

Iron Age began in Tamil Nadu, says Chief Minister MK Stalin

The Tamil Nadu government announced groundbreaking archaeological research that revealed iron production origins in the state. According to Chief Minister MK Stalin, the latest research challenged existing historical understanding of the Indian subcontinent.

MK Stalin says Iron Age began in the region earlier than current belief. New research challenges existing archaeological historical timelines. Book on beginning of iron in region explains latest discovery, research

centers in Pune, Ahmedabad, and a renowned international research facility in Florida. Melting iron was introduced in Tamil Nadu 5300 years ago. These research findings



Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, on Thursday, revealed that the Iron Age began in the region, much earlier than previously believed. The Chief Minister made the announcement in Chennai at the launch of 'Irumbin Thonmai' (meaning Antiquity of Iron), a book on the beginning of Iron Age in Tamil Nadu.

were sent to scholars who are also present here and they have appreciated Tamil Nadu government's efforts. Precise dating indicates iron was first introduced in the region in 3345 BC. Stalin emphasised this finding to be pivotal to understanding the historical timeline of the Indian subcontinent.

"I'm constantly saying that the history of India will be written from Tamil Nadu," Stalin stated, highlighting the research's potential to reshape historical narratives. The Chief Minister urged Minister Thangam Thennarasu and relevant officials to continue this groundbreaking research, which he believed provided new enthusiasm to scholars studying ancient technological developments.

He also made the same announcement on X. "Based on results from world-renowned institutions, the use of iron in Tamil Nadu dates back to the beginning of 4th millennium B.C.E., establishing that iron usage was prominent in South India over 5,300 years ago," he wrote in a post on the social media platform.

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Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party officially a 'recognised regional party'

Pawan Kalyan: The Election Commission of India included the Jana Sena Party in the list of recognised parties in Andhra Pradesh. The party has been allotted "glass tumbler" as its permanent election symbol.

New Delhi. The Election Commission of India (ECI) officially granted the status of 'recognised political party' to Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena party. The party made this announcement on social media platform X on Wednesday (January 22). The party now has "glass tumbler" as the permanent official election symbol of the party, as reserved by the ECI. The communication about the recognition was done via a letter on Tuesday, the Jana Sena party revealed.



"Jana Sena emerged as a recognised regional political party. The Election Commission has issued orders recognizing the glass symbol as a permanent symbol of Jana Sena Party, which created

history with the historic victory achieved in the last elections. The struggle (of) Pawan Kalyan for over a decade culminated in the Jana Sena Party being acknowledged as a recognized political party," it said in a statement posted on X.

This is a first for the Jana Sena Party. So far, it was only registered as a political party in Andhra Pradesh. Now 10 years after its inception in March 2014, it has the recognition as a state political party. Jana Sena achieved this recognition by securing 100 per cent success in the recent elections: both Lok Sabha as well as the Assembly polls. It won all 21 state constituencies and the two Lok Sabha constituencies it contested.

S Jaishankar's one-liner on front row seat at Trump's swearing-in

New Delhi. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was at his quippy best when asked about his prime front-row seat at Donald Trump's inauguration as the 47th President of the United States on January 20. "Special Envoy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is naturally treated very well," Jaishankar said with a smile during a press conference in Washington DC on Thursday. The 70-year-old diplomat represented India at the swearing-in ceremony at the invitation of the US government and carried a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Trump. He described the gesture as a reflection of the Trump administration's eagerness to bolster India-US ties.



"I would say, one, it was very clear that the Trump administration was keen to have India present at the inaugural itself, and they're clearly prioritising the bilateral relationship," Jaishankar said.

During his three-day visit to Washington, Jaishankar engaged in high-level meetings, including bilateral talks with Secretary of

State Marco Rubio and National Security Advisor Mike Waltz. He also participated in the first Quad ministerial meeting of the new Trump administration alongside counterparts from Australia, Japan, and the United States. "Clearly there is an interest in taking the relationship forward," Jaishankar said.

"The Prime Minister had a very early phone call with President Trump, and I had come last month and made the initial contact with the NSA. So, it should give you a direction in which the relationship is going." Jaishankar said it was evident that the White House under Trump was willing to build on the foundation established during his first term, and that at present, there is a "very strong degree of trust" and "high level of convergence of interests" between India and the United States. "Between us and the Trump administration, we approach the world both with a clear sense of our national interest belief," he noted.

Revanth Reddy aims to secure projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore at Davos summit

New Delhi. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy addressed the state's progress in securing investments since his last visit to the World Economic Forum in Davos, where he signed proposals worth Rs 40,000 crore. In an interview with India Today TV, Reddy also took a swipe at BRS working president KT Rama Rao by calling him an IT employee with a "worker mindset". Speaking to India Today News Director Rahul Kanwal, Reddy said, "Fourteen companies have signed MoUs with the Telangana government for 18 projects. Of these, 17 are in the pipeline, while one, the Adani pump storage project, is pending. After securing Rs 40,000 crore in investments last time, we have returned to Davos with an aim to secure projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore."



Maharashtra, or Karnataka. My competition is with global cities like New York, Tokyo, Dubai, and Singapore." Highlighting Telangana's appeal to global investors, Reddy pointed to Hyderabad's ecosystem. "Any investor seeks protection for their investment and profits. Hyderabad offers a

proven environment for business. It is centrally located, providing connectivity, and excels in IT, pharma, and AI sectors. Our policies and ecosystem are designed to foster business growth," he said. On what sets Telangana apart, Reddy mentioned amendments to investment policies and focusses on areas like green energy, defence, AI, and quantum computing. "For example, three COVID-19 vaccines were developed in India, and one was produced in Telangana. Former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, who initiated liberalisation, privatisation, and globalisation, was from Telangana," he said.

When asked about political opposition, Reddy downplayed challenges from the BRS and BJP. "Elections are four years away. For now, my focus is solely on development," he said.

On this year's achievements at the World Economic Forum, Reddy said the focus was on data centres, green energy, and AI. "Davos is not just a place for securing investments but also for learning," he said.

Tributes on Bal Thackeray's birth anniversary, and a battle for his legacy

Mumbai. Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and his son Aaditya Thackeray led a tribute ceremony on Thursday in honour of Bal Thackeray, the late founder of the undivided Shiv Sena, on his birth anniversary. The event, held at the statue of Bal Thackeray in Fort, Mumbai, saw a massive turnout of party workers and supporters who offered floral tributes. The Thackeray father-son duo garlanded the statue and paid respect to Bal Thackeray, who earned the epithet 'Hindu Hriday Samrat' for his staunch advocacy of Hindutva and Marathi pride. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah also joined the tributes. In a post on X, PM Modi stated, "I pay homage to Balasaheb Thackeray Ji on his birth anniversary. He is widely respected and remembered for his commitment to public welfare and towards Maharashtra's development. He was uncompromising when it came to his core beliefs and always contributed towards enhancing the pride of Indian culture."



Amit Shah echoed the sentiment, tweeting in Hindi, "Devoted throughout his life to Sanatan culture and nationalism, respected Balasaheb Thackeray ji always gave priority to patriotism in his work. The ideological firmness of Balasaheb, who never gave up on his principles even in adverse circumstances, will always inspire."

Bal Thackeray's birth anniversary also took on political overtones, with the two Shiv Sena factions—one led by Uddhav Thackeray and the

other by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde—set to organise separate rallies. Both groups are looking to assert their claim over the Shiv Sena supremo's legacy ahead of the upcoming civic elections in the state, including for the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), which the party controlled for nearly three decades.

Born on January 23, 1926, Bal Thackeray was a cartoonist turned firebrand leader who founded the Shiv Sena in 1966 to champion the rights of Marathi-speaking people and advocate Hindutva. Under his leadership, Shiv Sena grew into a dominant political force in Maharashtra. Balasaheb's larger-than-life persona, uncompromising stance on issues, and fiery oratory earned him devoted followers and the title of "Hindu Hriday Samrat." His political career was marked by controversies and staunch ideological stands, but his influence remains indelible in Maharashtra's political landscape.

Jalgaon train tragedy eyewitness recounts how tea seller spread fire rumour

Dozens jumped off the Pushpak Express after a tea seller spread a rumour that the train had caught fire, an eyewitness recalled.

New Delhi. In a tragic incident in Maharashtra's Jalgaon district, 13 people were crushed to death after several passengers of the Pushpak Express jumped off their coach due to a suspected fire and were struck by another train. An eyewitness claimed that the panic was sparked by a tea seller who falsely claimed there was a fire and pulled the train's emergency chain, prompting passengers to jump off the train in fear. The accident occurred when passengers aboard the 12533 Lucknow-Mumbai Pushpak Express, fearing a fire, jumped off their coaches and were run over by the Kamataka Express, which was passing on an adjacent track.

An eyewitness, Babadeep Shobharam Paswan, recounted the chaos, saying, "A tea seller started the rumour by claiming the train had caught fire. He himself pulled the emergency chain, and as the train slowed down, passengers began jumping out in a desperate attempt to save their lives." He further said, "Some people jumped directly onto the track where the Bangalore Express

was passing, and tragically lost their lives as they were crushed." However, the situation could have been even worse, as the eyewitness noted that dozens of other passengers who jumped in the opposite direction were saved because there was no track there. "If they had jumped on the track side, the death toll would have been even higher," he added.

DETAILS OF THE ACCIDENT

The accident occurred between Maheji and Pardhade stations near Pachora town in North Maharashtra around 4:45 pm on Tuesday, when the Pushpak Express came to a halt after someone pulled the emergency chain. Central Railway officials confirmed the details of the incident.

Dilip Kumar, Executive Director of Information and Publicity at the Railway Board, denied that any spark or fire inside the coach prompted the passengers to pull the alarm. "Based on the information we have received, no fire or spark was observed inside the coach," Kumar stated in New Delhi.



13 KILLED, AID ANNOUNCED

The death toll rose to 13 on Wednesday, as several of the injured passengers succumbed to their injuries. Special Inspector General of Police Dattatraya Karale confirmed that eight of the 13 victims had been identified, including two through their Aadhaar cards. The Commissioner of Railway Safety for the Central Circle will conduct an investigation into the circumstances that led to the deaths. "Of the 13, we have identified eight bodies so far, including two from their Aadhaar cards," Special Inspector General of Police Dattatraya

Karale told media. The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Central Circle, will probe the circumstances leading to the mowing down of the 13 passengers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered his condolences over the tragic train accident in Jalgaon. "Anguished by the tragic accident on the railway tracks in Jalgaon, Maharashtra. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and pray for the speedy recovery of all the injured. Authorities are providing all possible assistance to those affected," the Prime Minister's Office stated in a post on X. The Railway Ministry announced ex gratia of Rs 1.5 lakh each for the kins of the deceased in the Jalgaon train accident.

"Ex gratia of Rs 1.5 lakh each has been announced for the kins of the deceased in the Jalgaon train accident, Rs 50,000 to the people who are seriously injured and Rs 5,000 to the people who have sustained minor injuries," as per an official statement from Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's office.

NEWS BOX

Aero India: No meat ban around Yelahanka, claim hoteliers

BENGALURU. After backlash from hoteliers against Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) order of shutting down hotels and outlets serving non-vegetarian food for 26 days ahead of Aero India 2025, Bangalore Hotels Association claimed that BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath has withdrawn the order. While there was no official ban withdrawal order issued from the BBMP on Wednesday, sources in the Palike said their request is under consideration and no official decision has been taken on revoking the ban.

The air show is set to be held at Air Force Station at Yelahanka from February 10 to 14 and as a regular practice, a ban on meat is enforced in areas around the venue to prevent bird strikes, as discarded meat and food waste will attract scavenger birds that



pose a serious threat for aircraft operations. In a press release issued on Wednesday, the association urged Girinath to revoke the order, highlighting that the closure of over 5,000 hotels, restaurants, pubs and bars in Yelahanka from January 23 to February 17 would significantly impact the public. President of the Bangalore Hotels Association PC Rao said Girinath withdrew the closure order after their appeal.

Orissa HC quashes FIR against 5 students, orders jail visit for reform over assault case

CUTTACK. The Orissa High Court has quashed an FIR against five students on the condition that they will visit a jail, observe living conditions of the prisoners and submit a report. The FIR was registered against the five, all students of a college in Cuttack city, for assaulting and threatening to kill a classmate. In the order, Justice Sibho Sankar Mishra said subjecting the petitioners who are young students pursuing their graduation 'to the rigors of the trial would be a futile exercise', and quashed the FIR subject to conditions. "The petitioners shall visit Choudwar Jail, Cuttack within two weeks from today, compile a report regarding the hygiene maintained on the jail premises and suggest positive measures regarding the same. They must furnish their suggestions to the jail superintendent and obtain a certificate from him to be filed before this court within four weeks from today," Justice Mishra said in his January 16 order, while quashing the FIR. The FIR was registered at Madhupatna police station on the basis of a complaint filed by the victim's father on December 30, 2024. The petitioners were directed by the HC to tender unconditional and unqualified written apologies to the informant, father of the victim and file those written apologies before the court within 10 days. "By visiting the jail premises, they need to realise the living condition of the prisoners in the jail; that experience will impel them to come out from the cocoon of their comfort to perceive the hard reality of life, and value human dignity and nudge into a positive direction and reform themselves into a good citizen," Justice Mishra observed. The five students and the victim's father appearing before the HC jointly prayed for quashing of the FIR. Replying to the court's query, the victim's father stated that he lodged the FIR to teach the students a lesson so that in future they would not indulge in such activities.

Marching rivers snatch away livelihood, displace villagers in Odisha's Aul and Rajkanika

KENDRAPARA. Kharasrota and Brahmani rivers are fast devouring vast tracts of land, snatching away livelihoods and displacing a large number of people in Aul and Rajkanika blocks of the district. Over the decades, villagers have been helplessly watching the marching rivers consume their agricultural land and houses with an accelerated pace.

Mahendra Patra of Ichhapur village in Aul used to live in a three-room thatched house. Six months back, the house was devoured by Kharasrota river. "Only a small portion of our house remains. Considering the intensity of the river erosion, the whole village may disappear from the map within a few years," said Mahendra.

Rajendra Mallick of Bijaynagar said he lost two acre of land to Kharasrota five years back. "The river has rendered me landless and snatched away my livelihood," he rued. Villagers said Kharasrota has already devoured many villages in the last three decades. Absence of stone-packed river embankments is the main reason behind the increased erosion, they claimed. Similar is the situation of villagers residing near Brahmani river. Brajakishore Rout of Bajapur village in Rajkanika said, "Brahmani flows just 200 metre away from our house. We lost our farmland 10 years back due to river erosion. Now, our house is facing the threat." The river has reportedly gobbled up 70 per cent of Bajapur, nearly half of Siko and 60



per cent of Singirimukha village. It has also devoured around 90 per cent of Pandurikoli village in Rajkanika block. Senior Congress leader and former Aul MLA Devendra Sharma said river erosion is causing mass migration in the region. A large number of villagers are forced to leave their native place to save themselves from the marauding rivers. Many have also lost their livelihoods, he claimed. Superintending engineer of Irrigation department, Kendrapara Umesh Sethi admitted that river erosion was a serious problem in the

riverside villages. "The authorities have already completed stone-packing works to protect some of the villages from the onslaught of the rivers. We will stone-pack the river embankments in other villages after getting funds from the government," he added.

Additional district magistrate (ADM) Nilu Mohapatra said at the natural calamity meeting held a few months back, the administration chalked out plans including stone-packing of embankments to protect the villages affected by river erosion.

APSRTC earns Rs 23 crore on single day sans fare hike during Sankranti

VIJAYAWADA. The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) operated an unprecedented 9,100 additional buses during the Sankranti festival season to meet soaring passenger demand, ensuring smooth travel across the State and neighbouring States.

This massive operation, conducted between January 18 and January 20, resulted in an all-time high single-day revenue of Rs 23.71 crore, according to APSRTC Vice Chairman and Managing Director (VC and MD) Ch Dwaraka Tirumala Rao. With an advanced strategy to accommodate the festival rush, APSRTC deployed 7,200 special services initially and added 1,900 more buses during peak travel days such as Saturday and Sunday. Rao highlighted the efforts of the entire RTC



team, including drivers, conductors, and depot staff, for efficiently managing the operation. He said, "Our primary goal was to ensure that no passenger faced inconvenience during this period." The Sankranti season saw over 60% of travellers heading to Hyderabad, while the rest

opted for destinations like Bengaluru and Chennai. Many passengers, especially software and private sector employees, favoured APSRTC buses due to their fair pricing compared to private operators, who reportedly doubled ticket costs during the festive season. He said the role of a passenger demand survey conducted in advance, which allowed the corporation to optimise routes with high demand. Real-time monitoring and coordination at bus stations played a crucial role in the seamless execution.

While the revenue figure of Rs 23.71 crore on January 20 turned heads, the overall income during the festival season is estimated to exceed Rs 150 crore, marking a major achievement for RTC.

