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Belagavi: Jarkiholi bats for better prices for cane farmers

BELAGAVI. (Agency).

While endorsing the higher prices offered to sugarcane farmers by some sugar factories in Belagavi, PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi has said on Saturday, the government wants sugarcane farmers to get better prices for their produce and there is no objection to financially strong sugar



factories offering higher rates.Jarkiholi said mills differ in their sugar production, cane recovery, sugar sale prices and overall financial position. And therefore, expecting all factories to offer an identical price would not be realistic.Referring to the recent negotiations between cane farmers and factory owners in Belagavi, the minister said the formula worked out during the discussions had fixed a base price of Rs 3,600 per tonne.The rates announced by individual factories now do not significantly differ from the framework agreed upon earlier, he said.

Activist Sonam Wangchuk Under 60-Day House Arrest Over Ladakh Anti-Poll Protest

Srinagar(Agency).

Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk has been placed under a 60-day "house arrest" and barred from participating in public rallies or processions. An order by the Leh additional district magistrate was issued a day after Wangchuck was removed from a site amid protests by Ladakhi groups opposing the government's decision to hold hill council elections on December 4.The administration has cited a police report and a letter by the Leh police chief requesting to issue preventive orders and imposition of restriction orders upon Wangchuk. The magistrate has invoked Section 163 of the BNSS to impose restrictions on Wangchuk's movement."This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for a period of 60 days," the order said.The restriction order has come ahead of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council elections, scheduled for December 4. Wangchuk and other local leaders have opposed the timing of the polls, arguing that winter conditions and seasonal migration will disenfranchise many voters in Ladakh.Hours before the formal restoration order against Wangchuk, the climate activist said he was put under house arrest and dozens of cops surrounded his home.I am under house arrest. Dozens of armed guards surround my house while the government version says 'I have been advised to stay at home'. All for asking uncomfortable questions like... why is the Judicial Enquiry Commission Report (of last year's killings in Leh) is delayed and a phoney council election

No prosecution for previously-enrolled voters filing Form 6: Election Commission to SC

New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) has told the Supreme Court that voters whose names are missing from draft electoral rolls despite having been enrolled earlier can apply afresh through Form 6 without the fear of prosecution. In an affidavit filed before the court, the poll panel said chief electoral officers have been requested to give wide publicity to the said clarification, in local languages as well. "It had been brought to the notice of the Commission that some apprehensions were expressed that applicants who were enrolled as voters in previous electoral roll(s) but whose names did not appear in the draft Electoral Roll during the SIR – by filing Form 6, may face action for prosecution the Commission ... has clarified that no prosecution will be launched against anyone for filing Form 6 merely on the ground that the applicant/elector was previously enrolled in the electoral roll(s) prior to the SIR and their name did not appear in the draft electoral roll during the SIR, provided that applicant/elector is not already enrolled in any other Parliamentary or Assembly Constituency and the declaration made is otherwise in accordance with law," the affidavit said.

"Buy My Ticket Too": DK Shivakumar Recalls Metro Ride With PM Modi

"I told him that I did not have money to buy a Metro ticket and asked him to buy my ticket as well. PM Modi paid for the tickets using his own card," DK Shivakumar said

Karnataka (Agency).

Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday recalled a humorous exchange with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during their Metro journey during the Pink Line Metro inauguration on November 13, saying he had asked the Prime Minister to buy his ticket as he did not have money."I told him that I did not have money to buy a Metro ticket and asked him to buy my ticket as well. PM Modi paid for the tickets using his own card," Shivakumar said while responding to questions from the media.Further asked about his close relationship and bonding with Prime Minister Modi and what they discussed while travelling together in a helicopter to Mysuru, Shivakumar said, "I cannot reveal everything that we discussed."Responding to a question that he gets time with PM Modi, which even BJP leaders may not get, the Chief Minister said it was a matter of human relationships and mutual respect."Even our party leaders Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge also treat me with love and respect. Not everyone has leadership qualities. I do not hesitate to speak to anyone. We should



maintain good relations with everyone," he said.On encouraging Bengaluru residents to use public transport instead of relying only on private vehicles, Shivakumar said Karnataka has the highest number of buses deployed for public transport in the country.Despite having limited road space, we have more buses. Along with buses, the Metro is also very important," he said.The Chief Minister also said he has instructed Metro authorities to use granite and other stones available in Karnataka in Metro stations instead of sourcing them from outside the state.

"When high-quality stones are available in our own state, why should we bring them from elsewhere? Using local stone will support our industries and generate employment for local people, from cutting to processing," he said.Shivakumar said he had told the Metro Managing Director not to hurt the state's stone industry by procuring materials from outside.He said granite is available in several parts of the state, including Chamarajanagar, Tumakuru, Sira, Badami, Ilkal, Kanakapura and Magadi. Karnataka has a wide variety of stones, including Hassan Green, Tumakuru Barpari, Bengaluru Blue, Multi Colour, Jubrani, Kollegal Black and Ilkal Red, he added.

"Congress Seeking 181 Seats In 2027 UP Assembly Elections": Akhilesh Yadav

Asked at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in Delhi whether the Congress is seeking to contest 100 seats, Akhilesh Yadav said the party has demanded more than that.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav indicated on Saturday that the Congress has expressed its wish to contest 181 seats in the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, while asserting that the INDIA bloc would remain united to defeat the ruling BJP in the state.Asked at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in Delhi whether the Congress is seeking to contest 100 seats, Yadav said the party has demanded more than that. Asked if the demand was of 200 seats, he replied, "A little less than that." When the interviewer suggested 180 seats, Yadav said, "Add one more," indicating that the Congress has sought 181 seats from the SP."We have made up our mind on how many seats we will contest. The



Samajwadi Party and the INDIA alliance will defeat the BJP together," he said, adding that the "theft" of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya will be a major poll issue.

The Uttar Pradesh Assembly has 403 seats.Asked if he is considering an alliance with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati, Yadav said he does not think of other alliances while being part of an existing one.He said the SP has a good experience of forging alliances and has brought together people who believe in the principles of B R Ambedkar.The INDIA alliance with the Congress is the same alliance that we had earlier. I do not see any change in it," the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said.The BSP is not a part of the INDIA opposition bloc.

On his proposed visit to the Ram temple, Yadav said he would first visit the Kedareshwar Dham in Etawah and then seek the blessings of Lord Ram.He said SP leaders have arranged an invitation for him after consulting prominent people and fixing an auspicious date.

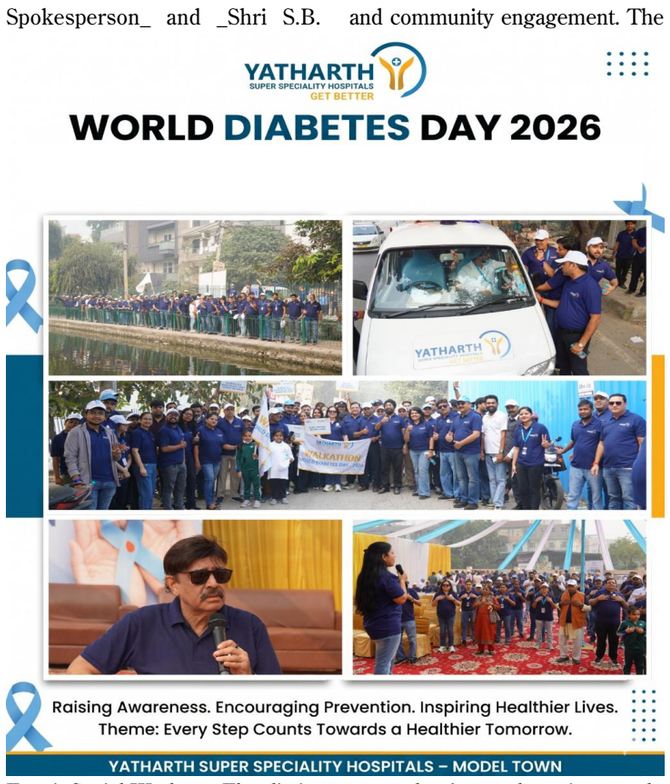
Senior & famous Dr. Anil Gomber organised the diabetes program in the interest of common man

The Sikh Times

NEW DELHI, Nov. 15: Yatharth Super Speciality Hospital, Model Town, observed World Diabetes Day on 14 November with a comprehensive awareness programme that brought together clinicians,

World Diabetes Day: DM, MLA laud awareness programme at Yatharth Hospital, Model Town_Clinicians, patients and people living with Type 1 diabetes join the observance.

patients and people living with Type 1 diabetes (T1D). The programme featured a 5K Diabetes Awareness Walkathon on the theme _'Early Action on Diabetes'_ which saw participation from over 170 people including patients, families, doctors, healthcare professionals, hospital staff, school students, corporate teams, RWAs and social organisations from across North Delhi. District Magistrate (North) _Ms. Saloni Rai_ and Model Town MLA _Shri Ashok Goyal Dewra_ attended the programme along with _Shri Manoj Tyagi, BJP Spokesperson_ and _Shri S.B. Tyagi, Social Worker_. The distinguished guests flagged off the walkathon and appreciated the awareness initiative, complimenting the hospital on its ambience and community engagement. The



event also featured a unique push-up challenge highlighting that diabetes is not a barrier to fitness, an inspiring skipping demonstration by a national-level athlete living with diabetes, a live music band performance by students of Roop Nagar No. 1 School, Basic Life Support (BLS) training and a Diabetes Mela with felicitation of Type 1 diabetes patients. "The whole programme was a grand success, and it is a day we will cherish for years to come," said _Dr. Anil Gomber_, who organised the programme. "Our colleagues, our patients and our brave T1D angels are the heart of this day, and their presence made it truly meaningful." Dr. Gomber thanked Facility Director _Mrs. Renu Tyagi_, General Manager _Ms. Neha_ and Medical Superintendent _Dr. Nishit_ for their support and encouragement. He also thanked his fellow organisers, _Mr. Yogesh_ and the marketing team, for their work behind the scenes. He credited the hospital's clinicians for standing together to make the event a success. World Diabetes Day is observed every year on November 14, the birth anniversary of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin. The theme for 2026, set by the International Diabetes Federation, is _"Early Action on Diabetes"_, with a focus on early diagnosis and reducing the risk of diabetes and its complications.

21-year-old woman, associate arrested in Rajasthan train blast; Pak link suspected

Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan(Agency).

A 21-year-old woman has emerged as the main accused in the November 3 blast on a railway track in Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar district, with investigators suspecting that she was recruited by Pakistan-based handlers through a romantic relationship.The latest findings have also brought attention to what security agencies describe as a possible new modus operandi being used by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) to recruit women.The woman, identified as Mahakdeep Kaur, was arrested along with 23-year-old Devendra Singh from Punjab's Gurdaspur district in a joint operation involving the Rajasthan Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), Sri Ganganagar Police and Punjab Police.According to investigators, Devendra accompanied Mahakdeep and assisted her in carrying out the operation.

WOMAN RECRUITED THROUGH ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP

Sources said Mahakdeep told investigators during questioning that she was in contact with two Pakistan-based individuals identified by the code names Shah and Chacha.Rajasthan Police have said these names are code words used for ISI operatives. Investigators are examining the nature of the communication and the instructions allegedly given to the accused.According to sources, Mahakdeep was drawn into the network after an ISI operative established a romantic relationship with her. She is separated from her husband, who is currently lodged in jail in a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Security agencies believe Pakistan-based handlers may be increasingly targeting women who are socially isolated or emotionally vulnerable. The suspected recruitment method involves establishing romantic relationships and offering money to persuade them to carry out activities for the handlers.

Convict Pulkit's father claims death was by suicide, demands CBI probe

Haridwar: The father of Pulkit Arya, who is serving a life sentence in the Ankita Bhandari murder case, on Sunday claimed that Pulkit was wrongly implicated due to "political pressure" and that she died by suicide due to harassment from her parents and boyfriend. Addressing a press conference, Vinod Arya, flanked by Pulkit's lawyer, demanded that the entire case be investigated by the CBI. On Sunday, Vinod alleged that his son had been framed due to political pressure and said he was forced to come before the media as authorities have refused to listen to them over the last three years. Speaking at the Press Club, Vinod raised questions regarding the police investigation in the case. He claimed that Ankita was not murdered, but was driven to suicide "by the harassment she faced from her parents and her boyfriend". He claimed to possess over 4,000 pages of chat transcripts between Ankita and her male friend. He claimed that these chats clearly indicate that her parents—particularly her mother—subjected her to "severe mistreatment, including brutal physical assaults involving kicks, punches, and beatings with sticks". "Furthermore, in one of the chats, Ankita sent her parents a video of a canal and asked, 'Are you now suggesting that I should jump into this and commit suicide.

Merger reports 'completely false': NCP (SP); Bhujbal says decision rests with Sunetra Pawar

Nagpur/Pune: The Opposition NCP (SP) has dismissed reports of a possible merger of the two Nationalist Congress Party factions as "completely false", even as senior NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal said any talks were unlikely to yield results until party president Sunetra Pawar took a decision. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also said there was no discussion on the NCP merger issue during his meeting with Deputy CM Sunetra Pawar on Saturday. Speculation about the merger has been doing the rounds since the start of this month after NCP (SP) supremo Sharad Pawar was hospitalised and leaders from the Sunetra Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party, including Praful Patel and Parth Pawar, visited him. In a statement made in Nagpur on Saturday, NCP (SP) spokesperson Pravin Kunte Patil alleged that merger speculation reports were being deliberately circulated in the media to divert the people's attention from pressing issues including the drought, inflation, unemployment, alleged vote theft, and irregularities in the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) examinations.

Two men behind series of house break-ins in Dadri held after gunfight

Noida.(Agency)

Two men suspected of being involved in a series of house break-ins in Dadri were arrested following a gunfight with police on Friday. One of the suspects was shot in the leg as the two tried to escape, police said.

A police unit from Dadri station was conducting checks near Nayi Basti turn, close to RV Northland, when they spotted the two men — Sajid alias Tichkale alias Satmola (29) and Rizwan alias Kale (28), residents of Mohalla Mewatiyan in Dadri — approaching on a motorcycle. When cops signalled the men to stop, they allegedly turned their motorcycle around and attempted to flee towards a nearby cremation ground.

As cops chased the two men, one of them allegedly fired at the police personnel. In the retaliatory firing, Sajid was shot in his leg. He was subsequently taken to a hospital for treatment. Rizwan was arrested during a combing operation later.

Police recovered a country-made .315-bore pistol, one live and one spent cartridge, a knife and a stolen motorcycle from the accused.

Biryani seller pushing cart towards market killed in hit and run near Greater Noida

Noida.(Agency)

A 45-year-old biryani seller died after he was hit by an nidentified vehicle in Kulesara early on Friday.An FIR has been filed at Ecotech-3 police station and efforts are on to trace the car and the driver. The victim was pushing his biryani cart towards Phase-2 when the accident occurred, leaving him critically injured.The deceased, Sabir (45), was originally from Saura Jabar village in Bihar's Purnia district. He was living in Haldoni in Greater Noida and sold biryani from a handheld cart. On Friday, he was pushing his cart towards Phase-2 when the accident occurred.As he neared Navjeevan Hospital in Kulesara, an unidentified vehicle allegedly struck him. The driver was allegedly driving rashly and negligently, causing Sabir to sustain severe njuries.Following the accident, family members rushed Sabir to govt hospital in Bhangel for emergency medical assistance. Considering the seriousness of his injuries, doctors referred him to the district hospital in Sector 39.

Gurgaon councillor alleges assault at in-laws' house, 5 held

Noida.(Agency)

Five persons were arrested on Saturday for allegedly assaulting a BJP councillor and his father with sharp-edged weapons, hockey sticks and a pistol butt during a meeting called to discuss a marital dispute at his in-laws' house in Silokhra.Pratham Vashishth, a resident of Greenwood City in Sector 45 and councillor from ward 14, told police that he and his father, Praveen Chandra Vashishth, had gone to his in-laws' house around 11am on Friday following a call from his father-in-law, Satbir Sharma, the previous day.

Pratham married Satbir's daughter, Toshiba, in Feb 2022. She has been living with her parents since Oct 2025.

According to the complaint, Satbir had called Praveen on Nov 12 to discuss the marital dispute. The two families subsequently met at his house the following morning.

Pratham alleged that an argument broke out during the discussion, following which Satbir and others attacked them. Satbir allegedly struck him on the head with the butt of a pistol.

In the pipeline: 490km PNG network extn to fuel 86k homes in Noida, Ghaziabad

Noida.(Agency)

Nearly 86,000 households across G B Nagar and Ghaziabad could get access to piped natural gas (PNG) as Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) plans to lay around 490km of medium-density polyethylene (MDPE) pipeline in the two districts in 2026-27. The proposed expansion is almost three times the 180km of pipeline laid across the districts in the previous financial year, signalling a significant step-up in the company's infrastructure rollout.

G B Nagar will account for around 190km of the proposed network, with the potential to connect 48,000 households, while Ghaziabad is expected to get the remaining 300km, which could extend PNG connectivity to another 38,000 homes.

