimination on account of themselves being women will have the confidence and self worth to get access to justice. Their judgements would enhance public confidence in seeking redressal of grievances. Women judges will have more accuracy and tact in accessing the standards of ordinary prudent man which is the sole standard in proving the truth of a fact as per the Indian Evidence Act," said Vijayakumar. "Let's hope that their extensive role, presence and participation in the justice system will ultimately lead us to the long cherished goal of more equitable dispensation of justice, gender neutrality," Vijayakumar added. The RTI reply also revealed that there 68 women district and sessions judges in the state. Welcoming the recent increase in women representation in the judicial services, N Leelamani, a former judge, said it was their hard work and focus on people service that paved the way to the increase in the number of women officers in the district judiciary. "Gender equality is an important factor in all fields.

Bengaluru jeweller goes to Gujarat, servants flee with Rs 15.15 crore worth of valuables

BENGALURU: A couple from Nepal and their two associates are on the run after burgling gold, diamond ornaments and other valuables worth Rs 15.15 crore from the house of a jeweller in Hosahalli Extension in Vijaynagar police station limits. Surendra Kumar Jain (46), who owns the reputed Arianth Jewellers in Vidyanarya Nagar on Magadi Road, filed a complaint with the police on Thursday after finding 8 kg of gold, 212 gram of diamond ornaments, Rs 40.80 lakh in cash and other valuables missing from his house. The incident happened between November 1 and 7, when the Jain family had gone to Gujarat. The suspects, identified as main accused Namraj, his wife Sushmitha, Dyankaran and Rajesh, are suspected to have escaped to Nepal. The accused couple had been working for Jain — the husband as a security guard and his wife as domestic help — for the last six months and were staying in the servant's room. In the complaint, Jain stated that there are seven workers in his shop, where Namraj worked as a security guard. Namraj also worked as a gardener in Jain's residence. Jain's five sisters, who had also gone to Gujarat, had kept all their gold ornaments at his house since there was a security guard. "Jain and his family returned home around 3.30 am on Thursday and found out about the theft. When they went to the servant's room, Namraj and his wife were missing and their mobile phones switched off. A team of policemen will go to Nepal to arrest the accused," said an officer. A case of theft under Section 306 of BNS has been registered against the accused.

Ignore wrong portal entry, compensate Gaja-hit ryots in full: Madras High Court

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has ordered an insurance company to pay full compensation amount to farmers affected by Gaja cyclone irrespective of the wrong entry made on the web portal concerned. A division bench of Justices of SS Sundar and AD Maria Clete passed the orders recently allowing an appeal filed by the Kumbakonam Central Cooperative Bank challenging a single judge's order. The case pertains to 52 farmers belonging to six villages of Nagapattinam district enrolled with the Thittachery Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society, who suffered crop loss in the 2018 cyclone. Since they had insured their crops with the New India Assurance company



under Prime Minister's Fasal Bhima Yojana for the Rabi season of 2017-18 and paid the premium, they made representations for compensation. Subsequently, an assessing team held inspections and recorded the quantum of loss which ranged from 51.35% to 91%.

However, the assessment team made a wrong entry of 8.23% on the web portal concerned. The central cooperative bank found the mistake and duly informed the insurance company. However, the latter did not accept the submission, instead, disbursed meagre compensation for only 8.23% of loss. As a result, all the 52 farmers filed a writ petition in the high court. A single judge, after hearing the case, ordered the bank to pay the remaining amount of compensation and held that the insurance company could not be held responsible to pay, agreeing with the company's contentions on the relevant clauses of the operational guidelines governing payment of compensation. Disapproving the contentions of the insurance company, the division bench held that sub-

clause 2 of Clause XVII of the operational guidelines cannot be understood to mean that any error in uploading the actual damage caused cannot be rectified as the error is due to inadvertence or a clerical mistake. "We are unable to appreciate the contentions of the insurance company on the interpretation of the operational guidelines, to wriggle out of its contractual obligations," the bench said. The bench set aside the order of the single judge saying that he had not considered the relevant provisions of the operational guidelines in a proper perspective with respect to the admitted facts and the circumstances. It directed the insurance firm to disburse the exact compensation within six weeks along with 12% interest per annum from the date of filing of the writ petition.

Stroll of Independence in this Tiranga Park

GADAG : Tucked away in a corner of Gadag is the unique L-shaped Tiranga Park. Situated on 1.5 acres of land, the park has a 120-ft flagpole installed eight years ago, making it the highlight of the little town. Inaugurated on August 15, 2016, by minister HK Patil, the park is a green stretch, with water fountains installed along the length of the park and the flagpole made of pure aluminium. Besides the lush park, the pole stands as a major attraction in the centre of the park. Measuring 8ftx12ft, it works on an electronic mechanism, easing flag-hoisting. It was manufactured in Mumbai, owing to a lack of flag-making units in Hubballi and Bengaluru. While Bengaluru's Rashtriya Sena Smarak has a 213-ft flagpole, making it the tallest in Karnataka, Tiranga Park's flagpole is reportedly the tallest in North Karnataka. Gadag is the first district in the State to have a Tiranga Park. The park, a Rs 2.25-



crore project, is the relentless effort of HK Patil and team, who worked continuously for six months to complete it. On the other hand, this iconic park is not just an ordinary green spot but tells the story of India's Independence. Amidst the beautiful garden, photographs of freedom fighters with brief information is also displayed, enabling visitors to understand the contributions of these great men. The park has information boards on its walls. While some of the boards explain the

meaning of the National Anthem and National Flag, others educate people about the non-cooperation movement, Jallianwala Bagh massacre, Simon Commission, Dandi March, Dwaja Satyagraha and Quit India Movement. It also displays brief information about Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, Lokamanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Morarji Desai, Babu Jagjeevan Ram, Sardar Bhagat Singh and Veerasaniyasa Vivekananda. The meaning of the National Anthem in Kannada is also displayed here, enabling people to understand in depth the anthem they sing by heart. Dr SR Nagnur, a senior doctor and environmentalist said, "There was a time when anybody who tried to hoist the National Flag had faced capital punishment. Mahatma Gandhi and other freedom fighters got us Independence and today we are able to proudly hoist our flag."

NH wing serves notices to remove building portions for flyover work in Coimbatore

COIMBATORE: The National Highways wing of the State Highways Department has served notices to a couple of building owners on Mettupalayam Road seeking them to remove portions of their building that are protruding towards the road in view of the Saibaba Colony flyover works. The highways department began the Saibaba Colony flyover project's construction works on September 14, 2024. The flyover spanning 975 metres long and 16.61 metres wide is being constructed on the Mettupalayam Road starting from the Alagesan Road and ending at the MTP Road Bus Terminus near the Eru Company at an estimated cost of about Rs 75 crore. The flyover will have a total of 23 pillars and 22 decks. As part of the first phase of the flyover project, Mettupalayam Road in front of MGR Wholesale Vegetable Market and New Bus Terminus was dug for carrying out basement and pillar



construction work by the highways department officials and they have finished constructing about five pillars on the stretch and are planning to move on to the next phase of the project. As the works are carried out at a brisk pace, the officials are all set to begin the approach ramp works for the flyover on the NH Road soon. For this, several buildings protruding near the road need to be razed for about three feet to make way for the service road near the flyover's ramp. Hence, the highways department served notices to the building owners in this regard and asked them to remove protruding elements at once. Speaking to TNIE, a senior official from the NH wing of the state highways department, said, "We already intimated the concerns of building owners about the protruding problem a long time ago when we began the flyover works. An official notice was also served to them a few days ago to remove the structures that are protruding towards the road by themselves as they constructed buildings violating the rules by not leaving any setback area between the building's front side and the road. Now, some of them have started removing the structures and demolishing a portion of the buildings by themselves."

Month-long 'Changampuzha Festival' to kick off on Dec 1

KOCHI: Kochiites, be ready for a first-of-its kind cultural extravaganza on the lines of Soorya Fest, the 111-day flagship annual event hosted by the state capital. The month-long 'Changampuzha Festival' (Changampuzha Mahotsavam) is set to kick off from December 1, featuring an array of performing arts, classical music, dance, traditional art forms, and other shows, and boasting the participation of 'Who is Who' from the cultural and arts arena. Moreover, there are plans of making it an annual affair on the cultural diary of the city residents. "Like the Soorya Fest, we plan to host Changampuzha Festival every year, hoping to raise the event into a major attraction for cultural enthusiasts worldwide in due course. The Soorya Fest too initially began as a 15-day event and went on to become one of the longest and most prestigious cultural events in India," said P Prakash, president of Changampuzha Cultural Centre (CCC). According to the organisers, the inaugural edition of the cultural fiesta, to be held at the refurbished Changampuzha Park, will be inaugurated by a Mollywood superstar. Art lovers will be dished out special performances on each of the 31



days, with the performances scheduled to start at 6pm daily. The likes of Asha Sharath, Dr Rajashree Warrior and Vaikom Vijayalakshmi among others will be performing. Seven classical dance forms, six classical music concerts, three drama plays, koodiyattom, and edakkathayambaka concert will be staged among many others events. "December 24 will be fully dedicated to legendary Indian playback singer Mohammed Rafi on the occasion of his centenary birth anniversary. The entire day will feature competitions and live concerts comprising the evergreen, timeless and captivating music of Rafi. We will also be organising a 'gazzal' evening as part of the festival," Prakash said. Four kathakali plays, authored by renowned court poet Irayimman Thampi will be

staged. Another attraction will be the chavittu natakam, a popular Latin Christian dance form. The Gothuruth Chavittu Natakam performance centre will stage the play 'Sri Ayyappan'. "We will also dedicate an entire day to traditional mappila artforms like duffmuttu, oppana and arabana muttu. There will be also three lectures by former DGP Rishi Raj Singh, Shoukath Sahajotsu (writer, and orator who is the disciple of Guru Nitya Chaitanya Yati) and motivational speaker V K Suresh Babu," he said. Recently, the Greater Cochin Development Authority (GCDA) in a tie up with the Cochin Smartcity Mission Limited (CSML) carried out a Rs 4.31-crore renovation of the Changampuzha Park, which was set up in 1977 and has since then grown as the city's cultural hub. It now boasts a refurbished auditorium that can accommodate a larger audience, an amphitheatre, noise barriers on both sides of the auditorium and the like. "We will also set up a good acoustics system in the auditorium soon, to enhance the audience's experience. Tenders have also been floated for the operation of 'Pay & Use Toilet complex' as well," said a senior GCDA official.

Why the Uber-IAF deal is problematic

On October 17, the Indian Air Force (IAF) signed an MoU with Uber to "provide reliable, convenient, and safe transportation services for IAF personnel, veterans and families." The services provided would be for official travel and daily commutes. In September 2023, the Indian Navy had signed a similar MoU with Uber. Service members must provide their names, email IDs and mobile numbers and similar details of their family members to avail themselves of Uber's services. Many cybersecurity experts have raised serious concerns over the potential risks of entrusting sensitive data of military movements to a private, foreign company. Beyond basic personal details, over a period of time, the data could reveal travel patterns, place of posting, real-time geolocations, family and dependents' place of work and routines. There are major security repercussions when a single company holds personally identifiable information of thousands of military personnel. The Indian Air Force has sought to justify the signing of the MoU. The Sunday Guardian has reported that highly placed sources have stated that such agreements with foreign-based entities are planned in a holistic manner, ensuring that no data breach could happen while the data is being stored using Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)-256-bit encryption. Arguments have also been made that the personal data of military persons is already held with a host of companies like Amazon, Zomato, Blinkit, etc, and, therefore, there is no additional risk with Uber. In analysing this dispassionately, two key questions must be answered. First, what is the link between personal data and national security? Second, what do we know about how private companies handle personal data? We often look at personal data from the lens of privacy, but it has significant national security implications. Every click, search, purchase and social media post creates personal data. The smartphone is a repository of biometrics, health data, real-time location, financial transactions and secret conversations. All of this data is analysed to create a psychographic profile of individuals, with deep insights into people's personalities, values, beliefs, ideologies and emotional triggers. Technology companies monetise this data by using it to create detailed profiles that enhance ad targeting, personalise services and improve product offerings. Hostile powers use this data to design highly effective disinformation and influence campaigns.