IMD warns of fog in North Karnataka, urges motorists to exercise caution

BENGALURU. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast a dry spell and fog or mist over most parts of North Karnataka from January 23 to 28. It has cautioned motorists to regularly check highway fog alerts, especially during early morning and evening hours, while taking up their journeys. India Meteorological Department stated that some regions of Karnataka, especially north and north-interior parts, are recording a poor visibility of as low as 50-100 metres. In some villages and pockets, it dips to 20 metres, it cautioned. IMD said that increasing road accidents are not just because of poor road conditions or irresponsible driving by people, but also poor visibility. "Weather updates with fog alerts are uploaded on various weather



platforms periodically. Citizens should check them," India Meteorological Department Bengaluru, director-in-charge, N Puviaran told The New Indian Express. He said it is a misconception among people that a dip in temperature causes fog. But they are two separate things. Fog occurs during winters, but there should also be a dry spell. "We have forecast a dry spell and fog over most parts of the state for the next five days. Citizens are advised to exercise caution.

Trawlers spotted amid Olive Ridley deaths in Chennai, NGT warns of complete ban

CHENNAI. In the midst of an alarmingly high number of Olive Ridley turtles beaching in and around Chennai this nesting season, four trawler boats were spotted 2-3km off the shore at Thiruvanniyur beach at 3.30 pm on Wednesday. Trawlers were also spotted off the shores of Neelankarai and Kalpakkam. The southern bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), which has taken suo motu cognisance of the issue based on a report, warned that it will order a complete ban on trawling during nesting season if the fishing regulations are not complied with. The Tamil Nadu Marine Fisheries Regulation Act, 1983, prohibits fishing by mechanised vessels within five nautical miles of identified nesting and breeding sites during nesting season. In 2017, the state fisheries department submitted a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) before the Madras High Court that reiterated the ban on trawlers, motorised country crafts and those using mechanised fishing techniques within five nautical miles from the coast during nesting and breeding season of sea



turtles — January to April — in coastal areas of Chennai, Kanchheepuram, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Nagapattinam, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari districts. However, in reality, the rules are frequently violated. State government pleader D Shanmuganathan told the NGT bench that draft replies from the forest and fisheries departments indicate the turtles died due to trawling, but sought more time to submit a report. Referring to a larticle, the bench, comprising Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana and expert member K Satyagopal, said the fisheries department has to answer why it did not strictly enforce the regulations and the

mandatory use of Turtle Excluder Devices.

"If this is the case, we will ban trawling during nesting season," the bench warned and posted the case for January 31. S Aparanjetha, a resident of Thiruvanniyur, said she spotted 4-5 trawler boats operating close to the shore and added this has been a regular sighting for the past two weeks. K

Bharathi, president of the South Indian Fishermen Welfare Association, told that it is true that trawlers are violating the rules and urged the state government to take a firm stance on bottom trawling, considering the impact on the nesting season this year. He said that although bottom trawling is not a sustainable practice, the government continues to provide diesel subsidies to these vessels despite their violations. According to sources, Olive Ridley turtles have been congregating closer to the shores where there is good catch of shrimp and fish. The trawlers are also chasing catch near the shore as the deep sea has been rough due to the northeast monsoon, they added.

Give opinion, not political lectures: Justice Ghose to ex-official

HYDERABAD. Justice PC Ghose, heading the Commission of Inquiry on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, firmly told V Prakash Rao, former chairman of the Telangana Water Resources Development Corporation, to avoid political commentary and technical lectures while testifying about the damaged piers of the Medigadda barrage. "I am not a politician and am not worried about politics. Do not give political lectures. Engineering is not your cup of tea, simply share your opinion on what can be done with the damaged piers of Medigadda barrage without delving into technical

details," Justice PC Ghose said during the hearing. Prakash Rao, who appeared as witness number 101, deposed for the third time before the Commission. When questioned about the change in the intake point from Tummadihatti to Medigadda, Rao began explaining the political background leading to the formation of Telangana. Justice Ghose interrupted, stating: "I am not a politician. Do not give political lectures." Rao responded that he was supporting the Commission by giving details, to which Ghose replied: said that he did not require anybody's support and the



documents themselves would speak the facts. "I do not require anyone's support. The documents themselves will speak the facts. People may speak untruths, but documents and GOs cannot lie." When asked

for his views on repairing the damaged piers of Medigadda, Rao began discussing technical matters. Justice Ghose intervened again, saying, "Engineering is not your cup of tea. That is the job of engineers. Just share your broader view." Rao then stated that the piers could be repaired and restored. Prakash Rao, who served as chairman of the Water Resources Development Corporation from March 2017 to December 2023, used "our government" during the cross-examination. Justice Ghose objected, prompting Rao to clarify by referring to the "then BRS government."

Disappearance of Odia navy officer shrouded in mystery

BERHAMPUR. A young officer of the Indian Navy has reportedly gone missing under mysterious circumstances after he left his home at Berhampur for Kochi Naval base on January 19. The 25-year-old navy officer, identified as Saurabh Kumar Patra, is a resident of Gate Bazaar area in Berhampur. Saurabh's uncle Amulya Jena lodged a complaint with Berhampur Town police on Tuesday alleging that the navy officer boarded a train to Visakhapatnam from where he was supposed to catch a flight to Kochi to join his duty as an acting leading communicator at INS Garuda.

However, he did not reach his workplace at INS Garuda. While his mobile phone was switched off, the last recorded location from the device was Visakhapatnam. Worried family members reached out to their relatives at different places and even enquired at the Naval base at Kochi but could not trace Saurabh. Saurabh's younger brother Sagar said the navy officer was sent off by their mother and uncle at Berhampur railway station. "We enquired with the airport authorities at Vizag. But Saurabh did not check in." He urged police and Indian Navy authorities to intensify efforts to locate his brother. The family apprehends that the navy officer might have been kidnapped. Saurabh joined the Indian Navy in 2019 and was at home on leave since December 28.

IIC of Berhampur Town police station Soubhagya Swain said, "After receiving the complaint, we sent the navy officer's photographs to various police stations. During investigation, it was found that his mobile phone was switched off at Ichchapuram railway station." Police on Wednesday collected the footage of CCTV cameras at Ichchapuram railway station. The footage shows that Saurabh got down from the train and went outside the railway station. A senior police officer said some documents of the navy officer have been recovered from Lanjipalli area of the city. Besides, the personal tablet of Saurabh was found at his home. The device and the documents are being examined.

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Wind speed picks up, but Gurgaon's air quality 'poor' for 4th day in a row

Gurgaon. Higher wind speeds seemed to have brought respite on Wednesday morning when the air quality index (AQI) recorded 'moderate' levels. By the afternoon, however, it slipped into the 'poor' category for the fourth day in a row. At 201, the AQI was slightly lower than the previous day's reading (212).

The last time the air was 'moderate' was on Jan 18 (131). Of the four monitoring stations in the city, Teri Gram recorded the highest AQI (259) followed by Gwalpahari at 204 — both 'poor'. Vikas Sadan's AQI was 106 (moderate). AQI was not recorded at Sector 51 due to insufficient data. The city witnessed a wind speed of 8kmph on Wednesday, up from the previous day's 4kmph. It enhanced the dispersion of pollutants, leading to a better AQI in the morning.

According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (Safar), the AQI may worsen over the next three days. Predominant surface



wind from the northwest is expected in Delhi-NCR with a speed of 8-11 kmph till Friday. HSPCB officials said local issues are responsible for the deteriorating AQI for most part of the year. They cited

factors like suspension of road dust due to vehicular traffic, surge in construction activities, and waste burning as concerns that have increased the pollutants. The minimum temperature on Wednesday

was 9.4 degrees Celsius, a notch below Tuesday's 10.6 degrees. The maximum temperature, recorded at 23 degrees Celsius, also witnessed a one-degree plunge from 22 degrees recorded on the previous day. The India Meteorological Department predicts a mainly clear sky for the next five days. The maximum temperature is likely to stay in the range of 22 and 23 degrees Celsius while the minimum temperature may hover around 6 and 7 degrees. There are no alerts for the region for the next five days.

New Delhi, meanwhile, saw a rise in its maximum temperature that brought the second hottest day of the month on Wednesday. The maximum temperature at the base station, Safdarjung, was 25.6 degrees Celsius, five notches above normal, with no rain till late evening. At 25.8 degrees Celsius, Pitampura was the warmest place in the city. A day earlier, the maximum temperature was 24 degrees Celsius.

In works for over 2 yrs, logistics hub may get GDA board approval next wk

Ghaziabad. The draft proposal for developing a logistics hub on nearly 300 hectares of land near Dasa village along the Delhi-Meerut Expressway (DME) is likely to get the GDA board's approval in its Jan 27 meeting. In the works for over 2 years, the logistics hub is part of the Authority's long-term traffic management plan to prevent heavy vehicles heading towards the capital or other adjacent industrial clusters in NCR from entering the city's limits, and, at the same time, facilitate the smooth movement of raw materials and goods to its industries clusters. GDA officials earlier told TOI the city's roads at night are choked with heavy vehicles ferrying goods and construction materials to its various factories. They said the logistics hub would be planned on the city's outskirts so that trucks would no longer need to enter the city. Across its 10 industrial clusters, spread across Sahibabad, Bulandshahr and GT Road, the city has 1,09,842 micro industries,

year, the GDA made amendments in its unified Master Plan 2031 — which was cleared by the GDA board in Sept 2024 — to include a portion of the total 5% land (of the 33,543.1 hectares plan area) earmarked for industries to develop a logistics hub.

"After the amendment, land earmarked under the industrial head came down from 5.5% of the total plan area to 5%. Under this category, 8% was earmarked for developing a logistics hub," a GDA official told TOI. The Master Plan 2031 covers an overall developed area of 18,687.8 hectares in Ghaziabad, 6,874.9 hectares in Modinagar, and 7,980.4 hectares in Loni. The draft for the logistics hub, prepared by Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES), states the land will be acquired under the land pooling policy, under which 60% of the developed land will be used for a multi-modal logistics hub and the remaining 40% will be handed over to the farmers.

NAME CHANGE
I, JYOTI BALA W/O VIKAS BHARDWAJ R/O 605, SIDHI VINAYAK APARTMENT, SECTOR-55, GURGAON, HARYANA-122011, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JYOTI GUPTA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for the information of general public that my client Sh. Shiv Kumar S/O Sh. Babu Lal and Smt. Pushpa Rani W/O Sh. Shiv Kumar, both R/O 3863, Katra Beni wala Churi Wala, Delhi, G.P.O. North Delhi, G.P.O., Delhi-110006, debarred their son Sh. Anshul Koli S/O Sh. Shiv Kumar, 34 years, and daughter-in-law Smt. Prabha W/O Sh. Anshul about 29 years old, both R/O 3863, Katra Beni wala Churi Wala, Delhi, G.P.O. North Delhi, G.P.O., Delhi-110006 from all movable and immovable properties and broken all relations due to their misbehavior and ill conduct. Anybody dealing with them shall be responsible themselves.

Rehmat Ali Advocate
T-1A, Teshi Lane, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I, RAGHUBAR DATT JOSHI, S/O SH. URBIA DATT JOSHI R/O C-1/65, STREET NO. 1, BLOCK-C, DAYALPUR, DELHI-110094, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as RAGHUBAR DATT and URBIA DATT respectively in my 10% class educational documents and name of mine has also been wrongly written in English as RAGHUBAR DUTTA JOSHI in my Degree of Bachelor of Arts. The actual name of mine and my father are RAGHUBAR DATT JOSHI and URBIA DATT JOSHI respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE
I, MEERA D/O RAJESH VERMA R/O 7152 SUNARON WALI GALLI AGGAR-SAIN CHOWK OLD FARIDABAD SECTOR-12 FARIDABAD HARYANA 121002 I HAVE CHANGED NAME TO MEERA VERMA

NAME CHANGE
I, Premia Shaleesh Arora W/O Sh. Yuvraj Bhardwaj R/O B-8/11, Ground Floor, Vasant Vihar-1, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, have changed my name after marriage from Premia Shaleesh Arora to Premia Arora Brara for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I, HEENA NAZ W/O JAKIR ALI R/O RZ-3138 GALI NO-35 TUGHLAKABAD EXTENSION KALKAJI SOUTH DELHI 110019 HAVE CHANGED NAME TO HEENA NAZ.

NAME CHANGE
I, MOHAMMAD KIBAL D/O RAJESH VERMA R/O 7152 SUNARON WALI GALLI AGGAR-SAIN CHOWK OLD FARIDABAD SECTOR-12 FARIDABAD HARYANA 121002 I HAVE CHANGED NAME TO MD IQBAL.

NAME CHANGE
I, Tayab Sohail Siddiqui S/O Sohaluddin R/O House No-78 second floor, C/12 Block, Yarnuna Vihar, North West Delhi-110053 have changed my name from Tayab Sohail Siddiqui to Tayab Sohail Siddiqui for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as SHYAM S/O VED-PRAKASH residing at House No. - B-54, 20 Fata Road, Budh Vihar, Mandoli, Nand Nagar, North East Delhi, Delhi-110093 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAJ.

NAME CHANGE
I, JC-704965F Rank-SUBBTA Name-LABADE BALU ANANDA residing at VILL-KHALI, PO-ZAREKATHI, TEHSIL-SANGAMNER, DIST-AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA-413714, have changed my daughter's name from SHRAVANI TO SHRAVANI BALU LABADE for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I, Khyati Verma D/O Late Prashant Verma, W/O Yeshwant Kaushik R/O RZ-2063 A, gali no. 27, Tughlakabad Extn., Kalkaji, PO, Kalkaji, DIST: South Delhi, Delhi-110019, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Khyati Kaushik in my marriage certificate no. 9017300020780A. The actual name of mine is Khyati Verma, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I, Horli Shah S/O Raja Sah R/O S-175/42A, Rang Puri Pahani Nala Camp, Meharpur, Malik Puri Koli alias Rang Puri, South West Delhi, Delhi-110037 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Horli and Rajender Shah in my Driving Licence NO-DL01 20080113126 and name of mine has been wrongly written as Horli in my Driver's Badge No-P12400055. The actual name of mine and my father are Horli Shah and Raja Sah.

NAME CHANGE
I, No-17003081F Rank-HAV(SKT), Name-SOHAAN LAL Residing at 68, MADHAVAN PANA, KALWA, JIND, HARYANA-126113 have changed my mother's name from ROSHNI TO ROSHANI for all future purposes and in my service records my mother's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1959 instead of correct date of birth as 01/01/1953 vide Affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
I, SABANA KHATOON W/O RUSTAM ALI R/O S-313/176, EAST MEHRAM NAGAR, DELHI CANTT, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110010, have changed my name from SABANA KHATOON TO SHABANA BEGUM for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE
I, TASHKIN BEGAM W/O ACHCHAN KHAN R/O 93/33, 33 FEET MAIN ROAD KABIR NAGAR GOKAL PUR DELHI-110094 have changed my name to TASHKEEN BEGUM for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE
I, No-15217006N Rank-NK(CC) Name-BHAGWAN SINGH SISODEYIA Residing at MAHUA, RAJGARH, MADHYA PRADESH-465685 have changed my minor daughter's name from PRIYANKA TO PRIYANKA SISODEYIA for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE
It is for general information that I, SUNIL KUMAR BHADORIA S/O MAHESH SINGH BHADORIA R/O H.N. US 249, Urban School Block, Mandawali Fasalpur, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, declare that name of my wife has been wrongly written as PUNAM BHADORIA in my minor son ADITYA KUMAR BHADORIA aged 13 years in his School Record, and also name of my wife has been wrongly written as PUNAM BAHORIA in his Birth Registration Certificate No. MC/DOLR-2111-004953757. The actual name of my wife is PUNAM CHAUHAN.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nisha Sehrawani D/o Satyapal Singh W/O Ajay Singh Bal R/O F-42, M.B Road, Sauridajab, Gadaipur, Delhi-110030 have changed my name to Nisha.