The expansion comes amid persistent delays in securing permissions for pipeline laying across residential areas and locations falling under multiple land-owning agencies. A recent TOI report highlighted how administrative clearances and coordination between different authorities were holding up the rollout of PNG infrastructure in Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad.

Seeking to accelerate the expansion, IGL has strengthened its financial provisions, contractor mobilisation, manpower deployment and material availability, a company official said. It is also engaging with govt authorities, developers, builders and resident welfare associations (RWAs) to facilitate pipeline laying and household connections.In G B Nagar, IGL has identified Sarfabad village in Sector 73, Barola village in Sector 49, Jalpura, Chipiyana, Chapraula and Amnabad in Greater Noida, and Salarpur, Hajipur, Hoshiyarpur and Chijjarsi in Noida for network expansion.These locations have an estimated potential of around 25,000 household connections and would require nearly 100km of additional pipeline. However, the company is awaiting permissions from the respective land-owning authorities to extend the network into some of these areas.Other locations being considered for phased expansion, subject to technical feasibility and statutory clearances, include Sector MU-II, Roza Yakubpur, RR Colony in Jewar and Sector Theta-II. Together with Sarfabad and Barola, these areas form part of a broader expansion plan with an estimated potential of around 30,000 household connections.

In Ghaziabad, the proposed network will cover Raj Nagar Extension, Govindpuram, Loni, Rajendra Nagar, Siddharth Vihar, Hapur, Modinagar, Vijay Nagar, Dasna, Muradnagar, Morta, Karehra and Morti villages, among other locations. The identified areas have an estimated potential of around 20,000 connections under the phased expansion programme.The proposed pipeline rollout will depend on technical feasibility and the receipt of statutory permissions and no-objection certificates (NOCs) from the concerned agencies. IGL said it was actively engaging with the authorities to secure the necessary clearances.Responding to concerns over approval-related delays, Noida Authority CEO Krishna Karunesh said the authority had no expansion-related permissions pending with it."Our role in the expansion of PNG connections is very limited. We grant permissions as and when IGL approaches us for them. The only concern we have been facing is that roads and land patches remain dug up for long periods, and excavated areas continue to erode. We also have to coordinate with and take care of the concerns of other departments," he said.IGL, however, has flagged pending permissions in certain residential clusters. This highlights the coordination gap involved in executing projects across multiple jurisdictions.

Beyond expanding the main pipeline network, IGL is also looking to convert households in areas where pipelines are already available into active PNG consumers. The company said it had provided around 9.65 lakh gas connections across the two districts.

Noida sees sharp increase in tobacco & alcohol consumption in NCR

Noida.(Agency)

Nearly four in every 10 men aged 15 and above in Noida use tobacco, the highest among four NCR cities, including Delhi, Gurgaon and Ghaziabad, the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) has found.According to NFHS-6 (2023–24), tobacco use among men in Noida increased from 29.7% in NFHS-5 (2019–21) to 38.7%, a jump of nine percentage points. Noida also recorded a rise in alcohol consumption from 17.3% to 21.8%, the sharpest increase among the four cities, in the corresponding period.In Ghaziabad, tobacco use among men rose from 22.3% to 28.4% and alcohol consumption from 13.4% to 16.9% during the period.In contrast, Delhi saw a decline in tobacco use among men during the period from 26.2% to 21.3%. Alcohol consumption also went down from 21.6% to 16.1%. Gurgaon also recorded a substantial decline in tobacco use, from 32.6% to 23.7%, although alcohol consumption increased



marginally from 18.5% to 19.9%.The survey revealed that the number of women consuming tobacco in Ghaziabad nearly doubled from 1.7% to 3.3% in the three years. The numbers fell in all three other cities — Noida recorded a decline from 3% to 2.3%, Gurgaon from 2.9% to 2.3%, and Delhi from 2.2% to 1.7%.Gurgaon recorded a sharp 17.6 percentage-point jump in overweight and obesity among women.

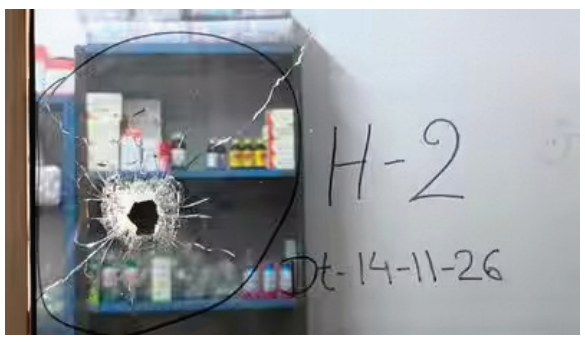
The data show that the number of women in the 15 to 49 years age bracket with a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or above went up from 24.3% to 41.9% during the period. Delhi also recorded a marginal increase, from 41.4% to 42.7%.In contrast, Noida and Ghaziabad recorded declines in overweight and obesity among women. In Noida, the number of women with obesity fell from 34.7% to 30.2%, and in Ghaziabad it came down to 38.7% from 43.7%.However, the decline in overweight and obesity numbers was accompanied by an increase in underweight prevalence among women in all four cities. In Ghaziabad, the proportion of women with a BMI below 18.5 rose from 11.1% to 16%, while Noida recorded a marginal increase from 15% to 16%. Gurgaon also recorded a rise in underweight women, from 9% to 14.1%, while Delhi's figure increased from 10% to 12.4%.

Jailed YouTuber's family shot at outside Loni hospital, none injured

Ghaziabad.(Agency)

Several family members of jailed social media influencer Haji Salman were shot at when they visited Shiven Hospital near Loni Tiraha with an ailing relative on Friday night.The windows of the family's Swift car parked near the hospital were also smashed in and its tyres punctured. Police said nobody was injured in the incident.

An FIR was registered based on a complaint by Boondu Khan, who is Salman's father. He alleged that Afzal, who is his grandson by relation, had gone to the hospital



with an ailing relative. Boondu's wife and Salman's mother, Sanjeeda, and another female relative had also gone with Afzal. He said around 10.30pm, a group of seven to eight persons arrived at the hospital and shot at Afzal, but he escaped unhurt. Sanjeeda said that when she heard the gunshots, she and the other female relative hid inside the hospital washroom.After this, the group vandalised the car and fled the spot. SHO at Loni police station Yogendra Singh said the family had blamed someone named Gaurav."The incident has been captured on CCTV camera and we are trying to identify the persons involved," he added.Meanwhile, a female hospital employee, Naseema, alleged that she was assaulted during the incident. "I work at the hospital and have nothing to do with their dispute, but the attackers assaulted me as well," she alleged.Salman, who has around 3 lakh social media followers, is a history-sheeter at Loni police station and is accused in 12 cases ranging from criminal intimidation, assault to attempt to murder.

Illegal tree felling in reserved forest area in Faridabad, timber recovered from Punhana, 3 staff suspended

Gurgaon.(Ajency)

A routine inspection by the divisional forest officer found illegal tree felling in the Alipur-Shikargarh reserved forest area in Faridabad, triggering an investigation that led to the recovery of large quantities of timber from Punhana and the suspension of three forest department personnel."The illegal activity had been going on for over seven days in the reserved forest area. Large Vilayati Kikar, which were more than 30 years old, were chopped. These were very dense trees," Rahul Bhadana, a resident, told .

As part of the investigation, a forest department team went to Punhana, known for its large sawmill market, to look for timber sourced from the reserved forest. The team found large heaps of wood stored on an open plot adjoining the wood market. The timber was identified as originating from govt-owned trees in Faridabad and seized. It was subsequently transported back in around eight to 10 trucks.

The recovery has brought the movement of timber from the reserved forest area into focus. The department has constituted an investigation committee to assess the extent of illegal felling, establish the number of trees cut and determine the damage caused to the forest. Further investigation is underway.

Man tries to stop fight, dies after hitting his head on the wall in Gurgaon, his neighbour had pushed him



Gurgaon.(Agency)

A 35-year-old man died after his neighbour allegedly pushed him against a wall, injuring the back of his head, when he intervened in a quarrel between the neighbour and his wife in Mohammadpur Jharsa. The neighbour was arrested on Saturday.Police said the incident happened after 9:30 pm on Friday when Vinay Kumar tried to intervene in a fight between his neighbour Rajan Kumar and his wife. Vinay and Rajan were daily-wage workers who lived in rented accommodation.During the altercation, Rajan allegedly pushed him, causing his head to hit a wall behind him. Vinay fell unconscious following the impact.

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RRTS fast service to cut Delhi to Meerut ride time by 14 mins

Gurgaon.(Agency)

With non-BS-VI vehicles registered outside Delhi barred from entering the capital amid deteriorating air quality, National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has decided to operate eight additional rapid rail trains from Nov 16 to ease commuting between Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut.

The fast trains with limited stops will cover the distance from Anand Vihar to Begumpul in 36 minutes, compared with 45 minutes that regular trains take. At nine minutes, the biggest time saving is on the Ghaziabad-Begumpul stretch. While regular trains complete the Ghaziabad-Begumpul journey in 37 minutes, fast trains will take just 28 minutes. The entire corridor from Sarai Kale Khan to Modipuram depot will be covered in less than 50 minutes, compared with the 64 minutes that regular trains take."In the morning peak hour, two fast trains will depart from Sarai Kale Khan and Modipuram at 8 am and 8.30 am. In the evening, two fast trains will again leave Sarai Kale Khan and Modipuram at 6 pm and 6.30 pm in each direction. The fast trains will stop at only five stations, including Sarai Kale Khan, Anand Vihar, Ghaziabad, Begumpul and Modipuram," an NCRTC official said.Passengers for the remaining stations — New Ashok Nagar, Sahibabad, Guldhar, Duhai, Muradnagar, Modinagar South, Modinagar North and Meerut South — will have to use the regular services, which continue to run every 10 minutes.

The Namo Bharat corridor has recorded a daily average footfall of 1.1 lakh and recently crossed the milestone of five

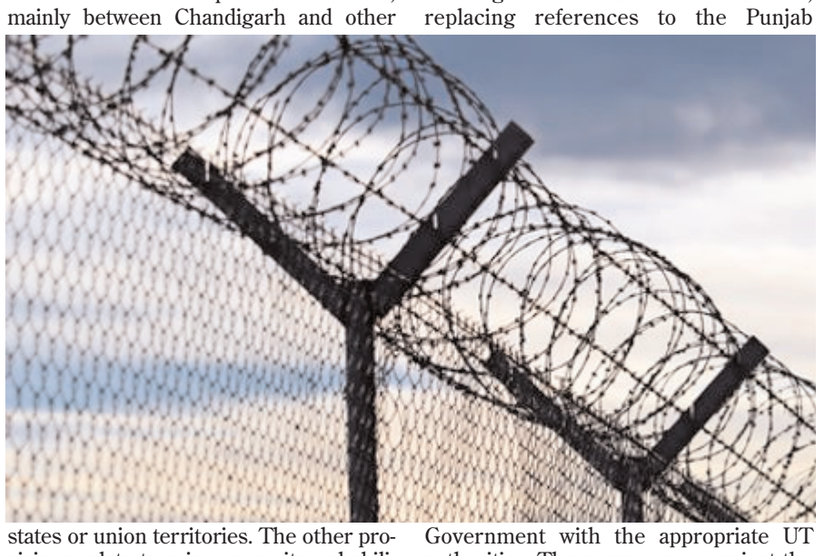


crore commuter journeys. NCRTC officials said over the past three months the corridor has seen an average monthly ridership of more than 32 lakh.

"The enhanced peak-hour connectivity is aimed at shaving crucial minutes off daily commutes, particularly benefiting students and ofice-goers who depend on reliable, high-speed transit to reach their educational institutions and workplaces on time," the oficial said.

Centre extends Punjab prison law to Chandigarh, allows inter-state transfer of prisoners

New Delhi: The Centre has extended the Punjab Police and Correctional Services Act, 2026, to the union territory (UT) of Chandigarh, introducing provisions for inter-state prisoner transfers, mainly between Chandigarh and other



states or union territories. The other provisions relate to prison security, rehabilitation and safeguards for inmates with disabilities, according to a Union Home Ministry notification. The ministry issued the notification on November 6 under Section 87 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, extending the Punjab legislation to Chandigarh with certain modifications to suit the UT's administrative structure. The changes are primarily technical and align the provisions with Chandigarh's administrative framework, replacing references to the Punjab Government with the appropriate UT authorities. The move comes against the backdrop of the Centre's Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023, introduced as part of efforts to reform prison administration and correctional services across the country. A key provision of the amended legislation allows the transfer of prisoners lodged in Chandigarh jails to prisons in other states or Union Territories and vice versa. Prisoners serving sentences, including life imprisonment, can be transferred with the consent of the government concerned and an order issued by the Chandigarh Administrator. The amendments also provide for the transfer of undertrial prisoners from Chandigarh to another state or Union Territory in the interest of security, maintenance of law and order or public interest. Such transfers will require the consent of the governments concerned and approval of the court before which the trial is pending, according to the notification. The notification states that prisoners confined in Chandigarh jails under sentences of imprisonment or death, or in default of payment of a fine or furnishing security for maintaining peace and good behaviour, may be transferred to prisons in other states or Union Territories, subject to the prescribed approvals. Apart from facilitating inter-state prisoner transfers, the amended law is expected to bring changes in other aspects of prison administration. These include provisions relating to the monitoring and follow-up of convicts after their release and changes in the use of electronic surveillance systems inside prisons. Further, consumption of tobacco products in jails has also now been made illegal, which was previously not so, as per the officials. The amendments also introduce restrictions on the operation of aerial objects within designated no-fly zones around prison premises. Such operations will be permitted only after obtaining the requisite authorisation from the competent authority under the applicable civil aviation law and prior approval of the concerned department.

12 Sainik School Kunjpura cadets make it to NDA, TES merit lists

Karnal: In NDA-157, Cadet Vijay secured the highest rank among the school cadets with AIR 136, followed by Arpit Siwach (168), Jagrat Gangwar (194), Moksh (220), Ansh Bishnoi (232), Dikshit (347), Yash Chahal (364), Balvinder (403), Shiv Narayan (439) and Parvesh (537). Capt (IN) Gurbir Singh, Principal, Lt Col Sheilza Dogra, Vice-Principal, and Lt Col Sandeep Rathee, Administrative Officer, congratulated the successful cadets and their parents. They appreciated the dedicated efforts of the faculty and training staff and wished the achievers success in their journey towards becoming officers in the Indian Armed Forces.

Horticulture Directorate discusses modalities to achieve 100% targets in current fiscal

JAMMU: Director Horticulture Jammu Gul Syed today chaired a review meeting here in the Conference Hall of the Directorate to assess the physical and financial achievements under the developmental schemes including CAPEX, HADP, CSS, JKCIP, for the financial year 2026-27. The Director directed field officers to ensure timely implementation of developmental projects, optimum utilisation of allocated funds and effective execution of the horticulture programmes to achieve targets within the stipulated time frame. Stressing improved service delivery to farmers, he called for faster progress on orchard development, nursery production, infrastructure creation and farmer welfare initiatives. He reviewed district-wise performance, besides seeking updates on implementation challenges. The Director instructed the officers to submit regular progress reports and ensure transparency, accountability and quality in execution of the departmental programme and reiterated the department's commitment to strengthening the horticulture sector and enhancing the income of fruit growers across Jammu Division. Among those present were Deputy Director (Central) Mukesh Sharma, Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu R.K. Kotwal, Chief Horticulture Officer Rajouri Sushil Kumar Angurana, Chief Horticulture Officer Udhampur Brij Vallabh Gupta, Chief Horticulture Officer Reasi Rajinder Kumar, Chief Horticulture Officer Doda Raghunath Upadhya, Chief Horticulture Officer Poonch Uttam Lal, DLSMS- Samba Raivati Raman Sharma, Incharge Mega Fruit Plant Nursery Chakroi, S.Parminder Singh, Nursery Registration Officer Jammu Satish Kumar, Assistant Director Sunil Gupta, Farm Manager ACHD Ramban Pradeep Dingra DMPP Brij Paul Singh, Technical Section Officers, Officials of planning Section, Horticulture Development Officer (Information) Dr. Vijay Kumar and other officers of horticulture Department.

Russian Embassy files FIR over fake recruitment website duping Indian citizens

New Delhi: Delhi Police have arrested a 25-year-old man for allegedly duping Indian citizens through a fake recruitment website that impersonated the Russian Embassy and promised employment opportunities in Russia. The FIR was registered by the Embassy of the Russian Federation in India after it reportedly received 17 complaints from Indian citizens who alleged that they had been cheated through the website, www.embassytest.com, and a LinkedIn account allegedly impersonating the Embassy. A senior police official, requesting anonymity, confirmed the arrest. The case was registered with the Cyber Cell of New Delhi district. During the investigation, police traced payment transactions linked to a merchant named EMBASSYTEST, with the payment infrastructure reportedly connected to Stripe Payments and PayPal. Investigators identified Kumar as the alleged operator of the fraud. He is suspected of running the operation from the UK. Immigration records showed that he travelled to the UK in December 2025 and returned to India on October 11, 2026. "Two mobile phones containing alleged evidence have been recovered. These include details of the website domain, payment applications, Gmail accounts, LinkedIn-related correspondence and WhatsApp conversations concerning website development and payments," a senior police official said. Police are now investigating the alleged involvement of other associates, the financial trail involving around 50 transactions, the operation of the website and the identities of other people suspected to be involved in the fraud.