At an individual level, adversaries could mount psychological operations harassing specific military personnel and their families to sow fear or create stress within the ranks, potentially undermining morale and operational readiness. Collectively, specific demographics and ideologies could be targeted to develop tailored messages that resonate with particular groups, turning small societal divides into chasms.

In the 2016 US elections, Russia's Internet Research Agency used Facebook and other social media to target specific groups, exploiting data to craft divisive messages on sensitive topics like race, gun rights and immigration. Personalised ads reached susceptible individuals, amplifying divisions and swaying public sentiment.

Similar tactics have been observed in events worldwide, such as during Brexit, the incitement of violence against the Rohingya in Myanmar in 2017, misinformation on vaccines during the Covid-19 pandemic and the Hong Kong protests of 2019. According to experts surveyed for the World Economic Forum's 2024 Global Risk Report, the number one risk identified for India was misinformation and disinformation.

We now turn to the second question on data handling. Data breaches are common. Uber has suffered data breaches in 2014, 2016, 2020, 2022 and 2023. While encryption is essential to protect data, it does not provide fail-safe security. According to Verizon's 2023 Data Breach Investigations Report, 74 per cent of the breaches involved the human element, which includes social-engineering attacks. Social-engineering in hacking refers to the use of psychological manipulation to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information, granting access to restricted systems and encrypted data.

Loving to hate Modi & Trump too much

THE GREAT GAME: Electoral ecstasy vs sullen resentment is the hallmark of polls both have fought

THE return of Donald Trump to the White House is evoking in America these days a similar intensity of emotion that India has experienced over the last decade each time Narendra Modi has won power. The so-called "liberal press" has gone out of its way to paint a dark, doomsday scenario, while the so-called "conservative media" — led by Elon Musk's X — is clothing the man from Mar-a-Lago in knight-in-shining-armor material. It is uncanny that India's emotional mix vis-à-vis Modi has been so similar to that meted out to Trump. Electoral ecstasy versus sullen resentment has been the hallmark of all three elections that Modi has won, in 2014, 2019 and 2024. Certainly, it is clear that the happy middle in India, just like in America, has largely disappeared under the weight of both polarising personalities, Modi and Trump. The larger question is, why the media, as well as pollsters in both countries, have been getting it increasingly wrong. Do we love to hate both Modi and Trump so much that we are refusing to really see and hear what the people, whose thoughts and desires and anxieties we claim to articulate, are really saying? Just like in America — where pollsters had the race down to a dead heat, and respectable newspapers like The New York Times refused to concede that Trump had won, much after he had made his victory speech in Florida — in India, too, many of us have allowed our heart to take over our head, incredibly in both directions. In 2014 and 2019, we couldn't believe Indians were voting for Modi with both their hands and feet; in 2022, we refused to believe Yogi Adityanath had swept Uttar Pradesh — weren't the thousands of deaths during Covid-19 proof that God himself had turned against him, we said? In 2024, we were equally shocked that the same Uttar Pradesh had refused to fully deliver itself to the BJP. In all these cases, we poured ourselves so deeply into the story that we refused to heed the reality on the ground. Worse, once these mandates were in front of us, many of us still refused to squarely accept them. Something remains wrong with Modi and Trump, we insisted — which may or may not have been true. Worse, we refused to apply the same tough yardstick to either Rahul Gandhi or

Kamala Harris.

So let's face the facts today. The fact is, Harris lost because she did not stand for anything — no matter that Trump was a convicted felon, a womaniser or worse, at least he promised to end immigration (bad for India) and bring jobs back to America. As for Rahul, the fact remains that people like me will heartily agree with many of his ideas across a dinner table, but we remain embarrassingly unconvinced about what he's willing to die for.

Messy democracies like the US and India would rather elect Trump and Modi because they are able to

Harris, just like they did Bhupinder Singh Hooda, when he refused to take along recalcitrant leaders in his party, like Kumari Selja, Randeep Surjewala and Rao Birender Singh. Like the BJP which focused on the non-Jat vote in its micro-management of every constituency in Haryana, data shows that Trump has won more non-White votes than any other Republican candidate in the last 40 years.

Worse, the Congress refused to stop crowing when the BJP lost 29 seats in UP and therefore its majority in the 18th Lok Sabha. Modi, on the other hand, understood that there was no such thing as being

half-pregnant; as PM, he could do exactly what he had done when he had a full majority. And that the only route to consolidate power — and avenge UP — was to win the state elections coming up. Haryana. Maharashtra. Jharkhand.

Different rules though, it seems, are being applied to Punjab — to a state which had stood up to Modi and forced him to withdraw the three farm laws. So many questions are being asked these days about the immense difficulty in the procurement of paddy these last few weeks — could this not have been averted, considering Punjab, a sensitive border state, significantly depends on agriculture? Could the Centre have been more understanding in the evacuation of

paddy from Punjab to other parts of the country? And why is it only this year that the FCI has discovered that Punjab has sold soiled rice to Arunachal Pradesh and Karnataka? Perhaps, some of this sounds like a conspiracy theory gone viral. Another way to answer these beleaguered questions is that both Modi — and dare I say it, Trump — understand the nature of power. That politics is not a kitty party, or an NGO. That if voters won't vote for you beyond a certain number — for example, more than 18.3 per cent of the votes won by the BJP in Punjab in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections — then other measures need to be taken. Among them, divide and rule — the oldest rule in the book.

Now that Trump has taken America, it's time to focus at home. Alongside Maharashtra, let's start with the four bypolls in Punjab coming up on November 20. Let the games begin.



simplify the chaos that are begotten by societies in either decline or in transition. We will overlook the dark patches in the lives of the leaders we elect — the January 6, 2021, assault on the US Capitol as well as the 2002 Gujarat riots in which more than a thousand people were killed — because we are comforted by their present assurances that they will make our difficult lives better today. They speak to us simply. We disbelieve them less than we believe their opponents. One of the reasons voters said why they voted Trump — some Black districts in the pro-Democrat, southern US state of Georgia shifted almost entirely to him, besides improving his Latino vote by 14 per cent — is because they said that Democrats tend to take their voters for granted.

Sounds familiar? Certainly sounds like Rahul's Congress, especially those complaining that the EVMs were fixed in Haryana. The voters punished

Shielding children

Australia for ban on social media access

In a groundbreaking move, Australia has proposed a ban on social media access for children under 16, covering platforms like Instagram, TikTok, Facebook and X. The legislation, expected next year, is a measure to protect young minds from harmful content, including body image pressures and misogynistic messages that can affect mental health. While well-meaning, the ban raises questions over its practicality and potential effectiveness. Some countries have attempted to restrict children's access to social media through age verification and parental control measures, but these efforts have proven difficult to enforce. Australia has proposed enforcement through biometric and government ID checks.

Studies show that children on social media frequently encounter cyberbullying, mental health struggles and exposure to online predators, which cause emotional distress, anxiety and eating disorders. In one extreme incident, 14-year-old Molly Russell was found to have viewed self-harm-related content before her suicide. Social media companies have been consistently criticised



for profiting from engagement algorithms that expose children to harmful content. A tough stance is, indeed,

needed to protect vulnerable youngsters. At the same time, an outright ban could push children towards darker, unregulated corners of the Internet. An industry expert has called Australia's approach a '20th-century' solution. Blocking access risks alienating young users from essential online resources and support networks. The expert suggests that age-appropriate platforms, digital literacy and better safeguards are more effective solutions.

Australia's proposal highlights a global dilemma: how to balance children's safety online with nurturing responsible digital engagement. If effectively implemented, this policy could set an important standard in the matter. Safeguarding children requires cooperation among governments, tech companies and parents, with a shared commitment to addressing social media's risks while fostering healthy online habits.

Use of reapers adds to the problem of air pollution

Lessons from sportspersons must be learnt so that we become better at what we do

Over the past many years, at the onset of winter, the National Capital Region has been experiencing air pollution. Delhi's Air Quality Index deteriorates due to the combined effect of pollution from various sources — industrial sector, vehicles, construction dust, bursting of firecrackers and burning of paddy straw in fields of Haryana, Punjab and western Uttar Pradesh in October. The pollution issue is repeatedly taken up by the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal every year and instructions given to the Central and the state governments to control farm fires and take remedial measures. As per some reports, the industrial sector accounts for 52 per cent of the pollution, transport services 27 per cent, agriculture sector 10 per cent and other factors 11 per cent. The Union and state governments have been providing subsidy and machinery to farmers for the past several years to check stubble burning. During the past five years, in addition to giving a large number of equipments, including zero till drill, rotavator, happy seeder, mulcher, MB plough, super seeder, surface seeder and baler machines, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Punjab, has conducted various activities and awareness campaigns to educate the farmers on not resorting to stubble burning. Though the incidents of farm fires have decreased in the past couple of years, no concrete solution has been found to stop this practice completely. Policymakers must seriously consider why farmers are burning stubble when they, too, equally suffer from the pollution caused by fires. The toxicity of the fumes is far more serious for them as they live in closer vicinity of these farm fires.

Burning of standing stubble began only after the use of tractor-driven reapers came into practice. Farmers reap standing stubble with these machines. As this stubble is not dry, its burning causes environment

pollution. If these machines were not there, it would not have been possible for farmers to cut stubble in any way. Before these machines came into practice, farmers would set ablaze only the loose straw, which is dry and lighter in weight, thus producing less smoke as compared to the standing stubble.

Now, subsidies are being given to the farmers by the Union and the state governments to encourage the use of reapers, which has added to the problem of air pollution. If the government banned such reapers in the paddy-producing states, it would get rid of up to 80 per cent of the toxic smoke produced after stubble burning. Field experiments conducted by me over the years have revealed that two types of straw are formed after paddy harvesting by the combine harvester. One is the 'loose straw' that comes through combine after separation of grains. It is only 20 per cent by weight and the other is the standing stubble which is 80 per cent by weight. The burning of loose straw produces only 20 per cent smoke as compared to the standing stubble when both the standing stubble and the loose straw are burnt together after operating reapers. Therefore, the governments must ban reapers during the harvesting season, which will certainly help reduce air pollution. However, if any farmer wants to make bales of his paddy straw, he could be given permission to use the reapers by issuing permit and imposing certain riders on its operation. In 2009, the Punjab Government enacted the Punjab Preservation of Subsoil Water Act, 2009, to save underground water. One cannot overlook the fact that after paddy harvesting, not much time is left to prepare the field for sowing the next crop of wheat, mustard, potatoes, etc. So, farmers use reapers to cut the standing paddy

heads (stubble), which are wet. The quantity of smoke produced after burning wet stubble is much more, and when it gets mixed in the air, it turns into smog, which causes severe air pollution. The farmers who do not use reapers, plough and prepare their fields for the next crop by mixing the standing stubble in the soil. Only some farmers have complained of a few problems — where the upper



soil crust is hard, most likely due to certain soil conditions. By and large, the production is the same as that of farmers who use reapers and burn stubble. Therefore, the stubble could be uprooted and mixed in the soil before sowing the wheat or other crops. It also helps in protecting the seedlings or plants of wheat, potato and mustard crops from frosty weather conditions in January and February, which is a good sign for the overall growth of the plants as well as soil health. Straw weighing about two and a half tonnes is produced in one acre of land under paddy. Of this,

two tonnes comprises the standing stubble and the rest loose straw. It is the loose straw spread on the standing stubble across the fields that causes some problems in sowing the next crop, not the standing stubble. This loose straw can be easily managed while preparing the fields to sow the next crop.

