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LOSS OF FAITH IN JUDICIARY WILL ENDANGER DEMOCRACY: CJI RAMANA



Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana on Saturday said that if people lose faith and trust in the judiciary, the very survival of democracy will be at stake.

“If the people lose the faith and trust in judiciary and if the judiciary collapses, the very survival of democracy will be at stake.”

Vijayawada | Agencies

Justice Ramana was speaking after inaugurating Vijayawada Court Complex. He said during his tenure as the Chief Justice, he focused on filling up vacancies of judges and as many as 250 high court judges were appointed. The CJI said filling up the vacancies of judges and improving infra-

structure were the two issues on top of his agenda during his tenure of one-and-a-half years. He said during his tenure as the CJI, 250 high court judges were appointed. Twelve judges to the Supreme Court and 15 chief justices of various state high courts were also appointed. The CJI said he ensured all sections of society, especially women and backward

sections get proper representation in the judiciary. He said he spoke on the filling up of vacancies of judges and improving infrastructure in courts across the country and raised the issue with the Prime Minister, Central Ministers, Chief Ministers and Chief Justices. In view of the financial problems faced by some states, he wanted the Centre to provide funds

to the state for construction of court buildings. Justice Ramana observed that high pendency of cases is the main problem faced by the judiciary in the country and there are many reasons for that. He reminded judges and lawyers that ensuring speedy justice is their responsibility. Stating that the ultimate aim of judiciary is to deliver justice to people, he advised

them to ensure speedy justice within the shortest possible time. He advised lawyers to extend all support to various initiatives to strengthen the judiciary and also recalled the days when he served as a member of Vijayawada Bar Association in 1983. The CJI thanked all those who helped him to reach the top position. He advised lawyers to encourage their juniors.

60 MN YEARS OF GLOBAL WARMING TRIGGERED RISE OF REPTILES, SAYS HARVARD STUDY

- Just over 250 million years ago, during the end of the Permian period, and start of the Triassic, reptiles' rates of evolution and diversity started exploding, leading to a dizzying variety of abilities, body plans, and traits.
- For the longest time, this flourish was explained by their competition being wiped out by two of the biggest mass extinction events (around 261 and 252 million years ago) in the history of the planet.
- The dataset showed that rises in global temperatures, which started at about 270 million years ago and lasted until at least 240 million years ago, were followed by rapid body changes in most reptile lineages.



NEW YORK | Agencies

Sixty million years of climate change triggered the meteoric rise of reptiles around 250 million years ago, not a mass extinction of mammals as previously thought, a new Harvard University-led study has said. Harvard palaeontologist Stephanie Pierce's research shows that the evolution and diversification, seen in early reptiles, not only started years before these mass extinction events, but instead

were directly driven by what caused them in the first place, rising global temperatures due to climate change. In the paper, published in the journal Science Advances, the researchers provided a close look at how a large group of organisms evolve because of climate change, which is especially pertinent today as temperatures continually rise. In fact, the rate of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere today is about nine times what they were during the

timeframe that culminated in the biggest climate change-driven mass extinction of all time, 252 million years ago: the Permian-Triassic mass extinction. The study involved close to eight years of data collection as Simees travelled to over 20 countries and more than 50 different museums to take scans and snapshots of more than 1,000 rep-

tilian fossils. For instance, some of the larger cold-blooded animals evolved to become smaller so they could cool down easier; others evolved to life in water for that same effect. Smaller reptiles, which gave rise to the first lizards and tuataras, went on a different path than their larger reptile brethren, said researchers. Their evolu-

tionary rates slowed down and stabilised in response to the rising temperatures. It was because the small-bodied reptiles were already better adapted to the rising heat since they can more easily release heat from their bodies compared to larger reptiles when temperatures got hot very quickly all-around Earth.

Netflix not to stream ads during movies, TV series for kids

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Streaming giant Netflix is likely planning not to show ads during kids' movies and TV series, and will keep kids' programming ad-free like its rival Disney+ announced in May this year. Netflix has told its partners that kids' programming would stay commercial-free, reports TechCrunch. However, original series such as 'Stranger Things', 'Bridgerton', and 'Squid Game' are expected to still see ads. Organisations like the American Psychological Association have called for strict restrictions on advertising for children. According to analysts, Netflix is likely to be one of the key players in online video advertising, generating an estimated \$4 billion a year in ad sales. Google-owned YouTube now officially limits the amount of data it and creators can collect on content intended for children. The company was fined \$170 million by the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 2019, as part of a

settlement to end probes into YouTube's alleged collection of children's personal information without the consent of their parents. Netflix in June confirmed that it is set to launch an ad-supported tier to reduce its losses and bring more users to the platform. Netflix is renegotiating deals to put ads on its platform and will launch first in countries that have more mature advertising markets. Hit by a dwindling user base, Netflix has partnered Satya Nadella-run Microsoft for its new ad-supported subscription plan that the company plans to launch in early 2023.



'I don't think it will ever get resolved'

Aakruti Bagla | Mumbai

Ananya Panday fans have all the reasons to be on cloud nine these days. After all, her much-awaited movie Liger is set to release next month on August 25. Helmed by Puri Jagannadh, Liger is a pan-India film which also stars Vijay Deverakonda in the lead. Ahead of the release, during a media interaction, the actress spoke about the mass hysteria, working with Mike Tyson and Vijay Deverakonda, dealing with trolls and much more. An overwhelming response by the audience Talking about the mass hysteria during promotions, the actress said that seeing the crowd go berserk they preferred leaving the venue for people's safety. "It is overwhelming as after the pandemic we are now getting to go out and meet people in person," Ananya averred.



On working with Mike Tyson Sharing her experience of working with him, the actress quipped, "It was amazing as he was like this lion in the wild. It's a memory I will cherish forever because he is one of the biggest stars in the world."
On working with Vijay Deverakonda She further shared whether she was intimidated while working with Vijay. "Not at all! He is a chilled-out and helpful person. He has held my hand throughout the process. He even keeps telling me that if I need any help in future, he is just a call away."
On dealing with trolls Talking about whether that feeling has resolved, the actress quipped, "No. I don't think it will ever get resolved. I still have days when some things really bother me and I feel bad about it. But then there are moments I get over it, feel strong and believe that I can deal with it. As of now, I am trying to focus more on improving myself as an actor so that I don't give people any chance to doubt me."

JUNIOR WORLD WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS India's Antim bags historic gold

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Indian woman wrestler in 53kg category Antim made history by winning the first gold medal in a Junior World Wrestling Championships, when she achieved the feat in Sofia, Bulgaria on Friday following a comprehensive 8-0 victory in the final against Kazakhstan's Altyr Shagayeva, an under-20 Asian bronze medallist. In the qualification round, Antim defeated a German wrestler 11-0, while in the quarterfinal scored a victory by 'fall' against a Japanese opponent. In the semifinal she easily defeated a Ukrainian grappler.



The medal winners: 53 kg. Antim - Gold; 62kg. Sonam - Silver; 65kg. Priyanka - Silver; 57kg. Sito - Bronze; 72 kg -- Reetika - Bronze.

Two India grapplers lost their final bouts to settle for silver, while two others won bronze. With this achievement, the Indian junior women's team clinched the runners-up Trophy with 160 points. Japan took the top

position with 230 points and USA was third with 124 points. In Greco-Roman, all five Indian wrestlers disappointed. The bouts in the remaining five weight categories will be held later on Saturday.