DC Udhampur inaugurates 'DIDI KI RASOI' at Government Polytechnic College

UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Ananth Dwivedi today inaugurated 'DIDI KI RASOI' here at Government Polytechnic College. Project Officer District Urban Development Agency, Jaffar Abass Batt; head of the institution Er. Vivek Mahajan, government officials and members of Self-Help Groups were also present at the inauguration event. The DIDI KI RASOI offers a variety of freshly prepared, home-cooked meals at affordable prices and is managed by women members of SHGs associated with District Urban Development Agency (DUDA). The newly inaugurated outlet is the sixth DIDI KI RASOI established in Udhampur district. The initiative serves the dual purpose of providing women SHGs with sustainable income-generating opportunities while ensuring access to healthy, hygienic and affordable food for the community. It also provides a platform for SHG members to showcase their culinary skills and entrepreneurial capabilities. While appreciating the initiative, the DC highlighted its significant role in promoting women's empowerment and economic self-reliance in the district. He also commended Project Officer for his leadership and dedicated efforts in establishing the initiative, which will provide SHG members with a steady source of income. Speaking on the occasion, the Project Officer, DUDA, informed that DIDI KI RASOI outlets have already been established at the DC Office Complex, Udhampur, Government College for Women, Udhampur; Government Degree College Boys, Udhampur and Sub-District Hospital, Ramnagar. He expressed gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for his continued support and to the head of Government Polytechnic for providing space to the SHGs to operate the outlet. He further highlighted that DIDI KI RASOI is aligned with the Prime Minister's vision of promoting women-led SHGs through sustainable livelihood opportunities and economic empowerment, thereby fostering entrepreneurship, financial independence and self-reliance among women.

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Netanyahu calls for Israeli unity government, Eisenkot dismisses 'tricks'

JERUSALEM.(Agency).

Israel's caretaker prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday reiterated his calls for a national unity government with his opponent Gadi Eisenkot, who in turn dismissed the appeal as a ruse.

The latest exchange comes as Eisenkot is in the midst of negotiations to form a government, after he was tapped for the post of premier on Sunday.A meeting with Eisenkot on Thursday "only strengthened the conviction that it is essential to form a national unity government" to guarantee Israel's security, Netanyahu said in a video statement, adding that such a government could "eliminate the Iranian threat once and for all".He said this government would be made up of parties that recognise Israel "as a state for the Jewish people".It would address security challenges, he added, most notably Iran which he claimed would "not hesitate to use nuclear weapons against us".

"Offered Me Green Card": Lebanese Woman Accuses ICE Agent Of Sexual Assault

world.(Agency).

A 21-year-old Lebanese woman has accused an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent at a Texas detention facility of sexually assaulting her and offering to help her get a green card in exchange for sex, a claim denied by the US oficials.

The woman, Rahaf Ali Almerhij, who goes by Lucy Wise and agreed to be identified, claimed that the ICE deportation oficer, Markell Wallace, took her into an isolated, self-locking room at the El Valle Detention Facility in Raymondville, and touched her sexually without her consent.

In an interview with Newsweek, Almerhij also alleged that he threatened her husband with imprisonment and deportation if she refused his advances.

"He told me, 'I'm going to give you a green card,'" she said.

She said the ofcer also told her that her husband "is an old guy" and "can't do anything to you".

Saudi Alliance Intercepts 2 Houthi Missiles, 3 Drones Targeting Riyadh

Riyadh.(Agency)

The Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis said on Sunday it had intercepted two Houthi ballistic missiles launched towards the Saudi capital Riyadh and three drones in the kingdom's oil-rich Eastern Province.

The Houthis, who control most of the populous parts of Yemen, have intensified attacks on the Saudi capital in recent days. A Houthi attack last week damaged an administrative building of the state oil company Saudi Aramco in Riyadh's financial hub.

The Eastern Province, the economic powerhouse of Saudi



Arabia, has been subject to multiple attacks by Houthis in the past few weeks.It contains the majority of the kingdom's oil and gas reserves and is home to Aramco's headquarters, which suffered extensive damage in an attack in October.The Houthis have stepped up strikes on Saudi airports, ports and oil facilities, while Saudi Arabia has ramped up airstrikes on Houthi targets in Yemen in response.

Moscow confirms Trump, Xi, Putin meeting in China's Shenzhen this week

The talks on Thursday, previously announced by Washington, would mark the first ever three-way meeting between the heads of state.



MOSCOW.(Agency).

Russia confirmed President Vladimir Putin would take part in a historic meeting with China's Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump at a summit in Shenzhen in the coming week, state media reported on Saturday."An agreement has been reached to hold a trilateral meeting on the 19th (of November) between President Putin, President Xi, and President Trump. This meeting will take place in Shenzhen on the sidelines of the APEC summit," the Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told TASS news agency.The talks on Thursday, previously announced by Washington, would mark the first ever three-way meeting between the heads of state.China has not yet confirmed the meeting.The leaders will meet on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in the southern Chinese city, a White House spokeswoman told reporters on Friday.Discussions would include the reduction of nuclear weapons globally as well as the war in the Middle East, but not the conflict in Ukraine, according to the White House.

Global powers converge on Manila as ASEAN summit kicks off

World.(Agency)

MANILAA key regional summit opens on Sunday in Manila, with Southeast Asian heads of state facing questions on trade, security and an ongoing energy crisis while playing host to a who's who of global leaders.US President Donald Trump is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday near the summit's conclusion, a visit expected to include a sideline meeting with fellow Quad countries India, Japan and Australia -- the first of his second term.The meeting of the Quad -- a grouping broadly aimed at counterbalancing China's regional influence -- would come days before a historic sit-down with Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin in Shenzhen.Brazil's recently re-elected Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, meanwhile, is set to attend a plenary session of the 11-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on Sunday, while Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese will sign a new defence pact with host country the Philippines.

Nearly 20,000 police oficers have been deployed around Metro Manila for the summit, with progressive groups predicting a turnout of thousands on Tuesday for an anti-Trump march on the summit site.Much of the uproar targets the US Pax Silica programme -- a supply-chain initiative designed to counter China's dominance in semiconductors and rare earths -- whose flagship Philippine project, a 1,620-hectare AI manufacturing hub north of Manila, threatens to displace Indigenous families.US Ambassador to the Philippines Lee Lipton said last week that a widely rumoured November target date for a deal signing timed to Trump's visit was never in the works.Unfinished businessA day of early meetings kicked of on Saturday with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney announcing a Philippine trade deal, and ASEAN leaders huddling on key issues including haze from Indonesia and potential fuel-sharing schemes as members struggle with Iran war-driven shortages.

SpaceX's Starship returns from orbit and is captured by launchpad arms in a dramatic first

world.(Agency)

SpaceX's Starship made a triumphant return to Earth on Saturday, caught in midair by giant mechanical arms where its journey began 22 hours earlier.

It was the grand finale that Elon Musk and his team hoped for — the first-ever capture of a Starship flying back from space. But with the first-stage booster exploding shortly after Friday's liftof from Texas, the company fell short of its desired double catch, still the goal for accelerating moon and Mars travel.

Wreckage remained in the Gulf of Mexico, cordoned off by buoys, as the stainless steel, bullet-shaped spacecraft lowered itself upright at the launchpad.

The dramatic, sci-fi-like capture helped



blot out the booster's messy miss. Cameras panned the spacecraft up and down as it hung high above the ground, supported by the arms of the launch tower."Can you believe it?" SpaceX commentator Dan Huot shouted, dragging out each word. "Look at her! Baby, she's back!"Calling it an "epic day," Musk later ascended the launch tower to take up-close video with his phone. He even hugged the spacecraft. "Looks great," he reported via X.SpaceX oficials said Saturday's catch demonstrates the full reusability of Starship, crucial for rapid and low-cost recycling. Although Friday's booster recovery failed, the company had already made three previous booster catches, validating the technique.NASA welcomed Saturday's news. The space agency is paying billions of dollars for Starship to land Artemis astronauts on the moon later this decade and help build a permanent lunar base. Musk's ambitions are even grander:

Israeli military says it struck senior member of Hamas military wing

JERUSALEM.(Agency).

The Israeli military said on Sunday its forces had struck a senior militant from Hamas's military wing, which confirmed the death of one of its commanders in Gaza.

Samir Abu Younis, a military leader who played a key role in planning Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel, was killed on Saturday, according to a statement from the Islamist movement's Al-Qassam Brigade.

"A short while ago, the IDF and ISA struck a senior terrorist in Hamas' military wing," the Israeli military said in a joint statement with internal security agency Shin Bet, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

It did not elaborate but said it would later provide further details."He was killed yesterday evening... in a cowardly assassination operation," the Al-Qassam Brigade posted on Telegram, adding Younis was "among the most important commanders involved in the planning and supervision of the 7 October attack."

A security source told AFP shortly after midnight that Younis, the commander of Al-Qassam's Rafah Brigade, died in a strike "targeting him moments ago in Al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis."Gaza's civil defence spokesman, Mahmoud Bassal, told AFP the agency had received the body of Younis, 53, and said two people were wounded in the strike in Gaza's south.

Israel and Hamas have accused each other of violating the ceasefire that came into effect in October 2025, after two years of war triggered by the October 7 attack.

While the US-backed ceasefire has largely subdued the fighting, Israel has kept up regular strikes in the territory.More than 1,600 Palestinians have been killed since the start of the ceasefire, according to the Gaza health ministry, which operates under Hamas authority and whose figures are considered reliable by the United Nations.During the same period, the Israeli military has reported the loss of seven soldiers, as well as one civilian contractor.Israel's former army chief Gadi Eisenkot is currently locked in negotiations to form a governing coalition while his rival, caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, remains responsible for

Francophone summit opens with DR Congo, Rwandan clash

PHNOM PENHN.(Agency)

A summit of French-speaking nations opened Sunday in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh, with leaders including France's President Emmanuel Macron seeking to avoid a walkout by the group's biggest African member.The Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), a post-colonial entity resembling the Commonwealth, gathers around 90 states and nations including 53 full members, from the Democratic Republic of Congo to Canada.But the two-day talks are being overshadowed by tensions between two men, DR Congo President Felix Tshisekedi and Rwanda's Paul Kagame, and a row over the organisation's new head.Rwanda's Louise Mushikiwabo has led the OIF for eight years and is running for a third term, but the DR Congo is strongly opposed -- and has threatened to quit the organisation if she is re-elected on Monday.Kinshasa accuses Rwanda of supporting the M23 armed group's activities inside DR Congo, which Kigali denies.

Last year Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso withdrew from the OIF after successive coups that saw Paris-friendly governments replaced by pro-Russian juntas.The departure of DR Congo -- the second most Francophone country after France with 57.3 million speakers, according to the OIF -- would be a major blow.In his opening speech to an audience that included Cambodia's King Norodom Sihamoni and Prime Minister Hun Manet, Macron called for unity.The enlargement of the OIF, which promotes economic and cultural cooperation, "requires us to build consensus in order to preserve the union", the French president said.Warning against "internal fractures" in the organisation, he said: "We must ensure that we preserve what constitutes its strength -- namely, its unity." France's influence -

The row has revived debate over the influence of France, the former colonial ruler of many



member states and the Francophonie organisation's biggest donor.

Rwanda has denounced Paris's involvement in the election of a new secretary general, saying Macron asked Kagame to withdraw his candidate -- a request it said it rejected.

The news raised eyebrows. "With that intervention we're going backwards, to the idea that France decides," one member of a non-African delegation said Saturday on condition of anonymity.France had supported Rwanda's Mushikiwabo in 2018 as ties warmed between Paris and Kigali, but had publicly expressed neutrality in this year's contest.

India votes against UNGA resolution calling for global moratorium on death penalty

It called upon all states to establish a moratorium on executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty. It also called upon states which have abolished the death penalty not to reintroduce it.

world.(Agency)

India has voted against a draft UN General Assembly resolution calling on nations to establish a moratorium on the death penalty.The 193-member UNGA adopted by recorded vote the resolution on Friday introduced by Mexico on 'Moratorium on the use of the death penalty', with 133 countries voting in favour of the resolution, 33 against and 16 abstentions.India, along with Bahrain, China, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kuwait, Maldives, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the US, voted against the resolution.The resolution expressed deep concern about the continued application of the death penalty and reaffirmed the right of all countries to develop their own legal systems, including determining appropriate legal penalties in accordance with international law.It called upon all states to establish a moratorium on executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty. It also called upon states which have abolished the death penalty not to reintroduce it.The resolution expressed deep concern that, despite the global trend towards limiting the application of the death penalty, there was a significant surge in reported executions in 2025.The resolution called upon all States to progressively restrict the use of the death penalty and not to impose capital punishment for offences committed by persons below 18 years of age or whose age above 18 years at the time of the commission of the crime cannot be accurately determined.It also called for restricting the use of the death penalty on pregnant women or on persons with mental or intellectual disabilities, as well as on older persons, and to reduce the number of ofences for which the death penalty may be imposed, including by removing the mandatory application of the death penalty.

Canadian woman, 61, reaches Rajasthan for marriage; man backs out, police step in

Kotputli.(Agency)

A Canadian woman's search for a life partner brought her to India, but a marriage plan that had taken nearly a year to take shape unravelled within two days of her arrival. The 61-year-old had travelled to Rajasthan to marry a man she had met on a dating app. However, after the two met in person, the man refused to go ahead with the marriage on learning her age. A disagreement followed, eventually drawing in the Canadian Embassy and the local police.The woman had first connected with the man, identified as Nitin, on a dating application around a year ago. Their conversations gradually moved to social media, and the two eventually decided to get married. She then travelled to India on a tourist visa, landing in Delhi on November 11.Nitin, a resident of Haryana's Panipat, went to the airport to receive her. He took her to a flat belonging to his maternal uncle and aunt at BB Builders Society in Neemrana, in Rajasthan's Kotputli-Behror district. The two stayed there for around two days.However, the marriage plans fell apart after Nitin learnt that the woman was around 61 years old.

Axiom was practice, my real mission is to see Tricolour on Moon by 2040: Captain Shubhanshu Shukla

Chandigarh.(Agency)

Captain Subhanshu Shukla, the first Indian astronaut to visit the International Space Station, on Saturday said that his real mission was to see a fellow Indian plant the Tricolour on the Moon by 2040. Recalling his Axiom Mission 4 journey in June 2025, Shukla said he never felt alone in space because "the whole nation was part of the mission".“After Axiom, I am actively engaged in preparing our national mission Gaganyaan to succeed and further contribute to India's growth and prosperity," he said while addressing a session at the 10th Military Literature Festival.

During the session, titled "From Fighter Cockpit to Spacecraft: India's New Frontier in Air and Space Power", Shukla gave a presentation of his 20 days and 3-hours-long journey to space.Sharing his experience, he said taking off from the International Space Station (ISS) on the Space Capsule was "violent and chaotic", contrary to his expectations. "As we lifted off from the ISS, a doubt crossed my mind whether I had made the right decision to travel to space," he said, adding that initial anxiety and confusion are in-built in any challenge.Urging youngsters to take up science and follow their dreams with courage, he said classrooms foster audacious dreams, which should be nurtured with courage and spirit for one to succeed and serve society.

Himachal woman injured as speeding car sends parked vehicle hurtling into her

Solan, Himachal Pradesh. (Agency)

A speeding car rammed into a vehicle parked along a roadside in Himachal Pradesh's Solan district, sending it flying into a woman pedestrian and leaving her seriously injured. The incident took place in Dattowal area of Nalagarh, where a CCTV camera captured the violent collision.The footage shows a woman walking along the roadside as a car remains parked nearby. Moments later, another car approaches at high speed and appears to lose control before crashing into the stationary vehicle.

The impact was so powerful that the parked car was sent flying several metres, hitting the woman as she walked past. The collision also caused the speeding car to overturn in the middle of the road.The woman sustained serious injuries in the accident. Local residents rushed to help her and took her to a hospital for treatment. Her current condition was not immediately known.The collision triggered panic in the area, with the CCTV footage capturing the sequence of events leading up to the accident. The video shows the parked vehicle being thrown into the air and the other car overturning following the impact.The accident took place in Dattowal, in the Nalagarh area of Solan district.

UP couple wanted a daughter. Then they heard cries in their field

Lucknow.(Agency)



A 53-year-old farmer and his wife rescued a newborn girl found partially buried in a field in Etah district on Saturday morning, after they heard her cries while working nearby.Jitendra Singh and his wife, Reena Devi, 50, were working in their field in Nagla Banjara village when they heard a faint cry. They rushed towards the sound and found the infant partially buried in the soil. The couple pulled her out and alerted other villagers working in nearby fields.

Acting on the advice of residents, Jitendra took the baby to a community health centre for medical attention. A police team also reached the CHC after receiving information about the discovery.“The newborn girl was brought to the health centre by the man who found her, accompanied by a police team. After examining her, we kept her under observation in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for some time. She was later handed over to members of the Child Helpline who arrived at the centre," said Dr Sarvesh, posted at the Aliganj Community Health Centre.A staff member at the centre said Jitendra had expressed his wish to take the baby home and raise her as his daughter. However, the authorities handed her over to the Child Helpline, citing the legal procedures governing adoption.

