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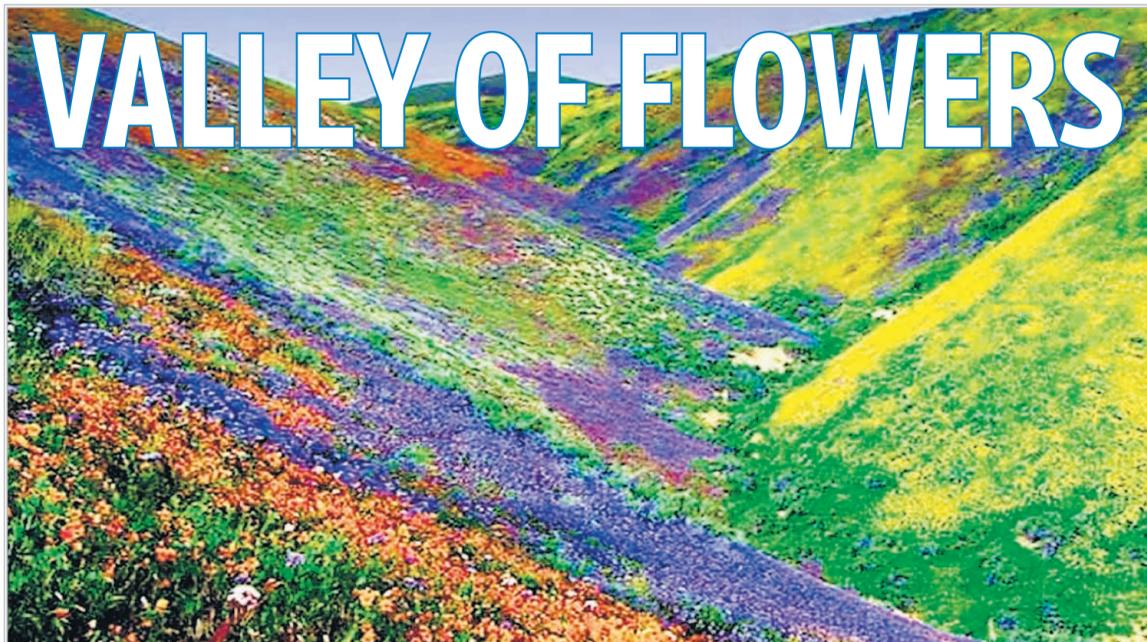
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## VALLEY OF FLOWERS

THE WORLD HERITAGE WILL OPEN FOR TOURISTS FROM JUNE 1, WALKWAYS READY

The World Heritage Valley of Flowers will be opened for tourists from June 1. For this, the Nanda Devi National Park administration has been preparing for a month. A foot bridge has also been

constructed along with the repair of four km walkway leading to the valley. Currently, more than 12 species of flowers are in bloom in the valley. Located at an altitude of 12,995 feet above sea level in Chamoli district, the Valley of

Flowers is spread over an area of 87.5 sq km. More than 500 species of flowers bloom here during the season. Apart from this, rare species of animals, birds, herbs and plants are also found here. Nand Ballabh Sharma, DFO of

Nanda Devi National Park said that this year the Forest Department will provide complete information about flowers to the tourists visiting Didar of the valley. He hoped that this time record tourists will reach the Valley of Flowers.

## Shruti Sharma tops UPSC, all three toppers are women

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has declared the results for civil services exams of the year 2021. Shruti Sharma has secured the first position, while Ankita Agarwal came second and Gamini Singla got the third rank. Women have won the all top three positions this year.

**NINE CANDIDATES FROM JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND LADAKH UNION TERRITORIES CRACKED THE COVETED CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION 2021. THE RESULTS OF WHICH WERE DECLARED BY THE UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (UPSC) ON MONDAY. AMONG THOSE WHO CLEARED THE EXAM ARE SEVEN FROM JAMMU DIVISION AND TWO FROM LADAKH.**

"I am happy that I will serve the country. I made my second attempt this time. If you have decided, then only prepare for this examination, do not study under any kind of pressure. Unless you yourself are ready, you cannot do anything."

Team Absolute | New Delhi

These results of the UPSC have been made available on its official website. At least 23 students of Jamia residential Coaching Academy (RCA) have cleared the UPSC including all India topper Shruti Sharma. She said her 'never give up' attitude stood her in good stead.

Shruti Sharma, who became the topper this year, could not pass the UPSC in her last attempt. Despite this, she was not disappointed. She said, she got a big support from the Residential Coaching Academy (RCA) of the Jamia. A total of 9,214 candidates had qualified for the UPSC in the Written (Main) Examination which was held in January, 2022. A total of 1,824 candidates got through for the Personality Test and interview, out of which 685 candidates (508 men and 177 women) have been recommended by the Commission for appointment to various Services. Among the finally qualified candidates, top three are women.

Shruti Sharma had History as her optional subject. She graduated in History (Hons) from St Stephen's College of the University of Delhi.

Ankita Agarwal, a graduate in Economics (Hons) from University of Delhi, secured second rank with Political Science and International Relations as her optional subjects. Gamini Singla a graduate (B Tech) in Computer Science, came third in the rank with Sociology as her optional subject.

The top 25 candidates comprise 15 men



and 10 women. Educational qualifications of top 25 successful candidates range from graduation in Engineering; Humanities; Commerce and Medical Science from premier Institutions of the country such as IIT, AIIMS, VIT, PEC, University of Mumbai, University of Delhi, GB Pant University etc.

Top 25 successful candidates have opted for subjects like Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Hindi Literature, History, Mathematics, Medical Science, Political Science & International Relations, Public Administration, Sociology and Zoology as their optional choice in the Written (Main) Examination.

The recommended candidates also include 25 persons with Benchmark Disability (7 Orthopedically Handicapped; 5 Visually Challenged, 8 Hearing Impaired & 5 Multiple Disabilities).

## ED ARRESTS DELHI HEALTH MINISTER IN PMLA CASE

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain in connection with a money laundering case, officials said.

The ED had attached the properties of Jain's relatives worth Rs 4.81 crore in April this year.

"Immovable properties worth Rs 4.81 crore belonging to different firms owned by Swati Jain, Sushila Jain, and Indu Jain, the relatives of Jain was attached. Akinchan Developers Pvt Ltd, Indo Metal Impex Pvt Ltd, Paryas Infosolutions Pvt Ltd, Manglayatan Projects Pvt Ltd, JJ Ideal Estate Pvt. Ltd were the firms against which action was taken," a source said.

The ED initiated the money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), against Jain and others under Section 109 of IPC -- read with sections 13(2) and 13(1) (e) of Prevention of Corruption Act.

The ED learnt in the investigation that during the period 2015-16, when Jain was a public servant, the above mentioned companies owned and



controlled by him received accommodation entries to the tune of Rs 4.81 crore from shell companies against cash transferred to Kolkata-based entry operators through the Hawala route. These amounts were utilised for direct purchase of land or for the repayment of loan taken for purchase of agricultural land in and around Delhi. "Accordingly, immovable properties worth Rs 4.81 crore in the form of land belonging to the accused and their companies under section 5 of PMLA were attached," said the ED official.

Further investigation into the matter is underway.

### 'POLITICALLY MOTIVATED': AAP ON DELHI MINISTER JAIN'S ARREST

**New Delhi:** Hours after the arrest of Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain by the Enforcement Directorate in a money-laundering case on Monday, his Aam Admi Party termed the whole episode "politically motivated" with an eye on the coming Himachal Pradesh elections.

AAP's Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh told the media that Jain was made the incharge of Himachal Pradesh, the BJP is going to lose the Assembly election in the hill state, and that is why he has been arrested.

He added that this is not the first case of misusing the probe agencies, as earlier the CBI raided the Delhi Chief Minister's Office and the residence of the Deputy Chief Minister. "Our 34 MLAs were put behind the bars and everyone came with clean chit," he said. "No matter what the BJP does, we will fight and win Himachal Pradesh Assembly polls," Singh said.

### HEAVY RAIN, SQUALLY WINDS LEAD TO TRAFFIC SNARLS IN DELHI

**New Delhi:** The Delhi-NCR region was hit by heavy rain and gusty winds on Monday evening bringing traffic to a standstill and causing power outages at several places.

Heavy rain accompanied by strong winds and thunderstorms uprooted many trees in central Delhi, damaging houses and cars. The fallen trees on the roads and water-logging in the low lying areas led to traffic jams in central Delhi. The heavy rain and thunderstorm also toppled the canopy at Vijay Chowk.

Several flights were also affected at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. Reportedly, several passenger planes were circling over the national capital's airport waiting for the bad weather to clear.

However, the heavy rainfall also brought much needed relief to the residents from scorching heat. Power blackouts were also reported in several parts of the national capital region.

## No restaurant can charge 18% tax on products, says complaint



Shimla | Agencies

No restaurant can charge 18 per cent tax on products, a complaint by Chandigarh-based advocate Ajay Jagga said on Monday.

He said some of the eateries in Himachal Pradesh were charging 18 per cent GST on products.

Jagga, in a communication to the Central Goods and Services Tax, Shimla Commissionerate, said an eatery in Parwanoo town in Himachal Pradesh was charging 18 per cent GST instead of 5 per cent on its premises, which was incorrect.

"The rate of GST on sales by eateries is five per cent whereas on visit to the restaurant of Timber Trail Resorts, Pawanoo, on last May 27, it has been found that this taxable person is charging GST at rate of 18 per cent i.e. nine

per cent under the state GST and equal per cent under the Centre GST, whereas the rate of five per cent i.e. 2.5 per cent state GST and 2.5 per cent under Centre GST," Jagga said in a complaint.

"The charging of GST at the rate 18 per cent instead of five per cent in the premises of a restaurant appears to be not in accordance with law and needs probe, as lakhs of tourists are paying bills in Himachal Pradesh every day."

Jagga had earlier made several complaints to the Consumer Affairs Department and the Excise and Taxation Department of the Chandigarh administration.

"It is a clear case of imposition of unjustified costs on the consumers and if someone does it then it is tantamount to restrictive and unfair trade practice," he said.

"Higher rate of tax (in an arbitrary manner) from commercial point of view should not overrule the consumer interest," Jagga added.

