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Ahead of Belagavi rally, Congress seeks Bhagwat's apology over I-Day speech

"Mohan Bhagwat must apologise for the atrocious, antinational statement he delivered on the freedom movement on January 14th 2025," Jairam Ramesh said.

NEW DELHI. As the Congress is set to hold 'Jai Karnataka's Belagavi, the party reiterated its demand that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat must apologise for the 'anti-national' statement he delivered on the freedom movement. Though the rally was to take place on December 27, it was suspended due to the passing away of former PM Manmohan Singh on December 26. The campaign to 'protect Constitution' was organised in tune with the resolution passed by the Congress



Working Committee in Belagavi last month. Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan' rally in Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said it was at Belagavi that Mahatma Gandhi took over as

Congress president on December 26, 1924. Referring to Bhagwat's comments, Ramesh said that Mahatma Gandhi is being insulted and BR Ambedkar is being attacked by the BJP and the RSS.. "Mahatma Gandhi is being insulted. Dr. Ambedkar is being attacked. The Constitution of India and its values are under assault," he alleged.

The Belagavi rally is a reaffirmation of the Congress' steadfast resolve to preserve, protect, and promote the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and Ambedkar, he said." Mohan Bhagwat must apologise for the atrocious, anti-national statement he delivered on the freedom movement on January 14th 2025," he said.Last week, Ramesh had described Bhagwat's remarks that India's "true independence" was established on the day of the Ram temple's consecration as "antinational" and demanded an apology over the statement.Bhagwat said the date of the Ram temple's consecration in Ayodhya should be celebrated as "Pratishtha Dwadashi" as the "true independence" of Bharat, which had faced enemy attack for several centuries, was established on this day. "The Home Minister must resign and tender an apology for his atrocious remarks on Ambedkar in Parliament on December 17th, 2024," Ramesh said.

The Congress has repeatedly also alleged that Amit Shah's remarks in the Rajya Sabha during a debate on the Constitution during the winter session show that the BJP and the RSS leaders have a "lot of hatred" for Ambedkar and demanded an apology from him. The rally in Mhow will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Constitution and the founding of India's republic as well as the purported attack on the legacy of Babasaheb Ambedkar by the ruling regime, a party

influx of Bangladeshi nationals into Mumbai.Raut's remarks came days after it was discovered that the suspect in the Saif Ali Khan stabbing case was a Bangladeshi national who entered India illegally.Addressing a group of reporters, Raut said that Mumbai remains a safe city. "If there are illegal Bangladeshis in Mumbai, it is the failure of BJP-led government in Maharashtra," said Raut. Questioning both Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Raut said, "If there are illegal Bangladeshis in the

BJP, Amit Shah responsible

for illegal Bangladeshis:

Sanjay Raut on Saif attack

Mumbai. Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Tuesday trained his guns

at Union Home Minister Amit Shah, blaming him and the BJP for the



country, who is responsible? The Union Home Minister. What are the Union Home Minister and Defence Minister doing? Why has the government not effectively addressed or prevented illegal immigration so far?"Raut alleged that the BJP was milking the illegal Bangladeshi migrants issue every time there was an election round the corner.

They (BJP) are bringing these up just to create a hype without taking concrete steps to resolve it," Raut added."During elections, you think of Bangladeshis, why not before that?," asked Raut.

Raut said that the BJP raises the Bangladeshi issue and pins it on opposition-ruled states like Delhi ahead of state assembly elections just "to create a narrative" and divert public attention.

S Jaishankar meets Japan's Foreign Minister in US, discusses Quad developments

NEW DELHI. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met with Japan's Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya in Washington DC and reviewed the progress in bilateral ties, and discussed developments pertaining to Quad. This marks their second bilateral engagement since the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Italy on November 26, 2024. The Quad is a strategic grouping comprising four nations - the US, India, Australia and Japan. India is set to host the Quad Summit this year and Donald Trump is expected to attend the upcoming meeting.

The meeting between Jaishankar and Iwaya served as a platform to review key areas of bilateral cooperation, including political, security, economic, technological, and cultural ties."Good to meet with FM Takeshi Iwaya of Japan. Reviewed the progress in our bilateral cooperation. Also, discussed developments pertaining to Quad," Jaishankar, who is in



Washington, DC to attend Trump's inauguration at the Capitol Rotunda, wrote on X.Both leaders expressed satisfaction with the growing depth and pace of India-Japan relations. They emphasised the importance of maintaining highlevel communication through mechanisms like the Strategic Dialogue and the 2+2 Dialogue of Foreign and Defence Ministers.

In a gesture to further strengthen ties, Jaishankar extended an invitation to Iwaya to visit India.

A significant highlight of the meeting was the 40th anniversary of the science and technology cooperation agreement between India and Japan, first signed in 1985. To commemorate the milestone, the ministers jointly declared 2025-26 as the India-Japan Year of Science, Technology, and Innovation, underscoring the shared vision of advancing technological collaboration.

The discussion also touched on enhancing people-to-people exchanges, particularly in technology, skills development and education.Both sides reiterated their commitment to fostering closer ties based on mutual trust, shared democratic values, and a shared commitment to regional stability.

After Tamil Nadu, Kerala passes resolution urging Centre to scrap UGC regulations

NEW DELHI. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan presented a resolution in the state legislative assembly today, urging the Centre to withdraw the 2025 University Grants Commission (UGC) draft regulations and introduce new norms after holding extensive discussions with state governments and academic experts. The resolution was passed unanimously by the assembly.

In his speech, the Chief Minister emphasised that universities across the country operate in line with the laws passed by their respective state legislative assemblies, and any move to impose central regulations without proper consultation would undermine the federal structure of India.

Vijayan pointed out that the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1977 moved education, including nigher education, to the Concurrent List, giving states the responsibility of establishing and supervising universities. While the Union Government holds



the power to coordinate and fix standards, state governments fund about 80 per cent of university operations and play a key role in ensuring quality education. The resolution expressed concern over the exclusion of state governments in vital appointments like Vice Chancellor positions and teacher qualifications. The Chief Minister criticised the draft UGC norms for sidelining state authorities and introducing provisions that could commercialise higher education by appointing individuals from the private sector, without consulting academic experts.

The assembly unanimously requested the Central Government to reconsider the draft regulations and consult all stakeholders before issuing new guidelines.

Vijayan had earlier written to the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, urging him to review the proposed regulations. Earlier this month, the Tamil Nadu assembly passed a similar resolution, calling on the Union Education Ministry to immediately withdraw the UGC draft regulation for 2025, alleging that it would grant more powers to Governors in the appointment of vice-chancellors.

Do not press the lotus button: Arvind Kejriwal

NEW DELHI. Highlighting the work done by the AAP government over the past decade and the plans for the future, the party's national convener, Arvind Kejriwal, on Monday urged voters that if they want basic amenities and social welfare benefits to continue, then don't press the "lotus" button, "even by mistake".

"Don't press the wrong button. Don't press the lotus button (BJP's election symbol), even by mistake," Kejriwal told gatherings in a series of rallies held in Vishwas Nagar, Krishna Nagar, and Gandhi Nagar.

At these rallies, Kejriwal talked about the ongoing benefits, such as free electricity up to 200 units and bus rides for women and other guarantees if re-elected to power.He also pledged a comprehensive



alongside a security fund for Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) to ensure enhanced safety in residential areas. He highlighted the "24hour" electricity supply to the houses in the city

conditions during previous governments and in other states."Remember 2015, when our government was formed? Before that, there was Congress' Sheila Ji's government. Back then, there used to be power cuts of six to eight hours daily. Isn't that right?" he said.

BJP governs 20 states, yet not a single one of them provides 24-hour electricity. Even in Gujarat, where the BJP has been in power for 30 years, there are no 24-hour electricity services. Long power cuts still occur. Forget Gujarat, call up someone in Noida, Faridabad, Gurugram, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, or Rajasthan—anywhere the BJP governs—and you'll hear about 10-hour power cuts."Kejriwal also threw spotlight on AAP government's achievements in education and health

sectors and underlined schools' infrastructure and mohalla clinics. "These clinics provide free medicines and free tests, benefiting the public,'

and compared the current situation with the overhaul of Delhi's sewer infrastructure Tamil Nadu Speaker slams Governor Ravi at Patna meeting, stages walkout

►Tamil Nadu **Assembly Speaker** M Appavu walked out of a meeting in Patna after accusing **Governor RN Ravi** of disrespecting the state and its legislature. Appavu's remarks were rejected by Rajya Sabha Deputy **Chairman leading to** his walkout.

NEW DELHI. Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker M Appavu walked out of the 85th All India Presiding Officers' Conference in Patna on Monday, accusing Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi of disrespecting the state, its people, and the state legislature. Appavu voiced concerns over what he described as the Governor's "deeply worrying" activities. He cited multiple commissions' recommendations on the appointment of Governors and argued that the state legislature should have the power to remove the Governor through a resolution. He

also called for the deletion of the clause in Article 156 of the Constitution that states, "The Governor shall hold office during the pleasure of the President."

His comments were met with opposition from Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Appavu's remarks, stating they would not be



recorded in the meeting minutes. Harivansh also cautioned Appavu to refrain from speaking about the Governor in such a manner. In response, Appavu, visibly frustrated, declared, "If I cannot speak about this in this conference, then where else can I speak?" before staging a walkout.

Harivansh Narayan, who objected to Appavu was addressing the conference on the topic '75th anniversary of the Constitution:

Tamil Nadu Speaker Appavu walks out of Patna

► Accuses interference in state governance, criticises RN Ravi

► Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman rejects his remarks

Contribution of Parliament and State Legislative Bodies in Strengthening Constitutional Values.' He raised concerns about governors' interference in state governance beyond their constitutional roles, accusing Ravi of violating constitutional principles, particularly for bypassing his customary annual address to the Assembly.

Appavu also pointed out that the increasing meddling by Governors in state matters had compromised state autonomy and federalism. He criticised the Union government's "stepmotherly attitude" towards state governments and highlighted the arbitrary power of the University Grants Commission (UGC) over state-run universities, calling it a violation of the federal system.

The Speaker expressed his frustration with the Governor's actions, saying they hindered the democratically elected government's ability to fulfill social welfare programs and constitutional duties. "Such actions of the Governor impede the Legislature's contribution to strengthening constitutional values," Appavu said.

NEWS BOX

Two youth rape 16-year-old girl, nabbed in TN

THANJAVUR. The Pattukkottai all-women police on Monday arrested two youths for allegedly gang-raping a 16-year-old girl. According to sources, the girl from a village coming under Adirampattinam police limits and pursuing Class 11 used to visit her classmate in another village. During her visits, K Aravind (20) of that village befriended her.On Sunday Aravind asked her to meet him at a casuarina grove near



Adirampattinam. When the girl went there, she found Aravind with his friend S Saran (20). The duo then sexually assaulted her. Hearing the girl's cries, locals rushed towards the grove following which the duo fled.Based on a complaint by the girl, the Pattukkottai all-women police registered a case under the POCSO Act and launched a search for Aravind and Saran. On Monday the police arrested the two. Inquiries revealed that the two were engaged in fishing and other daily wage works.

IIT-M admits five athletes under new sports quota

CHENNAI. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has admitted five athletes with national accomplishments under its 'Sports Excellence Admission' (SEA) category for the academic year 2024-25, according to an official

In February 2024, IIT Madras became the first IIT in the country to introduce admissions for athletes under the SEA category in its undergraduate programmes. This initiative is offered through two supernumerary seats in each of its undergraduate programmes for Indian nationals, of which one will be reserved for female students.

The five students who have been selected for admission at IIT Madras are: Arohi Bhave (volleyball) from Maharashtra, admitted into BS (medical sciences and engineering); Aryaman Mandal (water polo and swimming) from West Bengal, admitted into BTech (computer science and engineering); Nandini Jain (squash) from Delhi, admitted into BTech (computer science and engineering); Prabhav Gupta (table tennis) from Delhi, admitted into BTech (artificial intelligence and data science) and Vangala Vedavachan Reddy (lawn tennis) from Andhra Pradesh, admitted into BTech (artificial intelligence and data science)."Sports Excellence Admission is an initiative of IIT Madras primarily to send the important message that children must be encouraged to play. I sincerely hope this reaches everyone," said V Kamakoti, director of IIT Madras.

Land resurvey begins in Andhra Pradesh as complaints pour in

VIJAYAWADA. The State government kicked off another round of land survey (resurvey) on Monday after the revenue and land survey officials concerned are said to have received more than 2.8 lakh complaints across the State alleging irregularities and confusion over the previous land survey. According to sources, the re-survey of both private and government lands would be conducted on a pilot basis, selecting one village from each mandal. The resurveying will be done using highly advanced technologies in the field of surveying where the margin of error would

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Unified by new outfit, Muthuvan tribal people in Kerala rise up for their rights

IDUKKI. For generations, they stayed ignorant about their rights. Despite lacking basic, infrastructural and medical facilities, members of the Muthuvan tribe, inhabiting the forest ranges of Idukki, hardly raised their voices simply due to ignorance. However, the formation of 'Adivasi Muthuvan Samudaya

Sangram' (AMSS), a first-of-its-kind outfit working for the Muthuvan tribe in the state, a few months ago brought a change in their lives by inspiring them to unite and protest against the denial of their rights. Hundreds of Muthuvan tribal people from Swamiyaralakudi, Valsapetty, Kudalar and Vayalthara settlements in Vattavada panchayat decided to protest in front of the Labour Contract Cooperative Society in Adimaly under the leadership of the AMSS on Monday against the two-year delay in constructing the 230-m-long road stretch from Chilanthiyar to their tribal settlements. The protest was later postponed to February 1, but the message was sent.

"Compared to other panchayats in Idukki, Vattavada is far behind when it comes to development, including that of roads. The road from Vattavada to Chilanthiyar, where hundreds of tourists come daily, is in a deplorable condition. Jeep services are the only way for locals and visitors to go to the place," said district panchayat memer C Rajendran, a Vattavada resident.From Chilanthiyar, it's a bumpy ride for nearly six km to reach Swamiyaralakudi and another eight km to reach Vayalthara, the most remote tribal settlement in Vattavada."The tribals are facing severe hardships in reaching the nearest primary health centre in Koviloor during emergencies. And though residents are



cultivating winter vegetables and fruits in their settlements, they are unable to market it properly due to road connectivity issues," Rajendran said.He said using Rs 20 lakh from the district panchayat, a 500-m-long stretch of the road was concreted initially and the tender for concreting another 230m was given to the labour society in 2022. "A sum of Rs 10 lakh was sanctioned from the district panchayat for it," he said. However, the society adopted a lackadaisical approach in completing the work, said Vattavada panchayat member and Swamiyaralakudi resident Ramaraj. "The negligence every contractor shows in carrying out any development work in tribal area was seen here too. We knocked on several doors to get concrete works done," he said.

AMSS state president M Palraj said though the contractor promised to complete the construction before January 15, the contractor did not unload construction materials even on January 14. This infuriated the tribals, prompting the decision to stage a protest under the leadership of AMSS."The tribal residents announced the same and issued a notice," said Ramaraj.Palraj said following the announcement, the contractor called them up urging to withdraw the protest, promising the construction work will be completed this month. He said they then decided to postpone the protests by two weeks to February 1.

"If the work is not completed this time, intense protests will be held under the leadership of AMSS on February 1," he said.n AMSS, Palraj said its ultimate aim was to make tribal people aware of their rights and demand the same.

The tribal people have become mere vote banks. The system should be changed. The tribal community will become organised to demand the necessary facilities," he said.

Skywatch time as rare celestial show begins; seven planets to align in March

BENGALURU. In a rare celestial event, seven planets of the Solar System will align by March this year. Six of the planets — Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune — will begin to come into alignment on Tuesday (January 21), while Mercury will join on February

While Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible to the naked eye, Uranus and Neptune will require a telescope to observe the alignment, which is called the 'planetary parade'.Dr BR Guruprasad, Director of Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, explained to The New Indian Express that a 'planetary parade' is a phenomenon in which multiple planets appear in the sky at the same time from the perspective of observers from Earth, more clearly visible in the evening/night

Highlighting the importance of this event, Guruprasad said while a few planets align when they cross paths in their orbits, having as many as seven align at once is rare. Among these planets, Venus will be the brightest and the most eye-catching. Mars, with its red hue, will resemble a glowing bulb. Saturn will appear as a tiny dot in the western sky, while Jupiter will look similar, but positioned in the southern sky, Guruprasad said.

Uranus and Neptune will appear like small bright dots, but not be visible to the naked eye as they are much farther compared to the other planets in the alignment. "Their distance from Earth reduces the amount of sunlight they reflect, making them difficult to spot without the help of a telescope," he said. Interestingly, this year, March 8 will mark the maximum elongation, with Mercury reaching its farthest point from the Sun. Moreover, by March 12, Saturn will dip below the horizon for a while, but from February 28 to March 12, the planetary alignment will be at its peak, offering the best view of the celestial event.

Five planets will be visible to the naked eye'

However, as the name 'parade' suggests, the planets will not line up side by side in a straight line next to each other, but will appear at different points in the sky, all visible to the observer, five visible to the naked eye and two with the help of telescopes, he explained.

Special Assembly session in Telangana likely to adopt resolution on 42 per cent BC quota in local polls

HYDERABAD. To honour the preelection promise made by the Congress to increase reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) to 42% in local body elections, the state government is set to convene a special session of the state Legislature to adopt a resolution on enhancing the quota. The enhanced quota is an integral part of the BC Declaration unveiled by the Congress in the run-up to the 2023 Assembly elections. The official grapevine has it that the state government will

convene the special session either in late January or early February. Significantly, the Congress has, in principle, already made a decision to allocate 42% of its tickets to BCs, regardless of potential legal challenges, sources revealed.

The resolution, once adopted, will call on the



Union government to revise the reservation The Dedicated Commission was constituted to policy to ensure the BC population is proportionately represented, the sources

The state government is weighing legal options to align its strategy on quota with the Supreme Court's previous rulings capping the

reservations to 50%, they confided. Government sources indicated that two key

reports — the Dedicated Commission's study on BC quotas in local bodies and the findings of the comprehensive Samagra Intinti Kutumba Survey — are ready and set to be submitted once Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy returns from his foreign tour. These reports, which delve into socioeconomic, educational, employment and caste dynamics, will form the basis of the government's push for enhanced reservations, those privy to the information disclosed.

conduct a rigorous empirical study into the nature and implications of the BC quota in local bodies. Sources said that the Congress government will conduct local body elections only after taking all the necessary steps to increase the BC reservations.

Delimitation likely to result in increase of Hyderabad Assembly segments to 35

HYDERABAD. The number of Assembly constituencies in the Greater Hyderabad region is likely to increase from 24 to 35 after the upcoming delimitation, which is BENGALURU. Beer prices have been expected to be carried out after the 2025 census, according to sources.

This adjustment could also extend to the Lok Sabha constituencies in the city, reflecting a broader realignment of political boundaries. The sources indicate that the delimitation process is likely to take place ahead of the possible implementation of the 'One Nation - One Election' framework within the next four years. However, the extent of change in the Assembly constituencies across districts outside Hyderabad will depend on the census data. New constituencies are expected to be carved out of bigger ones to represent the growing population.

The Malkajgiri, with over 31 lakh voters, is currently the biggest parliamentary constituency in the country. Increasing the number of constituencies in Greater Hyderabad to 35 from the existing 24, of which seven are held by the AIMIM evidently due to territorial reasons, could impact the balance of power among major political parties. The proposal to increase the number of constituencies in Telangana has been hanging fire for quite some time. Under Section 26 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, there has to be an increase in the number of seats from 119 to 153 in Telangana. However, this increase could take place only after the completion of the formal delimitation process, which is linked to the census data. According to the Election Commission of India (ECI), delimitation is the process of redrawing the boundaries of electoral constituencies to ensure balanced representation.