NAME CHANGE
I, LIPNY GILBERT ALBERT GERSON FATHER OF ASHLYN BRITNEY, holder of Indian passport No T9201210 issued at ABU DHABI UAE of issue on date of 06/09/2020, Permanent 2/101/NN0 1/14/101, MIDDLE ST, KARISALPATTI AMBASAMUDRAM, T.KTIRUNELVELI RURAL PIN-627414, TAMIL NADU, INDIA and presently residing Flat-4 Villa 28 B1 Street 27 Khalifa city A Abu Dhabi, UAE do hereby change my DAUGHTER'S NAME FROM ASHLYN BRITNEY TO ASHLYN BRITNEY LIPNY GILBERT, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

NAME CHANGE
I, SADASHIV Father of No-16113625A Rank-HAV Name-PRAKASH KADAM Presently residing at VPO-ADI, TEH-CHIKODI, DIST-BELGAUM, KARNATAKA-591215, have changed my name from SADASHIV TO SADASHIV DHONDEBA KADAM for all future purposes and in my son's service records my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1953 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1953 vide Affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is general information that I, ANISHA RAO D/O BIRENDER RAO R/O H. No. H-42, Ground Floor, Subhash Market, Near PNB Bank, Kolia Mubarakpur, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as ANISHA in my 10th and 12th Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is ANISHA RAO which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I, Mohammad Majid Siddiqui S/O Mohd. Noor Alam R/O S-4/1-2, Sarodaya Camp, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 declare that name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Nooralam and Rehmat Khatoun in my Passport No-M9789882. The actual name of my father and my mother are Mohd. Noor Alam and Rahmat Khatoun for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my client Mrs. Anita Devi is the owner of Plot No. B-32 admeasuring 171.66 sq. yds. out of Kharsa no. 320 situated at Pradhan Enclave Ilaahpur Loni, Ghaziabad by the virtue of Sale Deed dated 01.07.2013 as doc no. 29210 and intend to mortgage the said property with Aditya Birla Finance Limited. If any person(s) has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within 07 days from the date of this notice on the number & address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I, Mukesh Kumar Baghel S/O Phod Singh/R/O G-BLOCK, 361, J COLONY, SHAKUR PUR, Saraswati Vihar, Saraswati Vihar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110034, declare that name of mine, my wife and my minor daughter has been wrongly written as Mukesh Kumar/Rajwati and Yashika in my minor daughter namely Yashika Baghel aged 14 years in her School records. The actual name of mine, my wife and my minor daughter are Mukesh Kumar Baghel, Rajwati Baghel, and Yashika Baghel, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE
I, JG-708125Y Rank-NB SUB Name-GIRI VINAYAK GURUDAS S/O GURUDAS V GIRI Presently residing at VPO-TUDIYE, TEH-CHANDGAD, DIST-KOLHAPUR, MAHARASHTRA-416507 have changed my mother's name from YUNJUNA TO YAMUBAI GURUDAS GIRI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I Arun Yadav son of Late shri Pahlad Singh resident of Village - Kanahanawas, P.O-Koshi, Dist- Rewari, Haryana inform that my father shri Pahlad Singh had expired on 31 Jan 2002. After his death his legal heirs are as under- (a) Smt Shakuntala Devi- wife (b) Suman Yadav - Daughter (c) Anil Yadav - Son (d) Arun Yadav - Son 2. The general public is informed that apart from the above mentioned heirs, there are no other legal heirs. If anyone has any objections regarding the above mentioned heirs, then contact the Municipal Council Rewari Within 30 days. Applicant - Arun Yadav

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed Public at large that my client Hemanta Mukhopadhyay S/O Late Sh. Sankata Mukhopadhyay R/O F-1148, First Floor, C.R. Park, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, wish to inform that his names as Hemanta Mukhopadhyay, Hemanta Mukherjee and Hemant Mukherjee has been mentioned in some documents which are correct names. The all names i.e. Hemanta Mukhopadhyay, Hemanta Mukherjee and Hemant Mukherjee are the names of the one and same person.

SUDARSHAN NAYAK & DEBASHISH BHALLIKI
Advocates
Ch.No.182, Lawyers Chambers Complex, Saket Courts, New Delhi

NAME CHANGE
I, No-15217006N Rank-NK(CC) Name-BHAGWAN SINGH SISODEYIA Residing at MAHUA, RAJGARH, MADHYA PRADESH-465685 have changed my minor son's name from ISHWAR SINGH TO ISHWAR SINGH SISODEYIA for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform general public at large that our client who has approached M/s Varthana Home Finance Ltd. to borrow Loan Against Property in respect of Residential Land Area Measuring 3013 Sq. Mtrs. Having Khata No. 578, Kharsa No. 559, Area 0.2527 Hect. and Kharsa No. 561KH Area 0.0822 Hect, i.e. Total 3013 Sq. Mtrs., Situated at Village Dhaulad, Pargana Baghara, Tehsil & Distt. Muzaffarnagar, U.P. As per this property is in the name of 1) Mrs. Ajeta W/o Mr. Dheeraj Pal and 2) Mrs. Suman W/o Mr. Ranpal who were gifted this property vide Gift Deed dated 27.01.2024 executed by Mr. Virendra Singh S/o Mr. Laxhi Singh. It is to mention that the Original Gift Deed dated 27.01.2024 executed by Mr. Virendra Singh S/o Mr. Laxhi Singh in favour of 1) Mrs. Ajeta W/o Mr. Dheeraj Pal and 2) Mrs. Suman W/o Mr. Ranpal in respect of Residential Land Area Measuring 3013 Sq. Mtrs. Having Khata No. 578, Kharsa No. 559, Area 0.2527 Hect. and Kharsa No. 561KH Area 0.0822 Hect, i.e. Total 3013 Sq. Mtrs., Situated at village Dhaulad, Pargana Baghara, Tehsil & Distt. Muzaffarnagar, U.P. Regd. As Doc No. 1585, Book 1, Volume No. 14131, Pages 259/274, 5R-Sadar-1, Muzaffarnagar, is lost by Mrs. Ajeta W/o Mr. Dheeraj Pal and Mrs. Suman W/o Mr. Ranpal.

PUBLIC NOTICE
And the said property is going to be mortgaged in M/s Varthana Finance Pvt. Ltd, Unit No-3 Ground Floor, Pearls Omaze Tower, Plot B-Netaji Subhash Place, Pitam Pura Delhi-110034.

All persons, if any, including bank, financial institutions, or any parties having any claim (Object to Kharsa Number), demand, right, interest in respect of or against the said property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, assignment, mortgage, charge, possession, lien or otherwise, are hereby required to make the same known in writing within 7 days with the documentary evidence from the date of publication, failing which the said claim of the person(s), if any will be considered waived and settled.

Ms. Rani Shilpee (Advocate)
Office Add: P.O. T/181, UGF, Shukar Bazaar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059

EXTENSION OF PERIODICITY OF SPECIAL TRAIN
It is notified for the information of rail passengers that Northern Railway has decided to extend the Periodicity of the run of Train No. 04066/04065 Delhi Jn.-Phaphamau Jn.-Delhi Jn. Kumbh Special Train as per the details given below:-

Train No.	From	To	Days to Run	Additional Trip on	Trips
04066	Delhi Jn.	Phaphamau Jn.	Saturday	25.01.2025	01
04065	Phaphamau Jn.	Delhi Jn.	Sunday	26.01.2025	01

* Rest all information will hold good.

For detailed information, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit enquiry website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

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NAME CHANGE
I, hitherto known as AKHILESH DEVI W/O BRIJESH SINGH residing at House No. -3/422, Street No.-3, Near Mata wali Gali, Fanne Kha Moad, Saboli Village, Saboli, North East Delhi -110093 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AKHILESH DEVI.

NAME CHANGE
I hitherto known as SHAMBHU RAY alias SANTOSH RAI S/O RAJENDRA RAI R/O H NO-211, VILLAGE RAJOKARI, RAJOKRI, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110038 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SANTOSH RAI.

NAME CHANGE
I hitherto known as Harish S/O Mahesh Kumar R/O HOUSE NO. 41853, GALI NO 7 MULANI DHANDA PAHAD GANU Central Delhi, Delhi-110055, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harish.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform you that Mrs. Anu Pachisia intend to purchase the Entire Ground floor (with rights to excavate construct own and Possess the Entire Basement) Part of Property bearing No. E-35, area measuring 300 sq. yds., situated at East of Kalkaji, New Delhi, from (1) Mr. Pradeep Kumar Malhotra (2) Mr. Pramod Kumar Malhotra (3) Mrs. Neelam Kotra (4) Mrs. Kavita Malhotra (5) Mr. Vaibhav Malhotra his attorney holder Mrs. Kavita Malhotra. The entire property was originally owned by Mrs. Sudharshan Malhotra, who purchased it from POI through DDA via a Conveyance Deed dated 09.04.2001. Subsequently, Mrs. Sudharshan Malhotra passed away, leaving behind legal heirs: Mrs. Neelam Kotra, Mr. Pradeep Kumar Malhotra, Mr. Pramod Kumar Malhotra, and Mr. Sunil Malhotra, Later, Mr. Sunil Malhotra also passed away, leaving behind legal heirs: Mrs. Kavita Malhotra, Mrs. Shira Malhotra, and Mr. Vaibhav Malhotra. Mrs. Shira Malhotra later released her share in favor of Mrs. Kavita Malhotra and Mr. Vaibhav Malhotra through a Relinquishment Deed dated 05.09.2022, and a Rectification Deed dated 20.02.2024. After this, the names of all these got mutated in the MCD records, as per the Mutation Letter 08.03.2024. Subsequently, Mr. Vaibhav Malhotra appointed Mrs. Kavita Malhotra as his General Power of Attorney holder through a deed dated 03.01.2025. The same property is being financed by RBL Bank, Branch Gurgaon.

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I, JAYASHREE Mother of No-16113525A Rank-HAV Name-PRAKASH KADAM Presently residing at VPO-ADI, TEH-CHIKODI, DIST-BELGAUM, KARNATAKA-591215, have changed my name from JAYASHREE TO JAYASHRI SADASHIV KADAM for all future purposes and in my son's service records my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 09/07/1959 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1957 vide Affidavit dated 23/01/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

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Format C-1
(for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)
Declaration about criminal cases
(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)
Name and address of candidate: SMT TANYA SINGH
M-27 FIRST FLOOR CHITTRANJAN PARK NEW DELHI 110019, DELHI, NCT OF DELHI
Name of political party: BHARTIYA RASHTRAWADI PARTY (Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)
Name of Election : GENERAL ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NCT DELHI - 2025
***Name of Constituency: 51 - KALKAJI ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY**
I, TANYA SINGH (name of candidate), a candidate for the above-mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

A. Pending Criminal Cases				
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1.	6723/2018/SH RAVI JMFC-7 PHC COURTS	40/2015/VASANT VIHAR/ Nelson Mandela Marg, Basant Lok, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, Delhi 110045	ON CHARGE	384/IPC THIS SECTION DEALS WITH THE PUNISHMENT FOR EXTORTION
2.	934/2020/Ms Heena Aggarwal JMFC Amritsar	180/2014/GATE HAKIMA/ Hakima Gate Chowk Roop Nagar Amritsar	PROSECUTION EVIDENCE	420/120B/IPC Cheating and Dishonestly Inducing someone to deliver property and Criminal Conspiracy

B. Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences			
Sl. No.	Name of Court & dates(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum punishment imposed
1.	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

*in the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

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Yemen's Houthi rebels release crew of commercial vessel seized in Red Sea in November 2023

DUBAI. Yemen's Houthi rebels said Wednesday they released the crew of the Galaxy Leader, a vehicle carrier seized in November 2023 at the start of their attacks on shipping in the Red Sea corridor over the Israel-Hamas war. The move by the Iranian-backed Houthis marks their latest effort to de-escalate their attacks following a ceasefire in Gaza. It also comes as U.S. President Donald Trump likely weighs whether to reinstate a terrorism designation he made on the group that had been revoked by President Joe Biden. The rebels said they released the sailors after mediation by Oman, a sultanate on the eastern edge of the Arabian Peninsula that's long been an interlocutor with the Houthis. Oman did not immediately acknowledge the release, though an Omani Royal Air Force jet took a flight to Yemen earlier Wednesday and took off again about an hour after the Houthi announcement. The Houthis also said Hamas separately requested the release of the ship's crew of 25, who included mariners from the Philippines, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine and Mexico. "This step comes in support of the ceasefire agreement in Gaza," the Houthis said in a statement on rebel-controlled SABA news agency. Vessel's link to Israeli billionaire The Houthi rebels said they hijacked the Galaxy Leader over its connection to Israel. They then had a campaign targeting ships in international waters, which only stopped with the recent ceasefire in Israel's war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip. A representative for the Galaxy Leader's owners had no immediate comment on Wednesday. The Bahamas-flagged vessel is affiliated with an Israeli billionaire Abraham "Rami" Ungar, who is known as one of the richest men in Israel. The Houthi attack on the Galaxy Leader saw the rebels launched a helicopter-borne raid. Propaganda footage of the raid has been played constantly by the Houthis, who even shot a music video aboard the ship at one point. On Monday, the Houthis signaled they now will limit their attacks in the Red Sea corridor to only Israeli-affiliated ships after a ceasefire began in the Gaza Strip, but warned wider assaults could resume if needed. However, it likely won't be enough to encourage global firms to reenter the route that's crucial for cargo and energy shipments moving between Asia and Europe.

Jaishankar US Visit: EAM Expresses Concern Over Attack On Indian Consulate In San Francisco, Calls It 'Very Serious Matter'

EAM Jaishankar In US. Expressing concern over the attack on the Indian consulate in San Francisco, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar dubbed it a "very serious matter". He said that India expects accountability for the incident and those responsible to be held accountable. While speaking at a press conference in Washington DC on Wednesday (local time), the EAM said, "The arson attack on our consulate in San Francisco is a very, very serious matter, and it is something for which we expect accountability. We would like to see that people who did it are held responsible". Further, Jaishankar also stated that "he had a brief discussion on Bangladesh" with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, but didn't share any further details at the presser. "We had a brief discussion on Bangladesh...I don't think it's appropriate. I get into more details," he said. Notably, the Consulate General of India in San Francisco was attacked on March 19, 2023, by a group of assailants who committed criminal trespass, damaged public property, and attacked officials of the Consulate. Before this attack, on the same day, some attackers attempted to set the Consulate building on fire by sprinkling inflammable substances early in the morning. A video surfaced on social media in which suspected pro-Khalistani protestors were seen gathering outside the Indian consulate in San Francisco, shouting slogans and heckling staff as they abandoned the diplomatic mission.

Charge South Korea's Yoon With Insurrection, Abuse Of Power: Investigators

Seoul, South Korea. South Korean investigators recommended Thursday that impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol be charged with insurrection and abuse of power, as they handed over the results of their probe into his ill-fated declaration of martial law to prosecutors. The official charges against Yoon were "leading an insurrection and abuse of power", the Corruption Investigation Office said after a 51-day probe into his December 3 attempt to suspend civilian rule. The CIO said it "decided to request the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office file charges against the sitting President, Yoon Suk Yeol, in connection with allegations including leading insurrection". Yoon had "conspired with the former Minister of National Defense and military commanders on December 3, 2024," it said. The leader, currently suspended from duties, "declared martial law with the intent to exclude state authority or disrupt the constitutional order, thereby inciting riots". Under the South Korean legal system, the case file of the suspect -- identified as "Yoon Suk Yeol: president" -- will now be handed to prosecutors, who have 11 days to decide whether to charge him, which would lead to a criminal trial. The prosecutors' office has "complied with the CIO's request for a case transfer," the investigators said. Yoon was arrested in a dawn raid last week on insurrection charges, becoming the first sitting South Korean head of state to be detained in a criminal probe.

Mexican border states prepare migrant shelters as Trump begins deportation campaign

CIUDAD JUÁREZ. Mexico raised sprawling tents on the U.S. border Wednesday as it braced for President Donald Trump to fulfill his pledge to carry out mass deportations. In an empty lot tight against the border with El Paso, Texas, cranes lifted metal frames for tent shelters in Ciudad Juárez. Enrique Serrano, an official in Chihuahua state, where Ciudad Juárez is located, said the tents erected for Mexican deportees were just the initial phase of a potentially larger operation, and something authorities would scale up if the number of migrants gathering on the border continued to mount. He suggested migrants from other countries expelled from the U.S. would be relocated to Mexico City or southern regions of Mexico as they've done previously. Workers begin the installation of a temporary shelter for possible deportees from the United States, in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, Wednesday. Nogales, Mexico — across from Nogales, Arizona — announced that it would build shelters on soccer fields and in a gymnasium. The

border cities of Matamoros and Piedras Negras have launched similar efforts. At a border crossing in Tijuana, Mexico, on Tuesday night, one man shouted to journalists that he was being deported in a group that was arrested that morning in farm fields near Denver. Another man said he was in a group that had been brought from Oregon. Everyone carried their belongings in a small orange bag. Neither man's account could be independently confirmed. The number of people deported Tuesday was lower than the daily average of about 500 last year, Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum noted at her daily press briefing. And many border shelters that have long offered refuge to migrants remained comparatively empty to the soaring levels of migrants seen just a year before. Still, heads of those migrant shelters like José María García, director of the Tijuana shelter Movimiento Juventud 2000 were bracing for what could come. "Mass deportations in the United States and the arrival of thousands of migrants from the



south could overwhelm the city of Tijuana and other border cities, creating a crisis," he said. Though quickly ramping up deportations — as Trump pledges — faces logistical and financial challenges. The Mexican government is building nine shelters in border cities to receive deportees. It has said that it would also use existing facilities in Tijuana, Ciudad Juárez and Matamoros, to take in migrants whose appointments to request asylum in the U.S. were canceled on Inauguration Day. Sheinbaum has said that Mexico will

give humanitarian aid to migrants from other countries whose asylum appointments were cancelled, as well as those sent to wait in her nation under the revived policy known as Remain in Mexico. Mexico wants to eventually and voluntarily return them to their nations, she has said. Mexican Foreign Affairs Secretary Juan Ramón de la Fuente and the new U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio held their first telephone conversation in their new positions. "It was a very good conversation, very cordial, they talked about migration and security issues," Sheinbaum said. After pledging to dramatically shift border and immigration policies, on Monday Trump scrapped the program known as CBP One that allowed asylum seekers to schedule appointments on their phones before arriving at the border, providing a degree of order. On Wednesday, the Pentagon announced it was sending up to 1,500 active-duty troops to the border.

Elon Musk clashes with OpenAI CEO Sam Altman over Trump-supported Stargate AI data centre project

WASHINGTON. Elon Musk and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman are publicly clashing over the Stargate artificial intelligence infrastructure project, a venture heavily promoted by President Donald Trump. The feud, rooted in a longstanding rivalry between the two tech billionaires, is now testing Musk's influence within Trump's administration. Trump announced the Stargate initiative on Tuesday, a joint venture involving OpenAI, Oracle, and SoftBank, with plans to invest up to \$500 billion. The project aims to develop advanced AI technology through new data centers and renewable energy infrastructure, starting with an initial private investment of \$100 billion. Trump described the venture as "a resounding declaration of confidence in America's potential" under his leadership. However, Musk, a close adviser to Trump and the head of a government cost-cutting initiative, questioned the validity of the investment. "They don't actually have the money," Musk wrote on his social platform, X. "SoftBank has well under \$10 billion secured. I have that on good authority." Altman responded

Wednesday, refuting Musk's claims and inviting him to visit the first construction site in Texas. "This is great for the country. I realize what is great for the country isn't always what's optimal for your companies, but in your new role, I hope you'll mostly put (America) first," Altman wrote, using an American flag emoji.

