

structure collapses at event in UP's Baghpat Sanjay Kumar

Baghpat, Jan.28:At least five people were killed and more than 40 injured after a wooden structure at a Jain community event in Badaut

here collapsed on Tuesday, police

said. The incident occurred at

around 8 am during a programme

organised for the 'Abhishek' of Lord

Adinath at Shri Digambar Jain

Degree College ground on Gandhi

Road in Baraut city, 20 km from

Baghpat. The event was part of the

Kalyanak

Mahotsav under the aegis of Shri

1008 Adinath Bhaktaambar Prachar.

Moksha

The wooden stairs of the 65-foot temporary stage built in the Maanstambh Complex broke due to which the devotees on the stage and standing near it fell down, police said. According to District

Magistrate Asmita Lal, the injured were taken to a hospital where 20 of them were discharged after first aid and the remaining are undergoing treatment. "A wooden structure collapsed at the event in which around 40 persons were injured and five were killed, Lal said, adding that the annual event has been held here for the last 30 years Superintendent of Police Arpit Vijayvargiya said permission

was taken for the programme by the organisers. "We are probing the incident," he said. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed the district administration officials to ensure proper treatment of the injured and also wished a speedy recovery to them. Meanwhile, panic gripped the area after the incident resulting in a stampede-like situation.

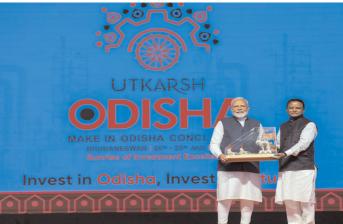
Can't accept export of raw materials, value addition must happen in India: PM Modi

Simmi Kaur Babbar

Bhubneswar, Jan. 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he cannot accept raw

materials getting exported and finished products being shipped into the country, asserting that value additions must happen here. Inaugurating the 'Utkarsh Odisha, Make in Odisha Conclave' in Bhubaneswar's Janata Maidan, Modi said he considers eastern India as the growth engine of the country, and the state plays an important role in it. "The country's development is not possible only by exporting raw materials. Therefore, we are changing the entire ecosystem and working with a new vision," he said. "The minerals are extracted here and exported to some other country where value addition is done and new products are made. These finished products are then sent back to India. This trend is not acceptable to Modi," he added. The

PM said the aspirations of crores of people were driving India's movement on the path of development. "Today, India is moving on a path of development driven by the aspirations of crores of people. This is an era of AI, and everyone is talking about AI. However, the aspiration of India, not just AI, is performance," he added. Modi said the 21st centuthe power of our country. Aspiration grows when the needs of the people are fulfilled. In the last



decade, the country has witnessed the benefit of empowering crores of people. Odisha represents the same aspiration," he said. "Odisha is outstanding and represents the originality and optimism of the new India. Odisha has opportunities, and the

ry is all about connected infrastructure and multimodal connectivity. "India is building specialised

infrastructure at unprecedented speed and scale. It will make India a great destination for investment," he said. The PM said ASEAN countries have shown interest in strengthening trade ties with Odisha. "I consider eastern India as the growth engine of the country, with Odisha playing a crucial role in this. History shows that during times when India significantly contributed to global growth, eastern India also made important contributions," he said. "I am confident that Odisha will very soon reach heights of development that no one has ever imagined. I am happy that the entire team of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi is committed to accelerating the development of the state," he said. The PM said research and innovation are needs of the time. "The government is

working to build a vibrant ecosystem for research and a special fund has also been generated for the same. Industries should come forward and work with the government," he said. Noting the state's long coast, Modi said the old ports here are being developed and new ones are being built.

Delhi polls: Akhilesh Yadav, SP MPs to campaign for AAP ST Correspondent

Nirvana

New Delhi, Jan. 28: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav along with his party MPs will campaign for the AAP candidates ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls on February 5, the Arvind Kejriwal-led party said on Tuesday. Yadav will join AAP supremo Kejriwal in a roadshow in Rithala on January 30. Several other MPs of the Uttar Pradesh-based party, including Iqra Hasan from Kairana, will also campaign for the Aam Aadmi Party. The AAP and the SP are part of the INDIA bloc which also includes the Congress. However, the SP leaders will only be campaigning for



the AAP which is pitted against the Congress and the BJP in Delhi. The move reflects further alienation of the Congress within the Indian Developmental nclusive Alliance (INDIA) led by it during the Lol Sabha polls last year. The AAP and the Congress sharing four and three of the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi - had fought together against the BJP in last year's general elections but are pitted against each another in the Assembly polls.

SC allows Tahir Hussain to campaign for Delhi polls in police custody New Delhi, Jan. 28: The Supreme Court on

Tuesday granted custody parole to former AAP councillor and February 2020 riots accused Tahir Hussain, contesting Delhi assembly polls on a AIMIM ticket, to campaign. A three-judge bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sanjay Karol and Sandeep Mehta allowed Hussain's plea to campaign under police custody from January 29 to February 3. Imposing several conditions, the top court said Hussain would only be allowed to leave jail along with security during the day time and return each night. The bench said Hussain's custody parole would be subject to the deposit of Rs 2.47 lakh per day as part of security expenses. Senior advocate Siddharth Aggarwal, appearing for Hussain, had argued only four-five days were left for campaigning and said, "The place where my house is alleged to have been where the Delhi riots took place. I am fighting from Mustafabad seat and even for staying purposes, I am saying I will not go to the house and will stay in a hotel and provide details." Additional solicitor general S V Raju opposed the plea, saying his role in the riots was serious. If granted the relief, said Raju, everybody would fill a nomination form in jail.

New Delhi, Jan 28: Senior Congress

leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday attacked AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal at a public meeting in poll-bound Delhi, saying the former Delhi chief minister 'came in a small car but lived in Sheesh Mahal'. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party candidate Anil Chaudhary during a rally for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, at Patparganj. He was referring to the blue Wagon R, which was Kejriwal's primary vehicle when he became the chief minister of Delhi for the first time. Gandhi's Sheesh Mahal reference was linked to the BJP's allegation that Kejriwal lavishly spent public

money to refurbish his former official house. "Arvind Kejriwal said he would do different politics, came in a small car, but lived in Sheesh Mahal," Gandhi said at claimed Arvind Kejriwal wasn't visible when Delhi faced violence. "AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal was never seen when the



poor needed him and when Delhi faced violence," he said. He also took a sharp jibe at Manish Sisodia and Arvind Keiriwal over their incarceration in the Delhi excise policy case. "Patparganj

the liquor scam with Arvind Kejriwal that is why Sisodia ran away from the seat," he claimed. Both Sisodia and Kejriwal spent

months in jail over the liquor scam. They were released on bail last year. Manish Sisodia is contesting the Delhi assembly election from the Jang Pura constituency. "Arvind Kejriwal prom-ised to do politics differently but gave Delhi the biggest liquor scam," Gandhi added. Earlier today, Gandhi campaigned for Sandeep Dikshit, who is taking on AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal from the New Delhi constituency in the February 5 assembly polls, reported. The BJP and the ruling AAP have been engaged in a duel on the water quality. Arvind

Kejriwal accused the BJP government in Haryana of poisoning the Yamuna water flowing into Delhi with ammonia. The Delhi Congress today said if Kejriwal's allegation was false, it amounted to trea-



Sheesh Mahal': Rahul Gandhi Navdeep Singh Sahni

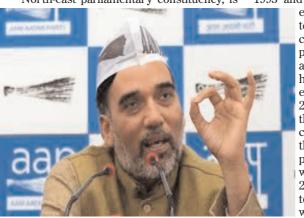
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ISRO chief prays at Tirumala temple with his team ahead of landmark 100th launch at Sriharikota

New Delhi. Jan 28: Ahead of India's highly anticipated GSLV-F15/NVS-02 rocket launch, ISRO Chairman Dr V Narayanan on Tuesday visited the Lord Venkateswara temple in Tirumala to offer prayers for the success of the mission. As per visuals released by news agency ANI, Dr V Narayanan was accompanied by a team of ISRO scientists and placed a model of the rocket at the deity's feet. The ISRO scientists' team also performed a special prayer to seek divine blessings for their upcoming launch. Speaking to ANI, Dr Narayanan said, "I am grateful that the Prime Minister has decided to sanction ?400 crores for the third launch pad at ISRO, which would enable the launching of heavier rockets into space.' This new infrastructure would help facilitate the launching of heavier rockets into space, he said. ISRO is set to make history as it prepares for its 100th launch at Sriharikota tomorrow. GSLV-F15/NVS-02, carrying the NVS-02 navigation satellite, will blast off at 6:23 AM from the second launch pad.

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Jan. 28: The electoral battle on the Babarpur Assembly constituency is being seen as a battle of prestige for the ruling AAP with its state convener Gopal Rai fighting from the seat, who would be vying to secure a third term from there. The BJP has fielded Naresh Gaur and the Congress has named Anveeksha Jain as its candidates from this seat. On the counting day, which will be held on February 8, this seat will be closely watched for the ruling party after the New Delhi seat from where AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal is contesting and Jangpura seat which is being contested by former Deputy Chief Minister and senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia. Babarpur is geographically surrounded by Yamuna Vihar to the north, Maujpur to the west, Seelampur to the south, and Chajjupur to the east. Located in the northern Shahdara region of Delhi, it is wellconnected by the main 100-feet road in Ashok Nagar. Additionally, the constituency lies close to the Ghaziabad-Loni border. The constituency, which falls under the North-east parliamentary constituency, is



a home to rural and urban sections, including Balbir Nagar, Chhajjupur, Ghonda Extn, Harijan Basti, Indira Niketan, Janta Mazdoor Colony, Kabir Nagar, Kardam Puri, Maujpur, New Jafrabad, North

Ghonda and Yamuna Vihar. It was once a stronghold of BJP with the party winning the seat four of the five times between 1993 and 2013. However, with the AAP

entering electoral politics, things took a turn. Even though Rai could not win in 2013, when the party bagged 28 seats and formed a government for 49 days with help from the Congress, he was elected the MLA from the seat in 2015 and 2020. Rai, who came third in 2013 with just 22.37 percent votes, became the MLA from the seat when he bagged 59.14 per cent votes in 2015. Gaur had won from the seat in the 2013 and 2008 polls. In 2015, the seat had a total 1,92,358 electors out of which the total number of valid

votes was 1,28,822. AAP candidate Gopal Rai won, securing a total of 76,179 votes while BJP's Naresh Gaur stood second with a total 40,908 votes. He lost by 35,271 votes. In 2020, Rai won again from the seat

which had total 2,17,243 electors out of which total number of valid votes was 1,42,736. Rai again defeated BJP's Gaur by a margin of 33,062 votes. While Rai secured a total of 84,776 votes, Gaur stood second with a total 51,714 votes. In 2025 too, AAP's Rai is again in a direct contest with Gaur. According to the Election Commission, the seat has a total 2,16,473 voters comprising 1,14,617 males, 1,01,841 females and 15 third genders. The seat sees a considerable presence of Muslims and Pandits which compromise 35 per cent and 19 per cent of the area respectively. Moreover, the seat also has 17 per cent Other Backward Castes (OBC), 8 per cent Vaishyas, 7 per cent Gujjars, 6 per cent Scheduled Castes (SC), 5 per cent Rajputs and 3 per cent Jats. Babarpur is home to several manufacturing units, including some operating illegally in its industrial areas. The locality faces significant sanitation challenges, with open drains filled with stagnant garbage being a recurring problem for residents.

Bengal Cabinet approves land acquisition for India-Bangladesh border fencing

Naresh Malhotra

Kolkata, Jan 28: The moves comes amid tensions between the two countries over the construction of barbed wire fencing along some stretches of the frontier and cross-border clashes between farmers The West Bengal Cabinet has given the go-ahead for acquiring land for the Border Security Force (BSF) to fence the India-Bangladesh border at Karimpur in the Nadia district amid tensions between the two countries over the construction of barbed wire fencing along some stretches of the frontier and cross-border clashes between farmers. "The Cabinet gave in-principle approval on Monday. The land procurement through the district-level committee will start soon. We will soon inform the Union home ministry to place the fund with the committee," said an official. West Bengal shares a 2,216 km border with Bangladesh. Some stretches of the porous border remain unfenced and vulnerable to infiltration and smuggling. A BSF officer said fencing has helped bring down criminal activities along the border. "The fence would have helped both nations to check cross-border crimes." The BSF on Friday said it unearthed three

underground chambers, within less than two km of the border in Nadia district, and seized phensedyl cough syrup to be smuggled to



Bangladesh. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has accused West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress of not acquiring land for border fencing and jeopardising national security.

"The issue of national security is paramount and transcends everything. So, it is not that the state government has done something

noble by giving a nod for acquiring land for fencing. In no other state, we have seen such a thing between the government and the BSF over land. The state has to come forward," said BJP spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya. TMC spokesperson Jay Prakash Majumdar said the BJP can never come to power in West Bengal and had it been possible the party would have handed over the entire state to the BSF. "Border security is the responsibility of the BSF. If the BSF cannot secure the border without getting some small stretches of land, they should tell us. We will manage." West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee has accused BSF of intimidating villagers along the border. Ahead of the 2021 assembly elections, the TMC complained to the Election Commission of India that the BSF threatened villagers. The BSF denied the charges. The TMC opposed the Union government's move to increase the BSF's jurisdiction from 15 km to

Parliament Budget session to begin Jan 31 with President Droupadi Murmu's address

New Delhi, Jan 28: President Droupadi Murmu will address both Houses of Parliament on Friday, January 31, kickstarting the Budget session in which the Union Budget 2025 is expected to be presented by



finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1. The first part of the Budget session of the Parliament will begin on 31st January and conclude on 13th February. The second part of the session to commence on 10th March 2025 and conclude 50 km. Banerjee raised the issue with Prime on 4th April 2025. Also Read: Budget 2025 expectations LIVE updates: Tax reforms,

industry incentives and more According to a parliamentary bulletin issued on Tuesday, half an hour after the President's address, the Rajya Sabha will hold a separate sitting for the transaction of Government

Business. February 3-5 have been provisionally allotted for discussion on the vote of thanks for the President's address, to be moved by one member of parliament and seconded by another. The Union parliamentary affairs minister, Kiren Rijiju, also announced on Monday that the government has called an all-party meeting on January 30, to ensure the cooperation of opposition leaders and smooth discussion in the upcoming parliament session. On January 23, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the custom-

ary Halwa ceremony, that marks the final stage of the budget preparation process and the printing of the Union Budget 2025-26. Sitharaman will present the Budget in Parliament on February 1 at 11 am. The Union Budget 2025, will be Sitharaman's eighth consecutive presentation of a Union Budget.





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NEWS BOX

Inquiry ordered against SP over graft charges

VIJAYAWADA. Following allegations of corruption, Director General (DG) of Prisons Department Kumar Vishwajeet has reportedly ordered a departmental inquiry into Nellore Central Jail Superintendent S Raja Rao. This comes after an audio recording surfaced in which Raja Rao, while serving as Superintendent at Nellore Central Jail, is allegedly heard negotiating a bribe with Rajesh, a former inmate, for providing illegal facilities to a his relative.



In the recording, Raja Rao, who previously served as SP of Rajamahendravaram Central Jail, is heard demanding money from Rajesh, a former inmate. He reportedly acknowledged receiving Rs 5000 viaUPI payment for granting facilities to the Rajesh's cousin in the jail. The recording went viral on social media, prompting DG Vishwajeet to initiate the inquiry and appoint a DIG-rank officer as the investigation officer. A senior official, speaking anonymously, stated, "The investigation has begun, and a report will be submitted in the next fewdays.

Transfer Vengaivayal case to sessions court: CB-CID

PUDUKKOTTAI. The three people named as accused in the Vengaivayal case on Monday filed a petition with the special court seeking a copy of the charge sheet submitted to it by the CB-CID police. In a related development, the CB-CID sought the transfer of the case hearing to a criminal sessions court. The CB-CID police, in its charge sheet submitted recently with the special court for trial of cases under the SC/ST (PoA) Act stated that Dalit residents Muraliraja, Sudharsan and Muthukrishnan due to enmity with the husband of the local panchayat president, indulged in mixing faecal matter in the village overhead tank in December 2022. Stating that the provisions invoked under the Act do not hence apply, the investigating agency on Monday submitted a petition with the special court seeking the hearing to be transferred. A decision on the CB-CID's petition is expected by Wednesday, by when the special court judge, Vasanthi, also hearing the plea of the accused seeking a copy of the case charge sheet, directed the investigating agency to respond.Meanwhile, the protest by a section of residents of Vengaivayal against the CB-CID's report in the case entered the third day on Wednesday. Tiruchy: Claiming that the ruling DMK has betrayed the people of Vengaivayal through the investigation carried out by the CB-CID police, Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan on Monday demanded that the water contamination case be handed over to the CBI as "only they can deliver justice".

One dead, 24 injured after pick-up van with kids to Republic Day parade turns turtle in Cuttack

CM Mohan Charan Majhi has announced paying Rs 3 lakh to Behera's kin from the **Chief Minister Relief** Fund.

CUTTACK. In a tragic incident, a Class X student of Banki's Malabiharpur high school was killed and 24 others sustained injuries after a pick-up van in which they were travelling to a Republic Day parade venue at Saranda, overturned on Sunday morning.

The deceased, Soumya Ranjan Behera of Dhenkanal, stayed at his uncle's house in Malabiharpur. The school authorities had reportedly arranged for the pick-up van to carry them to the venue. However owing to the dense fog, the driver allegedly lost balance mid-way following which the vehicle turned turtle at Kaligodi turning point near Khanduka bridge on Malabiharpur-Ansupa Road.

While Behera was killed on the spot, the 24 injured students were initially rushed to the nearby Subarnapur community health centre and later taken to Athagarh sub-divisional



hospital. Five of them who suffered critical injuries were shifted to SCB Medical College and hospital.

Following the incident, Banki Block Education Officer (BEO) Santosh Kumar Sethi placed school headmaster Kanhu Charan Sahoo and assistant teacher Srinibas Behera under suspension for negligence. As per district education officer (DEO) Santosh Kumar Rout, the students had refused to travel in the pick-up van but were forced to, after being threatened by the assistant teacher.

Police seized the vehicle and arrested its driver Gaganananda Prusty (32) on Monday.

Meanwhile, Cuttack collector Dattatraya Bhausaheb Shinde provided Rs 25,000 to the deceased's family from the Red Cross Fund and ordered a probe into the incident.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has also announced paying Rs 3 lakh to Behera's kin from the Chief Minister Relief Fund and another Rs 2 lakh provided by the School and Mass Education (SME) department. The injured students will receive Rs 30,000 in financial aid from the department.Secretary of SME department, Shalini Pandit visited the injured students on Sunday and ordered for a collector-level probe into the incident.

