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PM Modi, Amit Shah must own up responsibility for Manipur violence: Kanimozhi

New Delhi, Feb.10: Accusing the BJP of pursuing "fascist politics" in Manipur, DMK leader Kanimozhi on Monday demanded that Prime



Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah own up responsibility for violence in the north-eastern state. Ethnic violence claimed more than 220 lives in Manipur and over 60,000 people were displaced and those housed in government relief camps were abudctued and killed and women were sexually assaulted, Kanimozhi alleged. She further alleged in a statement that such atrocities occured

only due to the government's "support and apathy" and the BJP-led union government and Biren Singh, who had resigned as Manipur Chief Minister, were mere spectators. The

DMK's Lok Sabha MP alleged: "...Manipur is the proof of BJP's fascist politics; not only Biren Singh, PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah should own up responsibility for failing to rein in violence and for protecting him (Biren Singh)." Whoever assumes office as the next chief minister of Manipur must ensure the return of peace in the state, she said, and also batted for an "impartial commission" to probe all inci-

dents in the strife-torn north eastern state. The DMK leader alleged that Biren Singh had to resign from the post of chief minister following the leak of an audio tape in which he purportedly incited violence and the matter going to the Supreme Court. Pressure exerted by the opposition parties, including Congress and the allies of the BJP, too had a role in Singh's resignation, she claimed.

PM Modi arrives in Paris for AI Summit, bilateral talks with Macron

Simmi Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Feb 10: After France, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi will 🌉 head to United States for a two-day visit. Prime Minister K Narendra Modi arrived in Paris on Monday to co-chair the AI Action Summit and hold bilateral talks with French president Emmanuel Macron. "Over the next few days, I will be in France and USA to take part in various programmes. In France, I will be taking part in the AI Action Summit, where India is the co-chair. I will be holding talks with President

@EmmanuelMacron towards strengthening India-France relations. We will also be going to Marseille to inaugurate a Consulate there," the prime minister posted on X

ahead of his departure. The prime minister will attend a dinner hosted by Macron at the Élysée

Palace, which is likely to be attended by a large also hold discussions in both restricted and dele-

number of CEOs from the tech domain along with gation formats and address the India-France

CEO's Forum. The prime minister is also scheduled to inaugurate the new Consulate General of India in Marseille with Macron. The two leaders are also scheduled to visit the Mazargues War Cemetery maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Marseille on Wednesday, and pay tributes to the sacrifices made by the Indian soldiers in World War I. After concluding his France visit, Prime Minister Modi will head to United States for a two-day visit beginning February 12. He will meet US President Donald Trump and also interact with the officials of the new US administration. This will be the first meeting between the two leaders after President

Trump assumed office for his secother distinguished invitees to the summit. On ond term, Previously, PM Modi visited the USA in



February 11, the prime minister will co-chair the AI Action Summit, along with Macron. He will

June 2017 and hosted President Trump for a state visit to India in February 2020.

Why is Ranveer Allahbadia's 'lapse in

judgement' under Mumbai police scanner?

Mumbai, Feb 10: Youtuber Ranveer Allahbadia confessed that his comment as a 'judge' in the "India's Got Latent" show was "inappropriate' and "wasn't even funny" A complaint was registered with the Mumbai police against YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia, social media influencer Apoorva Makhija, comedian Samay Raina, and the organizers of the show 'India's Got Latent', after the 'Beer Biceps' podcast show host made a controversial remark that created an outrage in social media. The complainant said that abusive language was used on the show and demanded strict legal action against the accused. The influencer passed

Navdeep Singh Sahni

the remark as a 'question' to a contestant who participated in the latest episode of comedian Samay Raina's show 'India's Got Latent' as a 'judge'. Ranveer was accompanied by Samay Raina, Ashish Chanchlani, Apoorva Mukhija aka The Rebel Kid and

others. "Would you rather watch your parsure each one has a following of millions.

ents have sex every day or join them to finish it once and for all?" Ranveer asked a con-



testant. His fellow 'judges' also appeared to have been taken aback by Ranveer's remark. "What the f***?" Raina retorted. "Kya ho gaya hai Ranveer bhai ko? another 'judge' on the show was heard asking. "Meet the perverted creators who are shap-

this concern was not there in 2009, 2010 or

2014 and the concern is now being raised in

This content is not designated as adult content — it can be seen with ease even by a

child if the algorithm takes him or her there. The creators or the platform have zero sense of responsibility," posted entrepreneur Neelesh Mishra on X "I am also not surprised at all that four people at the desk — and lots in the audience - celebrated this and had a great laugh. You, the audience, normalised and celebrated this and people like these," he added. Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said that an individual's freedom of speech ends when he/she "encroaches upon the freedom of others". He

also said that action should be taken if someone violates rules. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi said that she will raise Ranveer's remarks at the parliamentary standing committee for IT "for the kind of vulgar, blasphemous content that is ing our country's creative economy. I am passed off as comedy."

Gandhi on Monday asked the government to complete a population census at the earliest, claiming that around 14 crore people in the country are being deprived of the benefits under the food security law. In her maiden Zero Hour intervention in the Rajya Sabha, Gandhi said beneficiaries under the National Food

Sonia Gandhi demands govt to conduct

population census at earliest

ST Correspondent

New Delhi, Feb.10: Senior Congress leader Sonia

Security Act (NFSA) are being identified as per the 2011 Census, and not the latest population numbers. The senior Congress leader called the NFSA introduced by the UPA government in September 2013 a landmark initiative aimed at ensuring food and nutritional security for the country's 140 crore population.



The legislation, Gandhi said, played a crucial role in vation, particularly during the Covid-19 crisis. She also said that the quota for the beneficiaries is still determined based on the 2011 Census, which is now well over a decade old. The National Food Security Act, 2013, provides for coverage of up to 75 per cent of the rural and up to 50 per cent of the urban population for receiving highly-subsidised foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), which according to 2011 Census comes to about 81.35 crore. At present, the government provides 5 kg of free foodgrains per person per month under the food security law. "For the first time in the history of independent India, the decennial census has been delayed by more than four years. It was originally scheduled for 2021, but there is still no clarity as to when the census will be conducted," she said. Gandhi also claimed that the Budget allocations show that the updated census is unlikely to be conducted this year. Around 14 crore eligible Indians are thus being deprived of their rightful benefits under the NFSA, she said. "It is imperative that the government prioritises completion of the census as soon as possible and ensures that all deserving individuals receive the benefits guaranteed to them under the NFSA. Food security is not a privilege. It is a fundamental right," the former Congress

Mamta Kulkarni resigns as Kinnar Akhara's Mahamandaleshwar New Delhi, Feb 10: The appointment of

Mamta Kulkarni as a Mahamandaleshwar of the Kinnar Akhara had sparked a controversy with the "founder" of the akhara opposing her inclusion. Mamta Kulkarni, the former Bollywood actress, resigned from her position as Mahamandaleshwar of the Kinnar Akhara amid criticism and internal conflicts. Her decision came after questions were raised about her spiritual credentials, given her past in the film industry. The Kinnar Akhara also expelled Kulkarni and her mentor, Laxmi Narayan Tripathi, citing ongoing tensions within the organisation. In a video statement, Kulkarni announced her resignation, addressing the controversy, saying "I, Mahamandaleshwar Yamai Mamta Nandgiri, am stepping down from this position." "The honour I received was for my 25 years of spiritual practice, but some people have issues with my role as Mahamandaleshwar," she added. She said that many people have reactions to her actions, questioning why she does certain things. "My Guru, Shri Chaitanya Gagangiri Maharaj, was a Siddha Mahapurush. I have done 25 years of

Chidambaram corners MEA on restraints on deported Indians

Tejinder Kaur Babbar

New Delhi, Feb.10: Congress leader P Chidambaram on Monday asked the government if External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar raised the issue of handcuffing of Indians being deported from the US in his meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio before deportation. His comments drew a sharp retort from Leader of House JP Nadda who asked why such questions were not raised when similar action happened in the UPA regime. Initiating discussion on Union Budget 2025-26, Chidambaram claimed the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) "stumbled badly in the last week" and it is now clear that the US informed India about the deportation of 104 illegal Indian immigrants who landed in Amritsar. Referring to reports of a meeting between Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio a few days before the deportation, Chidambaram said, "I ask the government did the external affairs minister raise the matter with Mr Rubio? Did he know about the SOP? He told this house the SOP has been in place for many years since 2012." The senior Congress leader further said, "If he knew about the SOP, did

he protest the SOP to the Secretary of State of the US? Did he know about the SOP, requires them to handcuff, tie the legs with ropes (of deportees)...If he knew about it did he protest to Mr Rubio? If he did not protest, why did he not protest?" Chidambaram also sought to know if the external affairs minister offered to send an aircraft to the US to bring the Indian citizens back. Responding to Chidambaram, Nadda said he was surprised as to why the former finance minister did not ask the same questions in 2012 when he was a union minister. The BIP leader noted that the external affairs minister has already given an elaborate statement regarding the matter in the House and explained in detail. "I want to make it clear because it is being portrayed that only you (opposition) are bothered

2025," Nadda said. National interest should not be looked at through the political lens, he said, adding the process of deportation is not a new one and has been ongoing for several years carried out by immigration

and customs enforcement authorities. "The

about the inhuman deportation of the by aircraft used by US Immigration and Illegal immigrants. Though it is a fact that Customs Enforcement is effective from 2012 and provides for the use of restraints. So the people have come with restraints

earlier as well in 2025," Nadda stated. Highlighting another list of 483 Indians, who have been identified as illegal immigrants," Chidambaram said,"I don't know when the deportation will take place. I ask a specific question, will the government send back an Indian aircraft to bring back the Indian illegal immigrants?" Last week, Jaishankar told the Upper House that standard operating procedure for deportation by aircraft provides for the use of restraints as per the US' policy since 2012. However,

the SOPs do not include restraining women and children. He made the statement after opposition parties stepped up their criticism over the treatment meted out to 104 illegal Indian immigrants who landed in Amritsar in a US military plane - many deportees saying they were shackled.

Kejriwal to meet Punjab CM, MLAs amid dissent rumours post Delhi poll loss

Naresh Malhotra

New Delhi, Feb 10: Speculations are also rife

that Arvind Kejriwal could consider taking a more direct role in Punjab politics after losing Delhi assembly election. AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal is set to meet Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, state ministers, and party MLAs in Delhi on Tuesday. The meeting comes in the wake of AAP's rout in the Delhi Assembly elections and growing speculation about internal dissent in the party's Punjab unit. However, AAP MP Malvinder Singh Kang downplayed the reports of dissent, and termed Tuesday's meeting a "routine strategy session". "A party is a continuous process. Feedback from all units are taken to shape its future strategies. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann along with AAP MLAs will meet Arvind Kejriwal to discuss the way for-

ward," he said. According to party sources, the discussions will focus on analysing the Delhi election results and strategising for the Punjab polls scheduled in 2027. AAP, which had been in power in Delhi for a decade, suffered a major setback in the February 5 polls, securing only 22 seats in the 70-member House. The BJP with



48 seats ended AAP's rule in the capital, raising concerns about the party's electoral prospects elsewhere. Tuesday's meeting has gained significance amid reports of dissatisfaction within the AAP's Punjab unit. Speculation are rife that some MLAs are unhappy with the party's leadership and could be considering other options. AAP secured a landslide victory in Punjab in

2022, winning 92 of the 117 seats. However, recent developments have led to questions about internal cohesion, with some suggesting that the party's leadership in Delhi continues to exert significant influence over Punjab's governance. There are also speculation that Kejriwal could consider a more direct role in Punjab politics now. With Ludhiana's assembly seat currently vacant, political observers are also discussing the possibility of Kejriwal contesting from there and becoming a part of the Punjab government. The AAP chief lost the assembly elections to Parvesh Verma of the BJP from New Delhi. The defeat in Delhi has come as a blow for the AAP with some opposition leaders predicting a similar "downfall" for the party in Punjab,

where just three of its 13 nominees won the Lok Sabha elections in 2024. Punjab being the only state where the AAP is in power now, the outcome of Tuesday's meeting could be crucial for the party's future direction and stability.

standard operating procedure, deportation Akhilesh flays Adityanath government over traffic chaos in Prayagraj

Akhilesh Yadav on Monday criticised the Uttar Pradesh government over the severe traffic congestion in Prayagraj, claiming it has led to a shortage of essential commodities and inconvenienced devotees visiting the Maha Kumbh Mela. Hitting out at Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Yadav said no responsible minister or person is seen controlling the situation in Prayagraj. The chief minister has proved to be a "complete failure", along with this the deputy chief minister while many well-known ministers related to Prayagraj are missing, the SP chief said. "Due to traffic jam everywhere in Prayagraj, neither food grains, vegetables, spices are available nor medicines, petrol-diesel. Due to this, the condition of crores of hungry, thirsty, tired and exhausted devotees stuck in Prayagraj and Maha Kumbh premises and on the roads leading to Prayagraj is getting worse every hour. This is a very serious situation," Yadav said in a post on X. He also posted a video with the post in which people are sharing their experiences and pointing out at the chaos. "Just like in states, when the constitutional system fails, the command

Lucknow, Feb.10: Samajwadi Party chief is given to someone else, similarly, seeing the chaos in Maha Kumbh, a capable person should be given the command of governance. Incompetent people can spread false propaganda, not true system," he added. In another post, the former chief minister said, "People stuck in traffic jam are imprisoned in their vehicles for hours. There is no place even for women to meet their daily needs. There is no arrangement to take care of those who are fainting on the roads. Mobile phone batteries of devotees have run out due to which they have lost contact with their people. Due to lack of contact and information, people are getting restless." Yadav charged that those who should have been among the public are sitting at home. "There is no arrangement for food and water for constables, class four employees or sanitation workers who are standing day and night faithfully hungry and thirsty," Yadav alleged highlighting the situation in Prayagraj. The officers are giving orders sitting in their rooms but are not coming down to the ground, he charged and added that residents of Prayagraj have got nothing except filth, traffic jams and price rise.

Madras High Court allows medical aspirant with 80 per cent disability to undergo assessment again

MADURAI. The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court recently granted interim relief to a medical aspirant with 80% locomotor disability, who was declared ineligible to pursue a career as a doctor by a medical board by the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital citing National Medical Commission guidelines.

Hearing a petition filed by the aspirant MK Nivetha in 2022, Justice V Lakshminarayanan observed that though the court is not qualified to sit on an appeal over a medical board's decision, it has the power to refer a candidate's case to any other premier medical institute which has the facility for assessment. If the second medical board's report goes in favour of the person with disability (PwD), then the court can take a call as to which report must be accepted, he

The judge directed the JIPMER director to constitute a disability assessment board in a month to record whether Nivetha's disability will or will not come in the way of her pursuing the medical course. The board was also told to file a report to the court stating reasons for its decision.

Nivetha stated in her petition that she had passed NEET in 2021 and had gone to RGGH, the only centre in the state, to obtain a disability certificate. She was subjected to several assessments, and the reports were positive. Despite this, she was declared ineligible on December 24, 2021 as she did not have the pointer and little finger in her right hand, affecting conducting of surgeries. However, she said that she is left-handed and can use the right hand despite the missing fingers, and sought the court's help.

KSRTC Swift posts 120% revenue growth as parent KSRTC continues to struggle

KOCHI. KSRTC Swift Ltd (K-Swift), a sister concern of the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation that operates long-distance buses, is having a good run, even as KSRTC continues to sputter along.

KSRTC-Swift posted a total revenue of Rs 98.07 crore in the 2023-24 financial year an increase of 120.17% from Rs 44.54 crore a year earlier. Net profit came in at Rs 1.04 crore, up from Rs 2.60 lakh in 2022-23, a budget document released by the state finance department showed.

This comes even as KSRTC continued to incur losses. The corporation registered a net loss of Rs 1,314.04 crore in 2023-24. While it recorded a total income of 3,185.54 crore, total expenditure came in at Rs 4,488.36 crore, said the document — titled 'A Review of Public Enterprises in Kerala 2023-24'.

However, despite being on the rocks, KSRTC improved its performance by leaps and bounds, as total income rose by 46.99% from Rs 2,167.13 crore in the previous fiscal. Consequently, the corporation's net loss decreased by 11.85% to Rs 1,314.05 crore from Rs 1,490.67 crore a year earlier. In 2023-24, the company paid an amount of Rs 10.97 crore as contribution to the central as well as state exchequer by way of taxes and duties, the report stated.

KSRTC-Swift was incorporated on November 9, 2021, for providing necessary infrastructural, technical, managerial, operational support to the KSRTC for efficiently running its long-distance services. The company, which mainly operates super-fast services, employed 1,466 people in 2023-24.

The KSRTC had a staff strength of 28,066 workers, including 24,579 permanent employees, as on March 2024. The report assumes added importance as Transport Minister K B Ganesh Kumar is reportedly planning the merger of KSRTC with Swift.

Retired judge Ramachandran Nair booked in half-price scam; denies allegations

MALAPPURAM. In a startling turn of events, Perinthalmanna police have registered a case against retired High Court judge Ramachandran Nair — who heads the Munambam Commission — in the the halfprice scam that primarily revolved around promises of scooters at discounted rates. The case cites his alleged role as patron of the National NGO Confederation, founded by Anandhu Krishnan, the prime accused in the

Justice Ramachandran Nair refuted the charges, stating that the police filed the case without a preliminary investigation. He claimed the police acted on a false complaint, rendering the proceedings baseless. The former judge said he was merely an advisor to the NGO Confederation, and not a patron or someone in any position of authority. He also expressed suspicion that the case might be connected to individuals who had attempted to disrupt the activities of the Munambam Commission.

The case was registered based on a complaint filed by Danimon, president of Kisan Service Society, Angadipuram, which was responsible for implementing the NGO Confederation's schemes in Angadipuram.

After sexual assault bid in moving train security boosted at railway stations in Chennai

CHENNAI. The Government Railway Police (GRP) have intensified patrolling and boosted the security at all major railway stations in and around Chennai, in the aftermath of the incident where a pregnant woman was pushed off the ladies' compartment of a moving train near Katpadi Junction at Jolarpet, by a man during an attempt to sexually assault her.

Inspector General of Police (IG) Railways AG Babu surveyed the security at Chennai Egmore railway station, while the Superintendent of Police (SP) of Chennai Railways I Eswaran interacted with passengers at Chennai Central railway station, on Saturday, to raise awareness on security systems available.

Speaking to TNIE, a senior officer from Chennai GRP said, "We have increased patrolling platforms at key stations. Police teams have been deployed to conduct regular checks in ladies' compartments of express trains. Facial Recognition Systems (FRS) will be installed to monitor repeat offenders at railway stations."

The railway department has been notified about stations without adequate CCTV cameras, the officer said, adding that they will soon be equipped with security cameras.

The officer added, "If a woman is travelling alone, she can contact the police if they feel



unsafe or uncomfortable, and a police personnel or the train's guard will immediately come to her compartment.'

CMO reveals survivor's Identity, faces flak TIRUPPATTUR: The Chief Minister's Office

(CMO) on Sunday faced criticism after revealing the identity of the survivor in a press release posted on X announcing aid. It

mentioned her name, native village and husband's name. Following widespread outrage on social media, the CMO handle deleted the post and issued a revised press release. Under Section 73 of the BNS, disclosing the identity of a rape or sexual assault victim is a punishable offense, attracting up to two years of imprisonment.

overturns in Andhra's Palnadu Mishap occurred while 25 women labourers were returning home; CM promises financial aid to bereaved families GUNTUR. Four women lost their

Four women die as tractor

lives when a tractor overturned in Muppalla of Palnadu district on

According to police, the accident occurred when 25 women, working as labourers in chili farms, were returning home from Bollavaram to Changantivaripalem village after completing their work in the evening. As the tractor crossed Bollavaram, the driver lost control, causing the vehicle to overturn.

The victims - Madira Samrajyam, Madira Gangamma, Tenepalli Padma, and Chakkara Madhavi, all residents of Changantivaripalem died on the spot. Several others sustained minor injuries.

Jpon receiving the information, local police rushed to the scene and transported the injured to a nearby hospital. The bodies of the deceased were shifted to Sattenapalli Government Hospital for autopsy. A case has been registered, and an investigation into the cause of the accident is

Orissa High Court notice to collector over illegal construction of temple at Jaleswar

CUTTACK. Construction of a temple on encroached gochar land (land earmarked for grazing) at Rajnagar village in Balasore district's Jaleswar tehsil has come under the Orissa High Court

Acting on a petition seeking intervention against construction of the temple, a single judge bench of Justice SK Panigrahi has issued notice to secretary Revenue & Disaster Management department and the district collector.