Beer prices up in Karnataka, breweries told to cut down on sugar content

revised in the state. The revised prices came into effect on Monday. The state government issued a draft notification regarding increase in duty on beer on August 23, 2024. The final notification on the same was issued on January

8.Beer prices will, henceforth, depend on the content of alcohol. It has been categorised into two slabs, depending on the alcohol content. The Excise Duty (ED) on mild beers with alcoholic content less than or equal to 5% v/v has been pegged at Rs 12 per bulk litre (pbl) and Rs 20 pbl for stronger beers containing 5-8% alcohol. Earlier, the ED on beer was Rs 10 pbl, irrespective of alcohol

"Minimum price of all strong beers will not be lower than Rs 145. Legend beer, which was priced the lowest, at Rs 100 for a 650ml bottle, will now cost a minimum Rs 145. There won't be much difference in premium beer pricing," sources said. In a first, the government has made it mandatory for breweries to prepare beer -- fermented liquor "from malt or grain with or without sugar and

hops, and include ale, black beer, porter, stout and spruce beer" and ensuring that the sugar content is "not more than 25% by weight.""All breweries will, henceforth, have to mandatorily declare the ingredients of beer. Sugar content can be zero, but not above 25% by



weight. The new rates came into effect today. For the new labels, the Excise Department has given time to breweries till February 1," the sources said.

"One of the reasons for higher pricing is to restrict youth from getting initiated into drinking, which usually starts with beer," sources said.

"Strong beers contribute 75% of the total beer sales in the state and some of them ferment using high sugar content instead of malt. This is injurious to health," informed sources said. This is the third revision in beer prices by the Congress government in the state since July 2023. The first hike was in the July 2023 budget in which the CM announced a

10% hike in Additional Excise Duty (AED) on beer and 20% hike in AED on all the then 18 slabs of Indian Made Liquor (IML).

In January last, AED on beer was increased by 10% — from 185% of the declared price to 195% of the declared price," the sources said. Though the government rationalised IML prices last year, collection of Excise revenue for 2024-'25 has been tardy. "Increase

in beer prices is also a move to bridge the gap and increase revenue collection. Around five to 10% of IML consumers had shifted to strong beer post 2023 budget. With hike in beer prices, the effort is to wean this segment of consumers back to IML. The first four slabs (lowest) of IML are the major revenue generators and contribute 78% towards Excise revenue," the sources

Forest fringes turn 'conflict zones', but race to harvest votes gives Kerala farmers a say

KOCHI. Tigers, leopards, elephants, gaurs, wild pigs... As summer nears, the forest fringes are turning conflict zones. This time, though, the farmers in such areas are breathing a little easier. With just a year to go for the assembly polls, politicians have started responding to their wails.

Accepting the concerns raised by the farmers, the state government withdrew the Forest Amendment Bill and Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan is taking out a protest march from Irikkur in Kannur to Amboori in Thiruvananthapuram demanding the farmers be saved from wild animals. Well ahead of summer, the human-wild animal conflict has started rising on forest fringes, giving sleepless nights to farmers. Over 33 days, from December 14 to January 15, as many as seven people were trampled by wild elephants in the state.

A leaders' meet of the Catholic Congress, held

at the Pastoral Orientation Centre in Kochi last week, has decided to act as a vote bank during the upcoming local body polls and the assembly polls to protect the interests of the community."We will vote only for candidates who promise to protect our rights. We welcome the government's decision to withdraw the Forest Amendment Bill. But the government should explain the steps taken to ensure the protection of farmers from wild animals. The political front which Christians have been supporting traditionally is ignoring us in the name of vote bank politics. If they continue the step-motherly attitude, we will explore other options," said Catholic Congress global director Fr Philip Kaviyil. Tigers are roaming the hamlets of Wayanad while leopards are spreading fear in Pathanamthitta. Villagers are scared to venture out at night due to the fear of marauding elephants. The forest

department's decision to register a case against a farmer after a leopard was caught in a snare in his farmland at Kottiyur has triggered protests. As fear grips conflict zones, elections offer a glimmer of hope to farmers. Forest Minister A K Saseendran's climbdown in the Forest Amendment Bill issue and the Opposition's decision to highlight the farmers plight indicate a shift in political discourse, and the farmers have realised that it is the best time to bargain. The UDF march led by Satheesan is slated to begin on January 27 and end on February 5.

Meanwhile, Minister for SC/ST Welfare O R Kelu courted a controversy after he gave a call to avoid travel through forest areas in view of the rising wild animal attacks."It is my responsibility as a minister to caution the people against wild animal attacks. The summer is setting in and wild animals have started entering human settlements in search

of food and water. So, we have to be cautious while travelling through forest areas. People should avoid entering forests," Kelu told.

Blaming the forest department for the rising conflicts, Kerala Independent Farmers' Association (KIFA) chairman Alex Ozhukayil cited the degradation of forests as the reason for wild animals entering human habitations."The behaviour of wild elephants has changed due to scarcity of food and water inside the forests. The forest department has destroyed grasslands to plant eucalyptus and acacia. If there are grasslands and bamboo reeds in the forests, elephants and other herbivores will stop entering villages. The social forestry department has 1.5 lakh acres of teak, eucalyptus and acacia plantations in Kerala. These plantations should be converted into natural forest and the government should stop social forestry,"

News box

Startup promotes menstrual

Noida. Mild Care, a startup incubated at GIMS Medical Incubation Centre, has set up a stall at Maha Kumbh in collaboration with the Satyakam organisation. The

initiative focuses on menstrual hygiene awareness

through educational sessions, demonstrations,

'Menstrual hygiene is a public health priority. GIMS is

proud to support startups that are working towards

change through innovative solutions," Dr Rahul Singh,

head of incubation at GIMS, said.Mild Care's

founders, Sandeep Vyas and Rachna Vyas, said they

were given guidance and resources at the Medical

Incubation Centre. "GIMS gets 5,000 patients every

day. We speak to the patients and get their feedback on

our products. The gynaecologists at GIMS ensured

our menstrual cups and sanitary napkins adhered to

At the Kumbh venue, the team engages with over 1,000

people every day. "Even today, menstruating women

experience certain restrictions when it comes to places

of worship, and this stigma is evident here as well.

Despite numerous shops here, none of them offer

menstrual hygiene products. We aim to change that

while providing stand-and-pee devices for women

struggling to find clean washrooms around," said

Brig. Dr Rakesh Gupta, director of GIMS, said the

institute is committed to community welfare.

DND operator seeks SC

discussions, and addressing taboos.

medical standards," said Sandeep.

health awareness at Maha

Kumbh

Protest stops drain work, sewage flows back to flood Ardee City township

Gurgaon. Roads in Ardee City began flooding overnight and were under ankle-deep sewage by Monday morning, forcing thousands of families to remain confined to their homes. The situation became so severe that senior officials from MCG and GMDA rushed in to inspect the affected area, where streets had transformed into sewage-filled waterways and raised serious concerns about public health. The flooding, officials said, was caused by desilting work being carried out by GMDA in neighbouring Sector 52.Officials said the development authority was conducting desilting operations on the master sewer line stretching from Kanhai Chowk to Sispal Vihar. During this process, the main sewer line was plugged, and the flow was redirected to an alternative manhole using pumps. However, when the primary pump malfunctioned, a tractor-mounted pump was deployed as a backup. The situation deteriorated late on Sunday night when a group of people allegedly



interfered with the tractor-mounted pump's operation and forced it to stop. The interruption in flow caused sewage to back up and flood the neighbourhood's streets.While GMDA dubbed them "miscreants", sources said the protesters were a group of local residents who were objecting to the loud noise from thetractor-mounted pump.Residents woke up to scenes they never imagined."We have been virtually imprisoned in our homes since Sunday

night, while others are forced to make lengthy detours to avoid the flooded areas. This has caused a serious public health risk," said Chaitali Mandhotra, a D Block resident and RWA member.The civic mess prompted senior officials to descend on Ardee City, with municipal commissioner Ashok Garg leading a team to inspect the site. A senior MCG official claimed that GMDA had failed to provide prior notice about the desilting work at Ambedkar Chowk, highlighting a

authorities.GMDA executive engineer Parik Garg asserted that immediate corrective measures were implemented on Monday morning, including the deployment of a super sucker machine to clear the accumulated sewage. The ongoing desilting work was temporarily suspended, and plugs were removed to restore normal sewage flow and provide relief to the residents."This episode has exposed significant coordination issues between MCG and GMDA, the two primary civic bodies responsible for the area," a resident said. While GMDA oversees major infrastructure services, MCG manages daily civic matters.Praveen Yadav, president of Ardee City RWA, expressed frustration over the situation."The crisis could have been avoided entirely with proper planning and communication between agencies involved. Despite our repeated alerts to officials, action was taken only after the matter was escalated to the highest authority, requiring.

Pay Rs 1,500 fine at three places in Noida if you change lanes

Abrupt lane changes during traffic rush hours trigger a self-reinforcing chain reaction: one car brakes slightly, and the ones behind it brake just a bit more to avoid hitting it, with the braking eventually amplifying until traffic slows to a crawl or stops entirely. This, cops say, also leads to sideswipe and

DCP (traffic) Lakhan Singh Yadav said the three selected stretches see high traffic volume throughout the day and are especially prone to snarls during peak hours. "Noida Authority will develop lane-changing zones nearly 500 metres ahead of these points where commuters can change lanes. Cameras will also be installed to monitor violations and issue challans.

rehabilitation to strengthen his NOIDA. Traffic cops in Noida will soon enforce lane

driving at three major stretches - Charkha roundabout near Amity University, Gardens Galleria Mall to Film City, and bird feeding point near Dalit Prerna Sthal — to address frequent snarls. Violators will face a fine of Rs 1,500.

rear-end collisions.

review of its no-toll order Noida. Noida Toll Bridge Company Limited (NTBCL)

Rachna Vyas.

- the concessionaire for DND Flyway —filed a review petition with the Supreme Court on Sunday, challenging its Dec 2024 order that upheld an Allahabad High Court decision to ban collection of toll on the key connector. Since its inauguration in 2001, the 9.2km DND Flyway — connecting Noida with Delhi's Maharani Bagh — has had a contentious history. The dispute regarding the collection of toll dates back to Sept 8, 2014, when the Federation of Noida Residents Welfare Association (FONRWA) approached the HC, arguing that NTBCL had already recovered its project costs multiple times over.

Records also corroborated that the project cost of around Rs 408 crore had already been collected by 2014.On Oct 26, 2016, the HC prohibited NTBCL from collecting toll charges, but the company retained the responsibility of maintaining the road in keeping with the concession agreement. The court's decision was based on financial records indicating excessive recovery of investments through toll collection.

NAME CHANGE

siding at T-41 SARAL KALE KHAN HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN, NEW DELH 110013, declare that name of my fathe has been wrongly written as SURESH SAHA in my 10th class educational doc ument. The actual name of my father is SURESH SHAH, which may be amen ed accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pin Code-201017 have changed the name of my minor son Joy Vardhan age 1 years and he shall hereafter be known is Arsh Vardhan. **NAME CHANGE**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Harsh Vardahn S/o Harbhan Singlesiding at Flat No.505, Tower-I, Fortune

Residency, Phase-II, VTC Rai Naga

Extension, P.O Raj Nagar Extension District Ghaziabad, State Uttar Pradesh

Ariun Thakur S/o Gunanand Thaku ₹/o E 1/11. Jaitpur Extension, Badarpu 10044 have changed my name to Arju

Above tender is available on GeM portal

i.e. https://gem.gov.in w.e.f.

RAJESHWARI W/O JOGINDER SINGH R/O 176. SINGHAL PUR VILLAGE DELHI-110088, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as RAJESH KUMARI in my 10th class edu ational documents. The actual name of ine is RAJESHWARI, which may be and she shall hereafter be known a (AASHVI AGARWAAL

NAME CHANGE ANAND AGARWAL S/O MANOHA AL AGARWAL R/O J-15, HAUZ KHA ENCLAVE, HAUZ KHAS, SOUTI DELHI, DELHI-110016, have change he name of my minor daughte KAASHVI AGARWAL aged 14 years

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Trainset Depot, Shakurbast for and on behalf of President of India, invites GeM portal (https://gem.gov.in) for the under noted work

Tender No. GEM/2025/B/5834081, Dated 18.01.2025 Name of work Provision for mechanized cleaning and OBHS services of Vande Bharat rakes at Trainset depot, Shakurbasti for a period of four years. ₹ 41,17,91,202.80 including GST Approximate cost Earnest money ₹ 22.08.960.00 04 years Completion period of the work 08.02.2025 at 13:30 hrs Date and time for opening of tender

18.01.2025, 12:54 hrs. No.: 25.8.856.DSL.SSBR2 Date: 18.01.2025

Website particulars notice board location

complete details of tender can be seen

230/25 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Declaration about criminal case

SI Name of Case No. Status of Section Concerned No. Court and Case(S) and brief dated

APPLICABLE APPLICABLE APPLICABLE

10x8 ROHIT CHOUDHARY

Patient with severe pneumonia recovers after staying 41 days on ECMO the doctors found him critically ill.

unable to maintain adequate oxygen

levels (SpO2) even with the ventilator.

Acting promptly, the ECMO team

initiated ECMO therapy at the original

hospital and safely transferred him to

Fortis for specialised care.He was

admitted last October. Upon

admission, diagnostic evaluations,

including a CT scan, revealed

extensive bilateral pneumonia and

ARDS, a severe life-threatening lung

condition where fluid accumulation

severely impairs breathing. ECMO

was utilised to maintain adequate

oxygen levels (SpO2). The machine

assumed the function of his lungs and

ensured sufficient oxygen supply to

other vital organs. Throughout his 41

days on ECMO, the patient remained

conscious and underwent intensive

critical care management and lungs

Gurgaon. A 62-year-old man, Rakesh Kumar Sharma, battling severe viral pneumonia and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), who

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of BHARATIYA PRERNA PARTY The office of the party is located at House No-139, Hari Nagar, Ashram, New Delhi-110044. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India. New Delhi for its registration as Political party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act 1951-Names/address of the office bearers of the Party are as Follows:-

President:-ASHOK KUMAR MISHRA General Secretary:-RAHULPAL Treasurer:-MANOJ KUMAR DUBEY

If any one has any objection to the registration of BHARATIYA PRERNA PARTY they may send their objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party), Election Commission of India, Nirvanchan Sadan, Ashoka Road New Delhi-110001 within 30 days of the publication of the notice.

NAME CHANGE

, JC-768777F Rank-SUB Name-PAN CHAL BALAJI GANGADHAR Residin at VILL-DABHADI, PO-PARDI, TEHSII BASMATH, DIST-HINGOLI, MAHA RASHTRA-431512 have change m ife's name from SARIKA to SARIK BALAJI PANCHAL for all future purpose vide Affidavit dated 21/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

JC-768777F Rank-SUB Name-PAN CHAL BALAJI GANGADHAR Residir t VILL-DABHADI, PO-PARDI, TEHSIL ASMATH, DIST-HINGOLI, MAHA RASHTRA-431512 have change n minor daughter's name from TANVI t TANVI BALAJI PANCHAL for all futur urposes vide Affidavit dated 21/01/202 fore Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, JC-768777F Rank-SUB Name-PAN CHAL BALAJI GANGADHAR Residin t VILL-DABHADI, PO-PARDI, TEHSI ASMATH, DIST-HINGOLI, MAHA RASHTRA-431512 have change n minor son's name from SAMARTH to SAMARTH BALAJIRAO PANCHAL fo all future purposes vide Affidavit date 21/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

SHRI RAMLAL SAHU Father of N 16115619W. Rank-L/HAV. Nam RAMENDRA SAHU Residing at WARI NO-10, GOHJAR, CHHINDWAR MADHYA PRADESH-480107 ha changed my name from SHRI RAMLA SAHU to RAMLAL SAHU for all futur ourposes and in my son's service records my date of birth wrongly men ioned as 01/07/1952 instead of my cor rect date of birth as 01/01/1958 vide Affidavit dated 21/01/2025 before Notan Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

-449 Dakshin Puri Extn Dr. Ambedka Nagar new delhi 110062, have change my name to Brij Mohan for all future pur

NAME CHANGE KASHVVA Mother of No-260916

Rank-HAV, Name- BASAVARA. PAWADEPPANAVAR residing at VILL BASIDONI, POST-GORABAL, TEHSIL SAUNDATTI, DIST-BELAGAVI, KAR NATAKA-591126, have changed m name from KASHVVA to KASHAVV BASAPPA PAWADEPPANAVAR for a future purposes vide Affidavit date 21/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, JC-442609M Rank- NB/SUB Name- [JEYA KUMAR residing at 11-107 B VELANCODE, KAPPIYARAI, KAN IIYAKUMARI, TAMIL NADU-629156 ave change my minor son's name froi J ABHINAV NIHAL to ABHINAV NIHA J for all future purposes vide Affidavated 21/01/2025 before Notary Public

NAME CHANGE

JC-442609M Rank- NB/SUB Name . IEYA KUMAR residing at 11-107 E NIYAKUMARI, TAMIL NADU-629156 ave change my minor son's name from J AASHISH NIHAL to AASHISH NIHA J for all future purposes vide Affidavi ed 21/01/2025 before Notary Public

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as CHATTER PAL Alias PRINSH PAL S/O OMKAR PAL R/O L-1/377, GALI NO-7, SANGAM VIHAR SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110062 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRINSH PAL.

DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE

, SIRIPURAM KOMURAIAH Father of VILL-MYLARAM, POST-HUSSAINPA MANDAL-SHAYAMPET, DIST ANUMAKONDA, TELANGANA 506319, in my son's service records m date of birth wrongly mentioned as 03/03/1960 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1959 vide Affidavit dated

21/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi

DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE

SIRIPURAM VASANTHA Mother of No-2607792X Rank-CHM, Name HIRLIPATHI SIRIPLIRAM residing ILL-MYLARAM, POST-HUSSAINPAL I, MANDAL-SHAYAMPET, DIST ANUMAKONDA. TELANGANA 06319, in my son's service records my te of birth wrongly mentioned a 7/06/1963 instead of my correct date of pirth as 01/01/1965 vide Affidavit date 21/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

, Anushka Rathi D/o Ajay Singh R/o I.No-2267/3, Old Delhi Road, Rajiv Jagar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 Have Changed My Name To Anushka Panwa For All Future Purpose

NAME CHANGE SHIVANI BHATIA D/O DHARAM

BATRA R/O H.NO-204, E-213 BLOCK-E, SAFAL DAIRY, PALAN VIHAR, CHOMA(62), GURGAON HARYANA-122017 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHIVANI BATRA FOR

NAME CHANGE

hitherto known as Simran D/o Subh Malik R/o Quarter-501 5th Floor, DCF Office And Staff Quaters, Sector-5 Rohini Sector-7, Narela, North Wes Delhi. Delhi-110085 have changed my

NAME CHANGE

IVEK KUMAR MALL Residing at VILI AURA CHAURI, PO-G.I. ESTĂT DEC PRADESH-274001 have change n her's name from VLIAYA NAND MALI VIJAYANANDA for all future purpose vide Affidavit dated 21/01/2025 befor otary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

MD SHAMIM AHMAD S/O ABI MOHAMMAD residing at D-21/7, GALL NO-3,NEAR WAHID MASJID, SHASTR PARK, North East Delhi, 110053,have hanged my name to SHAMIM AHMA

NAME CHANGE

-54 S/F FRONT SIDE GALI NO-4 MAHAVIR ENCLAVE PART-3 UTTAN NAGAR NEW DELHI 110059 declar that I have changed my name from BHARAT to BHARAT SHARMA for all urther purpose

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Netrapal Singh S/O Doongar Singh R/O-P-2, 3rd floor Pillangi Village, Near Indira Niketan, Sarojini Nagar, PO: Sarojni Nagar, Distt: South West Delhi, Delhi -110023, have changed my minor Son namely Boby aged 16 years and he hall hereafter be known as Boby Singh

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Brahm Dev Shah S/o Laxmi Shah R/o H.No-4626 U/G/F, Shora Kothi, Pahar Ganj Central Delhi, Delhi-110055 declare tha name of my minor son has been wrong written as Chanchal Shah in my mind on Sachin Shah aged 13 years in hi School Records. The actual name of n inor son is Sachin Shah.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UMAR KOTNALA R/o RZ-205 A/16 lear Tara Apartment, Tughlakabad Ext. Ilakhnanda, South Delhi -110019 eclare that name of mine and my father lave been wrongly written as ASHOR CUMAR and KISHOR KUMAR in my 10th Class and Name of mine and n ather have been wrongly written as ASHOK KUMAR and KISHORI KUMAR in my 12th class Education ocuments. The actual name of min nd my father are ASHOK KUMA KOTNÁLA and KISHORE KUMAF KOTNALA respectively, which may lamended accordingly

NAME CHANGE JC-472601P, Rank-SUB Name-KIS AN DEV R/o VILL-KHAJPUR, PO ANAGARHI, TEH-MANT, DIST MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH-28120 nave changed my daughter's name from ASH CHOUDHARY to YASH CHOUDHARY for all future purpos vide Affidavit dated 21/01/2025 befor Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

JC-472601P. Rank-SUB Name-KIS HAN DEV R/o VILL-KHAJPUR, PC MANAGARHI, TEH-MANT, DIS MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH-28120 have changed my father's name from GIRRAJ SINGH to GIRRAJ for all future proses vide Affidavit dated 21/01/202 efore Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

JC-472601P. Rank-SUB Name-KIS IAN DEV R/o VILL-KHAJPUR, PC IANAGARHI, TEH-MANT, DIST MATHURA, UTTAR PRADESH-281201 have changed my mother's name from OMWATI DEVI to OMVATI for all future urposes vide Affidavit dated 21/01/2025 fore Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE HARDEEP SINGH CHAUHAN CHAUHAN S/O MUKHTIAR SINGH

HAUHAN R/O 901 EMPIRE OMAX IORTH AVENUE 1 BAHADURGAR JHAJJAR PIN-*124507* HARYANA HAVE CHANGED NAME TO HARD EEP SINGH CHAUHAN NAME CHANGE

SHYAM DEO RAI S/O KAILASH RA

WO 105 BAUR BYAS 2 KHALILABADA BAKHIRA BAURBYAS SANT KABIF NAGAR UTTAR PRADESH 272199 CHANGED MY NAME TO SHYAM DEV

NAME CHANGE

pneumonia patients.

respiratory muscles. A tracheostomy

was performed after 10 days to aid

breathing and ensure stability. Since

the progress was gradual initially, the

family was given the option of lung

transplant but they opted to continue

ECMO therapy.Remarkably, after 41

days, the patient's condition improved

significantly, allowing the team to

wean him off ECMO. With continued

rehabilitation, proper nutrition, and

physiotherapy, he steadily recovered

and was discharged after 51 days in

the hospital.Dr Sandeep Dewan,

senior director and head critical care

and ECMO programme at Fortis

Gurgaon, said: "This was an

exceptionally complex case involving

severe viral pneumonia and ARDS,

which impacts up to 40% of

is for general information that I, DEEP-I W/O ASHOK KUMAR, R/O H NO-164 BS-BLOCK SHALIMAR BAGH NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110088 declare that name of my minor daughter has been wrongly written as SRISHTI in my minor daughter SHRISHTI aged 15 vears in her School Records. The actual name of my minor daughter is SHRISHTI, which may be amended ccordingly.

NAME CHANGE GOLFA, PO- BAUNA, SUB DISTI MUNSIYARI, DISTT- PITHORAGRAH, UTTARAKHAND-262554 Presently Residing at FLAT NO - TF-2 /B-5 SLF, VED VIHAR. LONI GHAZIYABAD hanged my name and shall hereafter be own as GANGOTRI DEVI.

NAME CHANGE

R/O RZB-26B, FIRST FLOOR, GURUD WARA WALI GALI, MAHAVI ENCLAVE, PALAM VILLAGE, SOUT WEST DELHI-110045, have change he name of my minor son KIYANS IAIN aged 03 years and he shall here fter be known as SWASTIK JAIN.

MOHAN VOHRA R/O B3A/40A GROUND FLOOR JANAKPURI PO JANAKPURI B-1 DISTRICT WES DELHI- 110058 have changed my nam MANISH VOHRA for all future purpos

NAME CHANGE

MANISH KUMAR VOHRA S/O BR

NAME CHANGE ernadette Assunta Bedi widow of l : 25414X Rank : Colonel Name Late) Pushpinder Singh Bedi resident C-490, Defence Colony, Lajpat Naga South Delhi, Delhi-110024 hav changed my daughter name from AME KA BEDI to AMBIKA MARIA BEDI for a future purposes. Vide affidavit No IN DL20080553480958X and date

21.01.2025 before sub divisional magis

NAME CHANGE

hitherto known as Nitin Kumar a Vitin Thukral S/O Rakesh Kumar R/O Najafgarh, Najafgarh, South West Delhi Delhi-110043,have changed my and shall hereafter be known as Nitin

NAME CHANGE is for general information that I, ATUL

MAHEY S/o VINOD MAHEY R/o 666 Sali No. 7, Govindpuri, Kalkaji, South Delhi. Delhi - 110019 declare that name f my minor son has been wrongly wri ten as TRISHAN in my minor son name TRISHAN MAHEY aged 5 year in his school record. The actual name of my ninor son is TRISHAN MAHEY which nay be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE t is for general information that I NAGOOR MEERAVALI SHAIK S/6

MOULALI SHAIK R/o 42-54-22/1 iiavawada, Urban Krishna, Andhi radesh-520015 and Present R/O WZ 915, Besides Vidyarshi Classes Ne ata Chowk Palam Village New Delh 10045 declare that name of my mind daughter has been wrongly written a SAFIYA SHAIK in my minor daughte namely SHAIK SAFIYA aged 14 year in her school record. The actual name of ny minor daughter is SHAIK SAFIYA

NAME CHANGE BHARAT GORVER S/O BALDEV RA

NAME CHANGE JC-442542Y Rank- SUB Name- G HANDRA MOHAN REDDY residing at -62, VPO- PERUR, TIRUPATI (RURAL), DIST-TIRUPATI, ANDHRA PRADESH-517505, have change my minor son's name from G MUN AYAANESHWAR REDDY to G MUN DAYANESHWAR REDDY for all future irnoses vide Affidavit dated 21/01/202

PUBLIC NOTICE

ore Notary Public, Delhi.

utam is the owner of Freehold asuring 75 Sq. Yds., arising out of Khasra No. 1136. Situated at Kohli Viha amuna Vihar, at Village Barola Pargan Tehsil Dadri Distt. Gautam Budh Naga Jttar Pradesh. by virtue of Gift Dee dated 02.12.2024 duly registered a Document No. 9716, in Book No. 1 Volume No. 14335, on Page No. 219 236, on this dated 02.12.2024, SR Noida II, Gautam Budh Nagar.., In the chain documents below mentioned doc nent not available i.e. SMC of Late M 21.03.2021 Our client is declaring that ny other Person does not have any right ver the said property, and Built on Thir Floor with roof rights Sold too be Mr. Am Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. Branch aushambi, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh. f any person(s) have any objection(s) oclaim(s) with respect to the right, title of terest in the Said Property then contact s within 07 days from the date of ublication of this notice and or the sam the undersigned if found by anyone NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA] Advocat 566-A. Ground Floor, Sector-1, Vaishal Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010

PUBLIC NOTICE

nformation is given to general public a arge that our client Mrs. Pallavi Sharma N/o Mr. Ram Sharma is the owner of reehold Residential Plot No. 44, are asuring 64 Sq. Yds., i.e. 53.51 Sq ters, out of Khet/Khasra No 87 Prashant Nagar Colony, situated at vi lage Surajpur, Pargana Dadri, Tehsil an District Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. b virtue of Sale Deed dated 03.06.202 Doc no. 16453, Book no.1, Volum o.44868, on Page no. 149-164, S.F. Greater Noida, & Rectification Dee ated 13.01.2025 Vide Doc no. 1313 Book no.1, Volume no.46315, on Page no. 87-96, S.R- Greater Noida, In th hain documents below mentioned doc ment not available i.e. Regd. Partitio Deed between Mr. Devendra Kumar S/ Mr. Ram Saran Dass & Mr. Harkisha S/o Mr. Mangtu Our client is declaring that any other Person does not have an right over the said property, and sam property Sold too be Mr. Ravi Kuma Pandey which is to be financed by ICIC lome Finance Co. Ltd. Branch: Noida

If any person(s) have any objection(s) of terest in the Said Property then contact us within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the sam the undersigned if found by anyone hereafter no claim shall be entertained NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA] Advoca Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010 (Contact at 09958871432

NAME CHANGE

MOHD AERIF S/O-ABDUL RISHE R/O R-3 A-2, House No-34A, Block R-A-2, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Wes Delhi, Delhi-110059 have changed m ame from MOHD AERIF S/O-ABDU ABDUL RASID for all future purposes.

ROVER R/o B-2/58 4TH FLOOR ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-2, DELH BHARAT GROVER for all future pu

NAME CHANGE

, BENCY RAJU spouse of No.GS 187754X Rank-SR DFM Name- RAJ GEORGE R/o 3/12, UDAY NIWAS MISHRA CHAWL, GROUP NO-5 VIKROLI EAST, MUMBAI-400083, have hanged my name from BENCY RAJU to BENCY BABU LUKOSE for all futur 21.01.2025 before Sub Divisiona

PUBLIC NOTICE Ahmed Khan intends to purchase th ntire Ground Floor portion of Proper No. H-35, measuring 200 sq. yard ocated at Jungpura Extension, Nev Delhi-110014, from Mr. Harish Bangwa The entire property was purchased b M/s Friends Associates through Conveyance Deed dated 03.03.2003 from POI through DDA. Thereafter, M/s Friends Associates sold the property to Mr. Pradeep Lal Dhingra via a Sale Deec dated 27.03.2003. Mr. Pradeep La Dhingra subsequently executed a Will on 26.03.2021 in favor of Mr. Badri Prasa Anthwal. Unfortunately, Mr. Pradeep L Dhingra passed away. Following his death, the Will holder, Mr. Badri Prasad Anthwal, sold the property to Mr. Haris Bangwal via a Sale Deed dated 29.07.2024. This same property is being nanced by Baiai Housing Finance Limited, Branch - Unit No.806, 807 & 808, 9th Floor, KM Trade Towers H-3 near Radisson Hotel, Kaushamb Shaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010. any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may subm nis/her objection within 07 days from th bjection may be kindly sent to the undersigned by way of the Registered Post on the address given below and by E-mail. failing which, the claim as pe aforesaid shall be treated as null an void in respect of the subject property. [ASHWANI KUMAR] Advoca

kumar2021ashwani@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

nformation is given to general public a arge that our client Smt. Priyana ahanta purchasing Freeholesidential Entire Ground floor (RHS ithout roof rights area measuring 73 sq. ft., Constructed on Plot bearing Municipal no. 1930-A, Gali no. 19 Situated at Govind Puri Extension Kalkaj New Delhi. from Smt. Dipty Chakroborty initially Smt. Dipty Chakroborty & Sl Arun Chakroborty were the jointly owner virtue of General Power of Attorne (Regd.) & Special power of Attorney, ATS & Will dated 30.11.2000 thereafter Sh Arun Chakroborty executed Will dated 24.03.2016 in favour of Smt. Dipty Chakroborty thereafter the said propert sold to be Smt. Priyanak Mahanta, ou does not have any right over the said property, which is to be financed by Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd Branch: Jhandewalan Delhi.

f any person(s) have any objection(s) of claim(s) with respect to the right, title of terest in the Said Property then contact us within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same the undersigned if found by anyone NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA] Advoca 566-A, Ground Floor, Sector-1, Vaisha Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010

(As per the judgement dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme court in WPC (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public interest Foundation & Ors Vs Union of India & Anr) Name and address of candidate, ROHIT CHOUDHARY 466, JAT CHOWK, NANGLOL, NCT OF DELHI 110041 Name of political party INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS Name of Election': GENERAL ELECTION TO DELHI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NCT OF DEL 2025 Name of Constituency AC-11, NANGLOI JAT

I. ROHIT CHOUDHARY (name of candidate), a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents (A) Pending criminal cases

					of offence(s)
1	JFMC-2 CENTRAL TIS HAZARI COURT	CR CASE 119/M/2009 289901/2016 DATE 01.04.2009		PROSECUTION EVIDENCE	U/S 147,148,149 427,186,332 325 IPC
(B)	Details abo	out cases o	of co	nviction for cri	minal offences
SI NO	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)		Description of offence (S) & punishment imposed		Maximum Punishment imposed

NEWS BOX

Fire in hotel at ski resort in northwestern Turkey kills at least 10 people, injures 32

ANKARA. A fire broke out at a hotel at a ski resort in northwestern Turkey on Tuesday, killing at least at least 10 people and hospitalizing another 32 with injuries, officials said. The fire broke out overnight at the restaurant of a hotel in the resort of Kartalkaya in Bolu province, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said.

Two of the victims died after jumping out of the building in a panic, Gov. Abdulaziz Aydin told the state-run Anadolu Agency. Private NTV television said some people tried to climb down from their rooms using sheets. There were 234 guests staying at



the hotel, Aydin said.

Television images showed the roof and top floors of the hotel on fire. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.Kartalkaya is a popular ski resort in the Koroglu mountains, some 300 kilometers (186 miles) east of Istanbul. The fire occurred during the school semester break, when hotels in the region are packed. Aydin's office said 30 fire trucks and 28 ambulances were sent to the site.Other hotels at the resort were evacuated as a

Taliban government announces prisoner swap with US

World. The Taliban government announced on Tuesday the release by the United States of an Afghan prisoner in exchange for US detainees, saying the deal was brokered by Qatar."An Afghan fighter Khan Mohammad imprisoned in America has been released in exchange for American citizens and returned to the country," the Afghan foreign ministry said in a statement. The ministry said Mohammad had been serving a life sentence in the state of California after being arrested "almost two decades ago" in the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar.

Asked by AFP, the foreign ministry refused to provide further details or the number of American prisoners.

The announcement comes the day after the inauguration of US President Donald Trump, who during his first term in office presided over a deal with the Taliban that paved the way for the US withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021 and their return to power.After Trump's election win in November, the Taliban government had said it hoped for a "new chapter" in relations with the United States. The Taliban government on Tuesday called the exchange "a good example of resolving issues through dialogue, expressing special gratitude for the effective role of the brotherly country of Oatar in this regard"."The Islamic Emirate views positively those actions of the United States that contribute to the normalisation and expansion of relations between the two countries," it added, using the Taliban authorities' name for their government.

South Korea's suspended president attends impeachment hearing

SEOUL. South Korea's impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol appeared at the Constitutional Court for the first time Tuesday, facing a possible grilling by judges who will decide whether to remove him from office. The country was plunged into political chaos by Yoon's December 3 martial law declaration, which lasted just six hours before lawmakers voted it down. They later impeached him, stripping him of his duties. He also became the first sitting South Korean president to be arrested in a criminal probe on insurrection grounds.

Hundreds of protesters -- both for and against Yoon -flocked to the Constitutional Court, which is holding hearings to decide whether to uphold his impeachment. Yoon, who remains South Korea's official head of state, was driven into the building in a blue justice ministry van, AFP reporters saw, with the suspended leader possibly set to face questioning by the presiding judge, court spokesperson Cheon Jaehyun told reporters.

Cheon added that Yoon's legal representatives have requested to call "at least 24 individuals" as witnesses, including election-related officials. Yoon and his legal team have sought to justify his attempt to suspend civilian rule as a necessary measure due to election fraud, after the opposition won parliamentary elections by a landslide last year.

According pool reporters, Yoon appeared in court wearing a suit -- not his standard-issue prison uniform, which he has been required to wear since he was formally arrested Sunday.

Yoon's legal team said he wanted to "personally appear to explain the circumstances surrounding the declaration of martial law". If the court rules against Yoon, he will lose the presidency and elections will be called within 60 days. The lawyers prosecuting the case, who were selected by the parliament, told reporters before the hearing that "a prompt impeachment trial and removal of the president is the most direct path to restoring the rule of law."

Yoon stayed away from the first two hearings last week, but the trial, which could last months, will continue even if he is absent. Yoon has also been refusing to submit to separate questioning by the Corruption Investigation Office (CIO), the body in charge of the criminal probe into his martial law declaration. It said it had attempted to compel him to attend but due to the "suspect's continued refusal to cooperate" they abandoned the efforts.

As Yoon is attending the impeachment trial, questioning him "will be difficult" on Tuesday, a CIO official told reporters.

Donald Trump moves to end birthright citizenship: How will it impact Indians?

White House after four years, started off by signing a flurry of executive orders on Monday with one of the most prominent ones being revoking birthright citizenship. This set in motion a move to end the automatic citizenship of children born in the US to non-citizen parents. The executive order signed by Trump specifies that for a child born in the US to gain citizenship, at least one parent must be a US citizen, a legal permanent

resident (green card holder), or a member of the US military."The federal government will not recognise automatic birthright citizenship for children of illegal aliens born in the United States. We are also going to enhance vetting and screening of illegal aliens," said a Trump official in a briefing on Monday."All illegal entry will be immediately halted and we will begin the process of returning millions and millions of illegal aliens back to the places from which they came," Trump said during The relevant part of the 14th Amendment



WHAT IS BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP?

As per Birthright citizenship, anyone born on American soil is automatically granted US citizenship, regardless of the citizenship or immigration status of the parents. This provision was enacted in 1868 and was designed to extend citizenship to all persons born in the US.

the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."Birthright citizenship arises from the Constitution's 14th Amendment, which was ratified in 1868, three years after the conclusion of the American Civil War that ended the practice of enslaving Black people in Southern states.

WHAT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER

As per the executive order signed by Trump, "Among the categories of individuals born in the United States and not subject to the jurisdiction thereof, the privilege of United States citizenship does not automatically extend to persons born in the United States: (1) when that person's mother was unlawfully present in the United States and the father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person's birth, or (2) when that person's mother's presence in the United States at the time of said

(such as, but not limited to, visiting the United States under the auspices of the Visa Waiver Program or visiting on a student, work, or tourist visa) and the father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person's birth."The heads of all executive departments and agencies have been asked to issue public guidance within 30 days of the date of the order regarding implementation with respect to their operations and activities.

WHY TRUMP WANTS TO END **BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP**

Trump categorically said that he wants to end birthright citizenship because it is "ridiculous", but what he meant is that he wants to discourage illegal immigration, as explained by his team in social media posts. We're going to have to get it changed," Trump had said in an interview. "We'll maybe have to go back to the people. But we have to end it.""We're going to end that because it's ridiculous," he said.

Hamas Says Next Hostages Will Be Released On Saturday As Scheduled

next release hostages held in Gaza on Saturday, after an official with the Palestinian militant

group had said they would be released a day later than expected.