Anurag. He also accused some groups

from the city of using the settlement's

issues for publicity without providing

real help. "Outsiders from the city, with

limited understanding of the challenges

faced by us, often exploit these issues for

This not only undermines the gravity of the

situation but also negatively impacts the

tribal people, as officials tend to overlook

the problem due to the superficial

Meanwhile, Palode forest range office said

attention it receives," added Anurag.

trenches spanning 9km are being constructed.

"Solar fencing was found ineffective, so we

decided on trenches. The work will be

completed in six months," said Sudheesh

Tamil Nadu surpasses **CEA** target, generates 4,231 MU hydropower in 2024-25

CHENNAI. Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL) surpassed the hydropower generation target set by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for the current financial year (2024-25). As on January 24, the corporation had generated 4,231.351 million units (MU) of hydropower, exceeding the CEA's annual target of 4,220 MU.

During the corresponding period (until Jan 24) last year, the utility generated 3,118.736 MUs and failed to meet the target of 4,220 MU by the end of the financial year. By the end of this financial year (March 31), the utility expects to generate 5,500 MUs.A senior official from the green "The energy corporation told Mettur tunnel powerhouse played a key role in this achievement by generating 700.05 MUs so far, the highest output among all hydro plants under TNGECL." The official also credited the success to a plant availability factor (a measure of the time the plant is available to produce electricity) of 79.28% and sufficient water levels in major dams.Regular maintenance and ensuring maximum equipment availability across all 47 hydropower plants also played a key role in meeting the target, which was last achieved by the corporation in 2023. There is sufficient storage in major dams which will help to increase hydro generation in the coming days, the official said

Highlighting the Renewable Purchase Obligation for Hydro power generation, another official said, "As per the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy guidelines, the revised RPO through various RE sources by 2030 is wind (3.48%), hydro (1.33%), distributed RE (4.50%) and others (34.2%). So, the green energy corporation must increase its installed capacity of hydro power generation

As of now, TNGECL's hydro wing operates 47 hydro power stations with the combineda installed capacity of 2,321.90 MW, spread over four generation circles -Erode, Kadamparai, Kundah, and Tirunelveli."

Frequent wildlife attacks spark fear in **Peringammala tribal settlements**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. Wildlife attacks have turned out to be a major concern among residents of the Konnamoodu and Kaatilakkuzhi tribal settlements of Peringammala panchayat in the state capital. Residents have been reporting frequent encounters with bison, elephants and wild boars with many saying they see wild animals on a daily basis."We are scared to go out even during the daytime.

On Sunday morning, a bison came to the doorstep of a house. Kids were playing

outside the house were saved due to sheer luck," said Anurag G S, a resident of the Konnamoodu settlement.Locals allege that wildlife attacks and presence have gone up exponentially in the past two years. Solar



fencing installed to prevent attacks has proved to be ineffective as elephants reportedly destroy them."The situation has worsened to the point where imposing curfews, like in Wayanad, might be the only solution," added

Mangrove restoration project along Vypeen coast to commence this year

KOCHI. Buimerc India Foundation (BIF), in coordination with MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, is initiating temple in a mangrove restoration project along the Vypeen coast.

Ancient Siva temple connected with Garuda

Kumar, a forest range officer.

personal gain.

The Koneshwarar



The rim fell in Kudavasal and this is where the temple is situated. Goddess Parvati is known here as Periyanayaki and Brihannayaki. God Muruga enshrined in this temple has been praised by Arunagirinathar, the 15th century devotee of this deity. There is a rare image of Garuda worshipping a Siva Linga in this temple. It is said that Garuda wanting to release his mother Vinata from bondage, brought some amrita in a pot, but having to fight an asura midway, placed it on an anthill. When he dug up the anthill to find this pot, he found the Siva (Koneshwara) Linga inside which he worshipped.Some of the important festivals celebrated in this temple have traditionally been Thiruvadirai (Arudra) nakshatram in Margazhi and Masi Magham. The Sthala Vriksham (sacred tree) is the vazhai maram (plantain), called kadali in Samskrit. This tree, with numerous medicinal properties, is the Sthala Vriksham of many temples, including those in the Thiruvarur area such as the Ratnagirishwarar temple in Thirumarugal. The Pushkarini (templetank) is called Amrita Tirtham in connection with the pot of nectar during pralaya.

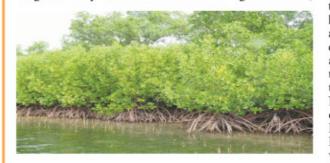
Supreme Court grants bail to suspended police officer in Telangana phone tapping case

HYDERABAD. The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to M Thirupathanna, a suspended police officer and accused in the sensational "Tapgate" case where phones of bureaucrats and high court judges were allegedly tapped. Thirupathanna had spent 10 months in jail following his arrest. A bench comprising Justices BV Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma allowed the bail plea while emphasising that the trial court may impose stringent bail conditions. The bench warned that any breach of these conditions would lead to immediate cancellation of bail. Thirupathanna's bail plea had been rejected by the Telangana High Court in October 2024.



The case initially garnered attention in 2023 when the High Court initiated suo motu proceedings into alleged tapping of phones during the BRS government. The court noted that the allegations transcended individual privacy concerns and involved national security. Senior Advocate Siddharth Dave, representing Thirupathanna, argued that the chargesheet had been filed, and his continued incarceration would defeat the purpose of Section 167 of the CrPC. Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, representing the Telangana government, opposed the bail plea, citing the ongoing investigation and pending examination of key witnesses.

The project, which would cover nearly 40-50 km of shoreline in three years, is set to begin this year. The project also proposes setting up a mangrove field school in the region under the supervision of Murukesan, popularly known as the 'Mangrove Man of Kochi.' The school capacity building, training and workshops to nurture Petra Sthalams youth into environment conservation.Mangrove covers are important for ecological balance and safety of coastal CHENNAI. Kudavasal (Kodavasal), an regions. They act as a natural barrier against storms,



erosion, and tsunamis, protect coastal infrastructure and also provide an ecosystem for aquatic life and natural fish breeding. The project would be initiated on a 10-km stretch by collecting seeds and cultivation of native mangrove species. This phase would see preparation of about 20,000 saplings. The 10-km stretch would cover booth sea and lake shores."We see this as a great opportunity to contribute to environment conservation and to foster awareness.

Kudavasal in **Thiruvarur district** is one of the Padal

ancient place in Thiruvarur district, has two ancient temples, one for Vishnu known as the Srinivasa Perumal temple and the other for Siva, wherein this deity is worshipped as Koneshwarar and also as Konanathan. The Koneshwarar temple is a Padal Petra Sthalam (Siva temple visited and praised by the Nayanmars who were the important devotees of Siva). It is the ninety-fourth Padal Petra Sthalam on the south bank of River Kaveri. Thirugnanasambandar visited this temple in the 7th century and composed Tamil verses in praise of this deity.

This temple is one of the 'Maada Kovil 'constructed by a Chola king named Kochenganan who was a great devotee of Siva and included in the list of sixtythree Nayanmars. He is known to have constructed a large number of Siva temples, all built at a height with

numerous steps leading up to the central sanctum. The reason for this is said to be an incident in his previous birth, the memory of which he carried when he was born as a Chola king.

These shrines are famously referred to as 'Maada Kovil'. The Siva Linga in the principal shrine, worshipped as Koneshwarar, is said to be Swayambhu or self-manifested. It is traditionally believed that it was to Kumbakonam (close to Kudavasal), that the pot of amrita (nectar), containing the seeds of life came floating down after pralaya (great deluge at the end the yugas). It is said that Siva took the form of a kirata (hunter), shot an arrow at this pot and it broke into several pieces, each falling at a different place.

Bengaluru sees snarls during non-peak hours

BENGALURU. Bengaluru city is witnessing a 'flattening of peak-hour traffic', which is why people are getting stuck on roads even during non-peak hours.Spread of business activity across the city, increase in the number of cars and two-wheelers, bus fare hike, haphazard growth of residential areas and employment zones have led to multiple 'origins' and 'destinations', contributing to the flattening of peak period, where traffic congestion is not restricted to peak hours alone anymore, according to experts.

"I usually plan my trip avoiding peak hours so that I don't get stuck in traffic. However, in the past few months, no matter what time I start, except for late nights and early mornings, I am not able to avoid traffic. Commuting in the city has become a headache," Prakash Murugan, a businessman, said.

Giving an example of Mumbai, mobility expert from IISc Ashish Verma said, "Mumbai used to witness directional movement of traffic, with vehicles headed from North Mumbai to South Mumbai in the morning and in the reverse direction in the evening.

Traffic was only in the mornings and evenings. But now, things have changed and Mumbai is seeing traffic congestion throughout the day. The same is being witnessed in Bengaluru. Years ago, traffic used to be at its peak between 8.30am and10am, and 5.30pm and 8pm



in Bengaluru with most vehicles entering the Central Business District (CBD). Apart from peak hours, travelling to any part of the city used to be quick and easy. However, now at any given time, people are stuck in traffic and take more time to reach their destinations," Verma said.

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That call drop could be due to a theft near you: Gangs target mobile tower RRUs, sell them in China and Pakistan

Ghaziabad. A sophisticated criminal network targeting remote radio units (RRUs) installed in telecom towers has been uncovered in Delhi-NCR, with stolen equipment worth millions being trafficked to China and other Asian countries through an elaborate international racket.RRUs - critical components that connect your phone to the network of the service provider - cost anything between Rs 3-5 lakh per unit. These devices are essential for maintaining cellular connectivity — and their theft can cause significant service disruptions like call drops lasting up to 24 hours. Across UP, the scale of thefts reached towering heights over the past two years. While only 29 RRUs were stolen in 2022, the number skyrocketed to over 9,000 units from Airtel's towers alone the next year. By 2024, the figure had more than doubled to 20,000 units across various towers — indicating their massive demand in the grey market. "Each tower houses three to four RRU units based on capacity requirements.

When thieves target these units, it severely impacts signal strength and call connectivity in areas served by that particular tower," a senior telecom company official said.So, the next time you face call drops, it could be because of a theft in the phone tower nearest to you.To combat this growing menace, telecom companies have implemented advanced security measures, such as the net cool alarm system, which instantly alerts monitoring personnel when an RRU is disconnected."If RRUs are stolen from a tower, it becomes inactive. So, we need some time to transfer all numbers associated with the affected tower to another tower," the telecom official said. The enhanced monitoring system, officials said, has led to around 30 arrests in Delhi-NCR and 70 across UP over the past three months alone. The increasing thefts, however, had in April 2023 prompted telecom companies to appeal to then UP Police chief, leading to coordinated action and raids across major cities like Noida, Ghaziabad, Kanpur,

Agra, Bareilly, and Meerut.According to industry experts, stolen RRUs have no legitimate resale value in India because of technological limitations in resetting and reusing them. The investigators, however, believe that technicians in China can reconfigure these units for resale in markets across Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.OP Galhotra, a former Rajasthan DGP who is now the nodal officer for Airtel, said there had been a 30% decline in thefts across UP following enhanced security measures and law enforcement.Ghaziabad police chief Ajay Kumar Mishra said cops had adopted a zero-tolerance approach against RRU thefts.Cops in the city have arrested 46 criminals and recovered 222 RRUs valued at over Rs 60 crore from them, along with 170 base band units (BBUs) worth Rs 30 crore, 39 batteries, and multiple vehicles used in the crimes."On Dec 22, 2023, the crime branch arrested 13 members of a gang involved in stealing RRUs from mobile towers in Kavi Nagar. During interrogation, the names of several scrap

dealers cropped up. We came to know they were selling stolen RRUs, BBUs, and batteries to buyers in Delhi. They, too, were arrested later. From this gang, we recovered 8 RRUs, 20 batteries, and three vehicles used in the crime," Mishra said.A major breakthrough came in May last year with the arrest of gang leader Javed Mirapuria — who operated from Dubai and orchestrated thefts across India. His operation, according to cops, involved packaging stolen equipment with scrap shipments bound for China and Dubai. The probe also revealed that his former associates, Faheem and Naeem Malik, had established their own trafficking network with direct connections to Hong Kong. The most recent police action - in Dec 2024 resulted in the arrest of five key members from the Malik network and the recovery of 74 RRUs and 122 BBUs stolen from various states. The authorities have announced substantial rewards, ranging from Rs 20,000 to Rs 1 lakh, for information on remaining members.

News box Sushil Kumar Tomar takes charge as Gurugram **University VC**

Gurgaon. Distinguished professor and the vice chancellor of JC Bose University of Science and Technology, Sushil Kumar Tomar, took over as the new vice chancellor of Gurugram University.He became the fourth vicechancellor of the relatively new university on Monday, and succeeded professor Dinesh Kumar. This appointment is in addition to his current responsibilities. A government notification to this effect was issued by Harvana Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh.

I will make every to be proved worthy of the trust with which the state govt has given me this responsibility," said Tomar.A distinguished mathematician with over 35 years of experience in academic and administrative roles, Tomar serves as a professor of mathematics at Punjab University. He has also occupied several other key positions at the university including dean instruction, dean student welfare, and dean research.

His scholarly contributions include over 130 publications in prestigious international research journals, and he has presented more than 150 lectures across India and abroad on various subjects.

Police case filed in dogfeeding row at Noida society, both sides allege attack

Noida. Police on Sunday registered an FIR against a resident of a housing society in Sector 134 after the apartment owners' association alleged that she and her associates assaulted a neighbour as they were raising objections about feeding stray dogs in the complex.

It is the latest such incident to be reported from gated colonies and condominiums in NCR, where disagreements over stray dogs have led to conflict, and in some cases, violent confrontations.

According to the AOA of Jaypee Kosmos, a resident of the society, Tamanna Singh Grover, runs an animal shelter.Rahul Kumar, a member of the AOA, alleged that Singh takes stray dogs to her sixth-floor flat to feed them, and allows the dogs to breed in her apartment."When the dogs turn a little older, she lets them free in the society's basement. As a result, from 8-10 dogs, the society now has a lot more stray dogs roaming around," Kumar claimed, alleging that there have been multiple dog bite cases in the society.

On Sunday, according to the complaint, Singh and three of her associates - Sanjay Dhingra, Amit and Aash - were feeding dogs when Kumar along with three residents -Varun Kumar, Sadhna Katare and Utsav Raj — went to her flat to voice their objections."This time, the dispute escalated and Tamanna ji slapped me," Kumar alleged. He said a similar incident had occurred a few days earlier with another resident. A senior police officer said an FIR was registered at the Expressway station against Singh and three of her associates, who were detained as a "preventive" measure. "They were charged under sections 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 351(2) (criminal intimidation), and 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) of BNS," the officer said.ingh on Monday denied the accusations against her. "I am an animal lover and I run a foundation. The problem just stems from the fact that the residents do not want me to feed dogs in the society," she told TOI.

On Sunday's confrontation, Singh said the residents surrounded her associates outside the society and when they went to a police station to file a complaint, they "attacked us".

Man hit by car on MG Road dies

Gurugram. A 34-year-old man was killed while crossing MG Road on Thursday evening after being allegedly hit by an unidentified speed-ing car, police said on Saturday. Police identified the victim as Nazmul Haq, originally from South Dinajpur, West Bengal, residing in a rented accommoda tion at Nathupur in DLF Phase-III.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as RAJ KUMAR alias RAJ KUMAR ARORA S/o ISH-WAR DUTT residing at 4/52, Geet Colony, East Delhi, Delhi-110031 have changed my name and shal er be known as RAJ KUMA ARORA, for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

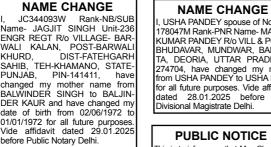
hitherto known as DHRUV S/C ARDAR SINGH TOMAR R/O H NO-65, SANT NAGAR, EAST OF KAILASH, EAST OF KAILASH PHASE-1, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI 110065 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DHRUV FOMAR.

NAME CHANGE

PARDEEP KUMAR SACHDEV S/O LATE SHRI NAND LAI SACHDEVA R/O B 132 DUGGAI COLONY KHANPUR NEW DELH 110062 HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR DAUGHTER NAME FROM SIMRAN TO SIMRAN SACHDEVA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

NAME CHANGE

I, JAVED HUSAIN S/O JAHIE HUSAIN R/O H NO. C-2/10 STREET NO-2, KABIR NAGAR GOKALPUR, NORTH EAST, DELHI 110094 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME JAVED HUSSAIN FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE



NAME CHANGE

, ASHISH KUMAR BAJPAI father of Service No -JC 675704H, RANK-SUB/MT ALOK KUMAR BAJPAI S/O

RAKESH CHANDRA BAJPAI R/C KRISHNA NAGAR TIRWA ROAD AKBARPUR SARAIGHA

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SHISH BAJPAI for future purposes

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as RASHMI DAR D/c SURAJ KUMAR DAR W/o VINAY KUMAR GUPTA residing at Flat No. E

304. Vasundhra Apartments. Plot No

16, Dwarka Sector-6, South West Delhi, Delhi -110075 have changed my

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NAME CHANGE

hitherto known as RAKESH KUMA

I hitherto known as RAKESH KUMAR alias MANTU KUMAR S/o ARJUN THAKUR R/o 111 TF, Kashiram Colony, Birondi Chakrasenpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201310,

nave changed my name and shall nereafter be known as MANTU KUMAR, for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

hitherto known as Kadir Hussa

S/o Mainuddin R/o F-172, Vijay Vihar, Phase-1, Avantika, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085 have

changed my name and shall here after be known as Kabir Malik.

RASHMI GUPTA.

New Delhi, Wednesday, 29 January 2025

I, USHA PANDEY spouse of No.GS 178047M Rank-PNR Name- MANO. KUMAR PANDEY R/o VILL & POST BHUDAVAR, MUNDWAR, BANKA TA, DEORIA, UTTAR PRADESH 1A, DEORIA, OTTAK FRADESTF 274704, have changed my name from USHA PANDEY to USHA DEVI for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 28.01.2025 before Sub Disisional Modifiette Delhi Divisional Magistrate Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE his is to inform you that Mrs. Chanda

N/o Mr. Krishna Kumar Sharma, intend o purchase Residential Plot No. 54, meas uring 50 square yards, out of Khasra No 06, situated in the area of Village Kathera colony known as Krishna Vihar-II, Pargan & Tehsil Dadri, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.F from Mr. Jeet Ram Bhati and Mr. Deepa Bansal. The said property was purchase by Mr. Jeet Ram Bhati and Mr. Deepa Bansal from Mrs. Sonam through a Sale Deed dated 19.11.2024. This same prop erty is being financed by Can Fin Homes Ltd., Branch: Noida, U.P. The Original Sal Deed, Document No. 9231, Book No. /olume No. 1400, Pages No. 203-210 lated 02.08.2008, SR-Dadri, has beer ost. An online FIR (Application No: LR No 2535986/2025, dated 28.01.2025) has been filed with the P.S: Crime Branch Delhi, regarding the loss of this documen Any person having information about the ost document is requested to inform the indersigned or the local police station. any person(s) objection & regarding subect property, then kindly may submi his/her objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. The said biection may be kindly sent to the unde signed by way of the Registered Post or he address given below and by E-mail

iling which, the claim as per aforesa shall be treated as null and void in respec of the subject property [ASHWANI KUMAR] Advoca Chamber No. 122

Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P.