'The tehsildar, Jaleswar, is directed to file show cause as to why action has not been taken against the encroachers who have constructed the temple on the gochar land," Justice Panigrahi also ordered on February 4.

The matter is scheduled for next hearing on February 20. Harihara Sahoo, a resident of Rajnagar filed the petition, while advocate Sankar Prasad Pani made submissions on his behalf. According to the petition, construction



of the temple has continued even after the HC in another petition directed the tehsildar to evict the encroachers within four weeks on October 31, 2023. Sahoo had also submitted a detailed representation to the Balasore collector on January 9, 2025. The HC on October 31, 2023 had observed, "The court is of the considered view that appropriate legal action is necessary from the side of tehsildar in order to ensure removal of such encroachment which is claimed to have been proved after enquiry of the local revenue inspector.'

The construction work of the temple has continued for the past two years even after an order for eviction of the encroachment was issued by the tehsildar on November 30, 2022, the petition alleged.

The representation to the Balasore collector and the petition has sought direction to the tehsildar to stop work of illegal construction of temple on the gochar land, impose section 163 of

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita to restrain the unauthorised congregation there, and direction to the sub-collector and SP to ensure deployment of police force so as to execute the eviction of unauthorised structure.



underway. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed deep shock over the incident, calling it 'extremely tragic'. He directed officials to provide the best medical treatment for the injured. He assured financial support to the families of the deceased and instructed authorities to implement measures to prevent such incidents in the future. Health Minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav extended his condolences to the bereaved families and instructed officials to ensure the quality of medical care for the injured. YSRCP Chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy also expressed deep sorrow and urged the government to provide financial aid to the victims'

Anantapur cops arrest Dhar gang members, loot worth Rs 90 lakh seized

ANANTAPUR. Anantapur district police have apprehended three members of the notorious Dhar gang and seized gold, diamond jewellery, and cash worth Rs 90 lakh, successfully solving theft cases that occurred at three villas in Rajahamsa Sweet Homes on the outskirts of Srinagar Colony.

According to the police, the Madhya Pradesh-based Dhar gang has been involved in several thefts across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat. There are over 30 cases registered against the gang in both the Telugu



Speaking to media persons, Anantapur Superintenden t of Police (SP) P Jagadeesh revealed that Naru Pachavar of Chadwad village in

Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district, Sawan alias Shantiya Dudve, and Sunil of Pipaldilya village had been arrested. The police recovered 59 tolas of gold jewellery, diamondstudded ornaments, and Rs 19.35 lakh in cash. Three twowheelers and two mobile phones were seized. Two other important gang members, Mahabat and Motla, remain at

The stolen items were taken from the homes of Sivareddy, Ranjith Reddy, and Sivasankar Naidu in Rajahamsa Sweet Homes. The burglars broke into the locked houses when the owners were away and looted the gold, jewellery, and cash. The IV Town PS have registered a case based on a complaint Piyush Sharma, an IT professional, stated reporting the theft of gold, and diamond jewellery.

'Metro fare almost double on our routes after hike': Commuters

with many vowing that they would avoid using the service henceforth. The requirement of maintaining a minimum balance of Rs 90 on travel cards also drew criticism.

Sreejith S Pai, a Metro commuter who works as senior manager at Oracle, expressed concern over the

implementation of the fare hikes. He told TNIE, "Previously, fare stages were Rs 10, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 30, 35, and so on. Now, the fare stages are Rs 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and so on. The fare structure should have remained as it was, based on the actual distance, rather than grouping the distances into ranges like 0-2 km, 2-4 km, 4-6 km," he

explained. Pai, who regularly takes the Metro from Whitefield (Kadugodi) to KR Pura, and then takes a Metro feeder bus to Kadubeesanahalli pointed out how his fare doubled from Rs 33.25 to Rs 60. "It will cost around Rs 50 every day from now on. Although BMRCL claims an average 45% hike, fares have increased from 70% to 110%," he added.

BENGALURU. The first day of the hiked that he would no longer use the Metro. "I Metro. This isn't feasible for the Metro fares saw frustrated commuters, take the Metro during the weekends, common man." Besides, many when I go to meet my friends. I usually park my bicycle at Satya Sai station but

on Sunday, I was barred from parking, forcing me to return home and walk to A Metro official explained that the Rs 90 the Pattandur Agrahara station. I went up to Baiyappanahalli and my fare was

It used to be Rs 38 earlier. The fare hike will affect the middle class the most," he said and added that he had a tough time walking on the broken footpaths at Pattandur. "Given the high fares and these inconveniences, it is simply not worth travelling by Metro anymore," he

Blogger Niranjana also voiced frustration on X, saying "Maintaining a Rs 90 minimum balance is a joke. It's becoming too expensive to travel by

commuters demanded to know why BMRCL had hiked the minimum

minimum balance is necessary because the new maximum fare is Rs 90. "This ensures commuters don't have to top up

their card while exiting, which could cause crowding," he explained.

We are still way cheaper than autos, taxis in Bengaluru: BMRCL Bengaluru Metro officials pointed out that even with the hike, it remained cheaper than autos or taxis for commuting in Bengaluru. Releasing a detailed chart, it pointed out that for a 2 km distance, Metro travel costs

only Rs 10, while the same distance by auto is Rs 30 and taxi Rs 100. For a distance of 25-30 km, Metro now charges Rs 90, while the auto fare comes to Rs 390 to Rs 450 while taxis charge between Rs 676 and Rs 748, it said. The minimum distance fare in a BMTC AC bus came to Rs 15, while it charged Rs 50 for over 25 km. The non-AC bus fare is the cheapest with the minimum fare at Rs 6 and Rs 30 for over 26 km.

Adimali panchayat president balances public duties with traditional bamboo weaving

IDUKKI. Being the president of Adimali panchayat in Idukki has not deterred Soumya Anil from continuing with her family occupation of bamboo weaving. Every day, after finishing her official duties, the 39-year-old returns home and gets on with weaving, transforming bamboo strips into baskets and other products.

Bamboo weaving has been one of the main livelihood options for the settlers of ST Colony in Adimali," Soumya told TNIE. "Ever since the formation of the

colony in 1974, the residents have been engaged in weaving, with an abundance of bamboo in the nearby reserve forest," she



said. She credited her parents for her knowledge of the art of weaving. "Since we couldn't depend entirely on the income from selling bamboo products, I used to work at the anganwadi in Plamalakkudi," she said. Soumya, who won the local body election from ward 3 of Adimali panchayat, became its president with the support of the Congress. "To assume the presidential responsibilities, I had to take temporary

leave from the anganwadi. However, bamboo weaving is still a source of income

and an occupation for self-sustainability," Earlier, Soumva used to collect bamboo from

the forest herself. However, due to time constraints, the raw material is now mainly sourced from middlemen. On working days, she spares at least four hours for bamboo weaving. She is fully occupied with weaving on holidays. "As soon as I get back home, I complete all household chores. From 7pm to 10.45pm, I engage myself in bamboo weaving. Though the settlers make various kinds of products, including, mats, rugs, baskets and storage items from bamboo, I mainly make bamboo scoop (winnowing tray) and baskets, which are usually sold to intermediaries for `120 each per piece," she

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Parades, cultural performances mark R-Day in GB Nagar, Ghaziabad

NOIDA. The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with majesty and enthusiasm across Gautam Budh Nagar and Ghaziabad districts on Sunday, marked by a strong sense of nationalistic patriotic fervour filling the air. In Gautam Budh Nagar, the main event was held at the Reserve Police Lines parade ground, where Brajesh Singh, the minister of state for public works, was the chief guest. He took the ceremonial salute during the parade organised by the Gautam Budh Nagar Police Commissionerate. Showcasing patriotism and a commitment to offer security, the parade featured contingents led by assistant commissioners of police Hemant Upadhyay, Pawan Kumar, and Rakesh Pratap Singh.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, MOHE TAHSIN S/o MOHD MERAJ KHAN R/o Khasra No. 244/6, Gali No. 3, Sangam Vihar, Mandir Wali Gali, Burari, North Virial, ividinum Vain Gail, putali, Noutil Delhi, Delhi-110084, declare that name of my father and my mother have been wrongly written as MOHD MERAJ and EFFAT JAHAN in my CBSE 10th and 12th class Educational Documents. The actual name of my father and my moth-er are MOHD MERAJ KHAN and IFFAT JAHAN respectively.

NAME CHANGE

I, No. 15321457A, Rank-HAV Name-S MURUGAN S/o S SUBBAIAH Fathe of SHANMUGAPPRIYA Presently residing at- 142/5, MARIYAMMAN KOVIL STREET, VPO-STREET VAGAIKULAMPATTI, TALUK-RAJAPALAYAM, DIST-VIRUDHU NAGAR, TAMIL NADU-626102 have changed my minor daughter's name from SHANMUGAPPRIYA to SHAN-MUGAPRIYA M for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I No-14659281M Rank-NK Name-KAMAL HASAN Residing at AHI-ROULI BAGHEL, DEORIA, AHIRAULI BAGHEL, UTTAR PRADESH-274702, have changed my wife's name from RUKSHANA KHATUN to RUKSANA BEGAM for all fature purposes and in BEGAM for all future purposes and in my service records my wife's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 09/08/1986 nstead of her correct date of birth as 08/09/1986 vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I RAJESH KUMAR S/O GOVIND RAM R/O C-1, Street No.14, East Arjun Nagar, Lehri Colony, Shahdara, New Delhi 110032 I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJESH KUMAR GULATI

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I,MONA DEVI W/O GAURI SHANKAR R/O E-174, Jain Colony, Barwal, North West Delhi, Delhi 110039 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as MONA in my minor son namely DEVANSH aged 13 year in his school record. The actual name of mine is MONA DEVI which nay be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Rakesh Kumar S/o Uma Shanka R/o E-65, Harkesh Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110020, declare that ritten as Rakesh in my all educ tional documents. The actual nam of mine is Rakesh which may be nended accordingly. It is certifie that I have complied with other lega equirements in this connection

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that RAJPATI YADAV S/O PATRI YADAV R/O H.No-160-B, Near Mo Girls School, Munirka Village, J.N.L S.O, DIST: South West Delhi, Delhi 110067 declare that name of min and my wife and my minor son ha been wrongly written as RAJPAT and KAVITA and HIMANSHU in m minor son HIMANSHU YADAV age 11 year in his School record Th actual name of mine and my with and my minor son are RAJPAT YADAV and KAVITA YADAV and HIMANSHU YADAV respectively which may be amended accordingl

PUBLIC NOTICE

t is for general information that Sudha Kanojia D/o Mahesh R/o Jhuggi No.86/113, Block W-86, J Colony Inder Puri, Delhi-11001: leclare that name of mine has bee vrongly written as Sudha Kanojia i ny all educational documents. Th actual name of mine is Sudh which may be amended according ly. It is certified that I have compli with other legal requirements in this

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that IRFAN S/o SABBIR R/o WZ-1 Asalatpur, Janakpuri B-1 S.O, Wes Delhi, Delhi-110058, Declare that Name of My Wife has been Wrongly Written as RUKSHANA in My Minor Son MOHAMMAD ATIF aged 1: years in his School Records. The actual Name of My Wife is RUKHSANA KHATOON which Ma

NAME CHANGE

I, SUSHMA DEVI Wife of JC-472080N Rank-SUB Name-JAI SINGH Present esiding at VPO-GOTHARA THAPP DAHINA, TEH+DIST-REWAR HARYANA-123411, have changed m name from SUSHMA DEVI to SUSH MA for all future purposes and in m husband's service records my date birth wrongly mentioned as 28/11/1976 stead of my correct date of birth a 24/12/1976 vide Affidavit date 10/02/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi

NAME CHANGE

I, DURGUNAIDU Father of No 15710732H Rank-NK Name NAGESWARA RAO RAKUTTI RO OOOR NO-2-16. VILL-MONDIPALEM O-VETAJANGALAPALEM, ANAKAPALLE, DIST-VISAKHAPAT NAM, ANDHRA PRADESH-53100 have changed my name from DUR-GUNAIDU to RAKUTTI DURGU NAIDU for all future purposes vide Afficiavit dated 10/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

, Om Prakash S/o Dharam pal R/o Q1/5 Ground floor,sri niwaspuri delhi -110065 have changed my name from Om Prakash to om prakasl Jakhar for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

ANNAMAL MARY W/O SAGAYA AZAR R/O 17-B, DDA JANTA FLAT VASANT ENCLAVE, VASANT VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110057 have nanged my name to ANNAI MARY r all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE

I, REMYA A Spouse of No. GS-195069F Rank- M WTR, UNIT-DGBR DELHI Name- ANOOP J. R/o PADMAVILASAM EDAVATTOM KIO PADMIAVILASAM EDAVAT I OM, VELLIMON (PO), PERINAD DISTT-KOLLAM, STATE-KERALA, PIN-691511, have changed my name from REMYA A to REMYA R for all future purposes. Vide affidavit Dated 04.02.2025. before Sub Divisional Magistrate Delhi lagistrate Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, KRISHNARAO father o No.17014416F Rank-NK, UNIT-672(I TPT PL ASC (TK TPTR) C/O 56 APO Name- SALUNKHE MAHESH KRISHNARAO R/O BRAHMANEHE-VAGE, BRAMHAN SHEWAGE, JAL-GAON, MAHARASHTRA-424108 have changed my name from KRISH NARAO to KRUSHNARAO MOTI RAM SALUNKHE for all future purpos es. Vide affidavit Dated 07.02.2025 before Public Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

NAME CHANGE I, ARMY NO.1084187W EX DFF ASHOK KUMAR S/O JANGPAL SINGH R/o 52, SEHJAWAS(170) GURGAON, HARYANA-122102 declared that in my army documents my wife name has been wrongly mentioned as KUSHUM LATA but my wife correct name is KUSUM LATA as per my wife all documents. That declare that KUSHUM LATA and KUSUM LATA both are one and the same person i.e. my wife.for all purpose. Vide affidavit dated 04.02.2025 efore Public Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE , VIMALBAI Mother of No-16126737h Rank-HAV Name-GAME RAMESH WAR SHESHRAO Presently residing at VILL-DAHIGAON SHE, PO-CHA ADGAON, TEH-SHEVGAON, DIS HMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA H14503, have changed my name from /IMALBAI to VIMAL SHESHRAC GAME for all future purposes and in my son's service records my date of birt wrongly mentioned as 10/06/1956 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1966 vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

D.15321457A, Rank-HAV Name MURUGAN Presently residing a 42/5, MARIYAMMAN KOVI STREET, VPO-STREET VAGAIKU LAMPATTI, TALUK-RAJAPALAYAM DIST-VIRUDHU NAGAR, TAMII NADU-626102, have changed my name from KRISHNAMAL to KRISH-NAMMAL S for all future purposes and n my son's service records my date of pirth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1938 nstead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1935 vide Affidavit dated 0/02/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi

NAME CHANGE

I, SATHYABAMA Wife of 15321457A, Rank-HAV Name-S MURUGAN Presently residing at-142/5, MARIYAM-MAN KOVIL STREET, VPO-STREET VAGAIKULAMPATTI, TALUK-RAJAPALAYAM, DIST-VIRUDHU NAGAR, TAMIL NADU-626102, have changed my name from SATHYABA
MA to SATHYABAMA M for all future ourposes vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

hitherto known as RACHNA aughter of Shri SATISH KUMAR esiding at A-69, Gali No.2, Johripu Extension, Gokal Pur. PO: Goka Puri, District: North East Delhi Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be know as RACHNA SINGH.

NAME CHANGE

urender Sharma residing at 13/7b hase-3, Pocket-b, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi 110052 have changed the name of nv minor daughter Sumeera Sharm ge 10 years and shall be here after nown as Akshita Sharma

NAME CHANGE

, No-15812781Y, Rank-HAV Name-MAHESH PRASAD Presently residing at VILL-PRANCHAK, PO+TEH-RAJAULI, DIST-NAWADA, BIHAR-805125, have changed my mother's name from SARO DEVI to SHANTI DEVI for all future purposes and in r ervice records my mother's date of birth rongly mentioned as 25/09/1964 instea correct date of birth as 01/01/1958 ide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before xecutive Magistrate. Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

, No-15812781Y, Rank-HAV Name MAHESH PRASAD Presently residing VILL-PRANCHAK. PO+TEH RAJAULI, DIST-NAWADA, BIHAR 805125, have changed my father's name from NANDE LAL PRASAD to NANDLAL PRASAD for all future pu poses and in my service records my father's date of birth wrongly mentioned as 28/05/1959 instead of his corred date of birth as 01/01/1953 vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 Executive

NAME CHANGE

, SARLA DEVI Mother of No 16019085Y Rank-RFN Name-RINKU SINGH Residing at VILL-JITU WALA JAUHAR DURGA COLONY, NEAF /IKAS HIGH SCHOOL, PO-BHI TEH-BHIWANI, DIST-BHI HARYANA-127021, have my name from SARLA DEVI SARLA for all future purposes and ny son's service records my date of oirth wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1950 Instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1948 vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

, FAIZAN AHMED S/O GULZAR AHMAD residence of 6691, 1ST LOOR KOTHI MEM BARA HINDU RAO AZAD MARKET DELHI-110006 have changed my name to FAIZAN AHMAD for all future purpose.

NAME CHANGE SMT KULSOOMA PARVEEN Nother of No-20000384P Rank-HAV(CLK) Name-SHOWKET AL MALIK Presently residing at VILL SKANDER PORA, PO-BEERWAH EH-KHAG, DIST-BUDGAM, J&H 193411, have changed my name from SMT KULSOOMA PARVEEN to KUL-SUMA for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, RESHMA ANEESH Spouse of No GS-189024L Rank- DVR/MT, UNIT GS-109024: Kalik- DVKWII, UNII DGBR DELHI Name- ANEESI-SHANKAR S RIO PALAVILI PUTHENVEEDU, CHARUKADL CHEMMACKADU(PO), PERINAD DISTT-KOLLAM, STATE-KERALA DIN 601604 hove aboused and PIN-691601, have changed my name from RESHMA ANEESH to RESHMA SATHEESH for all future purposes. Vide affidavit Dated 04.02.2025. before Sub Divisional Magistrate Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, NIKKY BISWA D/O AMAR BISWA R/O W-202,REGENCY PARK-2,DLF PHASE-4,CHAKARPUR (74), GURGAON, HARYANA-122002, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NIKKY KAMI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE.

NAME CHANGE

t is for general information that SARABJEET SINGH s/o KRIPA SINGH R/o Flat No-11F, Pocket-1 Mayur Vihar Phase-1, East Delhi Mayur vinar Priase-1, East Derin, Delhi-110091, declare that name of mine and my wife name has been wrongly written as SARABJEET SINGH BAJAJ and TEJINDER KAUR BAJAJ in my minor son GUNVEET SINGH BAJAJ aged 14 years in his school record. The actual name of mine and my wife name are SARABJEET SINGH and TAJIN-DER KAUR respectively which may e amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, VIBUSHA JAIN W/o Late ASHISH JAIN, resident at WZ-967, Floor - 1st Floor, Rani Bagh, Shakur Basti Saraswati Vihar, North West Delhi Delhi - 110034, declare that the name o mine has been wrongly written as VIB-HUSHA JAIN in my minor son SAN-CHIT JAIN age 16 years in his 10th Class Educational Documents. The which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, JC-314553A, Rank-SUB, Name-VELU N Presently residing at DOOR No-2441, CO-OPERATIVE STREET, VILL-VEERAMANGALAM, TEH-RK PET, DISTT-TIRUVALLUR, TAMIL-NADU-631302, have changed my wife's name fromM UMAMAGESWAR to UMAMAGESWARI M for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi

NAME CHANGE

I, JC-314553A, Rank-SUB, Name-VELU N Father of V YOGASRI Presently residing at DOOR No-2/441, CO-OPERATIVE STREET, VILL-VEERAMANGALAM, TEH-RK PET, DISTT-TIRUVALLUR, TAMILNADU-DISTI-TIROVALLUR, TAMILINADU-331302, have changed my minor daughter's name from V YOGASRI to YOGASRI V for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before Netters Builtin Dollni Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

JC-314553A, Rank-SUB, Name ELU N Father of V DHARSHIN VELU IN FAIRER OF V DHARSHINI
Presently residing at DOOR No-2/441,
CO-OPERATIVE STREET, VILLVEERAMANGALAM, TEH-RK PET,
DISTT-TIRUVALLUR, TAMILNADU321302 PAUS ABORGA 631302, have changed my minor daughter's name from V DHARSHIN to DHARSHINI V for all future purpos es vide Affidavit dated 10/02/202! before Notary Public, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

t is for general information that I Anak Tyagi S/o Sandeep Kumar R/o Panchlok, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201102 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Anank Tyagi and Sandeer Tyagi in my 10th Class Educationa Marksheet and Certificate. The actual Marksheet and Certificate. The actual name of mine and my father are Anal Tyagi and Sandeep Kumar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

is for general information that JASVINDER SINGH SANDHU S/C BOBBY SINGH SINDHU R/O PLOT NO. 348, KANHIYA PARK, CHAND NAGAR, PO: TILAK NAGAR, DIST WEST DELHI, DELHI-110018 declare that name of mine, my father and my mother has been wrongly written as JASVINDER SINGH GULLAR, BOBBY SINGH GULLAR and PALVINDER KAUR GULLAR i ny 10th and 12th class educationa ocuments The actual name of mine my father and my mother are JASVINDER SINGH SANDHU, BOBBY SINGH SINDHU and PALVINDER KAUR, which may be mended accordingly

NAME CHANGE

R/o Q1/5 Ground floor,sri niwaspuri delhi -110065 have changed my name from Meenakshi to Meenakshi khar for all future purposes.

