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▶ THE J&K POLICE ON FRIDAY USED TEAR GAS AND MILD LATHI-CHARGE TO DISPERSE THE PROTEST CARRIED OUT BY THE KASHMIRI PANDIT EMPLOYEES AGAINST THE KILLING OF THEIR COLLEAGUE BY TERRORISTS IN BUDGAM DISTRICT.

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▶ IN ANOTHER DASTARDLY INCIDENT OF TARGETED KILLING IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR ON MAY 12, THURSDAY, TERRORISTS HAVE KILLED A YOUNG KASHMIRI PANDIT NAMED RAHUL BHAT AT CHADOORA IN BUDGAM.

▶ RAHUL BHAT, WAS A CLERK IN THE TEHSILDAR'S OFFICE. REPORTEDLY, THE YOUTH WAS WORKING IN HIS OFFICE IN THE CHADOORA AREA, WHEN THE TERRORISTS BARGED IN AND OPENED FIRE ON HIM AT POINT-BLANK RANGE. BHAT SUSTAINED SERIOUS INJURIES AND WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL IN SRINAGAR, WHERE HE DIED A LITTLE WHILE LATER.



Team Absolute | New Delhi

A day after the targeted killing of Kashmiri Pandit Rahul Bhat by Islamic terrorists in Chadoora, Budgam, the valley erupted with rage. While hundreds of Kashmiri Hindus have hit the streets to protest against Bhat's cold-blooded murder, reports suggest that almost 350 government employees working under Prime Minister's employment package in Kashmir have submitted their resignation en-masse. These govt employees have reportedly sent their resignation to Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha. A copy of the same has also been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). In the letter, the employees said they

do not feel safe after the killing of KP Govt Employee Rahul Bhat by Islamic terrorists.

"Due to dejection by the policies of the administration and subsequent failure of providing a sense of security to all Kashmiri Pandit minorities serving in the valley for the last 12 years, and due to desperation by promised custodians, who promised us to provide a dignified and honourable return, and due to threat of life which is a fundamental right of each and every human being."

"We PM Package employees and non-PM package employees have been left with no option but to give en mass resignation which we know is the only solution to save our lives," the letter read.

J&K LG MEETS WITH RELATIVES OF RAHUL BHAT

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha in a tweet on Friday informed that he has met with the relatives of Rahul Bhat, the Kashmiri Pandit who killed by terrorists. The LG has assured justice to the family and said that the terrorists and their supporters will pay a price for the heinous act.

TWO TERRORISTS KILLED IN ENCOUNTER

Srinagar: Two terrorists have been killed in an ongoing encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora on Friday, officials said.

Police said two Pakistani terrorists belonging to proscribed terrorist outfit LeT who had recently infiltrated into India had been trapped in the ongoing encounter.

The firefight between terrorists and security forces took place after a joint team of security forces cordoned off the Brar area in Bandipora and launched a search operation on the basis of specific information about presence of terrorists.

Monsoon onset early over Kerala this year, expected to be 'normal'

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Bringing cheer to a large part of the Indian sub-continent, the Southwest Monsoon is likely to hit the Kerala coast on May 27, much ahead of its scheduled arrival date of June 1, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) announced on Friday.

Monsoon arrival is eagerly awaited as it has a deep impact on India's agriculture and economy and hence, is termed as the real Finance Minister of India.

The Met department had already announced a month ago that the monsoon rainfall this year over the country as a whole is most likely to be normal - quantitatively 99 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA).

The next update would be announced sometime in May last week when the IMD will come up with an updated, if any, date of onset over Kerala and also the quantitative forecast.

"The monsoon onset over Kerala is likely to be on May 27 with a model error of plus or minus four days," the IMD said in a statement.

The initial monsoon rains are experienced over south Andaman Sea and the monsoon winds then advance north-westwards across the Bay of Bengal towards the Indian landmass. As per the normal dates of monsoon



onset/progress, the Southwest Monsoon advances over the Andaman Sea around May 22 in most years." In association with enhanced cross equatorial winds, conditions are becoming favourable for the advance of Southwest Monsoon into South Andaman Sea, Nicobar Islands and some parts of southeast Bay of Bengal around May 15," it said.

Past data suggest that there is no association of the date of monsoon advance over the Andaman Sea either with the date of monsoon onset over Kerala or with the seasonal monsoon rainfall over the country, the IMD reminded.

Except in 2015, the IMD's operational forecasts of the date of monsoon onset over Kerala - with a standard deviation of seven days - during the past 17 years (from 2005 till 2021) were

proved correct. If we look at last five years, in 2017, the monsoon onset happened on May 30, same as forecast onset date; in 2018 too, it was May 29 for both; in 2019, the forecast date was June 6 and actual onset happened on June 8; in 2020, the forecast date was June 5 but onset happened on June 1 while in 2021, the onset happened on June 3 against the forecast date of May 31.

Advance of the southwest monsoon over the Indian mainland is marked by monsoon onset over Kerala and is an important indicator characterising the transition from hot and dry season to a rainy season.

The IMD has been issuing operational forecasts for the date of monsoon onset over Kerala from 2005 onwards using an indigenously developed state of the art statistical model with a model error of plus minus 4 days.

SC DECLINES TO ENTERTAIN PLEA TO POSTPONE NEET PG 2022 EXAM

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain pleas seeking the postponement of NEET-PG 2022 scheduled for May 21, saying it will create "chaos and uncertainty". A bench headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud noted that postponing the exam will impact the patient care and also prejudice to over two lakh students who have registered for the exam.

The bench, also comprising Justice Surya Kant, said as the country gets back on the rails after which was caused due to the pandemic, the time schedule must be adhered to, and any delay in conducting the exam will result in fewer number of resident doctors.

The top court's order came on petitions by the doctors seeking to postpone the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for Postgraduate (NEET-PG) 2022 exam, citing a clash with ongoing counselling for NEET PG 2021. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati represented the Centre in the top court. Dismissing the plea to postpone the exam, the bench noted that the request cannot be entertained, as it would affect the patient care and the career of the doctors, and emphasised that these are matters belonging to the policy domain.

The bench pointed out that over two lakh doctors have registered, and it will cause prejudice to them if the exam is further postponed.



26 KILLED IN FIRE IN DELHI'S MUNDKA, MORE FEARED DEAD

Team Absolute | New Delhi

As many as 26 people have been killed in a major fire that broke out in a three-storey building in the Mundka area of the national capital on Friday afternoon, a Fire Department official said.

"Over 50 employees and workers have been reportedly evacuated, while rescue teams have so far recovered 26 dead bodies," Deputy Commissioner of Police, Sameer Sharma, said, adding that several people have sustained injuries.

Delhi Fire Service chief Atul Garg said that they received a call about the incident at a building located near pillar no 544, Mundka metro station around 4.40 p.m. after which 10 fire engines were immediately pressed into service.

As per visuals from the spot, thick fumes of black smoke could be seen billowing out of the three-storey building and the firemen used the fire truck ladder to reach the maximum possible height to spray water over the blaze.

The inferno was yet to be brought under control at the time of filing of this report and the fire fighting operation was still underway. Sharma said that they also received the



call about the incident around 4.45 p.m. and the local police immediately rushed to rescue the inmates.

"Police officials broke the windows of the building and rescued the inmates and got the injured admitted in the hospital," the DCP said. Based on preliminary enquiry, the police said that it was a 3-storey commercial building generally used for providing office space for companies.

The fire incident initiated from the 1st floor of the building which is an office of CCTV cameras and router manufacturing company. The police have detained the owner of the company and his antecedents are being examined.

Musk puts Twitter deal 'on hold', says still committed to acquisition

NEW DELHI | Agencies

After saying that he is putting \$44 billion Twitter deal on hold till he gets to know how many fake or spam accounts are present on the platform, Tesla CEO Elon Musk on Friday said that he is still committed to the \$44 billion acquisition. "Twitter deal temporarily on hold pending details supporting calculation that spam/fake accounts do indeed represent less than 5 per cent of users," Musk said in a tweet with his over 92 million followers.

Twitter's share price plunged on the news of the deal being put on hold. He later tweeted: "Still committed to acquisition".

His followers blasted the tweet, saying he has disturbed the platform, "pushing senior staff to resign and through doubts on its users". Meanwhile, Parag Agrawal has shaken up Twitter, including



firing consumer product leader Kayvon Beykpour and head of revenue product Bruce Falck, as the micro-blogging platform gets ready for Elon Musk's \$44 billion acquisition to close later this fall.

In a memo sent to employees, Agrawal said there is a hiring freeze now and Twitter will also pause spending in most areas.

Twitter estimated in a filing earlier this week that false or spam accounts represented fewer than 5 per cent of its monetisable daily active users during the first quarter.

UAE PRESIDENT SHEIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYED PASSES AWAY

Dubai: The President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan (73), passed away on Friday, the Ministry of Presidential Affairs announced. The ministry also confirmed there will be 40 days of official mourning with flags across the UAE drawn at half-mast, and the work of all UAE ministries at the federal and local levels, as well as those of the private sector, will also be suspended for three days, beginning Friday, Xinhua news agency reported.

Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed served as the President of the UAE and ruler of Abu Dhabi since November 3, 2004. The Central government on Friday said that one-day state mourning will be observed over the passing away of the President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).



SCIENTISTS MAKE HISTORY BY GROWING PLANTS IN LUNAR SOIL

▶ HOWEVER, AS TIME WENT ON, THE RESEARCHERS OBSERVED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PLANTS GROWN IN LUNAR SOIL AND THE CONTROL GROUP. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME OF THE PLANTS GROWN IN THE LUNAR SOILS WERE SMALLER, GREW MORE SLOWLY OR WERE MORE VARIED IN SIZE THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS.

▶ THESE WERE ALL PHYSICAL SIGNS THAT THE PLANTS WERE WORKING TO COPE WITH THE CHEMICAL AND STRUCTURAL MAKE-UP OF THE MOON'S SOIL, PAUL EXPLAINED. THIS WAS FURTHER CONFIRMED WHEN THE RESEARCHERS ANALYSED THE PLANTS' GENE EXPRESSION PATTERNS.



WASHINGTON | Agencies

Scientists have grown plants in soil from the Moon, a first in human history and a milestone in lunar and space exploration. A team from the University

of Florida showed that plants can successfully sprout and grow in lunar soil, a first step toward one day growing plants for food and oxygen on the Moon or during space missions.

Their study, published in the

journal Communications Biology, also investigated how plants respond biologically to the Moon's soil, also known as lunar regolith, which is radically different from soil found on Earth.

The lunar soil - 12 grams or just

a few teaspoons - was collected during the Apollo 11, 12 and 17 missions to the Moon.

To grow their tiny lunar garden, the researchers used thimble-sized wells in plastic plates normally used to culture cells.

Each well functioned as a pot. Once they filled each "pot" with approximately a gram of lunar soil, the scientists moistened the soil with a nutrient solution and added a few seeds from the Arabidopsis plant.

Arabidopsis is widely used in the plant sciences because its genetic code has been fully mapped.

As points of comparison, the researchers also planted Arabidopsis in JSC-1A, a terrestrial substance that mimics real lunar soil, as well as simulated Martian soils and terrestrial soils from extreme environments. The plants grown in these non-lunar soils were the experiment's control group. The results showed that nearly all the seeds planted in the lunar soils sprouted.

HINDI SPEAKING PEOPLE SELLING 'PANI PURI', DOING MENIAL JOBS: TN MINISTER

Chennai | Agencies

In remarks that could spark off a furor, Tamil Nadu Higher Education Minister, K. Ponmudy on Friday said that the English language is much more valuable than Hindi, and those speaking Hindi are selling "pani puris" and doing menial jobs.

In his address at a convocation ceremony at Bharathiar University, where Governor R.N. Ravi was also present, he asked why one should learn Hindi when the international language English is being taught in Tamil Nadu.

He also noted that Tamil students are willing to learn any language and added that Hindi should be an



optional language and not a compulsory one.