NAME CHANGE Zubida Begum W/O Mohd Nas R/O 5793, Basti Harphool Singh Sader Thana Road, Sadar Bazar, Delhi 110006 Have changed my name to Zubaida Begum for al future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that MAYARAM KUSHWAH S/O SHI

CHARAN LAL R/O C-102. Rai Pu

NAME CHANGE NAME CHANGE SHEREENA YOHANNAN spouse f No.GS-183104M Rank-SR DFM Name-YOHANNAN V C R/o VALU-PARAMPIL HOUSE, PO-PAVUKKARA, KURATTISSERY, MANNAR, ALAPPUZHA, CHEN GANNUR, KERALA-689622, I have changed my name from SHEREENA (OHANNAN to SHEREENA P (HOMAS for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 28.01.2025 before Sub AMAN BEDI, aged 15 years in his Birth Certificate No. MCDOLIR-0110-004396759. The actual name visional Magistrate Delhi. NAME CHANGE , hitherto known as AJOE P ALEXANDER Alias AJOE PUTHENVILA ALEXANDER S/O

PUBLIC NOTICE ALEXANDER THOMAS RIO A1/302 WZ-509A, ASHCON RWS, NEAR CHOTURAM PUBLIC SCHOOL, PALAM VILLAGE, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110045 have hanged my name and shall here fter be known as AJOE PUTHENVILA ALEXANDER. NAME CHANGE

SURENDER KUMAR S/0 RANG LAL R/o EE-2949, Jahangirpuri, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110033 do hereby colemnly affirm and declare that I have embraced BUDDHIST Religion and enounced HINDUISM with effect from 13-01-2025 and henceforth I have changed my name from SURENDER KUMAR to SURENDER KUMAR AUDDH for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

, AQIL AHMED S/O MASHQOOR AHMED residing at HOUSE NO-1883, MOHALLA QABRISTAN, TURKMAN GATE DELHI-11000 have changed my minor daughten name from ZUNERA to ZUNAIRA for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, AQIL AHMED S/O MASHQOOR AHMED residing at HOUSE NO-1883, MOHALLA QABRISTAN, TURKMAN GATE DEI HI-110006 have changed my minor son name from ARHAN AHMED to ARHAAN AHMED for all future purpose

NAME CHANGE leclare that name of mine and my JINNAPPA PATIL Brother of No husband has been wrongly writter as SOMWATI UDAR and MANJEET ANJUNATH PATIL Residing at /PO-SARAPUR, DISTT-BEL-UDAR in my minor daughter ANZEL VPO-SARAPUR. JDAR aged 14 years in her Schoo GAUM, KARNATAKA-591305 hav ecords. The actual name of mine hanged my name from JINNAP and my husband are SOMWATI and MANJEET KUMAR UDAR respec PATIL to JÍNNAPPA PADMANNA PATIL for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 28/01/2025 before tively, which may be amended

accordingly

No. 2023/Track-III/MC/5

postponed to 11.03.2025.

machines & TTR by T-28.

I, MANOJ KUMAR WALLECHA S/O NANAK CHAND residing at HOUSE NO-154, J. EXTN-LAXMINAGAR, DELHI-110092 have changed my name to MANOJ KUMAR for all t is for general information that I ANJANA BEDI W/o JATIN BEDI R/o WZ – 13H/1, Plot No. - 36, Second Floor, KH No. – 17/2, Gali No. 6, Vashisht Park, Sagarpur, South West Delhi, Delhi - 110046, declare that name of mine and my Husband has been wrongly written as ANJU and JATIN in my minor Son namely

of mine and my Husband are ANJANA BEDI and JATIN BEDI which may be amended accordingly

It is for general information thatl, RINKU NIRWAN S/O RAMA NAND NIRWAN, ?.??-266, NIRWAN MOHALLA, VILLAGE KONDLI, Kondli, East Delhi, Delhi-110096, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as RINKU NIRVAN

DELHI-110092 have changed m name to BHOOMI WALECHA for a future purpose

URWILLA TADAV VIOLINE OF JC-S58206K, Rank-NB SUB (OPR), Name-HARIOM YADAV residing at VILL-BASAI, PO-BERASIA, PS-BERASIA, TEHSIL-BERASIA, DIST-BHOPAL, M.P-463106, have changed my name from URMILA YADAV to URMILA DE (IA) for a procession. URMILA DEVIAN for all future purpos es vide Affidavit dated 28/01/2029 before Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that I, SOMWATI wife of Shri MANJEET KUMAR UDAR, residing at H.No. 476. VPO Barthal, Dwarka Sector 26. Barthal PO: Barthal, District South West Delhi, Delhi-110077

future purpose. NAME CHANGE l hitherto known as VINAYAK KUMAR S/O PAWAN KUMAR R/o House no 3475 Second Floor, Raja Park, Shaku basti, Rani Bagh, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110034 have changed my

NAME CHANGE

name and shall hereafter be known as VINAYAK SHOONYA PUBLIC NOTICE I hitherto known as KRIPA SHANKAR SINGH son of Late Shri RAM DULARE SINGH, residing at House No. G-2/290, Gali No.18, Sangam Vihar, PO: Pushpa Bhawan, District: South Delhi, Delhi-

110062, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KAMALA SHANKER SINGH.

NAME CHANGE hitherto known as MANJU DEV V/O DHARMBIR PALIWAL R/o H alan, Khera Kalan Khera Kalan North West Delhi, Delhi - 110082 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MANJU PALIWAL

NAME CHANGE I hitherto known as SUMAN GUPTA alias SUMAN AGGARWAL D/o RAM KISHORE GUPTA, and W/o

ANII KUMAR AGGARWAI R/o 161 Second Floor, Pocket-22, Sector-24 Rohini, Rohini Sector-24, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085, have changed my name and shall here-after be known as SUMAN AGGAR-NAL, for all future purpose

NAME CHANGE URMILA YADAV Mother of JC

PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that SOMWATI wife of Shri MANJEE KUMAR UDAR, residing at H.No. 476, VPO Barthal, Dwarka Sector 26, Barthal PO: Barthal, District: South West Delhi, Delhi-110077

New Delhi, dated: 28.01.2025

Executive Director/Track (M&MC)

(Vijav Singh)

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INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)

(RAILWAY BOARD)

CORRIGENDUM-XV

The date of opening of above mentioned tender due on 31.01.2025 has been

ubiect : E-Tender No. TM-2303 for procurement of Rail Borne Ma

Vehicle "RBMV" for Indian Railways to be opened on 11.03.2025.

All other terms and conditions of the subject tender remain unchanged.

n my minor Son Himanshu Nirvar aged 14 Years in his school records he actual name of mine is RINKU NIRWAN respectively which may be amended accordingly. NAME CHANGE BHUMI WALLECHA W/O MANO CUMAR residing at HOUSE NO-54, J- EXTN LAXMINAGAR

It is for general information that Diwari Lal S/O Khimai,R/O 63, 64 1st FLOOR, BLK P-1, SULTANPURI, Sultanpuri C Block, North West Delhi, Delhi-110086,declare that name of mine, my wife and my mino son has been wrongly written as Diwarilal, Sunita and Anjul in my minor son namely Anjul Kumar ageo 14 years in his school record. The actual name of mine, my wife and m minor son are Diwari Lal, Suneeta Devi and Anjul Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NAME CHANGE

, SYEDA PARVEEN BEGUM NIZAM W/O SYED MUSHARRAF ALI NIZA MI residence of 99 BASTI HAZRA NIZAMUDDIN, DELHI-11001 have changed my name to SYED PARVEEN NIZAMI for all future ourpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is hereby inform to the publish a large that my client Sh. Virende Singh S/o Krishan Pal R/o RZ D2/92, Gali No. 5, Mahavir Enclave Dabri, South-West Delhi, Delhi 110045 has debarred his daughter namely Ishu D/o Virender Singh R/o RZ -D 2/92, Gali No. 5, Mahavi Enclave, Dabri, South-West Delhi Delhi-110045 from all his movable and immovable properties and has severed all relation with her because of her quarralsome, egoistic attitude and rude behaviour, my clients sha not be responsible For any of thei acts against anyone and anyone dealing with her shall be doing so a their own risks."

Adv. Goving Office :-Khata No.130 V.P.O Badusa New Delhi-11007 Mob:-8130343716

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of our client (SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd.) that Mr. Chatar Pal Singh is claiming to be the owner of Residential Plo bearing No. 851, area measuring 80 sq. yds., situated at Vijay Nagar, ir the area of Village Mirzapur, Tehsi and District Ghaziabad, U. P., vide a Regd. Will dated 01.08.2013 (doc No.390) executed by Mrs. Shan Devi. All persons are hereb informed that above mentione owner wants to sell the said proper to a person who intends to obtai loan from our client against the said property, if anybody has any object tion/s upon the ownership of abov owner over the said floor, its sale/mortgage/litigation, and any other objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present Kumar & Associate

(Advocates & Consultants 200, Second Floor, 23 Shivaji Marg Moti Nagar, New Delhi - 1 legal@knalegal.com PH: 011-41112527-28

NAME CHANGE 4581664M L/NK Chaudhary Devabha Sagrambhai S/o Sagarambhai Kevadabhai Chaudhary residing at /PO-Jivana Teh: Banaskantha, Distt 3anaskantha, State: Gujarat, Pir 385310 have changed my name from Choudhary Devabhai Sagrambhai to Chaudhary Devabhai Sagrambhai vide iffidavit dated 23.01.2025 before Notar Public, Delhi.



amended accordingly, NAME CHANGE I, BABY YADAV Wife of JC-858206K Rank-NB SUB (OPR), Name-HARI OM YADAV residing at VILL-BASAI PO-BERASIA, PS-BERASIA TEHSIL-BERASIA, DISTT-BHOPAL M.P.463106, have changed my name from BABY YADAV to BEBI YADAV for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 28/01/2025 before

is for general information that USUM Paswan W/O Dara

Paswan R/O RZ-633/313-GALI No SC, 6D, 6F, GEETANJALI PARK PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that I RAGHUBAR SINGH BANKOTI sor of Shri DIWAN SINGH BANKOTI SAGAR PUR.NEW DELHI,DELHI-110046,declare that name of mine and my husband has ermanent R/o Ashoka Townshi hase-2, Gas Godam Road, Nea een wrongly written as Kosham Devi and Yugesh Paswan in my adhaar Card no 9014 5376 Jttrakhand Gramin Bank, Chharaya Nayabad, Post Office Haripu Nayak, Haldwani, Nainita 9454. The actual name of mine and Vayabad, Host Onice Hanpa Vayak, Haldwani, Nainital Jttarakhand-263139 Presently my husband are Kusum Paswar and Dara Paswan,which may be esiding at W-Block House No.22, jype-4S, HUDCO Place Extension New Delhi-110049, declare that

Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE nformation is given to general pub-c at large that our client MR. NOHD ASIF purchasing Freehold

name of my mine has been wrongly written as RAGHUBER SINGH BANKOTI in my 10th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine is RAGHUBAR SINGH BANKOTI, which may be esidential Vacant Plot area meas ring 266.66 Sq. Yds., i.e., 222.95 5q. Mtrs., out of Khasra No. 125 mended accordingly (h) Min, Situated in Village Dasna



NAME CHANGE

Notary Public. Delhi.

, No-17004462H Rank-NK (AUTO FECH B VEH) Name-NARENDRA UMAR Residing at VPO-SIKAN-ARPUR KARAN, TEHSIL-UNNAO, IST-UNNAO, UTTAR PRADESH-209801, have changed my mother's name from SAVITRI DEVI to SHAKUNTLA AWSTHI for all future urposes and in my service records ny mother's date of birth wrongly lentioned as 02/08/1960 instead of her correct date of birth as 08/09/1958 vide Affidavit dated 25/01/2025 before lotary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

t is for general information that I, A VENKATRAMI REDDY S/o A BALARAMIREDDY Permanent BALARAMIREDDY Residence SIDDAMURTHYPALLE, PO-KALASAPADU, DIST-CUDDA-PAH. ANDHRA PRADESH-516217 Presently Residing QTR NO-113/05, VRC COLONY, SHANKAR VIHAR NEW DELHI-110010 declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as A V R REDDY and A V LAKSHMI in my minor daughter AMBAVARAM SIRISHA aged 16 years in her 10TH class ertificate. The actual name of mine and my wife are A VENKATRAMI REDDY and AMBAVARAM REDDY and AMBAVARAM VENKATALAKSHUMMA which may e amended accordingly.

Railway Board Tele: No. 011-47845531 E-mail: viiay.singh.2017@gov.in 301/2025 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems) 44, 45 & 46 - 2024-25-W-V N.I.T. No Name of work with its location : 1, Improvement of Yards at DEE, DEC, PM BSWN, GGN, GHH, PT, PTRD, IHP & KIP station in the section of SSE/P Way/DEE & GGN under ADEN/DEE. Similar nature of work:- CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, screening, de-stressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ballast screening/regulating

> 2. Improvement of Yards at HNZM, OKA, LPNR & DSJ station in the section of SSE/P.Way/HNZM under ADEN/HNZM. Similar nature of work: CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, screening, de-stressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ballas screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.

> 3. Improvement of Yards at TKD, FDB, FDN, BVH, AST & PWL stations in the section of SSE/P.Wav/TKD & FDB under ADEN/TKD. Similar nature of work: CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, screening, de-stressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.

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No. 128-W/280/OET/2024-25/W-V/NIT-44, 45 & 46 - 2024-25-W-V Date: 28.01.2025 300/2025									
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Private company to now UDAR in my minor daughter SEZAL UDAR aged 12 years in her School Records. The actual name of mine maintain Noida eway to and my husband are SOMWATI and MANJEET KUMAR UDAR respec-tively, which may be amended handle airport traffic

Noida. Noida Authority is planning to hire a private company to maintain the 25km Noida Expressway, anticipating increasing traffic after the launch of the international airport in Jewar in April this year. Lokesh M, the Authority CEO, emphasised the importance of enhancing the expressway's appearance, saying international delegates taking the new airport would use the speedway to head from Noida or Delhi. This expressway serves as a crucial gateway to UP. We want visiting delegates to experience firsthand our state's commitment to cleanliness, investment opportunities, and strategic potential through the expressway's visual appeal," the CEO said. The Authority will soon issue a request for proposal (RFP) to select a private company for its comprehensive beautification plan. The selected firm will be responsible for developing green belts, installing decorative lighting, constructing fountains, implementing landscaping features, and creating artistic murals along both sides of the expressway. The initial contract will span one year, but can be extended depending on the company's performance.Currently, the expressway's maintenance - managed by the Authority's horticulture department — has fallen short of desired standards, with issues such as withering trees and damaged infrastructure becoming increasingly apparent, particularly beyond Sector 125. Officials said the renovation plan extended beyond aesthetics to include crucial safety and traffic management improvements.Following recommendations from the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), the Authority will implement enhanced road markings and signage systems in keeping with Indian Road Congress (IRC) standards.As part of the overall development plan, two new underpasses will be constructed to alleviate traffic congestion on the expressway.An 800m underpass will come up near Jhatta village, estimated at Rs 117 crore, and another near Sultanpur village, budgeted at Rs 93 crore. Both projects have received technical approval from IIT-Roorkee and a final clearance from the Authority. These additions will complement three existing underpasses on the expressway, benefiting residents of 30 sectors and 15 villages. The tendering process for the underpass projects is expected to begin soon."The development plan is aimed at enhancing the Noida Expressway's metropolitan standards, which is capable of efficiently handling the anticipated surge in traffic following the international airport's inauguration," an official said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Punjab National Bank, Arjun Nagar Krishna Nagar H.O, East Delhi,Delh

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Who Lost, Who Won After Selloff Linked To DeepSeek **Slams Markets**

World. The world's 500 richest people, led by Nvidia Corp. co-founder Jensen Huang, lost a combined \$108 billion on Monday as a tech-led selloff tied to Chinese AI developer DeepSeek sent major indices plunging.Billionaires whose fortunes are linked to artificial intelligence were the biggest losers: Huang saw his fortune fall \$20.1 billion, a 20% drop, while Oracle Corp. co-founder Larry Ellison's \$22.6 billion loss was larger in absolute terms, but represented just 12% of his fortune, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Dell Inc.'s Michael Dell lost \$13 billion, and Binance Holdings Ltd. cofounder Changpeng "CZ" Zhao shaved \$12.1 billion. Tech-sector titans as a group saw \$94 billion of wealth evaporate - roughly 85% of the Bloomberg index's total decline. The Nasdaq Composite Index fell 3.1%, and the S&P 500 dropped 1.5%

Hangzhou-based DeepSeek has been developing AI models since 2023, but the company first came onto the radar of many Western investors this weekend as its free DeepSeek R1 chatbot app topped download charts worldwide. So many new users piled in that DeepSeek struggled to keep the app online, suffering outages and forcing it to restrict signups to users with Chinese phone numbers.DeepSeek's dark-horse entry into the AI race, which it says cost just \$5.6 million to develop, is a challenge to Silicon Valley's narrative that massive capital spending is essential to developing the strongest models. That delivered a serious blow to billionaires whose fortunes are tied to the Western AI supply chain that's been the equities market's biggest driver over the past two years.

Similar Playbook

Soaring valuations for so-called AI hyperscalers including Meta Platforms Inc., Alphabet Inc. and Microsoft Corp. - have generated billions in wealth for their owners since OpenAI unveiled ChatGPT in November 2022. These companies have for the most part operated on a similar playbook: Spend huge sums to develop and run AI systems by hoarding topof-the-line semiconductors and the energy supplies needed to run them.