Green veggies, supplements can help fight inflammatory bowel disease

BEIJING | Agencies

Eating a lot of green vegetables along with dietary supplement chlorophyllin alleviates inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, according to researchers. In addition, chlorophyllin -- a compound derived from the green pigment found in plants -- also significantly reduces mortality related to IBD, weight loss, diarrhoea and hidden blood in the stool, intestinal epithelial damage and infiltration of inflammatory cells, said researchers from the Center for Diabetes and Metabolism Research at Sichuan University in China and from Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. The team believed that these findings could be a pathway to a less intrusive treatment for IBD. IBD has created a global health burden because of the rising cost of treating the condition. While the exact cause of IBD isn't fully understood, some contributing factors include stress and environmental, lifestyle,

and dietary choices, such as high consumption of meat or fish. Chronic inflammation, abnormality in autophagy -- the body's process of cleaning out damaged cells to make room for newer, healthier cells -- and lysosomal stress (an abnormality in an organelle leading to inflammation) are also linked to the condition. In the study, published in the American Journal of Physiology-Gastrointestinal and Liver Physiology, researchers found taking an oral chlorophyllin supplement reduced colitis and abnormalities in the intestinal epithelia of mice. Also, consumption of green vegetables and chlorophyllin may be helpful for IBD recovery, in part through alleviation of inflammation and autolysosomal flux (a process that uses lysosome to degrade and remove toxic molecules and organelles). Green pigment found in these foods and supplements can initiate a feeding signalling to modulate autophagy in the cells, which suppresses IBD symptoms.

INFORMATION OVERLOAD ADDS TO DAILY STRESS FOR 88% INDIANS: REPORT

Nearly two in five (39 per cent) respondents said they have to use 11 or more accounts, resources, tools and apps on a daily basis. This compares with just one in five (21 per cent) who said this was the case two years ago, proving that the information people need to access resides within an increasing number of data repositories and applications.

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The report reveals the extent to which the effects of information overload are impacting Indians and how this has changed during the Covid-19 pandemic. In fact, due to the siloed nature of where information sits within organisations, three in five Indian employees (58 per cent) said that they normally spend, on average, one or more hours

per day searching on company networks or shared systems for specific work files or pieces of information just to do their job. "For businesses and their employees, the proposition of trying to manage the volume and complexity of information -- structured and unstructured data that is pervasive and growing exponentially -- can be a daunting one. What we've come to realise is that information on its own is not the answer," said Sandy Ono,

Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at OpenText. Information scattered across multiple locations is another reason for the difficulties workers face, with close



to a half (46 per cent) reporting it's hampering their ability to find the information they need to do their job. In addition, 38 per cent indicate it is having a detrimental effect on their performance at work, more than a third (36 per cent) feel it is negatively impacting their overall job satisfaction and 43 per cent say that it is having a direct impact on their work-life balance. Further, hybrid workers in India feel that they

face a broad range of other challenges with two in five (38 per cent) saying that they cannot collaborate or share files with colleagues as easily when they are working from home, 41 per cent indicating they cannot access corporate file systems and content as easily when working remotely, while 28 per cent are struggling to carry on between the office and their home the technology and tools they need daily just to do their job.



IT WILL BE BJP vs AAP IN 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS, CLAIMS MANISH SISODIA

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday claimed that the 2024 general elections will see a direct contest between the BJP and AAP.

The election will be held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Delhi Chief Minister and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, Sisodia claimed addressing mediapersons.

After the Punjab assembly election, Kejriwal has emerged as an alternative at national level and that is their (BJP's) main concern, Sisodia said.

He said irregularities in the Excise policy or any scam in not an issue for them, but their main concern is the rising stature of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Sisodia's remark came a day after the CBI raided his residence and other locations in connection with irregularities in connection with New Excise Policy.

A conspiracy is being hatched through this raid by the probe agency to stop Arvind Kejriwal, he alleged. "I am not involved in any corruption. My only mistake is that I am the education minister of the



Arvind Kejriwal government", said Sisodia.

"It may be that the CBI can arrest me in the next 3-4 days. But we won't be scared. They cannot stop us. The elections of 2024 will be AAP vs BJP," Sisodia said.

He has proved the mettle as a leader who works for the public by improving Delhi's education and health systems. He said that the Excise policy due to which whole controversy is created is the country's best policy. "We were applying it with transparency & sincerity. Had Delhi LG not changed his decision

conspiring to fail the policy, Delhi government would've been getting at least Rs 10,000 crore every year," claimed Deputy CM Sisodia.

"Around Rs 10 thousand crore were misappropriated through excise policy in Gujarat. If they have any concern about the excise irregularities or any loopholes, the whole CBI and ED office should have shifted to Gujarat."

"If they were really against corruption, then today, ED and CBI should have probed the Bundelkhand Expressway which developed deep potholes due to

heavy rainfall, shortly after Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the expressway, he claimed.

"While Kejriwal thinks how to develop the nation on all parameters, Prime Minister Modi thinks how to topple the non-BJP governments in the states and form their government," he alleged.

"CBI FIR, quoting sources, mentions Rs one crore scam, what about the highest claim of Rs 8,000 crore made by BJP leaders, Sisodia asked.

He said further that "America's biggest newspaper The New York Times covered Delhi's education model on its front page on August 18. It is a pride moment for India. Another story showing thousands of bodies being cremated along the Ganges was published around one and half years ago. However, that was shameful for all of us".

"This is the difference between PM Modi and Arvind Kejriwal is that if Kejriwal sees anyone working honestly, he encourages them to do more, but they conspire to obstruct the way. I would like to say that this does not suit PM Modi who has got such a massive victory," Sisodia added.

Protest against Munawar Faruqi's show in Hyderabad; 50 BJP, BJYM activists held

HYDERABAD | Agencies

About 50 activists of BJP and Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) were arrested by the police for trying to disrupt the show of comedian Munawar Faruqi in Hyderabad on Saturday evening.

The activists tried to head towards Shilpa Kala Vedika, the venue of the show, but were stopped by policemen. Raising slogans, the protesters tried to break the police cordon and barge into the venue. However, police foiled their efforts.

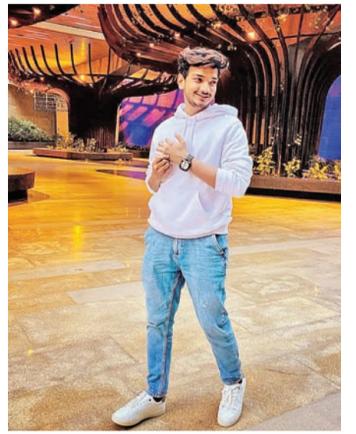
The protesters were bundled into a waiting police vehicle and were whisked away to Gachibowli police station. The protest triggered mild tension on the busy traffic intersection in front of the auditorium in the information technology hub of Madhapur. Munawar's 'Dongri to Nowhere' began amid tight security. Large number of people were seen queuing up outside the auditorium much before the show time.

The police advised the organisers to start the show an hour before the scheduled time (6 p.m.). It is likely to continue till 9 p.m.

Cyberabad police made tight security arrangements for the show in view of the threats by BJP and some other right-wing groups to disrupt it.

About 500 policemen were deployed around Shilpa Kala Vedika and were thoroughly frisking the ticket-holders.

Senior officials including a Deputy Inspector General of Police and two Deputy



Commissioners of Police were supervising the security.

Police were keeping a tight vigil on the venue and adjoining busy roads to prevent untoward incidents.