NAME CHANGE

I, KALPANA Mother of No.17014416F Rank-NK, UNIT-672(I) TPT PLASC (TK TPTR) C/O 56 APO, Name-SALUNKHE MAHESH KRISHNARAC RALUNIA IE WATESTT KASTINAKAO RO BRAHMANEHEVAGE, BRAMHAN SHEWAGE, JALGAON, MAHARASH: TRA-424108, have changed my namerom KALPANA to KALPANA KRUSH NARAV SALUNKHE for all future put poses. Vide affidavit Dated 07.02.2025 before Public Notary Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

t is for general information that I SACHIN S/o DHARMENDER Residing at House No. - 277, Jaurasi(32), Post: Tauru, Dist: Mewat, Haryana -122105, declare that the name of my Father and Mother have been wrongly written as DHAR-MENDER KUMAR and SARITA DEVI in my 10th Class Educationa Documents. The actual name of m ather and Mother are DHAR MENDER and SARITA respectively which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I BEER PAL SINGH S/o GOPI SINGH R/o 2454, 3, Near Lohiya Sabji Mandi Nagla Enclave Part-2, PO: Faridabad Sector 22, Dist.: Faridabad, Haryana-Sector 22, Dist.: Faindabad, nalyalia-121005, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as GOPI RAM SINGH in my Service Record. The actual name of my father is GOPI SINGH, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

, GAME SHESHRAO VISHNU Father of No-16126737K Rank-HAV Name-GAME RAMESHWAR Name-Game RANGESTWAR SHESHRAN Presently residing at VILL-DAHIGAON SHE, PO-CHA-PADGAON, TEH-SHEVGAON, DIST-AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA-414503, have changed my name from GAME SHESHRAO VISHNU to SUECUBAC VISUALLI CAME for all SHESHRAO VISHNU GAME for all future purposes and in my son's service records my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01/01/1954 instead of my correct date of birth as 01/01/1961 vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 before otary Public. Delhi

NAME CHANGE lajan Kumar S/O Nagender Prasao O Flat No-A1, House No-1, Safiaba Road, Near Johny Farm House, Shir Mandir Colony, Narela, North West Delhi, Delhi-110040, have changed the name of minor son namely Ishant Raj aged 17 years and he shall herea be known as Pranshu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

is for general information that SHRAVAN SHAH S/O DOMAN AL PRASHAD SHAH R/O B-60 CAMP NO-4. JWALA PURI. SUN DER VIHAR, WEST DELHI-110087 eclare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SARWAN KUMAR in my minor son's namely MANISH aged 17 years in his 10th Educational Documents.The actual name of mine is SHRAVAN SHAH respectively which may be amend d accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I SUMIT S/O SHRAVAN SHAH R/O B-60, CAMP NO-4, JWALA PURI, SUNDER VIHAR, WEST DELHI-110087 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as SHARWAN PRASAD in my 10th and 12th Educational Documents and Pan Card No TFSPS3682Q.The actual name of my father is SHRAactual name of my father is SHRA VAN SHAH respectively which mabe amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lis ioi general information that Laxmi W/O Late Shivam Johari D/C Vijay Kumar Ex. Wife Of Shivam ohari R/O RZ-812/B, Gali NO-22 Tughalakabad Extn. New Delhi Expired on 18-2-2022 and the dea ertificate was issued with registra on No. MCDOLIR-0222 0505119310 Further I remarried with Khem Chand Dhingra vide marriage certificate No. 90730000187883 or ted 6-2-2024 hence forth the nam of my minor son namely Kartik Johan aged 13 years and he shall hereafte e known as Kartik Dhingra and also the name of the father of my son be nown as Khem Chand Dhingra iture for all purposes.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/42/2024-25/W-3 Dated:-07.02.2025 he Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tende

the following work Name Replacement of Non Standard Diamond, Crossings in Delhi Yard including Design, Manufacturing, Supply of Special Non-Standard Diamond (Two

btuse and Two acute per diamond) in the section of SSE/P.way/DLI nder ADEN/DLI ₹ 15,83,37,727.80 (Rupees Fifteen Crore Eighty Three Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty

Seven and Eighty Paise Only) ₹ 9,41,700/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Forty One Thousand Farnest Money to be

Seven Hundred Only) Cost of tender document Rs. 0.00/-

Date & Time of submission of tender 28.02.2025 at 15:00 Hrs. bid and opening of tender Website particulars where complete details www.ireps.gov.in of tender documents can be seen

The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement systematics (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For all rms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer/Const./ Northern Railway Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi or and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under single-Packe ystem for the following work:-

Annual Maintenance Contract for Maintenance of Staff Quarters a of work Railway colony Kishanganj, Dayabasti, Panjabi Bagh, Shakurbasti Ghaziabad and Panipat, including Addition, Alteration and Renovation of office complex of DY/CE/C/CSB, DY CEE/CSB/Shivaji Bridge XEN/C/Panipat, Officer's Rest House/Panipat, offices o SSE/SE/JE/W/Cs & SSE/P. Way/Construction at Shivaji Bridge offices and Panipat office, other Subordinate offices at different locatoin and other allied works under the jurisdiction of DY. CE/C/Shivaji Bridge New

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28.02.2025

documents can be uploaded by the tenderer or

IREPS web site w.e.f. 14.02.2025 to

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7 Date & time of opening of tender 28.02.2025 at 11.30 hours No-536-Acs-Maintenance-CSB-PNP Dated: 07.02.2025

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NAME CHANGE

DELHI/NCR

rm vir S/o-Brahm parkash R/o Daultabad(53), Daultabad durgaon Haryana -122006 have hanged my name from Karm vir to armvir janghu for all future purposes

NAME CHANGE

ARJUN S/O BALBIR SINGH R/C .NO-60,WARD NO-04,VILLAGE HANI MITHI,DHANI RAM AS(62),BHIWANI,HARYANA 127046, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ARJUN VERMA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that SOMVEER SINGH SHEORAN S/o VEERENDRA SINGH Permanen R/o Nekiram Sheorans Farm House, Sukhram Ka Baas, Farat, Jhunjhunun, Rajasthan-333030 and Present R/o C-Block, 18/12, 3rd Floor, Gali No. - 1, Near Hanuma Mandir, Shastri Park, New Delh 10053 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SOMVEER SINGH in my education al documents and service book. Th ctual name of mine is SOMVEER mended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

hitherto known as TEETU S/O PRAHLAD R/O 531, PREM NAGAR GALI -1, SUBHASH MAR-KET KOTLA MUBARAKPUR, LOD ROAD, SOUTH DELHI-110003 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KARTIK.

NAME CHANGE

I, JC-335017L Rank-NB/SUB Name-MOGHAL MOHAMMAD BAIG MOGHAL MOHAWIMAD BAIG Residing at H NO-9-5-5, ANDHRA RATNA NAGAR, PERALA HIGH SCHOOL, PERALA, CHIRALA, PRAKASAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-523157 have changed ny minor daughter's name from MOGHAL SHAISTA SUMAYYA to SHAISTA SUMAYYA for all future pur oses vide Affidavit dated 10/02/2025 efore Notary Public Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mohammad Usman R/o E-454, First Floor Left Side, Jaitpui Extension Part-2, Badarpur, PO: Badarpur, District: South Delhi, Delhi-110044, has severed all relaons and connection with his broth er Mohammad Rihan due to his dis-obedience and out of control of my client. If anybody deals with him will do so at his/her own risks, cost and consequences. My client and his other family members shall not be responsible for his any civil and iminal acts

M. Naushad (Advocate) Ch. No.351 Saket Court New Delhi-17

NAME CHANGE Gungri Devi W/o DIGPAL SINGH R/o L1/1537/8, Asthal Mandii Bangam Vihar Mehrouli South Sangam Vinar Meniouii Souti Delhi-Delhi 110062 have changed my name from Bina Devi to Ghungri Devi for all future purpos-es. That Bina Devi and Gungr Devi are same person.

NAME CHANGE

ASHA LATA BARIK Wife of SAROJA KUMAR BARIK Residing at ARASA, BHADRAK, ODISHA-756139 have changed my name rom ASHA LATA BARIK to ASHA-LATA BARIK for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 04/02/2025 before Executive Magistrate, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

hitherto known as Devraj Kaushil alias Yogesh Kumar S/O Pat Ram,R/O RZ-P3/114, NEW ROSHAN PURA VTC: NAJAF-GARH District South WEST, Delhi 110043,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Devraj Kaushik.

NAME CHANGE

, ARPIT BUCHHA S/O RAJINDEI BUCHHA R/O 24, 1ST FLOOF MASJID LANE, BHOGAL, JANG , SOUTH DELHI, DELHI 110014, I have changed my nam from ARPIT BUCCHA TO ARPIT BUCHHA for all future purpose.

DATE OF BIRTH CHANGED I, KALPANA Mother of No.17014416F Rank-NK, UNIT-672(I) TPT PL ASC (TK TPTR) C/O 56 APO, Name-SALUNKHE MAHESH KRISH-

SALUNKHE MAHESH KRISH-NARAO R/o BRAHMANEHEVAGE, BRAMHAN SHEWAGE, JALGAON, MAHARASHTRA-424108, have changed my date of birth from 05/04/1976 to 01/01/1976 for all future purposes. Vide affidavit Dated 07.02.2025. before Public Notary Delhi

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information I, JAI BHARTI D/O AJIT SINGH EX. WIFE OF AMIT KUMAR R/O H.NO. 34, GOVIND MOHALLA. VILLAGE HAIDERPUR DELHI, SHALIMAR BAGH, NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110088 declare that I got divorce from my husband SH. AMIT KUMAR vide court decree HMA No. 3191/2022 Dated 02.03.2023. Further I remarried to SH. ATUL S/O SURESH on 22.04.2024 vide Marriage Registration S.No. 6169 at SRO Office-Sadar Fifth, District-Shaziabad. Henceforth the name of father of my minor daughter namely VEDANSHI aged 05 years may be known as ATUL for all purposes in future.

NAME CHANGE

NAME CHANGE
I, RAJINDER BUCHHA S/O RAM
LAL BUCHHA R/O 24, 1ST
FLOOR, MASJID LANE, BHOGAL,
JANGPURA, SOUTH DELHI,
DELHI - 110014, I have changed
my name from RAJENDRA BUCCHA TO RAJINDER BUCHHA for
all future purpose I future purpose

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients Smt. NEE LAM KASHYAP, W/O Late St PREM NATH KASHYAP R/O C-2/ RELINIATING C-23:

8 4, S.F. AND T.F., SECTOR-15

ROHINI Delhi-110089 have severed all their relations with their sor namely Sh. DEEPAK KASHYAP

S/O Late Sh. PREM NATH

KASHYAP his wife Smt. AKSHAYA

KRITI W/O Sh DEEPAK KASHYAP

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COLOR HEADS and their children/Son i.e. nem from all their movable and Properties i.e. Property bearing No C-2/3&4 S.F AND T.F SECTOR-15 ROHINI Delhi-110089, and (all others my properties and assets) and ney shall not be responsible for an act, deed, thing etc. done by them.

Any person dealing with them shall

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TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN Monday) 27th day of January 2025 by my clients Sajid Husain (the under-signed) S/0 Mazahir Hussain age about 63 years having Aadhar Card No. 371784662793 and Hina Card No. 3/1/34062/39 and Hina Choudhary (the under-signed) Wo Sajid Husain age about 55 years having Aadhar Card No. 315580171921 having their residence at 59, Moahlla Nai Basti Ujhari Ward No 8, Town Ujhari, Amroha Uttar Pradesh-244242 This Ottar Fracesn-244242 Inis Declaration is being drafted on the instructions of my Client Sajid Husain and Hina Choudhary on their free will and under no influence. That my Clients Sajid Husain and Hina Choudhary hereby declares that they are disowning their son Tabish Faraaz age about 35 years R/o 59 Moahlla Nai Basti Ujhari Ward No 8 own Ujhari, Amroha Uttar Pradesh Town Uplan, Amroha Uttar Pradesh-244242 having Aadhar Number 686690748705 & his family mem-bers from their legal heirs, category. That after execution of this declara-tion Mr. Tabish Faraaz will not be hav-ing any rights or shares in the moveable and moveable proper ties which belongs to or is in the own ership of my Clients Sajid Husain and Hina Choudhary, Any illegal acts or any commission of any offences as punishable under Law of the Land by Mr. Tabish Faraaz or his family memers will have no effect on my Clients e. Sajid Husain and Hina Choudhary (the under-signed) and will lead to no onsequences/impediments for my lients. Whosoever if deals with Mr Tabish Faraaz and his family mem ers will deal at their own risl nsibility and consequences
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INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(RAILWAY BOARD) No. 2024/RS(E)/TM/2 New Delhi, Dated: 07.02.2025

CORRIGENDUM No.-1 Sub.: E-open Global Tender No. 2024-TM-2 closing on 21.02.2025 fo Design, Manufacture, Supply, Testing & Commissioning of 41 nos. of 'Ballast Regulating Machine (BRM)' along with Training of Indian Railway personnel and 3 years post warranty AMC.

. The due date of closing of the subject tender has been changed from 21.02.2025 (Friday) to **22.04.2025 (Tuesday).**

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Director, Railway Stores (F)

2. All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain the same

INDIAN RAILWAYS **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** (RAILWAY BOARD)

No. RS(POL)/58/0509/2024 New Delhi, Dt. 10.02.2025 Sub: Publication of E-Tender Notice against Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)'s E-Tender No. RB/2024/Parcel Scanner for Hiring Rental of 5 Nos. of Dual View Cargo X-Ray Parcel Inspection System Director, Railway Stores(M), Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), Government of ndia, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender as per details give

E-Tender No. RB/2024/Parcel Scanner

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2.	of	for Hiring/Rental of 5 Nos. of Dual View Cargo X-Ray Parcel				
	Work	Inspection System of low bed with Tunnel size 1500 mm (H) x 1500				
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		output rollers associated with all accessories with required UPS as				
		per tendered specification mentioned in Annexure-A of tender				
		document at five(5) Parcel offices of Indian Railways along with				
		BCAS certified manpower for operation of these Scanner for a period				
		of five(5) years				

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SI. No.	Consignee	Zonal Railway	Number of Machines to be installed each consignee		
1	Visakhapatnam (VSKP)	ECOR	1		
2	Agra Cantt. (AGC)	NCR	1		
3	Srinagar (SINA)	NR	1		
4	Tirupati (TPTY)	SCR	1		
5	Bhopal (BPL)	WCR	1		

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3. Earnest Money Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty lacs only)

date & place

Last date and time for closing of e-tender 05.03.2025 at 14.30 hrs. Pre-bid meeting 18.02.2025 at 11.00 hrs. in Rail Bhawan Raisina Road, New Delhi

Website for complete details and e-tendering http://www.ireps.gov.ir Allocation Head Grant No. 01 Director, Railway Stores (M)

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Woman (40) stabbed to death by a stalker in Gurgaon, cops launch manhunt

Gurgaon. Five police teams launched a manhunt to nab Nandlal, a labourer, for the murder of a 40-year-old woman in Surajkund. According to the victim's family, Nandlal wanted Anita to enter into a relationship with him. As she refused his attempts, the accused waylaid her while she was en route to work and attacked her in

Anita succumbed to injuries on Friday at the civil hospital. A murder case was registered on Saturday. Based on the complaint of the victim's nephew, Sneh Arpit, police have registered a case against the accused under sections 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 126 (wrongful restraint), and 351 (2) (criminal intimidation) of the BNS, and section 25 of the Arms Act. After the death on Friday, section 103 (1) (murder) was added to the case, inspector Prehlad Singh said. The victim's body was handed over to the family after the autopsy.

The preliminary revealed that Nandlal is a labourer and is already married. "The accused is a native of Punjab. According to the victim's family, Nandlal has been stalking Anita. We will be able to ascertain the reason for the murder only after the arrest. Five teams of the Crime Branch and the local police are trying to locate the whereabouts of the accused," the inspector said.

Shot in arm for govt hospitals: 700 doctors to be appointed in March in Haryana

Gurgaon. Over 700 new medical officers are set to join Haryana govt hospitals in March. Sources said approximately 200 of these doctors are specialists. The medical officials will be appointed at hospitals to facilitate smooth OPDs and emergency services across the state. Officials have confirmed that the 777 new medical officers will receive their appointments after the municipal elections in Haryana. This influx of medical professionals is expected to alleviate the severe shortage in govt-run hospitals across the state, which currently lack over 900 medical officers against a

sanctioned strength of 3,902. The appointments follow a written examination conducted in Rohtak last Dec. Director general of health services (Haryana) Manish Bansal on Sunday uploaded the result on the health department website. The shortlisted candidates were asked to present their original documents for verification on Jan 17 at the Panchkula office. Dr Virender Yadav, director, health services (Haryana), said, "The shortlisted candidates will have to come for biometrics and document verification to Panchkula."

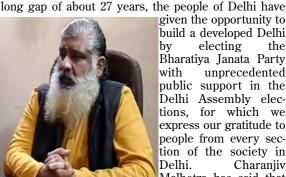
Yadav, who is also member secretary, high power selection committee for medical officers, said, "The new medical officers will receive their appointments after the municipal elections in Haryana. The written test was conducted for 777 in all categories and we were able to successfully find candidates in all categories."

With a vacancy rate of 23%, Haryana has only 3,305 medical and senior medical officers to serve a population of 2.8 crore, falling short of the World Health Organisation's recommended doctor-patient ratio of 100 doctors per lakh population. The addition of these new medical officers is anticipated to significantly enhance healthcare services and accessibility for residents across the state. Whilst the out-patient and inpatient departments in the 59 civil hospitals, 119 community health centres and 486 primary health centres of the state are inundated with patients, staff shortages in most medical and technical departments have further exacerbated the situation. According to health department data, 132 (of the 707 sanctioned posts) dental surgeons, 255 (of 350) radiographers, 26 (of 35) dieticians and 353 (of 1,085) drug control officers' posts remain vacant to date. Of the total 23,607

sanctioned posts, an estimated 6,500 are unfilled. Health officials have highlighted that the mounting vacancies of doctors in the public healthcare sector were predominantly due to the reluctance of several qualified medical professionals to join govt hospitals even though a state job, otherwise, is sought after by many. In 2022, the health department had filled up 2,389 posts across the state. Of this, 855 appointment letters were for

doctors alone but only 690 have joined the service. The public has completely rejected Kejriwal's corruption-filled governance: Charanjiv Malhotra

New Delhi. Famous social worker and corona warrior Charanjiv Malhotra, who demanded to make cow the mother of the nation, has said that the people of Delhi today have completely rejected the corruption, anarchy and inefficiency-filled governance of Aam Aadmi Party and Arvind Kejriwal and have expressed their faith in BJP and given it a huge majority. After a



given the opportunity to build a developed Delhi electing Bharatiya Janata Party with unprecedented public support in the Delhi Assembly elections, for which we express our gratitude to people from every section of the society in Delhi. Charanjiv Malhotra has said that

this election victory is the result of the public's faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the efficient leadership of BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah and above all the hard work of our workers. Delhi BJP is thankful to the intensive campaigning done by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, various other Union Ministers, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other Chief Ministers and senior leaders which created a favorable political victory environment for Delhi BJP. He said that Arvind Kejriwal kept saying that he is honest and the people of Delhi will take revenge from BJP for sending him to jail by their votes but today the people of Delhi have given Kejriwal a big all-round defeat and made it clear that the people believe that Kejriwal is corrupt. Aggarwal said that today's public opinion of the people of Delhi is a decisive public opinion in which the people have defeated all the main culprits of the rampant corruption of the Delhi Government, Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Satyendra Jain, Saurabh Bharadwaj and Durgesh Pathak.