The Minister said: "They say that if you learn Hindi, you will get jobs? Is it so? You can see in Coimbatore who are selling panipuris now? English is the international language and not Hindi."



'CHINTAN SHIVIR' ABOUT NATIONAL ISSUES, MEANINGFUL SELF-INTROSPECTION: SONIA

UDAIPUR | Agencies

Congress President Sonia Gandhi on Friday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the ongoing violence and other problems in the country as she inaugurated her party's three-day 'Chintan Shivir'.

She said that the Chintan Shivir will give an opportunity to discuss the numerous challenges that the country is facing as a result of the policies of the BJP and of the RSS and its affiliates.

"So it is both a chintan about national issues and a meaningful atma-chintan about our party organisation," she said in her inaugural speech.

Targeting the Prime Minister, she said that the BJP's "maximum governance, minimum government" means "more empty slogans, diversionary tactics and utter silence on the part of an ever-so-eloquent Prime Minister when the healing touch is most needed".

"By now it has become abundantly and most painfully clear what Prime Minister Modi and his colleagues really mean by their frequently repeated slogan: maximum governance, minimum government. It means keeping the country in a state of permanent polarisation, compelling our people to live in a constant state of fear and insecurity.

"It means viciously targeting, victimising and often brutalising minorities who are an integral part of our society and are equal citizens of our republic. It means using our society's age-old pluralities to



divide us and subverting the carefully nurtured idea of unity in diversity," she said. Gandhi also accused the Modi regime of "threatening and intimidating political opponents, maligning their reputations, jailing them on flimsy pretexts, misusing investigative agencies against the and eroding the independence and professionalism of all institutions of democracy". She also hit out at its bid for "the wholesale reinvention of history, the constant denigration of our leaders, especially Jawaharlal Nehru, and systematic moves to distort, deny and destroy their contribu-

tions, achievements and sacrifices and glorifying the killers of Mahatma Gandhi and their ideologues". She alleged that the government is "blatant in undermining of the principles and provisions of our nation's Constitution, of its pillars of justice, liberty, equality, fraternity and secularism".

"They are turning a blind eye to continued atrocities across the country on weaker sections, especially Dalits, adivasis and women and using fear to make the bureaucracy, to make corporate India, to make civil society and sections of the media fall in line. "It is not just the undermining of our long-cherished values embodied in the Constitution that are now at grave risk. The fires of hatred and discord that are being ignited have taken a heavy toll on peoples' lives. This is having serious social consequences," she said. The Congress chief underlined that while the vast majority of Indians want to live in an atmosphere of peace, amity, and harmony, the "BJP, its cohorts and surrogates want to keep our people in a state of perpetual frenzy and conflict. They constantly provoke, instigate and inflame". "We have to combat this growing virus of divisiveness that is being maliciously and mischievously spread. This we must do at all costs. We must sustain high economic growth to provide adequate employment opportunities for our youth, generate revenues needed for welfare programmes, and improve the standard of living of our people. But the worsening environment of social illiberalism and bigotry shakes the very foundations of economic growth."

Temple entry denied to Dalits in TN; peace meet on May 18

▶ AT A TIME WHEN CHIEF MINISTER M.K. STALIN IS CLAIMING THAT TAMIL NADU WILL BECOME A TRILLION-DOLLAR ECONOMY BY 2030, CASTE CONFLICT HAS AGAIN RAISED ITS UGLY HEAD IN THE SOUTHERN STATE.

CHENNAI | Agencies

In a recent incident, upper caste Hindus at Kavalapetti panchayat in Dindigul district prevented the Dalit community from entering the Uchi Kaliyamman temple after its renovation.

The Hindus, who were

involved in the renovation of the temple, said the Dalits were prevented from entering the premises as they did not contribute to the restoration of the temple, which was in a dilapidated condition.

Sources told IANS that it was a group of upper caste Hindus who collected funds and renovated the temple, and conducted 'Kumbabishekam' (religious ritual) in March 2022, making it ready for worship.

The Communist Party of India (CPI) took up the cause of the Dalit community and held a 'Road Roko' protest demanding entry to the temple for people from all communities. CPI District Secretary Manigandan told reporter, "We have conducted a peaceful protest march demanding allowing the people from the Dalit community into the temple. Everyone used to worship in the temple earlier and after

renovating it, some people are not allowing the Dalits to worship there. We have met the District Collector and District Superintendent of Police and asked them to sort out the issue to prevent it from turning into a major problem."

The CPI leaders said the Dindigul district administration has called a meeting of all sections of people on May 18 to sort out the issues related to entry into the temple.

District Collector S. Visakan told reporter that he expects the issue will be sorted out soon after the meeting on May 18. While the district administration is confident that the issue will be sorted out, the history of such incidents in southern Tamil Nadu is alarming and discrimination against the Dalits by the powerful OBC and upper caste Hindus has always been a major point of confrontation.

Bulldozer rolls near Delhi's Samaypur Badli metro station

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Several shanties located near the Samaypur Badli metro station in the national capital were razed to the ground under the ongoing demolition drive on Friday.

The demolished shanties were illegally constructed on the pavement of the main road, i.e., on the government land, just below the metro bridge.

As the officials of the civic body arrived there, the people, rather than resisting the drive, were seen removing the temporarily constructed structures by themselves. Ashok Yadav, a resident of Samaypur village, while speaking to the mediapersons, praised the MC's drive against the illegal encroachments in the area.

"The place where the shanties were located was the



single entry point to our village. Passing from here has become a very difficult job. There was not even space for cycle rickshaws to pass during the evening time," he said. Most of the shanties that were demolished had a tarpaulin roof, which after the demolition could be seen lying strewn on the road along with other household items. Area Councillor and former Mayor Preeti

Aggarwal said the said illegal encroachment was there for the past many years. "We are removing these encroachments only for the people. We are just taking necessary action," she said.

However, the poor people were anguished after their shanties were demolished and expressed strong resentment against the BJP-ruled North Delhi Municipal Corporation.

6 terror suspects held in Punjab grenade attack; Pak's ISI involved

CHANDIGARH | Agencies

Punjab Police on Friday claimed to have achieved a major breakthrough in the rocket-propelled grenade blast in Mohali earlier this week with the arrest of six terror suspects. Babbar Khalsa International was involved in the attack carried out on the behest of Pakistan intelligence agency ISI.

Director General of Police (DGP) V.K. Bhawra told the media here that they have cracked the case. Canada resident Lakhbir Singh Landa, a close associate of Pakistan-based Khalistani terrorist Harvinder Singh Rinda, is the main conspirator of the attack.

Landa, who shifted to Canada in 2017, is an associate of Rinda, who had hatched the conspiracy.

Both work for the Babbar Khalsa International and the ISI, he said. The arrested include Kanwar Bath,



Baljeet Kaur, Baljeet Rambo, Ananddeep Sonu, Jagdeep Kang and Nishan Singh. Nishan Singh allegedly provided the rocket-propelled

grenade that caused the blast.

Rambo, a resident of Tarn Taran, picked up AK-47 rifle and gave to Chadat Singh, who is absconding.

Mohammad Aseem Alam and Mohammad Sarafraj, both Noida residents who hail from Bihar, have been arrested, police said.

Nishan Singh was the first arrest in the case. He got the rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) from Landa and gave it to three persons.

The grenade hit the Intelligence bureau headquarters in an upscale locality of Mohali near here on Monday evening, shattering window panes on the third floor of the building. "The RPG was fired from a distance by unidentified persons who are believed to have fled in a vehicle. A Swift car was spotted at the spot," a police officer had told reporter, adding "before the attack a recce was carried out by two miscreants".

The attack was aimed to harm high-level Organised Crime Control Unit officials who have offices in the Intelligence wing headquarters.

SC refuses to immediately stop Gyanvapi mosque survey, agrees to examine the matter

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to immediately stop the survey of the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi and agreed to list a plea against the Allahabad High Court order.

The Allahabad High Court in its judgement in April had dismissed a petition challenging a Varanasi court's order to appoint an advocate as a Court Commissioner to inspect the Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque complex.

Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi listed a plea before the apex court filed by the committee of the management of Anjumane-e-Intezamia Masjid seeking a stay on survey of the Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi masjid complex.

The plea challenged the validity of Allahabad HC's order on April 21, which dismissed the plea against the civil court's order for the survey.



Ahmadi mentioned the plea before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India, N.V. Ramana.

The bench said: "We don't know anything about the matter... We have no details. How can we pass the order..." The lawyer representing Anjuman Intezamia Masjid

Committee, said, "please grant status quo...", and added that the mosque has been covered under the Places of Worship Act. The bench replied saying: "Let me look at the papers, let me see..."

A Varanasi court on a suit filed jointly by five Hindu women in April

had ordered an inspection of the Gyanvapi mosque premises by Advocate Commissioner Ajay Kumar Mishra. The Allahabad High Court affirmed the civil court order.

The petitioners urged the court for year-long access to pray at a shrine behind the western wall of the mosque complex. The women also want permission to pray to other "visible and invisible deities within the old temple complex". On Thursday, a Varanasi court ordered resumption of the video survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex, including the basement and closed rooms. However, the Muslim parties had objected to the survey. The court said the survey report must be submitted on May 17.

The Varanasi court also declined to entertain the demand of Muslim parties to remove the Advocate Commissioner and instead appointed two Additional Commissioners, lawyers Vishal Singh and Ajay Pratap Singh, to assist him.

Woman raped near Bhubaneswar after being drugged

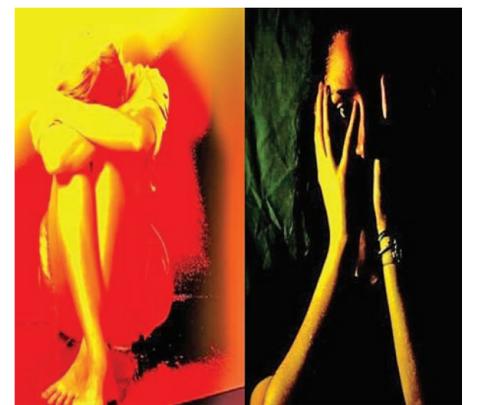
BHUBANESWAR | Agencies

In a shocking incident, a young man allegedly raped a woman in an unconscious state after offering her a 'spiked' drink in a restaurant in the Odisha capital, police said on Friday.

The accused, identified as Kishan Agrawal, has been arrested and will be produced before a court, said Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar, Prateek Singh.

The woman had filed a complaint in the Pahala police station alleging that a man had raped her while she was unconscious. As per the complaint, he had mixed some substance in her drink and offered it to her in the restaurant, the officials said.

After taking the drink, the woman went unconscious and the accused took her to



his flat in Pahala. When she woke up, she realised that the man had raped her, Singh said. This incident happened during the second meeting between the man and the

victim. After this incident, Agrawal went absconding but was tracked down and arrested by a special team of Pahala police station, the DCP added.

Patna HC issues arrest warrant against Sahara chief Subrata Roy

PATNA | Agencies

The Patna High Court on Friday issued an arrest warrant against Sahara India chairman Subrata Roy after he failed to appear before it despite repeated summons.

It also directed the DGP of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and Police Commissioner of Delhi to arrest and produce Roy before the court.

Hearing of the multi-crore fraudulent cases against Subrata Roy is underway in the single bench of Justice Sandeep Kumar. More than 2,000 cases have been filed against Roy. The court said the businessman was given enough time to appear before it but he refused. Hence, it had to issue an arrest warrant against him.

Roy was earlier asked to appear before court on May 11 but he refused. Hence, the court made strong remarks against him and said that Roy is not above law. He will have to physically appear before the court. Justice Sandeep Kumar asked him to appear on Thursday (May 12) but failed following which, he was called on Friday (May 13) at 10.30 am but he again denied. Though his lawyer tried to cover up his absence citing his old age (74),



illness and security threat, but the court refused to accept it and asked him to appear before it.

Notably, as per sources, over 3 crore people invested more than Rs 24,000 crore in various schemes, fixed deposits and debentures in Sahara India till 2008. The SEBI had detected the wrong-doings of Sahara India in 2010. The way Sahara India raised funds from the common people, its attributes to money laundering as per SEBI norms.