Jyoti Sharma, in-charge of Etah's Child Helpline, said the infant would be produced before the district Child Welfare Committee (CWC), which would decide on arrangements for her care and rehabilitation.“The baby will be produced before the CWC on Monday. Until then, she will be kept at a government-run Specialised Adoption Agency in Etah," Sharma said. She added that the infant appeared to be around a day old.

Jitendra said he and his wife had been preparing the field for wheat sowing when they heard the cries. The baby was covered in mud, with soil also lodged in her mouth, he said.“We were deeply moved when we found the little girl. We have six sons but no daughter, and have always wished to have a girl in our family.

We want to raise her as our own and are willing to take full responsibility for her upbringing if the administration permits," he said.Raja Ka Rampur Station Officer Rohit Rathi said a police team had visited the village after receiving information about the newborn's recovery. He said the situation was under control.

From bridal hands to highway medians, henna plants take root as green barriers in Andhra Pradesh

The Nellore-Naidupeta corridor is part of this approach, with 'gorintaku', yellow bells and bougainvillea among the plants used along highway stretches.

TIRUPATI/NELLORE(Agency)

A plant traditionally associated with weddings, natural hair colouring and traditional medicine is finding a new role along the Nellore-Naidupeta highway corridor. Lawsonia inermis, popularly known as henna or 'gorintaku', is being planted along highway medians, raising an interesting question: can a commercially valuable traditional plant also contribute to road safety?

The National Green Highways Mission guidelines explicitly include Lawsonia inermis among the shrubs suitable for median plantations. Based on IRC SP 21:2009 principles, the guidelines favour pollution-resistant, dwarf shrubs that can reduce headlight glare from vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. Lawsonia inermis is classified as a tolerant, quick-growing evergreen shrub, with an April-July flowering season and a suitability score of 3.79.

Highway median plantations serve purposes beyond beautification. Properly designed and maintained green barriers help reduce glare, improve driving comfort and contribute to road safety. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' specifications for four-laning projects also call for shrubs on stretches where the median is wider than 2.5 metres.

The Nellore-Naidupeta corridor is part of this approach, with 'gorintaku', yellow bells and bougainvillea among the plants used along highway stretches. Their selection depends on local conditions and the landscaping plans adopted by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and its maintenance agencies.The Indian Institute of Science's India Flora/Flora of Peninsular India database describes Lawsonia inermis as a shrub or small tree belonging to the Lythraceae family. It records the species in Nellore district and several other parts of Andhra Pradesh and notes its commercial cultivation for henna.However, plantation alone is not enough. A 2026 study involving researchers, including Varun Kumar Reja of IIT Bombay and researchers from the University of Cambridge, cautioned that unattended roadside vegetation could pose a significant road safety hazard. Regular pruning, height control, replacement of dead plants, irrigation management and keeping median openings clear are therefore essential.Speaking to , Shivakumar, Project Director of NHAI's Chittoor region, said the primary objective of median plantations was to prevent glare from headlights of vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. There was no single plant species prescribed for all medians, with the choice depending on local conditions and landscaping plans for individual stretches, he said. Around 200 km of National Highways fall under the Chittoor region.The Green Highways Policy, 2015, provides a framework for plantation, transplantation, beautification and maintenance. In a reply to the Rajya Sabha in February 2026, the Ministry said plantations were being undertaken along available highway right-of-way areas and medians wherever feasible to reduce air pollution, dust and noise, provide shade, prevent soil erosion and minimise headlight glare.

APPCB to Ayyappa devotees: Adopt eco-friendly practices at Sabarimala

Lucknow.(Agency)

The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) has urged Ayyappa devotees from the State to follow eco-friendly practices during the upcoming Mandala-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season at Sabarimala in Kerala.The 2026-27 pilgrimage season will begin on November 17, 2026, and continue until January 20, 2027.In view of the expected influx of pilgrims, the Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has appealed to devotees to help maintain environmental cleanliness across the pilgrimage region. It wrote to the APPCB, requesting it to create awareness among pilgrims from Andhra Pradesh about environmental protection and proper waste management. In response,



the APPCB issued a release on Saturday, outlining guidelines for devotees.Pilgrims have been advised to avoid plastic items in their Irumudi and use eco-friendly alternatives. They have also been asked not to litter forest routes, hills and surrounding areas with plastic or other waste.The guidelines call for segregation of wet and dry waste and disposal of biodegradable and non-biodegradable materials in separate dustbins.

The boards have specifically urged devotees not to throw waste into the Pamba River or discard used clothes in the river and Bhasmakulam.The KSPCB stressed that maintaining cleanliness at Sannidhanam, Pamba, Nilakkal, Erumeli and surrounding forest areas was essential to protecting the region's biodiversity and natural ecosystem.

Remote town in Punjab's Tarn Taran turns to ex-servicemen to keep gangsters away

Chandigarh.(Agency)

Chohla Sahib is a remote small town in the Tarn Taran district, situated a few kilometres ahead of the Beas River, which divides the Majha and Doaba regions. The town's primary market spans an L-shaped road less than a kilometre long.Yet, ex-servicemen can still be spotted guarding the street 24×7 as a repeated severe ransom and threat calls to local traders has severely impacted the town.Shopkeepers and traders in Chohla Sahib are reluctant to speak on the record about why ex-servicemen have been deployed in the market. They have been paying these individuals from their own pockets.However, the town has shattered conventional assumptions about the extortion industry run by local gangsters. Targets have expanded beyond major businesses to include ordinary local vendors — such as electricians, mobile shop owners, and retail shop owners in small towns like Chohla Sahib — who would typically fall outside a criminal hit list.Recently, two people were murdered in a village near Chohla Sahib, which police later linked to gang rivalry. This episode once again highlighted that the area is affected with criminal gangs. A central figure known to everyone in the town is Gurwinder Singh, alias Afridi. Recently deported from a foreign country to Punjab, Afridi is now in police custody.“Not only Chohla Sahib, Afridi was behind the extortion calls made across the Tarn Taran. We have been investigating him to break the bone of his network," Tarn Taran SSP Surinder Lamba said.While residents hope his arrest will bring relief, many note that the situation remains complex.Residents express surprise that gangsters are targeting small traders in such a small town with limited business potential. The historical town associated with the fifth Sikh Guru Guru Arjan Dev has previously been targeted by gangster Lakhbir Singh Landa, followed by Afridi and his gang headed by Prabh Dasuwal.Locals emphasise that while Afridi's arrest is a welcome step, it is not enough, as the Dasuwal gang operates as a broader systemic network within Chohla Sahib.In off-the-record discussions with The



Indian Express, local shopkeepers shared that they have stopped using WhatsApp on their primary numbers, unlisting them entirely. Instead, they use secondary numbers not legally registered in their names to keep their main contacts restricted to close family and friends. Because gangsters frequently use WhatsApp to issue threats and extort victims, traders take extreme precautions to prevent their numbers from being leaked to criminal networks, noting that criminals rely heavily on internet messaging rather than standard phone calls.

Dramatic jungle chase ends in village well — leopard dies, boar survives

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Navsari district saw an unusual wild chase, when a leopard hunting a wild boar, chased it right into the well and died even as the boar survived.The incident took place late on Friday night in the Vansda forest range where the leopard spotted the wild boar in the deep jungle and began to chase it. The two reached the Chikhatiya village's outskirts where the boar, jumped into a 20-feet well.“The incident came into light on Saturday early morning, when a villager passing by heard some noise coming out from the well. He spotted a wild boar struggling to save his life. The villager informed the village Sarpanch Kiran Chaudhary, who reached the spot. The villagers then informed forest office. "Our teams used expert techniques and lifted the wild boar from the well", said Amit Tandel, Vansda Range Forest officer .Later the forest officers spotted the body of the leopard and fished it out.Tandel said, "We sent body of the leopard to veterinary hospital in Vansda where doctors carried out postmortem, on Saturday. The doctors had reported that the cause of death is due to drowning…The leopard was 4-year-old male and boar was around two-and-half years old. We have cremated the body of leopard in deep jungle areas on Saturday."



The last census pegged the leopard population in Gujarat at 2274 of which 52 were spotted in Navsari district.

Chikhatiya village Sarpanch Kiran Chaudhary told The Indian Express that after this incident the village has decided to raise the height of the wall of the well to prevent such incidents. "The well was age old and … is around 20 feet deep and around 13 feet in diameter… As our village has few other wells. There is no cover but we have a 3-feet-high compound wall. This is for the first time we have come across the incident to leopard and boar both fell into the well", said Chaudhary.

Fatal attraction of spies and chips: The public price of private lives

In the Insta world, the 'Kodak moment' has morphed long ago into the 'Coldplay moment'. This week, the romantic dalliance of Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang with Alice Huang, allegedly a Chinese spy, lit screens across the world. The meme-world is ablaze. If the old maxim said that two wrongs don't make a right, it's now saying two Huangs don't make it right. As the headlines play out, the capital markets are trying to price the risks.Markets pride themselves in their ability to price anything and everything. They price wars, monsoons, elections, the derby and even the mood of central bankers. Nvidia can insure against fire, hedge its currencies, buy cover for its directors and even takes out a key-man policy in case the boss meets a bus. What companies and markets have struggled with is how to price character, how to map the unknown risks of leadership. The fatal attraction here is not the one between the Huangs, but between the market and a stock.Beyond the salacious imagery, the worry for the investor world at large is if the AI rally will hang with Huang. Nvidia is around 6 percent of the S&P500 index, 10 percent of the Nasdaq100 and is on pension fund assets across the world. The best they have is phraseology: key-man risk. Ergo, they assume it and pay for the assumption when the unknowns become known.Since Jensen Huang confessed to his extramarital affair on November 8, his company has lost over $500 billion in market cap. Huang, who owns 3.6 percent of the stock, lost more than $15 billion. Of every dollar that vanished, a little under four cents was his.The rest belonged to index funds, pension plans, insurers and the households behind them—none of whom were consulted on his weekends. The affair was private. The invoice is public.Economists, being economists, have looked at the phenomenon. In 2018, Brandon Cline, Ralph Walkling and Adam Yore published a paper in the Journal of Financial Economics with the unimprovable subtitle 'Sex, Lies and Firm Value'. They tracked 219 indiscretions by executives, the sexual, the dishonest, the intoxicated and the violent. On disclosure, the average company lost 1.6 percent of its value, or $110 million. When the sinner was the CEO, the loss was 4.1 percent, or $226 million. Nvidia's Monday was a textbook illustration with more zeros.As the markets lathered, as Nikkei and Nasdaq yo-yoed, the board lawyered up preparing for a multitude of probes by an array of three-letter agencies, and enquiries by US House and Senate committees. Setting the stage for the company's defence, the board ousted Huang on November 12 and sppointed Chief Financial Officer Colette Kress as interim CEO.

Great power, great temptations

Nvidia's is not the first CEO tripping on frailties. With great power comes great temptations. Literature has covered the ground the prospectus is struggling with. "I can resist everything except temptation," says Lord Darlington in Oscar Wilde's Lady Windermere's Fan.Harry Stonecipher, brought back to clean up Boeing's ethics, was asked to resign in 2005 over an affair with a female executive. Mark Hurd left Hewlett-Packard in 2010 after an inquiry into his relationship with a contractor.

Time to revisit philanthropy in India

Gandhi's trusteeship and Gates' monitoring model are among the pathways to choose from

PHILANTHROPY is both an old and a new idea in India. We get a glimpse of the old idea, which has its basis in caste, religion and trade practices, in Pushpa Sundar's 2017 book Giving with a Thousand Hands: The Changing Face of Indian Philanthropy. The Parsis, for example, have a reputation for being an active philanthropic community. Perhaps their worldview of Manashni (good thoughts), Gavashni (good words) and Kunashni (good deeds) has something to do with it.Similarly, the Lalbhais of Ahmedabad, drawing on Jain and Vaishnav philosophies and the institution of the Nagarsheth that they occupied, acquired a reputation as philanthropists; they established the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) and the Ahmedabad Educational Society.In contrast to this old-world philanthropy, the new idea that has caught the imagination of India looks at philanthropy in the US. Bain & Company, the global consultancy firm that publishes the annual India Philanthropy Report, notes a growing trend towards philanthropy by individuals, families and corporates in India. Unsurprisingly, from the Bain perspective, capitalism and philanthropy go together.

Beyond these two positions, however, there are at least three reasons for us to revisit philanthropy in India. The first is the current imbroglio concerning the governance of Tata Trusts. Established in 1892, it was deliberately given a majority stake (66%) in the principal holding company of the Tata Group, Tata Sons. They would thereby have a steady source of income for philanthropy. Why then is there a governance controversy today? What is it telling us about ourselves? What will be its implications for the philanthropy of Tata Trusts?

The second curious factor is the extremely small number of Indian billionaires, just five, who have signed the "Giving Pledge" that voluntarily commits individuals to giving 50% of their wealth during their lifetime. According to the Forbes Billionaire List (2026), India has 229 billionaires and is ranked third after the US and China. So, why have so few made this pledge? It's another hard question to which we need answers.

The third reason is Mahatma Gandhi's concept of trusteeship. It is an ethical idea superior to philanthropy and yet, despite his campaigning for it, there were no takers. According to Gandhi, only Jamnalal Bajaj came close to embodying this concept.Rather than retrace the Indian discussion, which to me is "same old, same old", let me present ideas/practices that have a bearing on Indian philanthropy. I will begin with Gandhi's idea of trusteeship and then move on to the contrasting perspectives of Bill Gates, MacKenzie Scott and Elon Musk.The core of Gandhi's idea is to convert an "owner" into a "trustee". This requires a change of heart: even though capitalists retain control of their wealth, they hold most of it in trust "for God", by which Gandhi meant "the people". Only a small "portion" is available for personal use. Trusteeship recognises capitalists' special skills at wealth creation but does not see this as providing moral grounds for them to use, and alienate, as they so desire. No private zoo for them — they are merely its trustees, not owners. They have to always keep the public good in mind.When asked how much of this wealth should be for the capitalist's personal use, Gandhi suggested 1%, a





figure similar to the proportion of his net assets that Warren Buffett considered enough for him to fulfil all his desires. Trusteeship, for Gandhi, was opposed to capitalism, which he believed was rooted in violence.

However, giving up ownership of one's wealth and becoming a trustee puts too great an ethical burden on capitalists, who prefer to remain owners. Despite trusteeship's roots in the Bhagavad Gita's concept of aparigraha (non-attachment), capitalists here, as elsewhere, want to enjoy social and political power. Control of wealth gives it to them.

In contrast to trusteeship was the idea of philanthropy propounded by Andrew Carnegie in his slim book The Gospel of Wealth. The philanthropy he practised was about controlling both the giving of his wealth and its destination. Philanthropy was, for him, an opportunity to make available to the subaltern classes institutions for their uplift, such as parks, concert halls, museums and libraries — which he built. Carnegie also sponsored research, especially in the medical field, in universities. Philanthropy was the way to provide facilities for the less well-off to improve themselves. He, however, remained a profit-maximising capitalist. This conundrum of hard capitalism with soft philanthropy is at the heart of philanthropic work in America.Bill Gates endorses Carnegie's philosophy. He uses management tools to monitor the flow of money. To his credit, his work has had a significant impact on global public health. Unlike a trustee, Gates seeks to both decide the cause to which he will give money and the process by which it will be disbursed. For Gates, capitalism and philanthropy need each other.Although MacKenzie Scott is a capitalist by default, having acquired her wealth because of her divorce from Jeff Bezos, she has adopted a light-touch approach to giving. She chooses not to monitor how her funds are deployed once she has identified a recipient. She makes the grant and allows the grantee to decide how and where it should be spent. Most of her awardees work with underserved communities. She cedes spending decisions to them, a strategy applauded by Melinda French Gates and Jack Dorsey, who now seek to emulate it.

MacKenzie Scott's strategy of giving (nearly $26 billion and counting) has been described by Musk as "making the world a worse place". For him, the way forward to address the problems of the world is not philanthropy but capitalism. In his view, more for-profit companies like his that are mission-driven are more effective in achieving good than philanthropy.

India Story is not just about the paths taken, also those lying ahead

Modi is a master of nuanced communication: with characteristic humour, he thanked journalists for attending a gathering of "non-breaking news".

Explaining India's growth story can be a complex task. But then, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is an expert at unravelling complexities. His message at the Diwali media meet in Delhi was concise: go beyond the daily news cycle and become chroniclers of a nation in the midst of transformation. Modi is a master of nuanced communication: with characteristic humour, he thanked journalists for attending a gathering of "non-breaking news".The lighter moment set the tone for a larger message about the urgency of India's development ambitions. His analogy between newsroom deadlines and national development targets was an innovative twist on how deadlines speed up the pace of work, sharpens priorities and creates a sense of purpose. India's ambition of becoming a developed nation by 2047, he clarified, needs similar commitment.Modi's appeal to showcase the India Story was particularly significant. Citing the country's young population, affordable data services and achievements such as Chandrayaan-3, the Chenab railway bridge and UPI, he highlighted India's growing technological and engineering capabilities.