Astronomers Discover How **Massive Black Holes Create** Their Own Meals

- World. The universe's most massive black holes fuel themselves by cooling gas around them, astronomers have found. Using data from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and the Very Large Telescope (VLT) in Chile, researchers have demonstrated how black hole outbursts trigger a self-sustaining feeding process.
- The study, published in Nature Astronomy and led by Valeria Olivares from the University of Santiago de Chile, examined seven galaxy clusters. At the centres of these clusters lie enormous black holes, weighing millions to billions of times the Sun's mass. These black holes feed on surrounding gas, releasing powerful jets that cool the gas and form filaments.
- The research found that outbursts from black holes cool hot gas, forming narrow filaments of warm gas visible as glowing threads. Turbulence in the gas plays a key role in this cooling process. Some of the

US Immigration officers say 'the worst go first,' but now there's no 'free pass'

SILVER SPRING. A week into Donald Trump's second presidency and his efforts to crack down on illegal immigration, federal officers are operating with a new sense of mission, knowing that "nobody gets a free pass anymore."A dozen officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement gathered before dawn Monday in a Maryland parking lot, then fanned out to the Washington suburbs to find their targets: someone wanted in El Salvador for homicide, a person convicted of armed robbery, a migrant found guilty of possessing child sexual abuse material and another with drug and gun convictions. All were in the country illegally."The worst go first," Matt Elliston, director of ICE's Baltimore field office, said of the agency's enforcement priorities. The Associated Press accompanied the officers, who offered a glimpse of how their work has changed under a White House intent on deporting large numbers of immigrants living in the US without permission.People considered public safety and national security threats are still the top priority, Elliston said. That is no different from the

Biden administration, but a big change has already taken hold: Under Trump, officers can now arrest people without legal status if they run across them while looking for migrants targeted for removal. Under Joe Biden, such "collateral arrests" were banned."We're looking for those public safety, national security cases. The big difference being, nobody has a free pass anymore," Elliston said. The number of collateral arrests has fluctuated, he said. By the end of Monday across Maryland, ICE had arrested 13 people. Of those, nine were targets and the other four were people ICE came across during the course of the morning.f those "collaterals," one had an aggravated theft conviction. Another had already been deported once, and two others had final orders of removal.Changes to immigration enforcement under Trump

The administration highlighted the participation of other agencies in immigration operations over the weekend, including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which



are part of the Justice Department. Emile Bove, the acting deputy attorney general, observed arrests Sunday in Chicago, a sign of the Justice Department's growing involvement.ICE's daily arrests, which averaged 311 in the year ending Sept. 30, stayed fairly steady in the first days after Trump took office, then spiked dramatically Sunday to 956 and Monday to 1,179. If sustained, those numbers would mark the highest daily average since ICE began keeping records.Trump also has lifted longtime guidelines that restricted ICE from operating at "sensitive locations" such as schools, churches or hospitals. That

decision has worried many migrants and advocates who fear children will be traumatized by seeing their parents arrested in the drop-off line at school or that migrants needing medical care won't go to the hospital for fear of arrest.Elliston pushed back on those fear, saying it's been exceedingly rare for ICE to enter one of those locations. In his 17 years on the job, he said he's gone into a school only once and that was to help stop an active shooter.He said the removal of other guidelines that had restricted ICE operations at courthouses makes a bigger difference in the agency's work.But getting rid of the sensitive locations policy does affect ICE in more subtle ways.For example, at one point Monday, the team stopped at a parking lot in hopes of catching a Venezuelan gang member who was believed to be working as a delivery driver at a nearby business. Across the street was a church, and one street over was an elementary school, which under the previous guidance would have made it off limits to park to do surveillance.

China Zoo Sells Tiger Urine As A Cure For Rheumatism, Sparks Backlash

World. A zoo in southwestern China's Sichuan province has raised safety concerns by selling tiger urine as a purported treatment for rheumatism. The Yaan Bifengxia Wildlife Zoo, a popular tourist attraction, is offering bottles of "medicinal tiger urine" from Siberian tigers for 50 yuan (Rs 596) each, South China Morning Post reported. The bottles, containing 250g of urine, claim to have a therapeutic effect on conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, sprains, and muscle pain.

The recommended application involves mixing the urine with white wine and applying it to the affected area with ginger slices. According to the zoo's instructions, the tiger urine can also be consumed orally, but users are advised to stop taking it if they experience any allergic reactions.

A staff member from the scenic area revealed to The Paper that the urine is collected from a basin after the tiger urinates, but it remains unclear whether the urine undergoes any disinfection process before being sold to customers. The staff member disclosed that sales of the tiger urine are modest, with no



more than two bottles sold per day. In 2014, the zoo allegedly awarded tiger urine as a prize to celebrity contestants on an outdoor reality show. pharmacist from Hubei Provincial Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital has since come forward to debunk the medicinal claims surrounding tiger urine. The pharmacist, who wished to remain anonymous, stated that tiger urine has no basis in traditional Chinese medicine and lacks scientific evidence to support its purported health benefits. He expressed concerns that promoting unproven remedies like tiger urine not only misrepresents traditional Chinese medicine but also undermines tiger

conservation efforts. The pharmacist cautioned tourists against using unverified substances, warning that they may exacerbate health conditions rather than alleviate them

A traditional Chinese medicine practitioner has raised further concerns about the zoo's sale of tiger urine, questioning their authority to sell medicinal products. The practitioner emphasised that all medicines must

undergo rigorous approval by government regulators, casting doubt on the zoo's legitimacy in selling tiger urine as a medicinal product.

Despite these concerns, zoo staff maintained that they possess a valid business license to sell tiger urine, although it remains unclear whether this license specifically permits the sale of medicinal products.

This unconventional remedy has sparked concerns among visitors and internet users. One user said, "I bought some for my dad out of curiosity, but have not seen any effect, so it is just sitting there.

Coca-Cola Orders Massive **Europe Recall Due To** Safety Concerns Over High **Chlorate Levels**

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Brussels. The European bottling unit of Coca-Cola said Monday that it had ordered a major recall of Coke, Sprite and other beverages after detecting high levels of chlorate, which poses potential health risks.

Coca-Cola said cans and glass bottles containing elevated levels of the substance were distributed in Belgium, the Netherlands, Britain, Germany, France and Luxembourg since November, Coca-Cola Europacific Partners Belgium told AFP.

We do not have a precise figure, but it is clear that it is a considerable quantity," the firm said of the amount of drinks involved. Chlorate can be found in foods as it derives from chlorine disinfectants widely used in water treatment and food processing. In a 2015 scientific opinion, the European Food Safety Authority said long-term exposure to chlorate posed a potential health concern for children, especially those with mild



or moderate iodine deficiency."The majority of the affected and unsold products have already been

warm gas flows back into the black hole, fuelling more outbursts and continuing the cycle.

- One key discovery was that the brightness of hot gas is linked to the brightness of warm gas in the clusters' centres. When the hot gas shines brighter, the warm gas glows more intensely, confirming how black holes feed on surrounding gas.
- Two galaxy clusters Perseus and Centaurus offer a striking visual of this phenomenon.Perseus Cluster: The hot gas appears bluish-purple with solid pink filaments, while surrounding galaxies shine brightly. Centaurus Cluster: The gas has a softer, diffused look,
- with filaments showing delicate, feathery textures. Both clusters display central black holes surrounded by glowing filaments of gas, a visual representation of the self-sustaining feeding mechanism. The study noted similarities between the gas filaments in galaxy clusters and the tails of "jellyfish galaxies," where gas is stripped as galaxies move through their surroundings. This unexpected connection suggests a shared process across different cosmic phenomena. The research brought together experts from Chile, the
- US, Australia, Canada, and Italy, leveraging advanced tools like the VLT's MUSE (Multi Unit Spectroscopic Explorer) instrument to create 3D views of the universe. NASA's Chandra programme, managed from Alabama, provided the X-ray data critical to this discovery.

'Will deport illegal immigrants': Indian-origin Ruby Dhalla after joining Canada PM race

World. Ruby Dhalla, a candidate for Liberal Party leadership and potential prime ministerial position in Canada, made a firm statement on Tuesday regarding her stance on illegal immigration, promising deportation if elected. On the social media platform X, Dhalla stated, "As Prime Minister, I will deport illegal immigrants and clamp down on human traffickers. That's my promise to you."Dhalla, an Indian-origin former MP, represented the now-defunct riding of Brampton-Springdale from 2004 to 2011. She officially entered the race to replace Justin Trudeau as the Liberal Party leader and potentially the next prime minister of Canada.In another post, Dhalla shared a video on X, where she said, "Thank you so much, thank you to God, I am so grateful to all of you. We are on the verge of creating history by electing the first woman of color as the leader of the Liberal Party and the next prime minister of Canada."Dhalla also added, "Phase 1 is over, we go on to phase 2 and engage with liberals all across the country, who have signed up as members of our party. I'm incredibly excited to be officially accepted as a candidate by the Liberal Party. My candidacy will engage an entirely

Gurdwaras: Sikh Community Leaders

No Immigration Raids At New Yorks

said that there have been no raids on Gurdwaras contradicting reports in some Indian mediaSukhjinder Singh Nijjar, who was at New York's Richmond Hill Gurdwara, a major Sikh centre, on Sunday said the prayer services were conducted reverently and there was no interference by anyone. There were no raids or any law enforcement actions at other Gurdwaras in New York and New Jersey either, said Mr Nijjar who is with the Sikh Cultural Society representing the Coastal Northeast and was the chairman of its public and media committee.He attributed the misreporting to "some sort of misunderstanding and miscommunication" and "just basically word of mouth type of thing that" gets spread with no basis in fact.

New York.Sikh community leaders have Rajwant Singh, the chairman of the Sikh Council on Religion and Education, discounted the reports of the raids or visits to the temples by immigration or other agencies. The Sikh community in New York and New Jersey has good relations at "all levels of government representatives, including the Justice Department and the White House", he said. The community has "contributed immensely to the local life and has helped many people during COVID and the service continues" and that is appreciated, Mr Singh said.Mr Nijjar said that Gurdwaras have good relations with government agencies and his own temple, for example, holds regular meetings with officials who visit at the Gurdwara's invitation to discuss community matters.President Donald Trump's administration last week withdrew a policy against immigration officers entering churches or schools to make arrests.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said, "Criminals will no longer be able to hide in America's schools and churches to avoid arrest". Although it mentioned only churches - which has been condemned by Christian organisations - other religions have also expressed concern over its broader ramifications. The Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF), like many other religious and civil rights organisations, has condemned the policy change.

Expressing deep alarm over the change, SALDEF Executive Director Kiran Kaur Gill, said, "Targeting these spaces for enforcement actions threatens the sanctity of our faith and sends a chilling message to immigrant communities nationwide".

removed from store shelves and we continue to take measures to remove all remaining products from the market," Coca-Cola Europacific Partners Belgium said.But the company's French branch said analysis by independent experts "concluded that the probability of an associated risk" was "very low". Brussels:

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Trump fills his government with billionaires after running on working-class message

ATLANTA. US President Donald Trump's brash populism has always involved incongruence: the billionaire businessmanpolitician stirring the passions of millions who, regardless of the economy's trajectory, could never afford to live in his Manhattan skyscraper or visit his club in south Florida. His second White House is looking a lot like the inside of Mar-a-Lago, with extremely wealthy Americans taking key roles in his administration.

The world's richest man, Elon Musk, is overseeing a new Department of Government Efficiency. Billionaires or mega-millionaires are lined up to run the treasury, commerce, interior and education departments, NASA and the Small Business Administration, and fill key foreign posts."He's bringing in folks who have had great success in the private sector," said Debbie Dooley, an early 2015 Trump supporter and onetime national organizer in the anti-establishment Tea Party movement. "If you need to have brain surgery, you want the proven brain surgeons."Others raise concerns about conflicts of interest at odds with Trump's

pledge to fight for "forgotten men and women" in a country where the median household net worth is about \$193,000 and median annual household income is about \$81,000.

"It's hard to conceive how the wealthiest set of Cabinet nominees and White House appointments in history will understand what average working people are going through," said former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, who served under President Bill Clinton and has warned for decades about the nation's widening wealth and wage gaps.Countered Dooley: "Trump sets the agenda. If they won't enact his policies, then they will hear him say what we hear on 'The Apprentice' all the time: 'You're fired!""Here is a closer look at some of Trump's picks, their net worth according to Forbes, and hat the choices could mean:

Elon Musk Musk (net worth estimated above \$400 billion) is chairing the new Department of Government Efficiency, which is a special commission charged with slashing federal spending. The extensive ties his businesses have to the government have raised



questions about Musk's potential conflicts in the role. Linda McMahon

McMahon was picked to be Trump's secretary of education. She is the wife of Vince McMahon, who is worth at least \$3 billion.The former WWE wrestling executive will lead an agency that many conservatives have called for abolishing altogether. While that's a heavy lift politically, McMahon and Trump have endorsed an expansion of "school choice," programs that steer taxpayer money to

private school tuition. She also could be in

charge of implementing Trump's proposals

to withhold federal money from public schools — K-12 and higher education — that do not meet White House demands to modify or scrap diversity programs.

Doug Burgum

The North Dakota governor (estimated net worth \$1.1 billion) made his money as a software entrepreneur. Burgum impressed Trump during his own failed bid for the GOP's 2024 presidential nomination. As interior secretary, Burgum would be charged with implementing Trump's "Drill, baby, drill" promise - making it even easier for energy companies to tap fossil fuel resources, including from public lands.

Scott Bessent

Forbes has not yet identified Bessent as a billionaire, but the veteran hedge fund manager confirmed Monday as treasury secretary certainly is worth many hundreds of millions. At Treasury, he will play key roles in selling and implementing a number of Trump's signature policies: reinstating the 2017 tax cuts tilted to corporations and wealthy individuals, imposing tariffs on many imports and cutting taxes on overtime wages, Social Security benefits and .

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Search for youth missing at Hussainsagar lake in Hyderabad continues

HYDERABAD. Over 30 personnel, belonging to Fire, Disaster Response Force (DRF) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) departments, conducted a search operation in Hussainsagar on Monday for 21-year-old S Ajay, who reportedly fell into the lake. Despite efforts from 6.30 am to 7 pm, no trace of Ajay was found. District Fire Officer Thagaram



Venkanna stated that the search would continue on Tuesday.During the Bharatha Matha Maha Harathi event on January 26, firecrackers were used, for which a boat and a jetty were arranged. However, a firecracker misfired, igniting the boat and causing a mishap involving around 15 people. Most escaped, but three were injured.According to a health bulletin, 22year-old Ganapati sustained 100% superficial burns and is in critical condition, requiring intubation. Pranith and Sunil suffered 12% burns on their heads and are stable.Central Zone DCP Akshansh Yadav revealed that the event organisers did not secure permission to use firecrackers. "Action will be taken as per the law," he

Over 27k street vendors to get IDs to run business

BENGALURU. Over 27,000 street vendors will receive identity cards to run their businesses across the eight zones of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.At a meeting at the BBMP head office on Monday, Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said, "The survey of street vendors is being conducted using mobile application, and so far, about 27,655 street vendors have been identified zone-wise.

Identity cards and certificates will be distributed and vendors instructed to conduct their business only in designated areas."The survey of street vendors in BBMP limits is being conducted under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihoods and Regulation of Street Trading) Act, 2014, and Karnataka Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihoods, Regulation, and Licensing of Street Trading) Scheme, 2020.

At a meeting with several senior officials,



A sanctuary for spiritual serenity and solace

The place was once known as 'Onapada nilam', says historian Vellanadu Ramachandran.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. A name that rings in the sound of bells for a locality is unique. But the identity of a prayerful hamlet nestled in the heart of the capital is so merged with the subtle aspects of sound, chants and rituals that one cannot imagine the name of the place to be anything other than Sreekanteshwaram.Sreekanteshwaram is a busy residential area in Thiruvananthapuram city and is bordered by Pazhavangadi on the east, Fort on the south and Kaithamukku on the west. The place is located around 1km from East Fort and 2km from Statue Junction. Major landmarks here are the park and of course, the Shiva temple that gave the place its name. The place was once known as 'Onapada nilam', says historian Vellanadu Ramachandran."

The entire stretch from Padmanabhaswamy temple to the area including where the Sreekanteshwaram temple used to be called Onapadanilam. It was here that the kalari veterans used to stage their performances during the Padmanabhaswamy temple festival when the 'arattu' procession would be held," says Ramachandran. It was much later, after the emergence of a temple in its present format, that the place got its new name. The local



legend is an interesting tale steeped in devotional imagery. Thiruvananthapuram has two Sreekanteshwaram temples, one above and the other near the Overbridge junction on the MG Road stretch.

Sreekanteshwaram'. And the new one emerged, when an elderly woman prayed to Shiva as she was unable to visit the temple regularly. The legend goes that her prayer was answered, and an idol appeared where she resided. This new temple came to be known as Sreekanteshwaram (stree kanda eeshwaran, meaning the shrine of the God who was seen by a woman). Later, the entire area came to be known after the temple. Ramachandran, however, feels the new temple could have been the result of differences of opinion among the

caretakers of the temple administration of Sreekanteshwaram."

Even as per mythology, Shiva got the name Sreekanta after he drank the poisonous halahala

The latter is known as the 'Pazhaya To think that it has something to do with a woman who saw the God could be pure folklore," he says. The old Sreekanteshwaram is believed to have been established in the ninth century. This shrine has deep ties to the Kovilvila family, who took over its administration centuries ago and continued the conduct of its operations. The new temple still maintaines its ties with the old one. As per tradition, the festivities at the new Sreekanteshwaram commence only after the 'Panthirunaazhi' ceremony at the Pazhaya Sreekanteshwaram temple, which though smaller in size.

Conservancy supervisor in Sriperumbudur booked for verbally abusing SC worker

CHENNAI. A 52-year-old conservancy worker, belonging to a Scheduled Caste, was allegedly subjected to harassment using sexually abusive language last week by a conservancy supervisor in Sriperumbudur municipality after she allegedly objected to the supervisor asking her to pick up human excreta while cleaning a crematorium.

Based on the complaint by A Gaja, the Sriperumbudur police has booked a case on Saturday against D Sekkizhar, a driver with the municipality who was recently given additional charge as supervisor, under provisions of the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act and Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Women Harassment Act.

The municipality's Executive Officer (EO) told TNIE that Sekkizhar has now been suspended. The incident happened when Gaja and a few of her colleagues were deputed to clean the crematorium ahead of a visit by the collector and other officials. They removed garbage and dried human excreta.Sekkizhar, who visited the spot, noticed that a piece of fresh human waste had not been removed. The conservancy staff, led by Gaja, reasoned that the stench was overpowering. To this, he allegedly asked her to pick up that "piece of shit" in Tamil.

When Gaja objected to this language and retorted that they were there to clear garbage and not pick up excreta, Sekkizhar allegedly scolded her in sexually abusive language.Moreover, the municipality issued a memo to Gaja the following day based on Sekkizhar's complaint that she was not doing her work properly and was hindering other colleagues.

Alleging that Sekkizhar had been repeatedly using such abusive language against workers, Gaja, who has been a conservancy staff for over 20 years at the municipality, said in her complaint that this was discriminatory towards Dalits. Sekkizhar has not yet been arrested as a detailed probe is under way, a district police official said.

Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati hoists tricolour at state-level Republic-Day celebration in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR. Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati on Sunday hoisted the national flag at the state-level Republic Day celebration held on Mahatma Gandhi Marg in the capital city. This was followed by a spectacular parade by security forces, NCC cadets and students of various schools and colleges, a daredevil show on motorcycles by the students, a skating performance and folk dance performances by artists.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi unfurled the national flag at Cuttack and took salute of the parade. The chief minister said, Odisha will witness a golden period of industrial and infrastructure development in the next five years by the joint efforts of Centre and state "I believe that the next five years will mark a



SURYAPET. A disturbing case of alleged "honour killing" has come to light from Pillalamarri village of Suryapet district wherein a man was murdered for an intercaste marriage opposed by the woman's parents. The deceased, Vadlakonda Krishna (30) was in a relationship with Bhargavi, his friend Kotla Naveen's sister, for the last three years. In August 2024, he married Bhargavi but her parents were against the decision, giving rise to a conflict between Naveen and Krishna, sources said.On January 26, the victim's friend, Bairu Mahesh called him in the evening and asked him to come out and the following day Krishna's body was found near Tank Bund on the outskirts of his village.



golden chapter for Odisha's infrastructure development. The double-engine government will accelerate the pace of progress. Our villages, which are the soul of the state and nation, will be at the centre of this transformation," he said. Stating that the government is committed to fulfil the promises made during the 2024 elections, the

chief minister said Rs 5,000 crore will be spent over the next five years under the 'Viksit Gaon, Viksit Odisha' initiative for strengthening rural economy.