Police were also keeping a vigil on those who purchased the tickets online for the show as a BJP leader claimed that some of the party supporters have purchased the tickets and will be staging protests during the show.

The police have already detained BJP MLA T Raja Singh, who had threatened to burn down the venue.

Excise policy row: One of the accused in CBI's FIR linked to TV channel

Team Absolute | New Delhi

One of the accused named in the CBI FIR filed in connection with the alleged irregularities in Delhi government's excise policy is reportedly linked to a television channel.

According to sources, accused No. 15 Arjun Pandey, who reportedly works for a TV Channel, was allegedly involved with the other accused in actively managing and diverting the undue pecuniary advantages collected from liquor

licensees to the accused public servants.

The CBI has not commented on the matter yet, and it is not known if the said channel has any role to play in this.

Some posts doing the rounds on social media claimed that the channel head has alleged links with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). When approached, the CBI officials didn't comment on the matter.

In its FIR, the CBI has named Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia as the No. 1 accused in the case.

The FIR has been lodged under Sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 477-A (falsification of accounts) of the Indian Penal Code.

The allegations against Sisodia, whose residence and office were raided by the CBI on Friday, are that liquor businessmen were allegedly given exemption of Rs 30 crore, and the licence holders were allegedly given extension according to their own will. It has also been alleged that the excise policy rules were formulated in violation of the excise rules.

Hindu outfit lodges complaint against Amazon for selling obscene Radha-Krishna pics

Bengaluru | Agencies

The Hindu Janajagruthi Samithi has lodged a complaint against Amazon with for selling obscene pictures of Lord Krishna and Radha, police said on Saturday.

In the complaint, the Hindu outfit said that the pictures being sold in the e-commerce platform under the title 'INKOLOGIE Hindu Gods Fine Arts painting' were hurting the religious sentiments of crores of Hindus.

At a time when crores of Hindus



celebrated Krishna Janmashtami, Amazon's plans to sell the obscene pictures could only be considered as with ulterior motives and it is against the law under IPC sections 295, 295 A and 298.

Legal action must be initiated against the company for hurting the feelings of Hindus, the complaint added.

The complaint was filed with Subramanyanagar police station in Bengaluru.

Police sources stated that after the complaint, the e-commerce giant had taken off the pictures.

Cong presidential poll: Central election Authority awaits CWC nod

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Central Election Authority (CEA) is awaiting the go-ahead of Congress Working Committee (CWC) for the conduct of the party's presidential poll, sources said on Saturday.

The CEA, which is authorised to conduct organisational polls, has completed the process of voters' list before the CWC takes a final call, sources said.

Majority of the party leaders feel that Rahul Gandhi should take over as party president but there is no clarity from him since he left the post after the 2019 poll debacle.

Also, the Congress, in interim, is chalking out plan B to continue Sonia Gandhi



as party president and appoint a working president for each zone, an idea mooted some time back.

Another name doing rounds is that of Sonia loyalist Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. He has

reportedly denied the top post and asserted that Rahul Gandhi should take over as party president.

The Congress schedule was to begin the process from August 21 but the CWC meeting has not been

called yet. Some leaders from scheduled castes who could be given the top post include Sushil Kumar Shinde, Mallikarjun Kharge and Meira Kumar. Kharge is Rahul Gandhi's confidante and can be instrumental in Karnataka polls.

However, sources said that former party President Rahul Gandhi has lined up a series of meetings with state units. He also plans to visit every district in the country in the run-up to the general elections. The plan is yet to be finalised.

Rahul Gandhi's insistence on a non-Gandhi taking over the position has left the party in a dilemma. Leaders close to him have been trying to convince him to re-assume the post.

GUJARAT MINOR RAPE SURVIVOR DELIVERS BABY, MANHUNT LAUNCHED FOR ACCUSED

Rajkot: A minor girl, who was abducted by a man with the promise of marriage and repeatedly raped, has delivered a baby girl in a government hospital here, police said on Saturday.

In her complaint with the Aji dam police station, the girl's mother stated that the family from Bihar works as labourers at construction sites. Almost a year ago, her 15-year-old daughter came in contact with the accused Bablu Chauhan, who lured her with the promise to marry and abducted her. She has further alleged that instead of marrying her, Bablu took her to various places and raped her. A few days ago, the man abandoned her daughter who then reunited with the family. On Friday, when she complained of a stomach ache, the family took her to the government hospital where she delivered a baby girl.

Rajkot Police has registered a case against Bablu Chauhan for kidnapping, compelling minor to marry after abduction, raped by one or group of persons acting in furtherance of their common intention, and various sections of POCSO act.

IAF rescues Israeli national in Ladakh

Srinagar | Agencies

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has rescued an Israeli national in Ladakh suffering from mountain sickness with difficulty in breathing due to the high altitude, a defence spokesperson said on Saturday.

The spokesperson said that the 114 Helicopter Unit received a call on Saturday morning for Casevac (Casualty Evacuation) from the Nimaling Camp near Markha valley.

The Israeli national, Noam Gil, was suffering from acute mountain sickness and was having



difficulty in breathing. His oxygen level had dropped to 68 per cent and in view of the severity of his condition, he had to be rescued from the valley which is known for severe turbulent conditions.

"Led by Wg Cdr Ashish Kapoor, Flt Cdr 114 Helicopter Unit, with Flt Lt Kushagra Singh and Wg Cdr S

Badiyaree and Sqn Ldr S Naggal as no 2, got airborne within 20 minutes for this time critical mission," the spokesperson said.

"Braving strong winds and turbulent conditions, the formation reached the spot in about 45 minutes, however the casualty was in a steady move to lower altitudes.

Munugode should send a message to entire country: KCR

HYDERABAD | Agencies

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Saturday said the upcoming by-election to Munugode Assembly constituency should send a message to the entire country.

Addressing a massive public meeting in Munugode constituency in Nalgonda district to formally launch the poll campaign of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) with a scathing attack on the BJP.

Alleging that the Narendra Modi-led Central government wants to scrap the welfare schemes, the TRS chief said as long as he is alive schemes like Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bhima, Aasara pensions and free electricity to farmers will continue.

The chief minister told the people that the by-election is not mere a political fight but it is about their very survival. Speaking a day before Union Home Minister Amit Shah's public meeting in the constituency, CM KCR cautioned people against getting carried away and warned that if BJP wins it would do away with welfare schemes and fix electricity meters to agriculture pumpsets.



"Do you want to vote for those who want to fix meters or those who are opposed to installing meters," asked KCR. He asked people of Munugode to think why a by-poll was forced upon them and for whose benefit or welfare. He asked where was the need for the by-poll when the elections are only a year away. "BJP could never save its deposit in this constituency. If they get votes, they will install

meters," he said. Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy's recent resignation as MLA has caused the vacancy. Reddy, who quit the Congress party, will be joining BJP on Sunday in the presence of Amit Shah.

KCR also accused the Centre of willfully delaying on deciding the state's share in Krishna waters. He dared Amit Shah to answer this in Sunday's public meeting.

Slamming the BJP for anti-people measures and divisive politics, the TRS chief said there should be a debate on what is happening.

He welcomed the decision of the Communist Party of India (CPI) not to contest the by-election and extended support to TRS to defeat BJP and hoped that CPI-M would also join hands with them.

4 juveniles arrested in Delhi for killing shopkeeper

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Four juveniles who stabbed a shopkeeper to death in the national capital's Bhajanpura area to earn fame in crime world, have been arrested, police said on Saturday.