Hamas is set to release the more than 90 hostages over the coming weeks as part of a complex ceasefire deal reached with Israel this month that could end the 15month war in Gaza. The militant group said in a statement that the next group of hostages would next be released

on Saturday in exchange for Palestinian prisoners and detainees who are held by Israel.Earlier, Nahed prisoners' media office, had said the hostages would be released on Sunday.



Hamas had been expected to release four Israeli hostages on Saturday, seven days after the ceasefire came into

Cairo. Hamas said on Monday it would Al-Fakhouri, head of the Hamas A senior Israeli official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, reacted to Al-Fakhouri's statement by telling Reuters the deadline for the hostages

> to be released was Saturday. This month, Israel and Hamas agreed to a three-phase ceasefire that could bring an end to the 15-month war in Gaza. The ceasefire came into effect on Sunday with Hamas releasing three Israeli hostages. Israel also released Palestinian prisoners and detainees. The ceasefire accord outlines a six-week initial ceasefire phase and includes the gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces

from the Gaza Strip and release of hostages taken by Hamas in exchange for Palestinian prisoners held

Love and rights: Thailand's same-sex marriage milestone

BANGKOK. Hundreds of LGBTQ couples are set to marry in Thailand on Thursday, as the kingdom becomes the biggest nation in Asia to legalise same-sex marriage. Only two other places in Asia recognise marriage equality -- Nepal and Taiwan.

Thai society has long been seen as accepting of genderfluid identities and relationships, but matching legal structures were absent. The new law coming into effect Thursday grants same-sex couples the same legal rights as heterosexual couples. Three couples in Bangkok told AFP about their hopes for the future.

Transgender woman Ariya "Jin" Milintanapa gazed at a family portrait photo, filled with excitement that her dream was finally coming true." I've been waiting for this moment for more than 10 years," she told AFP.

Legal guardianship

The 41-year-old met her American partner, Lee Ronald Battiata, two decades ago on a dating website. The couple and their two sons share a home in a Bangkok suburb, filled with family photos, chickens, and two parrots.After school, they take the children to swimming lessons, a passion reflected in more than 20 medals proudly on display. Chene, 10, is Battiata's son from a previous marriage, and Charlie, eight, was adopted -- though Jin had to adopt him as an individual. But the new legislation replaces all references to men and women with "partner", clearing the way for any two

people to wed -- as long as at least one is a Thai citizen. 'The marriage licence will allow us to share legal guardianship of our kids, as a family," Jin said. Battiata, 65, a restaurant consultant, was married twice before and said his relationship with Jin "feels better and

stronger". "We still do everything we did from the start," he said. They will tie the knot Thursday at a Bangkok luxury mall, joining an estimated 300 other couples, according to event organisers. Despite Thailand's reputation for tolerance, housewife Jin said she has faced discrimination in everyday situations."If I go the market, some people will ask 'Whose kids are the she said."But the boys know I am their mother, and it's someone else's business if they don't understand.'

detailing the twisted practices of For Karisa "Fah" Loywisut, 31, and her partner Niramon "New" Kvunkaew, 30, marriage is not just about love, but also equal rights. The lesbian couple -- both office workers -- have been together for four years and have a modern, two-storey townhouse in Bangkok's suburbs.

Both contribute to the mortgage payments, but the deed is solely in Fah's name as unmarried couples face more hurdles buying property under Thai law.arrying under the new law means the pair will be able to re-register their ownership of the property and access joint mortgages."Love is important, but rights and legality are just as important," Fah said.

New, who grew up in a conservative family, said she spent years questioning her identity and was plagued with meeting social expectations. Her father doubted LGBTO couples could have successful marriages."We always argue," New told AFP. "I tell him love isn't tied to gender."But their relationship has improved since the government passed the same-sex marriage bill, she

Pope dissolves Peru-based conservative Catholic movement after abuses uncovered by Vatican

ROME. Pope Francis has taken the remarkable step of dissolving a Peruvian-based Catholic movement, the Sodalitium Christianae Vitae, after years of attempts at reform and a Vatican investigation. The probe uncovered sexual abuses by its founder, ilinanciai mismanagement by its and spiritual abuses by its top

The Sodalitium on Monday confirmed the dissolution, which was conveyed to an assembly of its members in Aparecida, Brazil this weekend by Francis' top legal adviser Cardinal Gianfranco Ghirlanda. In revealing the dissolution in a statement, the group lamented that news of Francis' decision had been leaked by two members

attending the assembly, who were "definitively expelled." It provided no details, saying only that the "central information" about the dissolution that was reported by Spanish-language site Infovaticana "was true but it contained several inaccuracies." It didn't say what the inaccuracies were. The Vatican has At its height, the group counted about not responded to several requests for

comment. Dissolution, or suppression, of a pontifically recognized religious movement is a major undertaking for a pope, all the more so for a Jesuit pope given the Jesuit religious order was itself suppressed in the 1700s. The SCV dissolution, which had been rumored,



to a slow death of the movement, which was founded in 1971 as one of several Catholic societies born as a conservative reaction to the left-leaning liberation theology movement that swept through Latin America in the

20,000 members across South America

enormously influential in Peru and has its US base in Denver.But former members complained to the Lima archdiocese in 2011 about abuses by its founder, Luis Figari, and other claims date to 2000. But neither the local rch nor the Holy See took concrete action until one of the victims,

and the United States. It was

Pedro Salinas, wrote a book along with journalist Paola Ugaz Property rights the Sodalitium in 2015, entitled "Half Monks, Half Soldiers."

In 2017, a report commissioned by the group's leadership determined that Figari sodomized his recruits and subjected them to humiliating psychological and other sexual

After an attempt at reform, Francis sent his two most trusted investigators, Archbishop Charles Scicluna and Monsignor Jordi Bertomeu, to look into the Sodalitium abuses. Their report uncovered "sadistic" sect-like abuses of power, authority and spirituality, economic abuses in administering church money and even journalistic abuses of

Fishy business: Why penguin divorce rates have everyone flapping

World. 'It's not working out,' not even for penguins, who are known to mate with the same partner for several years and, sometimes, even for a lifetime. These iconic black-and-white birds, who now seem to be struggling with the complexities of "modern love", are leaving their partners in search of better mates. The surprising rise in penguin divorce rates has left both researchers and wildlife enthusiasts flapping their wings in curiosity.

Once regarded as paragons of devotion in the animal kingdom, these black-bodied and white-bellied flightless birds "call it quits" in search of better mates if they don't appear to be satisfied with the number of offspring they have produced, a new study has found. The study, published on January 11 in Ecology and Evolution, sheds light on this phenomenon, particularly among the little penguin population on Phillip Island,

RISE IN PENGUIN DIVORCE

The study, conducted over 10 years and 13 breeding seasons, found that penguins are increasingly parting ways when they feel their reproductive success is at risk. If their offspring numbers fall short, some may

swap partners in hopes of a better outcome the following season."In good times, they largely stick with their partners, although there's often a bit of hanky-panky happening on the side," said Richard Reina, a study co-author and at Australia's Monash University. "However, after a poor reproductive season they may try to find a new partner for the next season to increase their breeding success."

We recorded nearly 250 penguin divorces from about a thousand pairs throughout the study, and we found that years with a lower divorce rate resulted in higher breeding success," said Reina. The team documented almost 250 penguin divorces out of about 1,000 pairs included in the study, with higher divorce rates during less productive breeding seasons and lower rates during more productive breeding seasons.

WHYTHE SHIFT?

Penguin divorce, while once a rare BOON OR BANE? occurrence, are linked to environmental factors and reproductive challenges. Factors such as reproductive failure and environmental stress can make penguin pairs less stable.



The study shows that in less productive breeding years, penguins are more likely to divorce and attempt a fresh pairing. This trend highlights how reproductive failure and environmental stressors, such as food scarcity or habitat instability, can disrupt long-standing bonds. Once believed to be the poster species for eternal love, penguins are rethinking the "together forever"

These shifts in partnership aren't inherently harmful as the study found that these divorce rates are a good indicator of the colony's overall health. The team led by researchers from Monash University in Australia looked at how environmental and social factors, including divorce, influenced reproductive success. Understanding these dynamics can help protect these and other species around

While researchers said it is a good indicator for colony's overall health, lots of penguins get divorced during the same season can be a problem. The study authors highlighted a risk of "no breeding familiarity" and "reduced reproductive efficiency" during the early stages of a new coupling."Our findings on lower divorce rates among little penguins at Phillip Island under favourable environmental conditions highlight the importance of considering social dynamics alongside environmental factors when designing strategies to protect vulnerable seabird species," Andre Chiaradia, a study co-author and Phillip Island Nature Parks Marine Scientist, said in a statement.

The authors of the study also noted that their results emphasise the need for an integrated approach to studying seabird reproductive success that considers individual behaviour and social dynamics alongside environmental cues.

Quarry owner, three others

sent to judicial custody over social activist Ali's murder

PUDUKKOTTAI. Four people,

including a quarry owner, who

have been arrested on charges of

murdering activist K Jagabar Ali

(58) have been remanded in judicial custody until February 3.

The Thirumayam judicial

magistrate ordered the accused to

be lodged in the district jail. Ali, an

activist against illegal sand

NEWS BOX

BR Patil hopes Belgavi event revives Congress back to old glory

BENGALURU. Five-time MLA, Lingayat leader and Advisor to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, BR Patil, has written an impassioned letter to Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, urging the revival of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals within Congress. Patil called for the party to recommit itself to the values of secularism and democracy to counter the growing challenges posed by communal and divisive forces.Drawing parallels with the historic 1924 Belgaum session, where Gandhiji redefined the course of Indian politics, Patil expressed hope that the 2025 session, to be presided over by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, would similarly rejuvenate the party.

He emphasised the relevance of Gandhian principles, particularly those outlined in Hind Swaraj, a text that provided solutions to the crises of Western civilisation. Citing 100-year-old freedom fighter GG Parekh, Patil noted that Gandhi practiced an inclusive life. He urged Congress workers to embody this spirit and uphold the principles enshrined in the Indian Constitution by Dr BR Ambedkar.

He voiced concern over the rising tide of communalism, hate-mongering, and fascist forces in the country, asserting that the Congress must stand as a "truly secular, committed, and democratic party". He hailed Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra as a "masterpiece effort" to unite the nation

Flamingo Festival at Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary concludes on a high note

TIRUPATI. The Flamingo Festival 2025 concluded at the Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, drawing thousands of students, bird enthusiasts, and tourists from across the region. Over 3,000 students from Tirupati and Nellore districts attended with free transportation and meals provided by organisers. Visitors from neighbouring States like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka also travelled to witness the sanctuary's natural beauty and migratory birds.

The event featured activities such as birdwatching, games, photo exhibitions and cultural programmes, including classical dances, group performances and mimicry acts. District Collector Venkateshwar S stressed the need for ecological preservation during his visit. "Visiting Nelapattu allows us to understand and connect with nature. Protecting the environment is a collective responsibility,' he said. Sullurpeta MLA Nelavala Vijayashree expressed joy over the festival's successful revival after a fouryear hiatus. She thanked the Chief Minister, Tourism Minister and district administration and announced plans to make the event an annual tradition.

Drastic drop in Cheyutha pensioners, reasons aplenty

HYDERABAD. IT is a curious case of declining numbers. Though the population keeps growing, there is a considerable drop in the number of Cheyutha (formerly Aasara) pension beneficiaries in Telangana. The state now has 60,000 less Aasara pensioners compared to the last financial year. According to sources, the reasons for this decreased number are aplenty and they include deaths and migration of people from place to another.

The other major factor is the government's reluctance to grant pensions to new beneficiaries. This is despite the fact that the around 25 lakh Aasara pension applications are pending with the government.

According to sources, the number of Cheyutha pension beneficiaries has come down from around 43.3 lakhs in FY 2023-24 to around 42.7 lakhs in FY 2024-25.

Non-functional system

While the window or the system to accept applications and grant pensions to new beneficiaries remained non-functional from 2022 onwards, the only increase. which the officials can show, is when the benefits are transferred to spouses of deceased beneficiaries. According to sources, around 16,000 such pension transfers were made, and a few were added on humanitarian grounds, in the last one year. But this did not change of the total number of Aasara beneficiaries nor did cost anything to the state exchequer.

Speaking to, Vikalangula Hakkula Jathiya Vedika general secretary M Adavaiah said: "When N Chandrababu Naidu was the chief minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh, the government used to add new beneficiary only in the event of death of a existing beneficiary. Now, the situation is more or less the same in granting the old age pensions.""The differently abled persons are not being considered (for grant of pensions) though they are in possession of software for assessment of disabled for access, rehabilitation and empowerment (SADAREM) certificates," he added.

He also said that around 25 lakh applications, which were received prior to 2022, are still pending with the government. It is pertinent to mention here that a number of applications received during the present government's Praja Palana programmes are related to pensions. The Cheyutha pension scheme is a social security programme that aims to protect the most vulnerable sections, including the elderly, differently abled, terminally ill patients diagnosed with HIV-AIDS, filaria patients, widows, single women, incapacitated weavers.

Sabarimala pilgrimage season draws to close, temple saw record turnout

Sabarimala temple closed | 53 lakh pilgrims visited this Mandalam-Makaravilakku season | Income rose to 1447 cr

PATHANAMTHITTA. Marking the over the keys to the royal conclusion of the Mandalam-Makaravilakku annual pilgrimage season, the Sabarimala temple was closed on Monday. According to the initial figures of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB), over 53 lakh devotees visited the temple

during the pilgrimage season.Over 10 lakh devotees had spot darshan, as per the initial estimates.Officials said the successful interdepartmental collaboration between various government agencies helped in a smooth and complaint-free pilgrimage season this year.

Following the darshan of Pandalam Palace royal representative Thrikketta Nal Raja Raja Varma, the sanctum sanctorum was closed at 6.30

Thiruvabharanam, also returned to the representative reached Sopanam and had darshan of Lord Ayyappa. After the rituals, melshanthi Arun Kumar Namboothiri closed the sanctum sanctorum and handed representative. Ascending the sacred 18 holy steps, the royal representative then handed over the keys to Sabarimala Administrative Officer Biju V Nath in the presence of Devaswom Board members and the melshanthi.



am. The box carrying sacred jewels, A payment (Panakkizhi) for the monthly rituals was also handed over on the occasion. Pandalam Palace. After this, the royal After this, the royal representative and his group returned to the Pandalam Palace. The Thiruvabharanam proces sion will reach Pandalam on January 23. According to TDB president P S Prashanth, the pilgrimage

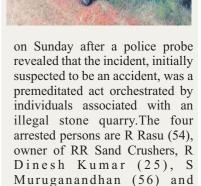
season witnessed an unprecedented influx of devotees, with approximately 6.31 lakh more pilgrims turning up this year. The total number of devotees stood at 53.99 lakh, compared to 46.77 lakh in the previous

revenue of the temple. Preliminary estimates indicate an increase of approximately '90 crore over the previous season's income of Rs 357.47 crore.Prashanth said there was a high demand for aravana while collections from hundi also showed a sharp rise.

The revenue from aravana sales increased to Rs 192 crore from Rs 147 crore last season, while hundi collections rose to Rs 127 crore from Rs 109 crore," he said. The increased income will greatly contribute to the financial security of the 1,252 temples under the Board, as well as support over

13,000 families, including around 5,000 pensioners, he said. Meanwhile, the TDB is still in the process of sorting the cash collected from the hundi boxes. The total income is expected to see a rise after calculating the revenue from Nilackal, Pampa, and Erumely.

mining, died on the spot after a tipper lorry hit his bike on Friday afternoon. The arrests were made The surge of pilgrims was also reflected in the



Kasinathan (45), sources said. They have been charged under Sections 194(1) (suspected homicide), 191(2) (rioting or violence), 61(2) (criminal conspiracy) and 3(5) (criminal act with common intention) of the BNSS. Ramaiya, a co-owner of RR Sand Crushers and suspected conspirator in the murder, is absconding, the police said.

Ali, a resident of Vengalur in Thirumayam taluk, had lodged several complaints with the district administration alleging quarry operators extracting minerals beyond permitted limits and causing significant revenue loss to the government.

Ali was also a member of the AIADMK.

Allow import of panels, solar developers urge TN Tamil Nadu, which enjoys 300 sunny days

CHENNAI. Solar power developers in Tamil Nadu have urged the union government to allow import of costeffective solar panels from China and other countries, at least until such time when there is a competitive domestic market for them. The Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL) now mandates procuring panels from Indian manufacturers from an Approved List of Modules and Manufacturers (ALMM) to be used for all projects including rooftop and grid-connected solar projects. The mandate was put in place in

April last year following a directive from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's (MNRE) in order to encourage domestic manufacturing.

However, this policy is affecting private solar projects, as grid connectivity is denied to projects using non-ALMM-approved panels, said K Venkatachalam, CEO of the Renewable Energy Producers Association. Speaking to

Bengaluru to host 3-day

millet fair from Jan 23



ALMM policy, many developers are facing delays in procuring new solar panels because of the limited number of domestic manufacturers. While solar panels from China cost Rs 70 lakh, developers are forced to spend Rs 1.5 crore for Indian panels. TN is the only state where even roof top panels come under the ALMM rule enforced by the TNGECL, despite exemption by the MNRE."

will reduce project costs and speed up renewable energy adoption in the state and help meet the centre's target of Zero Carbon Emissions by 2030, solar power developers said.V Bharathi Kannan, director-legal of the Renewable Energy Producers Association said that the union ministry should also reconsider its notification on the Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on certain types of glass used in solar projects. He said that the ADD will increase project costs further, making them financially unviable.

annually, has vast potential for harnessing

solar energy. Relaxing import restrictions

Meanwhile, the MNRE is planning to mandate 10% battery storage capacity for solar and wind energy projects to ensure the use of green power during both day and night without interruption.A senior TNGECL official told TNIE that suggestions on ALMM have been received and a detailed report will soon be

Sharon was killed 'inch by inch', observes Kerala court

BENGALURU. Representatives from nearly 10 countries and agriculture ministers and bureaucrats from over 25 states in India will take part in the International Trade Fair - Organics and Millets 2025, Karnataka Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy has said. The fair will be held at Bengaluru's Palace Grounds from January 23 and conclude on January 25."Like last year, this year too, more stress is laid on encouraging farmers to grow millets. Producers-marketers consultative meeting will be held at the fair to provide market linkage for organic

and millet products of Karnataka," Chaluvarayaswamy said.He said that there will be 300 stalls and that 141 buyers and 125 sellers have already registered for the B2B meeting. "There will

be demonstrations of millet processing, value addition and other technologies from research institutes like the

Indian Institute of Millets Research, Central Food Technological Research Institute and others," the minister said.

A provision has been made to exhibit the landraces which are being cultivated by farmers since generations. Thirty farmers involved in indigenous farming will display their indigenous samples at the fair, he added.

He said a special attraction at the fair will be the Soil Pedon Pavilion, that will create awareness about the importance, properties, classification and structure of soil. He said that the total area under millet cultivation in Karnataka is 18.37 lakh hectares and the state stands second in India, next to Rajasthan in millet production.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. Only one with the mind for extreme brutality can carry out a similar crime against a boyfriend or husband while in love," the Neyyattinkara Additional Sessions Court observed, while awarding the capital punishment to S S Greeshma. The court said Sharon Raj was killed "inch by inch", adding that Greeshma had previously attempted to murder Sharon by giving him juice spiked with paracetamol pills."Greeshma actively sought to prolong the victim's suffering, to cause extreme pain before death... such a person can't be reformed," the verdict said. The court observed that her act had shaken the collective conscience of society. Brushing aside the defence counsel's request for leniency, on account of Greeshma's age, Justice A M Basheer said the victim was also of the same age. "Hence, the convict is not entitled to the benefit of age," the judge said. The court rebuffed the defence counsel's argument that what Greeshma committed was a 'justified murder' as she was left with no other choice but to poison Sharon because he was blackmailing her with intimate photographs. The court noted that there was no evidence to corroborate the claim and the conversation between the two revealed that Sharon's love for Greeshma was sincere. "The convict



killed the concept of honest love," the verdict said.