Journalists must seek out grassroots stories of innovation, enterprise and social transformation was the fundamental message, as he drew a parallel with Mann Ki Baat, which brings lesser-known achievers and local initiatives into



the national conversation. Most important was his appeal to publicise the danger of substance abuse among youth, and raising awareness about deepfakes.It was a reminder that journalism's influence extends beyond reporting events to shaping public awareness and encouraging collective action.Modi was both Prime Minister and chief editor on the stage; his view was that reporting on infrastructure expansion, technological innovation and entrepreneurial energy must go hand in hand with explaining their economic and social impact.This explains how the country's progress is not a single narrative but a multitude of stories unfolding across regions, industries and communities. Bringing them together can help citizens understand both the scale of change and the possibilities ahead through sustained effort from every institution.The media has a distinctive contribution to make in this endeavour: showcase achievements while illuminating shortfalls, connect local successes with national aspirations and keep public attention focused on the road ahead. Telling the India Story is not simply about celebrating how far the country has travelled; it is also about helping Indians understand how much farther India can go.

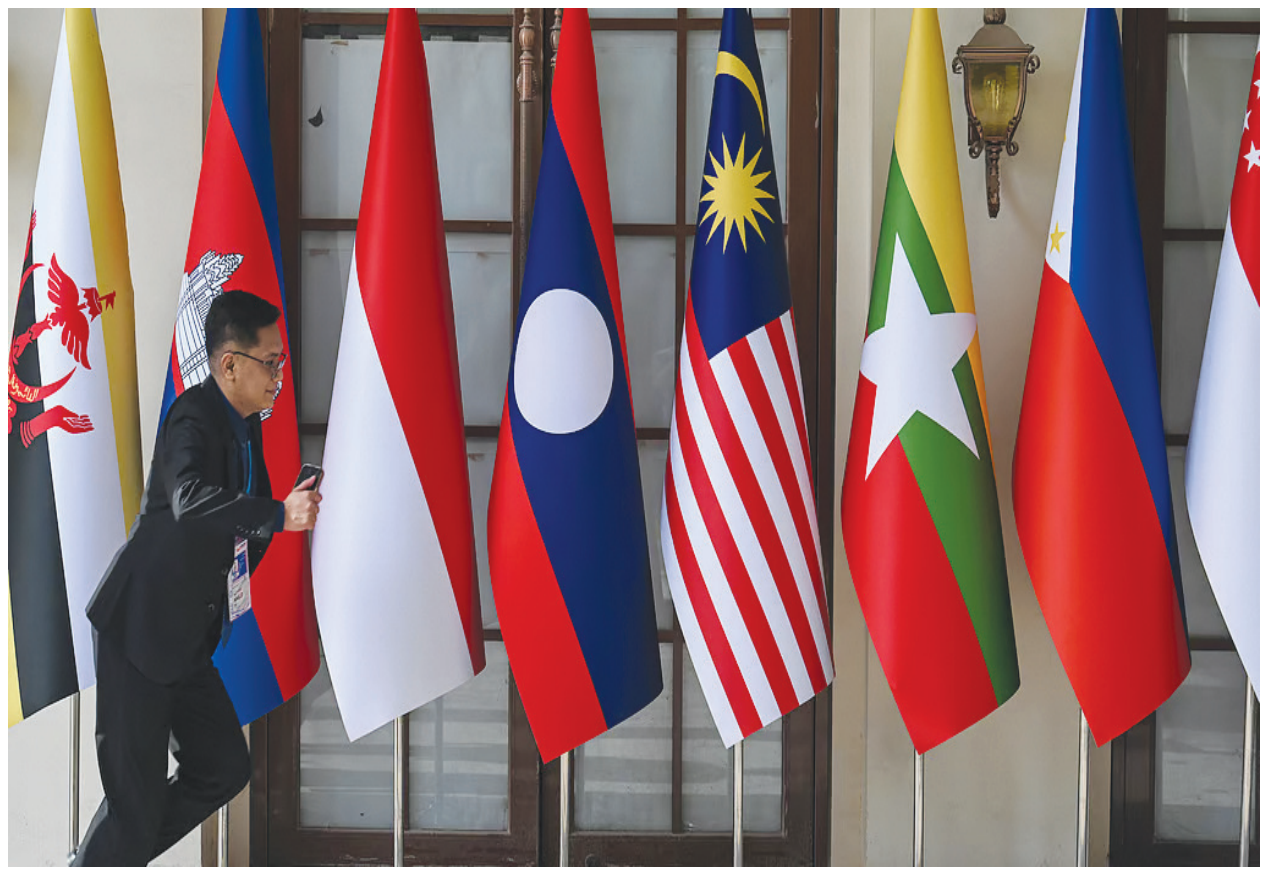
Slow and stodgy on the eastern front

From New Delhi's perspective, this will also mark the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit, with a key focus on improving maritime security cooperation.

The word 'jamboree' probably accurately sums up what will unfold in Manila this Monday. As the 49th ASEAN Summit commences with the Philippines as the chair, the build-up to main summit of Southeast Asian leaders will be preceded by a flurry of meetings to set the tone and agenda, as well as multiple related mini-summits.Most of this work is coordinated by the ASEAN secretariat. That and all the other coordinating group meetings in the run-up to the main event seek to align both the final declarations and review of the annual progress of the grouping. As an official process, it is a massive effort of many moving parts.

This year's summit theme—'Navigating the future, together'—remains critically distinct. For the first summit chaired by President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr, it could not be more apt in describing what the bloc is facing given the turbulent world order at present, where fragmentation remains the key determinant of how systemic factors are shaped.

The year beyond the summit will be crucial for ASEAN's relevance in the region and the larger cause of how multilateralism evolves in the current environment. Given this backdrop, this article focuses on the year's core issues for the bloc and the manner in which the grouping may move prior to handing the chairmanship to Singapore in 2027.The most interesting set of issues to watch out for during the summit will fall in three critical areas. First, how the ASEAN leadership under the Philippines addresses two of the core issues within the grouping—the situation in Myanmar, which remains far from seeing any resolution, and the manner in which geopolitics of the South China Sea is being shaped through the year.



The question that looms large is whether either of these issues will find any long-term answers at the summit.The continuing military rule in Myanmar and the kind of electoral process held over three phases from late last year to early this year have not gone down well either within the ASEAN or in the rest of the international community. While ASEAN's principle of remaining out of the domestic politics of its member States may have held some significance in its early years, this option of ignoring the situation in member countries is no longer tenable.Increasingly, the civil societies in countries such as Indonesia and the Philippines are coming out stronger against violence within States. ASEAN itself has been less than endorsing of the electoral results and the efforts of the Filipino special envoy to Myanmar has met with little success, though some progress is seen in terms of meeting the conflicting parties.The situation also reflects the fact that the government of President Ming Aung Hliang is not in full control of the country and National Union government supported by the People's Defence Force and various ethnic armed organisations have a hold on a bit over 40 percent of the nation's territory. This unprecedented situation pushes ASEAN to continuously reiterate its original five-point consensus, which looks at an inclusive dialogue of all stakeholders. While the ban on inviting the Myanmar president continues, the ASEAN has been unable to deliver a resounding and effective result on the country. This remains far from being adequately addressed.

Through te past year, the bloc has had several rounds of meetings to look at furthering the Code of Conduct (CoC) for South China Sea. Even in January, when the Philippines took over the chair, it was assumed that the CoC would feature strongly in this year's agenda, based on the host's position and increasing geopolitical tensions in the area.

Another cyclone over Bay of Bengal by Monday, Odisha awaits heavy rains

BHUBANESWAR.(Agency)

The Bay of Bengal is set to witness its third cyclone within a month as a well-marked low pressure area is likely to intensify into a storm by Monday evening. There is no clarity on the system's landfall point yet.

As per the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the well-marked low pressure is expected to move northwestwards and intensify into a depression over the same region during the next 24 hours.Tracking north-northwestwards, the system will take the shape of a cyclone over the central parts of south and adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal around Monday evening, said the national weather body.However, there is no consensus yet on the system's course after intensifying, leaving its eventual impact on the east coast uncertain.

Various models have issued different forecasts regarding the track and further intensification of the system. The GFS group of models, including AIGFS have indicated an initial northward movement, followed by north-northeastwards/northeastwards movement reaching towards Myanmar-Bangladesh coasts with intensity reaching up to severe to very severe cyclonic storm around Thursday.However, ECMWF model, associated AI models and Mithuna model indicated the system's nearly northwestwards movement reaching near Andhra Pradesh coast across southwest and west-central Bay of Bengal by Thursday.

Health activists to go on strike in Bengaluru from November 17

TIRUCHY.(Agency)

Accredited social health activists from across the state will launch an indefinite protest at Freedom Park from November 17, seeking a fixed monthly honorarium of Rs 15,000, mobile phones and other benefits.Announcing this on Saturday, the Karnataka Rajya Samyukta ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha alleged that the state government has not fulfilled their long-pending demands despite repeated representations.

The sangha said health activists have been providing essential healthcare services at the grassroots for over 18 years, often working for six to eight hours a day and remaining available round-the-clock.However, their payments continue to be largely incentive-based, leaving them financially insecure. It pointed out that other states provide higher fixed honorarium.The sangha has placed seven major demands before the government. They include a fixed monthly honorarium of Rs 15,000 for health activists, good quality mobile phones and recharge allowances, six months' paid maternity.

Pink Line stretch saves time for South Bengaluru commuters

BENGALURU.(Agency)

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the elevated section of the Pink Line, the 7.5-km stretch from Kalena Agrahara to SG Palya was opened for public service on Saturday.Commuters and residents welcomed the launch, expressing enthusiasm over the improved Metro connectivity and hoping it would ease travel in south Bengaluru.Speaking to on the first day of public operations, several commuters said the new stretch had significantly reduced their travel time and offered relief from being stuck in traffic.Faidhi Ashiq, a resident of Hulimavu, said the line was particularly beneficial as he frequently travelled to Madiwala, where his shop is located. "Earlier, driving from Hulimavu used to take at least 35 to 40 minutes. Now, it takes barely 10 to 15 minutes to get to SG Palya making it easier to reach the shop," he said."I have been travelling on this route for the past 20 years, from Gottigere to Wilson Garden. What used to take nearly an hour now takes just 10 minutes with the Metro barring the first and last mile travel. I have saved considerable time on my commute," said Anitha, an entrepreneur and a local resident.Another commuter, Rebecca (name changed), said traffic near Nexus Vega City Mall becomes particularly heavy on weekends and during festivals, and

Dramatic jungle chase ends in Navsari village well in Gujarat: Leopard dies, boar survives

Tough for leopards to swim or survive in water, while wild boar can manage: Forest dept officials.

Kolkata (Agency)

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teams used expert techniques and lifted the wild boar from the well," said Amit Tandel, Vansda Range Forest officer.The villagers found the boar clinging on to the wall even as the leopard had jumped into the water.

Later, the forest department personnel also spotted the carcass of the leopard and fished it out.Tandel said, "We sent the carcass to the veterinary hospital in Vansda where doctors conducted a postmortem on Saturday. The doctors pointed out that the cause of death is due to drowning. It is difficult for leopards to swim or survive in the water, while wild boar can manage…The leopard was a 4-year-old male and the boar is around two-and-half years old."The previous census pegged the leopard population in Gujarat at 2,274 of which 52 were spotted in Navsari district.

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N.F. Railway Steps Up Passenger Assistance to Manage Festive Rush

31 Special Trains to Operate 864 Trips

The Sikh Times

Maligaon, 15th November: Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has strengthened passenger facilitation arrangements at stations and augmented train services to ensure convenient and comfortable travel during the festive rush. Commercial staff and Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel have been deployed at stations to guide passengers on platforms and assist them in safe boarding and alighting. Arrangements for drinking water, clean passenger areas and dedicated holding areas at major stations have also been made to facilitate passenger movement and provide a comfortable waiting experience. To accommodate the increased passenger demand during the festive season, 31 festival special train services are being operated across NFR with 864 trips. Further augmenting these arrangements, Train Nos. 03027/03028 (Howrah–New Jalpaiguri–Howrah Special) will undertake four additional trips during the second half



of November 2026, with two trips in each direction. The Howrah–New Jalpaiguri Special will strengthen connectivity between southern and northern West Bengal while providing direct travel convenience to passengers from Barsoi and Kishanganj in Bihar. These enhanced services and station-level arrangements reflect N.F. Railway's continued efforts to manage the festive rush effectively and ensure a smoother, safer and more comfortable travel experience for passengers. Train No. 03027 (Howrah–New Jalpaiguri) Festival Special will leave Howrah at 23:50 hrs on Wednesday, 18th and 25th November 2026 and reach New Jalpaiguri at 10:45 hrs the following day. In the return direction, Train No. 03028 (New Jalpaiguri–Howrah) Festival Special will leave New Jalpaiguri at 12:45 hrs on Thursday, 19th and 26th November 2026 and reach Howrah at 00:15 hrs the following day. The special train will make two trips in each direction. The special train will have 22 coaches and will stop at Bandel, Nabadwip Dham, Katwa, Azimganj, Jangipur Road, Malda Town, Barsoi, Kishanganj and Aluabari Road in both directions, giving passengers at these stations direct access to Howrah and New Jalpaiguri. The details of stoppages and timings of these trains are available at IRCTC website and social media platforms of N. F. Railway. Passengers are requested to verify the details before undertaking their journey.

Kerala High Court calls for lowering juvenile age limit to 16 years

KOCHI.(Agency)

The Kerala High Court has observed that it is high time the legislature considered amending laws dealing with 'juveniles and children in conflict with the law' to lower the age threshold from 18 to 16 years, as the state recently witnessed a series of crimes and fatal road accidents involving minors.Justice A Badharudeen made the observation, noting the present trend indicating that children attain sufficient maturity by the age of 16. The court also expressed concern over minors getting easy access to liquor despite statutory restrictions.The court made the observation while considering a petition by Vinod Vikraman Pillai of Kollam, seeking strict enforcement of Sections 15A and 15B of the Kerala Abkari Act, which prohibit serving liquor to persons below 23 years. The petition cited the October 11 accident at Nedumbassery, in which a 19-year-old, allegedly under the influence of liquor, rammed his luxury car into a scooter, killing three youths.Advocate U Jayakrishnan, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the student had allegedly been served liquor at multiple bars in Ernakulam without age verification, exposing serious lapses in excise enforcement. He sought an independent vigilance probe and mandatory digital age-verification systems at licensed bars and criminal action against violators.

Observing that the matter required a detailed hearing, the court directed the excise commissioner to file a statement detailing the instructions issued to enforce the statutory provisions and suggest measures to prevent such incidents

Delhi cops recover 185 stolen vehicles in 72-hour drive

New Delh: The Delhi Police recovered 185 stolen vehicles and arrested 44 persons during a 72-hour special drive under Operation Chakra 2.0, registering a nearly 59 per cent increase in recoveries compared with the operation's first edition, officials said on Tuesday. The drive, conducted across West district resulted in the recovery of 182 two-wheelers, including 117 scooters and 65 motorcycles, of which 17 were high-speed motorcycles. The police also recovered one three-wheeler and two four-wheelers. Of the 185 recovered vehicles, 91 were linked to cases registered in West district, while the remaining 94 pertained to other districts, highlighting the operation's reach beyond the district's jurisdiction. CThe police made 46 arrest entries involving 44 persons, as two accused, one each in cases handled by the Tilak Nagar and Vikaspuri police stations, were arrested twice. Among those arrested were 10 bad characters (BCs), accounting for 12 BC-related arrest entries. The Operation Chakra 2.0 recorded a significant improvement over its first edition, which had resulted in the recovery of 116 stolen vehicles, including 113 two-wheelers, during a similar 72-hour period. The latest drive resulted in 69 additional vehicle recoveries, marking an increase of approximately 59 per cent in overall recoveries and 61 per cent in two-wheeler recoveries. The Anti-Auto Theft Squad (AATS) led the unit-wise recovery tally with 27 vehicles, followed by the Khyala police station with 21. The Moti Nagar and Tilak Nagar police stations recovered 17 vehicles each, while the Punjabi Bagh and Rajouri Garden police stations recovered 15 each. The Kirti Nagar and Vikaspuri police stations recovered 12 vehicles each, while the Special Staff recovered 11. The Hari Nagar police station accounted for eight recoveries, Janakpuri for seven and Mayapuri, Naraina and Inderpuri for six each. The Anti-Narcotics Unit recovered five vehicles. The operation also targeted repeat offenders with extensive criminal histories. Sumit, arrested by the Special Staff, has 38 previous criminal involvements, according to the police. Dinesh Lalu, a bad character arrested by the Janakpuri police, has 33 previous involvements, while Sudhir alias Sonu, arrested by the Tilak Nagar police, has 30 involvements. Other accused with multiple previous involvements included Kasim, alias Wasim, a bad character arrested by the Punjabi Bagh police, with 28 cases; Jatin, alias Bhokla, arrested by the Tilak Nagar police, with 23; and Akshay, arrested by the Vikaspuri police, with more than 20 cases.