Man held for duping over 100 women using matrimonial sites

Team Absolute | New Delhi

A 35-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly duping over 100 women on the pretext of marriage, an official said here on Friday.

The accused, who has been identified as Farhan Taseer Khan, is himself married and stayed in a rented accommodation in Delhi. Furnishing the details, DCP (South) Benita Mary Jaiker said that a lady, who is a doctor by profession, had lodged a complaint with the cyber police station, South District, alleging that a person got in touch with her via Jeevansathi.com, a matrimonial portal, claiming that he was unmarried following which she contacted him.

"They both communicated via WhatsApp and phone calls regularly. On the pretext of marriage and expressing his need for big



business deals, the person demanded money from her from time to time and got about Rs 15 lakh deposited by her in different bank accounts," the DCP said. When the victim sensed that she had been cheated, she lodged a complaint and accordingly the police registered an FIR under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code. During the course of investigation, a police team was constituted which collected details about the accused person from the said matrimonial website, banks and other portals.

Goa beach visitors advised not to venture into sea

PANAJI | Agencies

Goa's state-appointed professional lifeguard agency has issued an advisory, following the weather warning, asking beach visitors not to venture into the sea as it may witness fast currents and high waves.

Drishhti Marine said that in the last couple of days, eight men were rescued from Calangute beach, while 20 persons were rescued last week from various other beaches.

According to the alert issued by the Indian Meteorological Department, thunderstorms, accompanied by



lightning and gusty winds, are likely at isolated places in North and South Goa. Additionally, the sea is likely to be extremely rough and may witness fast currents and high waves. Rainfall activity is

expected over the next few days. Owing to the present weather conditions, red flags have been posted across all beaches under Drishhti's surveillance indicating that these are strictly non-



NIA arrests 2 associates of D-Company

THE NATIONAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY (NIA) HAS ARRESTED TWO

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested two Mumbai-based associates of outlawed D-Company in connection with a case related to terror and criminal activities and handling of the company's network from Mumbai controlled by fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim.

Arif Abubakar Shaikh and Shabbir Abubakar Shaikh were working in active collaboration with international terrorist organisations, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Al Qaeda (AQ).

According to an official, both were helping international terrorist network of D-Company involving Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar and his associates, including Haji Anees alias Anees Ibrahim Shaikh, Shakeel Shaikh alias Chhota Shakeel, Javed Patel alias

Javed Chikna and Ibrahim Mushtaq Abdul Razzaq Memon alias Tiger Memon. "The accused and the network they were working for, have indulged in arms smuggling, narco terrorism, money laundering, circulation of FICN. The accused are also involved in unauthorised acquisition of key assets for raising terror funds," the official said. The NIA had filed the case on March 2.

Investigations have revealed that both the arrested accused were involved in illegal activities of D-Company and terror financing in the western suburbs of Mumbai. Also, they are close associates of Shakeel Shaikh alias Chhota Shakeel, who operates an international criminal syndicate from Pakistan and is involved in extortions, narcotics smuggling and violent terrorist activities in India.

Further investigation in the matter is on.

A month after attack, 'death threat' to Sharad Pawar; MVA wants action

The Maha Vikas Aghadi government went into a tizzy as the Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar got what is perceived as a "death threat" on social media a couple of days ago, here on Friday.



Team Absolute | Mumbai

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The camouflaged threat of May 11 in Marathi, referring to the NCP supremo says: "The time has come for the 'Gandhi' of Baramati and for Baramati to prepare a Nathuram Godse."

The tweet posted by one @NikhilBhamre8 also exhorts Pawar: "Baramati Uncle, apologise", though the context in which the threats were issued is unclear, but it was 'liked' and 'retweeted' by many in the past couple of days.

Taking serious cognisance, NCP's Housing Minister Jitendra Awhad lamented over the depths to which the situation has plummeted

and asked the police to take strong action against the deranged person tweeting the threats.

He also drew the attention of the Maharashtra Director-General of Police, and Commissioners of Police of Mumbai, Thane and Pune. Expressing concerns, Shiv Sena Spokesperson Manisha Kayande said there's no need to guess which team is behind the threats to kill Pawar as "everyone knows who worships Godse", and urged the Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil to take serious note. "This is a clear threat to murder and shows their ideological levels... Those issuing it must be dealt with most severely. In the past, Dr. Narendra Dabholkar, Prof. M. M. Kalburgi and Govind Pansare were assassinated by these very like-minded elements," said Dr. Kayande. Congress state General Secretary Sachin Sawant said its time for people to reflect "where the efforts of the

Bharatiya Janata Party and the Sangh Parivar to make the society violent and pervert, have pushed the country". "Hatred and contempt are making the young people of today the future killers and I urge the government to act stringently against these pervers, " Sawant exhorted.

Sena MoS Kishore Tiwari said that exactly a month ago, a violent attack was carried out on the home of Pawar (April 8) by the hostile forces and sections of the police who are still loyal to the BJP.

"Against the recent background, this fresh threat should not be taken lightly, and the MVA government must step in to increase security for Pawar and his family," Tiwari said. Several other political leaders from the ruling Sena-NCP-Congress have also reacted besides condemnation on the social media networks over the threats to the 81-year old Pawar.

Shiv Sena, MNS, BJP slam AIMIM leader's visit to Aurangzeb's tomb

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Waris Pathan among others. Jaleel wondered what the entire fracas was about as there are many dargahs of spiritual leaders in Khuldabad and all those who come there also visit the final resting place of Aurangzeb.

BJP MLA Nitesh Rane urged Maharashtra Police to "hand over Owaisi for 10 minutes" and they would send him to the same place as Aurangzeb. "You are challenging us... We, the Marathas have put him there, for 25 years, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj fought hima He (Aurangzeb) was not some Sufi saint," said Rane.

The BJP took the opportunity to attack the Maha Vikas Aghadi government for not acting against Owaisi who it alleged was instigating communal passions.

Veteran Sena leader from Aurangabad, Chandrakant Khaire claimed that nobody - Hindu or Muslim - visits the Aurangzeb tomb as he was considered the 'most cruel' of all Mughal Emperors, and blamed Owaisi and his supporters for politicising peoples' emotions. "The real motives behind Akbaruddin Owaisi's trip to the tomb are not clear. We all know his earlier statements. If he had gone there to create problems in society, we shall not tolerate it," Khaire made it clear.

structures in the Labour Colony area of the city, and now the eligible homeless shall be rehabilitated under the Prime Minister Awas Yojana scheme in the same area to be renamed as 'Vishwasnagar'. Taking strong umbrage at the oblique references, MNS leader Gajanan Kale demanded strong action from the Maharashtra government against Owaisi for praying at the Aurangzeb tomb.

"If they don't take action, then we will do it... We shall dig his grave right beside Aurangzeb's tomb," warned Kale.

One of the tourist circuit highlights of Aurangabad, Aurangzeb's simple memorial is situated in Khuldabad, and Owaisi was accompanied by All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen MP from the city, Syed Intiaz Jaleel and ex-MLA

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Referring to the ongoing 'azan' versus 'Hanuman Chalisa' controversy at a political meeting, without taking names, Owaisi targeted Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) President Raj Thackeray and urged his supporters to maintain restraint.

"Dog will continue to bark. You keep quiet, ignore them. I am not going to abuse anyone. We have a MP here and you people have been rendered homeless," Owaisi said on Thursday.

Owaisi was referring to the court-ordered demolition of around 340 illegal

RAJ THACKERAY'S SECURITY BEEFED UP AFTER THREAT LETTER

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After Raj Thackeray received a threat letter, Maharashtra Navnirman Sevak (MNS) leaders had demanded Z or Y+ security for their supremo. Though the same was denied by the Maharashtra government, sources informed Republic on Friday that Thackeray's security had been increased, with the deployment of one more constable and an inspector level officer with him, on Friday.

The development comes after Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil and Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Panday discussed the threat letter that was written in Hindi with a smattering of Urdu words and referred to Thackeray's warning that the Hanuman Chalisa would be played in front of mosques if loudspeakers were continued to be used to broadcast azaan.

Mumbai varsity confers Doctorate on tabla maestro Zakir Hussain

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari said that by honouring legendary tabla maestro Ustad Zakir Hussain with a Doctor of Laws degree, the University of Mumbai is honouring itself and the award for the legendary musician would inspire young generations to excel in life.

Governor Koshyari, who is also the Chancellor of Universities in the state - was speaking at a Special Convocation at the University of Mumbai to confer an honorary Degree on Hussain, 71, at the imposing Cawaji Jehangir Convocation Hall.

He also presented a Doctor of Literature to the doyen of polyester industry Shashikant Garware and a Doctor of Science to renowned scientist Mukund Chorghade.

Koshyari said that unlike politicians who do not like fellow politicians to go ahead of them, music Gurus are happy to see their disciples excelling and achieving greater glory in their chosen fields.

Stating that the National Education Policy allows students to pursue Music along with Science, the Governor expressed hopes that if



implemented properly, universities will produce more talented people like Hussain and Garware.

Ustad Zakir Hussain termed the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws as a blessing from the masters and dedicated the degree to his illustrious father and Tabla legend, the late Ustad Alla Rakha.

On the occasion, Minister of Higher & Technical Education Uday Samant announced the opening of the Bharat Ratna Lata Dinanath Mangeskar College of Music & Museum in the University of Mumbai on September 28 - which is the birth anniversary of the late singer who passed away here on February 6 aged 92. He said that the government of Maharashtra has already made a provision of Rs 100 crore for the College.

Rs 8 crore ITC fraud busted in Mumbai, one held

THE THANE CENTRAL GST COMMISSIONERATE HAS EXPOSED A FAKE GST INPUT TAX CREDIT (ITC) SCAM AND NABBED THE PROPRIETOR OF A FIRM BASED IN MUMBAI, A TOP OFFICIAL SAID HERE ON FRIDAY.

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The Thane Central GST Commissionerate has exposed a fake GST Input Tax Credit (ITC) scam and nabbed the proprietor of a firm based in Mumbai, a top official said here on Friday.

Following a reliable tipoff from the CGST Central Intelligence Unit, the anti-evasion wing of Thane launched a probe into the finances of J.J. Lime Depot, Dahisar, which was engaged in a business of construction materials, said CGST Commissioner Rajan Chaudhary. "The investigations revealed that this firm had fraudulently claimed ITC of Rs 8.05 crore in its financial records. It had issued

bogus bills of over Rs 40 crore for passing on of this tax credit without any supply of goods, violating the provisions of the CGST Act, 2017," he said. The proprietor of the firm admitted in his statement, recorded during the investigation, that he had issued fake invoices to many Mumbai-based infrastructure companies, for a commission. He was placed under arrest on Thursday under various sections of the laws and a Mumbai court sent him to 14 days judicial custody. Chaudhary said that the CGST officers now use data analysis and network analysis tools to identify potential fraudsters. "During the financial year 2021-22, the CGST Thane Commissionerate detected GST evasion of Rs 1,354 crore, recovered Rs 34 crore and arrested 7 tax evaders. CGST Commissionerate Thane will continue its drive against tax evaders in this financial year too," he said. He added that the Thane CGST Commissionerate has performed exceedingly well not only on the anti-evasion front but also on the revenue front. In the last fiscal (2021-2022), it notched a revenue of Rs 5,121.16 crore as compared to Rs 3,236.77 crore the previous financial year (2020-2021) - an increase of Rs 1,884.39 crore in absolute terms and a 58.22 per cent increase in comparison to the previous year.

YUVRAJ SAMBHAJIRAJE TO LAUNCH 'SWARAJYA', FIGHT RS POLLS SOLO

YUVRAJ SAMBHAJIRAJE CHHATRAPATI CHHATRAPATI - THE 13TH DIRECT DESCENDENT OF GREAT MARATHA WARRIOR KING CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ AND GREAT-GRAND-SON OF RAJARSHI CHHATRAPATI SHAHU MAHARAJ, ON THURSDAY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL CONTEST THE UPCOMING RAJYA SABHA ELECTIONS INDEPENDENTLY.