Elon Musk Reacts To 'Bengali' Signboard At **London Station**

World. A signage written in English and Bengali at a London railway station has come under scrutiny with a UK MP demanding that it "should be in English, and English only".Rupert Lowe, the Great Yarmouth MP, took to his official X account and posted a picture of the dual language signboard at the Whitechapel Station."This is London - the station name should be in English, and English only," Mr Lowe, a Reform UK MP for Great Yarmouth, said on Sunday.

His post went viral and also invited a comment from

tech billionaire Elon Musk, who owns X. Mr Musk, a close ally of US President Donald Trump, had recently called for Nigel Farage to be replaced as Reform UK leader and had appeared to endorse 67year-old Lowe. While some users backed the UK MP, others said it was "not wrong" to have signs written in other languages.Bengali Signage At London Tube Station A Bengali signage was installed at the Whitechapel Tube station in 2022 to pay tribute to the contribution the Bangladeshi community has made to east London. Tower Hamlets council had funded dual language signs throughout Whitechapel Station as part of wider improvements. The area is reportedly home to the biggest Bangladeshi community in the UK. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had praised the move."Proud to note that the London Tube Rail has accepted Bengali as a language of signage at Whitechapel Station, signifying the increasing global importance and strength of the 1000-year-old language," she said in a post on X in March 2022. In a subsequent post, she said the move underlined that the "diaspora should work together in common cultural directions".

Chinese Cargo Ship Runs Aground Off Russia's Sakhalin, No Spill Reported

Moscow. The governor of Russia's Pacific island region of Sakhalin has declared an emergency after a Chinese cargo ship ran aground off its southwest coast.

There was no danger to the crew of the An Yang 2, which is carrying coal and heavy fuel oil, Gov. Valery Limarenko said in a post on Telegram on Sunday. Russia's emergencies ministry said 20 crew were aboard. Limarenko said that no fuel spillage was recorded, but local authorities had to be prepared for any scenario. Bad weather has prevented access by rescue teams to the bulk carrier, which is stranded in shallow waters off Sakhalin's Nevelsky district, he

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Regional authorities said they were preparing to pump fuel out of the damaged vessel, marooned some 200 meters (650 feet) offshore.



Earlier this year, hundreds of volunteers in southwestern Russia spent weeks trying to contain a massive fuel oil spill from two storm-stricken tankers in the Kerch Strait near Crimea. The Sakhalin region, which is located in Russia's Far East, comprises a large island of the same name and the four Kuril Islands, the subject of a decades-long territorial dispute between Russia and Japan that has prevented them from signing a peace treaty at the end of World War II.

Soviet troops captured the islands, known in Japan as the Northern Territories, at the end of the war, and Russia has retained control ever since.

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World. Forty Nepalese pilgrims were injured when a bus heading towards Prayagraj for the Maha Kumbh met with an accident in western Nepal on Sunday.

The accident occurred at 5.30 pm in the Babai area of Bheriganga Municipality of the Surkhet district, 500 km west of Kathmandu. The bus carrying 40 people was en route from Karnali province's Surkhet to Prayagraj to participate in the Maha Kumbh Mela



when the accident occurred, according to the police. At Least 3 Killed as IDF Fires at Gazans "Approaching" North Border, Saudi, Arab Nations Slam Israel

Nepal Police personnel and local volunteers carried out rescue work at the accident site and those injured were admitted to Kohalpur Medical College for treatment, said the police. Among them, the condition of six passengers is said to be critical, the police said, adding that they were investigating the reason behind the accident.

Trump says he is serious about Canada becoming 51st state

WASHINGTON. President Donald Trump said he is serious about wanting Canada to become the 51st state in an interview that aired Sunday during the Super Bowl preshow."Yeah it is," Trump told Fox News Channel's Bret Baier when asked whether his talk of annexing Canada is "a real thing" as Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently warned."I think Canada would be much better off being the 51st state because we lose \$200 billion a year with Canada. And I'm not going to let that happen," he said. "Why are we paying \$200 billion a year, essentially a subsidy to Canada?"The U.S. is not subsidizing Canada. The U.S. buys products from the natural resource-rich nation, including commodities like oil. While the trade gap in goods has ballooned in recent years to \$72 billion in 2023, the deficit largely reflects America's imports of Canadian energy.

Trump has repeatedly suggested that Canada would be better off if it agreed to become the 51st U.S. state — a prospect that is deeply unpopular among Canadians.

Trudeau said Friday during a closed-door

session with business and labor leaders that Trump's talk of making Canada the 51st U.S. state was "a real thing" and tied to desire for access to the country's natural resources."Mr. Trump has it in mind that the easiest way to do it is absorbing our country and it is a real thing. In my conversations with him on ... Trudeau said, according to CBC, Canada's public broadcaster. "They're very aware of our resources of what we have, and they very much want to be able to benefit from those."Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One on Sunday as he

traveled to the Super Bowl game in New Orleans, Trump continued to threaten a country that has long been one of the U.S.'s closest allies. He claimed that Canada is "not viable as a country" without U.S. trade, and warned that the founding NATO member can no longer depend on the U.S. for military protection."You know, they don't pay very much for military. And the reason they don't pay much is they assume that we're going to protect them," he said.



"That's not an assumption they can make because — why are we protecting another country?"In the Fox interview, which was pre-taped this weekend in Florida, Trump also said that he has not seen enough action from Canada and Mexico to stave off the tariffs he has threatened to impose on the country's two largest trading partners once a 30-day extension is up.No, it's not good enough," he said. "Something has to happen. It's not sustainable. And I'm

changing it."Trump last week agreed to a 30-day pause on his plan to slap Mexico and Canada with a 25% tariff on all imports except for Canadian oil, natural gas and electricity, which would be taxed at 10%, after the countries took steps to appease his concerns about border s e c u r i t y a n d d r u g trafficking. Aboard Air Force One, Trump said that he would on Monday announce a 25% tariff on all steel and aluminum imports into the U.S., including from Canada and Mexico, and

unveil a plan for reciprocal tariffs later in the week. "Very simply it's if they charge us, we charge them," he said. Trump's participation in the Super Bowl interview marked a return to tradition. Presidents have typically granted a sit-down to the network broadcasting the game, the mostwatched television event of the year. But both Trump and his predecessor, Joe Biden, were inconsistent in their participation.

French President Uses Deepfake Videos Starring Himself To Promote Al Summit

World. French President Emmanuel Macron is leveraging artificial intelligence to showcase his lighter side, featuring in AI-generated fake videos that have garnered significant attention on social media. In a series of clips posted on Instagram, Macron can be seen dancing to the iconic 1980s hit "Voyage Voyage" by French singer Desireless, starring in a spy comedy film alongside French actor Jean Dujardin, and even rapping and busting a move, channeling French performer Nekfeu.Macron reacted to the videos, by praising the creators, saying "Nicely done" and "It's pretty well done, it made me laugh." However, he also emphasised the more serious implications of artificial intelligence, stating that it has the potential to revolutionise various aspects of society, including healthcare, energy, and life in general. The videos are part of Macron's efforts to

promote the AI Action Summit, which will take place in Paris on Monday and Tuesday. The summit will bring together heads of state and government, with India co-chairing the



event. Macron's vision is for France and Europe to be at the forefront of the AI revolution, seizing opportunities and promoting their principles.

The Instagram post has received over 73,000 likes, with some users

expressing admiration for Macron's "cool" and laid-back demeanour. However, others were initially confused, thinking that Macron's account had been hacked.

In related news, France is poised to become a major player in the AI landscape, with the country hosting several AI-related events and initiatives. Furthermore, France and the United Arab Emirates have agreed to develop a 1-gigawatt AI data center, representing investments of between \$30-\$50 billion. This partnership aims to create a strategic alliance in the field of AI, with a focus on joint projects and investments supporting the development of the AI value chain. Overall, Macron's AI-

generated videos and the upcoming AI Action Summit in Paris highlight France's growing influence in the AI sector, with the country poised to play a significant role in shaping the future of artificial intelligence.

Operation Devil Hunt' crackdown in Bangladesh: 1,308 arrested in nationwide sweep

World. Bangladesh's security forces have arrested 1,308 people under "Operation Devil Hunt," an overnight crackdown launched on Saturday to curb violence and vandalism across the country. The interim government, led by chief adviser Muhammad Yunus, has vowed to continue the operation until "all devils" are rooted out. The operation began after student activists were injured during an attack on the residence of an Awami League leader on the outskirts of Dhaka. Joint forces comprising the army, police, and specialised units arrested 274 people in metropolitan cities and other regions in the first 24 hours according to major media outlets like the Daily Star."The operation will target those who are desperate to destabilise the country... it will continue until all devils are rooted out," retired home affairs adviser lieutenant general Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said.On Friday, chief adviser Yunus urged for strict law and order and demanded an end to attacks on the properties of the deposed premier's family and leaders of what he called the "fascist" Awami League.

Violence in GazipurBangladesh has faced unrest for four days, with violence breaking out on Friday night in Gazipur's Dakshinkhan area. Mobs attacked the home of former liberation war affairs minister Mozammel Haque, injuring at least 14 people. The attackers targeted symbols of deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League but faced counter-attacks.

Authorities arrested 81 Awami League activists in Gazipur, where the violence first broke out. Meanwhile, the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement claimed their members were trying to prevent looting at Haque's house when miscreants attacked them. That evening, unidentified attackers shot a student outside the deputy commissioner's office. In response, the student movement held a daylong protest in Gazipur, condemning the violence.

'Maximum punishment'Home affairs adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury assured that those behind the attaks on students in Gazipur would face justice." Many of those responsible have already been arrested. Those who haven't will be caught soon, and we will ensure they receive the maximum punishment," he said.Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has urged the interim governmen to curb "mob culture" and restore order.Command centre set up to monitor security

Chief adviser's press secretary Shafiqul Alam confirmed on Sunday that a command centre was set up to manage security."We hope that following the establishment of the centre, the law and order situation will improve and a quick response can be carried out to any threat," Alam said. The command centre includes members of law enforcement agencies and representatives of the armed forces. Sheikh Hasina and Awami League under fireSince Sheikh Hasina's government was toppled in August last year after a student-led uprising, many Awami League leaders have gone into hiding, and several have been arrested. Hasina herself fled to India

Bodies Of 28 Migrants Found In Mass Grave In Libya

unearthed in a mass grave in the southeastern district of Kufra. This finding was made possible after a raid on a human trafficking site, where 76 sub-Saharan migrants were rescued from their captors. The

migrants had been subjected to inhumane treatment, including torture and detention, at the hands of a ruthless gang. According to the attorney general's office, the raid was executed late Saturday, targeting a gang that had been depriving migrants of their freedom and subjecting them to cruel treatment. The bodies of the deceased migrants were found buried near the detention site, and three individuals, including one Libyan and two foreigners, have been arrested in connection with the atrocities. The disturbing images of emaciated migrants with scars on their faces, limbs, and backs have been

World A devastating discovery has been the dire situation faced by migrants in crossing the Mediterranean Sea. The made in Libya, where the bodies of 28 Libya. The country has struggled to treatment of migrants and refugees in the 2011 NATO-backed uprising, which toppled longtime dictator



Moamer Kadhafi. The ongoing instability has created a power vacuum, allowing smugglers and human traffickers to exploit vulnerable migrants.Libya's strategic location, just 300 kilometers from Italy, makes it a critical departure point for migrants seeking better lives in Europe. However, this journey is fraught with peril, as migrants risk their lives

sub-Saharan migrants have been recover from the chaos that followed Libya has long been a subject of criticism, with rights groups accusing authorities of extortion, slavery, and other forms of abuse.In a similar

incident last month, two individuals were arrested for torturing and detaining 263 irregular migrants in El Wahat, eastern Libya. The prosecution alleged that the migrants were held captive to extort ransoms from their families, with demands ranging from \$10,000 to \$17,000. Furthermore, in March last year, a mass grave containing at least 65 migrants' bodies was discovered in southwest Libya, highlighting the alarming scale of migrant deaths in the country. The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has condemned the inadequate action taken to address the migrant crisis, stating that "the cost of inadequate action is evident in the increasing human deaths and the disturbing conditions migrants find themselves in".

Libya's culture clampdown silences popular rap music

World. As bitter as it sounds, 2023 and 2024 were prime years for Libyan rap. The country's political instability, economic hardship, ongoing conflicts, corruption, the devastating flood in the city of Derna and no real hope for a joint governmentoffered plenty of material for new songs.

shared on social media, highlighting

ibyan rap flourished as authorities were fairly easy going. Last August, the Eastern administration under General Khalifa Hiftar gave their okay for the first Benghazi Summer Festival in 15 years. For the Benghazi-born rapper MC Mansour Unknown, it was the first opportunity ever to perform on stage in his hometown.

Since then, pop up concerts and other rap events have been attracting ever larger audiences. Last week, MC Mansour Unknown performed together with the Libyan rap star KA7LA in the city of Derna at a sold-out concert.

Yet, it seems that this could have been the last time. This week, first the Eastern, and then the Western authorities clamped down on the popular music genre. "The spread of rap songs, some of which contain obscene words, violate the moral values of the Libyan Muslim society," a statement by the Eastern administration said. From now on,

rap musicians in the East have to obtain permission from the Benghazi-based Interior Ministry, whereas artists in the West have to get this from the Tripolibased Culture Ministry. Both entities review if the content of the songs encourages crime, sex work, suicide or rebellions against the family or society. Without such permission, performances will be strictly forbidden across the country. The same rule also applies to "theater shows, acting, musicals, dancing or singing performances in any place or through any means." According to the Eastern Interior Ministry, the new rule is in line with the country's constitution which states that freedom of expression ends where public morals are violated and conflicts with religion."The Eastern authorities frame these restrictions as being Islamic societal rules," Virginie Collombier, professor of practice at Rome's Luiss Guido Carli University and co-editor of the book "Violence and Social Transformation in Libya," told DW.

This is done in a very skillful way as the authorities make sure that the broader society sides with them," she said, adding "this however marginalizes those people who would like to express their views in different ways, whether it's through art, music or even more broadly, politically.

Rap as political outlet

In turn, Libyan rappers who address issues in their lyrics that can be understood as "rebellious" now fear a return to previous patterns of repression. During the period under dictator Moammar Gadhafi from 1969 to 2011, rap music was officially forbidden. It only existed underground and among the Libyan diaspora. However, in the run-up to Gadhafi's overthrow in 2011, rappers such as Youssef Ramadan Said, better known as MC Swat, used their rap songs to call on young people to rise up.

In February 2011, MC Swat released "Hadhee Thowra" ("This is Revolution"), in which he encouraged people to take to the streets and rebel against Gadhafi. The song became somewhat the anthem of the Libyan uprising and kicked off a golden era for Libyan rap. At the time, the then-23year-old told US broadcaster CNN that his track described the feeling of "touching freedom."

Return to repression

Only, the uprising turned into the First Libyan Civil War from February to October 2011 between forces loyal to Gadhafi and rebel groups who eventually killed him in December 2011. Libya's population and Libyan rappers who had called for democracy and freedom found themselves back at square one.

In December 2011, MC Swat released his song "Freedom of Speech" in which he rapped: "You were made to believe that the revolution has succeeded, but it has failed because of corruption." After the release of this song, his life took a turn for the worse, he later told British newspaper The Guardian.Armed militant groups didn't take it well that he continued to write rap songs in which he rallied against atrocities, violence and corruption among supporters of the head of the Libyan National Army, General Khalifa Hiftar. His track "Benghazistan" (2013) in particular criticized recent assassinations and bombings in Benghazi, much to the dismay of the ruling forces. In 2014, the country's political situation worsened. Since then. Libya has been divided between two rival administrations. The eastern part of the country remains under the rule of General Khalifa and the House of Representatives in Benghazi, while Libya's west is under the administration of the UN-recognized Government of National Unity.

Tamil Nadu man dumps decomposed body outside butcher shop after being denied meat



A man in Tamil Nadu threw a decomposed body outside a butcher shop after being denied meat. The suspect, a graveyard worker, fled the scene. Police retrieved the body and are searching for him.

Chennai. A man threw a decomposed body outside a butcher shop in Tamil Nadu's Palani Chettipatti after the owner refused to give him meat on Sunday, the police said.

The man, identified as Kumar, works at a graveyard and was a regular customer at the shop run by Maniyarasan, the police said. On Sunday, Kumar went to the shop and asked for meat. However, Maniyarasan refused to give him the meat.

Kumar left but later returned with a body he had reportedly taken from a graveyard. He threw it in front of the shop and fled, according to the police. Authorities arrived, retrieved the body and transported it back to the graveyard in a mortuary van. The police are searching for Kumar.

Tamil Nadu introduces strict regulations for online real money gaming



Chennai. The Tamil Nadu Online Gaming Authority has introduced new regulations governing real money online games. The Tamil Nadu Online Gaming Authority (Real Money Games) Regulations, 2025, prohibits minors under 18 from playing online real money games.

According to the regulations, know your customer (KYC) verification is required for account creation. The initial login must be authenticated using Aadhaar-based verification, including a one-time password sent to the linked phone number.

Online game providers must implement the KYC verification process and display popup caution messages if a player plays continuously for more than an hour. These messages will reappear every 30 minutes to inform users of their playtime. Players must have options to set daily, weekly, and monthly monetary limits. Whenever money is deposited, a pop-up message will indicate the user's limit and the amount spent so far.

Caution messages on the addictive nature of online gaming must be displayed on the login page of gaming platforms. The message "Online gaming is adductive in nature" will appear prominently.

Real money games will be restricted between midnight and 5 am. No logins will be allowed during these hours. The regulations seek to regulate online gaming practices and ensure compliance from gaming providers.

Bihar Chief Minister, MLAs and 8 lakh employees hit by salary delays over glitches



Patna. Salary payments to government employees, including Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and MLAs, in Bihar have been delayed for two months, affecting around 8 lakh employees, including ministers, legislators, and officials.

The delay is linked to the rollout of a new software system, CFMS 2.0 (Comprehensive Financial Management System), on January 3. Technical glitches in the system have disrupted salary disbursal and bill payments. Among the affected employees are 3 lakh regional staff, 5 lakh teachers, and 50,000 contract workers. They have not received their salaries for December and January. The Bihar government initially introduced financial management software in 2019. The upgraded version was expected to improve the process, but data transfer issues from the old system have led to payment delays.

Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Samrat Choudhary had on December 27 stated that the technical glitches would be fixed within a few days. However, the issue remains unresolved. As per Finance Department data, the Bihar government disburses approximately Rs 6,000 crore in salaries every month.

Kinnar Jagadguru Himangi Sakhi attacked in UP's Prayagraj

A mob attacked Kinnar Jagadguru Himangi Sakhi's camp in Prayagraj's Mahakumbh Nagar, injuring her and damaging property. The attack followed her criticism of Mamta Kulkarni's appointment. Police are investigating as tensions remain high.



Prayagraj. A mob attacked the camp of Kinnar Jagadguru Himangi Sakhi in Prayagraj's Mahakumbh Nagar on Sunday night. The attackers surrounded the camp and damaged property. Himangi Sakhi sustained serious injuries in the attack. The attackers are believed

to be linked to Kinnar Akhara's Acharya Mahamandleshwar Lakshmi Narayan Tripathi. Himangi Sakhi had earlier questioned Mamta Kulkarni's appointment as Mahamandaleshwar of the Kinnar Akhara. Earlier, while highlighting the former Bollywood actress' controversial past, Sakhi had questioned Akhara's decision-making

Speaking with news agency ANI, Himangi Sakhi had stated, "First of all, who was the Kinnar Akhara formed for? It was formed for the Kinnar community.

But now, a woman has been inducted into the Kinnar Akhara. If it is a Kinnar Akhara and you have started giving positions to women, then rename the Akhara. Several other film stars have come to this Maha Kumbh to take a holy dip... We never commented on anyone. But do we have to comment today? A film star like Mamta Kulkarni, who has links to D Company and was sent to jail in a drug case... The entire world knows this. Despite that, you give her 'deeksha' and anoint her as Mahamandaleshwar without offering her any 'shiksha'... What kind of 'Guru' are you giving to society?"The attackers arrived in a Fortuner. CCTV footage captured the incident at the camp in Sector 8 of Prayagraj. Police reached the scene after being alerted and brought the situation under control. An investigation is underway. Tension prevailed in Mahakumbh

Nagar following the incident. Mini buses to hit 1,469 routes across Tamil Nadu; Chennai to have fewer than 10

CHENNAI. The transport department has identified 1,469 routes for mini-bus operations across Tamil Nadu. Gazette notifications declaring these routes have been issued by collectors in a few districts. For Chennai and other districts, the notifications are expected to be issued next week, after which permits will be given to private operators.