Earlier, in a letter to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, he had said the Centre should issue necessary advisory to all states that restaurants should stop charging unjustified extra cost, which was being imposed on consumers for items such as pastry, cake, etc.

## PETROL PUMP DEALERS ACROSS 24 STATES TO GO FOR 'NO PURCHASE' ON TUESDAY

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Petrol pump dealers across 24 states have decided not to purchase diesel and petrol from oil companies on Tuesday to mark their protest against dealers' commission which has not been revised since long, it was announced on Monday. Around 70,000 outlets across 24 states will not buy fuel from oil marketing companies.

At a media briefing by the Petrol Pump Dealers Association, Delhi Petrol Dealers Association President Anurag Narayan said that the campaign to not purchase fuel from oil companies on Tuesday will be taken over the non-increase of dealer margins over the past 5 years and the issues with losses incurred from excise duty revisions by the government.

The dealers association claimed that there was an agreement between OMCs and the dealers association that the dealers' margins will be revised every six months, but this has not been



The 24 states where dealers will join the protest are Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, the North Bengal Dealers Association, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh.

done since 2017.

The prices of fuel have almost doubled since 2017, hence the working capital in business has

also doubled leading to additional loans and bank interest and the evaporation losses have also increased proportionately, it said.

## BLACK PAINT THROWN AT TIKAIT IN B'LURU, 3 NABBED

Bengaluru | Agencies

Farmer leader Rakesh Tikait was attacked with black paint during a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan in Bengaluru on Monday. The police arrested three attackers from the spot.

The attack happened when Tikait was attending a press conference on "Raita Chaluvali, Aatmavalokana haagu Spasteeekarana Sabha (Farmer's Movement,

Inspection and Clarification Meeting)" organised by Karnataka State Farmers Association and Hasiru Sene. Three men suddenly

climbed the platform and threw black paint upon Rakesh Tikait. Another farmer leader Yudhvir Singh was also smeared with black paint. Eye-witnesses said that Rakesh Tikait suffered an injury on his head. The farmer leaders and activists, who were present at the press conference, dragged



the miscreants and thrashed them. The local police, who rushed to the spot, arrested the three. The farmer leaders have expressed their anger over the failure of the Karnataka Police in protecting Rakesh Tikait. They claimed that the threat perception was communicated to the police, but they have turned a blind eye.

## Russian assault rifle AN-94 used by assassins of Moosewala?

New Delhi:

In the latest development in the murder of singer cum Punjab Congress leader Sidhu Singh Moosewala, the probe agencies have learnt that an AN-94 Russian assault rifle, an Avtomat Nikonova model of 1994, was used in his murder. Earlier, it was said that an AK-47 was used in the killing.

This has also raised questions about how these sophisticated weapons were supplied or are being supplied in Punjab. The neighbouring states which have also formed teams to help the Punjab police in the matter, are also looking at weapon smugglers to ascertain how the sophisticated weapons were brought in.

The probe agencies are also checking whether these weapons were procured through cross border smuggling. In less than 24 hours after his security was curtailed by the government, Moosewala, 29, was shot dead by gangsters close to his ancestral village in Mansa in broad daylight on Sunday. It is learnt that the AK-47 assault rifle was used in the crime as its bullet shells were recovered from the crime scene. Goldy Brar, a Canada based gangster and Lawrence Bishnoi have taken the responsibility for the murder. The killing has sparked a huge political controversy and the Punjab Government is at the receiving end.

The Punjab police is not leaving any stone unturned in its probe in the matter.





# LAST 8 YEARS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO WELFARE, SERVICE OF POOR: MODI

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Expressing happiness on the completion of eight years of his government on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the confidence of the country and the confidence of the countrymen in themselves was unprecedented.

Prime Minister Modi was speaking after virtually releasing the benefits under the PM CARES for Children Scheme. Union Minister Smriti Irani, many other members of the Council of Ministers and Chief Ministers joined the event.

He said that with corruption, scams worth thousands of crores of rupees, nepotism, terrorist organisations spreading across the country, and regional discrimination, the country is getting out of the vicious cycle in which it was trapped before 2014. "This is also an example for you children that even the most difficult days too pass", he said

Referring to the welfare policies like Swachh Bharat Mission, Jan Dhan Yojna or Har Ghar Jal Abhiyan, the Prime Minister said that the government is moving with the spirit of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, Sabka



Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'.

"The last eight years have been devoted to the welfare and service of the poor. As a member of the family, we have tried to reduce difficulties and improve the ease of living for the poor of the country," the Prime Minister said. Modi noted that by increasing the use of technology, the government has ensured the rights of the poor. "Now the poorest of the poor are confident that they will get the benefit of the government's schemes, they will get it continuously. To increase this trust, our government is now running a campaign of 100 per cent empowerment," he said.

The Prime Minister noted that the

heights that India has achieved in the last eight years, no one could have imagined earlier.

"Today, India's pride has increased around the world, our India's power has increased in the global forums," he said. The Prime Minister expressed happiness that youth power was leading this journey of India. "Just dedicate your life to your dreams, they are bound to be realised," the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister empathised with the difficulties in the lives of those children who lost their loved ones due to Corona. "Every day's struggle, every day's challenges. It is difficult to put into words the pain of

the children who are with us today, for whom this programme is happening," Prime Minister told the children.

He told the children that he was speaking as a member of the family, not as a Prime Minister.

"PM CARES for Children is a small effort to reduce the difficulties of such Corona affected children who lost both their mother and father. PM CARES for children is also a reflection of the fact that every countryman is with you with the utmost sensitivity," he said. The Prime Minister informed that if someone needs an education loan for professional courses or higher education, then PM CARES will help in that too.

# SC refuses urgent hearing on plea for direction for uniform divorce procedure

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to urgently list a plea against the practice of Talaq-e-Hasan, under which a man can divorce his wife by pronouncing "talaq" once a month for three months, and all other forms of unilateral extra-judicial talaq.

Senior advocate Pinky Anand, representing a Muslim woman, mentioned the matter before a vacation bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and B.V. Nagarathna.

As she submitted that two notices have already been sent to her client and sought urgent hearing in the matter, the bench asked the senior counsel to mention the matter before the court's mentioning registrar.

Anand contended that the petition was filed at the beginning of this month and her client has been twice granted notices of divorce. "The lady is with a child. The first notice was given on April 19 and the second notice was issued on May 19," she said.

At this, the bench said: "Make a request to the registrar and if he does not listen then come to us."

Last week, Anand had mentioned the matter before a vacation bench headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud.

The plea, filed through advocate Ashwani Kumar Dubey, sought a direction to declare "Talaq-e-Hasan and all other forms of unilateral extra-judicial talaq", unconstitutional for being arbitrary, irrational, and violative of Articles 14, 15, 21, 25 of the Constitution. The plea also sought a direction to the Centre to frame guidelines for neutral uniform grounds



of divorce and uniform procedure of divorce for all citizens.

The petitioner, who claimed to be a victim of "unilateral extra-judicial Talaq-e-Hasan", also submitted a complaint to the Delhi Commission for Women in February this year and also lodged an FIR in April, but claimed that the police told her that Unilateral Extra Judicial Talaq-e-Hasan is permitted under Sharia. The plea said: "The Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937, by providing for the application of Muslim personal law in matters relating to marriage where the parties are Muslims, conveys a wrong impression that the law sanctions Talaq-e-Hasan and all other forms of unilateral extra-judicial talaq, which is grossly injurious to the fundamental rights of married Muslim women and offends Articles 14, 15, 21 and 25 of the Constitution of India and the international conventions on civil and human rights."

The plea contended that the Constitution neither grants any absolute protection to the personal law of any community, nor exempts personal laws from the jurisdiction of the legislature or the judiciary.

# R'than to give job to kin of disabled govt employees

JAIPUR | Agencies

The Rajasthan government on Monday approved a proposal in which if a government employee gets disabled or is unable to work, and takes Voluntary Retirement (VRS), his dependents will be able to get compassionate appointments.

With this decision, dependents of those employees of Rajasthan government will get jobs whose relatives become unfit to work either due to illness or any other accident before attaining the retirement age.

In Rajasthan, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved this proposal for administrative approval. Gehlot had announced a compassionate appointment in the budget for the financial year 2022-23 of Rajasthan.

With this decision of the Chief Minister, it will be possible to give appointments on compassionate grounds to the dependents of such employees working in different departments, corporations, boards, autonomous bodies



etc., of the state government. The Department of Personnel has prepared 'The Rajasthan Compensatory Appointment of Dependents of Permanent Total Disabled Government Servants Rules, 2022' for the implementation of this announcement.

# SEVEN KILLED IN ANDHRA ROAD ACCIDENT

Amaravati:

Seven persons were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident in a road accident in Andhra Pradesh's Palnadu district, police said on Monday.

According to the police, a minivan rammed into a stationary truck near Rentachintala late Sunday night.

Six persons died on the spot while one succumbed in the hospital. The deceased included four women. The injured were admitted to a government hospital at Gurazala, where the condition of a few is stated to be critical. The victims are all relatives. Tragedy struck them when they were returning home after visiting the Srisailem temple. A total of 35 people were travelling in the minivan, which overturned after hitting the truck parked by the roadside. Survivors said overspeeding led to the accident.



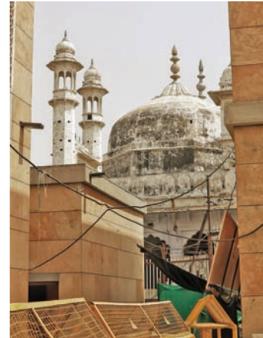
# Court will decide Gyanvapi mosque issue, BJP will accept: Nadda

Team Absolute | New Delhi

BJP chief J.P. Nadda on Monday said that the Court and Constitution will decide the issue of the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi and the party will follow it in letter and spirit.

Addressing a press conference at party headquarters here on completion of eight years of the Narendra Modi government, Nadda said, "BJP has always talked about cultural development. But these issues will be decided by the Court and the Constitution and the BJP will follow it in letter and spirit." Union Ministers Smriti Irani, Dharmendra Pradhan and Anurag Thakur, party national general secretaries Arun Singh, Tarun Chugh and C.T. Ravi joined Nadda during the press conference.