The state government has already increased the minimum support price (MSP) for paddy and provided Rs 291 crore as compensation for crop losses due to unseasonal rains, which reflects the commitment towards the farmers. Besides, 3.5 crore people have been included under the Ayushman Bharat scheme starting next month, he said and added that the health coverage will also be extended to Odias residing outside the state.Stating that the government is working hard to bring reforms in the education system, the chief minister said a decision has been taken to upgrade.

Children express freedom through art

HYDERABAD. The room brimmed with joy as children eagerly sketched and coloured, their imaginations running free.



far beyond the activities of the day. Its various verticals collaborated to make the event meaningful and impactful. "Yi

including Special Commissioners Munish Moudgil and KN Harish along with zonal commissioners, implementation of the 'Onti Mane' scheme was also discussed.Girinath said eligible beneficiaries must be identified promptly among the applications received under the scheme and necessary measures taken to release funds in phases.

ICTAK opens registration for industry-readiness courses

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. The ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK), headquartered at Technopark in Thiruvananthapuram, has announced the opening of admissions for its industry readiness programmes. Admissions are currently open for both offline and online batches, offering comprehensive training to equip students with in-demand skills. The offline programmes include Full Stack Development (MERN, .NET) and data science and analytics, with classes conducted at ICTAK headquarters in Technopark, and its regional office in Koratty Infopark.The three-month programmes will provide an intensive learning experience for students. For those seeking flexible learning options, six-



month online programmes are available in Full Stack Development, cyber security, data science and analytics, and software testing.Participants who successfully complete these programmes will be eligible for a 125-hour internship with leading IT companies, along with exclusive access to either a LinkedIn Learning subscription or the Unstop Premium Platform during the course of the training.

Following this, Krishna's father, Vadlakonda David complained with Suryapet Rural police, alleging that Bhargavi's family members had beaten his son to death. DSP G Ravi is leading the investigation and assured that the accused will be arrested soon.Dalit organisations have strongly condemned Krishna's murder, calling it an undeniable "honour killing". They have demanded the immediate arrest and strict punishment of the culprits.

On Monday, the Dalit activists held a rally in Syryapet, asserting that Krishna loved and married the woman with her consent, without subjecting her to any coercion or harassment. Speaking to the media, Bhargavi alleged that her brother had threatened to kill Krishna multiple times.

"On Sunday evening, Mahesh asked Krishna to come out. However, when he did not return by 11 pm, I tried calling him, but his phone was switched off," she said, adding that Mahesh's phone was also switched off.

At the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) in Bowenpally, a sunny afternoon turned into a celebration of creativity during the 'Expression of Freedom' event.

Organised by the Young Indians (Yi) Hyderabad team, the event brought together 450 children with developmental disabilities, creating a heartwarming atmosphere of inclusivity and happiness.Seated in small groups, the children poured their hearts into their artwork - drawing everything from the Indian flag to imaginative takes on climate change and innovation. Their laughter and excitement filled the air as each stroke of colour carried a story of hope and 10V.

The Yi Hyderabad team - Accessibility chair Ashish Kumar Sonthalia, cochairs Rohit Binjrajka, Tanish Agarwal, Karthik Agarwal, Smaran Kejriwal, Shrey Agarwal, Climate Change chair Ashmi Shah, Health chair Sukarthi Kabra, Innovation chair Meghana Reddy, Road Safety chair Purnima Saraf, Thalir chair Dr Rajina Vincent and Rural Vertical chair Arjun Kedia and co-chair Nikhil Baheti - played a

vital role in making this initiative and event a major success. They have reached out to 900+ students across five schools, including institutions in rural areas; the Yi team organised a similar initiative in Mahbubnagar, which is around 125 km from the city.

Each topic was presented to the children and aligned perfectly with this year's Young Indians theme, 'Bharat Rising'. This initiative celebrates the resilience, creativity, and unique contributions of these Taare Zameen Par stars, who inspire us all with their talent and perspective," shared Ashish.

The day wasn't just about art. Patriotic songs played in the background as children danced, their laughter filling the hallways. By the end of the event, a lively group dance session broke out, with everyone joining in the fun.

The joy in the room was palpable, and the children were beaming as they moved to the music. "Dance brings happiness," remarked one of the parents, looking very happy as her child danced his heart out. Yi's efforts went

works through verticals that focus on crucial topics such as climate change, health, innovation, and road safety.

For this special initiative, the Accessibility vertical brought together the heads of these

verticals, collaborating with both the Thalir and Rural verticals to conduct impactful art workshops," explained Ashish.For Meghana Reddy from Yi's innovation vertical, the experience at NIEPID left a lasting impression. "It was lovely to see NIEPID's innovation hub. What particularly stood out was how they created a scanner on a pendant, apart from using recyclable materials to make a clock. The best part is that the teachers are training the kids to make it.

I think the work is incredible here," she said.Ashmi Shah, chair of the climate change vertical, reflected on her team's contributions. "This year, we're focused on regenerating rural farms, conducting e-waste collection drives in colleges, and planning Miyawaki forests. It's about sensitising communities and making our environment greener and better."As the event wrapped up, it was clear how proud the children were of their creations.

Kuthirakoor Kari: This 'land of horses' is a hidden gem of Kochi

KOCHI. Nestled near Palluruthy, amidst the tranquil backwaters of Vembanad Kayal, lies Kuthirakoor Kari - an enigmatic island steeped in history and natural beauty. Surrounded by water on three sides and bordered by arable wetland on the fourth, this water-bound hidden gem boasts a rich past and immense potential for tourism. The name 'Kuthirakoor Kari' itself is intriguing. "The land was once under the Elamana Madom. Fodder for the feudal family's horses was harvested from here," explains social observer V J Michael, who is a retired teacher and long-time resident of the area."Hence, this came to be known as 'kuthira ooru' or 'the land of horses'. And 'kari' refers to the soil here. It was a highly cultivated area, primarily growing paddy



and vegetables."Studies on soils of Kerala reveal that the region's peaty, charcoallike soil contributed to its name. "The rice fields, which are popularly known as 'puncha vayals' exist in three landscape elements: karapadam (upland rice ?elds), kayal (wetland rice ?elds) and kari (land buried with black, coal-like materials)," notes the Food and Agriculture

Organisation.Former mayor K J Sohan says the toponymy of the place is derived from oral history. "I have not been able to pin down authentic documentation about the name 'Kuthirakoor Kari'," he says. It is said that a special variety of grass from the region was used to feed the horses of the Kochi royal family and the British forces.Sohan also highlights that the place was known for pokkali farming. *Special teak was used to build bunds to prevent salt water from the pokkali farms seeping into the enclosure where the horse fodder was grown," he says."One can still see remnants of the teak structures.

This was one of the few places in Kerala where such a special mechanism existed. However, once the horses became history, the place got neglected."Until recently an

under-developed and inaccessible area, Kuthirakoor Kari is now slowly emerging as a tourist destination. Ajith Michael, owner of the Kochi Kari Island Resort, recounts how small boats were once the only means of access to this place.

This area has relatively been obscure," he says. "Freshwater scarcity used to be a major issue. However, recent efforts, such as road construction, have made the island more accessible, paving the way for tourism growth." Ajith adds that the primary draw for visitors is the fresh, locally cultivated fish prepared for guests, alongside the peaceful ambience and stunning views of sunrise/sunset and the Chinese fishing nets.Reviews on social media indicate that the area is slowly evolving as a backpacker's haven.

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Universe: Making the right choice

ALL religions of the world lay stress on charity and helping the needy. Some advocate that a person should donate 1/10th of his earnings. Guru Nanak's emphasis on feeding the hungry led to the institution of langar in the Sikh tradition. Today, lakhs of people are served langar in gurdwaras. Every person, whether rich or poor, has to sit on the ground in a straight line called 'pangat' and partake of the food being served with all humility. When we talk of humility, it is applicable to the giver also. There should be no thought of ego in the attitude of the giver as well.In Jainism, the emphasis is on 'karmas' or deeds. Karmas are also called the 'karmic account' of a man during his lifetime. These include both good as well as bad deeds. The nine 'punyas' are ann' (food), 'paan' (water), 'layan' (land), 'shayan' (sleep), 'vastra' (clothes), 'man' (mind), 'vachan' (speech), 'kaya' (body), and, finally, 'namaskar' (to bow with humility). The nine 'punyas' hold a significant place in Jain religion.1. 'Ann' (food): Only a hungry man knows the importance of food. And after eating, he blesses one from the core of his heart. It is rightly said, "Bhukhe pait bhajan na hoye Gopala", which means a person cannot even take God's name if he is hungry.2. 'Paan' (water): Water is all-important for a thirsty man. After quenching his thirst, he would remember God and thank Him.3. 'Layan' (land): If a person donates land for building a religious place or a hospital, he becomes great in the eyes of God.

- 4. 'Shayan' (sleep): A tired man feels indebted to the person who provides all such things that are essential for a night's rest. These include material to sleep, like a cot, bedsheet, pillow, blanket, etc.
- 5. 'Vastra' (clothes): Donate clothes to a person who is trembling in the cold. After wearing the warm clothes, he will express his gratitude to the giver and offer his blessings.6. 'Mann' (a noble-thinking mind): A man with noble thinking heightens his position in everybody's eyes.
- 7. 'Vachan' (speaking kind words and encouraging



someone): Kind words spoken with the right intention will boost the morale of a person who has come to the conclusion that all the ways for his well-being have been closed.8. 'Kaya' (body): Offer to comfort someone through noble efforts. For example, help an elderly person cross a busy road by holding his or her hand.

9. 'Namaskar' (humility): Bow before everyone with humility and forgiveness.

Eat, drink, be body-shamed

Can we please stop being competitive all the time and accept our own body as unique

So now the Lancet guys tell us that body mass index (BMI), a standard formula for measuring obesity, is not quite right. The updated version includes analysing the body composition of a person and deciding how much of weight is good (musclerelated) and how much (fat-related) is excludable. Gauging obesity or malnourishment through calculation of the BMI should, at best, be the first step, to be followed by a deeper analysis of the proportion of muscle mass and fat within the person's body.Leafing through the newspapers, my mother once pointed out a supreme but somewhat under-reported irony. All the major dailies, she pointed out, were given to devoting a sizeable portion of their features section to wonderfully lavish cuisine and teaching how to score global foodie points by trying out all sorts of exotic food

and cooking practices. But this was followed by an equally sizeable bunch of pages that warned readers sternly against gluttony, and underscored how important it is to keep an ideal weight by following veganism, intermittent fasting and/or diets like Keto, or whatever. And then punishing the body with expensive workouts. The regrettable indulgence in tasty food may result, we are warned, in diabetes, congested arteries, osteoarthritis, colon cancer and god knows what else. So, poor readers gulp their saliva back and feel miserable whenever uncontrollable desires for hearty meals cross the mind, mother said.Obviously, the media or the publishers of bestsellers on special recipes, history of royal repasts and lavish temple bhogs do not see the contradiction. A mixture of information overload, lack of time and a deep atavistic fear of losing that lovely, dimpled flesh has ensured that what older

folk considered good hearty food becomes the new no-no.Books on food have continued registering a high even when sales of fiction and non-fiction are reportedly dropping. So, food is probably now like pornography for a schizophrenic society where the rich first overindulge, and then, like Roman nobility, throw up. Books on really good food are mostly savoured in privacy, but are no longer discussed in civilised company where socialites with hourglass figures body-shame their matronly counterparts routinely.And this has also turned dieticians' clinics into confessionals. "Is it not enough to have halved my consumption of red meat, forgone desserts, walking up and down staircases and to the colony grocery?" you ask, humbly."No, it's just scratching the surface," the stern-looking anorexic dietician with a lantern jaw will tell you. If you actually dream of having those Malaika bottoms or Shah Rukh abs, your lifestyle has to be dramatically different from what it is today. And this is non-negotiable. That will be Rs 1,500, thank you.

Does a perfect health card mean an entire rebuilding of the good life or can we, who have crossed over to the other side of 60, continue in our bad ways? Must we be varying our love for comfortable couches, nice cars and fancy restaurant-hopping holidays with 40minute punishment sessions in expensive gyms, with snooty coaches who look down their noses at all that celluloid and spare tyres?Fifty years ago, after



crossing 50, parents of grown-up kids might not have been demolished by terms like the "ravages of time" applied to somewhat flabby midriffs and sagging jaw lines. Expectations then were low, but in the age of Botox, Ozempic and liposuction, it is getting harder to accept ageing as inevitable with good grace and a resigned shrug. Too bad, for the grandchildren at least, who no longer get to nuzzle close to cheerfully plump grannies for a basic comforting human experience many of us recall with love and warmth. Can a lean, mean granny, who offers you granola bars and carrot sticks instead of

Loans and liabilities

SC tells banks to fix property title checks



homemade pinnis or gajar ka halwa oozing butter and sugar, and cooks brown rice with poached organic veggies, denies you fruit juice from cartons for fresh home-squeezed lauki/carrot juice instead match the ones who cooked you hearty biryanis in pure desi ghee and added a dollop of home-churned butter to your paranthas?

Nobody asked grannies then to cook what they did, but they soothed away all those nasty breakdowns in the making, hovering around their well-laden tables like battle axes and standing between leisurely meals and the clock summoning you for those unwelcome music lessons, homework and/or a demanding parent.True, there are social norms today that treat women who have stalled the natural ageing processes like honorary male warriors. But that is according too much honour to war. Perhaps we, the

midnight's female children, will be at ease with ageing only if we stop obsessing over the near-impossible goals of what we should look like, and appreciate our non-flat stomachs with stretch marks and our dimpled thighs as byproducts of unique lifegiving and nurturing experiences that we share with all women.Of course, changing media images would help. But that is not enough. What we need is more of old-style natural togetherness, especially among women who are working outside homes. We need places within workplaces where women of all ages can unwind and swap jokes and information like homemakers do in traditional watering holes of their own. Like most groups of the newly-empowered, women's faith in looking good by others' standards is yet to be shaken. And we have not quite absorbed facts such as the rising incidence of brittle bones, anorexia and

heart ailments related to fad diets and increased smoking and alcohol intake among women. Then, there is the economy-size guilt trip when we feel exhausted at the end of a long working day. Perhaps, our mothers and grandmothers did not give us healthy eating habits. Look at Madonna, the magazines say. Well, good for her, but can we please stop being competitive all the time and accept our own body as unique. We'll perhaps at that point discover that there is actually much more to real fitness than measuring tapes and weighing scales. And even the Lancet magazine accepts that now.

> measures that compromise accuracy. Lastly, banks are urged to prioritise diligence, preventing fraud and safeguarding public interest.

The directive also acknowledges practical challenges, such as the status of older or underconstruction properties that often lack certificates. These grey areas necessitate legal clarity to balance regulatory compliance with operational feasibility. As loans against property represent a significant portion of banking portfolios, especially for small and medium enterprises, the sector must act swiftly. The RBI's adherence to the SC guidance is essential not only to restore public trust but also to fortify the financial system against vulnerabilities. In implementing these reforms, India's banking sector has an opportunity to set a precedent for due diligence and accountability in property-

- Likewise, there are seven bad deeds. These are 'jua' (gambling), which pushes one into the quagmire of economic loss; 'mansahar'or eating meat; 'sharab' or drinking wine; 'vaishagaman' or desire for a prostitute; 'shikaar'or the hunting of innocent animals; 'chori', stealing or taking away things without permission; and 'par-istrigaman', the desire for a woman other than your wife.
- The choice ultimately is that of an individual, but the path shown is clear. That is as true for Jainism as for any other religion.

Currently, banks rely on empanelled lawyers for these reports, but the absence of standardised guidelines has resulted in inconsistencies and errors. The judgment has rightly directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to collaborate with stakeholders to establish a uniform mechanism for title clearance reports.

THE Supreme Court's ruling on improper loan

sanctions by banks underscores a crucial flaw in

India's banking practices - the lack of robust

title verification for mortgaged properties. This

oversight jeopardises public funds, risks

fraudulent transactions and compromises

financial stability. Highlighting a specific case,

the SC pointed out that loans sanctioned on

properties with unresolved title disputes could

have been avoided with rigorous title searches.

The SC's proactive stance emphasises three significant aspects. First, it recommends criminal liability for bank officials who approve loans based on defective

title reports, ensuring accountability within the sector. Second, the RBI must standardise the fees and quality benchmarks for title reports, discouraging cost-cutting

backed lending. The message is clear: public funds cannot be collateral damage in the race for profit.

Restoring the co-existence between bears and humans



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article AuthorIt was otherwise a usual October day at work, but for the frantic plea: "Shoot it." The call was received from the Shahdhar panchayat that abuts the famous Bhimakali temple in Sarahan. The cattle attacks had reached more than a dozen and the otherwise calm folks of the temperate mountains were losing their patience. Three humans, too, had been reportedly attacked! "Ye adamkhor hai. Isse shoot kijiye." Humans and bears seemed to be vying for each other's doom. The concern, pain and fright of the caller were all too relatable, but the call of duty was different. As Wildlife Warden of the Rampur Forest Division, one's mandate was clear - to protect the species given the highest protection under the law of the land. For their own safety, the bears had to be prevented from attacking humans! One more attack and the calls for their elimination could become impossible to resist. The Asiatic black bear or reechh, or more endearingly bhaalu, is not only omnivorous but even omnipresent. They have shared the landscape and existed alongside humans, every now and then delighting themselves on apples and other fruits. The elders at Shahdhar narrated that they had known bears to exist in their proximity for as many as 40 years, but never had such a spree of attacks on cattle happened.For now, the balance of co-existence had tipped. Smart camera trap imaging by the Rapid Rescue Team of the Rampur Forest

Division threw a likely explanation. It was a mother bear nursing two sub-adults. And it was October. Put together, the answer was clear: a mother was feeding and storing fat before the family's hibernation in winter. And it had just found an easy source - the cattle tied inside cowsheds having flimsy wooden doors that could be just pushed open any night when they felt hungry. Field investigations also brought to light that the three human attacks were either a result of surprise encounters, or when petrified cattle owners had tried to drive the bear(s) away and thrown stones in their direction. But never had the bears come after humans, in the way humans seemed to be now going after them.Even while the situation in Shahdhar was being managed, calls arose from other places from Bahali to Kamalahu of attacks on cattle by the bears. Field investigations in

Kamalahu revealed that the attacks had largely happened on cattle-sheds built on the fringes of a thick Ban forest, begging the question — who had entered whose territory, after all?The story of conflict management that unfolded in Shahdhar showed the grit, skill and commitment to duty of the frontline forest field staff. These unsung heroes did their routine duties in the day and then patrolled the conflict hotspot — an area of around 10 sq km — at night. Armed with mashaals and shock sticks, they kept up the vigil to keep humans and bears safe from each other. When even after repeated guidance, some



of the increasingly government-reliant citizens of Shahdhar would forget to burn red chilli in the cow dung outside their cattle sheds (a traditional way to keep bears away and found to be successful), these sentinels of the night would themselves carry out that ritual outside their cattle sheds. Where the danger was higher, an ANIDER (Animal Intrusion Detection and Repellent System) or two was deployed — a first in Rampur.