Erode and Tiruvannamalai have the highest number of routes, with 109 each, while Kanniyakumari has only three. Backward districts like Ariyalur and Perambalur have 16 and 14 routes identified, respectively, according to official documents accessed by . Similarly, districts such as Kallakuruchi (91),

Cuddalore (81), Tiruppur (97), and Villupuram (73) are set to have a high number of mini-bus routes. The maximum length of the mini-bus route should be 25 km while the minimum length is 10 km. Surprisingly, in Chennai, which faces a shortage of nearly 2,000 MTC buses to meet public demand, fewer than 10 routes are likely to be operational, with six to seven routes in north Chennai and two routes in south Chennai.

However, the outskirts of Chennai under Chengalpattu district, including Tambaram, Pallavaram, Sholinganallur, Kilambakkam, Guduvanchery, and other areas, will have buses on 15 routes. Similarly, areas like Poonamallee, Avadi, and Thiruverkadu under Tiruvallur district will have over 10 routes out of the 33 identified for the district. This marks the first time since 1976 that permits for new routes in urban areas will be issued to private operators in

'CUMTA survey on to identify mini bus routes' Transport Commissioner Shunchongam Jatak Chiru told TNIE that the ratio of unserved to served areas has been adjusted from 70:30 to He added that once the mini-bus routes are 65:35 to cover more regions. "Identification of potential routes for mini-buses poses huge

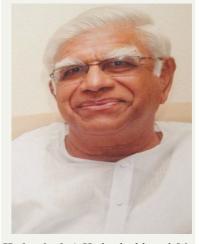
challenges. Although the defined norms state that there should be no government bus service or fewer than four single trips per day, we have instructed Regional Transport Officers and collectors to create routes based on demand," he

Several districts, including Salem, Thanjavur, Ariyalur, Krishnagiri, and Nagapattinam, have fewer than 20 routes. "In Kanniyakumari, geographical and topographical challenges have made it difficult to identify routes. We have asked collectors to collaborate with local body representatives, such as panchayat presidents, to determine suitable routes. Collectors have also been instructed to modify existing mini-bus routes to align with the revised policy, based on operators' requests," Chiru added.

officially notified in the gazette, operators can

Hyderabad tycoon stabbed 70 times by grandson over property dispute, dies

A 29-year-old US-educated man in Hyderabad killed his industrialist grandfather over a dispute regarding property distribution, by stabbing him more than 70 times.



Hyderabad. A Hyderabad-based 86year-old industrialist, Velamati Chandrasekhara Janardhana Rao was stabbed to death at his residence by his grandson allegedly over property distribution, police said on Monday.

The incident reportedly followed a heated argument. The 29-year-old grandson, Kilaru Keerthi Teja, allegedly confronted Rao, the chairman of Veljan Group, claiming unfair asset distribution. Reports claimed that Teja was given Rs 4 crore as his share of the ancestral property.

The dispute escalated quickly, and he stabbed his grandfather 70 times. During the altercation, Teja's mother, Sarojini Devi, tried to intervene but sustained injuries. She was rushed to a hospital and is currently receiving treatment.

Teja had recently returned to Hyderabad after completing his master's degree in the United States and was visiting Rao's residence with his mother when the dispute and attack occurred.

Teja has been arrested, and further investigation is underway. Janardhana Rao was a well-known industrialist and philanthropist, with contributions spanning multiple sectors, including shipbuilding, energy, and industrial applications.

Lalu's aide evicted from official residence, RJD leader says will not stay silent

Patna. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and former member of the state Legislative Council, Sunil Kumar in Patna on Sunday. Singh, who is a close aide of former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, was not at home at the time of the eviction. A magistrate and district administration, along with a large police force, arrived at his government residence to carry out the eviction.

Upon receiving the information of the eviction, he rushed to the location. Government sources said that Sunil Kumar Singh's residence was vacated since he is no longer an MLC and his membership ended months ago. Reacting to the

Sunil Kumar Singh lashed out at Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, saying he would not remain silent despite the government's actions.



The Bihar government's building construction department showed its efficiency on Sunday when, in my absence, my government The probe revealed that bungalow was forcibly vacated, and my belongings were thrown out. Even after this action, I will not stay silent. I will not submit to this injustice," the former RJD MLC said. The former state Legislative Council has challenged his Officials found that Vaishnavi Dairy expulsion from the Bihar Legislative Council for his remarks against Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The Supreme Court on January 29 reserved its orders on the former RJD

Probe agency arrests four persons in Tirupati ghee adulteration case: Sources

The CBI arrested four individuals over adulteration in Tirumala laddu ghee supply. The probe revealed torged documents and tender manipulations. The accused will appear in Tirupati court. Investigations continue into violations linked to the previous state government.

Tirupati. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Sunday arrested four individuals in connection with the Tirumala laddu adulteration case, sources told India Today. Those arrested

include Bipin Jain and Pomil Jain, former directors of Bhole Baba Dairy in Roorkee; Vaishnavi Dairy CEO Apoorva Vinay Kant Chawda; and AR Dairy Managing Director Raju Rajasekharan. The four were arrested as part of an investigation into irregularities in ghee supply for the preparation of Tirumala

representatives of Vaishnavi Dairy secured tenders in the

name of AR Dairy, the sources said. created false documents and seals to manipulate the tender process. Fake records indicated ghee procurement from Bhole Baba Dairy, which did not

have the capacity to supply the required quantities. According to the sources, the accused will be presented before the Tirupati court tomorrow. Special Investigation Team (SIT) member and



CBI Joint Director Viresh Prabhu, who has been in Tirupati to oversee the probe, is expected to be present in court. The case dates back to the previous Authorities continue to investigate the government led by Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure, when impure materials

were reportedly found in the laddu prasadam. Earlier, the Supreme Court directed the CBI-monitored SIT probe into the allegations. The team also included members from the Andhra

Pradesh government and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

The investigation began last year. The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) requires 15,000 kg of cow ghee daily for laddu preparation. AR Foods from Tamil Nadu secured a tender to supply ghee at Rs 320 per kg. On July 8, eight tankers of ghee arrived, and four were sent for testing.

On July 17, lab reports confirmed the presence of impure substances in the

case to determine the extent of the violations and those responsible.

Internal rift or missing images? Senior AIADMK leader skips EPS felicitation

Senior AIADMK leader KA Sengottaiyan skipped a felicitation event for party chief EPS, citing the absence of MGR and Jayalalithaa's images on banners. He stated that he had informed organisers about the issue in advance and clarified that he did not boycott but simply chose not to attend.

Tamil Nadu. Senior All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) leader KA Sengottaiyan abstained from attending a function held to felicitate party chief Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS), sparking speculation of internal discord within the

The former minister cited the absence of images of AIADMK stalwarts MG Ramachandran (MGR) and J Jayalalithaa on event banners as the reason for his non-participation. Speaking to the media, Sengottaiyan



event's organising committee three days in advance about the missing images. However, he claimed that his concerns were ignored. "The

earlier. I told them that images of MGR and Amma were missing. Had they discussed it with me earlier, I would have told them. I only came to know of this after the hoardings were placed," he said.

Sengottaiyan emphasised that he did not intend to boycott the event but simply chose not to attend. "My leaders who helped me grow, their images

were missing," he added, underlining the significance of MGR and Jayalalithaa in AIADMK's legacy.

committee met me three days Apart from this, he also pointed out

that Jayalalithaa had sanctioned Rs 3.72 crore for the scheme that was being highlighted at the event in 2011. "Then Public Works Department Minister Ramalingam ordered feasibility research. She was the foundation for the scheme, and I alerted them that the pictures were missing," he said.

Sengottaiyan was once considered a potential chief minister candidate after Jayalalithaa's death. His absence from the event has sparked fresh speculation over internal rifts within the party, though he maintains that his decision was purely a matter of principle.

Indignation & integration

One of the loveliest journeys in the world is the flight from New Delhi to Guwahati and, if you are heading to the tea gardens or the Arunachal hills, the flights to Dibrugarh or Itanagar are equally awe-inspiring. For, you fly west to east along the Himalayan ranges, past Mount Everest and the snows of Kanchenjunga. Along either side of the Himalayas, mountains that tectonic plates continue to raise heaven-wards, are two ancient civilisations. The Indian peninsula, which continental drift has embedded in the Asian plate, and the Middle Kingdom of China. Recent tensions across the border echo similar situations in the past. We had been friends. Pandit Nehru had backed mainland China's claim for a seat in the UN Security Council. Then came the flight of the Dalai Lama, in 1959, to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. He was followed by thousands of Tibetans. A government-in-exile was set up.

Perhaps it was this sanctuary, generously given by India, after an uprising in Tibet that riled China. The origins of the conflict that erupted between the neighbours in 1962, in the wake of these events, have long been disputed. Firstly, who ruptured the happy 'Hindi-Chini bhai-bhai' discourse? Secondly, why did India not use its Air Force, which was perhaps much superior to the Chinese air force in those days? Thirdly, when war did begin, why did our Prime Minister allow the evacuation of the Indian Army from the Northeast?It is time to remember another Prime Minister, who in the course of the Second World War, had vowed, "We shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing grounds. We shall fight in the fields, and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills." After the evacuation at Dunkirk in the summer of 1940, Churchill admitted in the British Parliament that "wars are not won by evacuations".In the course of having served in India's far-flung forgotten frontiers in the Northeast, for a period of three-and-a-half decades, I have heard numerous people, among them politicians, officers, students and common citizens, say that the great cause of the sense of alienation of the people of North-east India was Pandit Nehru's statement at the time, after the withdrawal of the Army from the North-east, that "my heart goes out to the people of Assam and the entire region". The people of Assam and the Northeast felt abandoned and at the mercy of the Chinese. The banks were making a bonfire of the paper currency in their vaults. Coins were being dumped into rivers, lakes and water bodies. The business community was decamping. There was a sense of panic and defeat. The Red Army was making its way down the mountain passes through Arunachal. The Chinese army, worried and mindful about ambushes in a territory about which they had little geographical idea, did not come down in trucks, tanks or armoured carriers. They were moving on foot, each company holding aloft at the head of every marching column the pictures of two widely different leaders. One was of Chinese premier Zhou Enlai and the other of

As they came down the defiles of the Arunachal Himalayas into the verdant valley of the Brahmaputra, they kept on asking people, whom they came across, whether they resembled or looked like Nehru or Zhou Enlai. This was psychological warfare. The common people were being told that they resembled Zhou Enlai and the marching soldiers, and were therefore their people.In those days, what was insensitively called a lunatic asylum was located on the outskirts of Tezpur district. The doctors and the paramedics had fled. The inmates came out in a state of bewilderment onto the roadside and saw columns of the Chinese Red Army moving past. In utter confusion, some of them started clapping, believing that they owed their freedom and rescue from the facility to these men walking by.

The first administrative casualty of the advent of the Chinese was the District Magistrate of Tezpur, who had made the blunder of flying off to Kolkata to drop his wife and children. At the time of the gravest peril for the nation and the district, the officer was missing and became the first IAS officer to be dismissed in Independent India.

The sky's forgotten sweepers, invisible cleaners

Vulture conservation efforts lend hope of restoring the balance in nature's intricate web

We ruled the skies once as silent sentinels, gliding effortlessly over forests, hills and human settlements. We, the vultures, were nature's custodians of balance, the earth's invisible cleaners, ensuring that death didn't breed disease. Our wings carried the weight of civilisations' secrets, and our keen eyes bore witness to empires rising and falling. But, by the late 1980s, a shadow fell upon us — a silent, insidious plague that dimmed the skies of our tropical paradise. One by one, we succumbed, not to age or predators, but to an invisible toxin embedded in the flesh we devoured. Humans called it Diclofenac, a painkiller for their beasts of burden, but for us, it was poison. For over a decade, humans remained oblivious to the massacre. By the time the scientists discovered the truth, our numbers had plummeted into oblivion. The populations of three resident Gyps vultures — Whiterumped, Long-billed, and Slender-billed - had declined significantly by 2004, pushing them to the brink of extinction. Amidst the despair came hope, from unlikely allies. The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) emerged as our champions. BNHS, in collaboration with the Forest Department of Haryana, established the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre in Pinjore, while WII took a lead role in Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh, and beyond. At Pinjore, nestled near the verdant slopes of the Bir Shikargah Wildlife Sanctuary, scientists toiled to bring us back from the brink. Aviaries, incubators and surgical rooms became our lifeline. By February 2023, this haven housed 399 vultures, including 138 Whiterumped vultures, 209 Long-billed vultures, and 52 Slender-billed vultures. Meanwhile, in Kangra, the Himachal Forest Department initiated its own efforts in 2004, protecting nesting and roosting sites in Parol, Salol, Chadevh, Daulatpur and Mastgarh. Their dedication bore fruit. Recent surveys revealed 506 new nests, sheltering some 2,500 eggs. In Kangra's Pong Dam Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, a sanctuary within a sanctuary emerged — a 'vulture restaurant'. Here, de-skinned carcasses were laid out, free from toxins, inviting us to

These became oases of life amid the poisoned lands, symbols of hope not just for us but for humanity's ability to learn and adapt. The WII's research was instrumental in identifying Diclofenac as the primary cause of our mortality. Their advocacy led to a nationwide ban on its veterinary use in 2007-2008. This was a watershed moment, a turning point in the war against extinction. Yet, the skies were far from safe. Vulturetoxic drugs, including the banned Diclofenac, still

Mujib's Dhanmondi residence, chief adviser

Muhammad Yunus' press office termed it a response to

Hasina's 'violent behaviour'. The new rulers seem to



circulated in black markets. Other harmful drugs, like Aceclofenac and Nimesulide, loomed as silent threats. To counter these dangers, humans created 'vulture safe zones' in regions like Majuli Island in Assam, the Terai in Uttar Pradesh, and Bundelkhand in Madhya Pradesh.Back in Pinjore, hope took flight. In 2023, eight White-rumped vultures — six captive-bred and two wild-caught — were released into the skies. Five survived the cautious reintroduction, and one, in a poetic twist of fate, paired with a wild bird. They nested, and At the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre and the when their fledgling takes wing, it will be born of the wild—a bridge between captivity and freedom.

In August 2024, 10 Long-billed vultures from Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra were released, each equipped with GPS tags. As they chart their paths across the skies, they carry with them humanity's tentative steps toward

redemption. For us, the skies remain a gamble, each carcass a potential threat, each flight a testament to survival against odds. Yet we endure — a fragile thread in nature's intricate web, a reminder of the balance that sustains all life. The humans have learned that without us, death lingers and disease festers. Their efforts at Pinjore, Kangra and beyond reflect not just science but a profound humility — a recognition of their role in our near-demise and their duty in our recovery.

vulture sanctuaries of Kangra, humans nurture life from fragile shells and protect roosts in ancient trees. They perfect the art of resurrection. The released birds are not merely vultures — they are symbols of coexistence, reminders that humanity holds the power to undo its

Lawless in Dhaka

Bangladesh treading a perilous path



believe that they can create Naya Bangladesh on the bedrock of hatred and vengeance. This disturbing mindset will only push the vulnerable nation deeper

well as protesters are obviously frustrated that Hasina continues to make her presence felt six months after she fled and took refuge in India. And New Delhi has stood its ground so far, giving the Yunus dispensation no assurance on the demand for her extradition. The fresh spate of violence makes it evident that Hasina will not get a fair trial if at all she is sent back to Bangladesh. Moreover, Dhaka is making things worse for itself by antagonising New Delhi, which has been its all-weather friend right from the days of the 1971 war of liberation. Hasina's long tenure was no doubt marked by autocratic excesses, but that is not reason enough to destroy the nation's heritage. Bangladesh must rein in hate-mongers and law-breakers for its own good; otherwise, the

into chaos and instability. The government as

onerous task of restoring democracy will become an ever-elusive pipe dream.

Loving the country, from a distance

I am yet to meet someone who was successful overseas, has returned to the homeland and is happy about it

One of the somewhat unusual aspects of my work is that there are periods of intense activity that are followed by a complete lull. In the first, there isn't a moment to scratch one's head and in the second, there is time enough to count the follicles off one's pate. Similarly, there are short bursts of considerable interaction with an individual or a team, and then, more often than not, our paths never cross again. Some of these moments come with television productions, and others are with travellers from various parts of the world. One such was with the British comedian and TV presenter Sanjeev Bhaskar, when he was working on the series, 'India with Sanjeev Bhaskar', that aired in 2007 to mark the 60th anniversary of the Independence of India and Pakistan, and of Partition.

Bhaskar, who was appointed as the Chancellor of the University of Sussex in 2009, is better known for his comedy series, 'The Kumars at No. 42' and 'Goodness Gracious Me'. The latter was considered a gamechanger with its satire and fine parody. Everything good was Indian. All famous people, real or fictitious, were Indian — Superman, Santa Claus, Sherlock Holmes, and even Leonardo da Vinci and the Queen. Seen from Western suburbia, the best place in the world was India.

It is from a distance that we Indians seem to love our country more. Often enough, satire and parody, like Sanjeev Bhaskar's, give us insights and fling truth at our faces. Beyond a couple of people who have done so for reasons that are patriotic, I am yet to meet someone who was successful overseas, has returned to the homeland and is happy about it. Most of the returnees have come for personal reasons. Yes, there are a few that I know of who have tried, but somewhere along the line, have given up and gone back to wherever they came from.

From the United Kingdom, let us shift to the other place of preferred migration for Indians, the United States. At an



estimated 7,25,000, they constitute the second largest group of illegal migrants in that country, and with the new administration, as they are caught, face deportation. On the other hand, legal migrant Indians in the US are thriving. Unlike those that moved to Britain who were often blue-collar workers, the migrants to USA were highly qualified and skilled personnel. In 1965, the Immigration and Nationality Act of the US abolished national origin quotas; this had been in place since the 1920s. Now, the doors opened to Indian professionals. They moved in droves and today, with other Asians,

constitute the wealthiest ethnic group in that country. Within my own family, I have more relatives in the US than in India. This, I do not say with pride, but with a measure of regret. They have left, stayed and thrived as legal citizens of another nation, simply because their homeland did not provide the opportunities that became available to them elsewhere. This has been the great dichotomy between what we are educated for, what we are capable of, and where we actually spend our lives. Merit and capability take a backseat, and other factors determine success or failure. Placing a warning sign

saying 'kismet' over the chasm that divides the two, is not good enough. Almost three decades back, my fairly aged parents were going for the first time to spend time with my sister in New York. Applying for visas was not the online process that one has now. On the night before their interview, on a lane behind the US embassy in New Delhi, one witnessed a story of hope, of desire, of trepidation unfold. To secure their place on the morning roll call of interviewees, I was despatched around midnight to stand in line on their behalf. That was a night of great insights. 'Jugaad' had taken over that back lane. I learnt that I could pay someone to 'stand in line' on my behalf. There was a chai-wala moving with his stove and attached kettle. Beyond parody, beyond farce, there was someone with a Polaroid camera taking photographs for those who had not brought them to submit with their applications. As the night shifted towards dawn, the place became packed. Not all who were there were proxies like me, nor were they all there for a visa. Entire families had come along. It was a night that gave me material for a short story in one of my books.

In the morning, my parents arrived and I sat down in the taxi they had hired, to wait for them. The driver must have been about my age and was from a village near Amritsar. He told me that he wanted to go abroad. He had been rejected for both USA and the UK, and was now prepared to go anywhere. "Anywhere?" "Yes, as long as it was foreign." His qualifications: he had passed the 10th and could drive. "Main pind vich nahin rehna" (I don't want to stay in the village), he said.

When my parents returned, the driver asked my parents if their passports had been visa-stamped.

'Yes," replied my father.

"What did they ask you?" the boy asked in Punjabi. 'Nothing," was the reply. "The passports were taken by an

official and returned with the stamp."



homemade treatments that are not only inexpensive, but also make it easy to care for your skin and hair while sitting at home.

We share with you some easy-to-do ones -

To get rid of tan

Instead of booking yourself for a fruit facial at your local salon, apply a spoon of yoghurt mixed with either honey or lemon squeezed into it to improve your complexion. You should try this therapy at least thrice in a week so that the tan reduces faster.

Treating eyebags

Most women fail to recognise that eyebags or lines under the eyes can be easily treated at home by performing a few facial exercises combined with the application of sandalwood and rose water paste, instead of going in for non-invasive eye treatments.