Sanjay Kumar Sain, the DCP of North East Delhi, said that the accused used to terrorise locals of the area and they killed the shopkeeper to take revenge against the victim who had insulted them over a soiled Rs 500 note.

According to information, the police got a PCR call at around 9 p.m. on Thursday that a man was found stabbed to death in Subahsh Mohalla.

Immediately a police team reached the spot and found that the deceased who was later identified as Shah Nawaz (38) lying dead in pool of blood with multiple stab injuries in his grocery shop.

Crime teams recovered three knives, one screwdriver, a pair of slippers and a black colored cap from the spot.



The police sent the body for the post-mortem and lodged an FIR of murder under section 302 of the IPC. Assessing the gravity of the crime, the Operation wing was also roped in to assist the local police.

As there were no witnesses, the police team scanned and analysed CCTV footages of the area.

"On minute analysis of the CCTV footages, four persons on a scooter were seen riding away from the crime scene. The owner detail of the scooter was then accessed.

During the extensive manhunt, on the basis of secret information, a raid was conducted and the four were apprehended from an area near the Bhopura border, Loni, Uttar Pradesh," said the DCP.

During questioning, the accused confessed to killing the shopkeeper and said that to earn fame in the crime world they wanted to terrorise the locals.

To achieve their goal, they used to carry knives and bully the innocents.



'26/11-STYLE' TERROR THREAT RATTLES MUMBAI, SECURITY ON HIGH ALERT

JACKAL'S SHRIEK

For the second time in two days, Maharashtra security forces went into a tizzy after a dark threat to carry out a '26/11-style' terror strike was received via social media messages monitored by the Mumbai Traffic Police Control late on Friday night, officials said here on Saturday.

Ranked among the worst terror hits in the world, the 26/11, 2008 assault left 166 dead, over 300 injured when 10 desperadoes gunned down people at multiple locations and ended after a 60-hour mini-war with the capture of Ajmal Kasab, who was later tried and executed.

The latest threats came barely two days after the state experienced a major security hiccup when a yacht with three AK-47 guns and ammunition drifted to the Raigad coast and was stuck at Harihareshwar Beach.

Quaid Najmi | Mumbai

Taking serious note, the Mumbai Police immediately got cracking, formed three teams of Crime Branch to investigate while other state and central agencies are also being involved in the operations, said city Commissioner of Police Vivek Phansalkar.

The threats, warning of 'explosions' in the country's commercial capital, exceeding the effect of 26/11 (2008), were received in a WhatsApp chat at the Mumbai Traffic Police Control Room around 11 p.m. on Friday, sending the city's security apparatus into a state of high-alert early on Saturday morning.



THE MESSAGE READS:

- ▶ **'MUBARAK HO... (CONGRATULATIONS). THERE IS GOING TO BE AN ATTACK ON MUMBAI. IT WILL REMIND YOU OF THE 26/11 ATTACKS. EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE, ONLY THE TIMING IS LEFT TO BE DECIDED... AND IT CAN BE DONE ANYTIME.' READS THE CHILLING MESSAGE - JUST 95 DAYS BEFORE THE MUMBAI MAYHEM'S ONCOMING 14TH ANNIVERSARY.**
- ▶ **THE UNKNOWN SENDER ADDED: 'IF THE POLICE TRY TO TRACE MY NUMBER, THE LOCATION WILL SHOW OUT OF INDIA. SIX PEOPLE WILL BE EXECUTING THIS BLAST, AND PREPARATIONS ARE ON TO BLOW UP MUMBAI. THIS IS NOT JUST A THREAT, IT WILL BE A REALITY.'**
- ▶ **FOR FURTHER EFFECT, THE MESSAGE SAID: 'I AM IN PAKISTAN. SOME INDIANS ARE WITH ME WHO ALSO WANT TO BLAST MUMBAI. WHAT IF OSAMA BIN LADEN, AJMAL KASAB OR AYMAN AL-ZAWAHIRI WAS KILLED, THERE ARE MANY MORE.'**
- ▶ **THE MESSAGE ALSO HAS SENTENCES LIKE: 'UP ATS WANTS TO CARRY OUT THE BLASTS', 'UDAPIUR-STYLE BEHEADING CAN ALSO TAKE PLACE', 'THIS ATTACK WILL BE BETTER THAN 26/11', 'WE PEOPLE HAVE NO FIXED ADDRESS', 'IT CAN ALSO BE PUNJAB'S SIDHU MOOSEWALA.'**

Mumbaikars should not panic. We are probing the issue from all angles and the Crime Branch is investigating it. Nothing will happen, we shall keep the city safe. We are examining it from all possible angles and the Anti-Terrorism Squad will also be roped in. We are on high alert. People of Mumbai need not worry."

Vivek Phansalkar, City Commissioner of Police

He confirmed that one of the numbers in the WhatsApp chat messages seems to be from Pakistan while there are six other Indian numbers in the communication which are being tracked by the probe teams.

The messages in Hindi claimed that the next strike would "revive the memories of the 26/11 (2008) terror attacks" in the city - which were carried out by 10 heavily armed Pakistani extremists.

Among the first to react, Nationalist Congress Party's Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar said the state government must take the threat seriously and probe.

LANDSLIDES, FLASH FLOODS IN HIMACHAL CLAIM 19 LIVES; 6 MISSING

The 800-metre-long railway bridge over the Chakki river in Pathankot collapsed after flash flood washed away a bridge pillar.

The narrow-gauge train service between Pathankot and Jogindernagar, commissioned by the British in 1928, was stopped last month after the bridge developed cracks. Now, the pillar has been washed away.

The local Met office has issued heavy rainfall and thunderstorm warning in low and mid hills till August 21.

Shimla | Agencies

Thirty-four incidents of landslide, flash flood and cloudburst in Himachal Pradesh owing to heavy rainfall on Saturday claimed 19 lives, officials said, adding six others have been missing. Mandi, Kangra and Chamba were the worst affected districts, officials said. The railway bridge over the Chakki river on the border of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh also collapsed in the calamity. As many as 742 roads and 172 water supply schemes were disrupted in the state, an official statement quoting Principal Secretary (Revenue) Onkar Chand Sharma said.

The Chief Engineer (PWD) said out of 742 roads, 407 of them restored by Saturday and 268 would be repaired by Sunday. In the worst affected Mandi district, 10



CLOUDBURST KILLS 4 IN UTTARAKHAND, TRIGGERS FLASH FLOOD; 10 MISSING

Dehradun/New Tehri: A series of cloudbursts hit different parts of Uttarakhand early on Saturday killing four people while 10 went missing as rivers breached their banks and washed away bridges, officials said.

Torrential rains damaged two houses in Gwad village in Tehri district trapping seven people under the debris. Two bodies have been recovered from under the rubble, Tehri District Magistrate Saurabh Gaharwar said.

In Kothar village, an elderly woman suffocated to death after getting trapped underneath rubble brought in by the rains, he said. In Binak village of Pauri district, a house collapsed burying 70-year-old Darshani Devi alive. Her body was recovered by villagers, the disaster control room said. Excessive rains have affected around 13 villages in the Pauri district prompting the administration to close all Anganwadi centres and schools. A cloudburst occurred around 2.15 am in Sarkhet village in the Raipur area, they said, adding a bridge over the Song river near Thanu got washed away while the Kempty Falls, a popular tourist spot near Mussoorie, was also flowing dangerously.

bodies were recovered -- eight from Kashang village and two from Sadaha village -- as rescue operation is underway for the missing people. National Disaster Response Force and SDRF personnel have been deployed in the rescue operation in the area. The road between Mandi and Kullu towns via Kataula has been blocked since Friday night due to landslides in the area. Even landslides hampered

the Chandigarh-Manali highway beyond Mandi. Expressing his grief over the loss of lives and damage to property due to heavy rains across the state, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur ordered all district administration to undertake relief and rescue operations. The government has advised tourists to check weather advisory before travelling and not to go near rivers as most of them are in spate.