It said the convict had lured Sharon to her house on the offer of sex and that fell under the definition of kidnap for murder. Two hours prior to Sharon's arrival at her house, she made preparations with the intention to murder him. Her web search history had revealed that Greeshma had read about The prosecution relied on nearly 50 the irreversible damage the toxin can cause to the lungs and other vital organs, and the slow death that can set in within 30 days of its use. She had also browsed pages on how paracetamol can be used as a poison before she attempted the 'juice challenge'. The court took note of the devastating effect

paraquat had on Sharon's body and said every body part, from his lips to anus, was damaged. After Sharon's death, she read about methods to retrieve WhatsApp chats and view backed-up messages, etc., fearing that police were breathing behind her neck. This was one of the main circumstantial evidences which proved decisive.

pieces of circumstantial evidence to conclude Greeshma's guilt. The digital evidence proved crucial as the court recorded that "the god in the cloud saved the data of crime. Greeshma carried the evidence with her in her phone and she stored everything in the

Andhra Pradesh's eco-friendly toys to shine at R-Day show

GUNTUR. Andhra Pradesh is set to showcase the 400-year-old legacy of Etikoppaka Bommalu, the eco-friendly wooden toys, through a tableau that will roll along Kartavya Path during the Republic Day parade in New Delhi. The intricate and culturally significant toys, a heritage craft of the State, were selected from various themes presented by officials. Speaking to, Deputy Director of the Information and Public Relations Department, P Kiran Kumar, said this marks the fourth consecutive year that Andhra Pradesh's tableau will feature in the parade. Etikoppaka toys, celebrated for their detailed carvings and timeless artistry, are more than just playthings; they reflect rich cultural heritage, depicting mythological figures and designs inspired by ancient civilizations such as Mohenjo Daro and



edges and painted with non-toxic natural dyes, ensuring they are safe for children. Notably, they are the only toys in India to receive a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, he added. The tableau will feature a 14-foot Lord Vinayaka with his Mushika vahana, followed by traditional band toys in the front. Harappa. These toys are made with rounded The rear portion will depict artists crafting toys, with spinning tops showcasing children playing. Behind them, large toy representations of Lord Venkateswara, Hanuman, and Krishna will be displayed. The cart will be adorned with Etikoppaka bells, rangoli patterns, and toy figurines of kings and queens. A team of 18 local artists is involved in creating the tableau, accompanied by a 55-second theme song that will play as it moves along the parade

The craft of Etikoppaka toy-making traces its roots to Nakkapalli in Anakapalle district, where it began in the early 1800s. In the early 20th century, artisans migrated to Etikoppaka, enriching the tradition further. The toys are crafted from the wood of the Ankudu tree (Wrightia tinctoria), known for its softness and pliability.

The process, called 'turned wood lacquer craft,' involves using lac, a resinous secretion mixed with natural dyes from seeds, bark, roots, and leaves—to create vibrant, enduring hues. Etikoppaka toys garnered global admiration for their ecofriendly design and aesthetic charm, captivating audiences from the United States to other parts of the world.

Consumers Beware: Make sure children wear helmets

Last fortnight, a 10-year-old boy, Khagendra, died in a road accident while being taken to school by his father on his two-wheeler in Whitefield, Bengaluru. The father survived the collision with an SUV but suffered serious injuries. Both were not wearing helmets. Such tragic incidents involving children on two-wheelers, particularly while on way to school or returning from school, are many. In October last year, six-year-old Nandini Shakya died and four others, including three minor girls, suffered injuries when the motorbike on which they were returning home from school was hit by a speeding truck in Noida. As per the Motor Vehicles Act, only two persons are permitted to travel on a two-wheeler, but here, there were five. And the girls were not wearing crash helmets, mandated under the law.

I quote these two accidents to draw attention to the urgent need to ensure the safety of the most susceptible group of passengers on the road children, particularly while travelling on the most vulnerable mode of transport in the country, the two-wheelers. Given the high percentage of road accident fatalities among two-wheeler riders, children should not be travelling on them at all! However, keeping in mind the Indian reality, the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules permit them to travel on two-wheelers, but with some safety stipulations. If they are above four years, they must wear a helmet conforming to Indian Standards, formulated and enforced by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Helmets are mandatory even for children aged nine months to four years, except that the parents have an option of using a crash helmet with an ISI mark or bicycle helmets complying with American or European standards, depending on the age of the child. Children who are above nine months and under four must also wear safety harnesses and be strapped to the driver of the vehicle. And the speed of the vehicle should not exceed 40 km per hour. However, none of these safety stipulations are being strictly enforced. exposing young children to great risks. Since many schools do not provide buses for the transportation of pupils, and in most Indian cities and towns, pavements are either non-existent or in a state of neglect, parents drop them to school and pick them up on two-wheelers and the children are invariably not wearing any helmet. Studies have revealed that even in large cities, only about 7 per cent of the children wear helmets, and, even here, only 4.5 per cent are ISI-marked.

Even more shocking is the sight of young mothers riding pillion on two-wheelers and carrying sleeping babies in their arms! In case of an accident, the child is far more vulnerable than adults and exposing an infant to such risks is a violation of the child's right to safety and life guaranteed under the Constitution. As we observe the 'National Road Safety Month' this January, it is critical to address these issues concerning child safety through consumer education and stringent law enforcement. Harnesses for young children are available in the market and state governments must ensure that they are used as required under the law. It is also essential to make sure that bicycle helmets sold in the market conform to the stipulated standards. Use of helmets for children should also be encouraged through tax incentives and subsidies that make them highly affordable. Having said that, I do feel that the minimum age for a child on a two-wheeler should be raised from nine to 12 months, given the fact that a baby is not very stable at nine months and its neck may not be strong enough to wear a helmet. It is also critical to ensure that non-standard, non-ISI-marked helmets are not sold in the country. through stringent implementation of the Quality Control order that makes ISI certification mandatory for helmets.

Consumers, in turn, should check the authenticity of the ISI mark on the helmet they wish to buy, using the BIS Care App or the BIS website – manakonline.in. At present, about 150 helmet manufacturers have a valid licence to use the ISI mark.Out of 1,68,491 road accident fatalities in the country reported in 2022, persons travelling on two-wheelers constituted 74,897 or 44.5 per

Sustainable farm income key to food security

The letter by Nobel and World Food Prize winners is silent on the biggest scourge — the failure of markets to raise farm incomes the world over.



THE Cambridge dictionary describes moonshot as a bold plan to do something impossible. So, when more than 150 Nobel laureates and World Food Prize winners sign an open letter calling for "planet-friendly moonshot efforts leading to substantial, not just incremental, leaps in food production" — which at the present pace appears almost impossible to meet the enormous challenge of feeding the world by 2050 — the loud and clear warning comes as a timely wake-up call."We are not on track to meet the future food needs. Not even close," the letter has warned. It has been signed by some of the greatest figures of our times — Nobel laureates such as the 14th Dalai Lama. Joseph Stiglitz, Kailash Satyarthi, Robert Huber, Daron Acemoglu and Sir John E Walker, and World Food Prize recipients like Dr Gurdev S Khush, Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Rattan Lal and Hans R Herren."As leaders of science and innovation, we ask you to join us in sounding the alarm, raising collective ambitions, and advocating for research moonshots to ensure the world's food and nutrition security," the letter concludes. At a time when the world already produces enough food to meet the requirement of 9.8 billion people by 2050, it only shows that food deficiencies — there are close to 800 million people living in hunger — are not because of any shortfall in production. The food deficiencies are an outcome of faulty policies. The letter entitled 'Hunger's Tipping Point' makes no mention of the global thrust on feeding cattle and diverting food for automobiles but does talk of

and other serious offences.

"increasingly common extreme weather events associated with climate change", the food and nutrition crisis is only going to worsen by the middle of this century. As the letter rightly adds, additional factors such as soil erosion and land degradation, biodiversity loss, water shortages and conflicts will drag the productivity down. This is certainly a cause for worry. Although the letter does make a mention of maize, a staple food for Africa, which is under threat from future predictions of decreasing yield, meeting the global challenges of food and nutrition security cannot be addressed till the world realises the urgent need to join hands and collaborate. In the US, for instance, 44 per cent of the domestic maize production is diverted for ethanol production, even as Africa faces shortages. Similarly, a report in the New Scientist journal (March 14, 2022) shows that 90 million tonnes of foodgrains was diverted for ethanol, and the European Union utilises 12 million tonnes, including wheat and maize, for feeding automobiles. The EU also diverted 3.5 million tonnes of palm oil to diesel production. All this was happening when the global supplies of staple food were hit by the Russia-Ukraine war. If only 50 per cent of the biofuel production was reduced in the US and EU, the grain saved could have met the entire food shortages created by the war. Among the transformation efforts required, the letter calls for enhancement of photosynthesis in crops like wheat and rice, biological nitrogen fixation of major cereals, transformation of annual crops to perennial ones,

diversification of the cropping systems and the creation of nutrient-rich foods from microorganisms and fungi.

What has to be acknowledged is that "the benefit of enabling healthy, productive and secure lives for billions of people has returns that flow broadly through the global economy," says the letter. While there is enough evidence to show that investment in agricultural research has multiple returns, the report calls for "society sponsored research to be the foundation of the innovation that drives a successful food system of the future". What remains unclear is whether the emphasis is essentially on statesponsored research or dominance of private research. The letter speaks of multiple market failures when it comes to providing people with healthy, cost-effective and sustainable diets. It does point to "market failures" within appropriate regulatory and "pricing" frameworks, but makes a mention of only carbon and water prices and remains conspicuously silent on the biggest scourge the failure of markets to enhance farm incomes everywhere in the world.

In my understanding, unless strenuous efforts are made to ensure sustainable farm livelihoods, it may be difficult to meet the challenges of future food and nutrition security.For example, while the US Farm Bill — which provides for budgetary provisions to farmers and farming for the next five years, with the last one ending in September 2024 — has made a provision of \$1.8 trillion, the US is expecting one in five farmers to quit agriculture this year. And this is despite the immediate promise of \$10 billion to offset the loss farmers suffered from low commodity prices and higher cost of production. The new Farm Bill 2024 is awaiting clearance. In the EU, after the farmers' protest in 24 countries in the first four months of last year, an assured farm income has emerged as a common thread. Only a fortnight back, the small farmers' federation in France, the Confederation Pysanne, called for agriculture income to not being left as adjustment variable of the agricultural food supply chain. It denounced the excess margins downstream to the detriment of farmers. This means that while all other stakeholders in the food chain walk away with hefty profits, the farmer is left to survive at the margins. In India, in the midst of the farmers' protest 2.0 that has been going on for over 11 months at the Punjab- Haryana border, a recent news report said the market prices for seven of the 14 kharif crops are hovering at 12 to 26 per cent below the minimum support price (MSP). Over the years, farm incomes have been stagnating or sliding.

The challenge to feed 1.5 billion additional mouths in 2050 is surely possible. But the action plan should work on a moonshot approach that should first turn farming into a viable and profitable enterprise.

Custodial hell

Conviction of HP cops sends strong message



for the cops to resort to 'instant justice'. This is a cautionary tale for police personnel around the country who let their overzealousness get the better of them during investigations. They are emboldened by the acceptance of violence as par for the course at police stations. A suspect in a lock-up often finds himself at the receiving end of police brutality. In 2021, then Chief Justice of India NV Ramana had rightly stated that police stations posed the biggest threat to human rights as custodial torture and police atrocities were prevalent despite constitutional guarantees. Several states and UTs continue to drag their feet on implementing the Supreme Court's order about installing CCTV cameras at police stations. The onus is on the respective police top brass to ensure that there is no laxity on this count. It is a must to crack down on cops who brazenly abuse their authority. At stake is the credibility of the law enforcers.

The wise old owl, sentinel of the night

The complex, and often conflicting, relationship between humans and owls ranges from reverence to superstition

Owls are among the most intriguing species in the world, with their presence deeply rooted in folklore and mythology. Their very appearance and nocturnal habits evoke a sense of mystery and wonder. With more than 200 owl species inhabiting every continent, except Antarctica, they have adapted to diverse ecosystems, from open grasslands and dense forests to urban areas and deserts. Unlike other birds, owls have unique physiological features that help them adapt to their nocturnal lifestyle — silent, stealthy flight, a disc-like face and large, round, forward-facing eyes with binocular vision. Specialised wing feathers reduce turbulence and noise, allowing owls to approach their prey undetected. Owls also have extraordinary vision. Their forward-facing eyes are designed for depth perception and sensitivity to low light. Though their eyes are fixed in their sockets, owls can swivel their heads up to 270°, allowing them a nearly complete field of view. Their retinas have a higher concentration of rods than cones, enabling them to detect prey in neartotal darkness. Coupled with their excptional vision and silent flight, owls have a keen sense of hearing, which is considered one of the most sensitive in the animal kingdom. The concave, disc-like shape of their face, formed by orbital feathers, acts as a dish antenna, collecting sound waves and funneling them toward their asymmetrically placed ears. This remarkable feature allows owls to pinpoint the exact location of prey in the dark, making them highly efficient nocturnal hunters. Owls are carnivorous, primarily feeding on small birds, mammals, reptiles and insects. Prey is swallowed whole, and later, pellets of undigested parts such as bones, feathers and fur are regurgitated. India is home to 35 owl species, distributed across diverse habitats. While most are resident or local migrants, the Short-Eared Owl — named for the small ear tufts on its head



— migrates to India in the winter from its breeding grounds in the Taiga and Tundra regions of the Northern Hemisphere. It also breeds in the corresponding latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere. Populations from the Northern Hemisphere use the Central Asian Flyway,

passing through countries like Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. Unlike the flocks of songbirds on the same migration route, the Short-Eared Owl is a solitary traveller, covering more than 1,000 km in a single flight over land and oceans, with occasional halts to rest and

hunt for food. It enters India through Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab before settling in the grasslands, scrublands, agricultural fields, and wetlands in North, West and Central India.Since the Short-Eared Owl is a winter visitor to our country, we don't observe its courtship display or nesting behaviour. However, in its breeding areas, it is a ground nester. The female excavates a shallow hollow in the ground, which she lines with stones and leaves. She can lay anywhere from five to 14 eggs at a time, which are solely incubated by her. During this period, if she needs to leave the nest for any reason, she defecates on the eggs, covering them with foulsmelling faeces, which helps keep predators at bay. Although owls are generally nocturnal or crepuscular, the Short-Eared Owl is one of the few that can hunt during the day as well. Its silent, gliding flight low over the ground can come as a surprise to its quarry. Interestingly, it clips off the wings of its avian prey before consuming it and then spits out the pellets of undigested parts. Asian Barred Owlet. The complex, and often conflicting, relationship between humans and owls ranges from reverence to superstition. In many cultures, owls are revered as symbols of wisdom, knowledge, prosperity and good fortune. In others, they are believed to be harbingers of death and bad luck, foretelling doom.Owls play a crucial role in the ecosystem as apex predators, keeping rodent populations in check and maintaining balance in their habitats. Unfortunately, like all other wild species, they face the dangers of losing the habitats that are essential to their survival. The story of the owl is one of resilience and adaptation. Despite the challenges they face, owls continue to captivate the human imagination. Their haunting calls in the silence of the night and their mysterious behaviour bring endless fascination to those fortunate enough to encounter them.



Many times relationships in Psychology 'addiction' is called. Addiction occurs when these become available after the break if you clutched them. A similar situation is the result of the destructive relationship patterns. Erase the negative impression of life and move on from old relationships are measures we recommend.

Relationships are like habit. Many times a relationship based on the bitter experiences we forced to watch other relations does the same. For instance, after a bad relationship breakup, you simply carry the same relationship, the relationship of the other reasons you might not want to! If you want to see all the same in this relationship, what you want to change, whatever you wanted in a previous relationship. Somewhere in you, whom you all seem to like the vice suffered. In the language of psychology, says the situation destructive relationship patterns. Enjoy Dargn strange relationship consultant

says, 'destructive relationship patterns Abusiv a substantial relationship to the common case. Rilsenship Abusiv, but every once in a fit of rage after gifts gilt gives your partner or even much care he wants his Abusiv altitude gradually will come to love. After the break the relationship you find somewhere Lgegin factor, because you know that the violence press is much loved." Caring for Nature Pjesiv partner assumed a similar attitude is common. Strange, "says Pjesivanes are always limited scope and does not care with it. Confined in such a destructive relationship, people tend to limit their scope, whose loss in long-term relationships by offering to pay the price."

Loss

Destructive relationship patterns chime in person is so much negative energy that has affected every aspect of her life.

Strange "The effect of such relationships not only your personality, but also looks at the career and normal life. In many cases, the relationship I have come to the point where people are plagued his life could not go. If X - partner people concur did not meet after

When he got to the edge of your blood, took hold of his arm and became wives resort. It exemplifies the new age women are not only remained, but has broken laws Myths and daughter relationship.

'Rejected by sons, daughter hugged. His daughter, he is the son. Father and daughter's funeral, round mouth sons ... "

The newspaper headlines which you from time to time two to four, and the daughter's back is pat, but the reverse is also in the city several daughters, who even "foreign blood" is described to be awarded, they in- - is still struggling with all my strength in Sewabav of law and religious law are becoming.

Mother overwhelmed by the service and sacrifice of law - daughter-in-law admits that the façade is broken now, son, daughter or parent of the confusion.

Daughter gave shelter

VK Rattan Lal Nagar remember the incident still believe he would have cried in 2002 when his daughter had all her property to make his name. Thabete to marry the love of his resentment, and so the relationship ended, he was the son of every kind and all the daughter's enrolled. But in a few days, the story took a new turn and the property owner's daughter took a break from the faith. Lost all faith in faith was not supportive, but in recognition of his fatherin-law Vinita him sheltered in a rented

break-in so they are averse. Prvrili Such losses are for the long term."

The handling of this relationship unintentionally, you seem to be on the bitter relationship. This situation adds to the destructive relationship patterns. Relationship turns, turns and times have changed partners, but we have bad memories of past relationships that have plagued him so even if he wants to make it out. The bitterness is reflected in your new relationship and your new partner is reimbursed. If you have lost such a relationship, the relationship may lose each other along the same lines. For example, if you were to take the initiative in your old relationship into a new relationship and you are away from it. Also are expected to move just a little bit different every time think, you're not wrong? What you pay for your bad experience with your partner to take?

To avoid such a situation requires a relationship negativity. Whether it be a

relationship of love or friendship, if it drags on too much negativity obviously can not go home. So it's better to come out of the shadows of the old relationship and start a new life.

Symptoms

If you are disloyal, selfish, emotionally tortured, who were unfaithful to the variety of people interested in lending you are surrounded in destructive relationship patterns.

Follow Positive Thinking

At least six things that were missing the point that your previous relationship. Was disputed by which such things. Write a paper on these things as well as to refer to either of those things you want. Note that even in the writings of that particular Jlke not negativity. Do not write about those things that should be your current partner. Focus up and honestly evaluate your self.