Moreover, farmers can sow their wheat crop within the standing stubble by using the tractor-drawn zero till drill machine. However, farmers use reapers and burn both stubble and loose straw, causing heavy pollution. Plus, while using reapers, the dust particles from the fields fly and mix in the air, which is also one of the causes of the emergence of smog at the advent of the winter season. Till now, there is no machine which can easily prepare fields for sowing the next crop when loose straw and standing stubble are present in the area. Last year, there were many problems in sowing wheat with the surface seeder. As a result, the farmers have not shown much interest in this technique. Due to the practical problems being faced by farmers, agricultural universities, experts, engineers and governments must consider and conduct extensive research on developing a cost-effective machine that can help in smooth and efficient stubble management at the time of sowing the next crop without burning the crop residue.

A majority of the farmers are small and marginal. They cannot buy expensive machines or big tractors. Small implements like balers that can collect only loose straw and plough the standing stubble simultaneously must be developed and their use encouraged in the farming operations to address the increasing problem of air pollution.

Caring for sensitive skin in winter



Cold and dry air during winter makes the skin lose its moisture faster.

For people with sensitive skin, this can mean inflammation, redness, flakiness and even symptoms of eczema at times. Fortunately, there are ways to protect your skin and keep it looking healthy. Here is a little help.

Moisturise well:

Be sure to apply an emollient-rich moisturiser designed specifically for sensitive skin during the day as well as at night.

Avoid cleansers with salicylic acid:

If your skin is acne-prone, avoid using medication-based cleansers or creams that contain salicylic acid. These will aggravate dryness and lead to inflammation. It is better to stick to milder cleansers to keep your pores clean over the

winter. Stay hydrated:

Drinking more water will give you a healthier appearance. It will also ensure that your organs are functioning properly. Water helps flush out toxins from your body and thus give you a clear, glowing complexion. Make sure that you drink at least eight glasses of water, daily.

Do not forget to wear a sunscreen:

Even if it's cloudy, the UV rays present in the atmosphere can damage your skin and cause pigmentation. Use a

sunscreen with an SPF content of 15 or above.

Don't exfoliate too much:

Avoid using scrubs and exfoliating masks that contain salicylic acid or glycolic acid. They can wear down your skin and make sensitive skin lose its natural protective barrier. See to it that you use a mild scrub if at all you need to exfoliate.

Use a hydrating mask:

Rehydrate and nourish your skin with an all-natural mask with homemade ingredients. This will help strengthen your skin and reduce the risk of inflammation.

However, if problems persists, it's best to see a dermatologist.

Benefits of

Rose water



Generations of women have used rose water as part of their skin care regime. It isn't uncommon to hear grannies extolling its benefits and not without reason.

Rose water and rose oil are one of the oldest skin care and grooming products. It used to be added to baths as also to treat mild skin conditions. They are found in many cosmetic products these days.

Here are a few ways how rosewater works wonders for you:

1. Since rose oil has anti-inflammatory properties, using rose water can help in reducing the redness from irritated or over-heated skin.
2. It is a great cleanser and aids in removing oil and dirt accumulated in clogged pores. Thus preventing acne and pimples.
3. It has astringent like properties, which is why it is used after facials and clean ups to close open pores. Applying rose water after steaming tightens capillaries, reduces redness and blotchiness.
4. The aroma of roses is said to be a powerful mood enhancer. It rids you of feelings of anxiety and promotes emotional wellbeing, thereby making you look relaxed. Since it is de-stressing, it helps you sleep better which means you will wake up feeling fresh.
5. The best and easiest way to use it is to apply it at night. It helps clear all impurities that your face has collected through the day.

5 ways to thicken your Eyelashes



Always wash off your eye make up While it may be tempting to leave our eye make up on after a long night, this habit can damage your lashes and the sensitive skin around your eyes. This is because the eyelashes become brittle and more prone to damage, as well as irritate the surrounding area. So, use a gentle make up remover to get rid of the gunk and make sure you don't aggressively rub, pull or abrade your eyelashes in the process.

Give your lashes a breather

Eyelash curlers, lash extensions and excessive products can be very taxing to your eyelashes. They cause undue damage and stress, resulting in breakage and hair loss. So, give your lashes a break by avoiding these toxic practices when you can. Remember, your eyelashes need to recover; so letting them breathe naturally can benefit your eyes in the long run.

Eat healthy

Your diet plays an important role in maintaining the health of your lashes. Vitamins like Biotin are highly important for hair growth, as well as essential amino

acids. Amino acids are an integral part of the hair shaft, so protein deficiencies can often cause hair loss. Look for a multivitamin or for a vitamin specifically designed for hair growth. Make sure it contains biotin, and take it daily.

Stop rubbing your eyes

Most people rub their eyes, particularly when they feel sleepy, stressed, or their eyes feel itchy. While it may feel good at the time, this is a particularly nasty habit that can cause a multitude of problems, least of which is the loss of your eyelashes. The more you rub your eyes, the more your lashes will break and fall off, leaving you with stubby and thin eyelashes. So, always remember to keep your hands away from your eyes.

Look for prostaglandins

Recently, prostaglandins have been proven to be effective in increasing the length of your lashes. They take some time to work, but they are highly effective and have even been US FDA approved for the purpose of eyelash lengthening. So, ask your dermatologist about this prescription treatment to get your lashes looking naturally thick and luscious.

Skin pigmentation is a skin disorder, which can be treated and prevented, simply by adopting a few measures



Dr. Jay Agnihotri Dermatologist with Kolkata based Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute explains the various ways in which one can treat pigmentation on the face and how to avoid it.

According to Wikipedia, skin pigmentation on the face refers to disturbances of human skin colour, either loss or reduction, which may be related to loss of melanocytes or the inability of melanocytes to produce melanin or transport melanosomes correctly.

Dr. Vijay Singhal says, "When melanocytes in the skin (pigmentation producing cells) start producing more melanin, pigmentation is caused."

Treatment for pigmentation on the face



Hyperpigmentation is caused by the sun, inflammation of the skin or injuries. The sun is directly responsible for hyperpigmentation. The dermatologist also suggests this home remedy to reduce skin pigmentation on the face, "Clean the face with milk and apply a homemade face pack." It helps the skin rejuvenate and restores the skin. One way to prevent skin pigmentation is to stay away from direct sunlight. Dermatologist, Dr. Vijay Singhal explains, "Skin pigmentation can be prevented by protecting one's skin from getting exposed to direct sunlight." He further adds, "Also, various over the counter medicines like hydroquinone should be avoided." So, check your skincare products for hydroquinone.

Bulldozer justice unacceptable: DY Chandrachud's final verdict as Chief Justice

► Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud warned against the danger of selective demolitions as acts of reprisal and called for accountability of state officials involved in such actions. He argued that this unlawful 'bulldozer justice' should lead to disciplinary and criminal actions.

governed by the rule of law. He underscored that the safety and security of a citizen's home are fundamental rights deserving of protection. Consequently, the state is obligated to follow procedural safeguards and ensure due process before taking action against alleged illegal encroachments or constructions. "Justice through bulldozers is unknown to any civilised system of jurisprudence. There is a grave danger that if high handed and unlawful behaviour is permitted by any wing or officer of the state, demolition of citizens' properties will take place as a selective reprisal for extraneous reason," the Chief Justice said in a verdict in a case related to the demolition of a house in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj in 2019.



"The state must follow due process of law before taking action to remove illegal encroachments or unlawfully constructed structures. Bulldozer justice is simply unacceptable under the rule of law. If it were to be permitted, the constitutional recognition of the right to property under Article 300A would be reduced to a dead letter," Justice Chandrachud added. "Officials of the state who carry out or sanction such unlawful action must be proceeded against for disciplinary action. Their infractions of law must invite criminal sanctions. Public accountability for public officials must be the norm. Any action in respect of public or private property must be backed by due process of law," the CJ said.

The top court stressed, "Citizens' voices cannot be throttled by a threat of destroying their properties and homesteads. The ultimate security which a human being possesses is to the homestead". The Supreme Court has been addressing numerous cases concerning the use of

bulldozers to demolish properties allegedly associated with individuals accused of criminal activities. This practice, often referred to as 'bulldozer justice,' has sparked widespread controversy and drawn significant criticism from opposition parties. Calling 'bulldozer justice' "simply unacceptable", the Chief Justice called for action against officials involved. The November 6 verdict, which was uploaded on the court's website later, proposed to lay down certain minimum thresholds of procedural safeguards which must be fulfilled before taking action against properties of citizens.

The current case before the Supreme Court involves the demolition of journalist Manoj Tibrewal Akash's ancestral home, which was allegedly torn down in 2019 without proper notice or fair compensation. Justice Chandrachud officially retires on November 10, concluding a distinguished tenure at the Supreme Court. He assumed office as the 50th Chief Justice of India in November 2022.

New Delhi: In his final judgment before retiring as Chief Justice of India, Justice DY Chandrachud held that citizens' voices must not be silenced through threats of property destruction and emphasised that 'bulldozer justice' is unacceptable in a society

Big protest outside Canadian mission in Delhi, barricades toppled

A large number of activists, mainly from the Hindu Sikh Global Forum, gathered outside the High Commission of Canada in Delhi on Sunday to protest against the recent attacks on Hindu temples in Canada.

New Delhi: Hindu and Sikh activists held a demonstration outside the High Commission of Canada in New Delhi on Sunday to protest against the attack on a Hindu temple in Canada's Brampton by a pro-Khalistan mob. To maintain law and order, security was beefed up in front of the High Commission of Canada in the diplomatic enclave of Chanakyapuri following calls for protests from various Hindu organisations. Delhi Police deployed a large number of personnel and erected multiple layers of barricades in front of the Canadian



mission. Several activists of the Hindu Sikh Global Forum, who were marching to the High Commission, attempted to climb over the police barricades and toppled them. They raised slogans and bore placards that read 'Hindus and Sikhs are united' and 'Indians will not tolerate the insult of temples in Canada'.

The protests come after a number of Khalistani supporters attacked devotees outside the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton, Canada, when a consular camp was underway on November 4. The incident sparked widespread condemnation, including from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who denounced the "deliberate attack" and "cowardly attempts to intimidate" Indian diplomats. Following the attack, massive protests erupted outside the Brampton temple, with demonstrations also taking place in Mississauga. A Canadian police officer, Harinder Sohi, was suspended for participating in a pro-Khalistan protest where anti-India slogans were chanted.

Canadian authorities have arrested four individuals in connection with the violence and subsequent demonstrations. The latest arrest is of Indjeet Gosal, a top operative of Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), a banned organisation in India. Gosal, who was an associate of slain Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, has been charged with assault with a weapon.

Delhi Man Kills Mother, 50, For Not Allowing Him To Shift To Canada: Cops

New Delhi: A 50-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her son allegedly after she did not allow him to shift to Canada for work, police said on Saturday. The incident took place in Molarband village in southeast Delhi's Badarpur area, they said. After killing his mother on the evening of November 6, the accused, Krishna Kant (31), called his father Surjeet Singh (52) and asked him to come home, they said.

When Singh reached home, Krishna Kant said "sorry" to him and asked him to go upstairs and see for himself what he had done, Deputy Commissioner of Police (southeast) Ravi Kumar Singh said. Upon reaching the first floor of the house, Singh found his wife Geeta lying in a pool of blood with multiple stab injuries on her body, he said, adding that during this the accused managed to flee. Singh immediately took Geeta to Apollo Hospital, where she was declared dead, the police said. The DCP said Singh has two sons. While his younger son, Sahil Bholi (27), works in a bank, Krishna Kant was jobless and a drug addict.

"Both sons are unmarried and at the time of incident only Geeta and the accused were present at home," the officer said. Krishna Kant was later arrested from the same area and a case of murder has been registered against him, the officer added. During interrogation, he revealed that he wanted to migrate to Canada but his family wanted him to marry first. On the day of the murder, the argument between the mother and son flared up and Krishna Kant ended up stabbing Geeta with a knife he bought sometime back, the police said.

Delhi HC orders government to launch online Muslim marriage registration portal

The ruling, delivered by Justice Sanjeev Narula, mandates the Delhi chief secretary to personally oversee the establishment of the registration system.