Replying to a query whether



Mathura and Kashi are still on the BJP's agenda, Nadda said that they passed a resolution on Ram Janmabhoomi during its national executive at Palampur and after that there is no resolution.

Nadda noted that the BJP is working on the principle of building a strong nation by taking everyone along. "When we work politically, it is our endeavour to take everyone along. We have to be ready for it. There are different types of people in a society. Some respond earlier, some later, some after decades and some respond after too much time has passed. It depends on them. But our conduct is on the principle of a strong nation, one nation. This is clear and everyone will have an equal share," Nadda said.

When asked about Uttarakhand government decision to form a committee for implementation of Uniform Civil Code in the state, Nadda said that the BJP has always worked on the principle of justice to all and appeasement of none.

# Nitish's chances of becoming PM minimal: R.C.P. Singh

PATNA | Agencies

Union Steel Minister R.C.P. Singh on Monday said that the chance of Bihar Chief Minister and his JD-U's chief Nitish Kumar becoming the country's Prime Minister are remote.

"A party needs to have 273 seats for a stable government and the Prime Minister of the country. JD-U is a party of Bihar which won a maximum of 20 Lok Sabha seats once. The current strength of JD-U in Lok Sabha is 16. So how would he (Nitish Kumar) become the Prime Minister of the country?" he asked.

When reporters gave the example of H.D. Deve Gowda, Singh said: "What was the tenure of Deve Gowda? His tenure was very short. We need not to register only the name of Nitish Kumar in the list of Prime Ministers. He was the longest serving Chief Minister of Bihar and he has been running a strong and smooth government."

Singh served as a Rajya Sabha member for two consecutive terms



representing the Janata Dal-United. As his relation with Nitish Kumar was not so good, the party did not field him again and nominated its Jharkhand unit President Khiru Mahto. Mahto filed his nominations in the Assembly in presence of Nitish Kumar, JD-U national President Rajiv

Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Upendra Kushwaha, as well as BJP leaders Sanjay Jaiswal, Nityanand Rai, Tar Kishor Prasad, Shahnawaz Hussain. The nominations of BJP's Satish Chandra Dubey and Shambhu Sharan Patel were not filed on Monday due to the incomplete paper

work. They will file their candidature on Tuesday, the last date.

After nominating Mahto, Nitish Kumar said: "He (RCP Singh) needs not to resign from the Union Cabinet immediately. There is a certain time for him. He has already talked about it."

# Elephant mowed down by speeding train in Assam

Guwahati | Agencies

An adult elephant was rammed and killed by a speeding express train near Gharial Dubi area in Bokajan under Karbi Anglong district, officials said on Monday.

Forest and railway officials said that the Mariani-Guwahati express train mowed down the elephant while it was trying to cross the railway track, among a herd of 5 to 6 elephants, late on Sunday night.

The impact of the train-elephant collision was so severe that the jumbo was thrown about 20 feet off the rail track and killed instantly.

The forest officials rushed to the spot and pulled out the carcass of the elephant on Monday with the help of a crane. "Railway tracks in sever-



al vulnerable areas prone to elephant accidents and deaths, have been identified. Forest and railway staff and other concerned people are

monitoring those accident prone areas while signages are displayed at vulnerable locations alerting the train drivers," a forest official said.

# Face prison if illegally staying in Goa: CM Sawant

PANAJI | Agencies

Claiming that tenant verification helps in detection of crime, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has warned to put behind bars those who stay illegally in the state.

"We will take strict action against tenants and house owners, who fail to provide 'information' at the police station," he said on Monday.

Sawant, reacting to increased incidents of crime in the past few days in the state, said that the home department could detect one case at Mapusa in North Goa within 24 hours because of tenant verification.

"Henceforth, those who stay in Goa without doing tenant verification, action would be taken against them. Not only on tenants, but action will also be taken



against the house owners too," Sawant told reporters here.

He said that the government will not tolerate those who hide the details of ten-

ants. "Police have started tenant verification across the state. People should cooperate and provide information about their tenants," he said.

# Man rapes minor girl in UP's Kasganj, extorts money from her

Kasganj (Uttar Pradesh) | Agencies

A class 11 student was allegedly raped by a man in Uttar Pradesh's Kasganj district, who then blackmailed her to pay Rs 8 lakh or else he would upload the video of the incident, police said.

The girl paid the money to the accused but the latter continued to harass her demanding more money.

The girl finally narrated her ordeal to her mother, who then filed a complaint at Kotwali Sadar police station in Kasganj district.

The police said the girl's father is a local businessman and the accused works in a shop in the same locality. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Deep Kumar Pant said



on Monday, "An FIR has been registered under IPC sections

376 (rape), 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and sections of the

POCSO Act against the main accused, his parents, brother and a friend. All of them are absconding."

In the complaint, the victim's father said the accused had taken his daughter to a friend's place in December 2021, offered her a glass of cold drink laced with sedatives and raped her. He filmed the crime with the help of his friend and then started blackmailing her. From the Rs 8 lakh which my daughter stole from my house and shop, the accused bought a bike for Rs 2 lakh," the girl's father said.

The girl's family came to know of her ordeal only recently when she narrated everything to her mother. Her father said, "We noticed that she was not eating properly of late and was behaving strangely."



नरेन्द्र मोदी  
प्रधानमंत्री

# आत्मनिर्भर बनते हमारे शहर



शिवराज सिंह चौहान  
मुख्यमंत्री, मध्यप्रदेश

## स्वच्छ भारत मिशन



- स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण-2021 में इंदौर शहर ने लगातार पांचवीं बार देश में सबसे स्वच्छ शहर का स्थान बरकरार रखा।
- स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण-2021 में भोपाल ने देश की स्वच्छतम स्वःसंवहनीय राजधानी का स्थान प्राप्त किया।
- स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण-2021 में मध्यप्रदेश को देश में तीसरा स्थान।
- 2021 के स्वच्छता सम्मान समारोह में देश के 20 टॉप शहरों में मध्यप्रदेश के 4 शहरों ने जगह बनाई।
- 369 निकायों को ओडीएफ++ और ओडीएफ+ (295 यूएलबी ओडीएफ++ और 74 यूएलबी ओडीएफ+) घोषित किया गया है, यह पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में तीन गुना अधिक हैं।

## पीएम स्वनिधि योजना



- योजना के तहत 5,19,000 पथ विक्रेताओं को ऋण सहायता प्रदान की गई है।
- 4,77,000 स्ट्रीट वेंडर्स को डिजिटल रूप से जोड़ा गया है, जिनमें से 1,91,000 स्ट्रीट वेंडर डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म पर सक्रिय रूप से लेन-देन कर रहे हैं।
- बैंकों और पेमेंट एग्रीगेटर्स की मदद से 2,01,000 शहरी पथ विक्रेताओं को डिजिटल लेनदेन में शामिल होने के लिए प्रशिक्षित किया गया है।
- 1,58,000 शहरी पथ विक्रेताओं ने पहले चरण का ऋण चुका दिया है। इसमें से बैंकों को दूसरे चरण (₹ 20,000 के ऋण) के लिए लगभग 1,02,000 से अधिक ऋण आवेदन प्राप्त हुए, जिसमें से 53,629 ऋण आवेदन बैंकों द्वारा स्वीकृत किए जा चुके हैं। इनमें से 47,500 शहरी पथ विक्रेताओं को ₹ 20,000 का ब्याज-मुक्त ऋण मिल चुका है।

## प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (शहरी)



- प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (शहरी) के सभी घटकों में भारत सरकार द्वारा कुल 9.26 लाख घरों को मंजूरी दी गई है।
- इन मकानों के निर्माण हेतु स्वीकृत केन्द्रीय अंश एवं राज्यांश अनुदान राशि ₹ 20,261.60 करोड़ तथा ब्याज अनुदान राशि ₹ 2,946.72 करोड़ है, जो कि कुल ₹ 23,208.32 करोड़ है।
- बेनेफिशियरी लेड कंस्ट्रक्शन (बीएलसी) घटक के तहत, लाभार्थियों को कुल ₹ 12,078 करोड़ जारी किए गए हैं, जिसमें पहली किस्त के रूप में ₹ 5,886 करोड़, दूसरी किस्त के रूप में ₹ 4,614 करोड़ और तीसरी किस्त के रूप में ₹ 1,578 करोड़ हैं।
- अब तक लगभग 5.05 लाख घरों का निर्माण पूर्ण रूप से हो चुका है और शेष 4.21 लाख घरों का निर्माण तीव्र गति से किया जा रहा है।

## अमृत (AMRUT) योजना



- अमृत योजना के क्रियान्वयन में मध्यप्रदेश ने देश में पांचवां स्थान प्राप्त किया है।
- 33 शहरों में कुल ₹ 6,686 करोड़ की 212 परियोजनाएं स्वीकृत की गई हैं, जिनमें 33 जलापूर्ति, 24 सीवरेज, 23 स्टॉर्म वाटर ड्रेन, 21 शहरी परिवहन और 111 हरित क्षेत्र विकास परियोजनाएं शामिल हैं।
- ₹ 5,056.46 करोड़ की लागत से 212 परियोजनाओं में से 168 परियोजनाओं को पूरा किया जा चुका है।
- अमृत 2.0 के तहत ₹ 12,858.71 करोड़ की कार्य योजना तैयार की गई है।
- राज्य जल कार्य योजना (स्वैप) तैयार कर वेब पोर्टल पर अपलोड कर दी गई है।

## नवाचार

60 शहरों में क्लस्टर आधारित एकीकृत ठोस अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन का क्रियान्वयन हो रहा है।

“वेस्ट-टू-वेल्थ” के संकल्प को साकार करने की दिशा में हाल ही में 550 मीट्रिक टन क्षमता वाले बायो-सीएनजी प्लांट का शुभारंभ इंदौर में किया गया।