The six things after writing -

1. The - one of the things written and read them.



The flower fed laws



The economy is not good and no shortage even in after 6 months of married life lost an only son Vinita is taking care of ailing father. Vinita in a road accident. In old age it was not missing father's decision to be upset to learn to possible for us to endure suffering as a forget everything your husband. Faith says," My mountain. Son-in-law in the past and in the daughter has disproved the adage that blood is present concern of gum. Daughter-in-laws estranged daughter."

'Bad money' work was

Sudha Kakkar old privateer line traumatized support? I am a sugar patient and spouse is when her husband passed away due to illness. suffering from kidney disease, therefore, can Stance when he had to put more time maiden, but not have any support in law. Home, relatives did not find him there whereabouts. Sudha, a son and plays the responsibility of pilgrimage or daughter suffering from asthma and anemia from the market. He is not my son or daughter. was not willing to give them shelter, come on 'bad the only daughter." Aparna says," a change of money'. His younger daughter, who was staying luck in the power of story, but definitely in a rented house, all that supported him. Sudha within our power to fulfill that duty. If I do not throat choked voice says," I do Ranjana daughter meet these conditions papa - Mama happens?"

is like a small child. Son occasionally gets angry, but he never speaks louder. Two sons and two daughters abroad, but that's not enough time to take our remembrance. So sick three times faster due to anemia Ranjana gave me a blood. God Ranjana daughter just give everybody." Ranjana says," even if the birth

mother is not a mother, but the mother in law after the wedding is in the status of the mother.'

Made-in-law 'Shravan Kumar'

Kidwai Nagar resident mourn the death of his only son Ajit Singh and Deshpande will always hurt, but today is his real daughter Aparna, whose courage is always the desire,

house. Vinita and her husband have a private job. the couple bring a smile to. Nirmala says," wanted to take him, but he refused, saying that the age of the mother - father whom I will

Thinking now see where these things are coming from. Is this related to your previous relationship or her your parent, child, or any other aspect of life is concerned. Feel the pain you have suffered and if you feel like crying Do not stop themselves. It is also important to get a ball of emotions. This may not be the best salve for their wounds. According to this strange situation 'Ktharsis says. He says, "if you want these things like you can share with your close friends, grandparents, etc.. Yes, parents share these things to avoid. Is seen that in some cases parents do not understand the child. This is

2. Thinking the same lines again and see what their new relationship you're not using! The same kind of argument, stick the same way, before those issues on which there was conflict, not ever again become part of your relationship.

3. Kwolitij your partner think about it and see what you want, what you do Dijrw? Dimands

- A happy and healthy marital trust each other is the first and foremost condition - to trust each other. People want to feel safe and confident with the elements which it maintains. The belief that someone is always with you and his behavior will not hurt you. Is relationships.

A - The second focus

People who spend long experience of married life that now is being given too much emphasis on autonomy and independence. Live with each other - talk is about to get up, but this dependence should not be negative polarity. In such cases they do not understand is no harm in joining them. He felt that the balance of power among themselves dependent and - other than taking care of the remains.

Living with each

Maintaining long term relationships, couples would feel all the pleasures of being with each other. His Abhirucian and activities are slightly different than usual and had a - to strengthen ties with other partners felt. Even when they live together, one - has considerable interest in the other.

"vein of experience Sey The texture is the most important part of the

history of the partnership relationships.



Couples sharing the same experiences also refers to the future. have increased. To face the future with confidence power. - Second confidence grows and builds strong relationships.

Consider yourself lucky

Many couples said their relationships remain major roles such luck. She also felt themselves lucky that they found such a partner with which they can move forward. The journey of life they themselves fortunate to be relatively

easy experience. Ability wife welcome

Some men came to the position that his wife suddenly started going to work, because the Consider what you have written in the paper, where it is not illegal?

The self-assessment session, you yourself will understand that you desperately need to get through the maze of relationships. Any help in this situation, but you can do it yourself.

According to psychologist Dr. Sameer Parekh defended this position can only be done through positive thinking. He says, "Avoid tying themselves forced into relationships. Just because you have an emotional support or you have a habit of such a relationship, you do not lose yourself in the relationship. Turn your wildest dreams."

Strange says, "The relationship of human Sksiyt significantly change the pattern itself out - B feels himself. Confidence Level biggest change in looks. Person is once again extending its scope and wants to move forward in your life.

Garden are Occupied

wife felt the need to raise revenue. Leigh was a great event that some of these people, because they were accustomed to seeing the family as the axis. Yet while admitting he needs a creative twist positions and wife welcomed the move.

Live with differences

You are a supporter of the party and supporters of the other spouse. He can not change his political views, you must learn to live with these differences. According to psychologists, "such a little - little things are wrangling Do not burn bridges with your sweat and time. Entangled in the same things you can win jointly. This does not mean that you ignore the important issues. The intent is simply to accept the differences as

essential truth of life, the habit of living with them. Do not marry the person with whom one can not live without you, but the person with whom you can live with.

The notion of stability

Most elderly couples admitted that he never expected that his life should always remain pleasant, but it must expect that their relationship remain in any case. They know that the household is the

same as driving, sitting silently on the other is not. He is trying his behalf.





Maoist With 1 Crore Bounty Among 20 Killed, Amit Shah Says "Major Success"

▶Jayaram Reddy, a senior Maoist leader also known as Chalapati, was killed in an encounter in a forest along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border.

New Delhi. A Maoist carrying a Rs 1 crore bounty was among 20 killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district last night with Union Home Minister Amit Shah calling the operation a "major success". Jayaram Reddy, a senior Maoist leader also known as Chalapati, was killed in the exchange of fire that took place in a forest along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border.

A joint team of security personnel from the District Reserve Guard (DRG), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), CoBRA from Chhattisgarh and Special Operation Group (SOG) from Odisha were involved in the operation. The operation was launched based on intelligence about the presence of Maoists in the Kularighat reserve forest of Chhattisgarh, just five kilometres from the border of Odisha's Nuapada district.

A large cache of firearms, ammunition and IEDs, including a self-loading rifle, were recovered from the encounter site, an official said. A massive search operation is underway in the

Amit Shah On Maoist Encounter Amit Shah, who has vowed to eradicate Maoists



by March 2026, called the encounter "another mighty blow to Naxalism". "Our security forces achieved major success towards building a Naxal-free Bharat. The CRPF, SoG Odisha, and Chhattisgarh Police neutralised 14 Naxalites in a joint operation along the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border," he posted on X."With our resolve for a Naxal-free India and the joint efforts of our security forces, Naxalism is breathing its last today," Mr Shah added.Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai also praised the security forces and said that under the double-engine government (the BJP government at the Centre and the state), Chhattisgarh will get rid of the Maoists by

March 2026. The security forces have been "continuously achieving success" and "moving rapidly" towards fulfilling the target,

This success of the soldiers is commendable. I salute their bravery," Mr Sai posted on X.About 40 Maoists have so far been killed in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh this year. Chalapati: The Senior Maoist Killed In Encounter

Chalapati, who was a resident of Andhra Pradesh's Chittoor, was a senior member of the central committee of the Maoists, which is the highest decision-making body within the group. He was known for his activities in the dense forests of Abujhmad in Chhattisgarh's Bastar. Aged around 60, he relocated his base a few

months ago due to the increasing frequency of encounters in the Abujhmad area and shifted near the Odisha border, seeking a safer operational zone, sources said. Chalapati played a key role in strategizing and leading operations for the Maoists. His security detail consisted of 8 to 10 personal guards.halapati, who carried a reward of Rs 1 crore for information leading to his capture, was considered.

Cops recreate crime scene at Saif's home with attacker, visit **Bandra** station

NEW DELHI. Mumbai Police on Tuesday recreated the crime scene at Saif Ali Khan's home in Bandra with the accused arrested for stabbing the Bollywood actor inside his apartment on January 16. Meanwhile, a doctor at the Lilavati Hospital, where Saif had been undergoing treatment, confirmed that he would be discharged today. The police spent about an hour inside the actor's 12-storey residence, while trying to understand how the attacker, Mohammad Shariful Islam Shehzad, carried out the crime with the intention of committing a robbery.

The police team, which reached the spot at around 5.30 am, entered the residential building via the front gate, news agency PTI quoted officials as saying. Mutiple fingerprints of the attacker were collected from the actor's home, including the bathroom window from where he entered and exited, the duct shaft and the ladder he used to enter from the duct, they said.

Besides the police team, forensic experts were also present on the premises. After recreating the crime scene, the police took the accused to a garden in the building's premises where he allegedly hid for about two hours after incident and also the Bandra train station, from where he had taken a train to Dadar later that day. The police team then took the accused back to the Bandra police station, where officials are scheduled to interrogate him further.

Shehzad is currently under a five-day police

On January 16, the attacker reportedly entered the actor's home with the intention of committing theft. However, the situation escalated when he was spotted by a house help in the room of Saif's younger son, Jeh.

The staff raised an alarm, prompting Saif to confront the intruder. During the altercation, the actor was stabbed multiple times, including a serious wound near his spine. Saif was rushed to Lilavati Hospital, where doctors performed immediate surgery to take out a piece of knife lodged in his back, as well as to stop leakage of

On Tuesday morning, Nitin Dange, a neurosurgeon at Lilavati Hospital, confirmed that Saif would be discharged later in the day.

Transgender candidate: Delhi HC seeks police response on protection plea

NEW DELHI. The High Court has issued a notice to the Delhi Police, seeking their response to a petition filed by transgender candidate Rajan Singh, who is contesting Delhi State Assembly elections from Kalkaji.

Singh has requested personal security due to alleged threats to his life during his election campaign.

Justice Vikas Mahajan directed the Delhi Police to respond by January 27. Singh, represented by advocate Subhash Chandra Budhiraja, claims that he successfully filed his nomination for the Kalkaji Assembly seat but has faced intimidation from rival candidates. According to the petition, Singh was threatened on January 15 when unknown individuals, allegedly linked to an opposing party, snatched and tore his electoral roll certificate.

Singh immediately contacted the police, but despite the arrival of a PCR vehicle, no action was taken, and further attempts to seek assistance from local authorities, including the SHO of P.S. Sangam Vihar, were unsuccessful. Singh asserts that these threats have escalated since his candidacy became public, particularly after media coverage. As the only transgender candidate in the race, he argues that he faces unique risks and requires protection while campaigning in his constituency.

He further stressed that, given the prior threats, it is essential for the police to provide him with adequate security, as he did during the 2024 Lok Sabha election campaign. The petition also highlights that Singh was granted police protection during his previous campaign, which continued till October 14, 2024. Singh now seeks similar security to ensure his safety while running for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections. This is not the first time a member from transgender community is contesting in the polls. As recent as the last Lok Sabha elections, three candidates, including Singh, contested the polls; however, all of them lost their security deposits. Ahead of the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, the Delhi High Court has refused to expedite a plea challenging the AAP's election promise of a monthly stipend of Rs 2,100 for women under the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana.

Delhi Assembly polls: Parties in race to hike aids, but field only 12% women

NEW DELHI. Despite a heavy emphasis on women's empowerment ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections, the three major political parties have shown little progress in increasing the share of seats allocated to women candidates.

In the 2020 Delhi Assembly polls, AAP, Congress, and BJP fielded a total of 24 women candidates. This year, the number has only risen to 26, indicating a modest improvement that hardly reflects the campaign rhetoric focused on women's issues. With 70 assembly constituencies, a total of 210 candidates have been fielded, of which only 26 are women, making up just 12% of the total candidate pool.

The voter base in Delhi for this election stands at 1.55 crore, with 71.74 lakh women voters and 83.89 lakh male voters. In light of this, all three parties have made significant promises to woo women voters, including announcing women-specific schemes such as financial assistance. AAP has promised Rs 2,100 per month to women, while both BJP and Congress have increased their offer to Rs 2,500. Additionally, all parties have pledged cash assistance to pregnant women and free travel for women on state-run buses.

The city's top election official recently noted a higher number of women registering to vote compared to men ahead of this election. In the 2020 Delhi elections, the voter turnout among women was 62.5%, slightly lower than the 62.6% turnout among men. Meanwhile, in the same year, eight out of nine women candidates fielded by AAP won, contributing to the party's significant victory. This year, AAP has fielded a total of nine women candidates, including Pooja Balyan, Atishi, Pramila Tokas, Preeti Tomar, Bandana Kumari, Sarita Singh, Rakhi, Anjana Parcha, and Dhanwantri Chandela.BJP has nominated nine women candidates, including Neelam Pahalwan, Urmila Gangwal, Kumari Rinku, Rekha Gupta, Deepti Indora, Poonam Sharma, Shweta Saini, Shikha Rai, and Priyanka Gautam. Congress, however, has fielded just eight women candidates this time: Sushma Devi, Aruna Kumari, Krishna Teerth, Harbani Kaur, Ragini Nayak, Pushpa Singh, Alka Lamba, and Areeba Khan. Despite promises aimed at women voters, the overall representation.

Should be barred from contesting polls: Court on bail plea of Delhi riots accused

NEW DELHI. The Supreme Court on Monday deferred the hearing of AIMIM candidate from Mustafabad constituency and Delhi riots accused Tahir Hussain's bail plea ahead of the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections.

A bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and Ahsanuddin Amanullah adjourned the hearing due to lack of time, news agency ANI reported. The court will hear the case on Tuesday.

The court, however, noted that all such persons should be barred from contesting elections. "These days, elections are contested from jail... It's easy to win an election by sitting in jail. all such persons should be barred from contesting," it said.

However, Hussain's lawyer said that his is a genuine case. Hussain, a key accused in the 2020 Northeast Delhi riots, is currently in custody on multiple charges, including murder, rioting, and money laundering under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention)



He had challenged the Delhi High Court's order, which had denied him interim bail to campaign for the elections. Delhi High Court had granted custody parole to Hussain on January 14 to file to allow him to file his nomination papers from the Mustafabad constituency.

However, the court had refused to grant

interim bail to Hussain for the campaign, citing the gravity of the allegations against him. The court highlighted the seriousness of the charges against Hussain, including his alleged involvement as the primary conspirator in the riots which resulted in the deaths of 53 people and significant damage in February 2020.

Instant moksha, Naga sadhu meetups, spirituality... what brought foreigners to Mahakumbh 2025

you are open to all kinds of foreign experiences amid circumstances that are exotic to say the least? Doris Hahnloser, from Zurich, a retired manager of a retail multi-brand family-owned boutique, who has been visiting India since 1985, probably has some kind of an answer. In the Mahakumbh, Prayagraj, for the

first time, she tries to soak in all of it—the spectacle, the spirituality, the contradictions. "In India, I have seen From Hahnsloser and Atma Prem Giri the sane and the other side...," she says delicately. For her, a meeting with the sadhus at the Kumbh—the high-point of the event, along with the Shahi snan—falls in between the two stools. She does not completely understand them but feels "moved" by their life of renunciation; she realises that to them too, her life may seem an aberration, or



just plain different. But she has "felt, seen, and been heard".

Maharaj, a Russia-born seer who came under the spotlight this Kumbh as 'Muscular Baba', to the late Steve Jobs' widow Laurene Powell, whose stay at the Niranjini Akhara camp and becoming 'Kamala' has stirred an internet storm, the East-West encounter is a puzzle. It is so for both

sides, and this has been visible at the

identification, and there has been disorientation. Water has wanted to mix with oil.

rientalism has played no small part in this 'Eastward ho'. "Edward Pococke to Romain Rolland made India the centre of the world. Rolland asserted that the West has derived its gods and ideas from India; Pokocke explored the theory that Aryans may have originally travelled from India to Greece, colonised it, and influenced its culture," says Heramb Chaturvedi, retired professor of history, Allahabad University. What is new is the scale of publicity this Kumbh is getting. Besides what happened serendipitously for many decades, for example, in the sixties, this encounter is now being packaged as religious

Reply to AAP MLA's bail plea, **HC** tells state

NEW DELHI. The Delhi High Court on Monday sought a response from the State on a bail plea filed by AAP MLA Naresh Balyan, who was arrested under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA).

Justice Vikas Mahajan issued notice to the Public Prosecutor for the State of Delhi and scheduled the next hearing for January 23. Balyan's arrest on December 4, 2024, followed allegations of his involvement with a criminal syndicate led by gangster Kapil Sangwan. The arrest came



shortly after Balyan secured bail in a separate extortion case the same day. Representing Balyan in the High Court, Senior Advocate Vikas Pahwa argued that there was no concrete evidence against the AAP leader.

Pahwa urged the Court to grant interim relief, highlighting the upcoming Delhi polls and Balyan's role in supporting his wife, who is also contesting in the elections. Earlier this month, the Rouse Avenue Court denied Balyan's bail plea. Judge Kaveri Baweja cited sufficient evidence linking Balyan to the organised crime

India and France to jointly assess maritime threats in Indian Ocean Region

►India and France underscored the strong maritime partnership between the two nations and their shared commitment to enhancing security in the Indian Ocean Region.

New Delhi.India and France agreed to develop a joint assessment of maritime threats, focusing on piracy, maritime terrorism, smuggling, illegal fishing, cybersecurity risks and marine pollution in the Indian Ocean Region.The commitment was made during the

External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement on Monday. The dialogue was co-chaired by Pavan Kapoor, Deputy National Security Advisor, and Alice Rufo, Director General for International Relations and Strategy, Ministry for the Armed Forces, France.Both sides reaffirmed their shared vision for maritime security and emphasised upholding international law, supporting

multilateralism through regional organisations, and ensuring respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, and freedom of navigation."Building on the joint strategic vision of India-France cooperation in the IOR established in 2018, the dialogue aimed to strengthen

seventh India-France Maritime collaboration for free and secure access Cooperation Dialogue that was held in to sea lanes of communication," the Delhi on January 14, the Ministry of MEA statement said. France welcomed



the participation of the Indian Navy in the Combined Maritime Forces and expressed optimism about India's future leadership roles within the appropriate Combined Task Forces.To enhance cooperation, India and France will bolster information exchange

Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) in Gurugram and regional

> centres in Seychelles and Madagascar. They will also explore coordinated surveillance to counter threats to maritime security and strengthen bilateral engagements in the region.

Highlighting their commitment to environmental conservation, India and France pledged to protect marine biodiversity and resources in the Indian Ocean Region, according to the statement. They

agreed to continue collaboration under the framework of the United Nations Ocean Conference and further regional efforts in biodiversity and blue economy initiatives as members of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)."This dialogue reaffirmed the mutual.

It is that time of the year when exams are approaching and stressed-out students are poring over their books. The trick is to relax and revise. Stressing out will only work against you.

10 ways to beat Exam stress

1 Start with embracing a positive attitude. Here are a few ways to There is no way to avoid an exam. If you let negative thoughts reign your mind, you will find it difficult to succeed. No one beat exam anxiety. can encourage you more than Set up a routine and follow it through. Wake up early to get more time during the day. Make a small to-do list and abide by it. 3 A change in the place of study helps. Try to find a few different study spots that you feel comfortable and productive in. The more bored or distracted you are by your

environment, the harder it is to focus on your books. 4 One of the most common compromises that

students tend to make during this stressful period is sleep. You need your eight-hours now more than any other time of the year. A wellrested body and mind will grasp information more easily.

5 Eat healthy and follow a balanced diet. Eat fresh, whole foods whenever possible and drink lots of water. Avoid sugary, processed snacks, which will spike your blood sugar and make you feel sluggish. 6 Everybody has that one friend who talks about

how he has been studying for 20 hours. It is not the duration that matters. It is the quality. If you finish the same number of chapters in a shorter period time, you are the winner.

7 It is always easy to study the stuff that you already feel comfortable with when you should really be tackling the tougher parts that you aren't so familiar with. Mock tests are a great way to not only test your current knowledge but will help to identify the areas that need more focus.