The conflict stems from a years-long dispute that began during Musk and Altman's time on OpenAI's board. Musk, an early investor in OpenAI, sued the company last year, accusing it of abandoning its nonprofit mission to prioritize profits. He has since escalated his legal claims, seeking a court order to halt OpenAI's transformation into a for-profit entity. A hearing is scheduled for February in a California federal court. Musk, who launched his own AI company, AI, last year, has accused OpenAI and its partner Microsoft of creating unfair competition. Microsoft has provided substantial computing resources for OpenAI's AI systems, including ChatGPT. AI is reportedly building its own data center in Memphis, Tennessee, to compete with OpenAI's infrastructure. Stargate has been in

development for several months. Tech news outlet The Information first reported on the project in March 2024. Crusoe Energy Systems, along with energy tech firm Lancium, announced a large AI data center in Abilene, Texas, last July, powered by renewable energy sources.

The project, initially described as a multibillion-dollar investment, has now been revealed as the first phase of Stargate. Abilene Mayor Weldon Hurt said construction began about nine months ago, with the project expanding far beyond initial expectations. Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison confirmed that the Abilene facility is the first of 10 planned data centers, with the possibility of growing to 20. The region's energy resources, including solar, wind, oil, and gas, make it an ideal location for the development.

Missing from Trump's announcement was Microsoft, a longtime OpenAI partner that has invested billions into its AI infrastructure. Microsoft is reportedly involved in Stargate alongside Nvidia and Arm but emphasized that its OpenAI partnership is evolving to focus on research and model training.

Trump threatens to withhold US government aid for LA if California doesn't change water policies

WASHINGTON. US President Donald Trump on Wednesday threatened to withhold federal disaster aid for wildfire-ravaged Los Angeles unless California leaders change the state's approach on its management of water.

In a Fox News interview, Trump repeated false claims that the state's fish conservation efforts in the northern part of the state are responsible for fire hydrants running dry in urban areas. He says the blame for Los Angeles' struggles to tame some of the deadly fires lies with Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, a political foe who has called for partnership and mutual respect as the state fights the blazes. "I don't think we should give California anything until they let the water run down," Trump said. The president leveled the threat as he prepares for the first presidential trip of his second term. On Friday, he will visit Southern California in addition to western North Carolina, which is recovering after Hurricane Helene pummeled the area more than

three months ago. Trump in the interview also called for reform of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, claiming it is "getting in the way of everything." "I'd rather see the states take care of their own problems," he said. He did not elaborate on his proposed reforms, only saying that the agency is "going to be a whole big discussion very shortly." In other developments for the new administration, Trump met Wednesday with a small contingent of the most politically endangered House Republicans as the party struggles to agree on a strategy for implementing the tax cuts and other priorities that it promised voters. The meeting happened as Trump tried to advance other priorities during the first week of his second term. Roughly 160 aides at the National Security Council were sent home while it is determined whether they align with Trump's agenda. The Pentagon has begun deploying 1,500 active-duty troops to support border

security efforts. "The American people have been waiting for such a time as this," said Karoline Leavitt, the White House press secretary. Stephen Miller, a top Trump adviser, met with Senate Republicans to update them on plans for deportations and reinstating Title 42, a policy that was put in place during the coronavirus pandemic to stop border crossings. Although Republicans control the White House and both chambers of Congress, they have only thin majorities on Capitol Hill, and there are disagreements on how to move forward with so many issues on the table. Trump's meeting unfolded amid a series of private "listening sessions" with House Speaker Mike Johnson, whose ability to unite his conference will be sorely tested in the weeks and months ahead. Trump has held his own dinners with Republican lawmakers at Mar-a-Lago, and he's preparing to address them next week at their private retreat in Doral, Florida.



Congress in nearly three decades. Still, the bill would require a massive ramp-up in US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's capabilities, but it does not include any new funding. Meanwhile, the new president has launched a slew of executive orders intended to seal off the border of Mexico to immigration and ultimately deport millions of immigrants without permanent legal status in the US. On Wednesday, Trump also cancelled refugee resettlement while his administration signalled intentions to prosecute local law enforcement officials who do not enforce his new immigration policies. Republican congressional leaders have made it clear they intend to follow suit, though their toughest challenge will be finding a way to approve the funding actually to implement Trump's hard-line plans. "What he's doing is kick-starting what will ultimately be our legislative agenda," said House Speaker Mike Johnson. House Republicans initially passed the legislation last year with support from 37 Democrats in a move that was intended to deliver a political rebuke to then-President Joe Biden's handling of the southern border.

Over 50,000 under evacuation orders or warnings as wildfire imperils homes north of Los Angeles

CASTAIC, Calif. More than 50,000 people were under evacuation orders or warnings Wednesday as a huge and fast-moving wildfire swept through rugged mountains north of Los Angeles, but fire officials said a rapid ground and air assault was giving them the upper hand. The Hughes Fire broke out in the late morning and within six hours charred about 15 square miles (39 square kilometers) of trees and brush near Lake Castaic, a popular recreation area about 40 miles (64 kilometers) from the devastating Eaton and Palisades fires that are burning for a third week. Though the region was under a red flag warning, winds were not as fast as they had been when those fires broke out, allowing for firefighting aircraft to dump tens of thousands of gallons of fire retardant. "The situation that we're in today is very different from the situation we were in 16 days ago," Los Angeles County Fire Chief Anthony Marrone said Wednesday evening. There were no reported homes or other structures burned. "This fire had a robust response today, and as you can see

behind us, the responders are doing great work to try to contain this fire," Joe Tyler, director of Cal Fire, said. "Certainly, we are not out of the woods yet." More than 31,000 people have been ordered to evacuate, and another 23,000 are under evacuation warnings, LA County Sheriff Robert Luna said. Parts of Interstate 5 that had been closed started to reopen Wednesday evening. A 30-mile (48-kilometer) stretch of the major north-south artery had been closed for emergency vehicles, to move equipment and to prevent accidents due to smoke billowing across the freeway. Crews on the ground and in water-dropping aircraft tried to prevent the wind-driven fire from moving across the interstate and toward Castaic. Marrone said that because winds were not as strong as they were two weeks ago, aircraft crews were able to drop fire retardant on the south side of the fire, where the flames were moving, he said. Winds in the area were gusting at 42 mph (67 kph) in the afternoon but were expected to increase to 60 mph (96 kph) by later in the evening and Thursday,



the National Weather Service said on the social platform X. Kayla Amara drove to Castaic's Stonegate neighborhood to collect items from the home of a friend who had rushed to pick up her daughter at preschool. As Amara was packing the car, she learned the fire had exploded in size and decided to hose down the property. "Other people are hosing down their houses, too. I hope there's a house here to return to," Amara said as police cars raced through the streets and flames engulfed trees on a hillside in the distance. Amara, a nurse who lives in nearby Valencia, said she's been on edge for weeks as major blazes devastated Southern

California. "It's been stressful with those other fires, but now that this one is close to home it's just super stressful," she said. To the south, Los Angeles officials began to prepare for potential rain even as some residents were allowed to return to the charred Pacific Palisades and Altadena areas. Gusty weather was expected to last through Thursday and precipitation was possible starting Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. "Rains are in the forecast and the threat of mud and debris flow in our fire-impacted communities is real," Supervisor Kathryn Barger said during a Wednesday morning news conference. Fire crews were filling sandbags for communities while county workers installed barriers and cleared drainage pipes and basins. Red flag warnings for critical fire risk were extended through 10 a.m. Friday in LA and Ventura counties. Officials remained concerned that the Palisades and Eaton fires could break their containment lines as firefighters continue watching for hot spots.

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KSRTC mechanic sets wife on fire in HD Kote over dowry, infidelity suspicions

MYSURU. A KSRTC depot mechanic allegedly doused his wife with petrol and set her on fire in front of their son. The incident had taken place on January 20 in Hanumanthnagar of HD Kote town. The police said Malleesh Naik poured petrol on his wife Madhura (28) and set her ablaze. Currently, Madhura is fighting for her life in



a private hospital in Mysuru. Malleesh had married Madhura eight years ago. It has been alleged that the accused had been harassing his wife for dowry and also suspected her fidelity for the past six or seven years. Every day, he would come drunk and argue with his wife, demanding for a site as dowry. Meanwhile, a few days ago, Madhura had gone to her hometown for a couple of days and had returned recently. Infuriated by her visit to parents house, Malleesh picked up a fight with her and poured petrol on her before setting her afire in front of her son.

Plea seeks directions to stop imposing jallikattu conditions for manjuvirattu events

MADURAI. The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Tuesday sought a counter affidavit from the state government on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petition seeking directions to stop imposing jallikattu conditions for manjuvirattu events in the state, and conduct the latter in its true form.

The litigant, S Muruganantham of Sivaganga, stated in his petition that the government has failed to understand the differences between jallikattu and manjuvirattu. While jallikattu requires bulls to be confined in enclosures and released one at a time to a select group of people who have to try and hang on to the bull without falling, manjuvirattu involves the release of about 5-10 bulls simultaneously in open grounds.

In jallikattu, the tamers are not allowed to touch the bulls beyond the distance of 100 metres, but in manjuvirattu, the tamers are allowed to touch the bulls only after 100 metres from the release point, he added.

Despite several such differences, the government has fixed the same standard operating procedures for both events by mandating creation of arena-like structures, bull examination and collection points, wearing uniforms, etc for manjuvirattu events as well, Muruganantham added. "The essence and foundation of manjuvirattu will be destroyed and people will be conducting only jallikattu by the said conditions," he added and sought the above direction.

A bench of Justices MS Ramesh and AD Maria Cleto issued notice to the authorities concerned and adjourned the case for filing of counter affidavit.

Karnataka High Court rejects woman's plea to transfer matrimonial case, emphasises gender-neutral approach

BENGALURU. The Karnataka High Court rejected a woman's request to transfer her matrimonial dispute case pending before a trial court at Narasimharajapura in Chikkamagaluru district, to Hosanagara in Shivamogga district. It observed that the inconvenience projected by her will not be greater than the inconvenience faced by the husband if the case is transferred, as he was looking after their young children, aged 9 and 7.

Constitutionally, a female has got equal rights as that of a male. As a matter of fact, women are the primary victims in most situations, but that does not mean men are not affected by the cruelty of women. There is a necessity for a gender-neutral society.

Such a society aims to prevent the separation of duties according to gender. It will focus on equal treatment of men and women both in domestic affairs and workplaces... we should not overlook the challenges encountered by men," said Dr Justice Chillakur Sumalatha. When disputes arose between the 28-year-old woman and her husband, they began residing separately.

The husband filed for dissolution of the marriage, which was pending before the trial court in Narasimharajapura, while she was living in Hosanagara, around 130km away. She claimed she faced many difficulties travelling to attend court. The husband argued that she had developed an illicit relationship and left home. He was looking after the two children, and had to cook, feed them and send them to school, and then attend court. If the case was transferred, he would face much difficulty, he argued.

Resentment growing in Kerala over offshore sand mining

KOCHI. Amid allegations of opening up the fisheries sector to corporates, the Union government's move to allow offshore mining of construction sand has triggered resentment in Kerala. While various fishers' unions have threatened to launch a united agitation, the state government has conveyed its disapproval, stating that it will affect the livelihood of the fisherfolk. Meanwhile, marine geologists have termed it a huge opportunity as Kerala will be earning a huge income through shipping, trade, and GST collection.

The Centre decided to conduct offshore mineral exploration based on a study by the Geological Survey of India which reported 745 million tonnes of sand deposits suitable for construction activities in Kerala's coastal sea. The Centre has decided to auction sand blocks for offshore mining in five sectors: Ponnani, Chavakkad, Alappuzha, Kollam North, and Kollam South. The decision to conduct sand mining in the Kollam sector has shocked the fishers as the region is a traditional fishing ground. The Kollam Parappu or Kollam Bank is one of the most productive fishing grounds on the southwest coast of India. The bank has a depth range of 275 to 375 metres. It extends to an area of 3,300 km² off the coast of Kollam and Alappuzha districts.

The region is rich in marine biological diversity, including pink perch, trevally, shrimp, lobster, pomfret, mackerel, oil sardine, Jewfish and Indian salmon. B Madhusoodana Kurup, a fisheries researcher and founder-vice chancellor of the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), recalled a study carried out two decades back on the impact



bottom trawling had on the marine "It was found that bottom trawling caused massive destruction of the benthic community, the organism found on seabed. The turbidity hampered photosynthesis for 48 hours and stirred pollutants deposited on the ocean bed including heavy metals," he said. The sand explorers will be using huge dredgers for excavation, which will create lots of plume, Kurup pointed out. "Turbidity will hamper sunlight penetration and the productivity of the area will be lost.

The entire area will become infertile for a period of time. Due to the non-penetration of sunlight, carbon assimilation will not take place. That will affect phytoplankton, and ultimately, the fish. The toxic metals will jeopardise the ecosystem and reach humans through food chain. The dissolved oxygen content will reduce and fish will migrate to safer zones," he

said. Offshore mining can change the water current pattern and tidal action, possibly aggravating coastal erosion, he added.

Fisheries Minister Saji Cheriyan said the fisheries sector provides livelihood to 2.5 lakh families in Kerala. "The mining activity can destroy the coral reefs ecosystem which harbours marine life. The Centre's move infringes on the state's rights. Allowing corporates in the offshore mining sector can hamper the livelihood of the fishermen," he said

However, experts at the Geological Survey of India (GSI) said the concerns are unnecessary and unwarranted. "There is no need to be worried about the environmental aspect of the offshore sand exploration as the auction is only for a composite licence which includes exploration and extraction. The decision to auction the blocks was taken based on a G3-level exploration conducted by the GSI.

Central team visits Tamil Nadu to inspect rain-hit paddy

THANJAVUR/TIRUCHY. A four-member team of officials deputed by the union government's food and public distribution department to assess the moisture content of paddy affected by the unseasonal rainfall in delta districts began its four-day tour by visiting the farmlands in Thanjavur on Wednesday. The team also collected samples of paddy brought by farmers to Direct Procurement Centres (DPC) for testing their moisture content in a laboratory. According to sources, over 3.40 lakh hectares of paddy crop across the region is yet to be harvested and the crops face the risk of being rejected at the procurement centres if the moisture norms are not relaxed by the union government, sources said. Farmers want the moisture norm for paddy to be hiked from 17% to 22% to qualify for government procurement and minimum support price. In Thanjavur and Tiruvannamalai districts, of the 2.73 lakh hectares of samba and thalady paddy crops, 2.25 lakh hectares are yet to be



harvested. Similarly, 1.18 lakhs hectares of paddy out of 1.31 lakh hectares in Mayiladuthurai and Nagapattinam is yet to be harvested. Livelihood of lakhs of farmers in the region is at stake, sources said. The team comprising assistant directors (storage and research) Preeti Shukla and V Naveen and technical officers Rahul and Abhishek Pandey first visited the DPC at Kakkarai near

Orathanadu and listened to the grievances of farmers before collecting the samples. R Sukumaran, a farmer, told the team that since the ground is wet and there is misty condition in the region, they could not dry the harvested paddy. A Annadurai, Managing Director of TNCS said he is procuring the paddy on behalf of Food Corporation of India, who accompanied the team, said the request to relax the moisture norm was necessitated due to the rains in January. "After analysing the samples in the laboratory, the team would submit a report to the union government based on which the decision on relaxation of moisture norm will be taken," Annadurai said. Thanjavur Collector A Priyanka Pankajam was present. The team also visited the DPCs at Orathanadu Pudur, Pulavankadu and Pappanadu in the district. The team would be visiting Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai and Cuddalore districts in the coming days.

Famed 'thali case' immortalised as Thalassery court shifts building

KANNUR. Memories of the 'thali case,' a landmark legal battle that resonated across the British empire, have been reignited as Thalassery court prepares to move to its new premises. The pivotal episode, rooted in the boycott of foreign clothing during India's freedom struggle, has been artistically captured by Ponniam Chandran in a painting that will now adorn the walls of the court's new building. The case centred around Kamala Bai, a Thalassery native and Congress leader, who was married to freedom fighter L S S Prabhu. Along with several women activists, Kamala was arrested for participating in the anti-colonial boycott movement. A British magistrate at Thalassery court sentenced her to six months in prison and imposed a hefty fine of Rs 1,000. When she refused to pay, officials confiscated her thali chain, a sacred symbol of marriage.