Removal of dead skin cells

Instead of applying a scrub on your face and body every two to three weeks, you can make a thick paste of rice and milk and apply it on your body once every week. This course mixture will remove the dead skin cells from your face and body and will make it shine.

Treating hair fall

Most women experience hair fall during summer. This is because apart from washing your hair on a daily basis, you are also prone to excessive sweating on your scalp. To make sure that you don't lose out more hair, apply a paste of reetha and coconut oil on your scalp twice in a week. You can wash your hair with buttermilk to ensure that your hair stays luscious and shiny while also reducing hair fall.

Dark patches on the skin

Apart from tanning, another problem which is quite persistent during the warmer months is dark patches on the sun due to exposure to the harmful rays of the sun. To ensure that your skin stays smooth, soft and without blemishes, you can unboiled cold milk along with a paste of almonds and apply this mixture on the patches to reduce the discolouration.

6 face packs to get rid of 100 to 10

- It is natural that our skin would get tanned when exposed to this scorching heat.
- Apart from applying sunscreen lotion you can also try out these face packs to help remove the tan.



It's blazing hot in Chennai. Despite the heat we have to step out for work and for other activities. It is natural that our skin would get tanned when exposed to this scorching heat. Apart from applying sunscreen lotion you can also try out these face packs to help remove the tan. Citybased skin care expert Vasundhra Ravi gives us six homemade face packs that will keep your skin looking fresh this summer.

Barley pack

Grind 30 grams of barley with 20 grams of khus khus. Mix this powder with five drops of lemon juice and a few drops of rose water to make a smooth paste. Apply this paste on the exposed areas. Leave the pack on for half-anhour and wash your face with cold water.

Take two tablespoon of tuvar dal, two tsp green

gram dal, two tsp cucumber seeds, two tsp channa dal. Grind all these into a fine powder. Add two pinches of kasturi manjal and two tsp cucumber juice to this powder and make a paste. Apply this on the tanned areas. Leave it for half-an hour and wash it.

Soak 10 grams of dry raisins and two dates in 50 ml tea decoction for two hours. Then grind this into a smooth paste. Add a tsp of papaya pulp, apply the mix on face, neck and other exposed areas. Rinse after 10 minutes. Orange pack

the tanned areas and leave it on for 20 minutes. Wash off with water.

Aloe vera pack Mix two tsp of aloe vera pulp, three tsp tomato juice, one tsp Multani mitti and one tsp sandal paste. Apply on tanned areas. Leave on for 15 minutes, pat on cold milk. Leave on for five minutes and then wash off with water.

Dry orange peel (mandarin orange) and powder it.

Take a tsp of this powder and add one tsp curd, a tsp

Multani mitti, and one tsp sandal paste. Add a little

water and mix it into a fine paste. Apply the paste on

Potato pack

Mix one tsp potato juice (grate and squeeze), one tsp tomato pulp and two tsp green gram flour. Apply this mixture all over the tanned areas. Leave it on for 20 minutes and wash.

Are skin woes dampening your summer spirit?

Fret not, here's addressing a host of skin-related queries so that you can make the most of that gorgeous summer shift dress.

Sweltering weather is synonymous with rising hems and plunging necklines. So don't let problem-ridden skin come in the way of daring summer dressing. "Eat for beauty," advises nutritionist and food consultant, Naini Setalvad.Paying a little attention to the changing needs of your body this summer can go a long way.

What are the diet essentials for the summer months?

Setalvad recommends a heavy breakfast, a light lunch and a medium is alkaline while milk is acidic, dinner. "Fried food, red meat and dry

fruits (except raisins) should be avoided. Eggs are heat producing and should be kept to a minimum; fish is a good option. Light grains like rice and wheat are okay for the diet but millets should be avoided," she states."Yoghurt cools down the digestive system. So try to include raitas in your meals or use yoghurt as a salad dressing," she adds. Dr. Apratim Goel, dermatologist, says that antioxidants helps to counter the damage caused by over exposure to the sun. "Raw tomatoes are an excellent source of antioxidants. The bottom line for great summer skin, however, is maximum hydration," she explains.

What does one drink in summer for optimum hydration?

Setalvad strongly recommends raw mango drinks (popularly known as aam panna in most parts of India). Avoid alcohol and sugary fluids like sherbets

and aerated drinks. Salted lemon water, buttermilk, jal jeera and caffeine-free herbal infusions like peppermint or coriander drinks are ideal.

Does a predominantly fruit and vegetable diet ensure great skin?

Not all veggies are ideal for summer. Pumpkins, snake gourds, cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce are good for light summer meals. Setalvad suggests incorporating slices of raw mango into

causes indigestion and skin break outs when the body tries to eliminate the accumulated toxins. Setalvad also suggests sprinkling dry ginger pow dry ginger powder on mango in order to reduce the risk of flatulence.

What is the basic skin care regimen that one should follow during summer?

Your skin needs moisturising even in summer.Dr Goel recommends making

Go skintastic this Summer!

salads or snacks. "Mango pickle is an an emulsion of your regular excellent option since it helps to re plenish the essential salts lost due to perspiration," she explains. Melons and mangoes are well known 'summer remedy to rejuvenate tired, summer fruits'. However, the innocuous mango is often thought to be responsible for pimples. "Don't blend mangoes with milk or sugar," warns Setalvad. Mango resulting in a disrupted pH. This

moisturiser by mixing it with a little water and applying this to the face and neck. She suggests a natural skin."Pack grated cucumber in a piece of muslin cloth and place this on the face for 20 minutes," she suggests. Fungal infections proliferate in summer due to dampness induced by excessive

> perspiration. Using a light anti-fungal dusting power can help nix rashes and infections. How does one choose the right sunscreen?

The stunningly bold Honda Amaze is here Honda

Recommended By Colombia 'Sunscreen' is a golden word in summer. But it is a fact that it doesn't agree with all skin types. In such cases, make the most of physical protection in the form of broad-rimmed hats, sunglasses, full-sleeved cotton clothing, etc. "If sunscreen is too greasy for you, use aloe vera and calamine. This is especially good for acne-prone skin,' says Dr Goel.He explains that over-the-counter sunscreens are of two kinds chemical and physical. "The chemical ones need to be applied 20 minutes prior to sun exposure whereas the physical ones (that contain titanium or zinc oxides and benzones) act instantly," she

Handy tips

- As inviting as they are, avoid pack aged facial wipes as most of them contain alcohol that could eventually harm your skin.

- Mineral water sprays are a good alternative when there is no provision for a face wash.

- Use a cold compress after long periods of sun exposure. It helps to instantly cool down the skin. Applying tomato juice or buttermilk relieves minor sunburn.



300 km-long traffic jam chokes Maha Kumbh, Akhilesh Yadav's jab at UP government

►As a result of the severe traffic jam, many devotees were unable to reach the Sangam area to take a holy dip amid the ongoing Maha Kumbh. The pilgrims have raised serious concerns over management issues.

Task cut out for the BJP to clear

civic morass in Delhi

New Delhi, BJP has won massively in Delhi. Its tally of 48

seats betters its 1993 performance when it won 47 seats.

Delhi since then has changed enormously, therefore the

factors contributing to BJP's victory would be much

For someone who has followed Delhi politics since 1993,

there were few takeaways on factors contributing to

BJP's massive mandate in 2025. First, as I had

mentioned in my column last week, BJP needed the

Baniyas and Punjabis to vote for them. There are 35 seats

dominated by the combined votes of these two

Now this marked a massive difference from the 2015 and

2020 polls, when the saffron party, which saw these two

communities as its natural voters, could win just two out

of these 35 seats. Once the support of Punjabi and the

Baniya voters, who voted for the BJP in the consecutive

Lok Sabha elections but not in Vidhan Sabha, was

ensured, moving towards not just the halfway mark of 35

but crossing it with wide margin was going to be easy.

What other factors could have contributed? First and

foremost the support of the Purvanchal voters. Their

support was also acknowledged by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi in his thanksgiving speech. Union Home

Minister Amit Shah's announcement during the run-up

to the polls that he was going to grant property rights in

the 1,700 unauthorised colonies massively got the support of the Purvanchali residents living in these

While mobilising support in the unauthorised colonies,

BJP also made inroads into the constituencies reserved

for the Schedule Castes and dominated by the minorities

especially in the trans-Yamuna areas of East and North

East Delhi. This also led to the chipping at the base of

Aam Aadmi Party vote bank. It's not easy to dismantle a

ruling party which has survived so long on voter's greed

Prime Minister Narendra Modi intervening and promising

to retain all the freebies which were being given by the

Aam Aadmi Party, helped neutralise the attraction on this

count for the Aam Aadmi Party. The saffron party went a

step further by adding value to some of these freebies

including the pension for women, a major support base

Though the Aam Aadmi Party won a majority of the

minority seats but there were signs of fracture in the

Muslim support for Arvind Kejriwal's party. Some of the

Muslim community leaders who won on the AAP tickets

are those who have travelled from the Congress to the

communities, it won on 29.

colonies.

by distributing freebies.

for Aam Aadmi Party.

different than what led it to come to power in 1993.

New Delhi. As millions of devotees are still ascending to Prayagraj to attend the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela, severe traffic jams have paralysed the city, with pilgrims not being able to reach the Triveni Sangam -- the confluence of Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati rivers -- on time to take the holy dip. The Prayagraj Sangam railway station has also been closed till Friday due to excessive crowd.

Taking a jab at the Uttar Pradesh government over mismanagement, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "The hungry, thirsty, distressed and tired pilgrims stuck in traffic jams should be looked at with a humane perspective. Are common devotees not human Akhilesh Yadav went on to say that "there is beings?" On Sunday, hundreds of vehicles could be seen queued up on the Sangam road and moving at a snail's pace as police barricaded the stretch for an orderly movement of pilgrims. The road connects to the Civil Lines, and if one does not want to choose that, they can take the Shastri Bridge route to reach Triveni Sangam.Police in Madhya Pradesh's Maihar said that it was "impossible to move towards Prayagraj as there is a traffic jam of

commenced on January 13, more than 43 crore devotees have taken a holy dip in the Sangam. On Sunday, Akhilesh Yaday posted several tweets, highlighting the traffic situation in Prayagraj and called on the Uttar Pradesh government to make immediate emergency arrangements for the stranded pilgrims.

In one post, the Samajwadi Party chief said, "On

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the occasion of Maha Kumbh, vehicles should be made toll free in UP. This will reduce travel problems and also the problem of traffic jams. When films can be made entertainment tax free, then why not vehicles be made toll free?" already a jam in Nawabganj 30 km before the entry into Prayagraj towards Lucknow, a jam in Gauhania 16 km before the Rewa road, and a jam of 12 to 15 km towards Varanasi and news of the crowd entering even the engine of the

"The UP government has failed. It is visible only in false advertisements full of arrogance but is actually missing on the ground," he added.

life has become difficult."

200-300 km". Since the Maha Kumbh As a result of excessive crowd, the Pravagrai Sangam railway station has been closed until February 14. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (Northern Railway), Lucknow, Kuldeep Tiwari, said, "Since the passengers were facing difficulty in getting out of the station due to heavy crowd outside Prayagraj Sangam station, it was decided to close Prayagraj Sangam station in view of the heavy crowd of devotees."The North Central Railway has implemented a single direction traffic system at the Prayagraj Junction station till further orders in view of the huge crowd of devotees.

> North Central Railway Senior Public Relations Officer Amit Malviya said that for the safety and convenience of the passengers, entry will be given only from the city side (towards platform no.-1) and exit will be only from the Civil Lines side.

train is being published everywhere. Normal He said that unreserved passengers will be given entry through direction wise passenger shelter. Meanwhile, devotees have questioned the administration about mismanagement of the traffic situation.

3 labourers dead after consuming spurious liquor in dry Gujarat

Three labourers died after they consumed spurious liquor in Gujarat's Nadiad. The bodies were sent for a post-mortem examination to determine the cause of deaths.



New Delhi. Three labourers died after consuming country liquor mixed with some suspicious liquid in Gujarat's Nadiad, police said. The victims were engaged in various works like painting and selling panipuris.

The families of the victims said they all died due to consumption of spurious liquor in the Jawahar Nagar area of Nadiad late Sunday night. A forensic report revealed that methanol was not present in the spurious liquor.

The three bodies were sent for a post-mortem examination to determine the cause of the deaths, police said. Gujarat has been a dry state and the manufacture, storage, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages has been banned since its bifurcation from the erstwhile Bombay State in May 1960. Last month, the Gujarat Police arrested two people after they busted an illegal manufacturing unit involved in making spurious liquor in Mehsana district.

After receiving a tip-off, the police raided the factory manufacturing spurious foreign liquor, which was being made by mixing colour, malt, chemicals and alcohol, and sold by filling it in bottles with stickers of top liquor brands.

back to Punjab. He also said that In December last year, the BJP government in the state allowed consumption of alcohol at hotels, restaurants and clubs offering 'wine and dine' service in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Gandhinagar district.

All individuals employed in GIFT City and authorised visitors are allowed to consume alcoholic beverages within the designated area. However, hotels and restaurants are ordered not to sell liquor bottles.

Punjab man dies of heart attack on illegal 'dunki' route to US

A Punjab man died of a heart attack in Guatemala while attempting to reach the US via an illegal route. Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal urged young people to avoid such risks and promised efforts to repatriate his body.

New Delhi. A man from Punjab died of a heart attack in Guatemala while travelling to the United States via an illegal route, a state minister said on Sunday.

Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, Punjab's NRI Affairs Minister, identified the man as Gurpreet Singh from Ajnala. He urged young people not to take such routes and instead seek skill education in India. Singh was part of a group attempting to reach the US through what is known as the 'dunki' route, a pathway used by migrants trying to enter the country. His family



reportedly paid Rs 16.5 lakh to agents for the journey. The incident comes days after 104 Indian migrants, including 30 from Punjab, were deported from the United States on a military aircraft on February 5.

Dhaliwal visited Singh's family and offered condolences, news agency PTI reported. He said the government would work to bring Singh's body instead of spending large sums on illegal immigration, young people could use the money to start businesses

Gujarat school principal slaps teacher 18 times, video goes viral

A Gujarat school principal was caught on CCTV slapping a teacher 18 times, prompting an investigation. The dispute involved accusations of misconduct from both sides. **Authorities have** launched an inquiry before deciding on further action.



New Delhi. A school principal in Gujarat's Bharuch district was caught on CCTV slapping a teacher 18 times, triggering an investigation by education authorities.

The incident took place at

Principal Hitendra Singh Thakor was seen striking The dispute reportedly stemmed from complaints about Parmar's handling of mathematics and science

lessons. Navyug School, where Thakor accused Parmar of inappropriate behaviour and verbal abuse in class. Parmar, in turn, alleged that the principal attacked him in anger during a school

Following the video's circulation, District Education Officer Swatiba Raul ordered an investigation into the incident. An education inspector will submit a report before any action is taken.

teacher Rajendra Parmar. During the meeting, both men exchanged accusations. Parmar claimed Thakor made students massage his feet, while Thakor alleged that Parmar invited students

India in talks with US for combat vehicles, fighter jet engine deal: Report

Last month, Trump asked PM Modi, who <u>heads to Washington on Wednesday tor a</u> two-day visit, to buy more US-made security equipment, opens new tab and move "toward a fair trading relationship".

New Delhi. India is in talks with the United States for the purchase and co-production of combat vehicles as well as finalising a fighter jet engine deal, people familiar with the matter said, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets President Donald Trump this week.

The world's biggest arms importer, India traditionally relies mainly on Russia. Last month, Trump asked PM Modi, who heads to Washington on Wednesday for a two-day visit, to buy more US-made security equipment, opens new tab and move "toward a fair trading relationship".

India and the United States have been in protracted talks over the co-production of Stryker combat vehicles made by General Dynamics, opens new tab and also used by the

They are also working to wrap up contract talks on co-production of fighter jet engines in India for the Indian Air Force, a deal agreed in 2023, said two sources who sought anonymity as they were not authorised to tall to the media.

'We certainly wish to expedite the transaction which we would like to have with the United States," Defence Production Secretary Sanjeev Kumar told reporters on Sunday, adding that such efforts were underway. But he did not elaborate. Officials of India's state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, opens new tab are set to meet in coming weeks with US officials and the aerospace unit of General Electric, opens new tab, maker of GE-414 engines, for talks to finalise the deal by March, the sources said.GE, HAL, General Dynamics, the US embassy in New Delhi and Indian defence and foreign ministries did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

New Delhi has started talks with the Trump administration on a plan to buy Stryker vehicles after they were demonstrated late last year for the Indian Army, two other sources said, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

The plan envisages that India will acquire a few hundred Strykers with a mounted anti-tank guided missile system, they added, and later coproduce them through a state-run firm, the sources said. It was not immediately clear if the two potential deals would feature in talks between Modi and Trump.

Transferring cases between agencies must be exception': Delhi HC

NEW DELHI. The Delhi High Court has said that shifting an ongoing criminal investigation from one agency to another should only occur in rare and extraordinary circumstances, cautioning that such moves can severely impact police morale and must be avoided. Justice Subramonium Prasad, delivering a strong-worded order, dismissed externals to the first strong and strong to the strong t dismissed attempts to transfer a cheating case from the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police to a superior agency like the CBI or Special Cell, stating that baseless allegations against investigating officers are not



enough to warrant such intervention.

'Transfers are justified only in cases where top officials of state authorities are implicated. Mere accusations against an investigating officer do not suffice unless there is concrete evidence of collusion with the accused," the court ruled.

The pleas were filed by individuals accused of defrauding The pleas were filed by individuals accused of defrauding homebuyers and investors, allegedly siphoning off large sums of money. The investigation, currently being handled by EOW, is focused on tracing the financial trail and identifying where the embezzled funds have been parked. Seeking to shift the probe to a Special Investigative Team led by a retired judge or a higher agency, the petitioners argued that the probe required independent oversight. Reaffirming Supreme Court guidelines, the verdict said transfers should only be ordered when it is evident that an inquiry lacks fairness. ordered when it is evident that an inquiry lacks fairness.

Man dies after brutal thrashing on bus over spilled curry in Delhi

A post-mortem revealed gruesome internal injuries, including severe trauma to his private parts, indicating extreme violence.

NEW DELHI. Infuriated first, there were no friend Dinesh had attended a over some spilled curry on a bus seat and floor, three men, including the RTV bus driver, brutally assaulted a man and shoved a rod into his private parts, and later dumped the dead body on the city outskirts, police said on Sunday. The deceased, identified as Manoj aka Babu, was a resident of Narela and worked as a cook at wedding functions. His body was discovered on February 2 after a PCR call alerted Bawana police station about an unidentified body by the roadside.Initially, no external injuries were visible, and the body was kept at BSA Hospital's mortuary."Manoj was identified through his

reported him missing. At

allegations of foul play,"

wedding in Sultanpur Dabas, said DCP (Outer North) where they worked as cooks. Nidhin Valsan. However, a "After wrapping up, they



post-mortem conducted on February 5 revealed gruesome internal injuries, including severe trauma to his private parts, indicating extreme violence.

brother Jitendra, who had Investigations revealed that on While nearing Bawana February 1, Manoj and his Chowk, Manoj accidentally

packed leftover food and boarded an RTV bus to return home. Inside the bus were the driver, Ashish aka Ashu, and two of his associates," the DCP said.

spilled curry on the bus seat and floor. The driver and his accomplices erupted in rage. They allowed Dinesh to get off but restrained Manoj,

forcing him to stay inside. "They ordered him to wipe the curry using his shirt, then began verbally abusing and thrashing him. Amid the assault, driver Ashish pulled out a rod and shoved it into Manoj's private parts. He soon fell unconscious. The assailants then dumped his body near Bawana flyover before fleeing," the DCP said.A case under relevant sections of BNS has been

registered. Using CCTV footage, cops have identified and seized the RTV bus and arrested one of the accused, Sushant Sharma. The driver and another accomplice.



1. Cucumber, Rose Water and Lemon Juice:

While lemon acts as natural bleach, cucumber and rose water acts as cooling agents. In a small bowl take a table spoon each of cucumber juice, lemon juice and rose water and mix in well. Apply the mix with cotton on tanned areas and keep it for about 10 minutes. Then wash it off with cold water. Apply this pack every day after you get back home from the sun.