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Yuvraj Sambhajiraje Chhatrapati Chhatrapati - the 13th direct descendant of great Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and great-grandson of Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, on Thursday announced that he will contest the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections independently.

Sambhajiraje, who is affiliated to the Bharatiya Janata Party and has just completed his term as a



President-nominated RS Member (June 2016-May 2022), also announced the launch of group 'Swarajya'. "This organisation will bring together under one roof all the people who love and admire Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj," said Sambhajiraje.

Hailing from the Kolhapur royalty, Sambhajiraje

is the Chairperson of the Raigad Development Authority which is working to conserve and restore the imposing Raigad Fort and its surroundings.

Interacting with media persons here, he said he would contest the forthcoming RS elections as an Independent candidate, and undertake a state-wide tour for the cause of reservations for the Maratha community. In February, Sambhajiraje had gone on a hunger-strike at Azad Maidan in Mumbai for the Maratha quota cause and ended it only after 3-days following assurance by the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi to do what was necessary in a time-bound manner. The Chhatrapati scion added that 6 RS seats from the state will fall vacant in July and now he will contest as an Independent.

"As per the previous arrangements, the BJP had 3, and the Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party and Congress had 1 each. As per the current arithmetic in the Maharashtra Assembly, the BJP can win only 2 seats, so I will contest the third seat on my own, as neither side can bag it on their own. I shall meet all parties and seek their support," Sambhajiraje said. Justifying his plans to go solo, he said he has been working for the people of the state since 2007, and so he must be considered on the basis of his contributions.

"I am not joining any political party and from today, I have no affiliations with any party," Sambhajiraje said, while thanking President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and others for his just-ended RS term.

Health Ministry boss 'warns' babu for delayed RTI replies, activists hail step

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nessman Praful Sarda's RTI queries on certain issues.

The MoHFW Director's move has been applauded by the likes of India's first RTI activist who was appointed a Central Information Commissioner Shailesh Gandhi (2009-2012) or banking industry crusader Vishwas Utagi.

"I had submitted a RTI query on (15/03/2022) whether it was mandatory to wear face-masks during Covid 19 during the first-second waves, is it compulsory even after full vaccination and whether any government authority could slap fines for not wearing masks, etc. It remained unanswered, so I sent at least seven reminders, and called up 20 times on the CPIO's landline number which turned out to be dead," Sarda told



IANS. Finally, when Sarda's matter reached the 1st Appellate Authority Jaiswal (IAS), who not only disposed of it promptly but also reprimanded the CPIO for the lapses. "I have warned the CPIO to clear and concise response in time bound manner as per information available in records of DM (Disaster Management) Cell," Jaiswal stated in the reply to Sarda. It was also

state, central governments. Former CIC Gandhi said that Jaiswal's move "deserves to be applauded" and urged more such officers to regularly keep pulling up the PIOs for their shortcomings. "I won't say this is unique or common... In the past, maybe 2 or 3 per cent of the top officers used to reprimand their junior PIOs for such delays. That's the right thing to do and the Appellate

Authorities must do this, hold them responsible as it will relatively unburden the Information Commissions," Gandhi said. "Many times, particularly in the past eight years, the bureaucracy stone-walls queries under RTI, they delay, or force the activists to go in for appeals, and by that time it may lose relevance," said RTI Activists Forum Convenor Vishwas Utagi. He termed Jaiswal's move to pull the ears of the CPIO as "timely and necessary" and would send a message to PIOs across India to do their duties sincerely and honestly. Gandhi adds that "most officers do their job honestly but are never acknowledged", and called upon the people to hail such officials at least once in a while.

Utagi said he plans to write to the Prime Minister to modify the RTI rules and ensure that all officers must compulsorily clear all RTI queries on their table before the 30-day stipulated deadlines, as "it is the democratic right of the people, and the officer is duty-bound to do it".



EDITOR'S SPECS

Punjab developing nature trail in foothills of Shivaliks

To promote nature-based activities in the foothills of Shivaliks, the Punjab government is developing a nature trail with provision of makeshift accommodations along the reservoir of Chohal dam on the suburbs of Hoshiarpur city, officials said.

The ecotourism project with an outlay of Rs 4 crore would include a nature trail, adventure and water sports, apart from setting up five tented accommodations. Also, the local rest house would be renovated. Forest Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak on Friday visited the spot to take stock of the upcoming Chohal nature awareness camp at Hoshiarpur, some 130 km from the state capital Chandigarh. Ecotourism has the capability to play a leading role in bolstering the economy of the state as well as creating awareness of biodiversity conservation and environment, said Kataruchak. The Minister the nature camp is the dream project of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. It would prove to be a centre of attraction for the tourists. The minister also visited the Thana dam. Officials said the nature camp would be equipped with various activities for visitors comprising nature walk in the forest, boating, exposure to flora and fauna, besides rural lifestyle.

Special educational visits for school children would be organised to bring them closer to nature, an official added.

FOREIGN STUDY TOURS, SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES BECOME INTEGRAL PART OF 'NAYA J&K'

Just two years ago, students in Jammu and Kashmir had no idea about foreign study tours. However, in "Naya J&K" it has become a reality.

Recently J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off a batch of 12 undergraduate students from SKUAST-K on a study tour to Kansas State University, USA. These students are visiting the USA under the Student Overseas Fellowship Programme of National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & World Bank.

This tour was one among the many initiatives that have been taken by the government to provide J&K youth with the opportunities to get quality education so that they can face the challenges and grow-up as responsible citizens.

After August 5, 2019-when the Centre announced its decision to abrogate J&K's special status and divided it into two union territories-the government announced multiple scholarships and other schemes for the students. 5000 scholarships provided under PMSSS

In 2021-22, under Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS), J&K a total of 5,000 scholarships were awarded for students pursuing courses in general degree, professional degree, and medical streams.

Students selected for the scholarship for general degree courses were eligible to receive upto Rs 30,000 per annum for the academic fee (payable to the institution) and maintenance charges of Rs 1 lakh per annum (payable to the student), a total of 2070 scholarships were offered under this category.

For professional degree students were eligible upto Rs 1,25 lakh per annum for the academic fee (payable to the institution), maintenance charges of Rs 1 lakh per annum (payable to the student). A total of 2830 scholarships were offered.

For MBBS/BDS or equivalent medical streams students are eligible upto Rs 3 lakh per annum for the academic fee (payable to the institution), maintenance charges of Rs 1 lakh per annum (payable to the student). A total of 100 scholarships were offered under this category.

The steps taken by the government in the past 2-years have facilitated the access



of students to quality education so as to equip them with knowledge, skills, experience, and training for higher academic level/profession.

The implementation of the National Education Policy-2020 has empowered young students to engage not only in advanced research but also in various other fields which facilitate development of new and innovative technologies and their commercial development. The international outreach initiatives are in line with the NEP-2020.

Separatists used education as tool

Prior to the abrogation of so-called special status of J&K the separatists used to provide recommendation letters to students for pursuing studies in various colleges in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK). More than education the aim was to indoctrinate the young minds.

Last month officials revealed that seventeen Kashmiri youth, who had travelled to Pakistan on valid travel documents and sneaked back into the Valley through illegal routes were killed in anti-terror operations.

Since 2015, a large number of youngsters have procured travel documents to visit Pakistan to pursue higher studies.

Recently, the University Grants Commission and the All Indian Council

for Technical Education, the higher and technical education regulators of the country, had issued a statement, advising students not to travel to Pakistan for pursuing higher education.

In December last year the State Investigation Agency (SIA) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police had filed a chargesheet against nine people, including Hurriyat leader Zaffar Bhat, in a case connected to selling Pakistani MBBS seats to Kashmiri students against huge payments. The SIA in its chargesheet had stated that Bhat earned a great deal of money selling Pakistani MBBS seats to the top notch people of Kashmir.

Bhat used to operate through his brother, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, who moved to Rawalpindi, Pakistan, after crossing into PoK for arms training. Altaf Bhat is at present in Pakistan and is a known property broker in Rawalpindi.

Besides Zaffar Akbar Bhat and his brother Altaf Ahmad Bhat charges were also framed against Fatima Shah, Qazi Yasir, Mohammad Abdullah Shah, Sabzar Ahmad Sheikh, Manzoor Ahmad Shah and Mohammad Iqbal Mir. The investigating agencies took the lid of the scandal and brought to fore the nefarious designs of the separatists, who were turning Kashmiri

youth into terrorists at the pretext of providing education.

In last 2-years no student went to Pakistan. During the past two years no student from Kashmir has gone to Pakistan or Pakistan occupied Kashmir to acquire any sort of education. The government has ensured that no need arises for Kashmiri students to even look towards the neighbouring country. Education has been made accessible to all.

The implementation of New Education Policy, 2020 and various scholarship schemes for young minds have provided them with multiple opportunities across the country.

The renewed thrust on providing quality education to the youth has been one of the integral elements of "Naya Jammu and Kashmir".

The mainstream Kashmiri leaders, who ruled J&K till 2018, were aware about the conspiracies that were hatched by the separatists and Pakistani agents present in the Valley. Unfortunately these rulers just turned a blind eye towards how the adversary was using education as a tool to misguide a common man in the Himalayan region. Had they acted and made an attempt to implement the centrally sponsored schemes aimed at making education accessible to all, no Kashmiri student would have run after the separatists to seek recommendation letters for pursuing higher studies in Pakistan.

Now, the scenario has changed. J&K students are going on study tours to foreign countries. Colleges across the country have opened the doors for them. The government besides sponsoring the annual fee of the meritorious and deserving students is also providing them with the sustenance allowance yearly to help them complete their courses.

The new dawn has broken out in J&K and everyone from bottom to top is getting benefitted. People of the Himalayan region had to wait for 70 long years for getting the benefits and privileges they deserved. The dispensation led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has made it possible by changing J&K status-quo and by merging it into the Union of India completely.

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RUSSIA'S TOP COMMANDER 'SUSPENDED', OTHER GENERALS 'SACKED OR ARRESTED'

Kiev | Agencies

A top Ukrainian adviser has claimed that Russia's top commander General Valery Gerasimov has been suspended, while a bunch of other officers have been sacked or arrested amid a rumoured purge of top brass.

Oleksiy Arestovych, a veteran of Ukrainian military intelligence and one of President Volodymyr Zelensky's inner circle, claimed that Gerasimov, the chief of staff of the Russian army, has been suspended as President Vladimir Putin looks for senior commanders to blame over his blundering invasion of Kiev, reports the Daily Mail.

Arestovych, speaking to dissident Russian lawyer and politician Mark Feygin on YouTube, said: "According to preliminary information, Gerasimov has been de-facto suspended. They are deciding whether to give him time to fix things, or not."



"The commander of the first tank army of the western military district Lieutenant General Sergei Kisel has also been arrested and fired after the first tank army was defeated near Kharkiv."

Two additional army commanders have been fired due to heavy battlefield losses, according to information

released on a Telegram channel run by the Ukrainian Interior Ministry, which also claimed the commander of the Black Sea fleet has been sacked and arrested and his vice admiral has been placed under investigation, the Daily Mail reported. Arestovych stressed that his information is "preliminary", but it comes after Gerasimov failed to appear during Russia's Victory Day parade in Moscow on Monday which he was widely expected to attend. It also comes after he was reportedly wounded by shrapnel in Ukraine when Putin sent him there in order to turn the war around. Putin's army, once championed as the world's second-best, has been handed a series of humiliating battlefield defeats in just two months of fighting in Ukraine that has seen more than 10,000 troops killed, hundreds of tanks destroyed, its Black Sea flagship sunk and Russia's international standing trashed.