Going from door to door, and messaging daily on WhatsApp groups, they ensured everyone was informed and no one surprised the bears with chance encounters. Diwali came early and ended late for the

citizens of Shahdhar as the field staff kept bursting crackers through the night. In a first for Himachal Pradesh in recent history, the field staff, guided remotely by experts from the Wildlife Institute of India, Zoological Survey of India and Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department, made the first capture of a free roaming bear. It was one of the sub-adults. The team stayed up all night to ensure it was safe, also protecting themselves from its separated, ferocious mother - arguably one of the most dangerous animals in such a situation. And when the sub-adult would not be allowed to be released by the people back in their vicinity (and understandably so), they still ensured its best chance at survival - walking the tightrope between what is right and what is expected!A beautiful tale of selfreliance came to the fore from Kamalahu. The residents took it upon

themselves to undertake night vigils, and no further incidents were reported!

- In Shahdhar, three bear captures (and releases) have been carried out, alleviating people's fears and bringing safety to the bears. Meanwhile, as winter set in, it was time for the bear family to finally hibernate. The time gained shall hopefully be utilised to strengthen the cattle sheds.
- FullscreenMonths of effort seems to have tilted the balance back in favour of co-existence. But every wildlife manager knows that the balance is extremely precarious

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at the Association for Computing Machinery's Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems in Montreal.

Parental Control

may not shield teenagers from cyber threats

Mobile apps designed to help parents Ghosh, a doctoral student in the University keep their teenaged children safe from of Central Florida. cyber threats, to researchers say.

parental control apps was associated with Assistant Professor at the University. teenagers experiencing more, not fewer, In another study, the team analysed 736 online risks, including unwanted explicit publicly posted reviews written by

online predators may harm the trust "Our findings suggest that most parentalbetween a parent and child, as well as control apps are those that attempt to reduce the child's ability to respond to control what teenagers can do online, but ultimately do little to keep them safe The findings showed that the use of online," added Pamela Wisniewski,

were an invasion of their personal privacy, and supported "lazy" or bad parenting instead of improving communication channels between them and their parents. The apps also prevented them from doing everyday tasks, such as homework assignments, and turned their parents into "stalkers."

"Teenagers and even younger children told us loudly and clearly that they would rather their parents talk to them than use parental control apps," Ghosh said. By trying to completely shield teens from experiencing any and all online risks, some parents are keeping teens from developing the necessary coping mechanisms that they will need throughout their lives, the



solicitations. "Parental involvement and victimisation for teenagers, but neither of

content, harassment, and online sexual teenagers and younger children for parental-control apps available for direct supervision were both associated download on Google Play. They found that with fewer peer problems and less online approximately 79 per cent of the reviews written by children rated the apps at either these factors correlated with the use of two stars or less out of a possible five. It is parental control apps," said Arup Kumar because the apps were overly restrictive,

Parents nowadays leave no stone unturned in providing all facilities to children. From latest gadgets to surf the web to best publications to read, from the most luxurious meals to the choicest of clothes, parents want to raise their children in such a way that they grow up to become happy and functional adults.

However, it becomes a major problem and a source of rift when children fail to score high marks and top among the crowd. While parents fall into a dilemma of what more can they do to make their children score better marks, students have their share of problems as well. Lack of confidence and support, which breeds fear, are considered as the biggest hurdles to their performance.

Further, it was noted that all these distractions that they faced summed up to one thing-parental pressure.

In order to find out possible solutions to the issue, we talked to a few principals of leading schools in the country. In light of why parents pressurize their children, Fr Jose Thekkel, T.O.R, Principal of Mt. Assisi School in Bhagalpur, Bihar, said, "Undue pressure on students exerted by overenthusiastic, overambitious parents has become the order of the day forgetting the stress that children go through." Discerning the trend, he further stated that the reasons behind such pressure on children coming from parents could be the result of unrealistic quest for social status and unrealistic expectations that they come up with.

Mrs Jaspreet Kaur, Vice Principal of Bal Bhavan International School in Dwarka, New Delhi, clarified saying, "Education is very important in one's life, but to be a self-sufficient adult, the child should learn some life skills, which is the need of the hour.

Many of us take life skills for granted. But the fact is that only life skills can help children become independent."

While it was difficult to identify a set cause of the issue, Fr Jose said "The problem lies in an obsession with uniformity and unwillingness to adapt and change. Parents need to keep in mind that every child is unique and unparalleled and it is his call to become a self-made person. It is parents' duty to help their children to realise their originality and not to copy someone blindly."

Not exams but only life skills can help children become independent!



Being a mother herself, Mrs Kaur shared, "Parenting isn't a smooth road and is nothing short of a challenging experience. Children listen, observe and imitate their parents. They should practise what they teach their children and avoid hypocrisy at all times when it comes to actually proving by their own actions."

Consistency in establishing healthy dialogues with his teachers, friends and parents throughout the year is more important than scoring highest marks in examinations. This could give a hope to kids to gradually start sharing their thoughts and ideas freely with their parents.

In this era of competition, children must know that if there is somebody who will always be the pillar of support for them, it is their parents.

Here are a few things parents can do to inspire children to learn beyond the obvious:

Inspire children to take part in co-curricular activities Don't restrict them to just bookish knowledge. Not everything in life is scripted and a few things like togetherness or team work equally contribute to a child's growth, which they learn through co-curricular activities.

They should learn to respect people

Respecting elders and being considerate is something we would want a kid to build as his etiquette. The same understanding must be groomed in a child's mentality by showcasing it in our own actions.

Learn through observations

Parents should expose children to various situations and people, which will help build their confidence, selfesteem and boost their power to distinguish between the right and wrong to further build their integrity.

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Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh gets out on 30day parole ahead of Delhi Assembly polls

Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh: The Dera Sacha Sauda chief, currently serving a 20-year sentence in connection with two rape cases, was released on parole from Haryana's Sunaria jail.

Gurmeet Ram **Rahim Singh** released from Haryana's Sunaria jail Singh has large following in multiple states First visit to Sirsa ashram since 2017 conviction



New Delhi. Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, currently serving a 20-year sentence in connection with two rape cases, was granted parole for a month on Tuesday.

The parole comes ahead of the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, scheduled to be held on February 5. Singh, who is housed in Haryana's Sunaria jail, was released on Tuesday morning, according to police sources. Singh has a large following in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and other states.Dera Sacha Sauda, headquartered in Haryana's Sirsa, also boasts a massive following across the state, including Fatehabad, Kurukshetra, Kaithal and Hisar. Singh's past paroles have mostly coincided with elections in north Indian states. Last time, Singh was released on parole in October 2024, three days ahead of the Haryana Assembly elections.

This will be the first time Singh will be visiting his ashram in Sirsa since his conviction in 2017.On previous occasions when Singh was out on parole, he was only allowed to visit his ashram in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat.

Two girls killed in fourstorey building collapse in Delhi, 12 rescued



NEW DELHI. Two girls, aged 17 and 7, died in a four-storey building collapse in north Delhi's Burari area, police said on Tuesday.

The newly constructed building near Oscar Public School crashed on Monday evening. So far, 12 people have been rescued, police said. The deceased have been identified as Saadhna, 17, and Radhika, 7, they said.

A police officer said that a rescue operation is underway and more people could be trapped under the debris. The Delhi Police, in a statement issued on Monday night, said they received information about the collapse at around 7 pm.

It was a new construction spread in a 200 square yards area, it said.Police said that soon after the incident which was reported to the Delhi Police and Delhi Fire Services, a rescue operation was launched."Rescue operation is still underway. Multiple agencies like police, fire and NDRF are on the spot. Police have cordoned off the area and are collecting more details from the locals to know how many people are still trapped inside the building," said the officer.

"We have launched an investigation into the matter and multiple teams have been formed. Legal action is under process against the building owner," he added.Soon after the incident, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi said on X that all possible help would be provided to the affected people.

"This incident of building collapse in Burari is extremely sad. I have spoken to the local administration to ensure speedy relief and rescue operations. All possible help will be provided to the affected people," CM Atishi wrote in Hindi.

Battle for Kalkaji: Alka Lamba takes aim at Kejriwal, Atishi

New Delhi. Kalkaji is one of the most keenly watched Assembly constituencies for its triangular contest, with Alka Lamba of the Congress being pitched against AAP's Atishi and BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri.

Lamba, after a five-year stint in the Congress, joined the AAP in 2014 and was elected to the Assembly from Chandni Chowk in 2015. She parted ways with the party in September 2019 and returned to the Congress. She tells Ifrah Mufti how the battle is all about 'vikas' this time. Excerpts: With CM Atishi and Ramesh Bidhuri being in fray, what do you think about your chances?

I don't think the fight is tough, but unfortunately the lives of people in the constituency are very tough. They are having a rough time. So, they ange in the government. Though s

AAP tops in candidates with crime records

- NEW DELHI. As Delhi gears up for the February 5 elections, a report by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) highlights trends in the wealth, criminal records, and education levels of the 699 candidates contesting the polls. The findings highlight the complex interplay of wealth, criminality, and education in Delhi polls.
- The analysis reveals significant financial disparities among the candidates. BJP's Karnail Singh from Shakur Basti tops the list as the wealthiest candidate, with declared assets of Rs 259 crore, followed by BJP's Manjinder Singh Sirsa (Rs 248.85 crore) and Congress's Gurcharan Singh (Rs 130.90 crore). In total, five candidates have declared assets exceeding Rs 100 crore, while 23, or 3 per cent, have assets above Rs 50 crore, reflecting a marginal increase from 2020.
- On the other hand, three candidates have declared zero assets, including Shabana (Rashtriya Republican Party) and Yogesh Kumar (Independent). The average assets per candidate stand at Rs 5.65 crore, up from Rs 4.34 crore in 2020. Among political parties, BJP candidates lead with average assets of Rs 22.90 crore, followed by Congress (Rs 14.41 crore) and AAP (Rs 11.70 crore).
- The report sheds light on the criminal backgrounds of candidates, a persistent concern despite a 2020 Supreme Court directive, with having declared cases, a slight drop from 20per cent in 2020, 12per cent face serious charges, including murder and crimes against women. The ruling AAP has the highest proportion of candidates with criminal cases (63 per cent), with 41 per cent facing serious charges. The Congress follows with 41 per cent of its candidates declaring criminal cases, including 19 per cent with serious allegations. The BJP has the lowest proportion, with 29 per cent of its candidates having criminal records and 13 per cent facing serious charges. The report reveals a diverse range of educational

Stage collapses at religious event in UP's Baghpat, 5 killed, several injured

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The incident happened during the ceremony of offering laddoos to Lord Adinath in the presence of Jain monks. Officials, including senior police officials, rushed to the spot with a heavy police deployment to manage the situation. The injured were immediately rushed to the hospital for treatment.



Supreme Court stays Madras High Court order against Chennai Police Commissioner

Anna University sexual assault case: The Supreme Court stayed the Madras High Court order against Chennai Police Commissioner, highlighting the need to prevent the survivor's identity from leaking in the Anna University sexual assault case. The court further ordered the SIT investigation to continue.

New Delhi. The Supreme Court on In its interim order, the Supreme Court Monday stayed the Madras High Court's order calling for an enquiry Commissioner in connection

stayed the high court's directives and Rohatgi explained that the FIR, filed on stated that the disclosure of the against Chennai Police survivor's details caused "secondary

were unwarranted.

December 24, was uploaded to the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems

qualifications, with 46 per cent haing education levels ranging from Class 5 to Class 12, while the remaining 46 per cent hold higher qualifications, including undergraduate, professional, and postgraduate degrees. Eight candidates have PhDs. Notably, 29 candidates are illiterate, up from 16 in 2020, reflecting broader participation from various backgrounds.

Delhiites want 'AAPda-mukt' capital: Baijayant Panda

On the AAP's future, he said, "As everything comes full circle, AAPda rule in Delhi has also come full circle.



- NEW DELHI. The BJP is optimistic about securing a two-thirds majority, defeating the ruling AAP, national vice-president and Delhi BJP in-charge Baijayant 'Jay' Panda has told this newspaper. He cited "widespread public discontent" against AAP, which he called "AAPda" due to its alleged failure in driving development, as the primary reason.
- Drawing on feedback from all assembly seats, Panda said, "Delhi wants to become 'AAPda-mukt' and bloom in prosperity with lotus under Modi's guarantees." He said, "The people have trust in Modi's guarantee and don't want to cope with AAPda even for a moment."On the AAP's future, he said, "As everything comes full circle, AAPda rule in Delhi has also come full circle. The janata (public) are tired of its fake promises and lack of development and now want to give us a chance.'
- He claimed that AAP lacks a credible leader as many, including Arvind Kejriwal, face corruption charges. "The bail conditions are very strict as AAPda's earlier face (referring to Kejriwal) cannot sign papers. There are classroom scams, medical scams, and many others. He can't go to the CMO. He can't become CM," Panda said. He said Purvanchali voters, neglected by AAP in last three elections, are now leaning towards the BJP.

with the alleged Anna University sexual assault case. The stay, issued by a bench comprising Justices BV Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma, comes in response to a plea by the Tamil Nadu government challenging the high court's observations against the

Commissioner. The high court had earlier criticised the Commissioner for revealing the survivor's

identity in the FIR and questioned the language used in the FIR, suggesting it contributed to victim-blaming. It also directed departmental action and an inquiry against the Commissioner.



trauma," highlighting the need to prevent such lapses. Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing Tamil Nadu, argued that while the state supports the victim, the high court's remarks against the Commissioner

(CCTNS), a central system designed to block sensitive information. The leak occurred due to a technical issue reported by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

The Tamil Nadu government has since taken steps to address the issue, including filing FIRs, blocking URLs, and sensitizing officials to prevent further leaks.

The Supreme Court also allowed the Special

Investigation Team (SIT) to continue its probe into the case while dismissing questions over the state filing the appeal instead of the Commissioner.

is CM, Atishi's photographs are missing in the constituency. Instead Kejriwal's photographs are all over. She is seeking votes on Kejriwal's photograph and name. She has no connect with the people on the ground. However, the people in the city have seen me working since I was 19year-old. My accessibility stands out.

What is your vision for the constituency?

I would like to provide the basic amenities in the constituency because residents are already grappling with difficult situations. The way we have worked on the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Project in order to transform Old Delhi, I plan to initiate similar projects in the Kalkaji constituency as well. I need to work on roads, safety, security, water and pollution. Everyone remembers that Delhi was all lush green during the Sheila Dikshit government. However, the green cover has drastically declined in the last 10 years. We need to work on that.

Shooter's 'Dawood Ibrahim, 1993 Bombay blasts' link in Baba Siddique's murder

Shivakumar Gautam, the alleged main shooter in the Baba Siddique murder case, alleged that gangster Anmol Bishnoi ordered him and his aide to kill the NCP leader over his "ties with Dawood Ibrahim and the 1993 Bombay blasts".

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Gautam confessed that he and his associate,



Dharmaraj Kashyap, were promised Rs 10-15 lakh to kill Baba Siddique and potentially Zeeshan Siddique.

Introduced to the gang through mutual contacts, Gautam described how he became entangled in the plot, orchestrated using Snapchat for communication and funded through bank transactions. The murder was meticulously planned over several months, with reconnaissance missions

conducted at Siddique's residence and office.

One day, Shubham Lonkar told the shooter that he and his brother worked for the Bishnoi gang. In June 2024, Shubham Lonkar (Shubbu) told me and Dharmaraj Kashyap that if we did a job at his behest, we could be paid Rs 10-15 lakh. When I asked about the work, Shubham told us we were to kill a man named Baba Siddique or his son, Zesshan Siddique. But he didn't give any further details," Gautam said." After a few days, Shubham Lonkar reminded us about the murder and asked us if we were scared. Then, Dharmaraj Kashyap and I told him we would do the work and asked

Gautam disclosed that weapons were supplied by Bishnoi gang members based in Mumbai, and fake identity cards were provided to facilitate their movements.

His confession detailed the gang's strategy to inspire confidence in the shooters. Bishnoi, Lonkar and their aides frequently communicated via Snapchat, motivating them and assuring financial and logistical support.

The shooters practiced with the supplied firearms in a secluded forest near Khopoli before carrying out the attack. After the shooting, Gautam said he discarded the murder weapon and his mobile phone to evade detection.

He fled to various cities before being arrested in Lucknow while allegedly planning to escape to Nepal with the help of friends.

The chargesheet also suggested a sprawling network involving several Bishnoi gang members and accomplices across multiple states. The gang's alleged motive was linked to Siddique's high-profile connections and his family's prominence.

for the money," he added.

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RELATIONSHIPS

The nine months of pregnancy can be an excruciatingly stressful for women, especially if they are expecting their first child. Since they are faced with different emotions - from being excited about becoming a mother to anxious about bringing the child into the world without any mishaps and surviving mood swings — it can take a toll on the health. So, de-stressing is one of the important aspects that gynaecologists stress on while counselling them. While reading books and listening to music are the most common activities that mumsto-be resort to, we give you other interesting and doable options ...

Put your legs up and rest

If you are a working woman who also manages the house efficiently, then finding time for yourself will be difficult. So, every minute is precious for you. "You must stop thinking

7 ways to de-stress during Pregnancy

that putting your feet up and doing nothing is a criminal waste of time. You need to rest both your body and mind. Stop stressing over deadlines and unwashed dishes in the kitchen," says Dr Vandana Mehra, a gynaecologist. Sweat it out

> Yes, you read that right. One of the best ways to de-stress is to release the pent up tension in the body through physical exercises. Yoga trainer Jothi M says, "Of course, when your body's aching and you're overtly tired, exercise might be the last thing on your mind. So, walking on the treadmill and lifting weights is not going to appeal to you. However, gentle exercises can boost your stamina and also help you relax. Maternity yoga, swimming and breathing exercises help you keep calm. What's more, they will also make labour pain endurable."

Soak in the sun Gettin g fresh air and enjoying the early rays of sun are great stress busters. If you are one of those who spends most of the day cooped in your home or at work and hardly get time to take in the sights and sounds of the neighbourhood, now is your time. Take a stroll in the garden or walk along the shoreline. You will be surprised how refreshed and rejuvenated you feel.