Staring at women now an offence in Tamil Nadu



CHENNAI | Agencies

Tamil Nadu's amended Motor Vehicles Act has now given a provision which could lead to the arrest of any one who stare at women while on board a bus. Acts like whistling, obscene gestures, and sexual overtures against women also fall under the category of crime in the state after the amended Act.

the bus conductor will have to alight any male passenger or hand him over to a police station if he misbehaves with a woman en route the journey.

Conductors who behave inappropriately against women will also receive stringent punishment under the rule of law.

The amended Act also gives provision that if a conductor touches a woman who is boarding or alighting

the bus under the pretext that he was helping her will receive punishment.

The conductor should not also make any jokes or comments or sexually coloured remarks on women passengers.

The conductors are duty bound to remove any male passenger from the seat he occupies and ask him to alight from the bus if he has made any sexual overtures to a woman passenger after a proper inquiry with fellow passengers that he had indeed done a sexual overture to the woman passenger.

The rules also direct the conductor to maintain a complaint book to provide to any passenger to record complaints on the shortage of duties performed by the conductor.

This complaint book has to be produced before a motor vehicle authority or to the police if need arises.

PAKISTAN, INDIA CAN'T AFFORD ANOTHER WAR: SHEHBAZ SHARIF



Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reiterated his country's strong resolve to maintain peace in the region, but added that sustainable peace in South Asia was linked to the resolution of Jammu and Kashmir issue in line with the UN resolutions and the wishes of Kashmiris, and nothing short of it would work.

"We want permanent peace with India through dialogue as war is not an option for either of the countries," The News quoted the premier as saying while speaking to a group of students from the Harvard University.

Sharif pointed out that Islamabad and New Delhi should have competition in trade, economy and improving the conditions of their people.

BIGGEST VISA RACKET BUSTED BY IGI POLICE, 4 HELD

"325 Indian passports, 175 visas (Canada, Singapore, US and other countries), more than 1200 stamps (immigration stamps of different countries and airport, embassies, banks etc), 11 international driving permits, issued from Republic of India), 75 passport jackets, 17 Aadhaar cards, 12 colour printers, dyes for making forged Indian passports, two lamination machines, one paper cutter machine, two UV machines, photo polymer stamp making machine and other incriminating evidence were recovered," the police said.

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Four persons, who were running the biggest international fake passport and visa rackets, have been arrested by the IGI airport police.

The DCP of IGI airport, Tanu Sharma, said that 325 fake passports, 175 fake visas and other related things were recovered from them.

"The mastermind of the gang is Zakir Yusuf Shaikh. IGI unit got tip-off about the gang following which it was busted," said the police official.

Earlier, a case of PP Act was registered at Police Station of IGI Airport in which passenger Ravi Rameshbhai Chaudhary, a resident of Gandhinagar, Gujarat was deported from Kuwait on the allegations of fake and fabricated passport.

During course of investigation, it was found that the fake and fabricated passport was arranged by agents



namely Zakir Yusuf Shaikh and Mushtaq alias Jamil Picturewala, both residents of Mumbai, who were introduced to Ravi Rameshbhai Chaudhary through a local agent namely Narayanbhai Chaudhary of Gujarat. During the course of investigation, both the agents Sheikh and

Picturewala were arrested from Mumbai along with their counterparts Intiaz ali Sheikh alias Raju Bhai and Sanjay Dattaram Chavan from Mumbai. Efforts are being made to arrest absconding agent Narayan Bhai who is on the run.

India's cyber agency warns about bugs in Google Chrome for desktop

CERT-In also warned about bugs in Apple iOS, iPadOS and macOS and a "remote attacker could exploit this vulnerability by enticing a victim to open a specially-crafted file".

It also found multiple vulnerabilities in Cisco products again, which could allow the attacker to execute arbitrary code, information disclosure and cross site scripting attack on an affected system.



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The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has warned users about multiple vulnerabilities in Google Chrome for desktop that can let hackers gain access to their computers. The multiple vulnerabilities could allow a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code

"These vulnerabilities exist in Google Chrome due to use after free in FedCM, SwiftShader, ANGLE, Blink, Sign-In Flow, Chrome OS Shell; Heap buffer overflow in Downloads, Insufficient validation of untrusted input in Intents, Insufficient policy enforcement in Cookies and Inappropriate implementation in Extensions API."

The cyber agency said

and Security restriction bypass on the targeted system, according to an advisory by CERT-In, that comes under IT Ministry.

A hacker could exploit these vulnerabilities by sending specially crafted requests on the targeted system.

Successful exploitation of these vulnerabilities could allow a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code

and Security restriction bypass on the targeted system, said CERT-In.

"The vulnerability (CVE-2022-2856) is being exploited in the wild. The users are advised to apply patches urgently," said the agency. The nation's premier cyber agency had alerted about bugs in Cisco products in the recent past too.

DELHI COURT ACQUITS KEJRIWAL, SISODIA IN DEFAMATION CASE

New Delhi: A court here on Saturday acquitted Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and former AAP leader Yogendra Yadav in a criminal defamation case filed against them by a lawyer in relation to the 2013 Assembly elections. Magistrate Vidhi Gupta Anand of Rouse Avenue Court ordered the politicians to be acquitted. A detailed order will be made available later in the day. The case was filed by lawyer Surender Sharma, who had claimed that his candidature of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was cancelled in the 2013 at the last moment.

Sharma had alleged that in 2013, AAP had approached him and asked him to contest the Assembly elections in Delhi on a party ticket, stating that Kejriwal was pleased with his social works. He also filed the application form to contest the polls after Sisodia and Yadav allegedly told him that AAP's Political Affairs Committee had decided to give him the ticket. However, he was later denied a ticket.

Loan app scam: Rs 500 cr sent to China; 22 Indians arrested

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) Unit of Delhi Police's Special Cell has busted various modules of instant loan applications having Chinese connection, and arrested 22 people in the last two months for allegedly siphoning off Rs 500 crore to China by the hawala route or by investing in crypto-currency, an official said on Saturday.

The arrested individuals were working on behalf of Chinese nationals. Deputy Commissioner of Police KPS Malhotra said that hundreds of complaints were received by Delhi Police that instant loan applications are disbursing loans at higher rates and even after payment of loan, they are extorting money using the morphed nude pictures.

"The IFSO took cognizance of the same and started analysing the complaints during which it was found that more than 100 such apps are involved in the loan and extortion racket," Malhotra said.

The police carried out extensive technical analysis after which it was learnt that all the apps were seeking "malicious permissions" from the user. After obtaining the access permissions, the contacts, chats, messages and images of the user were being uploaded to the servers based in China and Hong Kong. The analysis of the money route also revealed that the money was being routed to China through Hawala and crypto-currencies.

"Applications were developed in the garb of loan providing apps. These applications were malicious in nature and seek all permissions from the user. Applications were hosted on Google Play and websites. Users in need of loan downloaded the applications by granting all the permission. Soon after this, the application started uploading the contact lists, chats, images of the user to the servers hosted in China and other parts," the police officer said.