GERMANY BRACES FOR ENERGY SANCTIONS BY RUSSIA: MINISTER

Berlin: Germany is bracing for energy sanctions imposed by Russia, Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck said during his speech in the country's lower house of Parliament, Bundestag. "We have prepared ourselves for the situation," Habeck said, noting that energy markets offered sufficient alternatives and could compensate for the loss of gas from Russia, reports Xinhua news agency. Earlier this week, Russia imposed sanctions on European energy companies. Gazprom Germania and some of its subsidiaries were no longer supplied with gas from Russia.

Putin humiliating himself on the world stage: UK Foreign Secy

London | Agencies

UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss has said Russian President Vladimir Putin is "humiliating himself on the world stage" and called for tougher sanctions on Moscow.

Speaking at a G7 meeting, she says sanctions should not be eased until all Russian troops have left Ukraine, the BBC reported.

Truss also called for more weapons to be sent to Ukraine to bolster its defences. She told a meeting of G7 foreign ministers in Germany that Putin must face a defeat that prevents further aggression, the BBC reported.

"Putin is humiliating himself on the world stage," she said, adding that he must be denied any benefit from his invasion of Ukraine.

She also called for Ukraine to have increased access to Nato military equipment. G7 foreign ministers will meet again on Friday with their Ukrainian and Moldovan counterparts. The UK Foreign Secretary has



urged world leaders to continue to put pressure on Putin by imposing further international sanctions on Russia and supplying more weapons to Ukraine.

The G7 foreign ministers have been meeting in Germany over the last three days to discuss the war in Ukraine and its impact, particularly the increase of food and energy prices around the world.

UKRAINE IN TALKS WITH RUSSIA OVER EVACUATION OF INJURED FROM AZOVSTAL

Kiev: Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said her country is holding negotiations with Russia over the evacuation of seriously injured soldiers from the Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol.

Ukraine seeks to exchange 38 severely injured soldiers from Azovstal for the captured Russian military, Xinhua news agency quoted Vereshchuk as saying in a social media post.

Currently, there are no talks on the exchange of 500 or 600 people, which has been reported by some media outlets, Vereshchuk said. She emphasized that the ongoing negotiations between Ukraine and Russia on the Azovstal evacuation are very difficult. On May 7, Vereshchuk said that Ukraine has evacuated all women, children and the elderly from the Azovstal plant. Mariupol, a key Azov Sea port city in eastern Ukraine, has witnessed of the worst bouts of violence in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The Azovstal plant, which covers an area of about 11 square km, is the last stronghold of the Ukrainian forces in Mariupol.

US Senate confirms Jerome Powell to 2nd term as Fed chair

The US Senate has confirmed Jerome Powell to a second term as chairman of the Federal Reserve in a long-delayed vote, allowing him to continue leading the Fed to tame the highest inflation in four decades.

Washington | Agencies

The upper chamber voted 80-19 to confirm Powell to a second four-year term, almost half a year after President Joe Biden announced the nomination, reports Xinhua news agency.

As the Fed takes more aggressive steps to rein in the surging inflation, Powell's challenge would be to bring inflation down without triggering a recession, which, according to many economists, would be very difficult.

Last week, the Fed raised its benchmark interest rate by a half percentage point to a target range of 0.75 to 1 per cent, marking the sharpest rate hike since 2000, and signaled it would keep hiking at that pace at the next couple of meetings.

Powell, 69, was tapped by former President Donald Trump in 2018 to lead the central bank, succeeding Janet

Yellen. Powell was previously appointed by former President Barack Obama to the Fed's Board of Governors.

In November last year, Biden announced that he intended to nominate Powell for a second term as Fed chair and to nominate Fed governor Lael Brainard as vice chair.

In January, Biden nominated Sarah Bloom Raskin to serve as the Fed vice chair for banking supervision, and Lisa Cook and Philip Jefferson to serve on the Fed's board of governors.

Powell's confirmation, despite enjoying bipartisan support, was delayed as Congress considered other Fed nominees.

Raskin withdrew her name from consideration after some lawmakers expressed concerns over her views on addressing climate change.

Brainard, Cook and Jefferson's nominations were only recently confirmed.

IMRAN SEEKS REVIEW OF SC DECISION ON NO-CONFIDENCE VOTING

Islamabad | Agencies

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan has filed a review petition in the Supreme Court, challenging the latter's decision on April 7 in a suo moto notice on the ruling of the then Deputy Speaker National Assembly Qasim Shah Suri to reject the no-confidence motion.

Khan, also chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), has contested that Article 248 of the Constitution barred any other institution from interfering in the affairs of Parliament.

He added that the ruling of the Deputy Speaker on April 3 to reject the no-confidence motion was in accordance with Article 5 of the constitution.

A five-member larger bench of the apex court headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial had passed a unanimous judgment, declaring the events of April 3, including the Suri, that fol-



lowed the dissolution of the Assembly, null and void and contrary to the Constitution. "Article 248 did not make the applicant answerable for exercising any constitutional powers before any court. The bench erred to appreciate the provision of Articles 66, 67 and 69," Khan's petition maintained.

"The Apex Court has erred to appreciate the mandate of the Constitution which

ensures that the Parliament as well as the members thereof, the President as well as the Prime Minister are not answerable in exercise of their functions as well as discretionary powers before any court."

The petition stated that the Supreme Court's suo moto notice of a matter related to Parliament is a clear violation of Article 175 of the Constitution

It further maintained that the ruling of then deputy speaker National Assembly was meant to implement Article 5 of the Constitution and had nothing to do with Khan. "In fact, the Speaker had certified that there was no no-confidence motion pending against Imran Khan. Khan's action to dissolve the assembly were not based on ill-motivation and were not against the Constitution."

"The Honorable Bench of the Apex Court has erred to appreciate that within the proceedings of the house, i.e. Parliament are sovereign, independent and are not amenable to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court or any other Court under the Constitution," the petition said. Khan's petition maintains that the Supreme Court is not entitled to intervene in any decision that the Parliament takes. The petition has urged the Supreme Court to review its decision taken on April 7 and dismiss it on the basis of the Constitution.



HOAX BOMB THREAT E-MAILS TRIGGER PANIC IN BHOPAL SCHOOLS

Several schools in Bhopal on Friday received hoax bomb threat e-mails, leaving the students and the school managements in panic for several hours, the police said.

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Several schools in Bhopal on Friday received hoax bomb threat e-mails, leaving the students and the school managements in panic for several hours, the police said.

However, no incriminating materials were found even after hours of searches by the state police.

Most of the schools that received the threatening e-mails come under the Central Board of Secondary Education, where Class 12 students were appearing for their final exams on Friday.

Your school has two powerful bombs, immediately call the police... This is not a joke, I repeat, this not a joke. Hundreds of lives hang in the



balance of death, act quickly as there is still time or else everything can end. Don't say that you were not warned. Now everything depends only on you," read the e-mail received by the school authorities. Soon after receiving the e-mail, the authorities alerted the police and requested for an immediate search operation. "We received nearly 50 threatening e-mails at regular intervals, saying that our school has two very powerful bombs. The final exam of class 12 students is underway in our school, so you are requested to kindly do the needful as soon as possible," a school principal wrote to the T.T. Nagar police station.

The police took immediate action and launched a search operation with bomb detection and disposal squads in

the schools. However, no incriminating materials were found. Later, Commissioner of Police, Makrand Deoskar, told the media that it was a fake bomb threat and nothing has been recovered during the search operations.

"The cyber police is trying to identify the person who sent the e-mails to the schools. Whoever is found involved in creating panic will be punished as per the law," Deoskar added.

This fake bomb threat was similar to the one received by several schools in Bengaluru in April. Earlier this month, a man had allegedly made at least 50 calls on helpline numbers, including the women's helpline, threatening to blow up the Bhopal railway station, triggering panic. However, it turned out to be a hoax.

SHIVARAJ PRAISES MODI, CALLS HIM A 'MAN OF IDEAS'

CHIEF MINISTER SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN ON FRIDAY HAILED PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI AND CALLED HIM A "MAN OF IDEAS."

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and called him a "man of ideas".

Speaking at the launch of the first-ever technical training programme for rural tribals in Bhopal, Chouhan said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a man of ideas. Fortunately, this country has a visionary prime minister. He has not only visions, but also ideas to execute them on ground."

Chouhan said the state needs around two lakh skilled youth for 51,000 villages in the state. The Madhya Pradesh government has started technical training programmes for tribal youths on an experimental basis.

Chouhan pointed out that on one hand, people are migrating from the rural areas and on the other hand, there is a shortage of skilled hands in the villages. "This deficit can be fulfilled by only making the people in rural areas skillful," he said.

There is a bike in every home in



villages. Who would repair them? Every field has electric pumps. Who will rewind them if they get burnt? Numerous mechanical equipment are used in farming. Who will keep them in working order?" Chouhan said.

Chouhan has said that speedy work will be done in the direction of providing employment to tribal youth by honing their skills. On the one hand, where tribal youth need employment, in rural areas there is a need for technical proficiency electricians, plumbers, masons, vehicle mechanics etc. In such a situation, Rural Tribal Technical Training Programme in Parliamentary Complex Project for tribal youth in collaboration with National Skill

Development Corporation will prove to be worthwhile. Chouhan was inaugurating the Rural Tribal Technical Training Program at Kushabhau Thackeray Auditorium here today. The districts of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Orissa including Madhya Pradesh have been selected for the pilot project in the first phase. Chouhan said efforts are being made to bring the most backward sections of the society at par as per his vision and policy of Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas. Special attention is being given in this direction in Madhya Pradesh. A campaign to change the lives of the tribal class is being run. Steps have been taken to implement PESA Act, convert Vangrams into revenue village, pro-

vide educational facilities to tribal children and give importance to them in the plan to prepare rural engineers. Lakh of people are needed for work in the villages. Young tribals are being benefited for the implementation of schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission and maintenance of the machines. They are getting employment through skill training. Benefit of Mukhya Mantri Udyami Yojana is also being provided. Skills will help them get work, it will also help curb migration from rural areas. Meanwhile, Chouhan was seen playing 'dhof' and dancing with the tribal people at the event in Bhopal. BJP national general secretary (organisation) BL Santosh, who was also present on the occasion, said, "Scheduled Tribal Cluster Development Project was conceived at a conference of 40 tribal MPs at Mumbai. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic, its implementation was delayed by two years." Santosh said that the training of the first batch of tribal youths under the project was beginning now.

He said that the administration and elected people's representatives like MPs and MLAs should contribute to the success of this project.

"This is a Central government programme, which has started in Madhya Pradesh on an experimental basis, and after successful operation of this pilot project, it would be implemented all over India," an official told IANS.

Skill Development Corporation and CRISP to jointly train tribal youth



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The MoU (Letter of Agreement) between CRISP and NSDC was signed today in the presence of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and National Organizing General Secretary BL Santosh. Under this MoU, technical training will be provided to rural tribal youth. The institutes will work together in the field of research. In this contract, rural tribal technical training will be provided under Parliamentary Complex Project in collaboration with CRISP, Yuva Vikas Society and NSDC. The MoU was signed by Vedmani Tiwari, Chief Executive Officer, NSDC (National Skill Development

Corporation), Government of India and Srikanth Patil, MD, CRISP. Shri Michael Thomas Wolf, German representative of CRISP Institute was present. The MoU was also signed with CRISP and Nation First Policy Research Center, New Delhi. The MoU was signed by Dr. Patil, MD CRISP and Uday Bhaskar, Director, Nation First Policy Research Centre.

CRISP and NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) will have a strategic partnership in the contract. With this, the sustainable objectives of Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh will be fulfilled. Rural entrepreneur project will be implemented in Madhya Pradesh with the cooperation of NSDC, in which training will be given by selecting beneficiaries from 22 thousand 811 panchayats. These will be linked to self-employment. Getting employment in their own area will stop the tendency of migration of rural youth.

Youth will be given technical and futuristic training in collaboration with NSDC, which will be useful in future for work in the areas of skill. Chief Minister Chouhan and senior leader BL Santosh congratulated both the organizations on the occasion of signing of the contract.

Chouhan and Santosh also sought information about the activities of CRISP. Hitanand Sharma and Principal Secretary Technical Education and Skill Development Akash Tripathi were also present.