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Fast Namo Bharat trains to start operations from Monday, cut travel time by 50 mins

Delhi.(Agency)

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has introduced faster Namo Bharat train services between Sarai Kale Khan and Modipuram, aimed at covering the entire corridor in less than 50 minutes. The trains will halt only at five major stations along the corridor, allowing passengers to complete their journeys more quickly. The latest train will start operations from November 16. NCRTC said that the new limited-stop services will cut commute time, enabling passengers to travel from Anand Vihar to Ghaziabad in just eight minutes, Ghaziabad to Begumpal in 28 minutes, and Anand Vihar to Begumpal in 36 minutes, while covering the entire corridor in less than 50 minutes. The fast trains will stop at only five major stations along the corridor—Sarai Kale Khan, Anand Vihar, Ghaziabad, Begumpul, and Modipuram.

In morning, two fast trains will operate from each terminal station, Sarai Kale Khan and Modipuram, at 8am and 8.30am in both directions. Similarly, during evening, the trains will depart from both terminals at 6 pm and 6.30pm.

These services will supplement the existing Namo Bharat trains, which will continue to run at regular 10-minute intervals, NCRTC said.About 1.1 lakh commuters are travelling every day on the corridor, said officials. The corridor recently crossed the milestone of five crore journeys, and over the past three months alone, it recorded an average monthly ridership of more than 32 lakh.

NCRTC advice

Regular Namo Bharat train services will continue as usual. The NCRTC has advised commuters to check station display boards and listen to bulletins before boarding.

Green area can't be used for Chhath Puja, says Delhi HC

Delhi.(Agency)

Faith and long practice cannot claim a public park, observed the Delhi High Court on Friday, as it held that a public green area maintained for the benefit of all cannot be given for Chhath Puja merely because puja was being held there for years.Justice Jasmeet Singh dismissed a plea seeking permission to organise Chhath Puja at Chintoo Park in Naraina Village on November 15 and 16. The HC observed that longstanding practice of organising Chhath Puja at a particular location can't justify permitting the use of a public green area for the religious festivities."The fact that the applicant has been organising the Chhath Puja at the said location for several years, or that the present request is confined to a limited area and period, cannot, by itself, constitute a ground for permitting the use of a green area," the HC noted.The applicant, Lalit Anand, sought permission for Sandhya Arghya on November 15 evening and Usha Arghya on November 16 early morning over about 1,000 square metres at Chintoo Park. He submitted that the puja had been organised there for 23 years and undertook to restore the park after festivities.

Opposing the request, the DDA said that the park was being maintained as a green area, trees and flowers had been planted there, and permitting the event could adversely affect the park. The applicant cited 'Chhath Puja 2026: Single Window Management, Central District', listing Chintoo Park as a venue. It held it could not supersede its August directions.While dismissing Anand's plea, the HC said, "It is a settled position that an administrative decision of the Executive or any other body cannot nullify or dilute a judicial order."Despite NGT curbs, Calcutta HC allows Chhath PujaThe Calcutta High Court has allowed Chhath Puja celebrations at Sagardighi Ghat in Cooch Behar district of West Bengal on November 15 and 16, notwithstanding the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) restrictions on the use of non-biodegradable materials and immersion activities .

Delhi pollution: 47 monitoring stations record 'very poor' AQI, seven in 'severe' zone

Delhi.(Agency)



Delhi's air quality remained in the 'very poor' category on Sunday morning, with the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded at 350 by the Sameer app and 352 in Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data, as a thick layer of smog engulfed several parts of the national capital.Of the 54 monitoring stations in Delhi, 47 recorded 'very poor' air quality, while seven were in the 'severe' category, according to the Sameer app.

IIT Delhi recorded the highest AQI at 428, followed by ITO at 414, according to the app. CPCB data, however, put the readings at 425 and 415, respectively.Among other monitoring stations, the Commonwealth Sports Complex recorded an AQI of 403, while North Campus of Delhi University and Pusa recorded 402 each. Burari Crossing registered 400.Punjabi Bagh recorded an AQI of 386, followed by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) at 383, Akshardham Temple at 365, RK Puram at 339, Okhla Phase-2 at 330 and Maidan Garhi at 325.Some stations recorded comparatively better air quality, with Najafgarh registering an AQI of 298, IGNOU-Maidan Garhi 278 and IMD Lodhi Road (IITM) 280, all in the 'poor' category. The Cantonment Area recorded an AQI of 165, placing it in the 'moderate' category.PM10 and PM2.5 continued to be the prominent pollutants in the national capital.The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) had invoked Stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas on November 6.Meanwhile, a study published in the Journal of Vascular Diseases has found that long-term exposure to fine particulate matter is consistently associated with a 10-16 per cent higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes.The study synthesised data covering more than 200 million cumulative participant observations worldwide, highlighting the potential impact of air pollution beyond respiratory and cardiovascular health.

The findings suggest that air pollution could also contribute to metabolic disorders, with significant implications for highly exposed regions such as South Asia.The study was co-authored by Anoop Misra, Padma Shri awardee and executive chairman and director of Diabetes and Endocrinology at Fortis C-Doc Hospital for Diabetes and Allied Sciences, New Delhi, along with Yashendra Sethi, Nirja Kaka, Saurabh Singhal, Manvi Vasudev and Giuseppe Biondi-Zoccai.

Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 18.6 degrees Celsius on Sunday, 5.1 degrees below the seasonal average, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).The weather department has forecast a cloudy sky with light rain or drizzle, with the maximum temperature expected to reach 27 degrees Celsius. Relative humidity was recorded at 91 per cent at 8.30 am.

According to the CPCB, an AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 to 100 'satisfactory', 101 to 200 'moderate', 201 to 300 'poor', 301 to 400 'very poor', and 401 to 500 'severe'.

'Obsessed fan' harasses influencer, threatens to stop her Dec wedding

Delhi.(Agency)

A social media influencer ignored repeated messages from an obsessed fan until he appeared at her doorstep and harassed her.The woman, who has a social media following running into lakhs, had been receiving persistent messages from multiple unidentified accounts. However, she initially ignored them, as such messages were not unusual for her.The harassment reportedly escalated after she got engaged in June and announced the development on her social media accounts. She continued receiving messages of a similar nature from an account that had been contacting her for a long time.In July, the accused allegedly showed up at her residence, created a ruckus and shouted, "I love you, madam; don't marry anyone else," along with other vulgar remarks, the complaint stated.

The commotion brought her family members and neighbours out of their homes. They confronted the man and warned him against repeating the behaviour. He allegedly assured them that he would not return or contact the woman again.

However, the man reportedly resurfaced on November 7, after the woman updated her social media accounts about her wedding, which is scheduled for December. He allegedly entered her residence and began shouting her name. When she stepped outside, she recognised him as the same man who had visited in July.Her family members again confronted him, but the situation soon turned violent. The accused, who was allegedly heavily intoxicated and struggling to stand, misbehaved with the woman's father and other relatives. He threatened that he would not allow her to marry anyone else before allegedly assaulting her father, the complaint stated.Neighbours rushed to help the family and attempted to escort the accused away from the residence. During the commotion, he allegedly fell on the roadside several times.

This is Islam for you: Ex-Muslim Sahil says attacked in Mumbai by group of Muslims

YouTuber and activist, Ex-Muslim Sahil claimed in a video with blood on his face that he was attacked by a group of Muslims in Mumbai over his views on Islam. Sahil said he would have been killed had he not managed to escape from the spot.

Delhi.(Agency)

Ex Muslim Sahil, a popular YouTuber and activist, claimed in a live video that he was attacked in Mumbai on Saturday night by a group of around 12 Muslims. He claimed the group attacked him over his views, and he would have been killed had he not managed to escape from the spot."I had gone to a place in Vashi with my new friends and a group of people from Dharavi, where I resided earlier, attacked me. They wanted to kill me," said Sahil, adding that he was unarmed.Mumbai Police hasn't confirmed or reacted to Sahil's post on X with the video, which has now gone viral. The article will be updated if there is any official reaction."This is Islam for you," said Sahil, showing the blood on his face and an injury to his hand. He said Ex-Muslims weren't safe in Mumbai and in India.Ex-Muslim Sahil has emerged as one of the popular Ex-Muslim activists in the last six years. The others include Maryam Namazie, Zafar Heretic, Harris Sultan, Adam Seeker, and Ayaan Hirsi Ali among others. His social media handles and YouTube channels have hundreds of thousands of followers, with Exmuslim Sahil Uncensored having 2.75 lakh subscribers.Sahil's livestreams on YouTube, where he countered Islamic practices and debated clerics, lasted for hours, with thousands of viewers attending them. There have been several instances when clerics, without being able to withstand his scrutiny, simply abandoned the debate.While people join and leave faiths, leaving Islam is considered apostacy and is punishable by death in several Muslim countries. That is why an entire segment of people who renounce Islam have adopted the identity of Ex-Muslims. In countries where renouncing Islam isn't considered an offence by the nation's law, the Ex-Muslims face a threat to life from radicals.



EX-MUSLIM SALEEM WASTIK WAS STABBED IN THE NECK, ABDOMEN

In February, two Muslim men stabbed Ghaziabad-based Ex-Muslim Saleem Wastik in the neck and abdomen repeatedly inside his office.Saleem Wastik battled for life in hospital and survived. The attackers were injured in separate police encounters, and died during treatment.Zeeshan was killed during an exchange of fire with Uttar Pradesh Police in Loni area on March 1, and Ghulfam, who carried a Rs 1 lakh reward, was injured on March 3 in a police encounter in the Indirapuram-Vasundhara area. Both died in hospital.Referring to the attack, Sahil said, "The attackers will not be spared. The treatment that was given to the attackers of Saleem Wastik sahab should be given to these people too. They would have killed me had I not managed to escape."

It has become a habit: Bengal minister says extortion still there under new govt

Delhi.(Agency)

West Bengal Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta has acknowledged that extortion continues in the state despite a change in government in the state, news agency PTI reported. He said public confidence could not be fully restored until the practice was stopped.Dasgupta said the Suvendu Adhikari-led BJP government should be given a year to eliminate extortion.His remarks came a day after BJP state president Samik Bhattacharya warned party workers against allowing lawlessness and misconduct in the name of the party.

Responding to reporters on Saturday, Dasgupta described extortion as a disturbing reality that must be addressed through political and economic measures."Extortion is happening here. That is the truth. As long as it is not stopped, people's trust cannot be fully restored," he was quoted as saying by PTI.The minister admitted that he had not been able to completely eliminate the practice even in his Assembly constituency of Rashbehari in south Kolkata, despite efforts to curb it."Personally, I have done whatever I could to stop it in my constituency. But I cannot claim to have achieved it 100 per cent. It has become a habit among people. When nothing else works, this seems to have become the new normal," Dasgupta said.At a party programme in Dum Dum on Friday, Bhattacharya asked BJP workers to identify those involved in wrongdoing and lodge police complaints against them, irrespective of their political affiliation.

"Lawlessness cannot be allowed. Identify those who are trying to tarnish the party's name and flag, and file FIRs against them. Police minister Suvendu Adhikari is there. Give me the documents, and I will ensure action," Bhattacharya said.Dasgupta's comments, made within 24 hours of Bhattacharya's remarks, prompted fresh political reactions.



Opposition parties questioned the BJP government's claim that the state's political culture had changed.CPI(M) leader Sujan Chakraborty said the statements exposed contradictions within the ruling party."On the one hand, Bhattacharya says those involved in wrongdoing are not from the BJP, while on the other, he acknowledges that lawlessness exists. Dasgupta admits that extortion has not been stopped. It is becoming difficult to distinguish between the BJP's face and its mask," he said.

Trinamool Congress leader and MLA Kunal Ghosh also criticised the BJP, alleging that its leaders and workers were increasingly becoming involved in extortion and

Guwahati-bound IndiGo flight returns to Pune after landing gear glitch mid-air

All passengers and crew members on board flight 6E 0623 were de-boarded safely after the emergency landing, and no injuries were reported. IndiGo was arranging another aircraft to take the affected passengers to Guwahati.

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A Pune-Guwahati IndiGo flight with 192 people on board returned to Pune airport on Sunday after its landing gear failed to retract shortly after take-off.All passengers and crew members on board flight 6E 0623 were de-boarded safely after the emergency landing, and no injuries were reported. IndiGo was arranging another aircraft to take the affected passengers to Guwahati.In a statement, the airline said, "IndiGo flight 6E 623, operating from Pune to Guwahati on 15 November 2026, returned to origin and landed safely at the Pune International Airport after a technical snag was detected shortly after take-off."



The pilot informed Air Traffic Control (ATC) that the landing gear had not retracted and remained extended, Pune airport authorities said in a statement.The airport authorities coordinated with the ATC, the airline and other agencies. The Indian Air Force (IAF), which manages the airport, declared a full emergency and activated the prescribed emergency response procedures.Fire services, ambulances and other emergency response teams were placed on high alert to ensure the safety of passengers and crew, the statement said.

As a precaution, the aircraft made a low pass over the runway so that its landing gear could be visually assessed. It then landed safely at Pune airport at 9.04 am, officials told news agency PTI.After landing, the aircraft was escorted to Bay No. 7 by three fire engines and two ambulances.The ATC withdrew the full emergency at 9.10 am after confirming that the aircraft was in a safe and normal condition, officials said.An aerobridge was subsequently connected to the aircraft, and everyone on board was safely deboarded."The aircraft is undergoing maintenance checks and will resume operations after securing necessary clearances," IndiGo said in its statement.It added, "An alternate aircraft has been arranged promptly to operate the flight."

Sehwag like Dravid, and a Dravid like Sehwag

Sehwag and Dravid are batting for India, once again. Aaryavir Sehwag and Anvay Dravid stole the limelight in the U19 Asia Cup 2026. They are carrying two of Indian cricket's biggest surnames.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Sehwag and Dravid are back playing for India again. The two youngsters, Aaryavir Sehwag and Anvay Dravid, took centre stage in India's victorious campaign at the U19 Asia Cup 2026, where the side beat Pakistan in a nail-biter.Aaryavir top-scored (361 runs at 90.25 avg) in India's campaign, winning the Player of the Series award. Anvay, on the other hand, was extremely assured as a wicketkeeper on pitches that seamed and bounced considerably in the first 10-15 overs of every game.Throughout the tournament, the two youngsters caught the eye with their contrasting styles of batting.

Aaryavir Sehwag, the opener, has impeccable foot movement and takes his time to settle against the new ball. In sharp contrast to his father, Virender Sehwag, Aaryavir slowly opens up after seeing of the new ball.And once he does, it turns into utter carnage, just like his father, as he has the ability to crash his cuts through covers, lift the ball over the bowler's head and slog spinners out of the park.This was evident in the final against Pakistan as well. Aaryavir took his time at the crease against the spirited opening spell from Ali Raza and Mohammad Sayyam, getting India off to a steady start in the final.Sehwag's watchful approach made sure that India did not crumble early, as they had against Pakistan earlier in the tournament.The 98-run opening partnership between him and Lakshya Raichandani was the perfect stand India needed to chase down the huge target of 338 runs.Anvay, on the other hand, walked out to bat in the 33rd over with India having lost four wickets. India were under pressure and in desperate need of boundaries.Without fear, he pulled his second ball aggressively to deep mid-wicket



and then cut his third ball hard for a four.This is a classic trait of Anvay's batting: his ability to score runs quickly in the middle order. In the recent Youth ODIs against Sri Lanka, Dravid blasted 87 of 67 balls and 38 of 18, taking on the bowlers from the very first ball. While his innings of 19 off 12 balls was cut short by a run-out, it had enough signs of his class and how good he could be under pressure situations.

WEIGHT OF THEIR NAMES

For all their diferences at the crease, Aaryavir and Anvay have one thing in common. They are growing up with surnames that carry enormous weight in Indian cricket. Every innings, every dismissal and every promising stroke invites comparisons with two of India's most celebrated batters.Both players know very well what their names mean in the context of Indian cricket. Before going to play the U19 Asia Cup, Aaryavir asked Delhi's U19 head coach for advice.How do I shed the weight of my name and play freely?"

"I told him not to take the pressure of the name. His style of play is diferent from his father's," Aaryavir Sehwag's coach Rajeev Nayyar told India Today.

Aaryavir was asked to keep things simple.

"I told him that once he gets a good start, he should look to bat long. Earlier, he was getting starts and then getting out after scoring 40 or 50. I reminded him that he is an opener. If he bats for 40-50 overs, he can score 150 or even close to 200.

Ronaldo's farewell night ends in misery for Portugal with worst home defeat vs Denmark

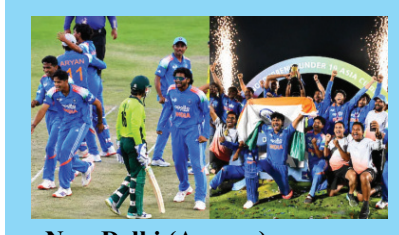
New Delhi.(Agency)

Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal farewell was meant to be a night of celebration, but the occasion quickly turned into one the hosts would rather forget. In their first match since the 41-year-old announced his international retirement, Portugal were thrashed 4-1 by Denmark in the UEFA Nations League at the Estadio Municipal de Braga on Saturday.The result was particularly damaging for Jorge Jesus, whose side had won their first four matches in the competition. Denmark handed Portugal their heaviest-ever defeat in a competitive match on home soil, leaving the home crowd with little to celebrate despite the pre-match tribute to their former captain. Portugal had not conceded four goals at home in a match since their 4-4 draw against Cyprus in



September 2010.ning game, taking the initiativThe night had begun with a fitting acknowledgement of Ronaldo's extraordinary contribution to Portuguese football. Players walked out wearing shirts bearing his name and iconic No. 7, while supporters displayed a banner reading 'Obrigado, capi7o' (Thank you, captain). Portugal had also unveiled a redesigned No. 7, with a permanent mark to ensure the number remains associated with Ronaldo.