8 It is important to revise. If you have already covered your portions, take time out to revise. But don't overdo it. Go slow and don't keep revising the same thing over and over again. If you have revised a chapter ample number of times, take a break and chill out. Don't be afraid of feeling

9 Take a stroll after long study hours. Go out in the open and take in some fresh air. A walk in a park, by the lakeside relaxes the mind and body. Take a friend along if you want, but don't talk about exams and don't discuss chapters during this leisurely stroll.

10 Exercise to beat stress. Include a 30-minute workout into your daily routine. This will you to concentrate better while studying.



Party manners for your kids

Here are some tips for your kids to be at their polite best during parties.

Are you going to an important party where there will be a lot of people and are scared your kid might create trouble? Here are some basic manners you must inculcate in your

Greetings:

See to it that your child greets other guests politely with a smile. Make sure he/she knows when to shake hands and say hello.

Polite words:

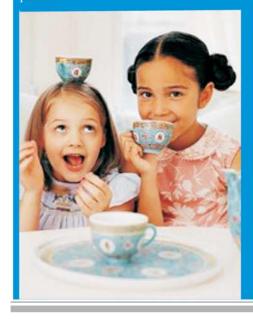
Every person should use polite words like thank you, excuse me and please, and these him/her to use these words while asking for

No interruption:

people are talking. If they want to say something important, teach them to say

Noise levels:

Kids are bound to do some mischief when they are with other kids and are also bound to create a lot of noise. It is okay to have fun, but teach them to not create a havoc in public



10 ways women can take charge of their

Career

Empower yourself by standing tall in the workspace and successfully achieving your goals. Follow our tips to shine on the job

When it comes to achieving career goals, momentum is the key for women. With all 3. Make step-by-step the responsibilities women have outside the workplace — health, family and children to

name a few - it is easy to lose focus. On Women's Day, we present some ways women can keep moving forward in their careers:

1. Map out your goals:

_Chalk out your career goals on a blank piece of paper. Put down in writing exactly where you want to be, and what you want to achieve in a few simple pointers. Set specific time frames for each goal; keep the time periods reasonable. You don't want to overpromise yourself and then under-deliver!

2. Outline the action:

Now that you have your main goals in writing, think about the specific steps you will take to reach each one of them. Consider the skills and resources you have at your disposal and maximise their output. Discuss with a trusted colleague all the possible avenues

you can explore for this purpose.

plans:



Put down a step-by-step plan for each of your goals. Ensure that each plan has a solid foundation and is detailed in its ideas; the more meticulous your plan the higher your probability of achieving your target within the

set limit. For instance, you could jot down possibly become employers or customers three pragmatic steps for each of your goals in future, or usher in opportunities for that you can take right now. Focus on what exciting new avenues. The wider you cast you do well and delegate the rest to those your net, the more your chances of who know better.

4. Create a daily list of 'things to do':

Make a daily to-do list that aligns with your aspirations. This kind of list keeps your day incredible projects, write down an organised and sets you on the path to achieve your purpose one day at a time. This list should have all the things you can mind-blowing projects." For best results, do daily to bring you closer to the full print out the affirmation and read it aloud realisation of your ambitions. When you at intervals during the day for 21 days; it start your day at work, examine what you is the number of days it takes to form any need to do and jot it all down with new habit. deadlines. This is a great way to bring focus and alertness into your working style.

5. Apply the 80/20 rule to your job:

Think of your objectives as destinations of simultaneous journeys and your work itself as a long trip you are taking. Constantly ask yourself if you are meeting your own

> tool to go about doing this. Also called the Pareto principle, it unexpected: states that 80 per cent of results come from 20 conversely, the other 20 per cent of results come from the other 80 per cent of inputs. Focus on the maximum results to get more things done with minimum effort.

6. Make contacts:

out to be instrumental in meeting your ambitions. Every

new doorway in future; through a lead for a back and celebrate your success. This job opening or ideas for projects, for will add to your drive for moving to the instance. People in your network could next milestone.

7. Use affirmations:

Create positive self-affirmations that bring your closer to your aim. For instance, if your goal is executing affirmation that reads something like, "Every day, I will ideate and execute

8. Visualise positive outcomes:

Use the tool of visualisation to achieve your targets. Every morning before you start your daily routine, spend 10-12 minutes visualising yourself completing and succeeding in your aims. For instance, if you want to be a project expectations. The 80/20 rule is a powerful manager, visualise yourself as being one.

9. Prepare for the

No matter how relentless you are in the pursuit of success, setbacks are likely. per cent of inputs; What puts a successful career woman apart from the herd is that she is prepared for any eventuality. Think about possible disaster situations you could encounter and have a Plan B ready for each action. the things that produce Be a corporate chameleon, adapting yourself to any kind of situation, turning challenges into opportunities.

10. Evolve continuously:

Stay ahead of the curve and keep Build a network of yourself updated with the latest people who may turn innovations in your field. We work in a fast-changing world where being dynamic has become a necessity for survival. When you do achieve your business contact you make could open up a initial goals, give yourself a pat on the



Government selects 24 cos under PLI scheme for white goods

NEW DELHI. The government has selected 24 companies under the third round of the productionlinked incentive (PLI) scheme for white goods. These companies have committed an investment of Rs 3,516 crore to boost domestic production of critical components for ACs and LED lights.Out of the 38 applications received in the round, 18 new companies were provisionally selected, with 10 focusing on AC components and 8 on LED light components. These new entrants are set to invest Rs 2.299 crore.

Additionally, 6 existing beneficiaries of the PLI scheme, including prominent AC and LED light manufacturers, have been chosen to scale up their investments, contributing an additional Rs 1,217 crore. As of now, 84 companies are part of the PLI scheme for white goods, bringing in a total investment of Rs 10,478 crore. This is expected to have a significant economic impact, with an anticipated production value of Rs 1,72,663 crore, as per the government. The scheme aims to elevate India's manufacturing capacity in these sectors, making the country a key player in the global supply chains for ACs and LED lights. The scheme was approved by the Cabinet in April 2021 and is designed to foster domestic manufacturing of key components such as compressors, copper tubes, heat exchangers, and BLDC motors for ACs, as well as LED chip packaging, drivers, engines, and light management systems for LED lights.

SEBI may extend time to fix MF NAV

NEW DELHI. To ease the implementation of directions on upstreaming of client funds, the markets watchdog is planning to extend time to stock brokers/clearing members to un-pledge units of overnight mutual fund schemes and place redemption request with funds houses, after the close of market hours. Accordingly, the regulator on Monday proposed that the cut-off timing to determine applicable net asset value (NAV) with respect to repurchase (redemption) of units in mutual-fund overnight schemes (MFOS) from existing 3 pm to 7 pm. Earlier the Sebi had directed stock brokers and clearing members to upstream client funds to clearing corporations on an end-ofday basis.



Funds should be upstreamed wither as either cash, lien on fixed deposit receipts created out of

or pledge of units of MFOS created out of clients' In a paper issued on Monday, Sebi said, "investment

in MFOS, which is a new avenue made available to brokers/clearing members to deploy client funds, ensures risk transformation of funds (that are withdrawable on demand) available with brokers/clearing members due to overnight tenure and exposure to risk-free securities." Brokers and clearing members must ensure that client funds are invested in such MFOS that deploy funds into riskfree government bond overnight repo markets and overnight tri-party repo dealing and settlement.

Tax sops likely for brownfield projects

NEW DELHI. Faced with slow uptake in private investment, the government may announce some tax sops in the Budget this year for encouraging new investments by companies. As per sources, the discussion is around extending concessional tax rate to brown field projects undertaken by existing companies. The government had earlier announced concessional tax rate of 15% to new domestic manufacturing companies. The offer was for companies which were set up and registered on



or after October 1, 2019. The scheme was available till March 31, 2024.

The last time it was restrictive -- only new companies were allowed (to avail concessional rates). This time there's been demand that even existing companies, who are making new investments, should be taxed at a concessional rate," said a source, who was part of discussions with the finance ministry during pre-budget consultation. He said a representation has been made in favour of tax benefits for brownfield investments.

Ministry sources confirmed that such discussions have taken place, but no final call has been taken yet. The demand for extension of concessional tax rate of 15% to newly-formed manufacturing companies by one more year was not heard by the government. With private investments not picking up, Indian Inc and economists have demanded tax sops to encourage investments. Private investments have failed to pick up despite government efforts. The first advance estimate of FY25 GDP shows growth in gross fixed capital formation, which measures investments in economy, has shrunk to 6.4% from 9% a year ago.

Healthier women, stronger economies: WEF's case for investing in women's health

DAVOS. Making a strong case for investing in women's health worldwide, the World Economic Forum on Tuesday said its new research shows that closing the women's health gap could unlock USD 400 billion in global GDP annually by 2040.

The Forum also launched here at its annual meeting a new Women's Health Impact Tracking platform, a publicly accessible tool designed to monitor and bridge the health gaps faced by millions of women worldwide. The new report, Blueprint to Close the Women's Health Gap: How to Improve Lives and Economies for All, was published in collaboration with the McKinsey Health Institute (MHI).

It highlighted that women live 25 per cent more of their lives in poor health compared to men and showed how targeted action around nine key health conditions could reduce the global disease burden by 27 million disabilityadjusted life years and add the equivalent of 2.5 healthy days per woman per year. The nine conditions are divided into lifespan conditions, related to a total number of years lived (maternal

hypertensive disorders, postpartum haemorrhage, ischemic heart disease, cervical cancer and breast cancer) and health span conditions, related to how many of those years are healthy (endometriosis, menopause, migraine and premenstrual syndrome).

Measuring progress is essential for driving meaningful change and developing effective healthcare strategies tailored to women," said Shyam Bishen, Head of the Centre for Health and Healthcare and member of the Executive

Committee, World Economic Forum."Despite the opportunity to add 2.5 additional healthy days to women's lives, they are often overlooked due to a lack of sex-specific research -- only 10 per cent of clinical trials for ischemic heart disease and migraine report such data.

The Women's Health Impact Tracking (WHIT) platform provides a vital tool to identify these gaps and offers actionable insights to close them," he added."It is



time to count women, study women, care for women, invest in women and include all women," said Lucy Perez, Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company and Coleader of the McKinsey Health Institute.

The new report highlighted critical disparities in women's health outcomes, driven by gaps in data collection, research funding, clinical practice guidelines and healthcare delivery systems.

The research identified five key actions for stakeholders to address these imbalances potential of greater health equity. These included counting women or investing in better data collection to reveal the real burden of women's health conditions; studying women by funding research into female-specific health concerns and sex-based differences; and caring for women by ensuring clinical guidelines reflect best practices tailored to women's unique needs.

The other action areas included all women by addressing disparities affecting marginalized groups for broader health equity; and investing in

women by mobilising funding for innovative healthcare solutions and delivery models.

The WEF called for urgent action by governments, private sector, researchers, civil society and communities worldwide to set agendas and allocate resources in this regard. Now is the time to act and ensure that every woman and girl can live healthier, more productive lives, it said.

NCLT orders liquidation of Go First

NEW DELHI. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday ordered the liquidation of budget carrier Go First, possibly marking the end of the airline and its 20-month insolvency proceedings. The Committee of Creditors (CoC) in September 2024 had filed an application to liquidate the airline.

NCLT bench comprising Judicial Member Mahendra Khandelwal and Technical Member Dr Sanjeev Ranjan allowed an application for liquidation by the CoC.Go First becomes the second airline in three months to face liquidation. In November 2024, the Supreme Court of India ordered the liquidation of Jet Airways (India) Limited.Following an order by the Delhi High Court last year, Go First was left with no viable asset to remain a



showing interest in reviving the airline decided to take back their bid. The Delhi High Court had ordered the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to deregister all Go First's leased planes following a plea by lessors seeking to repossess their assets.Go First owes Rs 6,500 crore to its creditors with the Central Bank of highest exposure. It also owes Rs 2,000 crore to aircraft lessors, about Rs 1,000 crore to its vendors, Rs 600 crore to customers with pending refunds. Go First borrowed Rs 1,292 crore under government's emergency credit scheme introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic.Its remaining assets include a 94-acre land parcel in Thane, valued at Rs 3,000 crore, an Airbus training facility in Mumbai and its headquarters. The CoC had appointed Dinkar Venkatasubramanian as liquidator. Go First, promoted by the Wadia family, stopped flying on May 3, 2024, a day after it filed for bankruptcy.A financial crisis due to non-supply of engines by Pratt & Whitney (P&W) that led to the grounding of about half.

revival in discretionary demand, deal wins travel agents, and Rs 500 crore to BENGALURU. IT services companies have now started witnessing early signs of revival in

IT companies see

discretionary spending and CEOs of top IT companies are optimistic about strong deal wins in coming quarters. Also, they announced that deal cycles have now shortened compared to previous quarters. In Q3, the country's largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services' (TCS) total contract value (TCV) stood at \$10.2 billion. "For the first time, there is a good decrease in the deal cycle, by a few weeks. This shows that the decision-making is also improving largely," said K Krithivasan, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, TCS, during the company's earnings call. He added, "With the reduction in the interest rates, easing of inflation, and reduced uncertainty with the new US administration taking over, we expect the discretionary demand to strengthen. And seeing the (early signs) revival in discretionary spend and the strong TCV win give us more confidence in CY '25 and FY'26."

Infosys' TCV of large deal wins was at \$2.5 billion in the third quarter. Wipro has booked large deals worth \$961 million in the third quarter.

In post-earnings press conference, Srini Pallia, CEO and Managing Director, said, "2024 was marked by macro-economic challenges and 2025 looks more hopeful and resilient. Our clients are cautiously optimistic and we see discretionary spending slowly coming back." Sachin Alug, CEO, NLB Services, said despite these challenges, the spending environment has shown steady improvement, with companies expressing optimism about sustained growth in the coming quarters.

Apart from winning AI deals, IT companies are focused on upskilling employees. Pallia said Wipro continues to invest in AI education as 50,000 of its employees now hold advanced AI certifications. "Beyond skilling, we're investing in AI tools and platforms across the software development cycle and our internal processes," he added.

IT companies focus on upskilling employees

India and Bank of Baroda having the Will be key player in electric three-wheeler market: TVS

NEW DELHI. Chennai-based auto major TVS Motor has set its sight on becoming a key player in the rapidly-growing electric three-wheeler market within the next three quarters.

On Monday, the company entered the segment with the launch of the King EV Max, priced at Rs 2.95 lakh. This launch follows TVS Motor's collaboration

with Korean automotive giant Hyundai Motor to explore the The CEO added that King EV Max is a production of three-wheelers and micro four-wheelers for the Indian market.

Though TVS is a late entrant in the electric three-wheeler segment, it remains confident in its ability to replicate the success it has achieved in the electric two-wheeler space. "EV penetration in three-wheelers is moving very, very fast.In the EV category, we would like to be a prominent player. I've not put any numbers but you have seen our EV numbers in the two-wheeler market. For us capacity is not a problem. We As per Vahan data, of the total 1.22 can ramp up pretty fast because we have the capability," said K N



Radhakrishnan, CEO, TVS Motor

complete TVS product and that discussions with Hyundai are going on and the vehicle is at a concept stage.Rajat Gupta, business head of commercial mobility at TVS Motor, said going forward they will increase their product offering in the EV space and would launch electric cargos as well. Gupta informed that the company has been aggressively expanding its reach and this has helped them to increase their market share from 4.4% to 10% in the segment they operate.

million three-wheelers (across different powertrains) sold in CY2024, 56% of them were EVs. The prominent players in this segment were Mahindra Last Mile Mobility (MLMM), YC Electric, Bajaj Auto, Saera Electric Auto, Dilli Electric Auto and Piaggio Vehicles.

When asked reasons for the delayed

entry, Gupta said. "We were waiting to know the pain points and address them. To understand this we took time and now we have launched a fullproof model."He added, "Last month, penetration of electric passenger vehicles in the three-wheeler space was 28%. Overall this year it is 22%. Next year it would be 40% and my understanding says it would be 100% by 2030."TVŠ' King EV MAX claims to give a range of 179 km on a single charge, quick charging in just 2 hours and 15 minutes for 0 – 80% charge and 3.5 hours for 100% charge. The EV is powered by a 51.2V lithium-ion LFP battery and can do a top speed of 60 km/h. The vehicle initially will be available across select dealerships in UP, Bihar, J&K, Delhi and West

Bengal. It will be available across the

country in the coming months.

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Rs 436 Deducted From Your Bank Account? Know How To Stop It --SBI, PNB And Other Bank A/c Holders Must Know

Depending on the plan he or she selects, an annual premium of Rs 436 is auto-debited from the subscriber's bank account on or before May 31 of each annual coverage term under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana.

New Delhi. Those with bank accounts --SBI, Post office or any other banks -who consent to join or activate autodebit and are in the age range of 18 to 50 are eligible for the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY).

Aadhar would serve as the primary form of KYC for bank accounts. The 12month term of the 2-lakh-rupee life



insurance policy, which runs from 1 June to 31 May, is renewable. This insurance offers risk coverage up to Rs. 2 Lakh in the case of the insured person's death for any reason.

Depending on the plan he or she selects, the annual premium is Rs 436 and must be auto-debited from the subscriber's bank account on or before May 31 of each annual coverage term. The scheme is offered by Life Insurance Company and all other life insurers who are prepared to offer the product on comparable terms with the necessary approvals and collaborate with banks for this purpose.

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana: How To Stop Debiting Of Rs 436 From Bank A/c

You can choose to cancel the annual auto-debiting process from your bank account if you are unable to continue with the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana for any reason. You must go to the bank branch where your account is connected to the PMJJBY programme in order to do this. You can complete the necessary steps and ask for the PMJJBY premium payment to be stopped. If the payment is not completed on time, your Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana policy will be automatically cancelled. Also, auto-debiting of the premium will not be feasible if your bank account lacks the necessary funds, which will result in the cancellation of the Pradhan

Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana. The Narendra Modi government had in

2015 introduced the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) to offer insurance coverage to the people.

NEWS BOX

Australian Open: After semis berth, Paula Badosa says she considered retiring once

New Delhi. Paula Badosa said that she once contemplated retiring from tennis while struggling with her chronic back issue. On Tuesday, January 21, Badosa made her way through to her maiden Grand Slam semi-final after beating 2023 US Open champion Coco Gauff 7-5, 6-4 in the quarterfinal of the Australian Open at the Rod Laver Arena. After making a comeback from injury last year, Badosa, who became the World No.2 in 2022, found herself out of the top 100. But after beating Gauff, the Spaniard will return to the top 10 when the new rankings come out. The 27-year-old said that, 12 months ago, she did not imagine playing in a Grand Slam semis." A year ago I was here... I didn't know if I'd have to retire from the sport. I won today. I'm in the semifinals. I would never think a year later I would be here," Badosa said in the on-court interview.Australian Open 2025, Day 10 UpdatesBack in the Wimbledon 2023, Badosa had suffered a stress fracture in her back that troubled her for quite some time. She withdrew from the Indian Wells Open 2024 and took cortisone injections to recover during matches. Before the US Open 2024, Badosa talked about her struggles and how she constantly looked for medical support. 'I am a better player'



Badosa started as the underdog against the third-seeded Gauff. At 5-5 in the opening set, Badosa earned a break of serve to come up trumps. In the second set, Badosa dropped her serve twice, but made sure of breaking Gauff's serve thrice to have the last laugh.

"I am a bit emotional, overcoming something like this. Today, I wanted to play my best game. Coco, at the beginning, played intense tennis, but I am super proud of the level I gave today. I have been through a lot. In the past, I was one of the best players in the world, but now I am a better player, more matured. I manage my emotions little better," Badosa added.