This data was also sold to different private firms.



BMC's 'Handi' of corruption would be busted: Fadnavis

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Maharashtra deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday said the BJP would soon "burst the Handi of corruption" in Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC).

The BJP leader was speaking at a Dahi Handi event in the city.

The Mumbai civic body was controlled by the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena before its term ended. The Sena has been in power in the BMC for more than 30 years. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has started breaking the Handi of corruption. We will also burst the Handi of corruption in the BMC," Fadnavis said.

Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar on this occasion took a swipe at Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray who won the 2017 Assembly election from Worli in the city.



"I want to thank Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and deputy CM Fadnavis for relaxing all the restrictions on the celebration of Hindu festivals...not only in Worli, but in many parts of Mumbai you (Shiv Sena) have won elections because of our support," he said.

"This time the BJP's lotus will bloom on the BMC," Shelar added.

SHEENA BORA MURDER CASE: ACCUSED-TURNED-APPROVER SHYAMVAR RAI GETS BAIL

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court today granted bail to Sheena Bora murder case accused-turned-approver Shyamvar Rai.

Shyamvar Rai was the driver of Indrani Mukerjea, prime accused in the case. He was arrested in 2015 in another matter, and was later charged in the case pertaining to the murder of Sheena Bora, daughter of Indrani Mukerjea.

The murder had come to light in August 2015 after Shyamvar Rai's revelation, following which the Mumbai police had arrested key accused Indrani Mukerjea, her former husband Sanjeev Khanna, and Shyamvar Rai.

All other accused in the case, including Peter Mukerjea, are currently out on bail.



Bridal Asia returns to Mumbai with a physical exhibition

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Across 80 lifestyle and luxury brands, Bridal Asia a shopping festival of bridal couture, jewellery and accessories all under one roof is returning to Bombay this festive and wedding season.

Every designer will have an individual boutique with their latest collections in fashion and jewellery, with stylists on board for individual consultation and advice. The event offers an immersive trip through fashion and the process of creating a memorable trousseau and an unforgettable wedding.

Showcasing the finest collections of renowned fashion designers like Aisha Rao, Akanksha Gajria, Bobo Calcutta, Itrh, Torani, Ritika Mirchandani, Mala And Kinnary, Papa Don't Preach, Debyani with iconic jewellery brands Birdhichand Ghanshyamdas Jaipur, Rawat Jewels, Jaipur, Shobha Shringar Jewellers, Harit Zaveri Jewellers, Annol Jewellers to complement



the couture on display. From pret to fine couture, a legacy of two decades culminates into an extravaganza that is eagerly awaited.

Also on showcase is AiSPi - a curation of the best of international fashion and accessories exclusively at this exhibition. Bringing names such as Rosantica, L'alingi, Celia B, and Karen Wazen.

COCAINE WORTH RS 5 CRORE SEIZED FROM WOMAN PASSENGER AT MUMBAI AIRPORT



Mumbai: The Customs department has recovered 500 grams of cocaine worth ₹ 5 crore from a woman passenger, who arrived at the Mumbai International Airport from Ethiopia, following which she was arrested, officials said.

The woman had arrived in Mumbai on Friday from Addis Ababa by Ethiopian Airlines flight, the customs department said in a tweet.

"The woman identified as Sierra Leonean was placed under arrest after the recovery of the drug," it said. The drug was found concealed in her purse, it added in the tweet.

ADANI POWER TO ACQUIRE DB POWER FOR RS 7,000 CR

Team Absolute | New Delhi/Mumbai

Gautam Adani-led Adani Power Ltd has agreed to buy the thermal power assets of DB Power Limited (DBPL) for nearly Rs 7,017 crore enterprise valuation, the company announced on Friday.

Both sides signed an agreement for the all cash deal on Friday afternoon. The initial term of the MOU shall be till completion of the acquisition on October 31, 2022, which may be extended by mutual agreement.

DB Power has 2 units of 600 MW each of thermal power in Janjgir-Champa district, Chhattisgarh.

In its regulatory filing, Adani Power said, "The acquisition will help the



company to expand its offerings and operations in the thermal power sector in the state of Chhattisgarh."

The proposed transaction is subject to receipt of approval from the Competition Commission of India and any other

approvals as may be identified following the due diligence exercise to be conducted with respect to DPPL and DB Power, it added.

Adani Power will hold 100 per cent of the total issued, subscribed, and paid-up equity share capital and preferred

share capital of DPPL. While DPPL will hold 100 per cent of DB Power on the closing date of the transaction.

Diligent Power (DPPL) is the holding company of DB Power.

Currently, DB Power has long and medium-term Power Purchase Agreements for 923.5 MW of its capacity, backed by Fuel Supply Agreements with Coal India, and has been operating its facilities profitably.

DB Power was incorporated on October 12, 2006, within the jurisdiction of the Registrar of Companies, Gwalior.

The turnover of DB Power during last three financial years was Rs 3,488 crore (for FY 2021-22); Rs 2,930 crore (for FY 2020-21) and Rs 3,126 crore (for FY 2019-20).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES FELL \$2.24 BN TO \$570.74 BN



Mumbai: The foreign exchange reserves for the week ended August 12 fell \$2.24 billion to \$570.74 billion, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data.

In the reporting week, the fall in reserves was due to decline in Foreign Currency Assets (FCA). It has declined by \$2.7 billion to \$506.994 billion.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) increased \$102 million to \$18.133 billion. The country's reserve position with IMF also rose by \$7 million to \$4.994 billion in the reporting week, as per the data.

Air India launches additional flights to connect key metros

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Aiming to boost connectivity between key metro cities, Air India will start 24 additional domestic flights from Saturday onwards.

Most of these flights will be deployed on the routes of metro cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, among others.

While Air India will add two new frequencies from Delhi to Mumbai, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad, and from Mumbai to Chennai and Hyderabad, one new frequency on the Mumbai-Bengaluru route and Ahmedabad-Pune route will be included as well.

"The additional 24 flights include two new frequencies



from Delhi to Mumbai, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad, and from Mumbai to Chennai and Hyderabad, as well as one new frequency on the Mumbai-Bengaluru route and Ahmedabad-Pune route," the airline said in a statement.

Commenting on the network expansion, Campbell Wilson, MD and CEO, Air India, said: "This expansion bolsters connectivity between key metros, and improves connectivity

between Air India's domestic and international networks. Over the past six months, Air India has been working closely with our partners to return aircraft to service, and we are delighted that this effort is now bearing fruit. Air India's narrowbody fleet currently stands at 70 aircraft, of which 54 are currently serviceable.

The remaining 16 aircraft will progressively return to service by early 2023.

Second Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme series to open on August 22

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The government has announced that the second series of the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme for the current fiscal will open for subscription on August 22, and the issue price is Rs 5,197 per gram.

The interesting aspect of the scheme is that if investors apply and pay for it online, then Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is offering Rs 50 per gram discount. The application for gold bonds will be open till August 26, the central bank said.

The scheme is valid for a period of eight years and it carries an option of premature redemption after the fifth year. This option can be availed on the date when interest is payable.

These gold bonds are issued by RBI on behalf of the Government. These are available



for individuals, charitable institutions, trusts and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs). The maximum permissible subscription limit for individuals and HUFs would be 4 kg, while it would be 20 kg for trusts per fiscal year as notified by the Government periodically.