The incident caused an uproar in British Parliament, leading to a rare intervention. Resummoned to court, Kamala was offered back her thali. However, she refused, citing Hindu customs that forbade a woman from wearing a thali touched by another man. This act of defiance became a symbol of resistance and sparked further outcry against British rule. "The Thalassery court has been operational for 220 years. As the court relocates to its new multi-storey building, I chose to depict the 92-year-old Thali case because it represents our history, freedom struggle and legal heritage," said Chandran. Chandran's acrylic painting vividly portrays the drama linked to the case. The lower half features spinning wheels, symbolising the Swadeshi movement, alongside scattered Gandhi caps and the faces of freedom fighters. The upper portion depicts Kamala against the backdrop of Vellore prison, where she was held. Chandran's depiction of the thali was inspired by news reports in English national newspapers. The new Kannur district court building in Thalassery will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Gullapur accident: Death came to us when we were asleep, recall survivors

GULLAPUR (UTTARA KANNADA). "Death came to us when we were asleep." This is how the survivors recalled the horrific accident at Gullapur near Yellapur in which 11 persons lost their lives after the lorry in which they were travelling toppled in the wee hours of Wednesday. The victims, all vegetable vendors, started their journey from Savanur in Haveri and were heading towards Kumta in Uttara Kannada to sell their produce. They did this every Wednesday, but fate willed otherwise on the ill-fated day. "I was asleep at the time of the accident. A severe jolt woke me up and soon I realised that I was in the driver's cabin. I broke open the glass and managed to come out," recalled Khadri Javali, one of the 19 persons injured in the accident. Javali said that there was no mobile connectivity at the accident site. "We alerted other motorists. The police reached the spot at 5 am. They called for a crane and rescued us," he added.

Riyaz Ahmed, 32, another person who was rescued, said that he too managed to get out of the lorry as he was sitting in the driver's cabin. "The accident happened at around 4 am. There was no help till 5



am. Had the police come a little earlier, more lives could have been saved," he claimed. However, rescue personnel said that they reached the spot as soon as they received information. "It was 4 am when we got a call from the 108 Ambulance service seeking assistance.

A few survivors were in the cabin... Before the accident, they were all seated on containers containing vegetables," said Balakrishna Naik Arbail, a social worker from Yellapur. He said four ambulances were pressed into service. However, rescue personnel said that they reached the spot as soon as they received information. "It was 4 am when we got a call from the 108 Ambulance service seeking assistance. A few survivors were

Karnataka HC rejects petition to quash CID closure report in Anand Rathi case

BENGALURU. The Karnataka HC refused to quash a magistrate's order, rejecting the 'B' (closure) report filed by the CID against 11 accused of Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers Ltd (ARSSBL) from Mumbai, based on a complaint filed by a city investor.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order, rejecting the petition filed by Anand Rathi, Pradeep Kumar Gupta, Priti Pradeep Gupta, Jugal Kishore Mantri, Roop Bhootra, Shankar Raja MP, Amarnath HS, Rekha C, BL Nagaraja, Amit Anand Rathi and Nimal Chandak.

The complainant, Vishwanath Pujari, had invested in stocks through ARSSBL. An agreement for a loan against shares was entered into between him and the petitioners. The complainant is said to have defaulted in clearing the loan after four years, and the petitioners sought his stocks worth Rs 1.04 crore to be liquidated.

The complainant filed a suit seeking an injunction against the petitioners not to liquidate the amount towards the loan, and approached the Investment Grievance Redressal Cell under SEBI for redressal on October 27, 2016. He registered a complaint on January 28, 2017. His suit was dismissed in 2019 saying the arbitration clause was part of the investigation continued and CID filed a 'B' report in 2019. The magistrate referred the matter for further investigation. On June 30, 2021, police filed a second 'B' report. The complainant filed a protest petition in July 2022. The magistrate rejected the 'B' report and took cognisance of the offences against the petitioners, who moved the high court.

The magistrate recorded that reports by the investigation officer are not supported by cogent reasons and allegations of misappropriation of funds by the accused in share trading and account of the complainant. The IO had not looked into allegations that the accused had treated profits earned by Pujari in shares as a loan amount and charged heavy interest on profit, and withdrawn money as per their whims, the magistrate said. Pujari said transactions worth several crores of rupees.

40 per cent of Kazipet station redevelopment works completed

HYDERABAD. The South Central Railway (SCR) is redeveloping Kazipet Railway Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) at a cost of Rs 24.45 crore. The project aims to enhance passenger comfort and modernise facilities, with 40% of the work already completed. Works are expected to be completed by the end of this financial year. The proposed enhancements include: a redesigned station building facade with an entrance portico, a 12-metre wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB) equipped with two lifts and two escalators, platform improvement, additional covered areas, upgraded toilets including facilities for differently-abled passengers.

Further improved waiting halls, landscaping, traffic circulating improvements and art and culture depictions in station areas, enhanced passenger friendly signages, train indication

boards and coach indication boards. Established in 1888 as part of the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway (NGSR), Kazipet Railway Station lies on the Secunderabad-Delhi line and historically served as a hub for transporting coal, cotton and other goods. It remains a crucial junction connecting Warangal and neighbouring areas like Hanamkonda to major cities across India, with an average footfall of 24,269 passengers per day and annual earnings of Rs 41.36 crore. The station falls under the Secunderabad-Balharshah section and hosts 98 train halts, including important superfast trains to destinations like New Delhi, Howrah, Chennai, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Secunderabad and Tirupati. Kazipet is one of the 40 stations in Telangana being developed under ABSS,



which envisions long term modernisation of Indian Railways with world-class facilities. Across Telangana, redevelopment costs around Rs 2,737 crore. Significant projects include redevelopment of Secunderabad and Charlapalli stations as an alternate terminal to ease congestion in the Hyderabad metropolitan area. Launched by the Ministry of Railways, ABSS focuses on master-

planned station upgrades to accommodate increasing passenger needs and transform railway hubs into regional growth centers. The initiative received a boost with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foundation stone-laying ceremonies in August 2023 and February 2024.

ADILABAD: Officials of the Survey of India and Town Planning have begun the drone survey of Kagaznagar municipality in Kurumambheem Asifabad—selected under the Union government's Amruth Scheme 2.0 — for digital mapping of the town. District Collector Venkatesh Dhotre, Sirpur MLA Pallvai Harish and other officials visited Kagaznagar and inspected the drone survey. MLA Harish said the Union government in the second phase of the Amruth Scheme 2.0 selected 20 municipalities in the country.

Lives, not machines: Human cost of overwork

While Infosys founder Narayana Murthy keeps advising the young generation—the bunch of software engineers and other techno-managers—to work for 70 hours a week, Larsen and Toubro chairperson SN Subrahmanyam has begun to plead for a 90-hour workweek, including Sundays, to promote competitiveness and efficiency.

Never mind that, as far as the findings of the International Labour Organisation are concerned, India ranks 13th among the world's most overworked countries! Furthermore, 62 per cent of the Indian employees experience severe burnout—three times the global average. And this is one of the top occupational risk factors contributing significantly to disease and early death. Have these corporate bosses forgotten so early the tragic tales of the death of Anna Sebastian Perayil—a 26-year-old Ernst and Young employee in Pune—because of work-related stress? No, it is not an aberration. As the 'Healthy Work Survey' conducted by the US-based Centre for Social Epidemiology reveals, there are more than 1,20,000 deaths caused by work stress every year in the world. There are three reasons why we must resist this sort of insensitivity, or the act of reducing a human being into a mere 'resource' for enhancing the mythical 'productivity'. First, as the kind of work most of us are compelled to do for survival or economic mobility, far from being inherently fulfilling and creative, causes alienation, estrangement and existential anguish. Converse with a software engineer sitting in front of the laptop in a tiny cubicle, fulfilling the ever-expanding 'targets' and, thereby, spending sleepless nights; engage with an employee in a crowded bank, counting cash from 9 am to 5 pm without a breathing space; or, for that matter, talk to a delivery boy running like a horse to supply—quickly and instantly—what the affluent classes from their gated societies order. It is quite unlikely that they will say that they are happy with what they do. They do it because they have to survive, pay the house rent, give their medical insurance premium or send their kids to schools. In fact, asking them to work more, or to teach them the lessons of 'hard work' is the worst form of psychic violence the insensitive corporate elites can inflict on them. The fact is that most of us are psychologically wounded and feel extreme form of alienation and boredom in our workplaces. However, for these business tycoons, it seems, we are nothing but mere 'resources', to be extracted continually till we break down. Second, when these corporate elites lecture on long working hours for India's economic prosperity, they safely forget to mention that without distributive justice, the nation's prosperity will mean essentially the prosperity of the select billionaires, or a tiny section of the upwardly mobile professional class, like techno-managers, doctors in private hospitals, and real estate entrepreneurs. Thanks to an Oxfam report, we know that the top 10 per cent of Indian population holds 77 per cent of national wealth. Is it, therefore, surprising that India has 185 billionaires—the third largest in the world after the US and China? Keep your eyes open and see the manifestations of this gross inequality.

For instance, while Narayana Murthy's net worth is not less than \$520 crore, the estimated total package for a fresher at Infosys is Rs 3-to-5 lakh per annum. While the Ambanis can spend Rs 5,000 crore for their son's lavish wedding, it is exceedingly difficult for a construction worker to earn more than Rs 700 per day, or a delivery boy Rs 13,000 per month. Is it because they are lazy? Or, is it because the system that the corporate elites seek to hide is inherently violent and exploitative? In this context, I must say that it is equally important for people like us—I mean middle class, university-educated professionals who are complaining against this kind of long working hours—to look at ourselves critically, accept our hypocrisy and admit that we, too, do not necessarily behave nicely, eg with the entire brigade of domestic helps. Quite often, we pressure them to work even on holidays or in festive seasons.

Budget shouldn't disappoint as economy is on an even keel

The govt still has to keep financing capital investment and infrastructure. It should give up the thought that it can step back so that the private sector can take over.

THE Union Budget looks ahead for several key pointers: signals for key sectors of industry and agriculture; public investment in foremost infrastructure sectors like electricity, roads and railways; how the fiscal scene (the government's own finances) is likely to fare during the year; and, of course, the average citizen's keenness to find out if the income tax burden will go up or down.

With inflation under control and growth going steady at 6 per cent plus, there is no serious concern over the economy and the tax collection. There are, however, some imponderables. Will we be able to keep buying Russian oil at a decent price with US sanctions being tightened? But the overarching concern and the greatest imponderable is the way in which the country and the world will cope as the planet gets hotter and extreme climate events like drought and floods keep coming. And what it will do to agriculture, from which many poor people eke out an existence. The expectation is that the fiscal deficit in the coming financial year will be pitched lower at 4.5 per cent from the likely deficit in the current fiscal of 4.8 per cent. This will bring the number in line with the medium-term fiscal goal. From this, it is clear that we are looking at a small realignment and not a serious overhaul. As against this, a sharper change will be sought and expected in capital expenditure, seeking to take it up by 12-13 per cent to Rs 11 lakh crore. This is because where the capital spending goes matters a lot to roads, highways and railways. Plus, there is an expectation that interest-free loans for capital expenditure will continue to be passed onto the states so as to raise regional infrastructure growth. Capital expenditure will be delivered because the revenue part will be expected to coast along evenly. This will be enabled by indirect taxes growing at 8.8 per cent, with the GST (goods and services tax) expected to grow by 10.5 per cent, reflecting a resilient domestic consumption. Direct tax revenue, in good part from taxes paid by companies out of their profits, will grow healthily at 11.8 per cent as the base of companies will grow, with the economy growing healthily and corporate profitability remaining stable. With the economy

expected to remain on an even keel, let us examine what individual industries have mentioned in their wish lists as they have met government representatives so as to build a castle firmly anchored in the ground and not in the air. Technology moves forward with funding and incentives for research and development (R&D). The tech sector, which is rolling in money, still seeks government support as hugely important new sectors are emerging, like artificial intelligence, block chain and quantum computing. These can transform daily life as well as businesses and enable future growth. Right behind is the healthcare sector, without whose robustness the people will not be

healthcare. Students of high schools and colleges should be able to access the digital knowledge world and download e-books so that the age of the photocopier is left far behind. The government must to develop the IT backbone and take it to villages so that youngsters can use their smartphones, which will have to work as mini libraries. And, of course, the smartphones will perform with signals from towers or satellites. The need for power and signals for smartphones brings us back to infrastructure. Along with power, the villages will need roads, which must lead to highways and railway lines so that youngsters can easily go to coaching schools to prepare for competitive examinations and those who

do well can go and live in towns where better jobs are offered. In sum, the government still has to keep financing capital investment and infrastructure. It should give up the thought that it can step back so that the private sector can take over. Here, the Budget will have a critical role to play. In the old days, the Budget presentation, through which the country came to know about it, was overblown. The country stopped to pause to hear or see the Finance Minister through radio or TV and the media spent endless hours trying to highlight a few aspects of the Budget. This gave the minister a chance to do a good bit of grandstanding. Today, the Budget papers are released online, allowing the media, analysts and corporates to pore over the numbers quickly to come to their conclusions.

But some of the mystique still remains, particularly for the layman, who wants to know whether he will have to pay more or fewer taxes and turns to the tax accountant to find out if his tax bill will go up or not. The layman forgets that since the time when Manmohan Singh, as Finance Minister, transformed the economy, incomes tax rates for individuals have gone down. But the layman does not notice it as he sees his tax bill going up and forgets that his income has gone up much more. What he also does not notice is that the present dispensation has introduced the revolutionary GST regime, which has lowered taxes that consumers have to pay through sales tax and excise duty; he thinks he is paying a lot more as GST, when, in fact, he is consuming a lot more.



healthy or be able to provide the skills that will be the sinews of technology. And the way to begin is at the bottom, with rural healthcare facilities. These will have to be revolutionised by telemedicine, which will deliver better care at controlled costs. If we jump to the top of the sector, the aspects we see before us are pharmaceuticals and medical equipment. India is already the global leader in affordable medicines, which have to go up the ladder as new chemicals or molecules are invented all over the world. These must be made in India and these will have to be offered at the village level itself, through prescriptions generated by telemedicine. And there will have to be cameras and scanners to capture the images which will have to be generated. This will need the government to help out. To transform countryside education, it must go hand in hand with

Letdown for Abhaya

CBI must dig deeper into rape-murder case

LESS than six months after a doctor's horrifying rape-murder at a state-run hospital in Kolkata sparked a nationwide outrage, a district and sessions court has sentenced convict Sanjoy Roy to life imprisonment until death. Justifying his decision to reject the CBI's demand for the death penalty, the judge has observed that the crime did not fall in the "rarest of the rare" category. The verdict has been given the thumbs-down not only by the victim's parents but also by the ruling Trinamool Congress and its main political rival in West Bengal, the BJP. It's obvious that the last word on this case has not yet been said or written. Perhaps no other crime has evoked so much anger and revulsion across the country since the Nirbhaya gangrape-murder of December 2012. A doctor duty-bound to save the life of every patient entrusted to her care was sexually assaulted and killed; it was undoubtedly an act of bone-chilling brutality.



Circumstantial evidence seems to have proved Roy's guilt beyond any doubt. Thus, it's baffling that the Abhaya case

was not regarded as the "rarest of the rare". The controversial judgment has left several questions unanswered: Was this really a 'lone wolf' incident? If not, who were the convict's accomplices and what was their role in the crime? Has the CBI thoroughly probed all aspects of the case? And what about the lapses on the part of the hospital authorities?

Even as the CBI must get to the bottom of the matter, the unsavoury political slanging match should be avoided. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has claimed that had the case been handled by the Kolkata Police, the death penalty would have been a certainty. The BJP, in its turn, has demanded an investigation into the alleged role of then Kolkata Commissioner and the CM in the destruction of vital evidence. This is an unfortunate turn of events. One thing is clear: Abhaya deserves nothing less than complete justice. This must be ensured for the sake of every daughter of the nation.

Empower CAPFs with designated roles for a safer India

The CAPFs must have their own integral cadres, like the Coast Guard. The army, too, should yield control of the Assam Rifles.

The spurt in terrorist incidents in Rajouri-Doda-Kathua last year was blamed on gaps in the security grid caused due to pulling out of the army division for the more pressing task of beefing up deployment to combat the Chinese build-up on the northern border. Even after this much-belated rebalancing, described as RB-1.0, we have just around 30 per cent force level deployed against China, our main adversary on the northern borders. Out of the balance, 30-40 per cent is deployed to combat the proxy war in J&K.

Notwithstanding the recent agreement on the restoration of patrolling in Depsang and Demchok, it is imperative to maintain vigil and enhance the deployment levels. The army is reportedly working on RB-2.0. The critical determinant for such rebalancing is whether the designated forces—the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and police—would rise to the challenge and free the army for addressing the primary challenge. The CAPFs, with around 10,45,750 personnel, comprise seven formidable forces for maintaining law and order, internal security (IS) and counter-insurgency (CI) and protecting the borders. They can be broadly grouped as per their functions. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is meant for industrial and airport security. The Ministry of Railways also has a 75,000-strong Railway Protection Force (RPF). The question is whether the overburdened Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) should give control of the CISF to the designated ministries of aviation and industry, like the RPF. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is mandated to beef up the state police forces for maintaining law and order and internal security. It was created as a reserve to the state police forces. Besides the regular constabulary, most states have around 10 armed police battalions, funded by the Central government, with a shared understanding

on their deployment. These are also referred to as the Rapid Action Force (RAF). Then, there are the Border Security Force (BSF), the Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP), the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and the Assam Rifles (AR). Their mandate is border management (BM). The Kargil Review Committee in 1991 had enunciated the principle of 'one border, one force' for border management and it recommended that the CRPF be dedicated for internal security. Consequently, rationalisation was attempted: the BSF for Pakistan and Bangladesh, the ITBP for China, the SSB for Nepal and Bhutan and the AR for Myanmar.