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has instructed the city government to introduce an online registration system specifically for Muslim marriages on its official platform. This directive comes with a strict timeline, emphasising the importance of expeditious compliance.

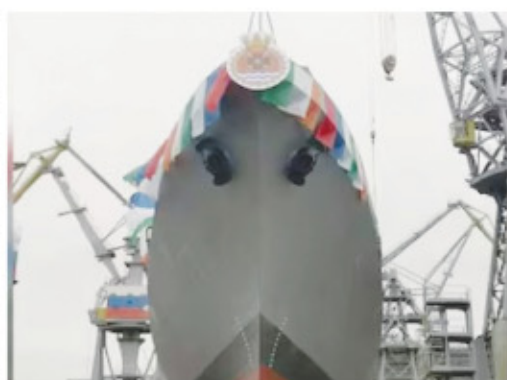
The ruling, delivered by Justice Sanjeev Narula, mandates the Delhi chief secretary to personally oversee the establishment of the registration system. The decision stems from a petition by a couple who wed under Islamic Sharia law on October 11, 2023, and sought to register their marriage for visa purposes required by certain countries. Due to the current system's limitations, which only accommodates marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, and the Special Marriage Act, 1954, the couple was compelled to register under the latter.

Representing the petitioners, advocate M. Sufian Siddiqui argued that the city government's marriage registration system effectively excluded Muslim marriages, violating fundamental rights enshrined in Articles 14, 21, and 25 of the Constitution. He further contended that the absence of an alternative under the Delhi (Compulsory Registration of Marriage) Order, 2014, imposed a statutory framework on the petitioners contrary to their beliefs. Highlighting the couple's case, the Court noted that after their marriage under Islamic Sharia law, they executed a Mubarat Nama—an Islamic mutual divorce deed—on July 9. The couple, seeking to respect their religious practices, asserted that they should not have been bound by the Special Marriage Act, which led to procedural complications.

In its order issued on November 6, the Court annulled the marriage registration certificate initially issued under the Special Marriage Act by the city government's Revenue Department. It also directed that the record be amended accordingly. Further, the Court expressed concern over the lack of action following an earlier judgment on July 4, calling on the government to initiate steps for compliance.

India to receive first stealth frigate Tushil from Russia in December

New Delhi: India will finally receive the stealth frigate Tushil from Russia in December 2024 after a long delay. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will induct the guided-missile warship on December 9 at the Yantar Shipyard in Russia's Kaliningrad. According to the sources, the delivery of the first of four state-of-the-art frigates which are under construction for the Indian Navy was delayed due to supply constraints following the pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war. The induction represents a major boost to India's naval power and comes amid evolving strategic challenges in the Indo-Pacific.



The Tushil, an advanced stealth frigate, is equipped with cutting-edge weapons systems and can perform multiple functions, including air defence, anti-submarine warfare, and surface combat. Its design and weaponry will provide the Indian Navy with enhanced operational capabilities, allowing it to effectively respond to a range of threats. The ship's name, Tushil, means "protector" in Sanskrit, underscoring

its mission to safeguard India's maritime borders and interests. Russia and India signed an agreement for the acquisition of four stealth frigates in October 2016. Under the agreement, two of the frigates were to be imported directly, while the remaining two were designated for local construction by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

A \$1-billion contract was finalised for the direct procurement of the first two frigates, and in November 2018, GSL secured a \$500 million deal with Rosoboronexport for materials, design, and technical support to manufacture

the remaining ships domestically. The formal contract between the Indian Defence Ministry and GSL was signed in January 2019. All four frigates, including Tushil, are powered by engines from Zorya-Mashproekt, a Ukrainian manufacturer, ensuring consistent propulsion capabilities across the fleet.

The induction of Tushil is significant as India reinforces its focus on maritime security in the Indo-Pacific, a region marked by significant geopolitical competition and challenges to freedom of navigation. The Tushil will serve as a crucial asset in extending India's naval reach and enhancing its ability to secure key sea lanes and respond to emerging threats.

As the first in a series of four such frigates, the ship will pave the way for a more robust Indian Navy capable of projecting power and protecting strategic interests in increasingly contested waters. According to sources, the second frigate of the project will be delivered by the first four months of next year.

Coordination Gap With Colleague Caused Railway Employees' Death, Says Probe

The joint report, signed by five rail officials, said the two pointsmen -- Amar Kumar and Mohd Suleman -- failed to properly coordinate with each other.

New Delhi: A lack of coordination between two rail employees during a shunting operation led to one of them getting stuck in the buffers of the engine and a power car, causing his death in the Barauni Junction of Bihar on Saturday, a preliminary inquiry has found. The joint report, signed by five rail officials, said the two pointsmen -- Amar Kumar and Mohd Suleman -- failed to properly coordinate with each other due to which Suleman gave the wrong signal to the loco driver, resulting in 25-year-old Kumar's death. A clip of the body stuck between the buffers has become widely circulated on social media. A pointsman's job is to detach train engines from coaches.



The preliminary report has held Suleman responsible for the incident. However, Suleman has defended himself in his written

submission and held the loco driver responsible for the accident. Suleman said he and Kumar disconnected the engine and the power car by detaching the centre buffer coupler -- a device that connects the engine with a coach.

He further said that the engine moved a bit away from the power car and, when Kumar

went to close the buffer coupler, the driver reversed the engine without any hand signal from him (Suleman). "Due to this, Amar (Kumar) got sandwiched between the two buffers," Suleman said. A buffer is a shock-absorbing device on both ends of a train's engine and coaches, designed to reduce the impact of collisions between bogies. According to the joint report, the 15204 Lucknow-Barauni Express terminated at Barauni Junction at 8:10 am and the station master assigned the task of detaching the engine from the power car and the rest of the train to Kumar and Suleman.

"While detaching the engine and the power car, pointsman Kumar got stuck between the two and died on the spot," the report said. After reviewing footage from CCTV cameras installed at the station, they found that the accident occurred around 8:29 am. Kumar's body was retrieved after separating the engine and the power car at 10:15 am and sent for post-mortem.

Delhi air quality remains 'very poor', thick layer of smog engulfs city

New Delhi: A dense layer of smog engulfed Delhi on Sunday morning as several parts of the capital city grappled with severe air pollution even 10 days after Diwali. Air quality in Delhi was adjudged as 'very poor' with an AQI of 335 at around 8 am on Sunday, a Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data showed. Visuals showed a thick blanket of smog covered areas near the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in south Delhi, with the air quality being recorded in the 'very poor' category. Also, a layer of smog engulfed the Red Fort and surrounding areas as the AQI was recorded at 207, categorised as 'poor', around the iconic monument, the CPCB said. According to data issued by the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR-India), several pockets in the city also witnessed very poor air quality on Sunday morning.



358), Kartavya Path (357), and Anand Vihar (AQI 351). Also, Dwarka Sector-8 and Najafgarh recorded an AQI of 341, Okhla Phase-2 had AQI of 339, Mathura Road had 323, and Lodhi Road had 319, as per SAFAR-

India data. In many parts of the city, buildings, monuments, offices, flyovers, roads, and bridges were hardly visible as they were covered by a thick layer of smog. In addition to air pollution, drone videos showed toxic foam floating on the

Yamuna River in the Kalindi Kunj area, apart from an air quality which was recorded in the 'very poor' category in the vicinity. Meanwhile, doctors have urged citizens to stay indoors as much as possible and take other precautions, warning that even people with no history of respiratory diseases may face breathing issues.

"Apart from the regular patients, those who haven't had any respiratory issues in the past are having symptoms such as runny nose, sneezing, coughing and increasing difficulties in breathing," Apollo Hospital's Dr Nikhil Modi was quoted as saying by ANI.

The doctor further advised that the government should order the closure of schools for some days as children continue to be vulnerable. An AQI between 201 and 300 is considered to be 'poor', while an AQI from 301 to 400 is rated as 'very poor'. An AQI of 401 to 500 falls under the 'severe' category, and it is termed as 'Severe+', if numbers are anywhere between 501 and 600.

Every month, the group Hyderabad Vegans, sets aside a Sunday afternoon and comes together for a delightful potluck. On the menu are yummy vegan delights. TOI catches up with the group to get a lowdown on their food mantra.



Vegan potlucks first made their debut in Delhi and Mumbai, close to three years ago. But the trend, which is making waves in Western countries, has now gripped the city. Every Sunday afternoon, close to 50 enthusiastic vegans from the Hyderabad Vegans Club gather together at one of the members' homes, carrying casseroles filled with vegan delights (dishes minus any ingredient made of animal products). Giving a lowdown on how it all began, Amita Desai, a member of the group says, "Earlier, it was a small group of friends who bonded over vegan food. Slowly, through

word of mouth, many mutual friends began to show interest. Soon, we formed a group on a social networking site and started organising potlucks." She adds, "We even screen a short film on animal abuse after the meal and later have discussions for the new members."

On the menu are dishes with a twist — masala chai with cashew and almond milk, stuffed capsicums, baked vegetables with cashew cheese, millet crackers, salads, tofu makhani, palak tofu, kadhi pakora (tamarind pulp replaces curd), mock meat biryani (with soya nuggets), peanut curd rice and a host of lip-smacking

desserts like chocolate ice cream made from tender coconut pulp, chocolates made from vegan chocolate slabs and date sesame laddoos. As the group begins to devour the huge

spread, there are recipes being exchanged, small talk on how veganism is the way to go and even quick ideas are sprung across on what to bring



Potluck Perfect Vegan all the way

for the next potluck.

Some club members even vouch for health improvements and better lifestyle, after turning vegan. Entrepreneur Rekha Saraf and homemaker Madhulika Jajodia claim to have cured their asthma by turning vegan. "I had asthma for nearly 15 years. Despite the best of medical treatments, nothing helped. But after turning vegan, my asthma miraculously disappeared! Now, I don't even use my inhaler," says Madhulika. Rekha too shares similar views. "Milk increases phlegm (mucus) production. Once you stop

the intake of milk, asthma can be cured," she says.

For software professional, Pulkit Parikh and wife Sejal, the idea of adopting a vegan lifestyle even compelled them to have a vegan baby! The proud momma, Sejal, says, "It's been two-and-a-half years now that I've turned vegan and my recent pregnancy too was completely vegan. My family was worried that not consuming milk will affect my pregnancy, but nothing of that sort happened." Husband Pulkit adds that if anything, Sejal's calcium level was above

average throughout her pregnancy and this was without taking any supplements. "I delivered a healthy 3.75 kg baby boy, indicating very strong protein levels in my body. I'm now committed to raising my son fully vegan," informs Sejal.

What started off a year-and-half ago as a casual meet

counting! Today, the group not only has animal lovers and environmentalists as its members, but also people from all walks of lives — entrepreneurs, writers, homemakers, retired veterans and even children. Satyanarayana, a veteran, is the newest member of the club who attended a potluck for the first time, recently. He was left impressed with the entire program. "I



ing with people, who share the same interest, the group today has turned into a thriving community with 476 members and

enjoyed the food thoroughly! I did have doubts whether it will satiate my appetite, but my bulging tummy is proof of how much I enjoyed the potluck," he laughs.

Nehru Place Metro Station, the new foodie address

Restaurant review: The Chatterhouse

Leveraging on the Nehru Place Metro Station's new found identity one of a 'food mall', this new watering hole touted to be Delhi's first gastro-pub holds promise to take the local pub culture a notch higher. The Chatterhouse tucked away in the far end of the lower ground floor of Epicuria (the food mall) drowns out the clamour of the food court making way for some peaceful unwinding and conversations.



succulent and perfectly cooked whetting our appetite for the courses that lay ahead. Another must-try here is the wood fire pizza for its earthy fragrance aside from the sliders. Surprisingly, the tenderloin beef slider with caramelised onions, cheddar, bacon, lettuce and tomato is a lot more popular than familiar flavours like chicken breast or spiced lamb. The falafel burger too with grilled haloumi, tahini sauce and red onions is beautifully put together. If hard drinks are not on your mind to go with the food, order one of their refreshing and innovatively named mocktails like the Amrood Chaat (guava juice, Tabasco and chaat masala topped with lemonade) or Mango Julius (fresh mango juice, milk, vanilla extract and sugar).