CM PLANTED SAPLINGS IN KUSHABHAU THAKRE AUDITORIUM COMPLEX



Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted Neem and Peepal saplings along with BJP National General Secretary BL Santosh in Kushabhau Thakre Auditorium Complex. Tribal artists, who came to participate in the country's first rural tribal technical training, also participated in plantation. Peepal planted today is a shady tree. It purifies the environment. It has religious and Ayurvedic significance. Rich in antibiotic elements, neem is known as the supreme medicine.

MP Congress to issue district-wise manifesto for 2023 Assembly polls

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Strategy makers (senior Congress leaders) have asked party cadres to prepare a list of issues pertaining to the particular district after meeting the people. The 'Vachan Patra' (poll manifesto) - was a success for the party in the



2018 Assembly polls, therefore, the party has decided to implement it at each district level this time, the leader told IANS. A decision to this effect was taken during a meeting of the 'Vachan Patra Advisory Committee' chaired by state Congress president and former chief minister Kamal Nath on Thursday, chairman of the panel Rajendra Singh informed the media.

"During the meeting, Nath directed the committee members to take into account the aspirations of the people from different areas of the state, study their problems and suggest solutions and based on all these factors, Vachan Patra should be prepared, keeping the

requirements of each district in mind," Singh added.

Nath, who is the state president of the Congress, also asked the committee members to prepare a detailed report about the functioning of various departments of the state government, and to keep an eye on the misinformation campaign spread by the BJP government.

The members of the committee also gave important suggestions for the 'Vachan Patra', he said, adding that the panel would discuss in detail all these issues before incorporating them into the manifesto. Committee members, including former Union ministers Suresh Pachouri and Arun Yadav, Leader of Opposition Dr Govind Singh, former Leader of Opposition Ajay Singh (Rahul) and some former ministers, attended the meeting held at Nath's residence at Shyamla Hills on Thursday evening.

GOA, BHOPAL IT RAIDS LINKED TO PANAMA PAPERS LEAK: ED

DAYS AFTER ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE SLEUTHS SEARCHED THE PREMISES OF A RENOWNED BUSINESS HOUSE AT DEMPO HOUSE HERE ON MAY 9, THE CENTRAL AGENCY ON FRIDAY IN A STATEMENT SAID THAT THE OPERATION WAS CONNECTED WITH A MONEY LAUNDERING CASE REGISTERED AGAINST ONE SANJAY SHINDE.

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Days after Enforcement Directorate sleuths searched the premises of a renowned business house at Dempo House here on May 9, the central agency on Friday in a statement said that the operation was connected with a money laundering case registered against one Sanjay Shinde.

The name of Shinde, the statement said, had featured (along with others) in the Panama Paper leaks in connection with offshore accounts in the British Virgin Islands.

"The Income Tax department filed a prosecution complaint against Sanjay Vijay Shinde under provisions of Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and

Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015. Subsequently, investigation under provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 was initiated by ED," the statement said.

"Searches were conducted at the four premises related to Sanjay Vijay Shinde. These include the residential premises at Goa & Bhopal, the premises of his then employer M/s VS Dempo Holdings Pvt Ltd, Goa and the premises of M/s RPM Sonic Adventures & M/s Caravan Resorts at Bhopal, MP," it added.

The agency officials have recovered cash to the tune of Rs. 88.30 Lakh and various "incriminating documents" from the raided premises.

"Further investigation is under progress," the statement further said.

EXHIBITION OF INNOVATIONS INAUGURATED AT STARTUP CONCLAVE IN INDORE



Bhopal: The exhibition of new trends and innovations at the Startup Expo was inaugurated by the Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Omprakash Sakhlecha at the Startup Conclave which started at Brilliant Convention Centre in Indore. MP Shankar Lalwani, Secretary Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises P Narhari, Director Vishesh Gadhpal were also present. The exhibition showcases the innovations and entrepreneurship of new startups. Minister Sakhlecha and the guests visited the exhibition and interacted with the startups and appreciated their initiative. The Startup Conclave began this morning with gusto and enthusiasm, with discussions going on in various sessions.

INDIA IS BEING ESTABLISHED AS AN ELECTRONIC NATION: CHANDRASHEKHAR



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The Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajiv Chandrashekhara addressed the trainees virtually from New Delhi in the second session of Rural Tribal Technical Training. The Minister of State Shri Chandrashekhara praised the functioning of CRISP and congratulated them. He said that after Covid there has been a profound impact on the electronic value and production in the world. India is strengthening its position

strongly in the world as an electronic nation. In the year 2014, electronic items worth one lakh crore rupees were being produced in India, which has increased to 6 lakh crore today. Atul Tiwari, Special Secretary, Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, today inaugurated the Rural Tribal Technician Training Laboratory at CRISP. Tiwari and Chief Executive Officer of National Skill Development Corporation Vedmani Tiwari also released the training course. Both officers also interacted with the students who came for training from states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan etc. They also inspected the hydraulics training of DRDO scientists going on at CRISP.

MP CONSIDERING NATIONAL ANTHEM RECITAL MANDATE IN MADRASAS: MISHRA

THE BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY'S (BJP) MP UNIT PRESIDENT VISHNU DUTT SHARMA SAID THE NATIONAL ANTHEM SHOULD BE RECITED AT ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

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After Uttar Pradesh government made recital of the national anthem mandatory in all madrasas, Madhya Pradesh home minister Narottam Mishra said a similar step could be considered in his state in future.

Speaking to reporters in Bhopal on Friday, he said the national anthem can be sung everywhere and that it is a "matter to be considered" in Madhya Pradesh.

The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) MP unit president Vishnu Dutt Sharma said the national anthem should be recited at all educational institutions across the country. "We are not asking anyone to sing the national anthem in Pakistan. We are just asking educational institutions situated in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and all corners of the



country to sing the national anthem and national song and slogans of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', he was quoted as saying by news agency PTI.

In Maharashtra too, a similar request has been made by the BJP. Acharya Tushar Bhosale, who is the state president of BJP's spiritual coordination alliance (according to his Twitter bio), earlier in the day lauded the Yogi government's move and spoke about

the necessity to follow suit.

"Welcoming the decision of the Yogi government to make the national anthem mandatory in madrasas in Uttar Pradesh! It is necessary to inculcate patriotism along with religious and school education," one of his tweets, roughly translated from Hindi, read. In another tweet, Bhosale urged the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)-led government in Maharashtra to make the recital of 'Jana

Gana Mana' mandatory in madrasas of the state." In Maharashtra also, national anthem should be mandatory in madrasas. Our demand from the state government," the post read. On May 9, the registrar of Uttar Pradesh Madrasa Education Board, SN Pandey, issued an order making recital of the national anthem compulsory in all recognised, aided and unaided madrasas of the northern state mandatory from Thursday (May 12) onwards.

"As per the decision taken in the meeting of UP State Madrasa Education Board on March 24, the national anthem has been made mandatory at the time of prayer in all madrasas from the new academic session which started today (Thursday)," Pandey said in the order.

The national anthem will be played before a class in a madrasa commences in the morning, as per the decision made in the board meeting on March 24.

The general secretary of Teachers' Union Madaris Arabia, Diwan Saheb Zaman Khan, said that till now, 'Hamd' (praises to Allah) and 'Salam' (salutations of Muhammad) were recited before the start of classes in madrasas. "In some places, the national anthem was also sung but it was not compulsory. But now it has been made mandatory," Khan added.

UNDP Will Install Solar Panels in 75 Health Centers of the State

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Environment Minister Hardeep Singh Dang was informed by UNDP representative Srinivas that UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) has decided to undertake solar energy and environment-protection works in 10 states of India including Madhya Pradesh. In Madhya Pradesh, the institution will help 75 primary health centres to use solar power and also install digitized monitoring system. UNDP will also set up 15 electric vehicle charging stations in the state, most of which will be in Indore. Energy audit will be done in 15 solar cold storages and 50 micro and small scale industries in the rural areas.



Appreciating the work being done by UNDP in the field of green energy in Madhya Pradesh, Dang said that they should also bring such other projects in Madhya Pradesh, which will be quite effective in the direction of global warming and climate balance. Srinivas informed that out of the target set for India, about 12 crore rupees have been earmarked for the works of Madhya Pradesh. As many as 500 to 1000 youths will be benefited in electronic vehicle training.



MEGAN BOMB

Megan Fox looked every bit the busty bombshell in Pink gown as she arrived with fiancé Machine Gun Kelly to the premiere

Los Angeles | Agencies

Megan Fox looked every bit the busty bombshell as she arrived with fiancé Machine Gun Kelly to the premiere of their new film *Good Mourning* in West Hollywood on Thursday night. The *Transformers* actress, 35, slipped her fit physique into a curve-clinging strapless gown covered in sparkly pink rhinestones.

Good Mourning is Machine Gun Kelly's directorial debut with his close pal Bob Odenkirk and is set to be released on Friday, May 20.

Megan was able to show off her sky-high platform heels through her gown's daring thigh-high slit.

The mother-of-three's lengthy raven hair was swept over one shoulder and styled in loose, uniform curls that cascaded down her chest.



JESY NELSON SHARED HER LATEST SIZZLING INSTAGRAM CLIP FROM THE BATH

Los Angeles | Agencies

The former Little Mix star, 30, posed nude in the tub while covering her modesty with soap suds as she soaked in the bath in the jaw-dropping video.

Jesy kept her look glamorous as she wore her tousled locks up in loose bun and opted for a full face of make-up, complete with a lined lip and winged liner.

Jesy was seen looking wistfully into the distance as the music played over the clip, sending her followers wild in the comments section of her post.

Jesy cheekily captioned the video: '.....[eye emoji]', hinting that she was teasing something in the attached clip.

Many picked up on the suggestion, with one person writing 'come on, new music', while another person said 'I feel new music coming around.'



Kendrick Lamar releases fifth solo album 'Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers'

Los Angeles | Agencies

'Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers', the fifth solo album by Kendrick Lamar has hit the airwaves. The album happens to be his first full-length in five years. The 18-track album includes guest appearances from Summer Walker, Ghostface Killah, Kodak Black, Sampha, Baby Keem, Beth Gibbons of Portishead and an emotional performance from Taylor Paige on the harrowing 'We Cry Together', reports *Variety*. Production is primarily from Sounwave, Duval Timothy, Boi-1DA, Lamar as OKLAMA, and Pharrell Williams on aMr. Morale'. As per *Variety*, the album does not include 'The Heart Part 5', the new song which features a deep fake video. Lamar's last full-length studio album was 2017's Grammy-winning 'Damn', which was released just two days before he headlined Coachella and made him the honoree at *Variety*'s inaugural Hitmakers event.

Los Angeles | Agencies

Black comedy crime thriller film 'A Simple Favor' is heading for a sequel as Anna Kendrick and Blake Lively are set to reprise their roles with Paul Feig returning to direct as well as produce with Laura Fischer, reports *'Deadline'*.

Jessica Sharzer is writing the screenplay for the film which will be produced under the banner of Feigco Entertainment.

Sharzer will serve as the executive producer. As per *'Deadline'*, the first film followed a single mother with a parenting vlog who befriends a secretive upper-class woman who has a child at the same elementary school. When Emily goes missing, Stephanie takes it upon herself to investigate.

The film enjoyed both critical and commercial success as it minted more than \$97 million at the worldwide box office.

Meredith Weick and Scott O'Brien are overseeing the project for Lionsgate. Lively is set to make her feature directorial debut with *Seconds* for Searchlight, an adaptation of the graphic novel by Scott Pilgrim creator Bryan Lee O'Malley.

Kendrick most recently starred in the Netflix drama 'Stowaway' and also starred in the first season of HBO Max's 'Love Life'



ANNA KENDRICK, BLAKE LIVELY TO

STAR IN 'A SIMPLE FAVOR' SEQUEL

Katya Jones celebrated her 33rd birthday as well as the Strictly Come Dancing

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Professionals Tour with a lavish celebration in a slew of snaps posted to Instagram by Dianne Buswell on Thursday.