भोपाल तथा जबलपुर में भी बायो-सीएनजी प्लांट लगाए जा रहे हैं।

## सुशासन

- नागरिकों की सुविधा को ध्यान में रखते हुए सभी 23 नागरिक/म्युनिसिपल सेवाओं को ई-नगरपालिका के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन प्रदाय किया जा रहा है।
- नगरीय निकायों में मिसिंग प्रॉपर्टीज को चिन्हित करने के लिए जीआईएस सर्वे किया जा रहा है।
- अवैध कॉलोनियों के नियमितीकरण तथा कॉलोनी विकास के प्रावधानों में आम नागरिकों को राहत देने के लिए अधिनियमों में संशोधन किया गया है।
- अब किसी भी कॉलोनाईजर को कॉलोनी निर्माण के लिये अलग-अलग नगरीय निकायों से लाइसेंस लेने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। वह प्रदेश स्तरीय लाइसेंस प्राप्त करके सभी नगरीय निकायों में कॉलोनी विकसित कर सकेंगे।

## भविष्य की योजनाएं

- AMRUT 2.0 के अंतर्गत प्रदेश के सभी नगरीय निकायों तक पेयजल और सीवेज योजना का विस्तार किया जाएगा, जिसमें आगामी 5 वर्षों में लगभग राशि रु. 12,858.71 करोड़ का निवेश किया जाएगा। इसमें केंद्रांश रु. 4,176 करोड़ है।
- स्वच्छ भारत मिशन 2.0 के माध्यम से सभी शहरों को कचरा मुक्त बनाने तथा अपशिष्ट जल प्रबंधन के लिए आगामी 5 वर्षों में राशि रु. 4,914 करोड़ का निवेश किया जाएगा।
- स्मार्ट सिटी मिशन के अंतर्गत लगभग रु. 10,000 करोड़ का निवेश स्मार्ट सिटी कंपनियों द्वारा स्वयं के संसाधनों तथा भूमि के व्यावसायिक उपयोग के माध्यम से किया जाना है।



EDITOR'S SPECS

Tobacco curb can save India from cancer

To combat the rising menace of cancer in India, curbing tobacco use is the best way, experts said on Monday ahead of the World No Tobacco Day, observed every year on May 31. Tobacco is a prominent cause of heart disease, cardiovascular disease, lung disease and brain stroke. India has the world's highest incidence of tobacco-related cancer. The number of Indians suffering from cancer is projected to increase to 29.8 million in 2025 from 26.7 million in 2021, revealed a recent report by the Indian Council for Medical Research. According to Dr. Dinesh Pendharkar, Director, Sarvodaya Cancer Center at Sarvodaya Hospital, Faridabad, there are about 15 lakh new cases of cancer in India every year, but 40 per cent of these are caused by tobacco alone. Tobacco contains nicotine and 4,000 other chemicals which cause cancer not only of the mouth and lungs, but also of food pipe, stomach and kidneys. The impact of tobacco on health goes much beyond cancer as it affects every organ of the body. While there is a marginal decline in the habit of smoking among Indians in recent years due to the stigma and curbs on smoking. However, this has been compensated by people switching from smoking tobacco to chewing tobacco to meet their nicotine addiction. Indians are more vulnerable to tobacco-related cancers because it is easy to get addicted to tobacco in the country. Experts also stated a surge in types of mouth cancer occurring on the lip, gums, tongue, the inner lining of the cheeks, the roof of the mouth, and floor of the mouth (under the tongue) in India due to tobacco usage. Youngsters are increasingly consuming smokeless tobacco either due to imitation and/or peer pressure. While early detection improves the chances of survival, the treatment includes surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy.

KASHI TOO SEEMS TO BE A LONG-DRAWN COURT BATTLE

Vinod Kumar Shukla

The matter of Ramjanmabhoome Temple dispute has been decided by the Supreme Court in favour of Ram Lalla Virajman and now the case of Gyanvapi structure is subjudice. The SC has ruled on the plea of Anjuman Intezamia Committee that the district judge is competent enough to look into the matter. There are numerous questions being asked by Muslims claimants of the mosque about Kashi Vishwanath Temple and a mosque erected by demolishing the temple while Hindus want the entire premises that houses Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Shringal Gauri and Gyanvapi Mosque area. But the question that is being asked by the Muslim community on Kashi Vishwanath Temple is that if at all it was demolished by Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb? And they say in the same breath that a mosque is a mosque till eternity to hide behind Places of Worship Act 1991 which states: "The religious character of a place of worship existing on the 15th day of August, 1947 shall continue to be the same as it existed on that day." The Hindu community is arguing that the act itself has been violated in 2004 by the then state government under the Samajwadi Party leader Mulayam Singh Yadav when it stopped daily worship of Goddess Shringar Gauri and made it an annual affair.



Digging down into the pages of history, they suggest various instances of Kashi Vishweshwar being attacked and desecrated by Islamic invaders that started in 12th century when Muhammad Ghori attacked it. Delhi sultanate ruler Qutubuddin Aibak attacked the temple in 1194 after defeating rulers of Kannauj followed by Mahmood Shah Sharqi of Jaunpur in 1447. Some say that the temple was rebuilt by Pandit Narayan Bhatt with some financial assistance provided by Raja Todarmal, one of the nine jewels in the court of Akbar. But before delving into its rehabilitation by Ahilyabai Holkar, it is very pertinent to peep deeper into the subject. Kashi Khand of Skanda Purana mentions Kashi Vishwanath. It is also mentioned in Rig Veda, Ramayana and Mahabharata but Avimukteshwara's seal found in the Rajghat area near Adi Keshav Ghat of Varanasi is a real testimony to the beliefs of Hindus suggesting the existence of the holy place in the 9th or 10th BC. The Kashi Jyotirlinga is also known as Avimukteshwara which means Lord Shiva is believed to be God who provides mortals freedom from bondage to those who die in Varanasi. Another historical reference suggests that Shaivite King Vainya Gupta is believed to have built a grand temple around 500 CE and

Chinese pilgrim and historian Hsuan Tsang has mentioned the city of Varanasi as well as the temple in his recordings, describing narrow lanes, dense population of courteous and wealthy people and Shiva worship all around the city. Demolition, claim, destruction and reclaim have been the fate of Hindu temples whether significant or insignificant. So during the reign of Delhi Sultan Iltutmish, a Gujarati merchant rebuilt the temple at Kashi but it was Emperor Aurangzeb who not only destroyed the Kashi Vishweshwar Temple but replaced a part of it with a mosque which is known with its Sanskrit name as Gyanvapi. But after the death of Aurangzeb, the Mughal Empire gradually shrunk not only in area but also in authority. The new masters of Indian territories were Marathas. Various history books on Marathas suggest that Malhar Rao Holkar of Indore, the Maratha ruler organized a plan to destroy the mosque and rebuild the temple. June 27, 1742, Malhar Rao Holkar, the Maratha general, with a cavalry of over 20,000 camped outside the vicinity of Kashi. Holkar planned to pull down the Gyanvapi

mosque that was constructed at the site of the Kashi Vishwanath temple by Aurangzeb and rebuild the temple. The people of Kashi were alarmed and sent a delegation requesting Holkar not to do so. The delegation argued that the Mughals were too strong in Kashi and residents would be killed once the Marathas left. Holkar acceded to their request and left without restoring the Kashi temple. In 1752, the Mughal wazir (prime minister) Safdar Jung sought Maratha help. They agreed, but demanded more provinces and the liberation of Hindu holy places. Safdar Jung agreed to the first condition but made various excuses to deny the Hindu holy places to the Marathas. Opinion among Muslims was against any move of handing over Hindu holy places to the community as control over Kashi, Mathura and Ayodhya was a symbol of conquest of Islam over Hinduism for majority of the people in the community. The same opinion could be seen even today albeit selectively by hiding behind the Constitution and 1991 Act on many such issues. Since the plan of Holkar did-

n't work out as atrocities of Mughals were so much in their psyche that they were afraid of being butchered after Maratha leaves the city. In 1750, the Maharaja of Jaipur issued a survey for the land to rebuild the temple but it also didn't bear fruit. Finally in 1780, Ahilyabai Holkar, daughter-in-law of Malhar Rao rebuilt the temple by buying some land. However, one of the priests of Kashi Vishwanath claims that the present structure was built on their residence. Now, the temple exists adjacent to the Gyanvapi structure. The matter is in court for various reliefs sought by various petitioners from daily worship of Goddess Shringar Gauri to total control of the area to demolition of a wall between Shringar Gauri and Gyanvapi. Muslims are of the view that the petition is not maintainable due to 1991 Act and should be dismissed. The court battle will last long as no one is ready to give up the claim. (The writer is a freelance journalist based in Delhi. The views expressed are personal.)

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India is free but we are slaves: Imran Khan

Islamabad | Agencies

Severely criticising Pakistan's incumbent federal coalition government, former Prime Minister Imran Khan said the "American slaves" had increased the prices of petroleum products, while India bought cheap oil from Russia and reduced prices. "It showed India is free but we (Pakistanis) are slaves," The News quoted the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman as saying while addressing a workers convention at Sheikabad, Charsadda, on Sunday. He lauded India for following an independent foreign policy, saying it imported crude oil from Russia despite American sanctions. "Our government signed an agreement with Russia to buy oil at 30 per cent discounted rates. Our government was dislodged under a conspiracy," he said. Khan said an independent foreign policy was imperative for speedy progress of Pakistan. He warned that the nation would not forgive Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior



Minister Rana Sanaullah and Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz for torturing peaceful protesters of his party and conducting raids at their houses. The PTI chief reiterated that they all would be brought to book and sent behind bars soon. Asking the youth to get ready for another long march, Khan said that his party would soon start marching towards Islamabad to bring down the "imported government". He warned that his party workers would "snatch" their rights if they were denied it through peaceful means.

29 KILLED, 38 MISSING IN IRAN BUILDING COLLAPSE

Tehran | Twenty-nine people were killed and 38 others remain unaccounted for after a 10-storey commercial building collapsed in Iran's Abadan city, a top official said.



While visiting the collapse site, Sadeq Khalilian, Governor of Khuzestan province where Abadan is located, confirmed the death toll to reporters and added that victims were yet to be identified, reports Xinhua news agency. He said search and rescue work was continuing to find the missing people, assuring that the operations will continue until every person is accounted for. Authorities fear that the remaining parts of the building and adjacent structures may also collapse. Iran announced a day of national mourning on Sunday to honour the victims. The Mizan news agency of the Iranian judiciary reported that 10 people were arrested for the incident, in which the building's owner and contractor were killed. The under-construction building, known as Metropal, was on a crowded street in downtown Abadan, surrounded by commercial and medical complexes and offices. Parts of the building collapsed suddenly, trapping dozens of people beneath the rubble.