Decor: For a resto-pub in a metro station-cum-food mall, you'll find Chatterhouse quite spacious and tastefully upholstered. Reminiscent of a typical English pub, the interiors are dark wood and leather accentuated with graphics on its brick walls and a pool table in one corner. At its heart is a rustically done up bar facing a giant screen for telecasting football matches surrounded by high stools. Its 110 covers extend to the outdoors too amid a finely manicured garden with a burning wood fire on one end for tossing out delicious thin crust pizzas. And unlike a typical pub which is mostly crammed, the seating here is divided into booths and open tables with bar stools to ensure you some quiet time without having to overhear others.

Food: The drink menu here has been crafted to go with that of the food, and not the other way round. Comprising a veritable mix of Italian, Lebanese, Continental, Indian and traditional pub classics, you have the option of customising the offering with your choice of beers and burgers to go with French fries. The wood fire pizzas too move very quickly here, and would be even better to find a seat in the garden next to the oven on a cold day. The place exudes the warmth you crave for on a glum winter day by gratifying you with its comfort food, and drink. From linguine aglio olio to penne with vodka, the choices in pasta are decadent, but not abundant.

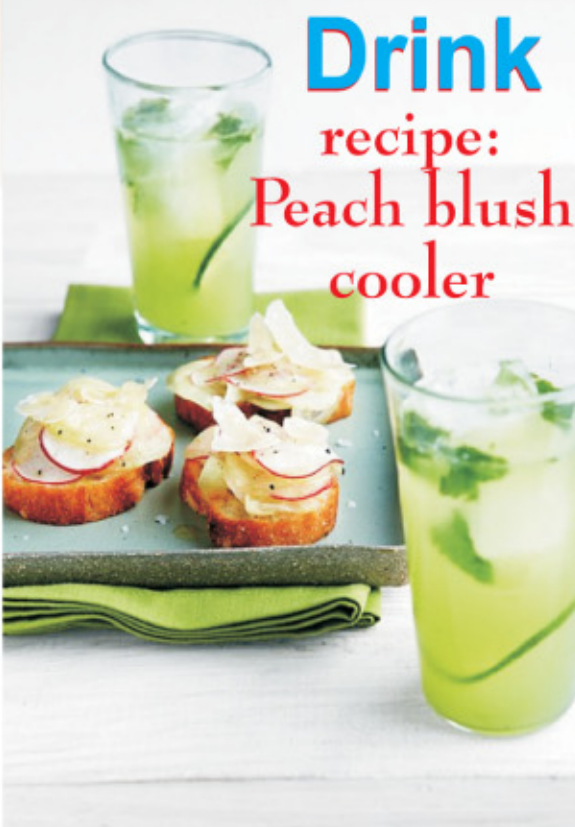
At any point, the gaze of the restaurant doesn't narrow only on the young crowd, which it ensures by serving up rock classics from the 70s and 80s, and by keeping hookah out of the menu altogether. True to its philosophy of offering a comfortable space to everyone with a taste for good life and food, you, at the end of the day, wouldn't really mind bringing your folks along. But in the same breath, the pub doesn't lean heavily on ambience alone, for the gastronomic offering here is every bit lip-smacking providing a bang for your buck. Starters and main course: Begin with the in-house favourite, the 'Chatterhouse Platter' served in both vegetarian and non-vegetarian categories. The non-veg one we went for comprised shish taouk skewers with hummus and pita bread, honey mustard glazed chicken wings with a blue cheese dip, beer batter fish strips with tartar sauce, and chicken kebabs with mint chutney, presented beautifully on a wooden tray. The meats and the fish were

Drinks: Once their liquor licence is in place, Chatterhouse plans to offer an experience called the bubble gum invasion in its vodkas and martinis apart from serving black pop martini jelly shots, bubblegum vodka ice-cream float, and fruit and tequila popsicles, ostensibly to attract more women drinkers. Of course, there would be the usual premium Scotch Whiskies and Rum.

Desserts: Until then you can round it off with a portion of carrot cake with cream cheese icing served with vanilla ice-cream, or a gooey chocolate cake with coffee ice-cream. While the carrot cake could have done away with some sweetness, the choco cake was warm and squidgy complementing the bitter touch in the ice-cream.

Service: The staff is attentive, and try to accommodate guest requests even if they are not on the menu depending on the available ingredients.

Rating: 8.5/10
Venue: The Chatterhouse, Epicuria, Lower Ground Floor, Nehru Place Metro Station, Nehru Place, New Delhi
Timings: 12 noon to 12 midnight
Meal for two: INR 750 +/- plus taxes (without alcohol)



Drink recipe: Peach blush cooler

On a hot summer afternoon, all you need is a refreshing drink to cool off.

Ingredients
Beringer White Zinfandel 3 fl. oz./85 ml.
Peach Schnapps 1 fl. oz./30 ml.
Sierra Mist 2 fl. oz./55 ml.
Diced Fresh Fruit 1 oz./30g
Lime Wedge 1 each.
Colorful / Black Turbo straw 1 each.
Method
- Fill glass with ice with 1 tablespoon of fresh fruit on top of ice.
- Pour each ingredient into a mixing tin and shake it two times or flash blend.
- Pour ingredients into the

glass. Top with Sierra Mist.
- Garnish the rim of glass with a lime wedge and summer stirrer/pick.
Serving suggestion: For outdoor and pool operations, try serving



sangrias and coolers by the pitcher to drive sales. In the pitcher, simply multiply the above recipe by three.

Restaurant review: Ginseng (Pan-Asian)



Udang Prawns, Gai Pad Grapaw (chicken with Thai basil) and Prawn Tempura dragon rolls are impressive. If you haven't had a good Singapore Hainanese Chicken Rice, this is the place to order one. Nasi Goreng was a welcome change from the usual fried rice. Don't forget to ask for extra helpings of their marvelous sauce, which is appropriately named 'Tango'. Round off your feast with their delicious Wasabi Ice cream.

Plus and minus
Plush ambience and an array of dishes from south east Asian countries make Ginseng a great destination. Limited choice of desserts is a downer.

Venue: Ginseng, Hotel Royal Orchid, 1, Golf Avenue, (adjoining KGA Golf Course), Old Airport Road, Bangalore — 560008
Meal for two: 2000
Timings: 12.30pm-3 pm (lunch), 7 pm-11 pm (dinner); Call: 41783000

Rating
Food: 4
Service: 3.5
Decor: 3.5

Must try: Hainanese Chicken Rice, Nasi Goreng with Tango Sauce and Wasabi Ice Cream.

Pan Asian cuisines come together in a new menu at the Ginseng restaurant, Hotel Royal Orchid.

Decor
Named after the healing plant, Ginseng is located at the Hotel Royal Orchid adjoining the KGA Golf Course. Blue-and-white pillars and paper umbrellas converted into ceiling lights look down at the wooden floor. Elegant high-backed chairs and a choice of different-sized tables are convenient when going in a group.

Food
The new menu seems to be designed for the global diner and some of the earlier Indo-Chinese dishes have



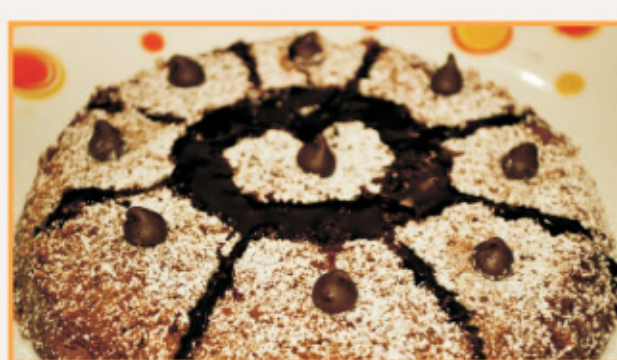
been deleted; what it now offers is quite a banquet. Vegetarians should try the all-time favourites — Crackling Spinach, Vegetables in Golden Basket and Wok-tossed Broccoli and Asparagus with Noodles. New offerings like Indonesian Sambal



Glucose biscuit chocolate cake recipe

When you think of healthy cakes, you might be imagining dry, cardboard-like, horrid lumpy, colourless loaves. But hang in there.

Today we bring you an unusual cake recipe, made from your favourite tea-time snack glucose biscuits. All smiles now? We have more good news for you - this cake doesn't require baking. You can prepare this recipe for unexpected guests and you're rushed for dessert, or when you simply have a sweet craving to satisfy. So, here's a recipe for a convenient,



delicious, and healthy glucose biscuit chocolate cake.
Ingredients - 12 glucose biscuit - 1/4th cup of skimmed milk - 1/2 tablespoon of coffee powder - 2 tablespoon of unsalted

light butter - 4 tablespoon of sugar substitutes - 1 tablespoon of cocoa powder
Method 1. Take a bowl and pour in milk and coffee powder. Whisk it well.
2. Now dip each glucose biscuit in the coffee and milk mixture and place them on top of each other.
3. Now whisk together cocoa powder, sugar and butter. Apply this mixture with a brush on all sides of the glucose biscuit layer.
4. Refrigerate it for an hour or two, until it is hard and firm.
5. Cut into manageable slices and serve!

5 Mistakes To Avoid Before Starting A Stock SIP

New Delhi. A Stock Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) is a method where investors commit a fixed amount to buy specific stocks regularly, much like the approach in a mutual fund SIP. However, in a Stock SIP, you select and invest directly in individual stocks rather than joining a collective investment managed by a fund. Here's a look at how Stock SIPs compare to mutual fund SIPs and common mistakes to watch out for.

How Stock SIP Differs from Mutual Fund SIP

Choice and Control: In a Stock SIP, you choose individual stocks, giving you direct control over your portfolio. In a mutual fund SIP, a professional fund manager picks the stocks. **Risk and Diversification:** Stock SIPs carry more risk since they depend on specific stocks, which can be highly volatile. Mutual fund SIPs usually offer broader diversification, spreading risk across multiple assets. **Management and Fees:** Stock SIPs don't incur fund management fees, but transaction fees apply. Mutual fund SIPs include management fees, covering professional oversight. **Tax Treatment:** Taxes on Stock SIPs depend on each stock's holding period, while mutual funds have specific tax rules depending on the type of fund.

5 Common Mistakes to Avoid Before Starting a Stock SIP

Skipping Research on Stocks: Avoid picking stocks based solely on trends or past performance. Study each company's fundamentals, sector outlook, and growth prospects. Investing without a solid understanding can lead to significant losses.

Neglecting Diversification: Investing in only a few stocks concentrates risk. Diversify across different sectors and industries to spread potential losses.

Apple sets up design, R&D subsidiary in India to broaden local value addition

NEW DELHI. Even as smartphone maker Apple works on broadening its manufacturing base in India, it has also laid the ground for conducting research and development, and design operations in the country, in a bid to increase local value addition while tapping into India's skilled engineering base. The company has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary called Apple Operations India which will "engage in business of procurement management, developing, manufacturing support and other related operations such as processing, undertaking research and development and design relating to science, engineering, technology and applied technology, computer and information technology programming, research, and systems, and related technical support and technical testing and analysis," as per filings with the Registrar of Companies. The company currently has no design base in India, and carries out such operations in countries like the United States, China and Israel.

The development comes as the central government has been pushing companies like Apple to conduct research and development and design operations in India as they broaden their assembly and manufacturing base in the country. India is a major design hub for various global electronics companies, particularly those in the semiconductor space. Most smartphone companies are yet to design in India, however. "The government sees designing and R&D as a major part of local value addition in the electronics sector. As companies move more of their assembly operations to the country, having a design unit will help India in creating a larger space within the research ecosystem. We have a big pool of design engineers in the country because of which all major chip companies carry out R&D here. We expect a similar development for the smartphone sector," a senior government official said.