FPIS TURN NET BUYERS IN DEBT NEARLY AFTER SIX MONTHS

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIS) turned net buyers of debt so far in August nearly after six months due to cooling of oil prices, easing of inflationary pressure, manageable deficits to buoyant tax collections.

According to the depository data, foreign investors have so far bought debt worth Rs 1,673.63 crore in August as compared to net sellers of debt worth Rs 2,056.33 crore in the previous month.

"It happened due to the overall market condition - signs of inflation cooling off, prospects of oil staying low due to cooling global demand and China slowdown, manageable deficits to buoyant tax collections," said Kunal Sodhani, Vice President, Global Trading Centre, Shinhan Bank.

Due to this, the yield on the benchmark bond has also eased by nearly 30-40 basis points. The 10-year benchmark 6.54%-2032 bond yield closed at



7.2639 per cent on Friday. The retail inflation of India eased further in July to 6.71 per cent due to easing of food prices and Brent crude prices in the international market.

Even after this, the inflation remained above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) upper tolerance band of 6 per cent for the seventh consecutive month. Retail inflation was at 7.01 per cent in June. Meanwhile, to tame inflation, the RBI has hiked repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.40 per cent in the latest policy meeting. With this, the central bank hiked 140 basis points in repo rate since May 2022 to control inflation.

Going forward, inflows are likely to continue, said experts.

"MPC may persist with hikes till real rates are projected to be in positive territory in medium term, which may happen pretty soon. Bonds may rally some more before getting range bound," Sodhani said.

VIEW INDIA'S STRUGGLE ON MAHA'S 'LANDMARKS OF FREEDOM MOVEMENT' TOURIST CIRCUIT

Quaid Najmi | Mumbai

The hotbed of Indian freedom, as the erstwhile Bombay Province and the modern-day Maharashtra was known, boasts of a large number of historical sites, places or monuments linked with the country's Independence movement against the British Raj.

"This year, the state government's Department of Tourism launched a unique initiative - three specific tourist circuits, Landmarks of Freedom Movement', covering the 23 major locations in Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur that are identified with the Independence struggle," said DoT Director Milind Borikar.

The 23 locations include: August Kranti Maidan, Mani Bhavan, Azad Maidan, Bombay Harbour, Sardar Griha, Bombay High Court, Raj Griha and Gateway of India (Mumbai); Aga Khan Palace, Phule Wada, Yerawada Central Jail, Chapekar Wada, Jedhe Mansion, Kesari Wada, Fergusson College, and Rajguru Wada (Pune); Gandhi Sevagram Ashram, Bajajwadi, Pavnar Ashram, Ashti Village, Sitabuldi Fort, Golibar Fort, Chimur in Chandrapur (Nagpur).

The tourists get little known insights from the tours for instance, the 3 different circuits - Mani Bhavan (Mumbai), Aga Khan Palace (Pune) and Gandhi Sevagram Ashram (Nagpur) have a common thread Mahatma Gandhi made it his abode at some or the other time during the long fight for independence.

Mani Bhavan is a quaint 2-storied building on a shaded road in south Mumbai close to the Grant Road station and was the hub of Gandhiji's political activities for 17 years from 1917-1934, and now houses a Gandhi Memorial-cum-museum.

"It is amazing to learn how Gandhiji launched so many agitations the Non-Cooperation, Satyagraha, Swadeshi, Khadi and Khilafat movements and his association with the Charkha', and more, from this little place," remarked an awed Ruma M. Bose from Palghar who toured the Mumbai circuit recently.

The Aga Khan Palace was where Gandhiji, his wife



Kasturba and his secretary Mahadev Desai, were jailed for nearly two years from August 9, 1942-May 6, 1944.

"The place also reflects the sorrow of Gandhiji who lost both Kasturba and Desai during that period and their samadhis' are built here, and many other facets that we never knew. This is a truly great initiative of the Maharashtra Government," said Firdaus Irani, a professional bike-racer after going on the Pune circuit.

The Gandhi Sevagram Ashram in Wardha was Gandhiji's home for a significant period from 1936 till his martyrdom in 1948, and was his rural headquarters where he was invited to set up the humble abode by the industrialist Jamnalal Bajaj in

1934."It was my first visit to this place, I viewed the simple life here signifying service to all it transports us into a different era," said Abraham Oomman, Director of KosherLife, a wellness products group in Mumbai.

Borikar said that this is the first initiative of Maharashtra for which the government has appointed professional tour managers to take the tourists around on these circuits as per their requirements.

"All know how Maharashtra played a vital role in the Independence Movement... we want the people, especially the new generation to visit these historically significant places, learn about the huge sacrifices made by our great

freedom fighters, the heroism of the brave revolutionaries and other aspects," said Borikar.

Another DoT official said that the government is promoting the Landmarks of Freedom Movement' circuits through local civic authorities, travel and tours operators, social media and other avenues to attract more visitors particularly as the country completed 75 years of Independence in 2022.

Mumbai circuit covers the Bombay Harbour which was the trigger point for the weeklong Royal Indian Navy Mutiny (Feb. 1946) that virtually sounded the final nail in the coffin of the British Raj, the Bombay High Court where Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak was in the dock in 1908, 1909 and 1916 fighting different cases against the foreign rulers.

In Pune circuit, Tilak's abode, the Kesari Wada, from where he launched the fiery newspaper Kesari' (Jan. 1881), Mahatma Jyotiba Phule's home Phule Wada and Yerawada Central Jail are the highlights.

Incidentally, the Yerawada Central Jail, sprawling over 512 acres, probably boasts of the highest number of VVIP inmates in its history, like Gandhiji, Motilal Nehru, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Sarojini Naidu, Joachim Alva, Veer Savarkar and many more, who were behind the bars here at some or other time.

The sprawling Nagpur Circuit spawns districts of Nagpur, Chandrapur and Wardha, with the major attractions being the Gandhi Sevagram Ashram, Acharya Vinoba Bhave's Paunar Ashram and his Bhoodan Movement, and the Sitabuldi Fort where the Appasaheb Bhonsle's army fought with the British in Nov. 1817 40 years before the First War of Independence erupted in Meerut in May 1857.

DoT officials explained that along with the suggested itinerary, the tour operators are free to include other similar attractions depending on the duration and demands of the tourists in different cities.

Like hundreds of others the trio of Ruma M. Bose, Irani and Oomman said they were thrilled and filled with patriotism' after going on these tours, and returned with a trove of nationalistic tales to regale their families and young kids at home, ahead of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav..!



Yet Another Shocker:

WOMAN'S HEAD WOUND DRESSED WITH CONDOM PACK AT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

► POOR QUALITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM NON-AVAILABILITY OF HEARSE OR PREGNANT WOMEN BEING TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL ON COTS ARE FREQUENTLY REPORTED FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF MADHYA PRADESH.

temporary bandage to stop bleeding from a head injury sustained by a woman named Reshma Bai. The incident came to light after a doctor at the Morena district hospital began to change the dressing of the wound of Reshma Bai, who was referred there from a community health centre in the district. Reshma had received injury on her head and she was given primary treatment at a local health centre, which referred her to the district hospital. When the doctor at the district hospital opened the bandage on her head, he was shocked to find a condom wrapper inside along with cotton. Rakesh Mishra, the Chief Medical Health Officer (CHMO) of Morena, said, "The doctor who was treating the woman at the health centre had reportedly asked the ward boy to put some card board like material over the cotton pad, but he kept a packet of condom instead." Mishra told IANS that the ward boy has been removed from service with immediate effect, adding that an inquiry has been ordered into the matter.