A classic India-Pakistan final, but did U19 boys go too far with celebrations



New Delhi.(Agency)

For a few minutes on Saturday evening, India's Under-19 team looked beaten. They were chasing 338 in the Asia Cup final against Pakistan, had lost eight wickets and still needed 86 runs from 51 balls. Pakistan could almost see the trophy. Then Mohit Ulva and Manal Chauhan decided the final wasn't over.Captain Lakshya Raichandani had given India a fighting chance with 80, while Aaryavir Sehwag's 58 had kept the chase alive. But at 252 for 8, those efforts looked destined to end in defeat. India needed something extraordinary, and two players from the lower order delivered it.

IND vs PAK, U19 Asia Cup Final: Highlights

Manal, batting at No. 7, scored 47 from 32 balls. Ulva, coming in at No. 10, made an unbeaten 49 of just 26. Their 57-run partnership for the ninth wicket brought India within touching distance before Manal fell at 302. India still needed 36, with only one wicket remaining.There was little reason to believe they could finish the job. Chigurupati Venkata, playing his first match of the tournament, walked in at No. 11. His unbeaten 11 from eight balls gave Ulva the support he needed. India entered the final over requiring eight runs, with leg-spinner Ahmed Hussain defending the total. Five came ofthe first five deliveries, including a wide. Three were needed It was an extraordinary finish, the sort of match that makes young cricketers believe anything is possible. The celebrations were inevitable. But some of what followed has left an uncomfortable aftertaste.

Lakshya Sen doubles up Hylo Open win with Japan Masters victory

New Delhi.(Agency)

India's Lakshya Sen on Sunday produced a remarkable comeback to beat Koki Watanabe in the men's singles final to win the Japan Masters in Kumamoto on Sunday. After losing the first game, Sen, the world No. 13, bounced back in the next two games to win the contest 13-21, 21-18, 21-14 in an hour and four minutes.In the final game, Sen produced a dominant display to extend his lead to an overall nine points after taking a crucial lead of 11-7. He did not give his opponent a chance to stage a comeback thereafter.Sen, who won the Hylo Open title in Germany in his last outing, continues to show signs of getting back to his best form after a poor World Championships and Asian Games campaign.On Sunday, the Indian star once again showed strong mental resilience to out think Watanabe in a court that had ample sideways drift on the far side.Lakshya started of slowly and let Watanabe take a big lead in the first game, eventually losing 13-21. He fought back with his cross-court smashes in the second game to level the final 1-1.After winning the second game 21-18, things were rather straightforward. A tired Watanabe was not able to judge the length and width of the court well and ended up committing heavy mistakes. Lakshya kept things strong in his defence and pulled off a dominant 21-14 win to clinch the title.The Japan Masters title is another boost for Lakshya, who has now won back-to-back tournaments after lifting the Hylo Open title in Germany earlier this month. The Indian had entered the Kumamoto event looking to build on that momentum and strengthen his chances of qualifying for the BWF World Tour Finals.

LAKSHYA OVERCOMES FARHAN IN SEMI-FINAL

Lakshya had booked his place in the final with a



three-game win over Indonesia's Alwi Farhan, the world No. 10, on Saturday. The Indian won 21-12, 15-21, 21-11 to reach his second consecutive men's singles final.

The victory was particularly significant as Lakshya had lost both his previous meetings with Farhan without managing to take a game off the Indonesian. He changed that record with a composed performance, relying on patient rally construction to counter Farhan's high-tempo, attacking approach.Lakshya took the opening game comfortably before Farhan fought back to force a decider. The Indian then regained control in the third game, building an early lead and using his attacking strokes to pull away from his opponent.

Let them celebrate: BCCI secretary defends India U19 team after Pakistan win

Sydney.(Agency)

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Devajit Saikia has come out in support of India's Under-19 players amid the debate over their celebrations after a thrilling Asia Cup final win against Pakistan. Saikia believes the youngsters had every right to let their emotions show after pulling off a victory that looked unlikely for much of the contest.Speaking to ANI, Saikia was asked about India's aggressive celebrations after their one-wicket win in Oman on Saturday. He backed the players, saying their reaction was a reflection of the fight and belief they showed when the match seemed to be slipping away.

IND vs PAK, U19 Asia Cup Final: HIGHLIGHTS

"That reflects their character and fighting spirit. Consider how much of a cliffhanger today's match was. At one point, it really didn't look like it was in India's favour. Yet, India managed to win. This speaks volumes about the team's confidence level and their 'never-say-die' attitude," Saikia said.When they win a match from such a difficult position, they certainly deserve to celebrate. That's something we must allow," he added.

Saikia's comments come after India's celebrations became a talking point following Mohit Ulva's winning boundary off the final delivery. The players were understandably ecstatic, but videos circulating on social media appeared to show some of them making gestures towards their Pakistan counterparts, prompting criticism from sections of fans.

WHAT SPARKED THE CELEBRATION DEBATE?

India pulled of a remarkable chase in the Under-19 Asia Cup final, hunting down Pakistan's 337 for 9 to win by one wicket. At one stage, the chase looked all but over, with India eight wickets down and needing 86 runs from 51 balls.

Manal Chauhan and Mohit Ulva then gave India a lifeline with a crucial ninth-



wicket stand. Manal made 47 of 32 balls, while Ulva remained unbeaten on 49 from just 26 deliveries. Chigurupati Venkata also chipped in before Ulva struck the winning boundary of the final ball to seal a memorable victory.The celebrations were just as dramatic. The Indian players rushed onto the field, with Ulva soon wrapped in the tricolour. However, footage appearing to show gestures directed at Pakistan wicketkeeper Hamza Zahoor and his team-mates drew criticism.

Is Pat Cummins lying or Usman Khawaja? Sandpapergate 12th-man speaks up amid controversy

Chadd Sayers, Australia's 12th man during the 2018 Cape Town Test, has backed Usman Khawaja's version of the Sandpapergate scandal. Sayers believes the entire Australian team knew about the use of sandpaper, contradicting Pat Cummins' account.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Usman Khawaja and Pat Cummins's contrasting narratives about the Sandpapergate controversy have taken the cricketing world by storm. Khawaja, who reignited the 2018 incident with his new book, Sabr, has alleged that every single member of the Australian team knew that sandpaper was being used on the ball, and that only three cricketers took the fall for it.Cummins responded to the allegations in a one-hour-long press conference, where he reiterated his stance from 2021: that the Australian bowling group did not know about the use of sandpaper on the ball. He also said he was unaware of Khawaja's claim that the team had discussed taking collective responsibility in the dressing room, a plan that was eventually scrapped.Now, Chadd Sayers, Australia's 12th man during the third Test against South Africa in Cape Town



in 2018, has broken his silence on the matter and offered his version of events. In an interview with SEN, Sayers has backed Khawaja's account, saying he believes every member of the Australian team knew that sandpaper was being used during the South Africa series.

Sayers was quick to clarify that he was not taking sides in the dispute, insisting that he was only recounting what he believed had happened."I'm neutral in all this. I'm just trying to tell my side of the story and what I believe happened. There are no sides, they've both (Pat Cummins) been great to me throughout my time in the Test squad, so I'm not taking sides, I'm neutral in all this," Sayers said."I'm comfortable sitting here right now and where I stand on the situation, that I believe that everyone in that side knew what was going on and what was being used."

WHAT SAYERS REMEMBERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Sayers claimed that he first became aware of the use of sandpaper during the Port Elizabeth Test. He also recalled discussions in the Australian dressing room about how the team could get the ball to reverse swing."In Port Elizabeth, so as it's known now, it was used in two Test matches and there were discussions in changing rooms of how we were going to get the ball to reverse and what was going to be used," he said.

Asked whether he remembered whose idea it was initially, Sayers said he could not recall that detail. However, he claimed that David Warner was not going to be involved and that Cameron Bancroft had stepped in to carry out the act."No, I don't recollect that, but obviously David Warner was not going to do it. Cam Bancroft stepped in and said he would," Sayers said.When asked whether he personally recalled that discussion, Sayers was emphatic: "100 per cent."He also ofered an explanation for why Warner, who was eventually handed a one-year ban for his role in the ball-tampering scandal, did not want to be directly involved.

Hurt Suryakumar Yadav vows to break the door down for India comeback

New Delhi.(Agency)

Suryakumar Yadav is not ready to give up on his India career just yet. After spending a difficult few months out of the national team, the Mumbai batter has found fresh motivation to fight his way back, making his intentions clear with a stunning knock in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy on Saturday.

Returning to action for Mumbai after being left out of India's T20I plans, Suryakumar smashed a 21-ball 60 against Hyderabad in their tournament opener. His explosive innings helped Mumbai chase down a target of 173 in just 13.1 overs, sealing a seven-wicket win with 41 balls to spare.Speaking after the match, the former India captain admitted that being overlooked following India's T20 World Cup triumph had hurt him. Having expected to continue representing the country after being part of a historic campaign, Suryakumar said the disappointment had now become a source of motivation.

"After winning the World Cup, you naturally expect that you will play after the IPL or whenever India's first series takes place. Because you have won a major



tournament, and winning an ICC event is not easy, especially on home soil, something nobody had achieved before," Suryakumar was quoted as saying by PTI."But the selectors must have had their reasons and must have thought things through before taking that decision. But yes, I was hurt. If you don't feel sad or hurt, how will you turn that into passion, and how will you play with that passion? That is what I am trying to do now," he added.

Here's how to give a delicious twist to Regular Food

Kheer with orange essence, pulao with a hint of jasmine tea, or how about butter chicken with some herbs? There's so much you can do to break monotony in everyday food

Thou shall never have to complain that everyday food is boring, as chefs and cooks embrace the idea of 'new twists in local tastes'. These experiments with food come from the need of keeping away the 'boredom factor', as celebrity chef Vineet Bhatia calls it. "We should always aim to make it better and beautiful. It helps in opening up mindsets about how food can be modified," he said recently.

The internationally renowned chef talks of simple twists like giving kheer a Banarasi paan flavour and roasting chicken with Darjeeling tea leaves. "The Darjeeling tea leaves are so old and world famous, and one would have hardly thought the wonderful taste and aroma it can bring to roasted chicken. There is so much inspiration in India and constant relearning that can happen on the food front," he says. Actor and foodie Arjan Bajwa agrees. Eggs are an everyday feature on his menu, but he doesn't ever have to worry of getting bored of them. Simple changes in the seasonings like switching from garlic to curry leaves and cumin does the trick, he says. For Bajwa, it was during a meal at a small food joint in Canada that the idea of using different ingredients in tested recipes struck him. "At this place run by an Indian, I was served Italian pasta with mango, amla and garlic pickle. And it tasted amazing."

UK-based chef and food writer Manju Malti says a few years back she walked into a small mithai shop in Ludhiana, Punjab, and discovered something known as Bournvita barfi. "It tasted divine. The maltiness of the milk chocolate worked well with the richness of khoya. I asked the shop keeper how he made it and he said he just mixed the chocolate milk powder with a bit of sugar and folded it into the thickened whole milk."

Malti, who hosts cookery theatres around Britain on Indian food, suggests, "Adding grated cheddar cheese to the marinade works up a treat when preparing Malai Murgh Tikka. It adds to the creaminess and the subtle warm flavours of this Mughlai style North Indian dish."



Desi tastes, videsi twist

In recent times, restaurant menus have come up with interesting twists of popular Indian flavours. Here are some options for you to explore:

1. Mango jamun is a sinful combination of mango mousse and gulab jamuns paired with the unusual gulkand chutney.
2. Coconut Creme Brulee is an Indian take on the classic French dessert — the sweetness of the coconut adds to the rich smoky flavours of the cream.
3. The khichdi parmigiano elevates the staple khichdi to a sophisticated delight when paired with parmesan cheese and exotic truffle oil.
4. Boondi Cheesecake, Gulab Jamun Brulee and Madras Coffee Mousse are among the sinful names on some restaurant menus.

Tadka bread snack (Serves 2)

Malti says, "This is one of my signature dishes, which is incredibly simple to make with leftover pav or bread."

Ingredients

Sunflower or olive oil: 2 tbsp
Brown mustard seeds: ¼ tsp
Onion, peeled and chopped: 1
Green chillies, chopped: 2
Turmeric: ¼ tsp
Sugar (optional): ½ tsp
Ground cumin: ¼ tsp
Salt: ¼ tsp
Yogurt: 1 tbsp
Lemon juice: 1 tsp
Bread, cut in cubes: 4 slices
Fresh coriander for garnish
Tomato, chopped: 1

Method

Heat oil in a small saucepan, add mustard seeds. Once they start popping, tip in onion and chillies, and stir for a minute. Then add the turmeric, sugar, cumin and salt and continue to saute for one minute. Pour in the yogurt and lemon juice, stirring continuously. Lastly, fold in the bread carefully making sure it doesn't crumble too much. Cook for two more minutes. Serve sprinkled with coriander and chopped tomatoes.

Tip: Add a dollop of yogurt over the finished dish to cool it.

Play with spices

Aamchoor powder

Amchoor has a pleasant sweet-sour aroma and a tangy, fruity flavour. A great way to use it would be as part of a spice rub for grilled meats or as meat marinade. Its sharp, acidic tang would definitely complement the smoky flavour of juicy, grilled meat.

Poppy seeds

While poppy seeds don't have a distinct flavour, they work well when combined with other spices. You could say it has a base flavour. Slightly nutty, it's great for enhancing the taste of a dish. Lightly roast them and sprinkle on your rotis, or season your salads, chutney, fish etc.

Za'atar

For those who don't like 'hot' spices, try za'atar for seafood dishes. It will lend your dish a mix of flavours comprising of dried mint leaves, dried coriander leaves, sesame seeds and rock salt.

Snacking your way to good health

You know you're turning into a serial snacker when following a diet plan seems like an uphill struggle, and ever so often, you end up grazing on unhealthy nibbles. While gyming is an obvious remedy to shed the excess flab lingering around your body , there's a new food mantra that may help you shrug off the guilt and continue munching.



Those who can not do much to improve their sedentary lifestyle are resorting to an assorted platter of nutritious quick-eats and mini meals to stay healthy and happy.

We sets out on a gastronomic tour of the city to sample the fibre rich tidbits that are changing the eating habits of urban folks... Edamame beans, dehydrat ed fruit mixes and granola bars are some of the items that conjure up the platter offered by Snackosaur.com, an online outlet that caters to orders from across the country .

Entre preneur Ankita Mendiratta Mehta, who co-fou Protein nded the website, says, "There is a lack of healthy food choic es for those who end up put ting in longer hours at work or those who are often on the go. Although many people now watch what they eat, a sizeable amount of the urban population still gorges on junk food between meals. Traditional goodies are yummy , but at times harmful to health. The snacks that we provide are low in calories and include ingredients like millets, superfoods, whole wheat and fruits. Even the modes of cooking employed are healthy -mostly roasting and baking."

It is time to reinvent snacking by evaluating food trends as well as the preferences of people from different age groups. The nutrient-rich food boxes, which can be bought from select outlets in the city as well as online, are decently priced and often come with a note detailing the benefits of each item in them.

These colourful concoctions of food contain high protein and fibre, meaning a healthy diet. According to Kushal Sharma, the co founder of NutriTown, changing t h e eating habits of people requires radical thinking and a holistic approach towards achieving it. The meals offered by this outlet are claimed to be all-natural, sans maida, mayo and cream.

The metabolic system relies a lot on what we eat and drink throughout the day .

Thus, a meal con sisting items such as Onion infused Cha patti, Soya Aata Kadi, Sprouts Subzi, Capsi cum Mint Ra ita and Chi ckpea Salad, com plete with a spinach based drink, could ensure our overall well-being.

Apart from keeping a check on our cholesterol and blood sugar levels, consuming food that contains natural ingredi ents may help us detoxify and stay energised all day .

While this bunch of new bies in the city is using inno vative methods to mix up crumbs and chunks to offer a delicious mouthful, a few oth ers are engaged in giving a healthy retouch to home-made delicacies.

Momscurry .com, for instance, involves home makers to ready up meals that are freshly-prepared and deliv ered at doorsteps. Manish Jha, who is at the helm of the por tal, says, "It is very important that we eat our food on time.Skipping breakfast can actual ly make weight control more difficult. We endorse food that is conventional, yet ingenious and healthy . For example, litti chokha, a traditional cuisine from Bihar, could make an interesting quick-bite."

Noodle chaat with Manchurian sauce

Bite into this delectable crispy fried noodles, topped with Manchurian sauce and crunch vegetables. Enjoy!