Steadily, Apple has been laying the groundwork for having an expansive presence in India, which includes assembly operations on the manufacturing side, and official stores on the consumers' side. It is also one of the beneficiaries of the government's production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for mobile phone manufacturing.

Foreign investors withdraw approximately Rs 20,000 crore in last 5 trading sessions

NEW DELHI. Foreign investors continued to be net sellers as they withdrew approximately Rs 20,000 crore from the Indian equity markets in the past five trading sessions from November 4-8, primarily due to higher stock valuations and reallocation to China. Total FPI outflows in the equity market have reached Rs 13,401 crore this year. Earlier, the FPIs withdrew record Rs 94,017 crore in October. VK Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services said that Q3 results and leading indicators showing earnings recovery could alter this scenario, potentially converting FPIs from sellers to buyers.

Sunil Damania, chief investment officer at MojoPMS, said that domestic factors will primarily influence the Indian market's short-term direction, including Maharashtra assembly election results, corporate earnings reports, and retail investor responses to the October-November decline. Meanwhile, September 2024 saw the highest foreign investment of Rs 57,724 crore. Since June, FPIs maintained consistent equity purchases after withdrawing Rs 34,252 crore in April-May.

Himanshu Srivastava from Morningstar Investment Research India explains that FPIs are favouring China due to its attractive valuations and growth potential, supported by recent stimulus measures. Abhishek Banerjee of Loutusdew cautions that this shift towards China might be a value trap despite its deep value appeal.

Additionally, the appreciation of US dollar and Treasury yields has attracted FPI investments, anticipating a stronger US economy. However, despite recent outflows, November witnessed 40-50 new FPI registration applications, according to Manoj Purohit from BDO India, following Sebi's relaxation allowing increased NRI participation and simplified entry procedures. In the debt market, FPIs invested Rs 599 crore in the general limit and Rs 2,896 crore in the voluntary retention route during this period.

Russian oil finds its way to Europe via India; India now biggest exporter of fuel to EU

NEW DELHI: India's export of fuels like diesel to the European Union jumped 58 per cent in the first three quarters of 2024, with a bulk of them likely coming from refining discounted Russian oil, according to a monthly tracker report.

The EU/G7 countries in December 2022 introduced a price cap and an embargo on the imports of Russian crude oil in a bid to cripple Kremlin's revenue and create a vacuum in its funding for the invasion of Ukraine. However, a lack of a policy on refined oil produced from Russian crude meant that countries not imposing sanctions could import large volumes of Russian crude, refine them into oil products and legally export them to the price-cap coalition countries. India has become the second biggest buyer of Russian crude oil since the invasion, with purchases rising from less than one per cent of the total oil imported in the pre-Ukraine war period to almost 40 per cent of the country's total oil purchases. The rise was primarily because Russian crude



oil was available at a discount to other internationally traded oil due to the price cap and the European nations shunning purchases from Moscow. Fuel exports were, however, at full price. "Capitalising on the refining loophole, India has now become the biggest exporter of oil products to the EU. In the first three quarters of 2024, exports to the EU from the Jamnagar, Vadinar (in Gujarat) and new Mangalore refinery - which are increasingly reliant on Russian crude - saw a 58 per cent year-on-year rise further," the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) said in its latest report. Reliance Industries Ltd has

oil refineries at Jamnagar while Russia's Rosneft-backed Nayara Energy has a unit at Vadinar.

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) is a subsidiary of the state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). This, it said, amplified "the fact that EU Member States continued imports are expanding the refining loophole and Russian revenues from crude exports to third countries". Europe typically imported an average of 1,54,000 barrels per day (bpd) of diesel and jet fuel from India before Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

This has almost doubled. While CREA did not give an absolute number for imports, the European think tank had in a previous report stated that Euro 8.5 billion of price cap coalition countries' imports of oil products in 13 months to December 2023 were made from Russian crude. These imports in 13 months were equivalent to 68 per cent of the EU's annual commitment to aid Ukraine between 2024 and 2027. "In the 13 months since

the oil price cap took effect (in December 2022), over one-third of India's exports of oil products to sanctioning countries was derived from Russian crude (EUR 6.16 billion or USD 6.65 billion)," the Finland-based CREA had said in the previous report.

While there are no restrictions or sanctions on buying/using Russian crude oil and exporting fuels like diesel derived from it, the Group of Seven (G7) rich nations, the European Union and Australia - called the price cap coalition countries - first set a crude price cap of USD 60 per barrel starting December 5, 2022, and later on products like diesel to keep the market supplied while limiting Moscow's revenue. CREA in the latest report said India, the world's third largest oil-consuming and importing nation, in October bought Euro 2 billion worth of crude oil from Russia, down from Euro 2.4 billion in the previous month. China has bought 47 per cent of Russia's crude exports (in October), followed by India (37 per cent), the EU (6 per cent), and Turkey (6 per cent)," it said.

Singapore Airlines To Invest Additional Rs 3,195 Crore In Air India Post-Vistara Merger

NEW DELHI. Singapore Airlines will make an additional investment of Rs 3,194.5 crore in Tata Group-owned Air India post-merger of Vistara in November. The merger, announced on November 29, 2022, and set to be completed on November 11, 2024, will result in Singapore Airlines having a 25.1 per cent stake in the enlarged Air India. Full-service carrier Vistara, which started flying on January 9, 2015, is a joint venture between Tatas and Singapore Airlines, where the latter holds a 49 per cent shareholding.

Singapore Airlines (SIA) Group on Friday said its consideration for the merger comprises the 49 per cent interest in Vistara and Rs 20,585 million (Rs 2,058.5 crore) in cash in exchange for a 25.1 per cent equity interest in the enlarged Air India.

Post-merger, SIA expects to recognise a non-cash accounting gain of around 1.1 billion Singapore dollars and also start equity accounting for its share of Air India's financial results. According to a



release on Friday, the merger includes an agreement for SIA to contribute its share of any funding previously provided by Tata prior to the completion of the merger, together with relevant funding costs up to Rs 5,020 crore that would allow it to maintain 25.1 per cent stake in Air India. "SIA's additional capital injection is expected to be Rs 31,945 million (equivalent to SGD 498 million), based on Tata's funding to Air India to date. This will occur after the completion of the

merger and within November 2024 through subscription to new Air India shares.

"Future capital injections will be considered based on Air India's requirements and available funding options," according to the release issued while announcing the airline's financial performance for the six months ended September 2024. The merger of Vistara with Air India will mark a major consolidation in the fast-growing Indian aviation space.

SIA said the merged entity will have a significant presence across all key Indian air travel segments, including domestic, international, full-service, and low-cost operations. This will strengthen SIA's multi-hub strategy, allowing it to continue participating directly in India's large and fast-growing aviation market," it added. Recently, Air India and SIA recently agreed to significantly expand their codeshare agreement, adding 11 Indian cities and another 40 international destinations to their network.

FPIs Withdraw Nearly Rs 20,000 Crore From Equities In Last 5 Trading Sessions

NEW DELHI. The exodus of foreign investments from Indian equity markets continued unabated, with FPIs pulling out nearly Rs 20,000 crore in the last five trading sessions on higher valuations of domestic stocks and shifting their allocation to China. As a result, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have turned net sellers in the equity market, with total outflows reaching Rs 13,401 crore for 2024 so far.

Going ahead, the FPI selling trend is likely to continue in the near term till data indicate the possibility of a trend reversal. If the Q3 results and leading indicators reflect a recovery in earnings, the scenario can change with FPIs reducing selling and even turning buyers. Investors will have to wait and watch for the data, VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said. With the newly elected US president not assuming office until January 2025, the Indian



market's near-term direction will be more influenced by domestic factors like the Maharashtra assembly election results, corporate earnings commentaries, and retail investor behaviour in response to the October and early November downturn, Sunil Damania, Chief Investment Officer, MojoPMS, said. According to the data, FPIs recorded a net outflow of Rs 19,994 crore so far this month, comprising five

trading sessions from November 4-8.

This came following a net withdrawal of Rs 94,017 crore in October, the worst monthly outflow. Before this, FPIs withdrew Rs 61,973 crore from equities in March 2020. In September 2024, foreign investors made a nine-month high investment of Rs 57,724 crore.

Since June, FPIs have consistently bought equities after withdrawing Rs 34,252 crore in April-May. Overall, FPIs have been net buyers in 2024, except for January, April, May and October, data with the depositories showed. While the immediate uncertainty over the US Presidential election and interest rates in the US has been addressed, several drivers of the foreign flows into the Indian equity markets continue to remain unfavourable. One of the primary reasons for FPIs exiting Indian equities is their newfound affinity towards China, given its attractive valuation and potential for generating higher growth.

Trump & the art of milking the 'immigrant invasion'

In recent years though, immigration has cascaded to become large swathes of humanity fleeing wars and conflict, and hunger.

NEW DELHI. The world and its many ivory tower pundits are still struggling to come to terms with the shock victory of Donald Trump. The pollsters said it was dead heat between Trump and Kamala Harris. The only one saying he would win with a wide margin was Donald Trump. Not only did he win the electoral votes of the swing states, but he carried the national, popular vote as well - a feat a Republican US presidential candidate last achieved 2 decades ago when George W Bush beat John Kerry in 2004. The democratic vote - these days becoming increasingly difficult to predict - is the final outcome after a cocktail of hopes, aspirations, fears, anti-incumbency pulls and identity assertions furiously churn and deliver a verdict. Sometimes, a single factor dominates. With hindsight, the pundits say Trump succeeded in convincing people the US economy was far worse than it was 4 years ago; that the Biden administration was a failure in securing the borders; that immigrants had taken over the country; and that the Democrats couldn't find a solution to the wars.

Racist package

Hindsight analysis is easy because there is no accountability; but for this writer it was crystal clear Trump's single-

minedly focus on the 'immigrant invasion' was a clear winner. Despite all his rambling at rallies, Donald Trump hammered out his ugly rhetoric on one, and only one thing - America being swamped by the 'great unwashed'; and the Biden administration failing to do anything about it. The picture he painted extended from falsely accusing Haitian immigrants of eating pet cats and dogs in a small Ohio town of Springfield, to spreading lies that American universities had been taken over by jihadists "who want to blow up our streets, our malls and everything America stands for". Never mind the ludicrous story of cats and dogs. Scapagoating migrants struck a chord even among Latinos, themselves 'immigrants' years ago.

He played on the worry that the demography of the country was changing, that peoples jobs, whatever they had, would be taken away. Trump effectively turned economic despair, high prices and all the other ills into a single deadly package of racial hatred. His narrative is false, but who cares! The latest figures from the Department of Homeland Security and Pew Research show there are around 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living in the US, and that this number has

remained relatively stable since 2005. It is also proven these immigrants don't take away American jobs; they do the jobs which Americans don't want to do. The US economy won't work without them. Inverting anti-immigrant paranoia to votes is an old playbook. Trump had used in the 2016 polls too. Then his focus was on building a wall along Mexico's 750 km border to keep out the rest of South America. He won the elections, but the Trump Wall was a failure.

Immigration - the movement of large formations of people - from one region to another and one country to another has existed since the beginning of humankind. There are those searching for a livelihood; and there are economies undergoing rapid development requiring large inputs of labour not available locally. Immigration is the natural playing out of the demand and supply of labour. In recent years though, immigration has cascaded to become large swathes of humanity fleeing wars and conflict, and hunger. It's a race for survival illustrated by the terrible sea voyages from North Africa to Europe across the Mediterranean that is claiming thousands of lives each year. For the 'receiving' communities though immigrants are an 'invasion' - a threat to

the local culture and demography.

India and Europe

In India, we have our own Trumps who have been focusing on the large scale immigration of Bangladeshis who have crossed borders to earn a living. That they are Muslims only has sharpened the aggression against them. In recent election campaigns in West Bengal and Tripura, Bangladeshi 'infiltration' has been the single point agenda of the BJP. It has failed in West Bengal, but succeeded in both Assam and Tripura.