China's maternal, infant mortality rates drop to historic low

Beijing | Agencies

China's maternal and infant mortality rates have both dropped to a historic low, the National Health Commission said on Monday. In 2021, China recorded a maternal mortality rate of 16.1 per 100,000, said Song Li, head of the commission's department of maternal and child health. At the same time, the mortality rates of infants and children under five have decreased to 5 per thousand and 7.1 per thousand, respectively, both dropping to a record low, reports Xinhua news agency quoted Song as saying. Compared to 10 years ago, maternal mortality rate, the mortality rates of infants and children under five have dropped by 38 per cent, 58 per cent and 54 per cent,



respectively, according to the Commission. Song noted that the country has made notable achievements in building healthcare mechanisms for women and children, improving related health services, and ensuring equal access to these services. There are 3,032 maternal and child healthcare institutions, 793 maternity hospitals and 151 children hospitals nationwide. The number of obstetrician-gynaecologists and paediatricians in the country has grown respectively to 373,000 and 206,000. With the improvement of the medical system, people in China now enjoy more equal access to maternal and child health services, Song said, adding that the rate of women giving birth in hospitals has remained above 99 per cent in recent years.

Beijing man sends 5,000 neighbours into quarantine after breaking Covid rule

Beijing | Agencies

A man in Beijing is under criminal probe after he skipped out on mandated Covid-19 home isolation, prompting authorities to send his more than 5,000 neighbours into home or government quarantine, officials said on Monday. The actions by the man, who later tested positive, come as the Chinese capital and Shanghai begin to ease restrictions, the Guardian reported. According to the officials, the man, in his early 40s, had been told to isolate at home after he entered a shopping plaza deemed a risk area on May 23. They alleged that during his period of isolation he "went out many times, and moved in the community, risking the spread of the epidemic", before he and his wife tested positive five days later, the Guardian reported. In response, authorities ordered 258 people who lived



in his building to go to government quarantine centre, and the more than 5,000 others who lived in the residential community to stay at home. China has imposed harsh curbs on its population as it works to eliminate outbreaks of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of Covid-19. China's zero-Covid policy has come under criticism for its significant negative impact on the economy and people, particularly in Shanghai, but President Xi Jinping has doubled down on demands that it continue, and succeed, the Guardian reported. The strict measures have sparked widespread frustration and exhaustion among residents, but with reported case numbers now dropping and restrictions beginning to ease, online people reacted angrily to the actions of the Beijing man.

All passengers including four Indians confirmed dead in Nepal plane crash

Kathmandu | Agencies

All passengers including four Indian nationals who were traveling in the ill-fated Tara Air have been confirmed dead, according to the passenger list released by the airline on Monday. Tara Air's 9 NAET twin-engine aircraft carrying 19 passengers and three crew members, flying from Pokhara to Jomsom had lost contact on Sunday morning, minutes after it took off from Pokhara airport. "I am sad to hear that all passengers onboard in the Tara Air are dead," Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba tweeted on Monday afternoon as he offered condolences to the families of the deceased. The Indian nationals identified as Vaibhavi Banderkar, Ashok Kumar Tripathy, Dhanush Tripathy and Ritika Tripathy are believed to be from Pune. Likewise, seven members of a Nepalese family were also killed in the crash. As of Monday afternoon, 20 dead bodies have been retrieved from the crash site, according to Sudarshan Bartaula, spokesperson of Tara Air. "The search and rescue teams are scouring the area for the remaining two bodies," he said. "There are around 100 people at the crash site including officials of Nepal Army, Armed Police Force, Nepal



Police, mountaineering rescue officials and locals searching for the remaining bodies." The bodies have been scattered over a 100-metre radius from the main impact point. The India Embassy in Kathmandu has already established contacts with family members of the departed Indian nationals. Following the plane crash, Nepal's Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism formed a five-member probe committee on Monday to ascertain the reasons behind the mishap. Nepal's Home Ministry said that once the dead bodies are brought to Kathmandu, they will

be handed over to the families. The missing plane was found 24 hours after it crashed in Mustang district. Tweeting the photo of the missing plane that ended in a fatal accident on Sunday morning, Nepal Army Spokesperson Brigadier General Narayan Silwal informed that the missing aircraft was found in Sanosware, Thasang-2, Mustang near Jomsom airport. As per the photo released by the army, the aircraft that was carrying 19 passengers and three crew members, wrecked into several pieces. After bad weather hampered the search and rescue operation on Sunday, the army called off the mission and resumed the operation on Monday morning. The search for Tara's plane began shortly after it lost contact on Sunday morning. But the plane could not be traced. It takes 20 minutes to reach Jomsom from Pokhara. But within 12 minutes of taking off, the aircraft lost contact. According to Tara Air, the missing aircraft last came in contact with Jomsom Tower at 10.07 a.m. on Sunday at Ghodepani before it lost contact, according to a statement issued by the country's civil aviation office. Soon after the aircraft went out of contact, the Nepal Army deployed its personnel in the Lete area for search. The plane was carrying 13 Nepalese, four Indians, and two Germans.



# SUPPORT TO ALL INDUSTRIAL UNITS THAT GENERATE EMPLOYMENTS: CM CHOUHAN

## Khargone District to witness ushering of cotton melange yarn production worth 200 crores. 3 thousand people to get employment next year.

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that we will extend all possible support to develop yarn and fabric industries. Establishment of new units will act as helping hand in creating job opportunities. We will leave no stone unturned to deliver pivotal facilities for such units. CM Chouhan said establishment of new industrial units in areas with tribal population, which have ample scope for industrial development will bring commendable change in the entire economic landscape.

Chairman of Maral Industries, Shekhar Agrawal, Executive Director Manish Gulati and Asst Vice President Manoj Thakkar of HIG met CM Chouhan in a weekly meet of industrialist held at CM's residence. 3



thousand people to get employment with investment worth Rs 200 crores.

CM Chouhan was apprised about the proposed investment for production of cotton melange yarn on the land under Vidyamaan Textile Unit at gram Khal Bujurg in Khargone district. The proposed investment is worth Rs 200 crores. At present production of cotton yarn and cotton fabric is underway. Subsequently, with the new investment three thousand people will be employed directly or indirectly. Utmost priority will be given to women during employment. Production of cotton melange yarn will be in effect from July, 2023. Maral Overseas Ltd (Company of LNJ Bhilwada Group) is operational since past 3 decades. They have a construction unit in Noida as well. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Manish Rastogi was also present.

# Prime Minister Narendra Modi to interact virtually with state's beneficiaries

## CM Chouhan will attend virtually from Bhopal

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will interact virtually with selected beneficiaries of various schemes of Madhya Pradesh from Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 10:55 am in the Azadi ke Amrit Mahotsav. Selected beneficiaries at the state, district and Krishi Vigyan Kendra level will connect virtually in this national programme. Before that, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will virtually interact with selected beneficiaries of the state in this state level programme at Kushabhau Thakre Auditorium, Bhopal. Ministers along with public representatives, media and beneficiaries of identified schemes will be present in the programme as well.

The programme will telecast live for the general public in the urban bodies. It will be live on Doordarshan, webcast, electronic channels and various social media platforms. citizen are being pre-registered for participating in this programme.

The programme will be held in 4 phases starting from 9:45 am. In the first phase, films focusing on beneficiary oriented schemes will be screened from 9:45am to 10:15 am. In the second phase, from 10:15 am to 10:30 am,



suggestions will be gathered after an interaction with the beneficiaries, public representatives and citizens for effective implementation of the identified schemes. These suggestions will be uploaded on a designated portal. In the third phase of the programme, from 10:30 am to 10:50 am, Chief Minister Chouhan will interact with selected beneficiaries of the districts at state level. In the last phase, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually join the programme at 10:55 am. Prime Minister Modi will interact with the participants of the State, District and Krishi Vigyan Kendra level through video conferencing.

# CM Chouhan plants saplings of Peepal, Neem and Banyan trees

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings with Vice-President of Madhya Pradesh Public Campaign Council Jitendra Jamdaar and other members along with officers from different departments.

CM Chouhan planted Peepal, Neem and Banyan tree saplings with the members from advisory committee of Public Campaign Council's "Srijan Yojana". Peepal is a shady tree which is of great religious and ayurvedic significance.



It purifies the environment. Filled with anti-biotic elements Neem is known for its medicinal properties medicine. Banyan tree is also

known as "Vat Vraksh" or Badh. Along with its religious significance, Banyan tree is also known to cure numerous diseases as well.

# LEADER OF OPPOSITION DEMANDS SECURITY FROM GOVT

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Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Madhya Pradesh Assembly, Govind Singh wrote a letter to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan demanding security under the protocol.

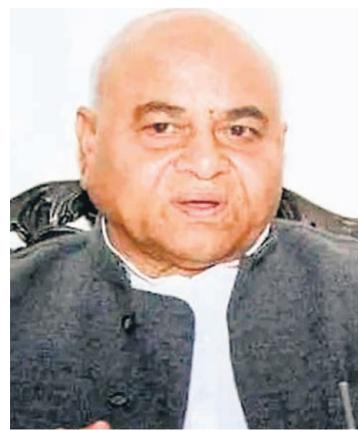
Singh in his letter on Sunday mentioned that an armless constable has been deployed in his security.

He claimed that he may be attacked as such incidents have occurred in the past as well.

Referring to his recent political visit in Bhind, Singh accused the District police of negligence in his security.

"It appeared that Bhind police were not serious about my security. I can be attacked at any time. Also, if anything happened to me, then the government will be responsible for it," the LoP wrote in his letter.

Citing another example of negligence in his security, Singh said that during a visit to Datia dis-



trict, his driver left him after 10 km and returned from there due to which he was stuck in a traffic jam.

He was appointed the new Leader of Opposition in the state assembly nearly a month ago before which the state Congress President Kamal Nath held the post.