The ballroom dancer looked beside herself with joy as she tucked into her very impressive choco-

late cake, which had been adorned with ice cream cones and eye-popping rainbow icing.

In the idyllic countryside location, a teepee tent, along with a flurry of green, orange and white balloons and wooden tables for picnicking, acted as the perfect party setting.

Joined by her ex-husband Neil Jones and Dianne's boyfriend Joe Sugg, the likes of Nancy Xu, Nadiya Bychkova, her love interest Kai Widdrington, Graziano Di Prima, Karen Hauer, Nikita Kuzmin.

In her caption, Dianne wrote: 'Today was just perfect!!!! A celebration for all our birthdays but a special happy birthday to our @katyajones I want to say the biggest thank you to the amazing @_thepartyplanner_ for creating this amazing special day again you guys are not only the best but so friendly and so so kind!'



AMELIA HAMLIN SHOWS OFF HER RIPPED ABS IN RETRO ATH-LEISURE ON RUNWAY AT MICHAEL KORS X ELLESSE LAUNCH PARTY

London | Agencies

Michael Kors threw an intimate soiree at members' club Langan's Brasserie in London on Wednesday to celebrate the launch of its activewear collaboration with Ellesse.

One day on and the brand hosted another Michael Kors x Ellesse launch party at the Rainbow Room in Midtown Manhattan.

Among the models to hit the runway and showcase some of its newest fashion was Amelia Hamlin, daughter of actors Lisa Rinna and Harry Hamlin.

The Michael Kors x Ellesse collaboration offers a modern take on retro athleisure.

Hamlin, 20, was perfect example of those retro tendencies, decked out in blue sweatpants with colorful stripes down each leg, which is reminiscent of the styles of 1970s and early 80s.

The Abs show

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Alison Brie



IPL 2022

PUNJAB KINGS BEAT ROYAL CHALLENGERS BY 54 RUNS

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Royal Challengers Bangalore succumbed to the pressure of chasing a big total and clinical bowling by Punjab Kings as they went down by 54 runs in Match 60 of IPL 2022 at the Brabourne Stadium here on Friday.

After blazing half-centuries by English duo, Jonny Bairstow (66 off 29) and Liam Livingstone (70 off 42) helped Punjab Kings post a massive 209/9 in 20 overs. Royal Challengers Bangalore tried to match their scoring rate initially but lost wickets at regular intervals as their chase derailed against some disciplined bowling by the Punjab Kings bowlers, especially Rishi Dhawan (2/36), Kagiso Rabada (2/16) and Rahul Chahar (2/37). They were eventually restricted to 155/9 in 20 overs as the Punjab Kings bowlers kept them under a tight leash and did not allow them to free their arms.

Chasing a target of 210, Royal Challengers Bangalore started off well with Virat Kohli and Faf du Plessis raising 33 runs in the fourth over when the former



India captain, who was given out by the video umpire. Punjab Kings opted for DRS after Kohli tried to work a ball off his hips but it ballooned off the body to short fine-leg, Ultra-edge showing a spike as the ball passed his gloves. The wicket broke the momentum as RCB were cruising with Kohli hitting some superb shots and du Plessis complementing him well. After a quiet first over, Kohli had struck

Arshdeep Singh to two fours, the first one a superb punch through the extra cover to the boundary and the second a wristy flick through mid-wicket. He danced down the wicket to Harpreet Brar and lifted him over long-on for his first six. But his departure followed by du Plessis' departure a run later had RCB reeling at 34/2 and when Rishi Dhawan accounted for Mahipal Lomror in the fifth over, RCB were 40/3.

Rajat Patidar and Glenn Maxwell raised 64 runs for the fourth wicket, both hitting boundaries regularly to keep the spiralling run rate in check. Maxwell top-scored with 35 runs off 22 deliveries, hitting three fours and one six. Patidar scored 26 runs off 21 deliveries, hitting one four and two sixes.

Both of them got out on the same score (104) - Maxwell was caught by Arshdeep Singh at long-off off Harpreet Brar as he went for a big hit after Patidar was caught by Shikhar Dhawan off Rahul Chahar in the 11th over. That partnership was the only positive thing for RCB in the entire evening as they lost by a big margin.

Brief scores:

Punjab Kings 209/9 in 20 overs (Jonny Bairstow 66, Shikhar Dhawan 21, Liam Livingstone 70; Harshal Patel 4/34, Wanindu Hasaranga 2/15) beat Royal Challengers Bangalore 155/9 in 20 overs (Glenn Maxwell 35, Rajat Patidar 26, Virat Kohli 20, Rishi Dhawan 2/36, Kagiso Rabada 2/16, Rahul Chahar 2/37) by 54 runs.

Real Madrid send Levante down while Real Sociedad assure place in Europe



Madrid | Agencies

Real Madrid continued their preparations for the Champions League final with a comfortable 6-0 win at home to Levante.

First-half goals from Ferland Mendy, Karim Benzema, Rodrygo and Vinicius Jr gave Madrid a 4-0 lead as Carlo Ancelotti continued to rotate his side ahead of the final in two and a half weeks.

Vinicius scored his second of the game in the 68th minute and completed his hat-trick seven minutes from time against a rival that appeared to accept their fate on Thursday night.

The result means Levante become the first side of the season

to be relegated to the second division, given they have an inferior head-to-head goal average with fourth from bottom Cadiz.

Real Sociedad beat Cadiz 3-0 in the first kick-off of the day to ensure they will play at least Conference League next season.

Alexander Sorloth put the home side ahead in the 19th minute of the game and penalties scored by Adnan Januzaj in the 53rd minute and Portu deep in injury time mean the team from San Sebastian can finish no lower than seventh this season. The result also means that Cadiz still have work to do to avoid relegation and this weekend's match against Alaves will be vital to their survival. Villarreal also took a big step towards qualifying for

Europe next season as they won 5-1 away to Rayo Vallecano.

Alfonso Pedraza put the visitors ahead in the third minute and although Sergi Guardiola pulled a goal back for Rayo, Juan Foyth, Paco Alcacer and Pau Torres made it 4-1 to the visitors before halftime. Pedraza netted a second in the second half to seal an easy win for the visitors.

The win leaves Villarreal four points clear of eighth-place Athletic Club Bilbao, who lost 1-0 to Granada on Tuesday.

Other results this week saw FC Barcelona win 3-1 at home to Celta, while Atletico Madrid assured a place in next season's Champions League with a 2-0 win in Elche, who are safe from relegation.

Italian Open

TSITSIPAS SINKS SINNER TO SET UP SEMIS CLASH WITH ZVEREV

Rome | Agencies

World No 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas overcame Italian Jannik Sinner 7-6(5), 6-2 and a raucous home crowd to reach the semifinals of the Italian Open, here on Friday.

In front of vocal fans on centre court, the Greek kept his composure as he demonstrated great footwork to dictate with his forehand and move past the 20-year-old in two hours and 24 minutes.

The fourth seed, who also advanced to the last four in 2019, consistently took the ball on the rise and drove his groundstrokes through the court as he countered Sinner's heavy-hitting to improve to 4-1 in their ATP Head to Head series.

Tsitsipas will now face Alexander Zverev in the semifinals after the German downed Cristian Garin 7-5, 6-2. It will be the third time this season that they have played in the semi-finals at a clay-court ATP Masters 1000 event, with the Greek defeating the German en route to the title in Monte Carlo, before Zverev gained revenge in Madrid last week.

The 23-year-old, who saved two match points to defeat Grigor Dimitrov in his opening clash in Rome, has now earned a tour-leading 30 wins this



year.

In an entertaining first set, Tsitsipas flew out of the blocks and into a 3-0 lead as Sinner struggled to cope with the Greek's depth and weight of shot. However, the Italian then started to settle and produce the kind of tennis that saw him crackle the Top 10 last year, finding the corners with regularity as he began to dictate more with his backhand and fight back.

With nothing separating them, a tie-break was left to decide the opener and it was Tsitsipas who raised his level from 5/5, swatting away two forehand volleys to clinch the set in 86 minutes.

Tsitsipas continued to apply the pressure at the start of the second set, breaking immediately as Sinner started to struggle physically. The Greek was solid on serve, consistent off the ground and successfully dealt with Sinner's drop shots to triumph.

The 10th seed was competing in his fourth Masters 1000 quarter-final after beating Pedro Martinez, countryman Fabio Fognini and Filip Krajinovic earlier this week. The 20-year-old was aiming to earn his second Top 10 win of the season, having defeated then-World No 8 Andrey Rublev en route to the last eight in Monte Carlo.

India reach maiden Thomas Cup final with thrilling 3-2 win over Denmark



Bangkok (Thailand) | Agencies

The Indian men's badminton team scripted history after reaching their maiden Thomas Cup final with 3-2 win over Denmark in a thrilling semifinal, here on Friday.

Indian men had previously reached the Thomas

Cup semis in 1952, 1955 and 1979. India will now play Indonesia in the historic final on Sunday. Playing their first Thomas Cup semis in 43 years, India kicked off their final four fixture at the Impact Arena with Lakshya Sen, ninth in the badminton world rankings, facing off against

world No 1 and Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen. This was the two shuttlers' third clash of the year. While the Indian youngster shocked the Danish ace in the German Open semis in March, Axelsen registered the win in the All England Open final later that month.

Adidas brings top athletes to grace TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2022 Marathon

Team Absolute | New Delhi

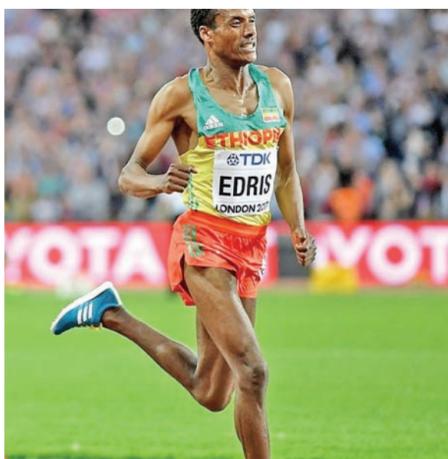
World record holder athletes will grace the upcoming Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) World 10K Bengaluru marathon on Sunday.

The world's top athletes including Muktar Edris, Kibiwott Kandie, Andamlak Belihu, Joyce Chepkemai Tele, Tadesse Worku, and Telahun Haile Bekele, who have broken records on the international arena will participate in the 14th edition of the TCS Marathon, which returns after a three-year hiatus post-pandemic.

Associated with sportswear giant adidas, these athletes will compete among some of the best from across the world for the coveted title. On the world stage, adidas has always led from the front in the sport of running, with its professional range of running shoes like Adizero Adios Pro 2, which enables these athletes to break records on the world stage.

In the upcoming event, Muktar Edris, Kibiwott Kandie, Andamlak Belihu, Telahun Haile Bekele, and Tadesse Worku will participate in the men's category and Joyce Tele in the women's race.

All eyes will be on two-time defending world champion Muktar Edris, who recently set a record by winning three con-



secutive titles in summer's world championships events. The Ethiopian athlete made his Indian debut in the 2020 Delhi Half Marathon. He will be using the upcoming marathon as part of his preparations for the forthcoming international events.

Kenyan long-distance runner Kibiwott Kandie is another elite name who is to grace the event on coming Sunday. The former world half marathon record holder has a 10km personal best of 26:51. He secured the second position in the men's race at the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships held in Gdynia, Poland in October 2020. Kenyan athlete, Joyce Chepkemai Tele, who will participate in the women's race at the TCS Bengaluru event last bagged the medal in the women's 15000 m in the 15K Nocturna Valencia in 2021. She ran her personal best of 1:05:50 to finish second in the Berlin Half Marathon earlier this year. Andamlak Belihu, who also represents Ethiopia on the world platform is not new to the Indian marathons. He bagged medals in the elite category in 2018, 2019, and 2020. He finished in 5th place in the men's 10,000 m category at the 2019 World Athletics Championships held in Doha, Qatar. The total prize fund of the TCS World 10K Bengaluru is US \$210,000, where the men's and women's winners will take home the US \$26,000.