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4 Ingredients:
4 cups boiled noodles
Soy sauce: 2 tbsp
Vinegar: 1 tsp Corn flour: 1 tbsp
Green onions: 4 nos
Garlic: 8 cloves Ginger: 2 inch piece, grated
Tomato ketchup: 4tbsp
Spring onions: 2
Finely chopped vegetables (carrots, capsicum, cabbage) : 1 cup
Vegetable oil for frying
Salt to taste Method:



Finely chop the ginger, garlic, spring onion whites and greens.

Mix together the tomato ketchup, soya sauce, corn flour, salt vinegar and 1 cup water.

Heat sufficient oil in a pan.

Deep-fry the noodles in hot oil till golden brown. Do this in batches.

Heat 1-tablespoon oil in a wok or pan till fairly hot. Add chopped onions whites, garlic and ginger. Saute on high heat till golden in colour.

Add the corn slurry. Bring to an immediate boil and cook till the gravy thickens.

Put some fried noodles in a bowl. Add some chopped vegetables over it. Top with some Manchurian sauce. Garnish with chopped spring onion greens and serve.



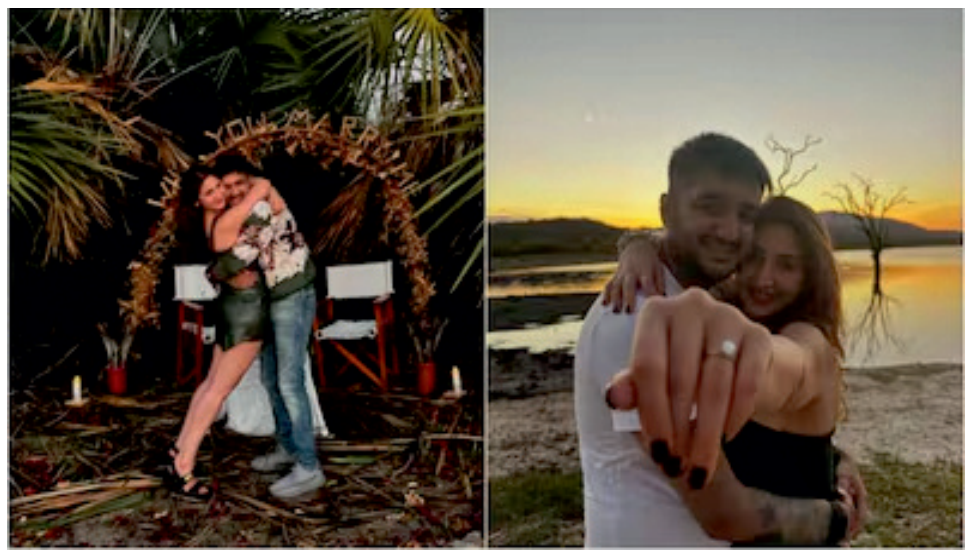
Dhvani Bhanushali

Gets Engaged To Yash Bhanushali, Drops Dreamy Proposal Pics: 'Found Me My Cupcake For Life'

Dhvani Bhanushali is engaged to her boyfriend Yash Bhanushali. The 'Vaaste' singer announced the delightful news on Instagram and shared a series of romantic photos from the proposal. The couple looked ecstatic, and Dhvani was seen flaunting her huge diamond ring in one of the photos. Soon after she announced her engagement on social media, congratulatory messages poured in. Singers Sukriti Kakar, Asees Kaur and others congratulated the couple.

Dhvani Bhanushali Announces Engagement To Yash Bhanushali

Dhvani Bhanushali took to Instagram to share a series of pictures with Yash Bhanushali, announcing their engagement. The pictures capture the couple at a scenic location, with hills, a lake and a beautiful sunset forming the backdrop.In the first picture, Dhvani is seen hugging Yash tightly following the proposal, while an arch bearing the words 'Will You Marry Me?' can be spotted in the background. Another picture shows Yash planting a kiss on Dhvani's cheek. In a subsequent frame, the singer poses with her fiancé, proudly flaunting her



diamond engagement ring, with the stunning sunset adding to the romantic setting.In the caption, Dhvani wrote, "Found me my cupcake for life Said yessss."

Commenting on the post, Sukriti Kakar wrote, "Congratulations." Meanwhile, Asees Kaur also showered love on the couple.

Who Is Dhvani Bhanushali's Fiance Yash Bhanushali?

While Dhvani Bhanushali has shared glimpses of her special moment with Yash on social media, not much is known about her fiancé. According to media reports, Yash is an entrepreneur with interests in the gaming, esports and creative industries. He is also associated with Orangutan, an Indian gaming and esports organisation.

More About Dhvani Bhanushali

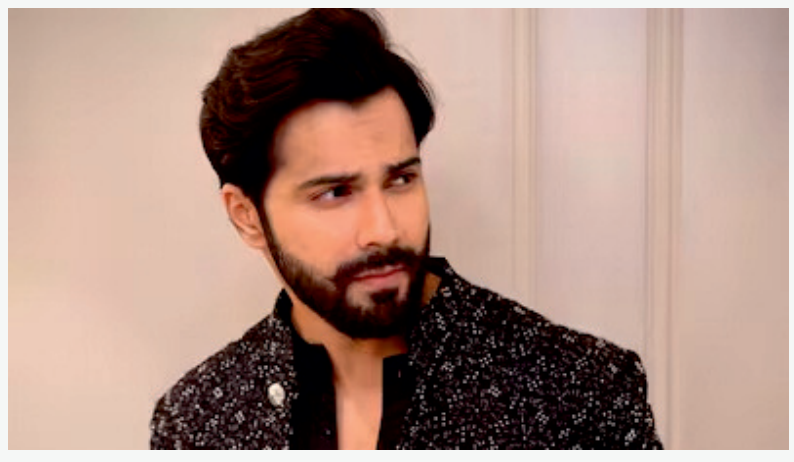
Dhvani Bhanushali is an Indian singer and pop artist who rose to fame with her 2019 hit single 'Vaaste'. She has also lent her voice to several popular Bollywood tracks, including 'Dilbar' from Satyameva Jayate, 'Duniyaa' from Luka Chuppi, 'Psycho Saiyaan' from Saaho and 'Leja Re'. She made her acting debut with the 2024 film Kahan Shuru Kahan Khatam.



Varun Dhawan

To Headline YRF's First-Ever Horror Film, Set For March 2028 Release

Varun Dhawan, who was last seen in the rom-com Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai, is all set to star in Yash Raj Films' first-ever horror film, which is set to be directed by Abhay Pannu. It has been revealed that the movie will be backed by Akshaye Widhani, and Aditya Chopra will oversee the project. The movie is eyeing a 2028 release.Business expert and trade analyst Taran Adarsh took to Instagram and shared the news about Varun Dhawan's upcoming project. He also revealed the release date of the film. In his post, he confirmed that the movie will hit the big screen on March 31, 2028.This news has left Varun's fans excited. A user wrote, "YRF stepping into the horror genre with Varun Dhawan is the ultimate cinematic treat! Huge congratulations to the entire team. Can't wait for March 31, 2028!"



Why Was Varun In The Headlines?

Varun Dhawan made headlines recently when he appeared on Koffee With Karan with his Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari co-star Janhvi Kapoor. During the episode, Varun opened up about his fallout with filmmaker Karan Johar.

During the conversation, Varun explained that Karan had suddenly stopped communicating with him, leaving him unaware that the filmmaker was upset with him. Janhvi Kapoor, who was also part of the episode, was aware of the tension between Karan and herself."There are two people in this room whom Karan stopped talking to. He just ghosted us and stopped talking. She (Janhvi) knew you were fighting with her, I didn't know you were fighting with me. I don't know Karan's capable of fighting with me in my head," Varun said.Janhvi then reminded Varun that he had called Karan a child. However, the actor maintained that he did not believe his remark was offensive. "I called him a child, which is nothing to get offended about. I still stand by that," he said. Explaining the reason behind the fallout, Karan revealed that the disagreement stemmed from a clash between their respective film release dates.

Diljit Dosanjh Faces Restrictions Ahead Of Ahmedabad Show; Govinda's Co-Star Komal Rani Posts First Pics With Actor



Ahead of his November 21 concert in Ahmedabad, singing superstar Diljit Dosanjh has been asked to refrain from performing four of his songs allegedly promoting alcohol, substance abuse and violence.Govinda and his wife Sunita Ahuja have been in the news for quite some time now, with several reports talking about trouble in their marriage. Now, the actor's upcoming film Roopa has also become a talking point, thanks to his co-star Komal Rani Swarnkar.Moushumi Chatterjee and Jayanta Mukherjee had been married for more than 50 years. While the actress made a name for herself on the big screen, Jayanta worked behind the camera and produced several films. He also came from a family with a strong connection to music.

Bigg Boss 20 contestant Scout OP left his fellow housemates stunned after making an unexpected move inside the house. Following a tense exchange with Love Gill, Scout decided to shave his head completely, a moment that has now become one of the highlights of the show's latest promo.

Veteran actor Mukesh Khanna has once again voiced his displeasure over Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana: Part 1, questioning the creative liberties taken by the makers while adapting the revered epic. After raising objections to Sai Pallavi's portrayal of Goddess Sita in an action sequence, the Shaktimaan actor has now criticised the film's reported Rs 4,000-crore budget, arguing that visual grandeur should not take precedence over the story itself. He also suggested setting up a dedicated committee comprising scholars to examine films based on religious texts, history and mythology. He felt filmmakers should obtain clearance from such a panel before being allowed to proceed with projects involving revered religious figures and stories.

Samay Raina To Appear On Karan Johar's 'Koffee With Karan 9'? Comedian's Post Leaves Fans Guessing



Comedian Samay Raina has left fans wondering if he is all set to appear on Karan Johar's popular chat show, Koffee With Karan 9. The comedian recently shared a poster of the show on his Instagram story, setting off speculation about his possible appearance. While Samay has not offered any explanation behind the post, social media users are already guessing that he could be one of the remaining guests this season.Adding to the speculation, several posts on X have claimed that Samay might appear on the show with his rumoured girlfriend, actress Medha Shankr. According to these posts, the episode could be the second-last one of the season. However, neither Samay nor the show's makers have confirmed these claims.

Karan Joha On Samay Raina's Koffee With Karan 9 Appearance

Interestingly, Samay's name had already come up in conversations around the show. In a recent interview with The Hollywood Reporter India, Karan Johar spoke about the guest selection process for the ninth season and spoke about an episode with Samay Raina, Tanmay Bhat and Farah Khan.Talking about how he chose the guests, Karan said that this season's line-up was largely based on his personal comfort and equation with people. He explained that he wanted to invite those with whom he shared a certain warmth, rather than approach anyone who might feel obliged to accept his invitation.The filmmaker also spoke about the challenge of finding two guests for an episode, which is why the season featured several celebrity couples.

He revealed that three couples had appeared on the show, along with some unusual combinations that he chose not to disclose.Meanwhile, he also spoke about an episode featuring Samay Raina, Tanmay Bhat and Farah Khan. KJo said he expected to have a great time because the three would probably take his case. He added that he had not followed one fixed format for every episode and instead planned conversations around the guests' personalities and the stage of life they were in.

A calmer home



Do you know that if your home is cluttered, disorganised and poorly designed it doesn't nourish your energy? A survey by London-based Ministry of Calm — that designs spaces to enhance wellbeing — found that a whopping 99 per cent of the respondents believe that changing your space can affect how you feel. Healing places of stillness and calm in your home are uplifting. Here are some ideas on how you can do that...

Try minimalism: Don't accumulate things - de-clutter. Japanese author Marie Kondo says that anything that doesn't make you happy or isn't necessary should be touched, thanked and sent on its way.

Keep your home clean : Keisuke Matsumoto writes in his book A Buddhist Monk's Guide to a Clean House and Mind: "We remove dust to sweep away our worldly cares. We live simply and take time to contemplate the self, mindfully living each moment." Keeping your home clean brings Zen peacefulness.

Use natural light: For a relaxing space, replace harsh fluorescent lights with natural light or use candles. Place different sources of light which will allow you to control the intensity. Avoid projecting a direct light from the ceiling.

Calming colours: Energy healer Seema Midha says, "The colours you use will calm you as a person. Use green plants to take away negative energy."

Simplify the bedroom: Don't pile on fancy things, as they bring a negative chi. Feng shui expert SBS Surendran says, "Keep harsh lights and all technology out of the bedroom. Add a soft white rug and swing where you can lounge."

Use minimum decorations: Simplicity should be a ground rule if you want to bring in calmness to your home. Avoid collections of paintings or photos and keep only those that are dear to you.

Go green: Greenery soothes your nerves. Caring for plants is a big stressbuster

Keep it soft: Keeping soft rugs and throw pillows around brings softness in your home



Tips to keep Woollens as never as ever!

Avoid washing machines to clean your sweaters and avoid hanging your sweaters for drying, says an expert.

Bhavya Chawla, chief stylist, Voonik, an online stylist-handpicked apparel store, has suggested some tips to keep woollens as new as ever!

Use the right brush

Avoid washing machines to clean your sweaters as they may lose their sheen. Instead, use an electrostatic garment brush after every wear as woollens tend to accumulate a lot of dust and are vulnerable to moths. Airing them and spot-cleaning is another effective way to keep them new.

Gently clean tough stains

If you accidentally stain your sweater or scarf, take it to the dry cleaner. In case the stain is not that tough and you feel you can manage to clean it at home, use a high quality detergent meant for woolens. Mix it in lukewarm water and soak your woollens in the mixture. Gently wash the piece of clothing with your hands. But remember to do this only for items that don't come with a "Dry clean only" tag!

Avoid hanging

Woollens should never be hung up on a clothes line like other articles as this causes the fabric to stretch and it may lose its shape eventually. Lay the sweater or cardigan on a flat surface and allow it to dry at room temperature. Steer clear of sunlight and intense heat as these can sap all colour and life from your precious woolens.

As they are really prone to stretching out of shape, you must also avoid hanging woollens on hangers in the closets. Instead, fold them neatly and place them.

Don't iron when dry

Woollens shouldn't be ironed when they are completely dry as this won't ease out the deep creases. They can also scorch easily under direct dry heat. Instead, use a steam press. If that's not an option, wet a plain white cotton cloth very slightly and use this as a buffer between the iron and the woolen. It's also advisable to keep the sweater turned inside out when not in use.

Prevent moth attacks and germs

Wool is very vulnerable to moth attacks and germ build-ups. That is why it's imperative to never stack even remotely damp woollen clothes in your wardrobe as you will end up creating a breeding ground for germs. Remember to stash some moth balls in the section of your cupboard where you are placing your woollens.

Winter is here and your woollens are your best companions during this season. It require extra care as the fibres are more delicate and are prone to being damaged very easily.



Easy decorating ideas to instantly Update your home



If you are planning to refurbish your home, there is nothing better than including small changes which will make your pad look different and interesting. From a colourful wallpaper in your living space to a clever lighting fixture — these are instant ways to brighten up your dull room.

Add a splash of colour to your living room

Whether it is by way of having some colourful throws into the room or adding some vibrant cushions — you can easily brighten a corner of your living space. Choose wooden furniture for your room to make it look vintage. Instead of the usual curtains, opt for floral ones for an interesting look.

Vibrant lantern to spruce up your kitchen

For those who are thinking of ways to make their kitchen look bright, there is nothing better than adding a vibrant lantern. This festive season, you can choose from a variety of lanterns which are available in colourful shades — pink, blue, purple, orange, yellow, red and even turquiose to add a statement to your kitchen.

Choose sunshine yellow for your bedroom

Many a times when you are planning a colour option for your bedroom, you end up picking hues like pink, blue or beige. But, adding a colour like yellow can instantly make a drab room come alive. You can either have a side table in that colour or maybe wall hangings or lights to make your room look inviting.

You can also go in for various shades of yellow in case you feel one shade may look boring.



Khadi drapes for home

Are you ready for an 'interiors renaissance' from India? How about some khadi curtains and swadeshi bed covers for the lounge? After celebrating the success of 'Make in India' in fashion and food, the world is now falling for khadi for their homes. In fact, khadi rugs have become a hot favourite in Europe, and khadi throws keep you ultra warm in winter.

Wooing the world

Designer Peter D'Ascoli, who works with khadi for interiors, says, "Khadi is becoming a new hot favourite in the world of interior design for its weave, simple elegance and understated look." From its humble beginnings, it has now reached Hollywood. Actor Goldie Hawn loves her khadi cushions, director Mira Nair swears by khadi rugs and Deepa Mehta shops for khadi napkins. Clothing designer Christina Kim's khadi home textiles have been bought by the likes of Michelle Obama and Jennifer Aniston.

Earthy appeal

Being an eco-friendly fabric, khadi in your home adds a sense of warmth and well-being. Take your pick from khadi gamchha and mats to khadi pillows and bags. Design director Mann Singh showcased khadi sofas at Milan design fair to a great response. Says Singh, "We didn't showcase exotic materials. We visited our neighbouring villages, met some weavers and asked them about a fabric which has an Indian touch. And what did they come up with? Khadi!"

As the world moves towards ethical shopping, khadi is turning out to be the most sustainable yet fashionable buy.