Currently, deporting Bangladeshi immigrants is on the table for the first time in the Jharkhand elections. The narrative is simple: the tribal population is being diluted by the large influx of Bangladeshis; and that the locals have everything to lose - 'Roti, Beti, Maati' - if they don't eject the Congress government in the state. Who knows, the BJP may pull it off in Jharkhand! But nobody is asking who is responsible for the 'infiltration'. After all, India's borders with Bangladesh are in the able hands of the Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) - both under the Union ministry of home headed by Mr Amit Shah. If there is 'infiltration', the home minister must answer.



International Settlement in Basel, Switzerland and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the remainder 20.3 tonnes are in gold deposits, according to the latest data released by the central bank late October.

Putting the 1991 clock back

This is a story of setting the January and July 1991 clock back when the nation was forced to airlift more than close to 87 tonne to raise emergency forex to prevent a sovereign default and to make enough for exim cover as the foreign exchange reserves were only \$600 million, which is now is close to \$700 billion. Of the total pledge, the government pledged 67 tonne as collateral to secure a \$2.2 billion emergency loan from the International Monetary Fund, for this 47 tonne were airlifted to the Bank of England in May 1991 to secure a \$405 million loan; and 20 tonne were sent to the Union Bank of Switzerland in May 1991. Before that in January 1991, the State Bank of India was asked to lease some of its gold to bolster forex reserves and after government approval, 20 tonne of gold worth \$234 million was shipped abroad. Following improvement in the balance of payments position, the Reserve Bank had bought 18.36 tonne during November-December of 1991.

NEWS BOX

Virat Kohli asks paps to not take photos of his children at Mumbai airport

New Delhi. Star India batter Virat Kohli was spotted at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai late at night. Kohli was accompanied by his wife, Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma, and their children, Vamika and Akaay Kohli. As they stepped out of their car, Kohli requested the paparazzi not to take pictures of Anushka and the kids, emphasising their preference for privacy. However, Kohli himself obliged and posed for photos with the media before heading inside the airport. It remains unclear whether Kohli was flying to London with his family or heading to Australia for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series. The star cricketer had been spending time in Mumbai with his family following the conclusion of the three-match Test series between India and New Zealand. As Kohli made his way to the airport, fans were left speculating about his destination. While some believed he was heading to London, where he has been staying recently, others assumed he was en route to Australia to prepare for the highly anticipated Test series. The couple has consistently prioritised the privacy of their children, Vamika and Akaay, ensuring they are kept away from the public eye. This time was no different, with Kohli taking steps to protect their privacy while accommodating the media with his usual grace.

However, recently, Anushka Sharma shared a heart-warming picture of Virat Kohli doing his fatherly duties with the children. She shared a special picture of Kohli holding the kids on his 36th birthday. This was the first time Anushka shared a picture of Akaay after his birth earlier this February. The power couple were papped together after quite a long time during their brief stay in Mumbai.

The upcoming Border Gavaskar Trophy series will be key for Virat Kohli, which will determine his future in India's Test side. He had an underwhelming outing in the recently concluded home Test series. Virat Kohli played six Tests in 2024, amassing just 250 runs at an average of 22.72, well below his career average of 50. His struggles against spin since 2020 have become evident; his average in India has plummeted from 72.45 (2013-2019) to 32.86, with 24 of his 57 dismissals in this period coming against spin.

However, he boasts of a great record against Australia in the red-ball format. In 25 Test matches, Kohli has scored 2042 against Australia at an average of 47.48 with eight hundreds. The 36-year-old will aim to take confidence from.

Lizelle Lee hits 150 to set new record for highest score in Women's Big Bash history

New Delhi. Hobart Hurricanes opener Lizelle Lee set a new benchmark in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) on Sunday, smashing a record-breaking 150* to claim the highest individual score in the league's history. Lee's remarkable innings helped her side secure a commanding victory over the Perth Scorchers at the Sydney Cricket Ground, marking a historic moment in women's franchise T20 cricket. The 32-year-old South African's explosive knock included 12 sixes and 12 fours, amassing her unbeaten 150 off just 75 balls. In surpassing Grace Harris's previous WBBL record of 136*, Lee's innings also saw her set a record



for the most sixes in a WBBL innings, surpassing Harris's record of 11.

After early setbacks that saw the Hurricanes reduced to 16/2 within three overs, Lee took control, responding with successive sixes to kickstart her innings. Her half-century came off just 29 balls, and she reached her century off 51, showcasing her power and precision. Partnered by Elyse Villani in a century stand, Lee led the charge as Villani largely played the supporting role. Reflecting on her innings, Lee credited her team for their unwavering support. "I have to give credit to everybody in our team that kept on believing in me," she told Channel Seven. "When I was doubting myself and crying, they were there." Hurricanes' final total of 203/3 left the Scorchers facing a daunting chase. The Scorchers' innings quickly faltered as Molly Strano dismissed Sophie Devine on the first ball, followed by a run-out that left them at 0/2. Chloe Piparo was dismissed shortly after, and wickets continued to tumble as Heather Graham and Strano kept the pressure on, ultimately dismissing Perth for 131.

Lee's innings, the fifth-highest in women's T20 cricket, powered the Hurricanes to a 72-run victory, further solidifying her place in WBBL history. Her display of power-hitting and composure has now set a new standard for the league and provided a thrilling spectacle for fans.

Eder Militao tears ACL as Real Madrid suffer 3 more injuries in 4-0 win vs Osasuna

Real Madrid defender Eder Militao ruptured the ACL in his right leg, while forward Rodrygo also sustained an injury earlier. Right-back Lucas Vázquez was substituted at halftime due to a visible leg issue.

New Delhi. Real Madrid's dominant 4-0 victory over Osasuna in La Liga on Saturday was marred by a devastating injury blow, with star defender Eder Militao suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). The Brazilian center-back is set to undergo surgery, sidelining him for several months in what marks his second extended injury

layoff in as many seasons. Militao's injury occurred early in the game as he attempted to clear a rebounding ball but hyperextended his knee, immediately signalling distress as he went down in visible pain. The 26-year-old was helped off the pitch, visibly emotional as he faced the reality of yet another long-term setback. Real Madrid confirmed the severity of the injury in a statement, revealing that Militao sustained a "complete rupture of the anterior cruciate ligament with both menisci involved" in his right leg. Surgery has been scheduled for the coming days, and his absence adds to a worrying trend for Los Blancos as they deal with a growing list of sidelined players.

In addition to Militao, Real Madrid manager Carlo Ancelotti was dealt further blows on Saturday as Lucas Vázquez and forward Rodrygo were both forced off the field with injuries. Already short on defensive options,



Ancelotti faces the challenging prospect of managing an increasingly stretched squad with key matches in La Liga and the Champions League looming. With Militao's absence, Real Madrid is left thin in defense, as the team was already missing the likes of Dani Carvajal, Thibaut Courtois, Aurelien Tchouameni, and David Alaba. Ancelotti expressed his frustration but noted that he would rely on the club's youth academy to

fill in critical gaps until the transfer window opens in January.

"I'm not thinking about signings right now because we have to prepare for games with the players we have," Ancelotti said in his post-match press conference. "Three injuries in the first half is quite rare. The demanding schedule doesn't allow the players to rest and be fresh." The manager praised the contributions of academy defender Raul Asencio, who came off the bench to help see out the game, and Federico Valverde, who filled in ably as a full-back. "We did well last year when we had injuries, and we'll do the same this year," he added. With Antonio Rüdiger, Ferland Mendy, and Fran Garcia now the only fit, experienced defenders in the squad, Ancelotti has a challenging few months ahead. As Real Madrid navigates a demanding schedule, the club will hope to stabilize its injury list before making any mid-season reinforcements in January.

Dr. Babar Azam? Pakistan batter turns physio for Shaheen Afridi after injury

New Delhi. Babar Azam quickly turned into a 'doctor' on the field for Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi during the 3rd and final ODI against Australia in Perth on Sunday, November 10. Afridi was hit on the thumb on his bowling arm during the match and was seen in pain. The incident occurred during the third ball of the 26th over when Adam Zampa and Sean Abbott were at the crease. As Abbott had completed a run, a throw from the deep took an awkward bounce off the turf and struck Shaheen straight on his left thumb. The pacer would quickly go down on his haunches and needed tending from the medical team. Before the physios came out, Babar came to the rescue of his teammate and was seen massaging the thumb of Shaheen. The commentators also acknowledged the kind gesture from the star batter. You can see the full video below: The physio would do his jobs as drinks were taken on the field and Shaheen was able to continue to bowl again as the Pakistan bowlers would do another demolition job on



the Aussie batters.

Australia bundled out for 140

Pakistan had won the toss and put the hosts into bat, much like in Adelaide. It was a struggle for all the batters with Jake Fraser-McGurk's poor form continuing as he was dismissed for just 7 runs. Aaron Hardie's promotion to No.3 in the revamped side failed, while captain Josh Inglis also failed to make an impact with the bat. Cooper Connolly's injury compounded the misery for Australia on the day as there were only 5 batters who went past the double-digit mark

Babar Azam quickly became a doctor on the field and came to the rescue of his teammate Shaheen Shah Afridi, who got injured during the Perth ODI against Australia on Sunday, November 10.

with Sean Abbott's 30 being the highest. Shaheen and Naseem picked up 3 wickets each while Haris Rauf got 2 and Moammad Hasnain 1. Pakistan are on the cusp of history as they will end a 22-year wait for a series win in Australia if they can chase down 141 in Perth on Sunday.

Sanju Samson should play all three formats for India: AB de Villiers

New Delhi. Former South African captain and legendary batter AB de Villiers has backed wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson to play all three formats for India. Samson, who has been on a spectacular run of form, recently scored two consecutive T20I centuries, with a blazing 111 off 47 balls against Bangladesh in Hyderabad on October 12, and an impressive 107 off 50 balls in the first T20I against South Africa on November 8 at Kingsmead, Durban. In a video on his YouTube channel following Samson's remarkable performance, de Villiers emphasized that the Kerala-based batter possesses the skill to succeed across all formats and in varied conditions. "Sanju Samson, who scored a massive 100. Back-to-back T20 hundreds, absolutely incredible. Am incredibly proud of the guy, I say proud because I do have a personal connection with him. We have been in touch for a number of years now. I have always been a big fan of Sanju Samson, I just love the way he plays, and I always want him to do well," AB de Villiers said on his YouTube



channel. "He scored a 100 once at the Chinnaswamy Stadium against RCB, I was on the park and I realised that day, that this guy is something special and he is proving me right. For those of you who have followed Sanju Samson, I haven't often seen him bat at a strike rate of more than 200, he is generally more conservative, he is usually between 140-160 and both these hundreds he has scored back-to-back have been very very fast and especially this last hundred," he added.

Reflecting on Samson's transformation as a

player, de Villiers mentioned that Samson previously played with a more "conservative" approach, typically striking at 140-160. However, his recent centuries have displayed an aggressive side, with strike rates soaring over 200. "Something has triggered there, something has clicked in his game which is absolutely great to watch. The thing about him is that he makes it effortless out there. I don't see much experimentation going out there. Not a lot of creativity in terms of funny shots, doesn't seem that he wants to entertain the crowd and please someone, he just sticks in his little bubble and he just is easy on the eye," said de Villiers. De Villiers expressed hope that Indian selectors would take notice and include Samson in Test and ODI sides too. "Sanju has upped the gear in his game. I hope the selectors are watching this for all the formats. I want to see this guy play all the formats. I think he is someone who is really really special, someone who can play all the formats, in all conditions around the world. I think there is another gear, a sixth gear, I want to see it unfold," he added.