Each border has its own challenges. There is the problem of narcotics delivery by drones in Punjab, cattle and human trafficking on the Bangladesh border and terrorist intrusions in J&K. The Pakistan border is properly fenced in the International Border (IB) sector and has a modified fencing along the Line of Control (LoC). The Bangladesh border is approximately 80 per cent fenced, but it has treacherous riverine and jungle stretches. Except for the 60-odd km out of 1,643 km, the border with Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet—the Line of Actual Control (LAC)—and Myanmar is unfenced. Border management has two categories: border guarding or patrolling on settled borders and border defence on active frontiers (LoC and LAC), where the BSF and ITBP work in supportive role with the army.

The Assam Rifles is dual-tasked for the Myanmar border and the counter-insurgency role in the NE. It is paramilitary in nature as the officer cadre is from the army on a deputation basis. The challenges of managing internal security and counter-insurgency are such that battalions of the CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB

and AR are deployed in Manipur, reflecting the fire-brigade response of mustering whatever and whoever is available.

The force mix in J&K is similar, though the Rashtriya Rifles (RR), CRPF and J&K Police have become the main components. However, the recent induction of Assam Rifles units in J&K is indicative of the fire-fighting approach. The reputation of the AR—the



original mainstay of North-East—has been tarnished in Manipur. It is not only unfortunate but also shortsighted. If there are black sheep in a force, fix them by all accounts, but why trash the 189-year-old legacy? The National Security Guard (NSG) or Black Cat Commandos are on the other end of the spectrum. They do specialised counter-terrorism work, including hostage rescue. The combined strength of the CAPFs and the armed police

battalions matches that of the army in numbers. They also enjoy similar benefits in pay and perks and wear a similar uniform. They have recently even created similar sounding HQs, like the Command HQ, further adding to confusion. The first and foremost requirement is empowerment of the CAPFs for their designated roles. It is predicated on the implementation of the police reforms recommended by the Prakash Singh Committee. They have been duly reiterated by the Supreme Court. While the states have not implemented the suggested reforms, the Union government can set the pace for empowering the CAPFs and police in states ruled by NDA governments. Next, the CAPFs have roles that require specialisation and force ethos. The use of the CAPFs as a cadre management avenue for senior ranks in the IPS needs to be reviewed. Para-dropping in CAPFs at apex ranks and shifting of DGs degrade cadre cohesion. The CAPFs must have their own integral cadres, like the Coast Guard. The army, too, should yield control of the Assam Rifles.

Regarding the border defence role, the BSF on the LoC and the ITBP on the LAC should operate under the undiluted operational control of the army. Additionally, the large-scale deployment of the CAPFs for elections has impacted their availability for other mandated tasks. The electoral process should be made less dependent on the CAPFs, with the police and Home Guards shouldering the challenge. The influx of infiltrators as an electoral issue has resulted in the counter-accusation that border management is ineffective and porous.

FORMAT C-2

Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of the Party : INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

Name of the Election: LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS-2025

Name of the Union Territory: NCT OF DELHI

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Sr. No.	Name of the Constituency	Name of the candidate	(A) Pending criminal cases		(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
			Name of the Court, case number, status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of the Court and date of Order	Description of offences punishment imposed	Maximum punishment imposed.
1	2-Burari	Mangesh Tyagi	Ld. JMFC, Central, THC, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 2366/2019- no charges framed	FIR No. 237/2018, Dated 20.05.2018, Police Station Burari, District North, Delhi, State- Delhi, U/S 304A IPC	NA	NA	NA
			Ld. JMFC, Central, THC, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 5701/2021- no charges framed	FIR No. 551/2020, Dated 29.10.2020, Police Station Burari, District North, Delhi, State- Delhi, U/S 341/34/323 IPC			
			Ld. ASJ, Central, THC, Delhi- Cr. Rev No. 588/2023	Criminal revision in court			
2	3-Timarpur	Lokendra Singh	Details not available	FIR No. 815/2020, P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi, U/S 336 of IPC & U/S 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act, 1960	NA	NA	NA
3	5-Badli	Devender Yadav	Ld. JMFC, North, Rohini Courts- Cr. Case No. 940/2023- no charges framed	FIR No. 482/2014, P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi, U/S 323, 452, 506, 34, 120-B of IPC & 3, 3(5), 4 of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	NA	NA	NA
4	10-Sultanpur Majra-SC	Jai Kisan	Ld. CMM, North-West, Rohini Courts, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 530255/2016- charges framed	FIR No. 747/2013, Dated 26/11/13, P.S.- Mangolpuri, District-North West, State-Delhi, U/s 323, 509 IPC	NA	NA	NA
			Ld. CMM, North-West, Rohini Courts, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 544592/2016- charges framed	FIR No. 163/2015, Dated 13/02/15, P.S.-Sultanpuri, District-North West, State-Delhi, U/s 323, 341, 342, 506, 509, 34 IPC & 23 JJ Act			
			Ld. CMM, North-West, Rohini Courts, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 7945/2022- charges framed	FIR No. 513/2021, Dated 18/07/2021, P.S.- Raj Park, District-North West, State-Delhi, U/s 188, 34 IPC			
5	11-Nangloi Jat	Rohit Choudhary	Ld. JMFC, Central, THC, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 289901/2016- charges framed	FIR No. 219/2002, Dated 01.11.2002, Police Station Maurice Nagar, North Delhi, Delhi, U/S 147/148/149/427/186/332/353 IPC	NA	NA	NA
6	17-Wazirpur	Ragini Nayak	Ld. CMM, Central, Tis Hazari Courts, New Delhi- Cr. Case No.289901/2016- charges framed	FIR No. 219/2002, Dated 01.11.2002, PS-Maurice Nagar, District-North, State-Delhi, U/s-147/148/427/186/332 IPC	NA	NA	NA
			Ld. CMM, Patiala House Court, New Delhi- Cr. Case No. 16471/2018- charges framed	FIR No. 155/2015, Dated 07.05.2015, PS-Tilak Marg, District-New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/s-186/188/353/332/34 IPC			
7	18-Model Town	Kunwar Karan Singh	Hon'ble High Court of Delhi-CRL.M.C. 2410/2014- no charges framed	FIR No. 34/2014, P.S. AC Branch, Delhi, U/S 468, 471, 471A, 283, 431, 120B, 34 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
8	19-Sadar Bazar	Anil Bhardwaj	ACJM, North West, Rohini Courts- Cr. Case No. 540628/2016- charges framed	FIR No. 1045/2014, Dated 23.11.2014, PS Netaji Subhash Place, District-North West, State-Delhi, U/S 3 D.P.D.P. Act, 2009	NA	NA	NA
9	20-Chandni Chowk	Mudit Agarwal	Ld. JMFC-06 (C), Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 9107/2023- no charges framed	FIR No. 403/2020, Dated 01.10.2020, Police Station Civil Lines, District Central, State Delhi, U/S 188 IPC & 51 D.M. Act & 3 E.D. Act	NA	NA	NA
			Ld. JMFC-06 (C), Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 6656/2023- no charges framed	FIR No. 013/2021, Dated 12.01.2021, Police Station Civil Lines, District Central, State Delhi, U/S 188 IPC			
10	32-Uttam Nagar	Mukesh Sharma	Ld. JMFC, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi- Cr. Case 2890/2019- no charges framed	FIR No. 146/2014, P.S. Chanakya Puri, District- New Delhi, Delhi, U/S 188, 186, 353, 145, 147, 149, 341 of IPC & Sec-3 PDPP Act.	NA	NA	NA
11	33-Dwarka	Adarsh Shastri	Ld. District and Sessions Court, West District, Dwarka Court, Delhi- Case No. SC/768/2024- no charges framed	FIR No. 48/2021, Dated 13/06/2021, P.S.- Dabri, District-South-West, State-Delhi, U/s 74 JJ Act, 2000 & 23(4) Care and Protection of Children Act, 2006	NA	NA	NA
			Ld. CMM, South-West District, Dwarka Court, Delhi- Cr. Case No.4999/2020- no charges framed	FIR No. 125/2019, Dated 18/03/2019, P.S.- Palam Village, District-South West, State-Delhi, U/s 3 DPDP Act, 2007			
12	35-Najafgarh	Sushma Devi	Ld. MM. Dwarka Court, Delhi- Case No. 4988784/16-	Defamation Case, U/s 500, 506, 120-B, 34 IPC	Ld. MM. Dwarka Court, Delhi- order dated 25.08.2018	defamation case	Conviction order set aside by Appellate Court, challenge to acquittal pending before High Court.
13	36-Bijwasan	Devinder Kumar Sehrawat	Ld. ACMM, Patiala House Court- DD No. 38A, U/S 127A RP Act, 1951	Details not available	Ld. ACMM, Patiala House Court order dated 14.05.2018	U/S 127A RP Act, 1951	Admonished
14	37-Palam	Mange Ram	Ld. JMFC (Mahila Court), South West, Dwarka Court- Cr. Case 4391/2018- charges framed	FIR No. 481/2017, P.S. Dwarka South, District-South West, Delhi, U/S 323, 354, 354(b), 506, 509, 34 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
15	38-Delhi Cantt	Pradeep Kumar Upmanyu	Ld. JMFC, Patiala House Court, New Delhi- Cr. Case No.2443/2017- charges framed	FIR No. 490/2013, PS-Delhi Cantt, District-South West, State-Delhi, U/s- 354/509/34 IPC	NA	NA	NA

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16	41-Jangpura	Farhad Suri	Ld. MM, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 45521/2016- charges framed	FIR No. 22/1998, P.S. Tuglak Road, District-New Delhi, Delhi, U/S 114, 212, 324, 120-B of IPC	NA	NA	NA
			Ld. MM, South East, Saket Court- CC NI Act no. 6505 / 2018- cognizance taken by court	Case No. 2, 3, 4, 5 pertain to cases of Negotiable Instruments Act			
			Ld. MM, East, Karkardooma Courts- CC NI Act no. 605 / 2018- cognizance taken by court				
			Ld. MM, Shahadra, Karkardooma Courts- CC NI Act. No. 90/2021- cognizance taken by court				
			Ld. MM, Shahadra, Karkardooma Courts- CC NI Act No. 113/2021- cognizance taken by court				
17	42-Kasturba Nagar	Abhishek Dutt	Ld. JMFC-03, South East, Saket Court- Cr. Case No. 4995/2021- charges framed	FIR No. 211/ 2021, P.S. Hazarat Nizamuddin, District-South East, State-Delhi, U/s 188, 269, 270 of IPC & 3 of ED Act, 1897	NA	NA	NA
18	45-Mehrauli	Puspha Singh	Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 54538/2024- no charges framed	FIR No. 0048/2024, Dated 10/08/2024, P.S. North Avenue, District-New Delhi, State- Delhi, U/s 223(A), 3(5) of BNS, 2023	NA	NA	NA
19	48-Ambedkar Nagar- SC	Jay Prakash	Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 5210/2021- no charges framed	FIR No.106/2020, Dated 26/8/2020, PS- Parliament Street, District-New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/S-188 IPC	NA	NA	NA
			Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 6991/2020- no charges framed	FIR No.16/2020, Dated 12/8/2020,PS- South Avenue, District- New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/S-188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 8839/2022- no charges framed	FIR No.94/2022, Dated 15/6/2022, PS- Tuglak Road, District-New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/S-188IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 7929/2022- no charges framed	FIR No.35/2022, Dated 23/03/2022, PS- Parliament Street, District-New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/S-188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 4446/2021- no charges framed	FIR No.50/2021, Dated 16/03/2021, PS- Parliament Street, District-New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/S-188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 9923/2021- no charges framed	FIR No.130/2021, Dated 23/07/2021, PS- Parliament Street, District-New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/S-188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 2133/2021- no charges framed	FIR No.134/2020 Dated 01/10/2020, PS- Parliament Street, District-New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/S-188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 7961/2022- no charges framed	FIR No.16/2022, Dated 12/08/2020, PS- South Avenue, District-New Delhi, U/S-188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, New Delhi, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 4453/2021- no charges framed	FIR No.108/2020, Dated 01/10/2020, PS- Parliament Street, District-New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/S-188 IPC			
20	51-Kalkaji	Alka Lamba	Ld. MM, Jaipur Metro 1, Jaipur, Rajasthan- Cr. Case 16096/2024- no charges framed	FIR No. 362/2017, Dated 25/10/2017, P.S – Ashok Nagar, State- Delhi, U/s 353, 147 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
21	53-Badarpur	Arjun Singh Bhadana	Ld. MM, Patiala House Court- Cr. Case No. 8526/2017	FIR No. 56/ 2017, Dated 06.08.2017, P.S. Sagarpur, District New Delhi, State-Delhi, U/s 279 of IPC	Ld. MM, Patiala House Court order dated 06.05.2024	fine of Rs. 1000	disposed off
22	54-Okhla	Ariba Khan	Ld. JMFC, South East, Saket Courts, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 3262/2023- no charges framed	FIR No. 150/2022, P.S. Jamia Nagar, District- South East, State- Delhi, U/s 188, 269, 270 of IPC	NA	NA	NA

23	57-Patparganj	Anil Kumar	Ld. JMFC, Shahdara, Karkardooma Court- Cr. Cases 3497/2022 - no charges framed	FIR No. 569/2021, P.S Jagat Puri, District-East, State - Delhi, U/S 269, 188 & 34 IPC	NA	NA	NA
			Ld. JMFC, Patiala House Court- Cr. Cases 3566/2022- no charges framed	FIR No. 42/2021, P.S South Avenue, District-New Delhi, State -Delhi, U/S 188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, Central, Tis Hazari Courts- Cr. Cases 6652/2023- no charges framed	FIR No. 166/2021, P.S Civil Lines, District-North State-Delhi, U/S 188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, Central, Tis Hazari Courts- Cr. Cases 6655/2023- no charges framed	FIR No. 254/2021, P.S Civil Lines, District-North State-Delhi, U/S 188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, Central, Tis Hazari Courts- Cr. Cases 6656/2023- no charges framed	FIR No. 13/2021, P.S Civil Lines, District North, State-Delhi, U/S 188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, East, Karkardooma Court- Cr. Cases 2917/2022- no charges framed	FIR No. 298/2021, P.S Mandawali, District-East, State-Delhi, U/S 188 IPC			
			Ld. JMFC, East, Karkardooma Court- Cr. Cases 6002/2022- no charges framed	FIR No. 204/2020, P.S Ghazipur, District -East, State-Delhi, U/S 188 IPC			
24	60-Krishna Nagar	Gurcharan Singh	Ld. JMFC, East, Karkardooma District Court- Case No. 2917/2022- no charges framed	FIR No. 298/2021, Dated 07/06/2021, Police Station Mandawali Fazalpur, District- East, State- Delhi, U/s 188,34 IPC	NA	NA	NA
25	61-Gandhi Nagar	Kamal Arora	Details not available	FIR No. 0214/2008, P.S. Gandhi Nagar, District- East, Delhi, U/S 3(1) of WBPP Act	Details not available	Details not available	Details not available
			Ld. JMFC, Shahdara, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 3924/2023- no charge framed	FIR No. 215/2018, P.S. Jagat Puri, District East, Delhi, U/S 34, 420,467,468,471 of IPC, 1860	NA	NA	NA
26	65-Seelampur	Abdul Rehman	Ld. ACMM-04, RADC, New Delhi (MP/MLA Court)- CR Cases/4/2023- charges framed	FIR No. 46/2009, PS Seelampur, North-East District, Delhi, U/S 353/506, IPC, 1860	Court of Sh. Harjeet Singh Jaspal, Ld. ACMM-04, RADC, New Delhi (MP/MLA Court) order dated 29.04.2023	was released on probation vide order dated 07/06/2023	NA
			Details not available	FIR No. 699/2019, dated 17/12/2019, P.S. Jafrabad, North-East District, Delhi, U/S 147, 148, 149, 186,353,332,307,427,435,120-B, 34 of IPC, 1860	NA	NA	NA
			Details not available	FIR No. 245/2013, P.S. Jafrabad, North-East District, Delhi, U/S 3 DPDP Act	NA	NA	NA
			Details not available	FIR No. 388/2013, P.S. Jafrabad, North-East District, Delhi, U/S 3 DPDP Act	NA	NA	NA
27	67-Babarpur	Mohd Ishraq Khan	Ld. JMFC, North East, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi- Cr. Case No. 1761/2020- no charges framed	FIR No. 670/2019, P.S. New Usmanpur, District-North East, Delhi, U/S 34, 188, 448 of IPC & 466A of DMC Act	NA	NA	NA
28	68-Gokalpur - SC	Ishwar Singh	Ld. CMM, Karkardooma Courts, New Delhi-DLNE020022382007- no charges framed	FIR No. 237/2007, U/S 3,4 WBDPP Act, 1976	NA	NA	NA
29	69-Mustafabad	Ali Mehndi	Ld. CMM, East, Karkardooma Court, Delhi- Cr. Case 2917/2022 - no charges framed	FIR No. 298/2021, Dated 07/06/2021, P.S - Mandawli Fazalpur, District- East, State- Delhi, U/s 188/34 of IPC & u/s 3 of Epidemic Diseases Act,1897	NA	NA	NA
30	34- Matiala	Raghvinder Singh	Metropolitan Magistrate	FIR No. 79/2014, P.S. Chhawla, Delhi u/s. 3 DPDP Act 2007	13.09.2014	Fined	Rs 5000 fine.