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Speak to experts

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If this is your first child, chances are, you will have a zillion questions about pregnancy. Sharing your concerns with your gynaecologist, mother, husband or best friend will make you less anxious. You can also attend counselling sessions, join support groups or attend pep talks to sort yourself out. Indulge in a spa



There's no doubt that a good spa session will leave you relaxed. When you are expecting, these special therapies will work wonders. Pooja Nautiyal, a spa owner, says, "Water is a great way to soothe your body. Many spa centres have specialised treatments for pregnant women; removing the muscle knots and easing the body and mind through aromatherapy and essential oils are often favoured. We also recommend music therapy; Indian ragas have the ability to soothe your mind. For instance, Kalyani has as a positive impact on both the mother and foetus. So, we play reverberating music while giving them the massage."

Go for a babymoon

If you've always wanted to go on a vacation with your husband but could never manage one, now's the time. Rakesh Bapat, executive manager with an MNC, says, "My wife is a working woman and we could never manage to go on a holiday because of our schedule. But now, she is in her second trimester and I'm doing my best to keep her relaxed. We now take off on weekends to resorts or nearby destinations."

Have lots of 'me' time

Catch up with family for dinner, go for a film or indulge in a shopping spree. Now's the time to treat yourself to guilty pleasures in life. Sleep, because your body deserves a break. Also, learn to say no at times and put yourself and your needs above all.

So where do Babies cry the most?

On average, it was found that babies cry for around two hours per day in the first two weeks. According to an interesting and a first of its kind research, babies cry more in Britain, Canada and Italy, than the rest of the world. The study, performed by the University of Warwick, states:

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-On average, babies around the world cry for around 2 hours per day in first two weeks, peak at 2 hours 15 mins at six weeks - and crying reduces to 1 hour 10 minutes by week twelve.

-In Denmark, Germany and Japan, parents deal with the least amount of crying and fussing

Professor Dieter Wolke in the Department of Psychology has formulated the world's first universal charts for the normal amount of crying in babies during the first three months. In a meta-analysis of studies involving almost

8 7 0 0 infants — in countries

including Germany, Denmark, Japan, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands

and the UK - Professor Wolke calculated the average of how long babies fuss and cry per twenty-four hours across different cultures in their first twelve weeks.

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However, some infants were found to cry as little as 30 minutes, and others over five hours, in twenty-four hours.

Babies cry the most in the UK, Italy, Canada, and



the Netherlands — and the lowest levels of crying were found in Denmark, Germany and Japan. The highest levels of colic — defined as crying more than 3 hours a day for at least 3 days a week in a baby- were found in the UK (28% of infants at 1-2 weeks), Canada (34.1% at 3-4 weeks of age) and Italy (20.9%) at 8-9 weeks of age).

> In contrast, lowest colic rates were reported in Denmark (5.5% at 3-4 weeks) and Germany (6.7% at 3-4 weeks).

The current definitions for determining whether a baby is crying too much and suffering from colic, are the Wessel criteria, which were

formulated in the 1950s As childcare and the family unit has largely transformed over the last half century and across different cultures, new universal guidelines were needed for modern parents and health professionals to assess normal and excessive levels of crying in babies.

Professor Wolke comments on what the research will lead to:

"Babies are already very different in how much they cry in the first weeks of life — there are large but normal variations. We may learn more from looking at cultures where there is less crying and whether this may be due to parenting or other factors relating to pregnancy experiences or genetics.

"The new chart of normal fuss/cry amounts in babies across industrialised countries will help health professionals to reassure parents whether a baby is crying within the normal expected range in the first 3 months or shows excessive crying which may require further evaluation and extra support for the parents."

Steer your child towards a healthier lifestyle

When you eat healthy, encourage something you want, is wrong and sensible eating and exercising, your child will emulate. While it is okay to give in to their demands of fast food once in a while, it is wrong to not oppose their daily desire for junk food. When eating unhealthy becomes a habit, it is difficult to grow out of it, so begin early and stay with it. Here are a few tips to help you out ...

Introduce a brand new menu for your child

If you are ready to experiment with a

variety of foods, your child will also learn to accept that, experiment with food and thereby eat healthier. Let your kids try different kinds of food every day -

vegetables like broccoli, zucchini, mushrooms or meats like chicken, salmon, tuna, basa or paneer and tofu preparations. Seasonal fruits are a must-have. Opt for strawberries, guavas, pineapple and grapes. Just because his/her friends are opting for fast food or junk food and your child demands it, you need not give in. When you plate up food in interesting ways, your child automatically gets interested.

Refrain from using food as bribe

Bribing your child with food he /she demands, just to study or do could prove harmful. Giving them their favourite brand of pizza or burger whenever they want, should not be the way to express your love for your children. Do not offer food as reward, rather, just give your child a warm hug. Physical intimacy and quality time spent with your kid makes him/her an emotionally stronger human being.

'Finish all your food' should never be your



Give your kids the freedom to understand and then express hunger. They must be able to tell you when they are full and when they must

stop eating. The 'clean-your-plate-up' order may not work and your child, if force-fed, may get into the habit of overeating daily.

Also count the calories vour kid drinks

Children often snack on fruit juices or canned drinks between meals. And some parents ignore the calorific values of these products. Experts say that packaged juices, carbonated beverages are what kids want, but if this is served too often, the child might soon become obese, thanks to the empty calories. Give your child nuts and berries as snacks. Make vegetable juices to change the palate.



BUSINESS

Sensex, Nifty open higher despite global tech sell-off sparked by DeepSeek

New Delhi. Benchmark stock market indices opened higher on Tuesday despite the global selloff in artificial stocks (AI) sparked by China's Deepseek AI.

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Smallcap index sheds more than 13% in January

NEW DELHI. Investors are dumping smallcap stocks like never before. So far in January 2025, the Nifty Smallcap 100 has plummeted by over 13%, its worst monthly fall since the COVID-19 pandemic month of March 2020.

The Nifty midcap 100 index is also under pressure and has declined 9.45% this month.

Over the past five trading sessions, the Nifty Smallcap 100 has shed 9%, significantly underperforming the benchmark Nifty's 2% decline. The sharp fall in smallcap stocks comes after years of outperformance. Experts said a large number of midcap and smallcap stocks are unable to justify their valuations. December quarter results reported by small-cap companies in the past few days are far below street estimates. As per Trendlyne data, 85 stocks in the Nifty Smallcap 100 index are currently trading 20% to 60% lower than their respective one-year highs.

Sridhar Vembu steps down as CEO of Zoho

BENGALURU. SaaS unicorn Zoho Corp's cofounder Sridhar Vembu will step down as the company's CEO and assume a new role as Chief Scientist. He will be responsible for the company's R&D initiatives.Vembu in a post on X said, "In view of the various challenges and opportunities facing us, including recent major developments in AL it has been decided that it is best that I should focus full time on R&D initiatives, along with pursuing my personal rural development mission."BENGALURU: SaaS unicorn Zoho Corp's co-founder Sridhar Vembu will step down as the company's CEO and assume a new role as Chief Scientist. He will be responsible for the company's R&D initiatives. Vembu in a post on X said, "In view of the various challenges and opportunities facing us, including recent major developments in AI, it has been decided that it is best that I should focus full time on R&D initiatives, along with pursuing my personal rural development mission.

Explained: Why China's DeepSeek triggered a slide in global Al stocks

New Delhi. Last night's trading session on Wall Street left tech and artificial intelligence (AI) companies reeling, with investors scrambling to make sense of the damage.

Leading AI chipmaker Nvidia saw its market value nosedive, while shares of tech giants such as Microsoft, Alphabet, and Dell Technologies also faced sharp declines. The tremors weren't just limited to Wall Street; AI stocks worldwide felt the impact, all thanks to a Chinese startup called DeepSeek and the buzz around its AI models, DeepSeek-R1 and DeepSeek-V3.DeepSeek rattled the global tech landscape with its low-cost AI chatbot. Its arrival poses a serious challenge to industry-leading AI models in the US, given the fact that it does it at a fraction of the cost. The Chinese startup's impact hit Wall Street hard during the overnight trading session. The Nasdaq Composite plunged 3.07% while the S&P 500 dropped nearly 1.5%. Tech giants led the fall, with Nvidia's shares dropping nearly 17% to close at \$118.58. This marked a staggering \$593 billion market-cap loss in

a single day—doubling its previous record. The damage spread further as the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index tumbled 9.2%, marking its steepest drop since March 2020, with chipmakers facing heavy selling pressure.

DEEPSEEK'S 'SPUTNIK MOMENT' DeepSeek's breakthrough has people questioning the worth of industry leaders like OpenAI. Silicon Valley venture capitalist Marc Andreessen didn't mince words, calling DeepSeek's R1 model AI's "Sputnik moment."The comparison hits home-just as the Soviet Union's Sputnik launch kicked off the space race in the 1950s, DeepSeek's breakthrough could reshape the AI landscape. The startup's secret? Cost efficiency. DeepSeek claims its AI assistant needs less data than competitors like OpenAI's ChatGPT. It runs on just 2,000 Nvidia H800 chips, making it cheaper to operate. Better yet, the company says its new DeepSeek-R1 costs 20-50 times less than OpenAI's offerings.It may be noted that DeepSeek's app surpassed ChatGPT in downloads on Apple's App Store by Monday.Moreover,



the lower chip requirement raises eyebrows for another reason: it could help sidestep US export restrictions meant to slow China's AI progress. BROADER MARKET FALLOUT

The damage wasn't limited to Nvidia. Other tech heavyweights like Microsoft, Alphabet, and Dell Technologies took serious hits. Semiconductor giant Broadcom's shares sank 17.4%, while AIfocused infrastructure companies like Digital Realty and Vertiv Holdings also got hammered. The selling spree spread overseas, with Japan's SoftBank and Europe's ASML joining the downward spiral.

HOW DID NVIDIA, OPENAI RESPOND?

After watching its share price tank, Nvidia a c k n o w l e d g e d D e e p S e e k 's achievement but stood its ground, saying that its chips remain crucial to AI development. The chipmaker pointed out that DeepSeek's growing user base will still need substantial processing power, adding that that only highperformance Nvidia GPUs can provide. DeepSeek's AI model even received a word of praise from OpenAI CEO Sam Altman. He called that Chinese startup's R1 AI model impressive.

"DeepSeek's R1 is an impressive model, particularly around what they're able to deliver for the price," Altman said on X. WHAT NEXT?

DeepSeek's arrival has investors rethinking the AI-fuelled demand for chips, data centers, and power infrastructure that drove markets to record highs over the past two years. Brian Jacobsen, chief economist at Annex Wealth Management, told Reuters this could upend the "entire AI narrative."

Cred first non-bank to offer CBDC, launches e-rupee wallet for users

New Delhi. Fintech platform Cred on Tuesday launched a beta version of its e? wallet for select users, becoming the first non-bank platform to offer the central bank digital currency (CBDC). The company stated that the product was developed in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Yes Bank.

Yes Bank will function as the sponsor bank and enable CBDC issuance for Cred. At present, Cred operates as a third-party application provider (TPAP) on India's real-time payment system, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

The beta roll-out comes over 10 months after the central bank proposed making CBDC-R (CBDC-Retail) accessible to a broader population by allowing non-bank payment system operators to offer CBDC wallets. Nonbank payment system operators include TPAPs like PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm, among others.

CRED members whitelisted for the beta can pay UPI-linked bank accounts and send/receive money to other CBDC wallets," the Bengalurubased fintech firm said in a statement.

Users can create and load their e? wallets via UPI after completing video Know Your Customer (KYC). The wallet supports transactions of up to Rs 10,000 per transfer with a daily limit of Rs 50,000. Cred said that future updates will enable programmable merchant payments, CRED Pay integration, and PIN-less transactions below Rs 500.

The wallet will be made available to all platform users in the coming months. "The e? wallet is a milestone in India's financial evolution. With

Crypto industry expects simple tax structures, compliance in Budget 2025

BENGALURU. With Bitcoin prices continuing to rise and US President Donald Trump's order of creating a cryptocurrency working group, the virtual assets industry in India says the momentum is building up and that the country should remain in the forefront. They expect the upcoming Budget to introduce a clear compliance

framework and simplified tax structures.Though in 2022, the Budget provided some clarity to crypto ecosystem, it brought challenges with taxation. Edul Patel, cofounder & CEO of Mudrex said, "The 1% TDS on crypto transactions led many investors and traders to turn towards foreign exchanges, making it harder for the government to track activity. Additionally, the inability to

offset losses against gains has further discouraged investor participation." The crypto industry is looking forward to

a more balanced and progressive approach that would encourage innovation and support sustainable growth for the sector. Crypto exchanges expect a reduction in TDS to 0.01% and the allowance for offsetting losses as it could benefit investors and drive positive momentum in the industry.Nikhil Sethi, founder & MD, Zuvomo, said Budget 2025 is a critical moment for India to reclaim its leadership in the global tech ecosystem.



"India ranks No.1 in the number of crypto holders and No.3 in tech unicorns globally. Yet, we seem to have missed Web3 tsunami, which doubled its market cap in 2024 and saw DeFi TVL surge by 2000% year-on-year. Ambiguity in crypto compliance and a regressive tax regime have hindered innovation, pushing start-ups and talent overseas," he said.

Approval of Bitcoin and Ethereum ETFs in the US in 2024 underlines the importance of forward-looking regulations. In a country with thousands of tech startups, a thriving ecosystem and globally

leading talent, the crypto industry expects balanced taxation, clear compliance frameworks, and innovationfriendly policies," he added. Last week, Bitcoin hit a alltime high of above \$1,09,000. Exchanges say it is pivotal for India to align its crypto policies with the global r e g u l a t o r y framework.Exchanges expect cut in TDS to 0.01%Crypto industry is looking forward to

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Markets Rally In Early Trade Amid Heavy Buying In Banking Stocks; Sensex Climbs 382 Points

> Technology at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).He claimed that in 2014, he was falsely implicated in a honey trap case and subsequently dismissed from service. He further alleged that he aawas subjected to casteist abuse and threats. The other individuals accused in this case include Govindan Rangarajan, Sridhar Warrier, Sandya Vishwswaraih, Hari K V S, Dasappa, Balaram P, Hemalata Mhishi, Chattopadyaya K, Pradeep D Sawkar, and Manoharan. There was no immediate reaction from the IISc faculty or from Kris Gopalakrishnan, who also serves as a member of the IISc Board of Trustees.

DeepSeek pips ChatGPT to become No. 1 productivity app on App Store

BENGALURU. DeepSeek's dramatic impact on tech stocks worldwide on Monday was likely also the result of the huge interest it has generated among consumers. The Chinese artificial intelligence app has soared to the No. 1 spot in Apple's App Store productivity category across major markets including the US, UK, China and India, overtaking ChatGPT and other rivals in the generative AI space.In Google Play in India, DeepSeek was only at No. 26 and ChatGPT at No. 4 in the productivity category, but this could change in the coming days with the attention it is receiving. Among DeepSeek's rivals building large language models (LLMs), Perplexity founder & CEO Aravind Srinivas was the only one to make a public comment on the Chinese company's accomplishment. He congratulated DeepSeek, and noted on X: "For a while, it wasn't clear who would beat ChatGPT for the first time. The best we (Perplexity) could manage was #8, a year ago. Look forward to using all their (DeepSeek's) models for search, assistant, and agents this year."Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella made an indirect reference to it. Speaking at the World Economic Forum, he said, "We should take the developments out of China very, very seriously."eepSeek is founded by Liang Wenfeng, who previously founded a hedge fund. What makes its achievement noteworthy has been its ability to make a ChatGPT-class language model at a fraction of ChatGPT's cost. DeepSeek's R1 AI model is said to match or even beat the likes of ChatGPT and Google's Gemini on multiple parameters. What's more, it's free, unlike ChatGPT that has a very limited free version.

<u>The complainant, Durgappa,</u> <u>who belongs to the tribal Bovi</u> <u>community, was a faculty</u> <u>member at the Centre for</u> <u>Sustainable Technology at the</u> Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Bengaluru. A case was registered against Infosys co-founder Senapathy Kris Gopalakrishnan, former IISc Director Balaram and 16 others under the Prevention of SC/ST Atrocities Act on Monday.The case was



registered at the Sadashiva Nagar police station based on the directions of the 71st city civil and session court (CCH). The complainant, Durgappa, who belongs to the tribal Bovi community, was a faculty member at the Centre for Sustainable the support of RBI, we're enabling the creditworthy to shape the future of digital currency in the world's fastest-growing economy. Our goal is to make e? transactions frictionless and drive its adoption among the most creditworthy Indians," said Kunal Shah, founder of Cred.

The RBI launched a pilot for wholesale CBDC in November 2022 and for retail CBDC in December 2022.

The retail CBDC pilot saw the number of customers grow to 5 million by June 2024 from 1.3 million a year earlier, while the number of merchants increased to 0.42 million from 0.3 million, according to the RBI's Currency and Finance report. India is among 36 countries currently in the pilot stage for CBDCs.

Nvidia plunges \$593 billion as DeepSeek soars, biggest market loss in history

London/Boston/Singapore, US stock futures steadied, the dollar ticked higher and tech stocks in Asia slid on Tuesday following a wave of selling as apparent advances by a Chinese AI startup cast doubt on US dominance and spending in one of the market's hottest sectors.Overnight, chipmaker Nvidia dived 17 per cent, wiping off nearly USD 593 billion in the biggest market capitalisation loss in history."We are on the front edge of an urgent re-evaluation of a narrative that has gripped the market for almost two years. That makes it hard to shrug off after 36 hours," said Brent Donnelly, president of trading and analytics firm Spectra Markets."We are on the front edge of an urgent reevaluation of a narrative that has gripped the market for almost two years. That makes it hard to shrug off after 36 hours," said Brent Donnelly, president of trading and analytics firm Spectra Markets.Data centre landlords tumbled in Australia. Tech heavy markets in Taiwan and South Korea were closed for a holiday.Nvidia accounted for most of the 3 per cent drop in the Nasdaq on Monday, though selling extended from Tokyo to New York and hit everything with a slice of the AI supply chain, from cable makers to data centres, power utilities and software firms.The CBOE Volatility Index, known as Wall Street's fear gauge, leapt and safe-haven assets such as government bonds, the yen and the Swiss franc all rallied.

Ten-year US Treasury yields fell 9.5 basis points, and were last steady at 4.55 per cent in Asia. Fed fund futures have put in an extra 9 bps of easing by year-end. Even oil prices dropped 2 per cent on worries about energy demand.

DeepSeek, a little-known startup from Hangzhou, China, has a free AI assistant it said was developed very cheaply using lower-cost chips and less data than US rivals."The narrative that's concerning people here is that DS has delivered performance-topping models on a shoestring budget," said JP Morgan sector specialist Josh Meyers in a note to clients. "This has been seen by some as egg-on-theface of the big, multi-billion dollar



operations like OpenAI, Google and Anthropic. And it's calling into question whether we're going to need multibillions of dollars in compute capex when DeepSeek's leading distilled models can run natively on an iPhone."