2. Gram flour and turmeric mix:

Mix two tablespoons of gram flour with a pinch of turmeric, a tablespoon of milk and a table spoon of crushed orange peel in a bowl with cold rose water. Apply the mix on clean face and let it dry for about 15-20 minutes. Once the pack dries, slowly remove the pack by scrubbing gently in clockwise and anti-clockwise direction; the

exfoliation effect will help in removing the tan. 3. Oat Meal and Butter Milk:

While butter milk is an excellent source for soothing skin and healing blisters and oatmeal is a great natural scrub. In a bowl mix two tablespoon of oatmeal with three-four tablespoons of butter milk and apply on tanned areas. Gently massage in circular motion; let it stay for 15-20 minutes and cleanse with water.

4. Milk and strawberry:

Not only is this combination a healthy one, it also helps in improving skin complexion and reduction of dark spots, freckles and even pigmentation. Take four-five crushed strawberries and mix it with two tablespoons of milk cream and apply it on face. Let it stay for about 20-30 minutes. Rinse it with fresh water.

The many benefits of raw coconut oil

If you are struggling with dry skin and hair, a jar of coconut oil could be your best friend. Its light texture, moisturizing properties and easy availability make it one of the best remedies to dry skin.



Coconut oil is also an effective makeup remover. Regularly using coconut oil on your body not only helps lighten the skin, but also helps rid scars and dark patches. Massage it onto your skin after a bath every day and you can do without a body cream.

Its also an excellent hair tonic. A massage with warm coconut oil brings back lost shine and makes hair soft and manageable. It also helps reduce protein loss, which makes your hair healthy and attractive. Trying to grow your hair? Then use coconut oil regularly.

This oil is also good for loosing weight, maintaining cholesterol level, boosting the immune system, aiding in proper digestion and regulating metabolism. There is a misconception that coconut oil is not good for the heart because it contains large quantities of saturated fats. But this is far from the truth. Coconut oil contains about 50% lauric acid, which actively prevents various problems that affect the heart, such as high cholesterol levels and high blood pressure.



too ahead leaving you

with tanned hands, face

and practically the whole

you. So here are certain

will help you to get rid of

home remedies which

How to ensure good hair growth

To make your hair stronger and thicker, here's what you need to do.

Oil your hair twice a week

Oiling your hair twice a week will strengthen your hair roots and also make it shinier. Use coconut or almond oil or you can mix both and apply it to your hair. Keep it on for a good 30 minutes before washing it off with a shampoo that suits your hair type.

Apply henna once a month

Though a home remedy, but applying henna on your hair will not only condition it but will also make your hair stronger from within. Do not keep the henna for too long, if you do not want the colour.

Go in for hair strengthening treatments once every fortnight

There are several treatments that are done to treat hair loss. It also strengthens your hair in turn. Since these treatments are chemical-based ones, you should ideally get it done only once every fortnight.

Our feet possess over 25,0000 sweat glands which produce up to a half-cup of sweat daily!

Sweaty feet or hyperhydrosis is one of the most common, annoying conditions of the feet. Besides causing socially embarrassing problems like smelly feet, they also lead to fungal infections. Sweaty feet can also result in Athletes Foot, which is a common condition. Here are some tips to combat sweaty

All in the family

these medicines.

places between those toes!

Powder well

daily

Sweating beyond certain limits may also be due to hereditary reasons. If you are facing the problem of sweaty feet, find out whether your parents have this problem too. There are certain medications

people step into the shower and happily clean the upper part

of their body but tend to neglect their feet. Wash your feet at

least once a day, but preferably twice a day. Use a good

antibacterial soap. Really dry your feet carefully and

completely, especially, in between your toes. Don't let

microorganisms get started growing in the nice, damp

Powdering your feet frequently is helpful as the powder

absorbs the excessive sweat. So, after bathing and drying

your feet, choose to use an antiperspirant foot spray, or a

Tips to keep your feet

choose a commercial foot excellent for sweaty feet.

foot powder. Put on the Medication

antiperspirant first, and There are good quality lotions, medications and powders then the foot powder, after available in the market that are good to get rid of sweaty feet. the spray is dry. You can Certain medical foot bath treatments are good antiperspirants.

Unusual lip shades

for the summer

Experimentation is the name of the game this summer and the trend has trickled to lip colours as well.

> This summer has seen pink as the most wearable colour, but if it isn't your colour, then there are a few more unusual colours for you to choose from. Here, we list a few.

Peach: The juicy shade is summer-perfect as it gives a beachy, laid-back vibe that will get you on the vacation mood, pronto. Add kajal to your eyes and you are beach-ready instantly.

Tangerine: It is one of those colours that was just made for summers. If you like peach, but want to heighten the drama a bit, then tangerine is the shade you want to pick.

Orange: It's a fun colour to sport, especially in the heat. The fun and peppy shade has a

coolness that helps you grab eye-ball instantly. Fire engine red: Red hot lips are a perfect choice for summer parties. Instead of wearing a darker brick

colour this time of the year go for a bright red shade. Lilac: This shade of purple may seem a little out-ofthebox at first, but don't be scared. The pale lilac colour transitions easily from a fun day at the beach to a happening night out in the city. That's not all, this gorgeous lip colour will brighten up your complexion,

making you glow.



here's another good reason to give up those booze-fuelled outings.

Give closed shoes a boot this summer. You need to give your feet space to breathe, so try to wear open-toed shoes as much as possible.

Wear cotton socks

'Shoe'-time

Don't buy cheap synthetic socks, stick with good quality cotton socks. Natural fibres have a good built in ventilation system. Change your socks at least once in the middle of the day. Make sure you always have clean, dry socks to change into.

OYO Reports Rs 166 Crore Profit In Q3, Revenue Jumps 31 Per Cent

New Delhi: Travel tech unicorn OYO on Sunday reported a strong financial performance in the third quarter (Q3) of FY25, posting a profit after tax (PAT) of Rs 166 crore. This is a significant rise compared to Rs 25 crore in the same period last year (Q3 FY24).

The company's revenue also saw growth of 31 per cent at Rs 1,695 crore in the October-December quarter (Q3), compared to Rs 1,296 crore a year ago period. According to reports, OYO's adjusted EBITDA for the quarter stood at Rs 249 crore, a 22 per cent increase from Rs 205 crore recorded in the same period last fiscal. The company's gross booking value (GBV) surged to Rs 3,341 crore with a 33 per cent growth from Rs 2,510 crore in Q3 FY24.

However, these financial figures do not include the performance of G6 Hospitality, as its acquisition became effective only in the third week of December. TRENDING NOW

For the first nine months of FY25, OYO reported a cumulative profit after tax of Rs 457 crore, a sharp improvement from a loss of Rs 111 crore in the corresponding period last year. The company's growth was primarily fueled by strong performance in its key markets of India and the US. Additionally, emerging markets in Southeast Asia and the Middle East played a crucial role in driving the company's expansion.OYO has been actively pursuing strategic initiatives to strengthen its position in the market. The company has focused on the premiumisation of its hotel portfolio in India and has also expanded globally through acquisitions.It recently acquired US-based G6 Hospitality and Paris-based rental home platform Checkmyguest. Global rating agency Moody's upgraded its credit rating from B3 to B2 with a stable outlook. Moody's estimates that the company's EBITDA will reach \$200 million in FY25-26, which will be its first full year of financial consolidation following its recent acquisitions.

It is important to do Fin check-up

NEW DELHI. We all do a health check-up annually, or at least once in 2-3 years. This is just to see the parameters - and decide whether we need to take some corrective action. We give a small quantity of blood and many parameters are checked. We know that it helps us to take some corrective action to improve our health. Similarly, we can check our finances - let's call it a 'Financial check-up'. Having a financial checkup is crucial for several reasons:

Assessing financial health: Just like regular health check-ups, a financial check-up helps you understand your current financial status, including your assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. This assessment can reveal how well you're managing your finances. Goal setting and planning: Short-term goals: You might plan for immediate needs like saving for a vacation or paying off credit card debt.Long-term goals: This could involve retirement planning, buying a home, or funding education.Budget review: It allows you to review and adjust your budget. Maybe you've taken on new expenses or your income has changed, and your budget needs recalibrating to ensure you're living within your means.Investment review: Performance Check: Are your investments performing as expected?

Risk Assessment: Is your portfolio's risk level still appropriate for your current life stage or financial goals? Diversification: Ensuring your investments are spread out enough to mitigate risks.

Debt management: Understanding how much debt you have, the interest rates you're paying, and strategizing on how to pay it down more effectively. Emergency preparedness: Checking if your emergency fund is adequate. Financial advisors often recommend having 3-6 months' worth of living expenses saved.Insurance coverage: Ensuring you have adequate insurance to protect against unforeseen events. Tax optimisation: A review might help identify opportunities for tax savings or adjustments in your withholdings or contributions to taxadvantaged accounts.Credit health: Reviewing your credit report and score to ensure there are no surprises or errors.

Slowdown story: Middle class buys smaller soaps, bigger Tvs

NEW DELHI. There is a slowdown in urban consumption as the middle class household budgets get stretched but that doesn't necessarily mean all spends are down.

There's a consumption dichotomy at play - the segment is moving to smaller packs in fast-moving consumer goods because of price hikes but are availing flexible payment schemes and EMI plans to buy premium durables and pocket heavy items like jewellery. More than 75% of consumer durable purchases are being backed by EMIs, said Nilesh Gupta, director at Vijay Sales. Five years back, this share was at 55-60%.

Easy financing options and low EMIs have enabled the middle class to opt for premium products, Fumiyasu Fujimori, MD, PMIN at Panasonic Life Solutions India told TOI, adding that the segment is buying the firm's IoT enabled connected appliances, inverter ACs and top load washing machines. Think tank PRICE defines the middle class as households earning between Rs 5 lakh to Rs 30 lakh per annum. Credit card companies and brands typically offer incentives to customers buying through EMIs, fuelling this trend; the repo rate cut by RBI could also allow brands to offer better EMİ options going ahead, Gupta said.

'Post-Covid, we have seen consumers going for product upgradation and it has not changed," Gupta said. There should be further acceleration in the adoption of premium products among urban and aspirational consumers on the back of the Budget boost which will increase disposable incomes, said NS Satish, president at Haier Appliances India.

Follow finfluencers' tips at your own risk

As SEBI tightens its grip on unregistered finfluencers, it serves as a stark reminder for investors to exercise caution.

NEW DELHI. In a significant move, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has taken stringent action against Asmita Patel, Asmita School Global, and four other associates, spotlighting the growing risks associated with unregistered financial influencers, or 'finfluencers,' and their impact on retail investors. SEBI has impounded over Rs 53 crore collected by these entities as fees for various investment-related courses, marking a pivotal moment in the regulator's efforts to curb unregulated financial advice. According to SEBI's order, Patel allegedly provided stock

private Telegram channels, Zoom meetings, and educational courses without obtaining the mandatory registration from the regulator. The order further revealed that Patel encouraged participants to quit their jobs and enroll in her course, MPAT, promising them the opportunity to achieve "something

This case underscores a broader trend of unregistered finfluencers leveraging platforms like Telegram and private online classes to lure retail investors with promises of quick wealth. Often disguised as educational sessions, these influencers frequently offer advisory services, urging participants to invest in specific avenues. However, such schemes often result in significant financial losses for unsuspecting

A fund manager at a leading asset management company (AMC) highlighted the lack of formal training and licensing among many finfluencers. Unlike registered financial advisors who adhere to strict regulatory guidelines and fiduciary responsibilities, these influencers operate without oversight.

"Without proper regulation, investors are often left to navigate advice that hasn't undergone rigorous analysis," the fund manager noted. The fund manager also pointed to potential conflicts of interest,



as many influencers earn affiliate commissions or sponsorship fees, which could compromise the objectivity of their recommendations. In some cases, influencers have been accused of promoting products or even engaging in pump-and-dump schemes, where they hype an asset before selling their own holdings, leaving followers to bear the losses.Market experts have warned that the influence of trending tips and viral content can lead to herd behavior among investors. Driven by the fear of missing out (FOMO) on high-return promises, retail investors often bypass proper due diligence, making emotional decisions that can result in substantial financial

losses when market conditions shift. A senior analyst at a leading brokerage firm emphasized the importance of skepticism and independent research. "Investors should remain wary of hypedriven recommendations and always verify claims with multiple reliable sources. Consulting licensed professionals for personalized advice is crucial," he advised. In response to the growing menace of misinformation and investor losses, SEBI has intensified its

efforts to rein in unregistered finfluencers. To further curb the misuse of social media platforms, SEBI issued a draft circular last month restricting the use of live share price data by finfluencers who disguise stock tips as educational content. The regulator clarified that individuals engaged solely in education cannot provide investment advice or recommendations unless they are

More RBI Rate Cuts On Cards, Stance Likely To Change From Neutral To Accommodative

NEW DELHI. RBI Rate Cuts: As the RBI embarks upon the rate cut cycle, it can be expected that more cuts are also on the cards, while the timing can be debatable, according to a Bank of Baroda note. The RBI MPC unanimously lowered the repo rate by 25bps from 6.5 per cent to 6.25 per cent. Stance was kept at neutral to allow the MPC flexibility on future path of policy action."Cumulatively, we are pricing in 75bps cut in this calendar year. The April policy would review the economic situation and depending on the growth-inflation dynamics could opt for another cut or change in stance," said Sonal Badhan, economist, BoB. At the time of next rate cut, we also expect change in stance from neutral to accommodative, said the note. TRENDING NOW

This is the first rate cut since Covid-19 period. Stance of the monetary policy was retained at neutral, also by a

unanimous vote. On liquidity, the central bank has urged banks to lend in the un-collateralised call market, instead of parking that money with the



RBI.Forward contracts have been introduced in government securities. This will enable long-term investors such as insurance funds to manage their interest rate risk across interest rate cycles.

They will also enable efficient pricing of derivatives that use bonds as underlying instruments. This is expected to improve liquidity to some extent, according to the BoB note.SEBI-registered non-bank brokers (on behalf of their clients)

will now be able to access NDSOM platform. This decision has been taken to widen accessibility, which until now was available to regulated entities and to the clients of banks and standalone primary dealers."The RBI will set up a working group, with representation from various stakeholders, to undertake a comprehensive review of trading and settlement timing of financial markets regulated by

the Reserve Bank. The Group will submit its report by April 30," the note said. The Central Bank will also introduce additional Factor of authentication (AFA) in cross-border 'Card Not Present' transactions. This aims to provide safety for online international transactions using cards Stock Market Trades Lower As Trump Threatens New Tariff On All Steel, **Aluminium Imports**

Mumbai. The domestic benchmark indices opened lower on Monday as US President Donald Trump threatened to start imposing a new 25 per cent tariff on all steel and aluminium imports, including those from Canada and Mexico. The new tariffs are expected to be imposed from Monday (US time), with additional import duties expected later in the week. Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One on Sunday, Trump said he would also announce reciprocal tariffs, which would take effect almost immediately. At 9.30 am, Sensex was trading at 77,575.91, down 284.28 points (0.37 per cent) while the Nifty was down 87.95 points (0.37 per cent) at 23,472.00. Rupee also weakened by 53 paise to 87.95 against the US Dollar.Most Nifty stocks were trading lower. JSW Steel and Tata Steel declined the most after Trump threatened to slap tariffs imports on steel and aluminium. Nifty Pharma was also down over fears that the US tariffs can spillover from metals to pharma products. Nifty Auto and Nifty PSU Bank were the only ones in green.

Bharti Airtel, Britannia, Hero MotoCorp, SBI, Kotak Mahindra Bank were among major gainers on the Nifty. After a negative opening, Nifty can

Government achieves 90% target of first asset monetisation plan

NEW DELHI. As the government assets. If an asset generates a cash other assets and generate revenue on a launches its second asset stream, monetising it upfront allows revenue-sharing basis. "This way, the that it has already achieved 90% of the target set under the first plan by monetising assets belonging to the government and public sector units (PSUs). The first asset monetisation initiative, known as the National Monetization Pipeline (NMP), aimed to generate R6 lakh crore from core central government assets over four years, from FY22 to FY25. In Budget 2025, the finance minister announced the second asset monetisation plan for 2025-30, targeting R10 lakh crore in new investments.

However, finance ministry sources emphasise that the objective is not to One approach under the new plan outright sell government assets to raise funds. "The intent is to recycle

new infrastructure," explained a



government source.

involves private sector participation, where private players develop land or

monetisation plan, sources indicate us to reinvest the funds in building government doesn't have to invest directly. Instead, a private player builds the infrastructure, and we

> added. The government and PSUs are adopting different models for asset monetisation, including

grant a concession," the source

Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs), Toll-Operate-Transfer (ToT) models and Securitisation.

However, the government has clarified that the proceeds from PSU asset monetisation will not appear in the government's books, as these funds remain within the respective public sector entities.

find support at 23,500 followed by 23,400 and 23,300. On the higher side, 23,700 can be an immediate resistance, followed by 23,800 and 24,000, according to Hardik Matalia, deriviative

The charts of Bank Nifty indicate that it may get support at 50,000 followed by 49,700 and 49,500. If the index advances further, 50,300 would be the initial key resistance, followed by 50,500 and 50,800, he mentioned.

analyst, Choice Broking.

In Asian markets, South Korean stocks remained nearly unchanged on Monday morning as tech gains offset losses of steel and auto shares amid concerns about the impact of Trump's sweeping tariffs on the industries. Meanwhile, The foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold equities worth Rs 470 crore on February 7, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) purchased equities

Online learning is absolutely here to stay; offline is costly'

NEW DELHI. Edtech company for professional learning and upskilling Great Learning is leveraging AI to launch new courses starting at R1,500. In 2021, the company was acquired by edtech company Byju's, which is currently undergoing insolvency proceedings, for \$600 million. But Great Learning has now come out of Byju's clutches. The company has been profitable for eight of the last 11 years, and its revenue grew by 23% to \$118 million in FY24 compared to \$96 million in FY23. In an interaction with TNIE's Uma Kannan, Mohan Lakhamraju, Founder & CEO of Great Learning, said that he doesn't regret the transaction (acquisition by Byju's) and that it was the right thing at that time. Edited excerpts:

Post Covid-19 pandemic, not many online edtech companies could survive. What is the future of edtech firms?I think online learning is absolutely here to stay. If you want to increase the gross enrolment ratio from 40 to 60, that's an additional 40 million people, it costs a lot to actually create campus-based learning for all these people. For each person, it typically costs

R10 lakh to create one extra seat in a physical campus. So, it has to happen online. And not all of these people even need to do degrees at the beginning of their career. They may want to learn something, do a job, and they may pursue some other time. Everybody is going to be a lifelong learner. There is no way you can do that in a physical setting, you have to do

There are many edtech companies currently in India and are offering various online courses. How are you looking at this competition? Our view on this has always been long-term. We have never raised funding, and we will never do that. We've always been bootstrapped and the reason is because we don't want to put educational Objectives subservient to investor objectives. For us, learning is the superhero always. Everything is in service of learning, and we never want to compromise, and that's how we always function. Offline is expensive. We have offline centres (5 or 6) in metros. We have 12 million learners. While the physical centres took us to a few thousand students, online mentored learning took us to a few

lakhs. With AI, I'm hoping it will take us to many millions. When you look back now - Byju's downfall- do you regret being acquired by the company?We are not part of Byju's anymore, but their



lenders are very much our shareholders. Shareholding moved from one place to another, but that doesn't change anything for us. I've been running the company- the whole time, so nothing has changed for us, and we will continue to do that. I think at that time, it was the right decision

(acquisition) for us. Also, that was the time when there was a lot of money sloshing around. All our competitors had raised a lot of money, I didn't want to raise

money from investors. Yes, it was a distraction, but because we were never integrated, it did not affect us in any way. I don't regret the transaction and that was actually a good thing that happened to us. We're very glad and relieved that we are not impacted by that and are out now.

You have launched AI Mentor and AI Teacher. How will these innovations transform the overall digital learning experience?

We are introducing about six or seven new courses, but that's just the beginning. There will be more, and these are relatively shortcourses that one can do in a month.

Eventually, we are hoping to get some kind of recognition from the government for AI teacher-enabled courses. Today, the government doesn't recognise that. Currently, if you want to do any degree program, it costs lakhs. We want to offer the same at a low cost.

What has made Shubman Gill a quality player: Kevin Pietersen explains

Former England captain Kevin Pietersen has highlighted a key technical adjustment in Shubman Gill's batting, which he believes has transformed him into an elite player. Pietersen praised Gill's approach against England's top pacers, Jofra Archer and Mark Wood, noting the significant improvement in his technique and temperament during the ongoing ODI series.