Singh, a senior Congress leader and seven-time MLA belongs to Thakur community, and has a stronghold in Gwalior-Chambal division of Madhya Pradesh. By appointing him as LoP, the Congress sent out a message to its leaders and the BJP in the region. Earlier, the Congress had won more than 20 seats in the 2018 Assembly elections, however, since nearly a dozen party MLAs left with Jyotiraditya Scindia in March 2020 to join the BJP, the Congress wanted a strong leader in the region.

Since Govind Singh is considered close to Digvijaya Singh, his appointment as LoP was also made to take on Jyotiraditya Scindia, who also hails from Gwalior-Chambal division.

# BJP to begin 15-day campaign to mark 8 yrs of Modi govt

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The Madhya Pradesh BJP will start a 15-day campaign to highlight the beneficiaries of the Centre and the state government's schemes. This initiative has been taken to mark the completion of eight years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government at the Centre.

A booth level campaign will be kicked off on May 29 and will end on June 14 during which BJP's booth level workers will reach out to people and will be highlighting the initiative taken by Modi in the past eight years, said state BJP President V.D.



Sharma. The state BJP President on Sunday added that the campaign will be part of a nationwide campaign launched by the

party's central leadership. "PM Modi will kickstart the campaign on May 31 from Himachal Pradesh. The state BJP leaders and workers have been tasked to take forward the work done under the leadership of Modi in last eight years to each house in the state," Sharma added. This decision by the BJP comes at a time when the panchayat elections are taking place in the state and local body polls are likely to be held in the next two months. The BJP leaders are of the view that the campaign will help the party to counter the Opposition's allegation on OBC reservation.

# CHIEF MINISTER CHOUHAN GREETES DAUGHTERS WHO TOPPED IN UPSC

Bhopal : Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has congratulated and extended best wishes to three daughters Shruti Sharma, Ankita Agarwal and Gmini Singla for securing top three positions in Civil Services Examination 2021. The Chief Minister has also congratulated Aishwary Verma of Ujjain, who has been selected with fourth position. Chief Minister Chouhan has said that our daughters have proved their hard work and talent by getting success in UPSC Civil Services Examination 2021. Daughters represent the new youth force of New India, filled with knowledge, enthusiasm and the spirit of service. Chief Minister Chouhan has also extended warm wishes for the bright future of all the other successful participants. Chief Minister Chouhan has expressed the hope that all these youths will take a vow of service to the nation and do the work of providing best services.

# Expenditure limit of councilors fixed in urban body elections

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The State Election Commission is preparing for the Panchayat elections as well as the urban body elections in MP. For the first time, the Election Commission has fixed the limit on the election expenditure of councilors. A councilor can spend up to Rs. 8 lakhs 75 thousand.

MP State Election Commissioner Basant Pratap Singh has informed that for the first time in urban body elections, provision has been made for election expenditure account of councilor posts. Earlier, the

expenditure account of the candidates for the post of mayor and president was maintained. Instructions have also been given to set up a help desk in the Returning Officer's office to supervise the maintenance of election expenditure accounts.

Rakesh Singh, Secretary, State Election Commission has informed that the maximum limit for election expenditure of councilor posts, according to census 2011 in Municipal Corporation is Rs 8 lakh 75 thousand for population above 10 lakh and Rs 3 lakh 75 thousand for population less than 10 lakh.

Similarly, in municipal councils, for a population of more than one lakh, there will be a limit of Rs.2 lakh 50 thousand, for a population of 50 thousand to one lakh, Rs.1 lakh 50 thousand and for councilors with a population of less than Rs.50 thousand. The maximum expenditure limit for city councils will be Rs.75 thousand.

The commission said that 35 lakh in municipal corporations with a population of more than 10 lakh and a maximum limit of Rs 15 lakh for the election expenditure of mayor candidates in municipal corporations with a population of less than 10 lakh.

# Political struggle over 'Hindu' in Madhya Pradesh

In Madhya Pradesh, the war between the Congress and the BJP over 'Hindu' has started. Congress and BJP have started besieging each other on the use of religion in politics and calling themselves Hindu. With the election atmosphere gaining momentum in the state, the round of rhetoric is increasing rapidly.



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Congress State President and former Chief Minister Kamal Nath has been continuously accusing the BJP of doing politics with the help of religion. They say that we are Hindus and we say it with pride, but do not bring religion on the platform of politics. Some people have turned religious

events into events. BJP is working to divide and mislead the society. What came to Kamal Nath's statement about Hindu, all-round attacks started from the BJP side. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said in his own style, now Kamal Nath has to give proof that I am a Hindu, Atal ji has said this long ago, body-mind Hindu, body-rag

Hindu, my introduction. After the attack of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Home Minister Narottam Mishra has said on Kamal Nath's Hindu statement, Rahul Gandhi and Kamal Nath are wishful electoral Hindus. Vaccination, wearing Janu and calling themselves Hindu, they remember at the time of elections.

# Over Fifty Tap connections Given under Jal Jeevan Mission in Madhya Pradesh

MADHYA PRADESH IS COMMITTED TO FULFILL PM MODI'S RESOLUTION: CM CHOUHAN. PHENOMENAL WORK: MORE THAN THIRTY-TWO LAKH CONNECTIONS GIVEN WITHIN 2 YEARS. CM CHOUHAN REVIEWS ONGOING WORK UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan apprised himself of ongoing activities under Jal Jeevan Mission in a review meeting at his residence. He was informed that more than fifty lakh connections have been given. At present the exact number is fifty lakh one thousand 772. In the span of 2 years, the mission progress has registered a stupendous rise from 17 lakh and 50 thousand to more than 50 lakh tap connection. CM Chouhan expressed his happiness over this accomplishment and extended felicitations to Jal Jeevan Mission and PHE department. In past 2 years, in accordance with PM's resolution continuous work is in progress under Jal Jeevan Mission. In this mission, the state is leading in the



country. Madhya Pradesh to accomplish Prime Minister's Resolution While appreciating the work done under Jal Jeevan Mission, CM Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh is enthusiastically working towards fulfilling Prime Minister's resolution. The state will keep doing so in the future as well. CM Chouhan said we will continue our efforts in order to ensure continuous efforts to provide potable water to the households. Mission will also target far-flung areas where people have to walk miles to get potable water. Additional Chief Secretary Public Health Engineering Malay Shrivastav and Principal Secretary Urban Development and Housing Manish Singh offered sweets to CM Chouhan.

CM Chauhan's concern after taking charge resulted in effective work within 2 years

It was notified in the meeting that the activities under the mission have picked up pace since April 2020. CM Chouhan had expressed his concerns for potable water arrangements in the first meeting as soon as he took charge. During the said time, it was a challenge to reach the goal of providing FHCT (Functional household Tap Connection) to one crore 22 lakhs 27 thousand families. The facility was provided to only 17 lakh 72 thousand families (14.49%). At present 50 lakh families are enjoying the facility and 40 per cent of the total target is complete. In the past couple of years, more than 32 lakh tap connections have been provided. Efforts are being made to

ensure 100 percent availability of tap connection by 2023, a year ahead of original target year.

It was told that 834 water deprived areas will enjoy the benefits of 116 cluster water supply schemes. At present 25 schemes are operational and a total of 33 schemes are in progress.

Approximately three-fourth of the activities under Cluster water supply schemes has been completed. Chief Minister Chouhan gave directives to Larsen and Toubro to increase the pace of work under these schemes. While virtually exchanging dialogues with the company's officer Subhramanyam, he said that the progress in the areas under the company is not up to his expectations. By implementing the water supply schemes within the time-frame, the common man will not bear the brunt of water crisis. It is the matter of great importance for the state government. He urged him to complete the work at the earliest. According to the company, there will not be any delay in implementing work under water supply schemes. The company will ensure completion of work by increasing the personnel and other necessary methods. The company also assured of disciplinary action against people responsible for delays in the work. Principal Secretary and Secretary to the Chief Minister Manish Rastogi and L Salvendran were present as well.

# सेवा, सुशासन और गरीब कल्याण के

## अनवरत

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नरेन्द्र मोदी, प्रधानमंत्री



- **प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना (शहरी)** में 5 लाख 5 हजार से अधिक पात्र हितग्राहियों को मिला घर। मध्यप्रदेश, देश में दूसरे स्थान पर।
- **प्रधानमंत्री किसान सम्मान निधि** में 83 लाख 78 हजार किसानों के खातों में 13 हजार 400 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की राशि अंतरित।
- **प्रधानमंत्री उज्ज्वला योजना** अंतर्गत अब तक 79 लाख 84 हजार महिलाओं के लिए गैस कनेक्शन।
- **प्रधानमंत्री मातृ वंदना योजना** में 28 लाख 99 हजार गर्भवती माताओं को 1261 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की राशि मजदूरी क्षतिपूर्ति के रूप में। योजना के क्रियान्वयन में मध्यप्रदेश, देश में प्रथम स्थान पर।
- **स्वच्छ भारत मिशन 2021** में प्रदेश के इन्दौर, भोपाल, उज्जैन, देवास, नर्मदापुरम, बड़वाह और पचमढ़ी कैंट उत्कृष्ट शहर। 27 शहरों को स्टार रेटिंग।
- **अमृत मिशन** के अंतर्गत अब तक 6 हजार 894 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक लागत की 162 परियोजनाएँ स्वीकृत।

- **जल जीवन मिशन** के अंतर्गत 50 लाख से अधिक परिवारों को घर-घर नल से जल उपलब्ध।
- **प्रधानमंत्री स्वनिधि योजना** के अंतर्गत 5 लाख 18 हजार से अधिक हितग्राहियों को 563 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का ब्याज मुक्त ऋण वितरित। योजना के क्रियान्वयन में मध्यप्रदेश देशभर में प्रथम।
- **आयुष्मान भारत पीएम जनआरोग्य मिशन** के अंतर्गत अब तक 7 लाख 72 हजार पात्र हितग्राहियों का निःशुल्क उपचार। 2 करोड़ 70 लाख से अधिक आयुष्मान कार्ड जनरेट कर मध्यप्रदेश, देश में प्रथम।
- **प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना** के अंतर्गत प्रदेश के 1 करोड़ 89 लाख से अधिक हितग्राहियों को 96 हजार 500 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की ऋण राशि स्वीकृत।