Sensex, Nifty start on a weak note; HUL falls 3% in early trade

New Delhi. The stock market opened lower on Thursday as consumer goods, banking and energy sector stocks dragged the benchmark indices down despite IT stocks continuing to provide support and gaining in early trade. The S&P BSE Sensex declined 81.66 points to 76,323.33, while the NSE Nifty50 was down by 17.55 points to 23,137.80 as of 9:32 AM.

Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services said that largecap financials, IT and pharma can continue to support the market on declines. "There are two trends in the market that deserve attention. One, institutional activity is showing a consistent trend - sustained selling by FIIs and sustained buying by DIIs. Two, there is a trend towards quality - largecaps are resilient while the broader market is weakening. These two trends are likely to continue in the near-term. Since the dollar index and US bond yields remain high, FIIs are unlikely to turn buyers any time soon. This will cap a rally in the market even though the market is in an oversold zone," he added.

Ten years of underinvestment': Germany's crisis-hit economy casts shadow over election

LUDENSCHEID. Auto industry jobs have long been the lifeblood of the German town of Ludenscheid but now, a trade union official says, the sector's woes have sparked fears it will turn into an "open-air industrial museum." Insolvencies and layoffs have cast doubt on the town's future prosperity, echoing wider anxieties in Europe's biggest economy as it heads toward February 23 elections. Politicians are scrambling for answers on how to turn around the export-led economy, long the envy of the world, which has shrunk for the past two years and faces strong headwinds from China and the United States.

In Ludenscheid, a town of 70,000 in Germany's Ruhr industrial heartland, the mood is glum after autoparts-maker Gerhardt filed for bankruptcy in November, threatening its 1,500 employees with redundancy. Another supplier, Kostal, which makes electronic components, has already relocated hundreds of jobs to eastern Europe, and the future is uncertain for those who remain. "I'm too young to retire but too old to find another job," said Petra Baensch, 60, who has worked for 20 years as a quality control technician at the firm. "It's a terrifying situation." The IG Metall union's local representative Fabien Ferber said that the region's industry "has been promising prosperity to workers for generations" but that this is "collapsing like a house of cards." He said last year about 1,000 jobs were lost among the region's car suppliers, which make everything from electronic widgets to plastic body parts. Ferber said many workers fear the town could be "transformed into the world's largest open-air industrial museum." "Old model not working" Some have voiced similar concerns about the wider German economy, rattling off long lists of both cyclical and structural problems.

Sebi moots mini SIPs at Rs 250 a month

MUMBAI. Seeking to increase financial inclusion among the under-served sections and inculcate the habit of systematic saving, capital markets regulator Sebi has proposed that fund houses launch sachet-sized systematic investment plans (SIPs) starting Rs 250. These small-ticket SIPs would be offered at lower costs but the discounted rates would apply only for three plans per investor.

According to Sebi's consultation paper, released on Wednesday, the scheme is to help small investors who are new to the mutual fund industry. Therefore, existing investors and those who opt for



large SIPs would be excluded. The proposal caps annual investment at Rs 50,000 per investor, per mutual fund, without PAN. However, Aadhaar verification is mandatory. Investors are expected to make a commitment for five years (60 instalments), though there will be no restriction on closing the plan early. The paper also suggests ways to help the asset management companies (AMCs) to recover the additional costs they incur by subsidizing these sachet-sized SIPs. It says the AMCs can be compensated from the investor education and awareness fund maintained by the mutual fund industry. Sebi estimates that AMCs will be able to break even within two years.

Trump's tariff threat: India eyes lower tariffs, higher imports, says report

The government is considering options such as reducing tariffs, trade deals, and importing more goods from the US to negate the tariff threat if it becomes a reality.

New Delhi. Donald Trump's tariff threat has been the talk of the town ever since his campaign days. Now that Trump has been sworn in as the 47th US President, governments across the world are on the lookout for ways to deal with the tariff threat. The Indian government is considering options such as reducing tariffs, trade deals, and importing more goods from the US to negate the tariff threat if it becomes a reality, reported Bloomberg. The government is evaluating options to counter any trade actions a new

US administration may take and officials have drawn out multiple scenarios to address a potential widening of India's \$35.3 billion trade surplus with the US, as per sources cited in the report.

Among the possibilities are boosting purchases of US whiskey, steel, and oil, as well as lowering tariffs on products like bourbon and pecan nuts. India was the US's largest trading partner last financial year, data from India's commerce ministry shows. The government is planning to reduce duties on the goods that are imported to India which are of political importance to the Republican Party, said the report citing one of the sources. The government is looking to avoid any direct confrontation with the US while also positioning itself to capitalise on any opportunities arising from the US-China trade war. Bloomberg



had earlier reported that the PM Modi-led government is planning to take back at least 18,000 illegal Indian immigrants from the US as a strategy to help pacify the Trump tariff threat. India has always been open to the legitimate return of undocumented Indians to their country, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

said on Wednesday, noting that New Delhi is still in the process of verifying those from the US who can be deported to India and the number of such individuals cannot be determined yet.

"As a government, we are obviously very much supportive of legal mobility because we do believe in a global workplace. We want Indian talent and Indian skills to have the maximum opportunity at the global level. At the same time, we are also very firmly opposed to illegal mobility and illegal migration," Jaishankar told a

group of Indian reporters in the US. The minister was responding to a query on news reports that India is working with the Trump administration for the deportation of some 1,80,000 Indians in the US who are either undocumented, or have overstayed their visas.

Perplexity AI CEO calls Nandan Nilekani 'awesome' but his AI stance 'wrong'

New Delhi Perplexity AI CEO and co-founder Aravind Srinivas recently shared a post on social media platform X, saying he does not agree with Infosys co-founder and entrepreneur Nandan Nilekani regarding the approach Indian startups must take in artificial intelligence (AI) development. Srinivas called Nilekani "awesome" for his contributions, such as co-founding Infosys and playing a key role in the development of the United Payments Interface (UPI). However, he has called Nilekani's stance on AI development in India "wrong". In a post on X, Aravind Srinivas wrote: "To be clear: Nandan Nilekani is awesome, and he's done far more for India than any of us can imagine through Infosys, UPI, etc. But he's wrong <https://x.com/AravSrinivas/status/1881978296675762632n> pushing Indians It may be noted that last year, Nandan Nilekani advised Indians to avoid

creating LLMs and focus more on building practical AI applications. Srinivas even went on to say that he is



ready to invest \$1 million personally for AI development in India.

"I am ready to invest a \$1 million personally and 5 hours/week of my time into the most qualified group of people that can do this right now for making India great again in the context of AI," he said. "Consider this as a commitment that cannot be

backtracked. The team has to be cracked and obsessed like DeepSeek team and has to open source the models with MIT license," he added. To ignore model training skills and just focus on building on top of existing models. Essential to do both." Earlier, Srinivas had said, "Re India training its foundation models debate: I feel like India fell into the same trap I did while running Perplexity. Thinking models are going to cost a*** ton of money to train. But India must show the world that it's

capable of ISRO-like feet for AI. Moreover, he said, "So, I hope India changes its stance from wanting to reuse models from open-source and instead trying to build muscle to train their models that are not just good for Indian languages but are globally competitive on all benchmarks."

India least vulnerable but Trump unpredictable person: Martin Wolf on tariff threat

New Delhi Martin Wolf, Chief Economic Commentator at the Financial Times said that India is the least vulnerable of all the countries when it comes to Donald Trump's tariff threat. Speaking to India Today News Director Rahul Kanwal on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Wolf shared that Trump is an unpredictable person. "I think that of the countries that are vulnerable to Trump, major countries, India is the least vulnerable. So there I'm with you. But Trump is an unpredictable person. He could be the best buddy of yours one day, and you're out the following day," said Wolf. He further talked about how India remains to gain from the Trump administration as, by and large the new US President is expected to not have good terms with China. "It's pretty clear that the general orientation will be



hostility to China, and that's an opportunity that the Indian government and India can still exploit," said Wolf. However, he also suggested caution in trying to leverage the 'China Plus One' opportunity and said, "Though perhaps the Indian government should think about how successful can we afford to be, because maybe Mr Trump at some stage will turn on us." Talking about the tariff

threat and the attempt of Trump to weaken the BRICS, he said that the new US President does not like the growing power of the BRICS nations. "He sees the BRICS as a vehicle for Russian and bubble Chinese power and influence. And the more they coordinate because they're big together, the more it weakens the American position. So he wants to fragment these, and I think he'll work quite hard to fragment them, to fracture them," said Wolf. The economic expert also suggested that Trump might offer India a deal in his attempt to weaken the BRICS. "For India, there are things to think of in both sides. You want to be in every important place. So India might decide, and you might do something different. I can imagine Trump going to India. Say, let's do a great deal together. You leave the BRICS," said Wolf.

China moves to boost languishing markets by ordering funds to invest more in shares

Officials told reporters in Beijing on Thursday that beginning this year mutual funds should increase holdings of onshore stocks, called A-shares, by at least 10% a year over the next three years.

BANGKOK. The Chinese government is trying to encourage people to spend more by ensuring that share prices will rise, ordering pensions and mutual funds to invest more in domestic stocks to help jolt its languid markets out of the doldrums. Officials told reporters in Beijing on Thursday that beginning this year mutual funds should increase holdings of onshore stocks, called A-shares, by at least 10% a year over the next three years. Commercial insurance funds will have to put 30% of their annual new premium revenue into share markets beginning this year, they said. "This means that at least several hundred billion yuan of long-term funds will be added to A-shares every year," said Wu

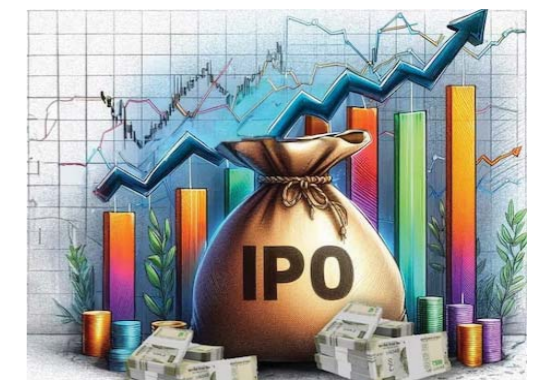
Qing, chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission. The announcement followed a meeting of top financial officials including ministries in charge of pensions and the central bank. "Implementing the plan's various measures will further enhance the equity allocation capacity of medium- and long-term funds, steadily expand the scale of investment, improve the supply and structure of funds in the capital market, and consolidate good conditions for the capital market's recovery," Wu said. The ruling Communist Party announced this move just ahead of China's biggest holiday of the year, the Lunar New Year, which begins on Wednesday, Jan. 29. It's a time when families tend to splash out on food and travel and little red packets of money for children and young adults, a time of wishes for good fortune. Markets in Hong Kong and Shanghai rose early Thursday after the announcement, with the Shanghai Composite index gaining 1.4%. The Hang Seng in Hong Kong, a market linked to limited trading by mainland Chinese investors, shed early gains, edging 0.1% lower. China's share markets are huge but they hit their peak value before the 2008 global financial

crisis and have meandered well below that level since. A lack of gains in share prices, along with falling housing prices, has discouraged Chinese families from spending, slowing consumer demand and economic growth. So far, the government's efforts



to get people to spend more and save less have had mixed success. An initiative to promote purchases of energy efficient vehicles and appliances by paying subsidies to people who turn in their old versions of such items has boosted sales of such products. But share prices had traded stubbornly within a narrow range after a brief-lived rally late last year. Wu said pension funds will be required to revamp how

they assess their performance and companies will be encouraged to conduct more share buybacks and pay higher dividends to give shareholders better returns. "This is a very important institutional breakthrough for the entry of medium- and long-term funds into the market. It can be said that it has solved a problem that has been unsolved for many years," he added. Sell-offs by major shareholders and high market volatility have handicapped the Chinese markets, Lei Meng, a China equity strategist at UBS Securities, said in a commentary Thursday. So, "the willingness of long-term investors to participate in the stock market has dwindled," Lei said. "The proposal of market value management reform directly addresses this issue because it is directly related to investors' sense of gain." But such moves have often failed in the past, since they attempt to override prevailing market sentiment by fiat. "As we've seen in the past, such efforts can be likened to attempting to kindle a fire with damp wood — often proving ineffective and short-lived," Stephen Innes of SPI Asset Management said in a commentary.



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Stallion India Fluorochemicals Limited is engaged in the business of selling Refrigerant and Industrial Gases and related products. The company's primary business includes debulking, blending and processing refrigerant/industrial gases, and selling pre-filled cans and small cylinders/containers. The company has strong market recognition, and it has a track record of strong financial performance. The company made a good stock market debut, listing for Rs. 120 per share, a significant 33% premium over its issue price of Rs. 90. Those who took part in the initial public offering (IPO) may book profit and hold with a stoploss of 105," said Shivani Nyati, Head of Wealth at Swastika Investmart Ltd.

NEWS BOX

Love new India's fearless, selfless approach in T20Is: Sanjay Manjrekar

New Delhi. Former India cricketer turned commentator Sanjay Manjrekar has praised the Indian T20I side for their fearless and selfless cricket after their dominating win over England on Wednesday, January 22. India thrashed England by seven wickets in the first T20I of the five-match series at Eden Gardens, Kolkata. The Men in Blue bundled out the visitors for 132 in 20 overs and went on to chase down the target in just 12.5 overs, putting on a belligerent display of batting. Following India's comprehensive win, Manjrekar was full of praise for the Indian side as he was left in awe of their fearless and selfless approach. "Loving this from New India! No fear cricket. No fascination for individual 50s etc. Selfless cricketer always a dangerous cricketer in T20s. #INDvENGonJioStar," wrote Manjrekar on his X account. Varun Chakravarthy was adjudged Player of the Match as he spun a web around England's batting and derailed their innings in the middle overs. The wrist spinner continued his marvellous form ever since his comeback to the national side in October 2024 and got the big scalps of Jos



Buttler, Harry Brook and Liam Livingstone. Later in the chase, openers Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma got the team off to a terrific start, adding 41 runs in 4.2 overs. While Samson was dismissed for 26 (20), Abhishek went on to score 79 (34) and helped India chase down the modest target in just 12.5 overs.

India's golden run in T20Is in recent times

Meanwhile, Captain Suryakumar Yadav has continued India's fearless approach to batting started by former captain Rohit Sharma during the T20I World Cup 2024. Under his leadership, the youngsters have been given full freedom to go after the opposition right from the first ball itself.

The move has worked wonders for the team as India have become the most feared side in the world since their T20 World Cup 2024 triumph. The Men in Blue have won 13 out of 16 matches so far since July 2024 and have won four series on the trot. The Suryakumar Yadav-led side will look to continue their unbeaten run in the shortest format by emerging victorious in the ongoing series as well.

SA20: Sunrisers Eastern Cape beat Pretoria Capitals for third consecutive bonus point win

NEW DELHI. Defending champions Sunrisers Eastern Cape registered a 52-run victory over the Pretoria Capitals to claim a third consecutive bonus point win on Wednesday evening. With 15 points, the Sunrisers are still in third position, and the Capitals are still in fifth place with nine points. After being reduced to 53/5 following an outstanding early burst by Capitals seamer Eathan Bosch (3/33) and new Australian signing Jason Behrendorff, the back-to-back winners had to demonstrate their character. Also See: ICC Champions Trophy 2025

With 26 wickets, Bosch has surpassed former captain Wayne Parnell as the Capitals' top wicket-taker, breaking his previous record of 24. In order to get to 149/7, the Sunrisers needed a captain's innings, and Aiden Markram delivered with a powerful 68 not out off 55 balls. Liam Dawson (25 off 11 balls) and Marco Jansen (24 off 24 balls) provided Markram with bottom order support to shift the tide in the home team's favor. With a superb new-ball spell, Jansen is quickly emerging as a leading candidate for



SA20 Season 3 Most Valuable Player (MVP).

With the help of Richard Gleeson (1/22), the lanky left-arm seamer destroyed the Capitals top order with figures of 3/7, leaving the visitors in ruins at 28/4.

Rookie Keagan Lion-Cachet, 22, showed that he has the talent and disposition to thrive at this level after the Capitals gave him his SA20 debut.

Also See: Champions Trophy Schedule 2025 Together with Marques Ackerman, the right-hander scored 28 to give the Sky Blues some hope.

ILT20: Zaman, Amir power Desert Vipers to 10-wicket victory over Sharjah Warriorz

← The Desert Vipers attained a dominant 10-wicket win over the Sharjah Warriorz in ILT20's third season, with Mohammad Amir taking four wickets and Fakhar Zaman scoring an unbeaten 71. Zaman and Alex Hales's aggressive start led the Vipers to a comfortable chase, solidifying their top position in the rankings at Dubai International Stadium.

NEW DELHI. The Desert Vipers returned to winning ways at the third season of ILT20, outperforming the Sharjah Warriorz and winning by a commanding 10-wicket margin on Wednesday at the Dubai International Stadium.

Mohammad Amir's four-wicket haul and Fakhar Zaman's undefeated 71 helped the Desert Vipers sail to a decisive victory that solidified their top spot in the



rankings. Alex Hales got the Desert Vipers off to a terrific start with a barrage of boundaries, and they wasted no time in their pursuit. Within the first two overs, the team sped to 20/0 after he hit Adam Milne for a maximum and then clobbered Tim

Southee for three fours.