Gill showcased his brilliance with an 87-run knock in the series opener in Nagpur and followed it up with another composed 60-run innings in India's victory over England in Cuttack on February 9. Speaking to Star Sports, Pietersen explained that Gill's recent form is a result of a more composed and assured batting style, allowing him to tackle high-quality pace bowling with greater confidence."I talked about a trigger when you get into big boy's cricket and you face the faster bowlers. You need a set yourself and it's a start that he's now started to take when he's been batting. I think that it's improved the way that he's played. I think it's improved him as a player, and it's calmed him down because it's given him a little bit



more time. So the technical change in that adjustment that Shubman Gill's made has made him into a quality player," Pietersen said."What makes it even more intimidating to bowl to, is his ability to just play that pickup shot, that little punch shot of the back foot, because a bowler can't just hover short of a length. What he's is get a full attack the top of the stumps or his bouncer has to be very, very good. So, he's improved this game. He'll want to keep improving, he'll wanna stop getting 60 and getting out. He'll wanna get the 100 like Rohit," he added. One of the defining moments of the Cuttack ODI was Rohit Sharma's return to form with a commanding century. Gill played a pivotal role in supporting his captain, forming a crucial 136-run partnership that laid the foundation for India's chase. The India vicecaptain displayed his signature short-arm pulls and elegant stroke play before falling in the 17th over to a pinpoint yorker from Jamie Overton, finishing with a well-crafted 60run knock.Gill's performances have further solidified his place at the top of India's batting order, countering the debate about reshuffling the lineup to accommodate Yashasvi Jaiswal. His consistency at the top, especially in high-pressure games, reinforces the success of India's batting order from the ODI World Cup 2023.

IND vs ENG 2nd ODI: **Odisha Govt Demands Answers As Floodlight Failure Mars Cuttack ODIReport**

New Delhi. The Odisha government has announced that it will seek a formal explanation from the Odisha Cricket Association (OCA) following the embarrassing floodlight failure during the second One Day International (ODI) between India and England at Cuttack's Barabati Stadium. The incident, which halted play for nearly 30 minutes, overshadowed the state's much-anticipated return to hosting international cricket after an eight-year hiatus.Barabati Stadium, which last hosted an international match in 2015, was buzzing with excitement as fans packed the stands to witness a high-stakes encounter. However, the enthusiasm turned into frustration when one of the floodlight towers lost power early in India's chase of England's 305-run target. The unexpected disruption forced players off the field and left thousands of spectators fuming. State Sports



Minister Suryabanshi Suraj, who was present at the stadium alongside Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, confirmed the government's decision to question the OCA's preparedness. "An explanation will be sought from the OCA over the floodlight glitch. It happened despite taking all precautions and making elaborate prior arrangements," Suraj stated in an interview with The Times of India.OCA Secretary Sanjay Behera attempted to explain the mishap, attributing it to logistical hurdles. According to Behera, each floodlight tower was equipped with two backup generators. However, when one generator failed, operational challenges in moving the secondary generator—partially blocked by a parked player's vehicle—led to the prolonged delay."When one generator malfunctioned, we put the second one in service. But it required some time to move as the players' vehicle was parked between the tower and the second generator," Behera told reporters.

Varun Chakravarthy vs Kuldeep: Suresh Raina on Champions Trophy pick for India

► ICC Champions Trophy: Former India batter Suresh Raina shared his views on Varun Chakravarthy vs Kuldeep Yaday debate for the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

New Delhi. Former India cricketer Suresh Raina wants India to go with Kuldeep Yadav over Varun Chakravarthy for the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy 2025. Chakravarthy recently made his debut against England in the second ODI on Sunday, February 9 at Barabati Stadium, Cuttack. The wrist spinner registered figures of 1/53 in ten overs on his debut, which included the wicket of Philip Salt. Chakravarthy has been on a rapid rise ever since his comeback to international cricket in October 2024. Hence, there have been discussions about his inclusion in the Champions Trophy squad as well.

However, Suresh Raina feels Kuldeep Yadav's experience of playing big matches



makes him an ideal candidate for the tournament over Chakravarty."I think Varun is more used to bowling in T20Is for now, while Kuldeep has variety and wicket-taking ability. Most importantly, he rises to the occasion in big tournaments. I still remember the way he clean bowled Babar Azam in the ODI World Cup 2019. He has a different skill in his hands,

Kuldeep carries massive experience with him of playing big matches," Raina said on Star Sports.Kuldeep is a part of India's squad for the ongoing series against England and as well as the Champions Trophy. The left-arm spinner played in the first ODI in Nagpur and registered figures of 1/53 in 9.4 overs. Earlier, he picked four wickets from three matches in the ODI

Chakravarthy's marvellous comeback in international cricket

On the other hand, Chakravarthy has been in phenomenal form ever since his comeback to international cricket. Since October 2024, he's scalped 31 wickets from 12 innings at an average of 11.25 and an economy of 7.18 with two five wicket hauls to his name. He was recently adjudged Player of the Series in the five-match T20I rubber against England, scalping 14 wickets from five games at an average of 9.85. Courtesy of his sensational performance, Chakravarthy has stormed into the top five of the ICC T20I

The team management wants to make use of Chakravarthy's rich form in the ODI format as well. However, he will have to do something really special in the third ODI against England to make a strong case for his selection as he's in a strong competition with four other spinners.

No Pant, Arshdeep yet: Bangar backs unchanged India XI for 3rd ODI vs England

New Delhi. Former India batting coach Sanjay Bangar has advised the Indian team management to retain the same playing XI for the third and final ODI against England in Ahmedabad. Despite India having already secured the series with a win in Cuttack, Bangar believes it is crucial to maintain consistency rather than experiment with the squad by bringing in Rishabh Pant or Arshdeep Singh.India clinched the series with a 4-wicket win in Cuttack, powered by Rohit Sharma's commanding century and a steady 60-run contribution from Shubman Gill. With the Ahmedabad ODI serving as a formality, many expected India to test their bench strength, including players like Pant, Arshdeep, and Washington Sundar. However, Bangar, speaking to JioCinema, insisted that the team should stick to the current XI and avoid unnecessary changes. IND vs ENG, 2nd ODI: Highlights"I don't think Yashasvi Jaiswal needs to play. If there's merit, you can play Arshdeep Singh, you can try Rishabh Pant. But, there's only



one match left. KL Rahul has not had that many chances to play for long. Whenever he comes on to bat, there are only a few runs left. But his keeping has been good so you might just want to continue your trust in him," Bangar said. Arshdeep might just be played because Mohammad Shami has not had the similar sharpness with his bowling...I would want to see the same team, which has played so well so far, for another match," he added.

One of the primary talking points is India's pace combination. So far, Mohammad Shami and Harshit Rana have shared the new ball for India. With Harshit not being a part of India's 15-man squad for the Champions Trophy, there is speculation that Arshdeep could be given an opportunity in Ahmedabad to get some game time before the ICC event. However, Bangar suggests that maintaining rhythm and continuity with the current attack is a wiser choice. Another area of discussion is KL Rahul's form. The wicketkeeper-batter has yet to deliver a big knock in the series, raising questions about whether Pant should be given a chance in the final ODI. While Pant remains an integral part of India's plans, Bangar feels that changing the linear power might discrept the team's

lineup now might disrupt the team's momentum. With the Champions Trophy on the horizon, India will look to fine-tune their best XI, and Bangar's call for stability could reflect the team's long-term strategy heading into the marquee tournament.

Confident Rohit Sharma speaks out against outside noise after Cuttack hundred

New Delhi. India captain Rohit Sharma spoke out against the outside noise and stressed how clarity and being in the right mindset helped him to get back into form during the Cuttack ODI against England on Sunday, February 9. Rohit had been struggling for form in all formats of the game as the 16 innings prior to his knock in Cuttack yielded just 166 runs.

Fans were highly critical of the Indian skipper after his dismissal in the first ODI, with many trolling him and saying he should retire from the game. However, Rohit was able to shut out the noise and produced a thrilling innings as he scored 119 off just 90 balls to guide India to victory. Rohit's innings consisted of 12 boundaries and 7 sixes.

IND vs ENG, 2nd ODI Highlights

Speaking to the BCCI's website, the Indian skipper said that he has played the game long



enough to know what is required from him. Rohit said that in his mind he just wanted to bat the way he always does and admitted that one or two knocks doesn't change things for him.

"When people have played for a number of years and scored so many runs over the years. That means something.""I've played this game for a long time now, and I understand what is required of me. So it's just about going out there and doing your things and what I did today was one of my things. In my mind, it was just about doing the things that I do. Try and bat the way I do. I've been here long enough to know one or two knocks are not going to change my mind. But, just another day in the office," said Rohit. As long as I am clear what I want to do, that's all that matters'

Rohit said that his job is to go out and play the game and give his best on the field. The Indian captain said that sometimes his mantra may not work but all he wants is to have clarity

"Our job is to just get out there and play the game. As long as you know that today, when you go to bed, you know that you've given your best, that is what matters. Every time I walk out to the pitch, I want to try and do well.""Sometimes it happens, sometimes it may not happen. As long as I am clear what I want to do, that's all that matters. Nothing else.""When you have scored so many runs, you've done something. You just need to get back to that mindset of how to get runs.

Days ahead of Champions Trophy, much-awaited ODI debut for Varun

CUTTACK. Just as the Indian team got together for a huddle before the toss at the Barabati Stadium on Sunday afternoon, Raghu Raghavendra, the team's throwdown specialist, dropped everything and ran towards them from the other end of the pitch where he was standing. As head coach Gautam Gambhir had started talking, Raghu snuck a cap in from the side to Hardik Pandya who passed it on to Ravindra Jadeja.

Is there a debut... will Varun Chakravarthy finally get a game... questions lingered while Gambhir confirmed the same — in a video that was later shared by the BCCI asking Jadeja to hand over the cap to Varun. Right from the time of Vijay Hazare knockouts, Varun has been the one name that has constantly come up in discussions. Although he was initially not included in the ODI squad, Varun was later added with the team management wanting to see if he could replicate the T20I performance in the 50over format. And here he was, at 33 years and 164 days, the second-oldest ODI debut for India after Farokh Engineer (36 years and 138 days). Varun Chakravarthy, ODI



The architect-turned mystery spinner, who rose from tennis ball cricket to Tamil Nadu Premier League to the Indian Premier League to the Indian team, is taking the field in a format where he has thrived at the domestic level over the past couple of years. It is not just a case of IPL and T20I performances being rewarded and India looking to make the most of a player's ability. In the last few years, Varun has also proven himself in the 50-over domestic tournament. He was the second leading wicket-taker in 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons and with 37 wickets cumulatively, he is the number one spinner in Vijay Hazare in this period.

While he did not play in Nagpur, India captain

Rohit Sharma had confirmed that the spinner is in the scheme of things for the Champions Trophy that is set to be played in Pakistan and Dubai from February 19. "Right now we are not thinking about whether we are going to take him or not but definitely he will be in contention. If things plan out really well for us and he does what is required then definitely there is something that we need to think about,"

Sharma had said ahead of the first ODI. And the day came in Cuttack as Varun was introduced as early as the ninth over. Having been bamboozled by him through the T20I series, England openers did not want to take him on up front. They were happy to pick up singles and when Phil Salt did try to go after Varun, he ended up top-edging a full delivery handing the spinner his first ODI wickets. From thereon, the spinner continued to keep one end tight, bowling stump to stump in mid 90KPHs. It was only when Harry Brook hit him down the ground for a six — in Varun's sixth over on the trot — he conceded a boundary.

Haris Rauf injury: Pakistan board issues crucial update ahéad of Champions Trophy

The Pakistan cricket board expects Haris Rauf to make a full recovery and be fit for the upcoming Champions Trophy after he sustained an injury during the opening match of the tri-series against New Zealand on February 8. Rauf had to cut short his participation in the match during his spell.

New Delhi. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has allayed fears of pacer Haris Rauf missing the upcoming Champions Trophy 2025 as he is expected to make a full recovery from the muscle sprain he sustained during the first match of the tri-series against New Zealand. Rauf, who was impressive in the match, was forced to leave the field due to

injury concerns after bowling just 6.2 overs. He had conceded just 23 runs and got one wicket during that time.Rauf didn't come out to bat in the match as Pakistan lost the game in the end. There were fears that the pacer could miss the upcoming ICC event, but PCB revealed that Rauf sustained a muscular sprain in the lower chest wall region. They said that the injury wasn't serious as initially thought, and he should be fit for the start of the Champions Trophy.

The PCB also revealed that, as a precautionary measure, Rauf won't be playing Pakistan's second match of the ongoing tri-series against South Africa on February 12."Following MRI and X-ray scans, it has been confirmed that Pakistan fast bowler Haris Rauf sustained a muscular sprain in the lower chest wall region during

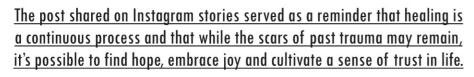


Saturday's match against New Zealand. The injury is not serious, and he is expected to be fully recovered for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, which commences in Karachi on 19 February."

However, as a precautionary measure and part of his ongoing rehabilitation, he will not be

available for selection against South Africa on 12 February," read the statement on the website.Pakistan will begin their Champions Trophy campaign against New Zealand on Feruary 19 before taking on arch-rivals India four days later. Their final group game against Bangladesh will be on February 27. Rauf is expected to form the pace trio for Pakistan in tournament alongside Shaheen Shah Afridi and Naseem Shah as the current Champions Trophy titleholders aim to retain their crown.Pakistan Champions Trophy squadMohammad

Rizwan (captain), Babar Azam, Fakhar Zaman, Kamran Ghulam, Saud Shakeel, Tayyab Tahir, Faheem Ashraf, Khushdil Shah, Salman Ali Agha, Usman Khan, Abrar Ahmed, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Hasnain, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi.



Natasa)tankovic

Shares Powerful Message On Healing And Trust: 'Not Every Love Hides Pain'

ctress Natasa Stankovic recently shared a poignant message about healing and finding peace even after facing difficult experiences. On Saturday, the actress dropped a post on her social media that highlights the journey of healing and the importance of learning to trust again after experiencing pain. The post shared on Instagram stories also serves as a reminder that healing is a continuous process and that while the scars of past trauma may remain, it's possible to find hope, embrace joy and cultivate a sense of trust in life. The powerful post read, "Your trauma taught you to expect storms, but your healing is teaching you to trust clear skies—to believe that not every hello ends in goodbye, not every quiet holds a storm, not every love hides pain and not every gift carries conditions. Your heart remembers the hurt, but it can learn to welcome joy."

> A day ago, Natasa Stankovic dropped a video on her social media giving fans a glimpse of her power-packed fun Friday. In her latest video on Instagram, the actress shows

> > her fitness game by performing an extensive cardio drill using a stepper. Natasa opted for intense variations of workouts, including jumping jacks, jumps on the stepper, front and side movement and step-up workouts while moving sideways with

every jump. Talking about Natasa's personal life, the actress parted ways with her cricketer husband Hardik Pandya in 2024. The two got hitched in May 2020 and renewed their wedding vows according to the Hindu and Christian rituals in February 2023. Hardik and Natasa,

who confirmed their separation in July 2024, are parents to Agastya H Pandya. Following their separation, Natasa was brutally trolled by many on social media platforms. On the professional front, Natasa Stankovic recently appeared in the music video

Tere Krke, alongside artist Preetinder. The song was out on October 8 and fans showered her with immense praise for her return to the screen. Meanwhile, the actress made her on-screen debut with the 2013 film Satyagraha after

starring in a few advertisements. In the film, she appeared in the dance number Aiyo Ji. Over the years, the Serbian model made several special and cameo appearances in films like Fukrey Returns, Daddy and FryDay. In 2020, she was last seen in the web show Flesh.

Is Athiya Shetty's
Pink Rose A Gift From KL Rahul?

thiya Shetty is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first child with cricketer husband KL Rahul. As she enjoys this special phase, the mom-to-be has been sharing glimpses of her pregnancy journey with fans. Recently, she marked Rose Day with a sweet post, leaving many wondering if KL Rahul had a thoughtful hand in picking her favourite. colour. Taking to Instagram stories, Athiya shared a picture of herself dressed in a soft pink outfit. The off-shoulder top with full sleeves and a relaxed fit complemented her pregnancy glow. Posing gracefully with a pink rose in hand, she kept the giver's identity a mystery. However, fans speculated that the romantic gesture could be from KL Rahul, making the moment even more special.

While she didn't reveal more details, Athiya's subtle post added a touch of charm to her ongoing pregnancy diaries, keeping her followers engaged in her beautiful journey.



The mommy-to-be teamed her look with glam makeup and playfully used the sunshine to flex her pregnancy glow. To round off her look, she chose nearly naked eyeshadow, pinkhued lips and a touch of highlighter to add a bling to her charming appearance. Additionally, she left her tresses open to cascade down her shoulders.KL Rahul shared a few unseen photos from his time in Australia, including a heartwarming snapshot of him adoringly gazing at his pregnant wife, Athiya. Also read:

Athiya Shetty debuts baby bump, spotted hanging out with Anushka Sharma in Australia. For the unversed, KL Rahul met his ladylove in January 2019 through a mutual friend, and they instantly felt a connection. Soon, their likings blossomed into a relationship, and after dating for several years, the duo got married in 2023 at Suniel Shetty's farmhouse in Khandala. Last year in November, the couple announced their good news to their fans in a joint post. They posted a picture message featuring tiny feet and an evil eye. Alongside it, they wrote in the caption, "Our beautiful blessing is coming soon. 2025.

Since then, the couple often post glimpses of Athiya's pregnancy journey. In January 2025, KL Rahul took to Instagram and dropped a series of moments from his visit to Australia with his wife. He was in the country for the 2024-25 Border-Gavaskar Trophy.





ollywood actor Vicky Kaushal, who will next be seen in the historical drama 'Chhaava', has been busy promoting the film. On Saturday, the actor arrived in Patna, Bihar, and was spotted relishing the local delicacy 'litti chokha' at a street stall, proving that he is a true-blue foodie! The actor shared a video of him gorging on the lip-smacking traditional dish from Bihar, and his simplicity left fans amazed.On Saturday, Vicky Kaushal took to his Instagram to share a video in which he is seen gorging litti chokha at a street stall in Patna. When asked how it tastes, Vicky showed genuine appreciation and replied with a Bihari accent: "Bohot badhiya hai (It's very tasty)." In his caption, the Chhaava actor wrote that he couldn't have missed eating litti chokha in Patna, and added a Bihari phrase 'Garda uda diya,' to express how much he loved it! He also promised some exciting news about Chaava. "#Patna aakar Litti Chokha kaise miss kar jaayein #Chhaava exciting news coming up!" he wrote. Check out the video below!

Vicky Kaushal also re-shared this post on his Instagram stories, and wrote, "litti chokha was LIT!!!" Vicky has been on a promotional spree, and after Patna, he will be seen promoting Chhaava in Mumbai, on 9th February. He will then be visiting Amritsar, Delhi, and Pune, ahead of the film's release on 14th February. Yesterday, the actor was in Kolkata, and he shared a video of himself speaking in Bengali.

About Chhaava

Chhaava is a historical drama that revolves around the life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. In the film, Vicky Kaushal is set to portray the character of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the eldest son of the Maratha empire's founder. The film also stars Rashmika Mandanna, Akshaye Khanna, Ashutosh Rana, and Divya Dutta in key roles.

Salman Khan Brings Up Arbaaz-Malaika's Divorce During Podcast With Arhaan: You've To Make It On Your Own



n a recent podcast episode with his nephew Arhaan Khan, Salman Khan got candid, touching upon love, life, and the divorce of his nephew's parents, Arbaaz Khan and Malaika Arora. The Bollywood superstar, who marked his debut in podcast with Arhaan's Dumb Biryani channel, advised the youngster that life is all about finding your own path. Malaika Arora and Arbaaz Khan's shocking separation announcement came in March 2016 after 19 years of marriage. They were officially divorced in May 2017 after tying the knot in 1998. Malaika Arora and Arbaaz Khan met and fell in love in their early 20s.

Briefly addressing Arhaan Khan's parents' divorce, Salman Khan said in the podcast, "This dude out here has gone through his ups and downs. After your mom and dad's relationship



(separation), you have to make it on your own. One day you will have your own family and unit. So this is what you have to work on to have your own family. The culture of having lunch and dinner with family should always be there and there should always be a head of the family, who should be respected."

The chat took a heartwarming turn when Arhaan opened up about his future plans, revealing his dream of starting his own restaurant. With a spark of passion in his voice, he talked about his love for food and creating a space where people could connect over great meals. Salman then asked Arhaan, "If you want to run a restaurant then what's with all the classes you have joined? Fighting, gymnastics... these things you are doing for the restaurant?"On the work front, Salman Khan recently delighted fans with a cameo in Varun Dhawan's Baby John. Up next, he's gearing up for some high-octane drama with the action-packed Sikandar.