In the semi-final, Badosa will be up against the winner of the clash between World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka and 27th seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

Sanju Samson sings Bollywood song, gets feedback from Surya in Insta banter

New Delhi. Sanju Samson was the star of India's team dinner on Monday in Kolkata. The Kerala wicketkeeper-batter attempted to sing Pehla Nasha, a popular Bollywood song from the 1991 blockbuster Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar, and nailed it. Joining Abhishek Nayar in a mini karaoke session, Sanju Samson enjoyed his rendition of the iconic song, much to the delight of his teammates at the hotel in Kolkata.Captain Suryakumar Yadav was quick to respond, reminding Samson to focus on the T20I series. In a cheeky reply, Suryakumar said Samson would eventually come to Mumbai, but only after finishing auditions in Chennai, Raikot, and Pune.

"Aap Mumbai aa rahe hai lekin Chennai,



Rajkot, Pune audition ke baad (You're coming to Mumbai, but after auditions in Chennai, Rajkot, and Pune)," Suryakumar replied.India will begin their T20I series in Kolkata on Wednesday, 22 January. The series will then move to Chennai, Rajkot, and Pune before concluding with the decider in Pune. Samson was picked as the first-choice wicketkeeper for the T20I series against England. The Kerala star may have missed out on a spot in India's Champions Trophy squad, but he remains a key member of the T20I side, having

enjoyed a consistent run in 2024. Samson scored 436 runs in 13 matches in T20Is last year, smashing three hundreds and one fifty. He struck three hundreds in the span of just five matches, shining with the bat during India's T20I series in South Africa in November 2024. The Indian team arrived in Kolkata over the weekend and began training for the T20I series with a three-day camp at Eden Gardens. It was refreshing to see the team bonding during Monday's dinner, particularly after the difficult tour of Australia, where rumours

Chess World Cup 2025 set to be hosted in India, confirmation soon

While Chennai may be a logical destination to host the 2025 World Cup, it is believed that AICF is cognisant of the need to take the board game to other parts of the country.

CHENNAI. The official announcement may take a few more days but, in reality, India was pencilled in to host the 2025 World Cup by FIDE (chess' governing body) last year itself. "There's always talk with India," Sutovsky had told select



Indian media on the sidelines of the chess World Championship in Singapore in November. The dates are already announced by FIDE -- between October 31 and November 27."It's incredibly important for us. We are in constant talks with the All India Chess Federation (AICF), and there's a connection with Tamil Nadu as well. You know that (Arkady) Dvorkovich met (Chief

Minister) M.K. Stalin — the two met before the Olympiad in Mahabalipuram in 2022. I believe that maybe already in 2025, we will have a very major event in India. I'm not saying in Tamil Nadu, but in India. Going forward, with such a huge interest, it's only logical that India would host more and more top events."While Chennai may be a logical destination to host the 2025 World Cup, a glamorous biennial event

where the top three earn themselves coveted spots in the 2026 edition of the Candidates, it is believed that the All India Chess Federation (AICF) are cognisant of the need to take the board game to other parts of the country. They could well host it in New Delhi or Bengaluru or Ahmedabad or Chennai. When FIDE published the 2025 events calendar on Monday evening, they had India against 2025 edition of the World Cup but the 'India' disappeared soon after. However, this isn't some last minute oversight. "There will be an official announcement in the next 2-3 days," was how one All India Chess Federation (AICF) official put it. "I cannot say much about it till then."It's likely that Magnus Carlsen, the defending champion, will give the tournament a miss. But there will be plenty of other overseas stars in action including Fabiano Caruana, Nodirbek Abdusattarov and Anish Giri. The Indian contingent will be spearheaded by world champion D Gukesh and the likes of Arjun Erigaisi and R Praggnanandhaa. The latter had qualified to the 2024 edition of the Candidates after reaching the final.

KL Rahul or Axar Patel as Delhi Capitals captain? Aakash Chopra names his pick

New Delhi. Former India cricketer Aakash Chopra has shared his views on the ongoing debate regarding the captaincy of Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Delhi Capitals (DC). With Rishabh Pant's departure to the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), the choice of leadership has reportedly narrowed down to two contenders—India wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul and all-rounder Axar Patel.

Speaking on his YouTube channel, Aakash Chopra delved into the merits of both candidates. Chopra highlighted that KL Rahul's appointment as captain could significantly enhance the brand value of DC. As a seasoned leader with captaincy experience for LSG and Punjab Kings, Rahul brings a wealth of strategic insights and a proper treel record of measuring high and a proven track record of managing highpressure IPL matches."Three captains have not yet been announced, and I am wondering what is going to happen there. You might be thinking who will be Delhi's captain. Since we get all sources-led news these days, a lot of reports say that Axar Patel, who has become the Indian team's vice-captain recently, could be the captain there," Aakash Chopra said."That is a possibility. He is ready. I, too, advocated that you are taking KL Rahul but it's not mandatory to make him the captain. You have another Indian option



available to you. However, it will be interesting to see what the team thinks. KL Rahul brings a lot of things. He also brings brand value with him, and sometimes franchises think like that also, as to what is better for their setup," he added.

The IPL 2025 mega auction witnessed a significant swap between DC and LSG, with former LSG skipper KL Rahul joining DC and ex-DC captain Rishabh Pant moving to LSG. While Pant has already been confirmed as the new LSG captain, the decision on Rahul or Axar taking over the reins at DC remains undecided. However, Chopra also acknowledged Axar Patel as a strong contender. Axar, retained by DC for Rs 16.50 grove before the auction has been an 16.50 crore before the auction, has been an integral part of the franchise. He remains the sole player from the core squad that reached the IPL 2020 final.

Known for his consistency and calm demeanour, Axar has been a pillar for DC in recent years. Previously, Chopra had voiced his support for Axar as captain, pointing out that the all-rounder has been underrated despite his critical contributions to the team. Chopra expressed confidence in Axar's ability to lead, emphasising his tactical awareness and the respect he commands among teammates.

The decision between the experienced KL Rahul and the loyal Axar Patel represents a defining moment for DC as they aim to build a competitive squad for IPL 2025. Both players bring distinct strengths, and the final choice could shape the team's future trajectory in the league Fans now easerly trajectory in the league. Fans now eagerly

U19 Women's T20 World Cup: Vaishnavi Sharma shines with hat-trick, 5 wickets on debut

New Delhi. Left-arm spinner Vaishnavi Sharma became the first bowler to take a hattrick in the Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025. On Tuesday, January 21, the tweaker had a memorable debut after she took a fivewicket haul and hat-trick in the same match. She finished with figures of 4-1-5-5 against Malaysia in the Group A match against Malaysia at the Bayuemas Oval in Kuala LumpurVaishnavi joined South Africa's Madison Landsman in the list of bowlers with a hat-trick in the history of the tournament. Landsman holds the distinction of becoming the first bowler in the U19 Women's T20 World Cup to take a hat-trick. She achieved the feat in the group stage fixture against Scotland and finished with figures of 4/12 back in 2023. Vaishnavi, who replaced Sonam Yadav in the playing XI, helped India bowl Malaysia out for 31 in 14.3 overs. She got the wickets of Nur Dania Syuhada and Nuriman Hiyadah to start her spell. But it was after dismissing Nur Ain Binti Roslan, Nur Isma Dania and Siti Nazwah



that she claimed a hat-trick. Vaishnavi got the apt support from fellow left-arm spinner Aayushi Shukla, who had figures of 3.3-1-8-3. Joshitha VJ, who won the Player of the Match award against the West Indies, got the wicket of opening batter Nuni Farini Safry.Here's the video of Vaishnavi Sharma's hat-trickIndia hammer MalaysiaOn the back of Vaishnavi's spell, India recorded a 10wicket win over Malaysia. Chasing a target of 32, India romped home in a mere 2.5 overs. Opener Gongadi Trisha scored an unbeaten 27 off 12 balls, laced with five fours. Trisha faltered against the West Indies, but made amends against the hosts.G Kamalini, who went to the Mumbai Indians at 1.60 crore for WPL 2025, stayed not out on four off five balls. With the win, India went to the top of the table in Group A with four points and a net run

Australian Open: Alexander Zverev into the semi-final after win over Tommy Paul

New Delhi German tennis ace and world number 2 Alexander Zverev has advanced to the semi-finals of the Australian Open after overcoming American Tommy Paul in a gripping quarter-final encounter.

Zverev secured the victory with a 7-6 (7-1), 7-6 (7-0), 2-6, 6-1 scoreline, in a match that fully lived up to its pre-game excitement.

From the opening set, both players showcased their strengths in a highintensity battle. Zverev's signature power and precision were met with Paul's agility and resilience, creating a captivating contest. The first set went to a nail-biting tiebreaker, where Zverev took control to seize the advantage with a 7-1 win.Paul's exceptional return game, as he led Zverev with 18 return points compared to the German's 14,

became most evident in the second set. The American made a strong start, racing to a 4-1 lead in pursuit of a quick turnaround. However, Zverev showed remarkable composure, clawing his way back into the set and forcing another tiebreaker. Dominating yet again, Zverev clinched the set with a flawless 7-0 tiebreak performance. In the third set, Zverev fully hit his stride, demonstrating why he is ranked



among the world's best. Winning 24 of his 30 first-serve points, he capitalised on a visibly fatigued Paul to take the set 6-2. The momentum firmly in his favour, Zverev carried his dominance into the fourth set, breezing through with a commanding 6-1

Alexander Zverev stormed into the Australian Open semi-finals after a thrilling four-set victory against Tommy Paul. Displaying composure and dominance, Zverev proved why he remains a top contender for the title, awaiting his next challenge against either Djokovic or Alcaraz.

victory to seal the match. The German now awaits the winner of the highly anticipated clash between Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic. With both players in stellar form, the outcome of their match is expected to be a thrilling showdown, promising an equally challenging semi-final for Zverev. As the tournament edges closer to its conclusion, Zverev's commanding performance has made him one of the favourites to lift the trophy in Melbourne.

Harry Brook appointed England's new whiteball vice captain ahead of India series

∡England's young rising star Harry Brook has been named as vice captain of the whiteball formats ahead of the series against India.

New Delhi England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced Harry Brook as their new vice-captain of the white-ball formats on Monday, January 20. Brook is counted amongst the rising stars of international cricket due to his magnificent exploits across all three formats. He recently became the number one batter in Tests in December 2024 for the first time and has also put up remarkable performances in both ODIs and T20Is.England didn't name a vice-captain while announcing their squads for the

upcoming India series as Brook was included in both the ODI and the T20I sides. The 25-year-old will join the leadership group of the national side in the upcoming five-match T20I series against India beginning from January 22 in Kolkata.In 20 ODIs played in his career so far, Brook has scored 719 runs at an average of 39.94 and a strike rate of 106.83 with one hundred and five fifties. In T20Is, he's played 39 games and scored 707 runs at an average of 30.73 and a strike rate of 146.07 with three half centuries. Brook was also a part of England's T20 World Cup 2022 triumph in

Australia. Brook's brilliant return to ODIs in 2024However, the swashbuckling batter didn't have a memorable time in the ODI World Cup the following year, scoring just 169 runs from six innings at an average of



28.16 with one fifty. After a disappointing World Cup campaign, Brook made a remarkable comeback to the 50-over format, finishing as the highest run scorer of the fivematch ODI series against Australia in September 2024 with 312 runs from five innings at an average of 78 with one hundred and two fifties. He also led the team in the five-match series which England lost by 2-3.

Having been awarded the responsibility of vice captaincy, Brook will be once again expected to play a crucial role for the team in the T20I, ODI series against India and the upcoming Champions Trophy 2025.

England T20I Squad - India Tour: Jos Buttler (c), Rehan Ahmed, Jofra Archer. Gus Atkinson, Jacob Bethell, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Ben Duckett, Jamie Overton, Jamie Smith, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Saqib Mahmood, Phil Salt, Mark

WoodEngland squad for India ODIs and Champions Trophy 2025: Jos Buttler (Captain), Jofra Archer, Gus Atkinson, Jacob Bethell, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Ben Duckett, Jamie Overton, Jamie Smith, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Saqib Mahmood, Phil Salt, Mark Wood



Priyanka Chopra

Offers Glimpse Of Prayagraj As She Arrives At Maha Kumbh 2025

riyanka Chopra never misses out on any opportunity to embrace Indian traditions. Earlier, she was clicked visiting the Ayodhya Ram temple with her daughter Malti Marie and her husband Nick Jonas. Now, she is headed to take a holy dip at the Maha Kumbh 2025. The biggest religious congregations this year began on January 13 and will conclude on February 25. As devotees from across the world arrived in Prayagraj to attend the divine event, Priyanka, too, joined them to participate and seek blessings from deities. Hours ago, Priyanka Chopra posted a clip on her Instagram stories. Looking at the clip, it seemed that the actress was enroute to Maha Kumbh 2025 as she offered a glimpse of the city, recorded from

This is not the first time Priyanka Chopra marked her presence at a religious event or visited a temple during her time in India. Last year, Priyanka was spotted at Ram Mandir in Ayodhya with her daughter Malti Marie and

husband Nick Jonas. The photos featuring the trio quickly went viral.



It was just two days back that Priyanka Chopra arrived in India and was captured at Hyderabad airport. The global sensation also dropped a video on Instagram as she flew down from Toronto to Hyderabad via Dubai. In her caption of the post, she wrote 'Om' emoticon. However, what caught the attention of her fans was the song that she added to her post. It was from SS Rajamouli directorial RRR.

Soon after the clip went viral, fans started speculating about her comeback to Indian cinema, starring opposite Mahesh Babu in the much-anticipated adventure film, SSMB29, directed by SS Rajamouli. According to an insider close to Pinkvilla, Priyanka was the top choice for the project. The source said, "The film is in the final stages of writing and is all set to go on floors in April 2025. SS Rajamouli was looking for a female lead with a global presence, and who better than Priyanka to play the lead role."Priyanka Chopra's last Bollywood film was The Sky Is Pink which was released in 2016.



Shehnaaz Gill's

Dubai Trip Was All About Good Food And A Game Of Golf

hehnaaz Gill is a true blue golf enthusiast. The actress loves playing the sport. When not busy with work and vacations, she spends her time with her friends and sometimes playing sports as well. Channeling her inner sportsperson, Shehnaaz recently took some time out to dedicate her time to the sport. How do we know? She posted a bunch of clips on Instagram wherein she is seen playing golf on a playground. Though unsuccessful, her attempt to hit the



ball was praiseworthy.

But, she is not one to give up. In a subsequent clip, Shehnaaz Gill tried again and this time, she hit it out of the park. The childlike excitement on her face was truly adorable. For her golf game, the actress wore a red cosy winter wear top with ash grey bootcut jeans and white sneakers. Shehnaaz is most

Shehnaaz Gill achieved a new milestone as she turned producer

for her next which has remained untitled for a long time. Weeks ago, she unveiled the title, poster and release date. On her Instagram stories, she unveiled the poster of her next, Ikk Kudi wherein she will be seen acting alongside taking charge as the producer. The film will be a joint venture by Kaushal Joshi's Raaya Picturez, Shehnaaz Gill Production and Amarjit Singh

Saron's Amor Film Presents. It is written and directed by Amarjit and is scheduled to hit the theatres on June 13. Making the announcement, she wrote, "With overwhelmed hearts announcing our film -Ikk Kudi RELEASING WORLDWIDE ON 13th JUNE 2025.'

Before this, Shehnaaz Gill, in another post, revealed that she would start shooting for her new Punjabi film. She even posted pictures from the muhurat of the film. Posing with a clapperboard, she radiated simplicity and was even seen praying before the shoot. Meanwhile, a group picture featured her with the entire cast, producers and her manager Starting a new journey today and I am

immensely proud and happy to announce that today we commence the shooting of my Punjabi film with my dream team," wrote Shehnaaz alongside the photos. Fans are eagerly awaiting the release

of Ikk Kudi, thanks to its talented cast, captivating storyline, and debut production of Shehnaaz Gill.

As for her last project, she won hearts with her appearance in an item song of Rajkumar Rao and Triptii Dimri's Vicky and Vidya Ka Woh Wala





arshan Raval's dreamy announcement post broke many hearts. On January 18, he married his best friend and love of his life, Dharal Surelia. The couple's wedding day was nothing short of magical, with stunning photos that gave off major couple goals. Recently, some inside glimpses from their sangeet night surfaced, and Darshan left everyone spellbound with his soulful singing. In a video posted on Reddit, Darshan mesmerised viewers with his heartfelt performance at the sangeet. He dedicated a romantic song to Dharal, expressing emotions he hadn't yet shared. The love between Darshan and Dharal was undeniable, with the singer showing his affection while standing beside his bride-to-be. Dharal blushed and shared the sweet moment, enjoying every second of the song.

In the second part of the clip, another segment from Dharal and Darshan's sangeet night, the couple filled the evening with even more love and entertainment. The deeply in-love pair danced to one of Darshan's songs and the video beautifully captured the depth of their affection for each other.

Although we couldn't get more glimpses of the sangeet night, the video proved the blast of enjoyment they had. The entire stage was decked up with magical lights and many performers were seen performing beside the couple - everyhing accounting for the party's vibrant mood. For the sangeet, Darshan looked dashing in a navy blue embellished sherwani, exuding charm. He paired it with a matching doshala and pants, keeping the accessories minimal and completing the look with a pair of matching loafers. Dharal, on the other hand, turned heads in a silver-embellished lehenga choli, radiating fashionista vibes. She complemented the skirt with a rustic-hued V-neck blouse featuring short sleeves and paired it with a sheer, cut-out dupatta. Her messy, open tresses and shimmery makeup further elevated her glamorous

Karan Veer Mehra Breaks Silence On Mocking Vivian Dsena's Bond With His Daughter: 'The Low Point...'



he grand finale of Salman Khan's Bigg Boss 18 was held on Sunday night with Karan Veer Mehra emerging victorious and taking home the grand prize of Rs 50. Karan Veer defeated his friend Vivian Dsena to lift the coveted trophy. Although Karan and Vivian had a friendship, things turned sour when during a roast, Karan said that Vivian's daughter doesn't recognise him. After the finale, Karan spoke to SCREEN to discuss his highs and lows on the show. He said, "The task where I lifted Edin or trimmed Rajat's beard were my high points. The low point was the roast I did with Vivian, I should have avoided that."

Karan Veer said, "We had a lover's spat on the show, actually both of our definitions of friendship are very different. He thought of me as a dearer friend and I was coming from a space where I thought he was getting things very easily. But now it's a 100day friendship." As for winning the Bigg Boss 18 title, Karanveer Mehra said, "I share this trophy





with all those who have voted and loved me and of course the media who I have not paid." He also added that he dedicated his victory to all the fans and friends who supported him tirelessly. "I have gotten used to winning, I want to have a hat-trick now. So please Colors TV announce another show now which I could win, maybe Laughter Chefs."

The Bigg Boss 18 finale was held in Mumbai's Film City on Sunday, January 19. The mega show, hosted by Salman Khan, was attended by several celebrities including Aamir Khan and Veer Pahariya. Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan joined his son, Junaid Khan, and Khushi Kapoor to promote their upcoming movie, Loveyapa.Former Bigg Boss finalists, Ankita Lokhande and Vicky Jain also attended the finale and talked about their upcoming show, Laughter Chefs 2. While Karan Veer Mehra won Bigg Boss 18, Vivian Dsena was the runner-up. Other contestants who were a part of the finale besides were Rajat Dalal, Avinash Mishra, Eisha Singh and Chum Darang.