BROAD RISK-OFF MOOD

On Wall Street, the S&P 500, dropped 1.5 per cent. Chipmaker Broadcom, fell 17.4 per cent and the Philadelphia semiconductor index dropped 9.2 per cent - its biggest loss since March 2020. Gold prices declined more than 1 per cent as investors liquidated bullion to cover losses elsewhere.oogle parent Alphabet fell 4.2 per cent and Microsoft fell 2.1 per cent, with both steadying in after-hours trade.In Europe, the STOXX Europe 600 technology index fell more than 3 per cent and ASML, which makes chip manufacturing equipment, fell 7 per cent.

Bitcoin, lately a barometer of markets' risk appetite, dropped below USD 100,000 for the first time in a week before

steadying around USD 101,700. The dollar fell nearly 1 per cent against the yen overnight and 0.4 per cent against the Swiss franc - two currencies that often gain during periods of market unease.

Early on Tuesday it ticked higher against both, trading at 155.36 yen and making modest gains elsewhere, holding the euro to USD 1.0454. Markets in China were closed to usher in the Lunar New Year and Hong Kong trade closes at noon

SPORTS

NEWS BOX Sri Lanka vs Australia Test series Live Streaming: Squads and all you need to know

New Delhi Sri Lanka and Australia are all set to take part in a two-match Test series, starting Wednesday, January 29. The series doesn't hold much relevance from the viewpoint of the ongoing World Test Championship cycle. While the Aussies are already through to the final against South Africa at the Lord's Cricket Ground, Sri Lanka are out of contention for a berth in the summit clash.Australia will be captained by Steve Smith in the absence of Pat Cummins, who is currently on paternity leave. Pacer Josh Hazlewood is also not a part of the squad as he continues to recover from a calf injury that he sustained during the Border Gavaskar Trophy against India. Mitchell Marsh has also been



left out after he failed to perform against India.

For Sri Lanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Kamindu Mendis and Pathum Nissanka, who all have injury concerns, were included in the squad. Nissanka, who has been dealing with a groin injury, is also likely to miss the opening Test. Lahiru Udara and Sonal Dinusha are in contention to make their debuts in the upcoming series. Where to watch Sri Lanka vs Australia Test series live in India?There is no confirmation of the live telecast of the Sri Lanka vs Australia Test series in India. Live Streaming of the Tests will be available on Fancode.When to watch Sri Lanka vs Australia Test series live in India?The Sri Lanka vs Australia Tests will start at 10 AM IST, 04:30 AM GMT and 10 AM local time.

Dhananjaya de Silva (C), Dimuth Karunaratne, Pathum Nissanka, Oshada Fernando, Lahiru Udara, Dinesh Chandimal, Angelo Mathews, Kamindu Mendis, Kusal Mendis, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Sonal Dinusha, Prabath Jayasuriya, Jeffrey Vandersay, Nishan Peiris, Asitha Fernando, Vishwa Fernando, Lahiru Kumara, Milan RathnayakeSteve Smith (captain), Sean Abbott, Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cooper Connolly, Travis Head.

Brazil defender Danilo leaves Juventus by mutual agreement ahead of Veiga loan move

Australian Open: Djokovic climbs in rankings, lucky loser gains big after dream run

Australian Open: Novak Djokovic climbed one place up to No.6 in the ATP rankings. Paula Badosa returned to the top 10 while lucky loser Eva Lys made her debut in the top 100 of the WTA rankings after advancing to the fourth round at Melbourne Park.

New Delhi 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic has climbed one place up to No.6 in the latest ATP rankings. The Serb advanced after Daniil Medvedev lost two places to be ranked No.7 in the world. Djokovic currently has 3900 points to his name and is below Jannik Sinner (11830), Alexander Zverev (8135), Carlos Alcaraz (7010), Taylor Fritz (5050) and Casper Ruud(4160).



Djokovic had a heartbreaking end to the Australian Open 2025 after injury cut short his campaign. After the first set of the first semi-final against Zverev, Djokovic retired and shook hands with the chair umpire. Later, the 37-year-old confirmed that he had

a muscle tear. Djokovic was also troubled by a leg injury during the quarterfinal against Alcaraz.Germany's Eva Lys, who advanced to the Round of 16 in the hard court major, made her debut in the top 100 of the WTA rankings. Lys jumped 37 places to No.91 in

India vs England, Rajkot smog forecast, pitch conditions and weather for 3rd T201

New Delhi. While weather and pitch conditions have traditionally been the standard indicators at cricket venues, visibility and Air Quality Index (AQI) have become common measurements during the winter months in India. With England batter Harry Brook raising concerns about visibility due to smog in the T20I series opener in Kolkata, it is only fair to discuss visibility at venues when assessing playing conditions.As the two teams head into the third T20I of the five-

the conditions likely to influence play on Tuesday, 28 January. WEATHER AND AIR QUALITYFirst things first: there is no forecast for rain interruptions during the third T20I, which begins at 7 pm IST. The weather is expected to be clear, with



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the rankings. Lys went into the tournament as a lucky loser after Anna Kalinskaya withdrew due to a virus. The 23-year-old was given about 10 minutes' notice to prepare and from there on, she went on to beat Kimberley Birrell, Varvara Gracheva and Jacqueline Cristian. In the fourth round, World No.2 Iga Swiatek beat Lys 6-0, 6-1 at the Rod Laver Arena. Lys was a part of the Qualifiers where she lost to Australia's Destance Aiava in the second round. The youngster also got a prize money of \$420,000 after her exit in the Round of 16.

Paula Badosa returns to top 10 Spain's Paula Badosa made her return to the top 10 of the WTA rankings after her impressive campaign in the Australian Open. Badosa made her maiden appearance in a Grand Slam semi-final where World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka beat her in straight sets.Eight months ago, Badosa was ranked No.140 as a

back issue kept bothering her. The injury had also sidelined her for the second half of 2023. But the Spaniard made a stupendous comeback and his currently ranked No.10 in the world.

IND vs ENG: Jos Buttler eyes all-time T201 record in India before Rajkot clash

New Delhi Jos Buttler is on the cusp of another major record as England get set to take part in the third T20I of the five-match series against India on Tuesday, January 28 at the Niranjan Shah Stadium in Rajkot. The 34-year-old has the chance to become the leading run-scorer by a visiting batter in T20Is on Indian soil, being only 18 runs short of the landmark.Afghanistan veteran Mohammad Nabi holds the record, having scored 556 runs from 25 T20Is at an average of 25.27 and a strike-rate of 164.49 with three fifties and a top score of 89 to his name. Buttler, on the other hand, has racked up 539 runs from 19 T20Is in India at an average of 44.91 and a strike-rate of 153.56 with four half-centuries to show for his efforts. South Africa's Quinton de Kock is third in the list with 458 runs from 12 T20Is. The Proteas batter is followed by Australia's Glenn Maxwell, who has 445 runs from 14 T20Is, and Afghanistan's



match series in Rajkot, here is a look at

NEW DELHI. Brazilian defender Danilo has left Juventus by mutual agreement to terminate the player's contract, the Serie A club said on Monday. Danilo has scored nine goals in 213 appearances since joining the Serie A club in 2019. The Brazilian defender chose to leave the club before his contract expires in June. His last appearance in the Italian league was against Venezia in December of last year."Dear Bianconeri, I don't even know where to begin. I knew this day would come sooner or later, but one is never ready for goodbyes. Five and a half years have passed, but to me, it feels like an entire lifetime," Danilo posted on his social media."... What fills me with a sense of pride, in some way, is that I have never



changed my way of being, nor my way of defending the most important club in my history."To our fans, I apologise for the moments when I may have let you down. Never for a lack of effort, dedication, or hard work ... Thank you for everything, a hug from the captain, goodbye!"

Danilo, a member of Brazil's 2018 and 2022 World Cup squads, has won one Serie A title, one Italian Super Cup and two Italian Cups with Juve.Juventus shared images of Chelsea defender Renato Veiga arriving for a medical. The 21-year-old Portuguese international is expected to join on loan. Meanwhile, Danilo, who spent 13 years in Europe and won league titles with Porto, Real Madrid, Manchester City, and Juventus, is on the move.Danilo departs one Club World Cup-qualified team for another, heading to the inaugural 32-team tournament, set to kick off on June 14 in the United States. Flamengo has been drawn into a group with Chelsea, Le3n, and Espérance. Juventus, meanwhile, will face Manchester City, Wydad, and Al Ain in their Club World Cup group. Neymar's injury-hit stint at Al Hilal ends as the Brazilian star edges closer to a nostalgic return to his boyhood club Santos, bringing hope for a revival of his career in Brazil's top-flight football.

NEW DELHI. Saudi Pro League side Al Hilal have officially parted ways with Brazilian superstar Neymar, bringing an end to an injury-ridden 18-month stint that failed to deliver on its initial promise. The mutual termination of his contract marks a subdued conclusion to what was once touted as a landmark signing for the league. Neymar, who joined Al Hilal in August 2023 for a reported fee of 90 million euros, is now reportedly on the brink of rejoining his boyhood club, Santos.

The move to the Saudi Pro League generated immense excitement as Neymar followed Cristiano Ronaldo and other global icons in heading to the Gulf nation. However,



injuries plagued his tenure, with the 32-yearold making only seven appearances for Al Hilal, leaving fans and the club alike disappointed with the lack of meaningful contributions on the pitch.Reports now suggest that Neymar has verbally agreed to

return to Santos, a club where he rose to stardom before making his high-profile moves to Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain. Notably, Neymar is said to have agreed to a significant pay cut compared to his Al Hilal salary to facilitate the transfer.Santos, having secured promotion to the Brazilian Serie A after winning the Serie B title in 2024, is looking to bolster its roster with Neymar's return. His arrival is expected to elevate the club's profile and attract global attention, provided the star forward can remain fit and available for consistent game time.

While his time at Al Hilal may not have panned out as envisioned, Neymar's return to Santos represents a chance for redemption and a heartfelt reunion with the club where his career began,

before moving to FC Barcelona. Fans will hope that this chapter offers the Brazilian star an opportunity to reignite his form and enjoy a more stable and impactful spell as he approaches the latter stages of his illustrious career.

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Buttler has been in excellent form in the ongoing series, although England are 0-2 down and are in a must-win position for the remainder of their matches. Buttler is currently the leading run-scorer of the series, having notched 113 runs from two matches at an average of 56.50.He scored 68 runs in the first T20I at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata, followed by his 45-run knock at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

Virat Kohli links up with Delhi Ranji team, begins training at Arun Jaitley Stadium

-Virat Kohli joined Delhi Ranji Trophy squad in their training session at the Arun Jaitely Stadium on January 28, ahead of his return to domestic cricket in the side's upcoming clash against Railways.

NEW DELHI. India's star batter Virat Kohli joined Delhi's Ranji Trophy squad for a team training session at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on January 28, preparing for his muchanticipated return to domestic cricket. Kohli's comeback will be in Delhi's Ranji Trophy clash against Railways, marking his first appearance in the tournament since 2012, when he last played against Uttar Pradesh.

Arriving at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday morning, Kohli participated in multiple group running and fielding drills, and even played touches of football along



with his Delhi teammates. His presence has heightened excitement within the Indian cricket fraternity, which has recently witnessed the domestic returns of other prominent players, including India captain Rohit Sharma, Rishabh Pant, Shubman Gill,

and Yashasvi Jaiswal.Kohli and the rest of the India stars making a return to domestic cricket aligns with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s renewed emphasis on domestic performance as a significant criterion for international selection. While

Kohli missed Delhi's previous match against Saurashtra due to a neck injury, he is eager to make a strong impact in the upcoming game. His return to form is crucial, particularly after enduring a lean patch in Test cricket, including struggles during India's Border-Gavaskar Trophy series defeat to Australia.Despite the buzz around Kohli's participation, fans may not be able to watch the match live, as there is no confirmation of telecast or live-streaming. The BCCI, however, has ensured additional security measures at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, recognising the star value Kohli brings to the fixture.Delhi's match against Railways has now garnered significant attention as Kohli looks to regain his rhythm and confidence after his lean patch in his recent Test struggles against New Zealand and then Australia in the Border Gavaskar Trophy. With the game set to take place on January 30, the spotlight will be firmly on Kohli as he looks to make a memorable return to his roots and lead Delhi to a strong finish in the Ranji Trophy group stage.

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Nushrratt **Bharuccha** To Star In Anurag Kashyap's Crime

Thriller, Shares Pics From 1st Day On

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uess who's teaming up? Nushrratt Bharuccha is collaborating with the king of gritty storytelling, Anurag Kashyap, for an upcoming untitled thriller-and we're already on the edge of our seats. Word on the street is that this project promises to be an intense, spine-chilling ride. The film is directed by Akshat Ajay Sharma and bankrolled by Vishal Rana.In an Instagram post, the Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety actress revealed that her next yet-to-be-titled 'suspense and thrill' drama is going to be a memorable one for her. She captioned the post, "The Thrill is Real! My next! A rollercoaster of suspense and thrill with the creative genius Anurag

Kashyap...And very passionate Vishal Rana. Helmed by Akshat Ajay Sharma. This one's going to be memorable."

More details about the cast and crew is yet to be out.On the work front, Nushrratt is preparing for the release of her much-awaited sequel, Chhorii 2. It is directed by

Junaid Khan Says People Don't Think Aamir Khan 'Can Have Such A Grown-Up Son': 'I Look So ...'



amir Khan has two kids marriage with ex-wife Reena Dutta daughter Ira Khan and son Junaid Khan. When Junaid Khan made his first proper public appearance in front of paps, fans praised him for his looks and humble nature. However, some were in disbelief that Aamir Khan had kids who were in their late 20s and early 30s.Junaid Khan, 31, also believes that since Aamir Khan looks young, many fans didn't think that he would have grown-up kids. Speaking to SCREEN, he said, "I look so different from my dad (Aamir Khan). Also, he looks so young that people don't think he can have such a grown-up son." As such, he added, that he doesn't get compared much to his father, despite also being an actor. Junaid made his acting debut with Maharaj, which was released on Netflix. He will soon be making his big-screen debut with Loveyapa. When asked if he felt the pressure to prove himself, he said, "Not really. Everyone has their own journey."

Being a star kid, does Junaid feel better equipped to handle the pressures of being an actor? He said, "After a point, you learn only from your failure, not others. Yet, there are many advantages - you get to see firsthand how the industry works; you have a family who knows what this world is like and have that support system."Junaid said that his parents have encouraged him to make his own choices but will be there to guide him if needed. "Papa and Ma have always encouraged us to do our own thing, make our own mistakes and explore life. If I have any specific questions, then I go to them. They always give excellent advice but also encourage us to follow our heart," he said.

Meanwhile, as or Loveyapa, Junaid will star alongside Khushi Kapoor in the film. In addition to Junaid Khan and Khushi Kapoor, the film features a stellar cast including Grusha Kapoor, Ashutosh Rana, Tanvika Parlikar, Kiku Sharda, and Kunj Anand. Directed by Advait Chandan and backed by Phantom Studios and AGS Entertainment, Loveyapa is set for a worldwide release by Zee Studios on February 7, 2025.

Triptii Dimri 'Has Miles To Go... National Crushes Temporary,' Says Bulbbul Co-Star Parambrata Chatterjee





Vishal Furia and is the second part of the 2021 horror drama, Chhorii. It is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Vikram Malhotra and Jack Davis under the banner of T-Series

Lakshmi Manchu Calls Out IndiGo For 'Rude' And 'Intrusive' Luggage Check

ctress Lakshmi Manchu has accused IndiGo Airlines of pestering her while she was checking her bags at the airport. Manchu shared her experience on social media, detailing how the officials were disrespectful and performed an intrusive luggage search. Lakshmi criticised the staff for not being humble and throwing unnecessary tantrums in several tweets.She called the employees "rude" while checking her bags. She even said one of her fellow travellers had I don't think Indigo will accept any responsibility, even



to leave her suitcase behind since the check was delayed.

According to reports, Manchu was stopped for a standard security check while travelling on a domestic flight. She claims that the airline's ground crew was extremely forceful in their demands to check her luggage. She said despite their assurances that they would, the security guards refused to allow her to open the bag to reveal its

luggage."My bag pulled aside and @IndiGo6E and they won't let me open my bag," Lakshmi Manchu wrote on X. My bag will be left in Goa if they don't, so please assist! Flt 6e585. This is absurd, and the employees are being impolite."

"This is harassment @IndiGo6E after all that they did not even put a security tag in front of my eyes," she adds in a subsequent tweet.

though they have stated that they would if something is missing. How can an airline be operated in this manner?

Lakshmi claimed in her most recent tweet, "They pulled people aside for sleep apnea machine! And They pulled people aside for cutlery! One co-passenger had to leave her bag because it wasn't checked in time. Cutlery with a knife and spoon! They couldn't go through her bag in time, so one of the girls had to leave it! Alright, I'm done! @IndiGo6E enjoys inflicting violation on you.

'In response to Lakshmi Manchu's accusations, the airline quickly responded, "Ma'am, we

understand the inconvenience you experienced this morning.

According to our records, the airport operator's security personnel detained your checked-in bag because of the stringent rules against bringing forbidden items in checked bags". Additionally, they expressed gratitude to her for working with their team and security personnel.

riptii Dimri became a sensation after starring in Ranbir Kapoor's Animal. Her fame grew manifolds after the film's release and she soon starred in films like Bad Newz, Vicky Aur Vidya Ka Voh Wala Video and Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3. However, Parambrata Chatterjee, her Bulbbul costar, believes that she still has to prove herself and has miles to go.During an event organised by SCREEN, Parambrata ranked Vidya Balan as the most talented actress and took Triptii's name last. He said, "It is what it is, national crushes are temporary, but class is permanent. I mean no offence. Sorry. What is she called? Bhabhi 2!" The actor explained, "She is lovely, a very nice girl, and I really get along with her. But she still has miles to go. She entered the industry very young and will learn a lot. But Vidya, I mean, sorry to



say, is a class apart in whatever she does." He

worked with Vidya on Kahaani.

Triptii Dimri's career soared with her role in Animal, marking her entry into Bollywood's mainstream. However, the role also attracted scrutiny, which the actress has taken in stride. In an interview with Forbes India, Triptii revealed that she remains unfazed by the scrutiny surrounding her roles in Animal and Bad Newz. "I am someone who wants to give 100 per cent. If I find the character or the story interesting, I want to give my all. That's what I've learned-if it works, it works, and if it doesn't, it doesn't. We won't always be liked by everybody. There will be some people who like you, and some who don't. You can't keep all that noise in mind. You have to follow your heart and do things that you feel are right," she said. When asked whether she would try to move away from her "overtly sexualised" image, Triptii dismissed the notion. "I am going with the flow. The aim is to play different characters because I don't want to go to a set and feel bored. I want to feel challenged and wonder, 'How will this happen?'-and then make it happen," she explained.