Also See: 2025 Champions Trophy

With some clean hitting, Zaman stepped in, taking aim at Bangladeshi pacer Junaid Siddique in his opening over. He sliced him away for a boundary after crossing the

stump, and then he hit a stunning pull shot for four more. Zaman appeared to have a straightforward goal: to prevent the bowlers from settling in. He was in his rhythm. He pursued Ashton Agar and used a huge slog sweep to strike him for a huge six. The Desert Vipers scored 47 runs after five overs when the Pakistani batsman sprinted down the track for the following delivery and smashed it clean past the pitcher. The Sharjah Warriorz were 18/4 at the same point in the first innings. As the required run rate fell below three runs per over and the Desert Vipers' batters reveled in the middle, the disparity in batting became apparent. Hales was content to take a backseat while Zaman gave it his best. Using all his strength, he muscled the ball over long on and into the stands as he targeted Siddique once again in the seventh over. Shortly after, Zaman reached his second half-century of the season in 30 balls.

The Desert Vipers would eventually hunt down the target, but Zaman sped up the process by hitting Agar for six with a brilliant slog-sweep and then finishing the match with a six over long-on.

Ranji Trophy: Rohit Sharma fails on comeback after 9 years, falls cheaply vs J&K

NEW DELHI. India captain Rohit Sharma failed on his Ranji Trophy comeback as he got dismissed cheaply against Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday, January 23. Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy BKC, Mumbai. Rohit was dismissed for 3 (19) by Umar Nazir Mir and failed to impress on his return to India's premier domestic first-class competition.

Rohit's Ranji comeback was eagerly anticipated by his fans and pundits after he confirmed his availability to play for Mumbai. However, the opening batter didn't look comfortable at all at the crease playing and missing a number of deliveries. The opening batter looked desperate to get some bat on the ball as he chased after a few wide deliveries as well. His struggling knock ended on 3 (19) as he got a leading edge while trying to pull Umar Nazir Mir and got caught inside the circle. As a result, Rohit didn't have a memorable return to Ranji



Trophy leaving Mumbai reeling after captain Ajinkya Rahane opted to bat first. Earlier, Yashasvi Jaiswal also departed cheaply, getting dismissed for 4 (8) as he got caught behind against Auqib Nabi Dar. Both openers returned to the pavilion, leaving the defending champions on 12/2 after 5.5 overs

as Ajinkya Rahane walked in to join Hardik Tamore at the crease.

Rohit's poor run in Tests in recent times

Rohit made himself available for Ranji Trophy following new directives by the BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) which has made it mandatory for players to participate in domestic cricket while not on national duty. The India captain has been in poor form in the longest format of late as he scored 619 runs from 14 matches (26 innings) at an average of 24.76 with two hundreds and as many fifties.

He recently scored just one half century in India's nine-match-long Test season and even dropped himself from the playing XI for the fifth Test against Australia in Sydney. Hence, Rohit will be eager to find his form back ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 set to begin from February 19.

Yuvraj Singh's Witty Applause Lights Up Abhishek Sharma's Explosive Knock Against England

NEW DELHI. The Eden Gardens in Kolkata witnessed a night of cricketing magic on January 22, as India secured a commanding seven-wicket win against England in the opening T20I of the five-match series. Amid the cheers and fireworks, the spotlight shone brightly on Abhishek Sharma, whose scintillating 79-run knock off just 34 balls etched a memorable chapter in the annals of Indian cricket. Adding a touch of humour and nostalgia to the post-match celebrations, Indian cricket legend Yuvraj Singh took to social media to praise the young opener. Yuvraj, known for mentoring Abhishek during his formative years, delivered a playful yet heartfelt compliment, saying, "Good start to the series boys! Great tone set by our bowlers and well played sir [Abhishek]! I'm impressed you hit 2 boundaries down the ground as well."

The pressure was mounting on Abhishek Sharma as he stepped onto the field. With just 256 runs from 13 T20Is and inconsistent performances, critics were questioning his place in the squad. Calls for his replacement with rising stars like Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill had

grown louder. But on this crucial night, Abhishek silenced his detractors in emphatic fashion.

His innings began cautiously, letting Sanju Samson set the early pace. But when Samson fell in the fifth over, Abhishek unleashed a



barrage of strokes that left the English bowlers scrambling for answers. Smashing eight sixes and five boundaries, Abhishek reached his fifty in just 20 balls, making it the second-fastest T20I half-century by an Indian against England, behind only Yuvraj Singh's iconic 12-ball fifty in 2007.

The Yuvraj-Abhishek Connection

The parallels between Abhishek's performance and Yuvraj Singh's legendary feats weren't lost on fans or the cricketing fraternity. Yuvraj's mentorship has been pivotal in shaping Abhishek's career, and the young batter's calculated aggression bore the hallmarks of his mentor's guidance.

Yuvraj's witty remark about Abhishek hitting boundaries "down the ground" instead of relying solely on aerial shots showcased the camaraderie between the two while subtly acknowledging Abhishek's technical growth as a batter.

India's Chase: A Dominant Display

Chasing a modest target of 133, India faced early jitters with the dismissals of captain Suryakumar Yadav for a duck and Samson for 26. However, Abhishek's explosive knock and a crucial 84-run partnership with Tilak Varma steadied the ship. Varma played the perfect supporting role, contributing an unbeaten 24, while Abhishek's heroics ensured India wrapped up the chase in just 12.5 overs. This victory not only gave India an early lead in the series but also reinforced their batting depth, with Abhishek emerging as a potential match-winner.

Mohammed Shami is bowling like a 22-year-old: Arshdeep downplays fresh injury concerns

← India pacer Arshdeep Singh downplayed any fresh injury concerns for Mohammed Shami after the veteran bowler was not named in the playing XI for the first T20I against England in Kolkata.

NEW DELHI. Star pacer Arshdeep Singh reassured fans that there was no need to worry about Mohammed Shami's fitness after the veteran bowler was left out of India's playing XI for the first T20I against England in Kolkata. Arshdeep dismissed any fresh injury concerns surrounding Shami and instead heaped praise on the 33-year-old, likening his bowling to that of his younger self.

Meanwhile, Arshdeep starred in Shami's absence to become India's highest wicket-taker in T20Is and help the hosts outclass



England by seven wickets in the first T20I on Wednesday. "Just yesterday, I was talking about the same thing with Shami Bhai because when he was bowling, the way the ball was coming out of his hand was absolutely amazing. With every delivery, you would say, 'Wow, how can such an incredible ball come out of someone's hand

like this!' Just wait for a few more days, and you'll get to see that bowling, and you'll enjoy it a lot. The way the ball is coming out of his hand makes it look like the 22-year-old Shami Bhai is bowling again," Arshdeep Singh said in the post-match interview with JioCinema. Shami was seen bowling at the side nets, targeting the stumps ahead of the

first T20I. However, Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav confirmed that Shami's comeback would be delayed after opting to bowl at the toss. Despite heavy strapping on his left knee, Shami had bowled at full tilt during all of India's practice sessions. Fans and cricket experts then questioned Shami's fitness, saying if the swelling in his left knee after rigorous sessions continued to trouble the veteran pacer. Suryakumar had confirmed in the pre-match press conference that Shami was fit. "It's always good to have an experienced bowler in your side, and he is making a comeback after over a year. I am really excited to see him. I have witnessed his journey—what he did at the NCA, how he focused on his bowling and recovery. It's great to see him fit and back in the side," Suryakumar said on Tuesday. Shami himself said that he was eager to make India comeback. "The hunger to play for the country should never end. If you love it, you will always fight back, no matter how many injuries you face," Shami said at a Cricket Association of Bengal event.



However, Erigaisi's recent performances haven't been up to the mark. Erigaisi had gone to the World Rapid and Blitz Championship in New York, hoping to secure a Candidates berth, but had to come back home empty-handed in the end. The 21-year-old is also having a rough time in the ongoing Tata Steel Masters, having got just one point so far. Norway's Magnus Carlsen continues to be the undisputed world No.1 with 2832.5 points, followed by United States' Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura with 2802. Fabiano Caruana, with 2798 points, is in the third spot.

Gukesh continues to shine

Since beating Ding Liren to become the world champion, Gukesh has continued to shine. The 18-year-old had missed the World Rapid and Blitz Championship in New York as he had returned home to take part in festivities and functions after his win in Singapore against Liren. Gukesh's return to the board saw him edge past Anish Giri with a win after a rough start to proceedings. He then drew his second-round game against Slovenia's Vladimir Fedoseev. The 18-year-old was held to a draw in round 3, before bouncing back against Keymer.



Sherlyn Chopra

Is Excited For Ekta Kapoor's Web Series Paurashpur 4: 'Can't Wait For It To Go On Floors'

Sherlyn Chopra is excited for Ekta Kapoor's highly anticipated web series Paurashpur 4. The series has garnered a massive fanbase since its debut. As the fourth installment prepares to go on to floors, Sherlyn has expressed her excitement about being part of the bold show. Sherlyn shares, "Well, I am super excited for this series and I can't wait for it to go on floors soon. As a filmmaker, Ekta Kapoor has always had faith in my ability and such trust coming from a visionary personality like her makes a big difference. I have truly done my best and I will continue doing my best in this series and I can't wait for the filming of the upcoming season to start! Looking forward to all the love and warmth!"

The dynamic director/producer Ekta Kapoor has always had a strong belief and conviction in Sherlyn's potential as an actress and no wonder, the diva has delivered hit series in the past with her like Paurashpur 2 in 2023 and Paurashpur 3 in 2024. Ever since the success of Paurashpur 3 in 2024, fans have been waiting eagerly for Sherlyn and Ekta to collaborate for Paurashpur



4. In the third season, Sherlyn played the dual roles of Maharani Snehalata and Bhaumika in this series. Paurashpur received mixed reviews from all quarters with the viewers calling the storyline pathetic.

On the other hand, some lauded the series appreciating Shilpa Shinde's acting prowess. The series stars an ensemble cast of Aaryan Harnot, Annu Kapoor, Milind Soman and others. Sherlyn talked more about this series in an exclusive interview. She said, "This is like my re-birth and I am thankful to Ekta Kapoor who thought that I am worthy enough to be the face of Paurashpur-2.

I have always been yearning to do good work where I could showcase my acting skills and that is when this series came to me. When I was offered this role, I asked myself, 'What do I have in common with her?'

According to Sherlyn Chopra, she shares a lot of qualities with this character. She added that when someone calls her 'Rani', she tells them to address her as 'Maharani'. The Paurashpur actress said that her character is someone who knows her worth. Just like the character, Sherlyn considers herself nothing less than a winner.

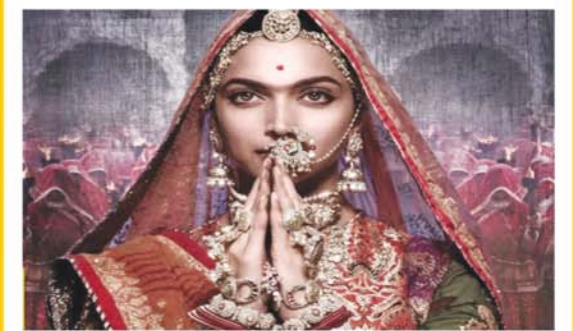
Bhagyashree's Daughter Avantika Dassani Reveals Chilling Details Of Bomb Threat During Flight



In a harrowing turn of events, Avantika Dassani, the daughter of popular actress Bhagyashree, recently shared a detailed account of a terrifying bomb threat that disrupted her flight from Goa to Mumbai. The incident, which took place on January 13, 2025, involved a malicious tip-off that led to a lengthy and tense delay at Goa Airport. Dassani, who was onboard the flight, described the terrifying uncertainty that loomed over the passengers during the six-hour ordeal. The flight, initially scheduled to land at 10:30 p.m., was grounded due to extensive security measures, and after thorough checks by airport authorities, the bomb threat was ultimately deemed a hoax. Recalling the ordeal, Avantika Dassani told Hindustan Times, "Interestingly, it was the pilot's first flight. So, it started off on that happy note. But before we landed, some of the air hostesses seemed to be in a little bit of panic. They opened our baggage and try to identify something. We thought it was some co-passenger who needed their bags." She added, "When we landed, that gates weren't opening, and we were kept waiting for about an hour. Outside the window, we could see all of these cop cars and there were ambulances, cars with the lights and stuff like that. We started wondering what's going on, and then the pilot said there was some slight safety concern. When they finally opened the gate, they made us take out all our hand luggage and placed it at a centre. We waited for about an hour to get our stuff back and our terminals were changed mid-air. When we reached the gate, another checking and screening happened. They even took handwriting tests from us all. It took about three to four hours. So, a flight which was supposed to take 45 minutes, lasted close to five hours."

Avantika further said, "I'd rather have them take time and follow protocol than cut corners." When asked what was going on in her mind during this time? "Honesty, I had been reading that there have been an increase in the numbers of such fake stories.

Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh And Shahid Kapoor's Padmaavat To Re-Released On THIS Date



Sanjay Leela Bhansali's magnum opus Padmaavat, starring Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh, and Shahid Kapoor, is all set to make a grand return to theaters. The iconic period drama is being re-released on January 24, 2025. To note, Padmaavat remains one of the most visually stunning and commercially successful films in Indian cinema.

Viacom18 Studios took to their Instagram handle and shared the news. "Witness the epic tale on the big screen again. #Padmaavat in cinemas on 24th January," read the caption. Fans were also quick to react. One of the fans wrote, "Ufff...waiting." Another wrote, "Waiting." The epic historical drama, based on the poem Padmavat by Malik Muhammad Jayasi, tells the tale of Rani Padmavati's legendary beauty, her defiance against the ruthless Sultan Alauddin Khilji, and her unyielding courage. Bhansali's visionary direction and lavish production design captured audiences' imaginations worldwide, earning the film critical acclaim and a massive fan following.

Upon its original release in 2018, Padmaavat became a cultural phenomenon, not only due to its extraordinary visual appeal and memorable performances but also because of the passionate responses from its audiences. Deepika Padukone's portrayal of Rani Padmavati, Ranveer Singh's fiery turn as the villainous Khilji, and Shahid Kapoor's portrayal of Raja Ratan Singh were all lauded. The film also sparked discussions on its grandeur, craftsmanship, and powerful storytelling.

Padmaavat, tells the story of a Rajput queen. However, several right-wing organisations objected, claiming Bhansali was distorting historical facts. As a result, the filmmaker and his sets were repeatedly attacked, including a physical assault on Bhansali himself during filming at Jaipur's Jaigarh Fort.

In a recent interview with The Hollywood Reporter India, Bhansali opened up about these challenges, explaining how he maintained his resolve throughout the ordeal. "During Padmaavat, I faced a barrage of attacks—physical, mental, emotional. But I never let any of it show on screen. I am made of iron and steel; I'm not budging. Do whatever you want," he said. On the work front, Deepika Padukone was last seen in Kalki 2898 AD, Ranveer Singh will be next seen in Don 3 and has many other films lined up in the kitty. Shahid Kapoor is gearing up for Deva and is currently shooting for Vishal Bhardwaj's next.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu's

Selfie Has Keerthy Suresh's Attention

South sensation Samantha Ruth Prabhu is dealing with several health complications lately. The actress, however, is keeping her fans updated regarding her journey to recovery. Despite the joint pain and muscle aches, Samantha ensured she stayed fit and sweated it out at the gym regularly, inspiring fans to put all excuses aside and include workouts in their daily routine. Well now, just weeks after getting recovered, the actress visited Chennai for some unknown reason. She dropped a picture on her social media, decked up in her true glam avatar. In the picture, she donned a translucent white short kurta-style top with a matching bralette. Ditching heavy accessories, she adorned herself with some layered, sleek gold pendants. The sheer glow on her face with curly hair made her look stunning as usual.



Sharing the picture of her gorgeous avatar on Instagram, Samantha penned, "Chennai for a minute, feelings were felt!!" While many flocked to the comment box to shower appreciation for the actress, Keerthy Suresh mentioned, "Aaaa sollavee illa!! [Needless to say!!]" Samantha was recently diagnosed with Chikungunya. The actress has not let the disease dampen her spirit and let go of

her resolutions, just two weeks into 2025. On January 16, Samantha shared a reel on her Instagram account, inspiring countless fans that she ain't giving up on her goals instead she is "trying something different" this year. In the reel, the Citadel actress was first seen cosily tucked inside her bed. Following this, she could be seen in a green athleisure outfit doing some exercises at a gym using equipment like dumbbells and kettlebells, among others.

Coming to Samantha Ruth Prabhu's professional life, the actress was most recently seen in the Prime Video Series Citadel: Honey Bunny. Playing Honey alongside Varun Dhawan aka Bunny, the series received a positive response from the audiences. It premiered on the streaming platform on November 6 and is a prequel to the US adaptation, Citadel, starring Priyanka Chopra and Richard Madden.

Moving on, Samantha has a number of potential projects lined up in her pipeline. The actress is all set to grace the screens with Raj & DK's fantasy action series, Rakt Brahmamand - The Bloody Kingdom. She will be seen sharing screen space with Aditya Roy Kapoor, Ali Fazal, Wamiqa Gabbi and Nikitin Dheer. The diva also has Atlee's directorial AAA, co-starring Allu Arjun and Kim Kardashian in her kitty.