- **आयुष्मान भारत हेल्थ एण्ड वेलनेस सेंटर** प्रदेश में 9 हजार 100 से अधिक हेल्थ एण्ड वेलनेस सेंटर के माध्यम से गरीबों को निःशुल्क स्वास्थ्य परामर्श, जाँचें एवं दवा वितरण।
- **वन नेशन, वन राशन कार्ड** कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत राज्य एवं राज्य से बाहर 87.69 लाख परिवारों ने पोर्टेबिलिटी के माध्यम से राशन प्राप्त करने का लाभ उठाया।
- **पोषण अभियान** के प्रभावी क्रियान्वयन के फलस्वरूप प्रदेश के 6 लाख 47 हजार बच्चों को कुपोषण से मुक्त कराया गया।
- **आंगनवाड़ियों में जन-सहभागिता** से बच्चों के सर्वांगीण विकास के लिए "एडॉप्ट एन आंगनवाड़ी" अभियान। जनता के सहयोग से करोड़ों रुपये की सामग्री प्राप्त।
- **प्रधानमंत्री गरीब कल्याण अन्न योजना** के अंतर्गत 5 करोड़ 44 लाख लोगों को निःशुल्क राशन।



## मोदी जी के कुशल नेतृत्व में तेजी से आगे बढ़ता मध्यप्रदेश

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## BCCI ANNOUNCES RS 1.25 CRORE PRIZE MONEY FOR GROUND STAFF AT SIX VENUES FOR IPL 2022 WORK

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Indian cricket board has announced a "prize money" of Rs 1.25 crore for curators and grounds-men across the six venues that hosted the Indian Premier League's (IPL) 2022 edition.

The announcement of the bonus payment to the ground staff was made by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah in a tweet on Monday. In his tweet, Shah called them the unsung heroes and the men who gave the best games in IPL 2022.

"I'm pleased to announce prize money of INR 1.25 crores for the men who gave us the best games in #TATAIPL 2022. The unsung heroes - our curators and grounds-men across 6 IPL venues this season," Jay Shah wrote in his tweet. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic protocols, the group stage of IPL 2022 was held in four venues -- the Brabourne and Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, and the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium in Pune, which shared 70 matches between them. The playoffs matches were held at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata, and the Narendra



Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad -- with both hosting two matches apiece. "We've witnessed some high octane games and I would like to thank each one of them for

their hard work. 25 lacs each for CCI, Wankhede, DY Patil and MCA, Pune 12.5 lacs each for Eden and Narendra Modi Stadium," Shah wrote.

## SALAH NAMED PFA FANS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 2021-22

London: Liverpool striker Mohamed Salah has been voted Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Fans' Player of the Year for 2021-22, the club said in a statement on Monday.

The Egyptian international retained the award after football supporters recognised his stellar Premier League campaign for Liverpool.

Salah claimed his third Golden Boot, alongside Tottenham Hotspur's Son Heung-min, by netting 23 goals from his 35 outings in the season.

He also picked up the league's Playmaker prize for his 14 assists in the season -- one more than teammate Trent Alexander-Arnold, who was also shortlisted for the PFA prize. Salah came out on top in a fans' poll to claim the accolade for the third time in his career, with Kevin De Bruyne, Phil Foden, Conor Gallagher and Declan Rice the other nominees. Salah's personal statistics are simply outrageous this season, 23 goals and 14 assists in the Premier League alone. The Egyptian's early-season form was particularly devastating, including a stretch where he netted in seven games in a row - a run that culminated with a hat-trick against old foe Manchester United.



## Almeria, Valladolid promoted to La Liga as Eibar slip up on final day



Madrid | Agencies

Valladolid and Almeria were promoted to La Liga on a dramatic last day of the Spanish second division's regular season.

The day kicked off with Eibar leading the division, and knowing that a win away to already-relegated Alcorcon would assure their return to the top flight just a year after they went down. However, a 92nd-minute goal by Alcorcon striker Giovanni Zarfino condemned them to a heartbreaking defeat on Sunday night just minutes before the end of a game in which Eibar were nowhere near their best. The result means that Almeria finish

top of the table, despite only drawing 2-2 away to Leganes as goals from Rodrigo Ely and Umar Sadiq saw them twice come back from behind, Xinhua reports.

Valladolid also return to La Liga thanks to a 3-0 win at home to Huesca. Goals from Shom Weismann, Gonzalo Plata and Alvaro Aguado gave Valladolid, who kicked off the day in third place, an easy win against a rival with nothing to play for.

Eibar will have a second chance at winning promotion, but will have to compete in the play-offs against Las Palmas, Tenerife and Girona, who finished fourth, fifth, and sixth in the table following the last round of matches.

## India's Sabari J. beats Pengue of Australia to bag WBC Australasia pro-boxing title

Sydney | Agencies

India's Sabari Jaishankar defeated Australian champion Michael Pengue to win the World Boxing Council's Australasia title in the welterweight division.

In a historic moment for Indian boxing, Sabari won the title with a knockout of the Australian champion in the 8th round of their 10-round bout on Saturday night.

Pengue, also known as the "Punisher", was the favourite to win the fight. He came into this event with two consecutive wins -- after bagging the vacant WBC Australasia title in December 2021 by a 10-round points decision over fellow Australian Jorge Kapeen. Sabari, a pro boxer from Tamilnadu had won the WBC India title in December 2021 via an 8-round split decision victory over Akashdeep Singh at Hyderabad. In the bout, Sabari oozed confidence right from the first bell. He out-punched Pengue in every round. By the eighth round, the Australian was exhausted. With a minute to go in the 8th round, a hard right from Sabari sent Pengue to the canvas. A knockdown count followed from the Referee to wait for Pengue to get back onto his feet, failing which he waved his



hands to call an end to the fight, the Indian Boxing Council said in a report on its website.

At the time of stoppage, Sabari was ahead on the scorecards of two of the three judges assigned by the World Boxing Council and the Australian Boxing Commission, the report said.

## French Open RUUD OUSTS HURKACZ TO REACH MAIDEN GRAND SLAM QUARTERS

Paris | Agencies

Casper Ruud fended off a strong comeback from Poland's Hubert Hurkacz to complete a 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory in the fourth round of the French Open and reached his maiden Grand Slam quarterfinal here on Monday.

In a meeting between two players both making fourth-round debuts in the French capital, it was the World No. 8 Ruud who took control early as the 12th-seeded Hurkacz was unable to consistently counter the powerful ball-striking of the 23-year-old Norwegian on Court Suzanne Lenglen.

Ruud demonstrated the ability to handle tough match situations on his way to the last eight in Paris. He opened with an emotional four-set win in home favourite Jo-Wilfried Tsonga's last match before retirement and came through a five-set thriller against Lorenzo Sonego in the third



round. Despite the efforts of Monte Carlo and Madrid quarter-finalist Hurkacz, Ruud was clinical in notching two breaks of his own to seal an eighth straight win and book a quarter-final appointment with Stefanos Tsitsipas or Holger Rune.

## KASATKINA STORMS PAST GIORGI

Paris: No.20 seed Russian Daria Kasatkina continued her ruthless form at Roland Garros, defeating No.28 seed Camila Giorgi of Italy 6-2, 6-2 in 1 hour and 20 minutes to reach the French Open quarterfinals here on Monday.

Former World No.10 Kasatkina has yet to drop a set and indeed has conceded just 14 games in four matches so far. She has only lost serve on two occasions - neither to Giorgi, against whom she saved all six breakpoints.

The 25-year-old Kasatkina had not reached the second week of a Grand Slam since making back-to-back quarterfinals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2018. But having slumped to World No.71 by the end of 2020, she has essayed a resurgence over the past two years.



## Want to win the World Cup for India no matter what happens: Hardik Pandya

Ahmedabad | Agencies

Soon after lifting the IPL 2022 trophy in their maiden season, Gujarat Titans skipper Hardik Pandya said he wants to win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup for India, after the team's dismal show in the UAE last year.

While Pandya was a member of the squad during the T20 World Cup in the UAE, he remained mostly on the bench as he was reportedly gaining full fitness following a back surgery.

"Absolutely, to win the World Cup for India no matter what happens," said Pandya after the Titans defeated Rajasthan Royals by seven wickets at the Narendra Modi Stadium. "I am going to give it everything I have. (I'm) Always been the kind of guy to put the team first. For me the goal will be simple: to make sure my team gets it the most."



"Playing for India has always been a kind of dream come true, no matter how many games I have played. It has always been a pleasure for me to represent the country. The kind of love and support I have got it is only from the Indian team's point of view."

"Long term, short term, I want to win the World Cup no matter what happens," he stressed.

India have come close to adding a World Cup trophy in their cabinet in the half-a-decade or so but have fallen short on all occasions. During the 2016 T20 World Cup, India lost to eventual champions West Indies in the semifinal. In the 2017 Champions Trophy final, although Pandya was the highest run-getter, India succumbed to a massive defeat against Pakistan. Pandya's smashing form in the 2019 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup semifinal could not get them over the line against New Zealand either.

## Australia to tour India for white-ball series ahead of Men's T20 World Cup

Melbourne | Agencies

World T20 champions Australia will play a white-ball series in India this September ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, the dates for which are yet to be announced.

Cricket Australia (CA) on Monday announced an action-packed summer schedule, with the T20 World Cup on home soil between October 16 and November 13 the standout. They will also play home series against the West Indies and England ahead of the showpiece event.

CA announced that Australia will play two matches against the West Indies on the Gold Coast and three matches against England in Brisbane and



Canberra in the run-up to the 20-over showcase.

Australia will also host England in a three-match ODI series after the T20

World Cup, before back-to-back Test series against the West Indies and South Africa starting at the end of November.

## INDIAN WOMEN'S, MEN'S AIR RIFLE TEAMS REACH MEDAL ROUNDS AT BAKU SHOOTING WORLD CUP

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Both the Indian women's and men's 10m Air Rifle teams reached the medal rounds of their respective events on competition day three of the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Monday.

The women in fact did one better than the men, making it to the gold medal match on Tuesday against Denmark, while the men will take on Croatia on the same day, for a shot at bronze.