Who is Nathan McSweeney? Queensland batter set to replace David Warner as opener

New Delhi. One of the biggest question marks ahead of the highly anticipated Test series between India and Australia has been: Who will open for Australia after David Warner's retirement? Warner, a cornerstone of Australia's batting lineup for over a decade, bid farewell to red-ball cricket at the end of last Australian summer. His retirement left a significant void at the top of the order, prompting the team management to search for a suitable replacement. Steve Smith, Australia's dependable No. 4, initially volunteered to take on the opening role. However, his stint at the top proved underwhelming, as he struggled to make an impact. This left Australia grappling with uncertainty as they sought a player who could provide stability and aggression in the crucial opening position. As another chapter of the Australian summer is about to unfold, Cricket Australia appears to have found their solution in Nathan McSweeney. The promising batter has now been entrusted with



the task of opening in the first Test against India, stepping into a role that carries both immense responsibility and expectation. McSweeney's selection signals a fresh start for Australia's batting order, as they look to solidify their lineup and build on their strengths for the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy series. "[We're] really thrilled with Nathan's game," Bailey said. "Over the last 12 or 15 months, seeing a player whose

growth is on a great trajectory, very organized, composed player at the crease, and got a game that will really suit Test cricket. I think he's wonderful person. He's clearly had some good leadership exposure now, good catcher, bowl's some good off spin too. So the package is really impressive."

Who is Nathan McSweeney

Nathan McSweeney is a right-handed batter and a part-time right-arm off-break bowler, representing South Australia in domestic cricket. The 25-year-old has been making significant progress at the first-class level, showcasing his potential as a reliable top-order batter. McSweeney appears certain to play, with Bailey saying: "Nathan has displayed the attributes we believe will equip him well for Test cricket along with a strong recent record in domestic cricket." His performances for South Australia and Australia A weighed in his favour and supports our view he is ready for the

opportunity at Test level. With an impressive first-class batting average of 38.16, McSweeney has already notched up six centuries and 12 fifties, accumulating 2,252 runs in the format. His prowess extends to List A cricket, where he averages 42.25, having scored 845 runs, including a century and eight fifties in just 22 matches. In addition to his batting contributions, McSweeney has proven to be a handy bowler.

He has picked up 18 wickets in first-class cricket, seven in List A, and four in T20s, demonstrating his versatility across formats. Born on March 8, 1999, in Brisbane, Queensland, McSweeney's talent was evident early on.

Australia's squad for Perth Test

Pat Cummins (c), Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitch Marsh, Nathan McSweeney, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Gilchrist wants Inglis to open for Australia in India Tests

New Delhi. Former Australian wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist has publicly backed Josh Inglis as a candidate to open the batting in the highly anticipated Border-Gavaskar Trophy series against India, questioning whether selectors are staying true to their philosophy of fielding the nation's six best batters. Gilchrist's endorsement of Inglis follows the announcement that Nathan McSweeney will open alongside Usman Khawaja for the series opener at Perth Stadium. Cricket Australia confirmed on Sunday that McSweeney, who has yet to open at the first-class level aside from a recent Australia A match against India A, would debut as Australia's 467th Test cricketer. The decision, endorsed by chief selector George Bailey, prioritizes McSweeney's steady transition from No. 3 to an opener role, despite his lack of experience at the top order. Meanwhile, Inglis, known for his prolific contributions in Australia's white-ball squads, was listed as the reserve batter after an exceptional start to the Sheffield Shield season, scoring 297 runs at an average of 99.00 in just two matches.

Gilchrist, a fellow West Australian, contends that Inglis' current form warrants a spot in the top six batters, echoing the selectors' approach last year, when they prioritized skill over specialist roles. During the West Indies series, Cameron Green was chosen as an additional batter, prompting Steve Smith to shift to opener. "Inglis is in that squad as a reserve batter, which isn't traditionally what Australia does in home conditions," Gilchrist commented on Fox Cricket. "I think McSweeney will open and do they stick with the policy they had last year when we want our six best batters in Australia playing in the top six?" Gilchrist went on to highlight Inglis' experience facing the new ball in white-ball cricket, suggesting that his aggressive style would suit the demands of Test cricket. "If they stay with that policy, for me, I would say put [Inglis] at the top of the order. I don't see it as too much of a challenge for him," he said.

While selectors see McSweeney's more defensive approach as potentially better suited to opening, Gilchrist argued that Inglis' offensive game could also prove valuable. "Nathan McSweeney's a fine-looking player and they see that his game is a little bit more suitable for opening the batting, whereas Josh Inglis knows how to attack. Offense is probably his best form of defense," he explained.

Athiya Shetty

And KL Rahul Announce Pregnancy: Sobhita Dhulipala, Arjun Kapoor And Others Congratulate The Couple



Athiya Shetty and KL Rahul took to their social media to announce their pregnancy. The couple took to their Instagram and shared that they are expecting their first child on Friday, November 8. As they shared the announcement, the post went viral. Several celebrities like Shibani Dandekar, Ahan Shetty, Rhea Kapoor, and Trishala Dutt among others congratulated the couple. Taking to their Instagram, Athiya Shetty and KL Rahul shared a post. The post featured text and evil eye symbols, stars, and baby footprints. They revealed that the baby is due for the next year. The text on the post read, "Our beautiful blessing is coming soon. 2025." They signed the post as 'Athiya & Rahul.' Athiya shared the post with a white heart emoji. The post has fetched hundreds of likes. Not just fans, but celebrities also took to the comment section to congratulate the couple. Athiya's brother, Ahan, shared a series of adorable crying face emojis. The actor's mother, Mana, commented, "Blessed." Shibani Dandekar wrote, "Congratulations my darling so happy for you both." Krishna Shroff commented with a bunch of hearts and adorable crying face emojis. Esha Gupta, Huma Qureshi, Ridhima Kapoor Sahni, and Shanaya Kapoor took to the comments and shared a series of heart emojis. Dhanashree Verma wrote, "Congratulations." Sobhita Dhulipala said, "OMGGGGGGG so sweet!!!" Arjun Kapoor mentioned, "Dumpling coming thru." Vaani Kapoor wrote, "Aww congratulations you guys." Rakul Preet Singh said, "Omgggggggg congratulations!!! So so happy for you guys." Aditya Seal also said, "Wwhhhaaaaaaaaaa...congratulations my loves." Athiya and Rahul tied the knot in January 2023 after dating each other for a long time. The actor recently celebrated her 32nd birthday on November 5. She was last seen in Debamitra Biswal's Motichoor Chaknachoor where she shared the screen with Nawazuddin Siddique.



Stop And Stare As Aditi Rao Hydari Makes A Classy Appearance In Mumbai



Aditi Rao Hydari is a name synonymous with beauty and grace. Fans can't get enough of her casual chic paparazzi appearances, engaging posts and glimpses of her time with her friends and family. The actress recently stepped out in Mumbai and was captured outside a building. A clip from her latest outing also emerged on social media, melting the hearts of social media users. We bet, her beauty will make you stop and stare. Deboarding her car, Aditi Rao Hydari smiled at the paparazzi, quickly posing for them. We love how she flaunted her ethereal beauty with utmost confidence and feminine allure in the clip. Later, she was seen waving hands at the shutterbugs, bidding them goodbye before heading to the building. For her day out, the actress wore a pink mini-wrap dress featuring a purple floral pattern. She paired the outfit with golden hoop earrings and subtle nude heels for a stunning look. Aditi Rao Hydari is currently enjoying her newly wedded journey with her husband Siddharth. The couple tied the knot in a traditional South Indian wedding ceremony on September 16 at a temple in Telangana. An intimate affair, the wedding was attended by their close friends and family. The couple shared a carousel post featuring several breathtaking pictures from their wedding ceremony. Introducing themselves as Mrs and Mr Adu-Siddhu in the caption, the couple mentioned, "You are my Sun, my Moon, and all my Stars, To being Pixie Soulmates for eternity...to laughter, to never growing up...To Eternal Love, Light & Magic...Mrs & Mr Adu-Siddhu. Aditi Rao Hydari wore a tissue organza lehenga by Sabyasachi for the grand day. She paired the beige lehenga with a matching muted golden blouse featuring a hand-embroidered border.

Karan Johar Congratulates Sidharth Malhotra For His Next Film Vvan, Calls It 'Exciting And Intriguing'



Sidharth Malhotra has announced his next film which is a folk thriller titled Vvan - Force of the Forest. The motion poster has also been released and it will be released on Chhath in 2025. Other details have been kept under wrap. Amid this, Karan Johar congratulated Sidharth and also called the motion poster exciting and intriguing. Taking to his Instagram stories, Karan shared the motion poster and wrote, "congratulations to the team! This looks extremely exciting and intriguing.... Big love to @sidmalhotra @ektaakapoor @arunabhkumar @deepakmishra18." Sidharth Malhotra shared the poster in which we can see a man wearing a dhoti running in the forest. He is holding a fire stand in his hand. "Excited to be part of this folk thriller, with a powerhouse team, directed by @arunabhkumar and @deepakmishra18 Can't wait for you all to experience 'VVAN - Force of the forest' on the big screen in 2025. @balajimotionpictures @tvmotionpictures. Coming On Chhath, 2025." The film will be co-directed by Deepak Kumar Mishra who is also the director of Panchayat and Arunabh Kumar, the founder of TVF. Recently, India Today reported that Sara Ali Khan will be part of the lead actress. India Today quoted sources saying that the film is scheduled to begin production in 2025. It will be exciting to see Sara and Sidharth, who have never worked together before, share the screen. Earlier, Pinkvilla also quoted a source saying, "It's a high-on drama and emotion film, set against backdrop of a folklore deep-rooted in Hindu Mythology. The makers have the vision to create a unique cinematic experience like Kantara with the feature film. While Sid is expected to hear the final narration in November, the makers are aiming to take the film on floors in 2nd half of 2025. He will sign the dotted lines once the final narration takes place." On the work front, Sidharth is reportedly in advanced talks to headline 'Race 4' alongside Saif Ali Khan. "While Ramesh Taurani has a team of in-house writers working on the basic plot of Race 4, he has brought in seasoned writers and directors to develop it into a full-fledged screenplay. Conversations with Sidharth Malhotra have already begun to bring him on board alongside Saif Ali Khan. Sidharth is a fan of the Race franchise and is keen to take on this role," a source told Pinkvilla.

When Vidya Balan

Shared How Madhuri Dixit Inspired Her To Become An Actress

Actress Vidya Balan once expressed her desire to be like Madhuri Dixit. In an old interview, Balan shared how Madhuri's role in Tezaab left an unforgettable impression on her as a young girl. She admitted that her dream of becoming like Madhuri might have been shared by countless others captivated by Dixit's iconic on-screen presence. In a video currently circulating on social media, the Shakuntala Devi actress can be heard saying, "I was in the seventh standard when I felt like I should be an actor. I don't know if it was for the right or wrong reasons, but I was very inspired by Madhuri Dixit's role in Tezaab". She added, "I feel that film is so good that I think in India, so many people would have wanted to become like Madhuri. Though I couldn't become her, with God's grace at least I got the chance to fulfil my dream of working in films." Tezaab, directed by N Chandra, the film marked Dixit's first major breakthrough, making her an overnight star. The 1988 released action romance drama also starred Anil Kapoor in the lead role. Interestingly, Vidya Balan recently shared the screen with Madhuri in Anees Bazmee's horror-comedy Bhoor Bhooraiyaa 3. In the film, Balan reprised her iconic role as the haunting dancer Manjulika, while Dixit played the role of Mandira. Mandira and Mallika are reincarnations of Manjulika and Anjulika in the film that marked Vidya's much-anticipated return to the beloved franchise after her memorable performance in the original 2007 film. Bhoor Bhooraiyaa 3 is the third instalment in the franchise.



The original film, released in 2007, starred Akshay Kumar and Vidya Balan, while Bhoor Bhooraiyaa 2 introduced Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani, and Tabu. The latest film also stars Madhuri Dixit, Sanjay Mishra, Tripti Dimri, and Rajpal Yadav. Released in theatres on November 1, the film clashed with Rohit Shetty's cop drama Singham Again at the box office and received mixed responses from audiences.