KKR confirm Cummins ruled out for remainder of tournament

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Two-time IPL champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) confirmed on Friday that pacer Pat Cummins had been ruled out of the remainder of IPL 2022 with a mild hip injury.

It also said that Cummins has returned to his home in Australia for two weeks of rest and rehabilitation. The franchise further added that they have not sought a replacement for Cummins ahead of their match against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Saturday at the MCA Stadium in Pune. "Pat Cummins has been ruled out of the remain-

der of the TATA Indian Premier League with a mild hip injury and has returned to Australia for two weeks of rest and rehabilitation. Following the match against Mumbai Indians on Tuesday, Cummins, who bagged 3/22 from his four overs, underwent an MRI on his right hip," said an official statement from KKR.

In IPL 2022, Cummins featured in five matches for Kolkata, where he set the tournament alight with a record 14-ball half-century to be unbeaten on 56 against Mumbai Indians in Pune after recording figures of 2/49.

Umran Malik still needs some more time to mature, says Mohammed Shami

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Sunrisers Hyderabad's young tearaway pacer Umran Malik has excited everyone in IPL 2022 with his raw pace, touching the 150kmph consistently while taking 15 wickets in first eight matches, including an enthralling five-wicket haul against Gujarat Titans.

But with Malik going wicketless in his last three matches, critics have been questioning whether the young Jammu pacer should be fast-tracked into the Indian team or not. Now, Gujarat's pace spearhead Mohammed Shami has said that Malik will need "some more time" to mature as a pacer.

"I admit that pace is there but personally speaking, I am not a huge fan of pace. I believe if you can bowl 140kmph and move the ball both ways as well as reverse (swing), then it's enough to (trouble) the batters. He has incredible pace but he still needs some more time to mature in my opinion as apart from pace, we also have to apply ourselves," said Shami in a virtual media interaction



organised by the franchise on Friday.

Apart from Malik, Lucknow Super Giants' left-arm pacer Mohsin Khan has captured the imagination of cricket fans, with his ability to swing the new ball and be economical while picking ten wickets in six matches. Shami, who spent time training alongside Mohsin during the lockdown at his farmhouse, said the youngster needs to focus more and stick to a routine which will have to be created as early as possible.

CSK unfollow Ravindra Jadeja on Instagram; speculation about rift grows

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Reports of four-time Indian Premier League (IPL) champions Chennai Super Kings un-following their former skipper Ravindra Jadeja on social media site Instagram have sent the rumour mills into overdrive, with people speculating about the all-rounder's relationship with the franchise.

A short statement posted by the Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led franchise on their website on May 11, a day before CSK's game against Mumbai Indians, has not helped matters either, with rumour mills suggesting that the relationship has soured and could take a similar course as David Warner's breakup with SRH.

CSK tweeted, "Official Announcement: Jadeja will be missing the rest of the IPL due to injury. Wishing our Jaadugar a speedy recovery! @imjadeja." Disclosing the nature of the



injury, CSK wrote on their website, "Ravindra Jadeja reported a bruised rib and was unavailable for Chennai Super Kings' game against Delhi Capitals on Sunday. He was under observation and based on medical advice he has been ruled out for the rest of the IPL season."

While the news about the injury is quite normal, given the rigours of the IPL, CSK unfollowing Jadeja takes one back to the previous season when Warner, then Sunrisers Hyderabad's skipper, was first stripped of captaincy duties during the India leg of the tournament, and was later not included for several games the team played in the UAE leg under new skipper Kane Williamson.

A series of cryptic Instagram posts led fans to speculate that the relation between the Australian and his long-term franchise had soured beyond redemption. Warner is playing for Delhi Capitals in the current IPL season.



Chitrangada Singh: I am addicted to the madness of Mumbai

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Actress Chitrangada Singh, who made her web debut with the anthology "Modern Day Love: Mumbai", says the show has given her a chance to reboot her relationship with the city. As the culture of 'cutting chai' is quite synonymous with the Mumbai city, Chitrangada, in conversation shares how her relationship with the city and its energy, local trains, 'cutting chai' and other elements, shaped her as a professional actress.

"Being an outsider of Mumbai, as you know I lived in Delhi before, everything that I have achieved as a professional, is the result of my hard work and a gift of Mumbai. Mumbai is my karambhoomi. Initially, when I came to the city it was a little overwhelming and fascinating at the same time because there

is so much hustle-bustle that everyone is dealing with. Mumbai is a city of enthusiasts, there is madness and I am now addicted to it!

"But there is a method to the madness and we can enjoy it once we crack it. 'Cutting Chai' reboot my relationship with the city," the "Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi" fame actress told. Interestingly, Chitrangada also took a sabbatical from her acting career between 2005 to 2010 despite her successful debut with the Sudhir Mishra directorial.

Drawing the similarities from her own journey, she said: "I think it is not always the men who stop us to pursue our career post marriage, we women also at times prioritise family matters over careers. You see our mental makeup is different, emotionally post marriage and motherhood... at times our priority changes. I stopped working for almost 7 years. It's a complex emotion we have. That way my journey is similar to my character Latika."

SABA AZAD CALLS RUMOURED BEAU HRITHIK 'MY LOVE' IN FRENCH: INSTAGRAM OFFICIAL

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Actress-singer Saba Azad made her relationship with Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan Instagram official by calling him "mon amour".

Saba took to her Instagram handle and announced her next project 'Minimum', an international drama and Hrithik reacted to the post. She shared in her post: "My next with these gems - in @variety today!! ?Saba Azad, Namit Das, Geetanjali Kulkarni, Rumana Molla to Star in 'MINIMUM', Immigrant Indian Drama Feature Set In Belgium, jointly produced by Platoon One Films and Ellanar Films. Produced by Shiladitya Bora and Radhika Lavu, the film is slated to go on floors in June 2022. The international drama will be helmed by writer-actor Rumana Molla in her directorial debut." Commenting to the news, Hrithik wrote: "Hehe. You gonna kill this! Oui? Oui!" Saba replied: "hehe fingers crossed mon amour (My love)." Hrithik and Saba have been reportedly dating since past few months.

content and the cinematic experience of the film but the visibility we gained through multiple promotional activities. I think our Marathi cinema has always been very strong with content but made with a limited budget and not highly marketed. With the success of 'Chandramukhi', I think we should understand that along with content, we should invest in promotional activity."

Apart from India, the film has been released in Dubai, parts of UAE and according to Amruta the makers have special screenings in London, Singapore and in Michigan to showcase the film to the Indian community living there.

She explains how building a fan base in multiple sections of the audience has also added a pan-India appeal to her film.

Amruta said, "There were a lot of 'firsts' with Chandramukhi", be it a special magazine cover, media coverage, Spicejet airline hosting a special activity for our film. There was a 35-inch huge cutout poster of our film at the Royal Opera House, Mumbai for the first time for a Marathi

film! It is not that I am bragging but trying to say that if the content of the film is good, with investment in promotion and release, we can win people's hearts."

"Of course as an actress, I am always grabbing opportunities to be part of big projects in different regional cinema and TV as well.

My visibility on a national platform gives the pan-India appeal to a Marathi film. No doubt, my popularity has increased because of working in Hindi cinema. Since cinema is a tool to show our culture, it also appeals to the international community living abroad," explained Amruta.

Asked about her next step post the success of 'Chandramukhi' she replied, "Gearing up for the shooting of my next Hindi language web series, a Hotstar original and then I have another film lined up. I am not supposed to make any official announcement so I cannot give further details on them."



AMRUTA KHANVILKAR SAYS MARATHI CINEMA MUST INVEST IN PROMOS

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As her latest Marathi language film 'Chandramukhi' not only did positive business at the Indian box office but also gained visibility in the international market, the leading lady of the film, actress Amruta Khanvilkar, emphasised on the importance of investment in the marketing of a Marathi film to go global.

Amruta told: "I think one of the exciting parts for me now is the response we have received not only for the



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FILM REVIEW

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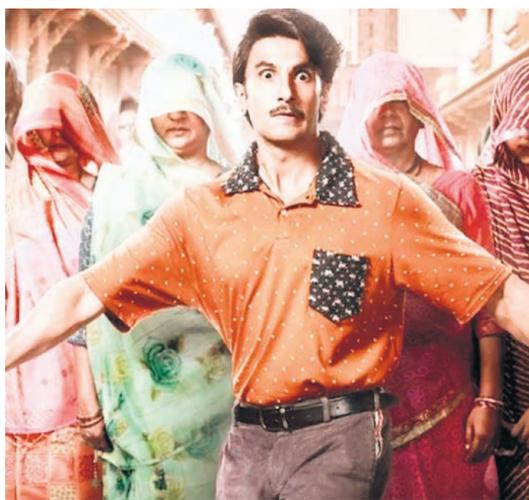
The Power (on Zee Plex)

Direction: Divyang Thakker
Cast: Ranveer Singh, Shalini Tripathi, Boman Irani, Ratna Pathak Shah, Jia Vaidya
Runtime: 124 minutes
Ratings: *** (three stars)

Jayeshbhai Jordaar is a social-comedy drama that sheds light on the issue of female infanticide.

STORY

Set in a patriarchal village of Gujarat, Jayeshbhai Jordaar revolves around the story of an orthodox Gujarati family. Jayeshbhai's father (Boman Irani) and mother (Ratna Pathak Shah) are hell-bent on having a male grandchild to take their legacy as Village Sarpanch ahead. On the other hand, Jayeshbhai finds out that his wife Mudra (Shalini Pandey) is pregnant with a girl child for the second time. He flees the town after finding this to save his wife and child from the wrath of his parents, who are also ready to kill the baby if it's a daughter.



How this timid man must muster courage as he is in the fight of his life to protect his pregnant wife & daughter? The answer to the question lies in the film.

REVIEW

The story written and directed by filmmaker Divyang Thakker,

touches upon this important topic of female infanticide. He tries to keep it light-hearted and funny so that it doesn't get into being too much preachy. But in pursuit to do so, because of scenes like the cat and mouse game between him and his father, the film seems monotonous at some point. Being his debut, Divyang Thakker has put in

efforts to strike the chords right with the audience, and that is palpable. But, when it comes to portraying a sensitive topic like this with quirk, the film needs to be well executed. And that is somewhere lacking in Jayeshbhai Jordaar. The editing treatment given to the film by Namrata Rao could have been tighter. Talking about cinematography it could have been better, as much attention is paid to the demeanour of the characters to exude the Gujarati essence appropriately, rather than capturing the locales.

The first half is used to set up the story but doesn't move at the desired pace. Thankfully, there are some minor conflicts and plot twists that make you look forward to the second half. It's in the second half of the film, that the humour quotient is high and you look forward to what is going to happen further. But again, the climax is disappointing. The songs compliment the storyline and go with the plot, they fail to leave any long-lasting impact. What dampens down the promising spirit of the film is the underwhelming writing. The dialogues of the film are undoubtedly funny, but it lacks the desired spark. Coming to performances, Ranveer Singh and

Boman Irani shines throughout the film. Ranveer Singh proves his versatility yet again, but due to weak writing, he failed to deliver what he actually can, in a promising way. Boman Irani as an orthodox Sarpanch too shines in his part. One actually would love to hate him as he plays his part convincingly. Shalini Pandey as the submissive woman does justice to her part. However, her chemistry with Ranveer is not that great. Ratna Pathak Shah does a fine job as a typical Gujarati mother. When it came to mouthing dialogues, she was not able to convince.

The show-stealer in the whole film apart from Ranveer Singh is Jia Vaidya. As a fierce daughter, who has the guys hit in her grandfather's groin to save her mom and dad from the ruthless villagers, this little girl is a firecracker.

On the whole, Jayeshbhai Jordaar is a heartwarming saga, aimed at families and it will keep the audience thoroughly entertained. If you are someone, who is looking forward to watching something different apart from action and thriller genre content, Jayeshbhai Jordaar is definitely a breather. Overall, it's a one time watch. Ranveer Singh fans are surely going to have a great time.