Former world number one Elavenil Valariyan, Ramita and Shreya Agrawal, first topped qualification stage one of the 10m Air Rifle Team Women event with a combined effort of 944.4 over 90-shots, among 17 competing teams. They then came second in stage two behind Denmark, to make the title round. The trio shot 628.6 to Denmark's 629.2 after all



three team members shot 20-shots each.

In the 10m Air Rifle Team Men competition, the Indian trio of Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil, Dhanush Srikanth and Paarth Makhija finished third in qualification stage two to make it to the bronze medal match. The trio had finished second to Austria in stage one to make the top-eight stage out of 14 teams.

Earlier in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event, both the pairing of Shreya and Rudranksh and Elavenil and Paarth, could not make much headway. The former finished 14th in qualification with a score of 625.6 while the latter shot 623.5 for a 24th place finish.

India have fielded a 12-member rifle-only squad in this World Cup.

## Asia Cup hockey

## INDIA FACE KOREA IN A MUST-WIN MATCH FOR SPOT IN TITLE CLASH

Jakarta | Agencies

The defeat to Japan in the league phase following the draw against Pakistan came as a jolt to the make-shift Indian men's team at the Asia Cup here as they defeated the same opponent to start their Super 4s campaign on a strong note.

Though the 3-3 draw with Malaysia has kept alive India's hopes of reaching the title clash, as are in the second position in the Super 4s points table behind Korea, who have the same four points but a better goal difference. Malaysia have two points from two draws while Japan have lost both their matches and are out of contention for the title.

Sardar Singh's boys have to be on their toes in the third Super 4s clash with Korea on Tuesday and win the match and secure a direct berth in the summit clash. If India lose to Korea, their fate will be in the hands of Malaysia, whose result against



Japan will decide their fate.

So, the Indian team will have to take Tuesday's clash with table-toppers Korea as a must-win clash and

perform at their best at the GBK Sports Complex to remain on course for defending their title.

India had nearly clinched their

berth in the title match involving the teams occupying the top two positions in the Super 4s table. Victory against Malaysia would have given India two wins in two matches and thus sealing a place in the final.

But Malaysian drag-flicker Razie Rahim scored a late goal and completed his hat-trick to draw the match. India had fought back from a two-goal deficit and had scored through Vishnukant Singh, SV Sunil, and Nilam Sanjeev Xess to take a 3-2 lead before Razie Rahim drew the match for Malaysia.

On Tuesday against Korea, the Indians have to avoid committing the mistakes they committed against Malaysia. They have to play aggressive hockey, maintain shape throughout the match and should not concede early goals.

The Koreans have been quite stingy in Super 4s and have conceded only three goals in two matches. In contrast, India have given four goals in two matches, and have scored five goals.



## Amitabh Bachchan, Neena Gupta & more to come together for Sooraj Barjatya's project

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Fans have been ecstatic since learning that Sooraj Barjatya is working on another film titled Uunchai. Sooraj Barjatya is gearing up for his next project, Uunchai. This film stars Parineeti Chopra, Amitabh Bachchan, Boman Irani, Anupam Kher, and Neena Gupta, among others. The performers had been showing us peeks of the magnificent locations where they were filming, which had gotten all of their fans thrilled. And today, Uunchai's formal statement has been made.

The statement reads "We at Rajshri are proud to announce our association with Mahaveer Jain Films and Boundless Media as fellow producers for our next film - Uunchai. Helmed by Sooraj R. Barjatya, headlined by Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher and Boman Irani. Uunchai is our 60th film. Coming soon!"

Meanwhile, Parineeti Chopra posted a photo from Nepal of herself conversing with Sooraj Barjatya on the sets of



Uunchai. "Thrilled, and honoured to be a part of the iconic cinematic universe of Sooraj Barjatya sir. Sooraj sir has defined and is the torchbearer of India's family entertainers and I can't wait to work under his tutelage; alongside this stellar and incredible cast. Mr Bachchan, happy birth-day sir! This is a special day and a special moment. @amitabhbachchan. Especially excited to be working once again with Anupam sir @anupampkher, Boman sir @boman irani, and Neena mam @neena gupta. And for the first time with Sarika ma'am and Danny sir," Parineeti wrote in the caption.



## Sussanne has a cute pet name for Hr's girlfriend Saba Azad

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan's ex-wife Sussanne Khan has shared an adorable nickname for the actor's current girlfriend Saba Azad. Saba shared a boomerang video of herself on Instagram in front of a mirror. Dressed in a brown dress, Saba captioned the post, "I have no smart caption for this narcissism!! #bts." Sussanne also took to the comment section and tagged the young actress as 'Saboo'. She commented: "Wow Saboo" with fire emojis.

## ZOYA AKHTAR ADMITS BEING ANXIOUS

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Zoya Akhtar has been making headlines recently for her impending directorial debut, The Archies. The film is an adaptation of the well-known comics, and it will mark the big screen debuts of three famous children: Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan, Amitabh Bachchan's grandson Agastya Nanda, and Janhvi Kapoor's sister Khushi Kapoor. The trailer for this upcoming was posted earlier this month, and it quickly went viral on the internet. Now, Zoya has spoken up about the project, admitting that she is anxious about making The Archies. Zoya recently told The Hindu that, it was a part of her childhood and adolescence, and she is excited to bring the characters to life on screen. However, considering the characters' global renown, the acclaimed director admitted that she is frightened as well. Zoya was quoted as saying "I'm currently shooting The Archies as a feature film, and that hopefully will be out next year. The characters are iconic and globally loved, which is also why I am a little nervous. I have to make sure the film stokes the nostalgia of a generation that grew up on the comic, and yet resonates with young adults today".



## ANUSHKA SHARMA starts shooting for her upcoming cricket based film

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Actress Anushka Sharma on Monday started shooting for her next 'Chakda Xpress'.

This development comes after Anushka put in months of preparation to get into the skin of the celebrated Indian fast bowler Jhulan Goswami.

A source said: "Yes, this is true. Anushka Sharma's highly awaited next 'Chakda Xpress' has gone on floors from today. No stone will be unturned by the makers to make this into a spectacular and riveting movie."

"This is Anushka's first film after she became a mother. So, there is a lot of anticipation to see her back on screen because she has delivered some of the most remarkable performances from a leading lady in Indian cinema. Plus, the fact that Anushka is doing a cricket film, makes the product even hotter!"

Sources have revealed that the film will be shot in India and England. As per reports, Anushka will be flying to the UK to shoot a 30-day schedule of the cricket film signifying the massive mounting that 'Chakda Xpress' will have.

This film traces Jhulan's inspirational journey as she moves up the ladder despite the hindrances posed by misogynistic politics to fulfil her dream of playing cricket for India.

She succeeded in her goal and went on to captain the Indian women's national cricket team and is a role model for aspiring cricketers in the country.

In 2018, an Indian postage stamp was issued in her honour. Jhulan holds the world record for the highest number of wickets taken by a woman in an international career.



## Sonam happy to be 'reunited with her love' Anand Ahuja

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Actress Sonam Kapoor, who is expecting her first child, is reunited with her love Anand Ahuja. Sonam shared a video on her Instagram stories, wherein she can be heard saying: "Finally".

In the clip, the actress is looking pretty in a blue shirt paired with a golden necklace and earrings. Anand, on the other hand, is looking uber cool in a white T-shirt layered with a black shirt. He can be seen giving a forehead kiss to his lovely wife.

Sharing the video, she captioned it as "Reunited with my love," followed by a lovestruck emoji.

Sonam and Anand are expecting their first child this fall. The couple shared a post on their respective Instagram profiles to announce the news.

The post read: "Four hands. To raise you the very best we can. Two hearts. That will beat in unison with yours, every step of the way. One family. Who will shower you with love and support. We can't wait to welcome you. #everydayphenomenal #comingthis-fall2022."



## Ulka Gupta on taking cooking lessons from chef Nisha Madhulik

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Actress Ulka Gupta is busy these days in shooting for her show 'Banni Chow Home Delivery'. Ulka is learning how to prepare good food from well-known chef and YouTube personality Nisha Madhulika.

The show focuses on the life of a young girl named Banni, who runs a food delivery service. In the recent YouTube video of Nisha Madhulika, she teaches Ulka a new recipe of Poha-Shimla Mirch Ke Cutlet. Both of them talked about their love for food, their journey, and secret recipes.

Nisha said: "It was really great to work with Banni. Banni is a very loveable and authentic character and I felt like I was working with my daughter. For me, the show 'Banni Chow Home Delivery' has a special meaning because it has roots in Rajasthan and my ethos and cuisine are similar to the setting of this show." "The best thing is food has a special place in this show. I have always believed that food can be a very powerful force to bring families together."

Ulka also spoke about her working experience with Nisha: "It was a wonderful experience and I am delighted to meet my inspiration and cook alongside her. Her persona, dedication to being a home chef, female entrepreneur, and motivator matched that of my character Banni."

"Her story from being a housewife to a



cooking star has inspired many.

My character wishes to do the same. Our story proves that you're never too old or too young to pursue your dream. And, of course, our love of cooking is what brings us both together. Through this association, the viewers will witness our similar journey," she added. 'Banni Chow Home Delivery' will be airing on Star Plus.

## INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Nora Fatehi

## Deepika chooses a green pantsuit for her Airport look

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Deepika Padukone is back in town after conquering the Cannes Film Festival with her stylish style. On Sunday night, the actress was photographed at the Mumbai airport. Deepika looks stunning in the photos, dressed in a green pantsuit and white shoes. The Cannes Film Festival 2022 finished on May 28, and the actress represented India as a jury member. On the last day of the festival, the actress graced the red carpet in a white ruffled saree and striking pearl jewellery.

Deepika Padukone uploaded a humorous video on Instagram before departing for Cannes. The actress used the sad face effect and is heard stating, "We are leaving from here and everyone is really upset". Sharing the video, she continues, "And that's a wrap! Thank you @festivaldecannes for all your love and generosity! Until we meet again..."

Deepika Padukone made a fashion statement by attending the film festival. She graced the red carpet at the inaugural ceremony in a dazzling golden-black saree with dramatic eye makeup. Her saree was purchased from designer Sabyasachi.