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Poor quality healthcare system non-availability of hearse or pregnant women being taken to the hospital on cots are frequently reported from different parts of Madhya Pradesh.

Now yet another glaring example of medical negligence has come to light, wherein the head wound of a woman was dressed with a condom wrapper. The shocking incident took place in Morena district, where a condom wrapper was used as a

MPs Contribution in India's economy is increasing: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Madhya Pradesh is establishing new dimensions of development in various fields. In the last financial year, Madhya Pradesh is leading in the country with an economic growth rate of 19.74 percent. There has been an increase of about 45 percent in the capital expenditure of the state. This year, better works are being done for capital expenditure with an amount of Rs. 48 thousand 800 crores. The contribution of the state in India's economy has increased to 4.6 percent. Continuous efforts have been made for Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh. Chouhan was giving details of the progress of various sectors in the state in the 'State of States-Madhya Pradesh First' programme on Saturday.

Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh has been a state working on the principle of opportunity in disasters, accepting the mantra of self-reliance given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Corona period. Important suggestions were received in the year 2020 from the experts of the country in the areas of infrastructure, education, health and good governance. Similarly, if we talk about environment-protection, PM Modi had made aware of some of India's commitments at the Glasgow Climate Conference. This conference was



the first climate conference to plan to reduce the use of fossil fuels and coal, which are the most responsible for greenhouse gases, in which Prime Minister Modi expressed concern about keeping the earth safe. Chouhan said that youth will get a large number of job and self-employment opportunities in the coming year. The target is to provide employment to 32 lakh youth

in the state. Youth will get a place in one lakh government jobs in the coming one year. Planned efforts have been started for this. Women of about 43 lakh families are associated with Self-Help Groups adding to the new strength to the economy. Every year about 2 lakh people are being helped for self-employment through Prime Minister's employment generation and

other schemes.

Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh is making significant contribution in the agriculture sector. While we are at the forefront of wheat production, attention is also being paid towards diversification of crops and natural farming.

Chouhan said that many works are being done in the field of environment with public cooperation in Madhya Pradesh.

Chouhan said that after being known as Tiger and Leopard state, Madhya Pradesh will now become Cheetah State. After reviving tigers in Panna National Park, now an initiative has been taken for the conservation of cheetahs and other wildlife in the state. Work is being done to relocate them in Kuno Palpur National Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh from South Africa and Namibia. Chouhan said that unprecedented efforts are being made in the infrastructure sector. Atal Expressway will not be just a road, but industrial clusters will be built on both sides of the road. There are efforts to make Narmada Expressway also the engine of growth of Madhya Pradesh.

Chouhan said that India leads under the leadership of Modi and will continue to do so. We will continue to work as the best contributor state in the progress of India. Madhya Pradesh has presented examples of extraordinary progress in various fields. Chouhan also informed about the use and other innovations of CM Rise Schools.

Chief Minister reviews Shah's visit preparations | IMD issues red alert predicting extremely heavy showers in four districts

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan discussed with senior officials the various programmes being organised regarding Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Bhopal on August 22 and got information about the preparations.

Chouhan received information about the outlines of the Central Zonal Council meeting by Shah, Bhooni-Poojan of National Forensic Science University Campus, dedication of residential and administrative buildings of Madhya Pradesh Police, cooperatives conference and programme on the birth centenary of Kushabhau Thakre Ji.

He gave instructions regarding proper seating arrangement, electricity, drinking water management



and security arrangements at the venues. Chief Minister directed the senior officers of the concerned departments for the dignified organisation of all the programmes.

Home Minister Narottam Mishra, Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, Additional Chief Secretary Home Rajesh Rajoura, Additional Chief Secretary General Administration Vinod Kumar, Director General of Police Sudhir Kumar Saxena, Principal Secretary Culture Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary Public Relations Raghvendra Kumar Singh, Officer on Special Duty of Chief Minister's Office Yogesh Choudhary, Managing Director Tourism Corporation S Vishwanathan, Director Public Relations Ashutosh Pratap Singh, Collector Bhopal Avinash Lavania and other officers were present.

► The IMD has issued red alert for Narsinghpur, Damoh, Sagar and Chhatarpur districts warning of rainfall of 115.6 mm or more

The IMD has issued red alert for Narsinghpur, Damoh, Sagar and Chhatarpur districts warning of rainfall of 115.6 mm or more, and declared an orange alert and a yellow alert forecasting heavy showers and lightning for parts of the state, an official said.

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday issued a red alert warning of very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall in four districts of Madhya Pradesh, as intermittent showers continued to lash in large parts of the state.

The orange alert forecasts likely heavy to very heavy showers, ranging between 64.5 mm and 204.4 mm, at isolated places in the districts of Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Rewa, Gwalior and Chambal divisions and 18 more districts, including Jabalpur, he said.

The yellow alert warns of thunderstorms with lightning

at isolated places in the districts of Bhopal, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Chambal, Shahdol, Rewa and Sagar divisions, the official said. The alerts are valid till Sunday morning, it was stated.

The fresh spell of rain, which started on Friday evening, is likely to continue until Tuesday, senior meteorologist Ved Prakash Singh of the IMD's Bhopal centre said. A deep depression was active over south Jharkhand and adjoining Chhattisgarh, and it is likely to move west northwest wards in the next 24 hours. It will enter the northeastern part of Madhya Pradesh after weakening into a depression, he said.

NCB team arrests 4 drug peddlers, recovers 206 kg cannabis

► A NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU (NCB) TEAM IN MADHYA PRADESH HAS ARRESTED FOUR DRUG PEDDLERS AND RECOVERED 206 KG OF CANNABIS FROM THEIR POSSESSION.

has arrested four drug peddlers and recovered 206 kg of cannabis from their possession.

According to the police, the contraband was being brought from Odisha to deliver it to a person in Madhya Pradesh's Sehore district, some 70 km away from Bhopal.

The NCB team received a tip-off and conducted a raid late Friday.

Addressing reporters, Brijendra Chowdhary, the Zonal Director of NCB (Indore division), said: "On the basis of information, NCB teams were deployed

at different locations. We had received information that cannabis was being carried in a truck, which would reach Budhni in Sehore. The NCB team deployed at the toll plaza nabbed the four persons and the truck was seized.

"The consignment was sourced from Sonapur in Odisha and it was being delivered to a person in Budhni in Sehore. The value of the drugs is worth lakhs of rupees in the international market."

According to NCB officials, this was the 15th seizure of such drugs by

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The EOW sleuths had began the search on Thursday and had recovered Rs 16 cash and assets worth several crores of rupees, including a house, with a home theatre and swimming pool, and documents of several other properties. As per the

EOW officials, the raids were carried out by 30 EOW personnel at the premises of RTO Santosh Paul and his wife Lekha Paul, who was a clerk in the RTO, also found 500 to 600 gms of gold jewellery and some incriminating documents. "We are going through the documents and seized items to assess the wealth, disproportionate to their known sources of income, the couple has amassed," the EOW said in a statement. The EOW raided two premises of the couple and one of their confidante. The couple's swanky house had a home theatre, swimming pool and other luxuries, an official said.

Cop suspended for seeking guidance from spiritual guru to crack murder case

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An ASI posted in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur district has been suspended for allegedly seeking guidance from a self-proclaimed spiritual leader to crack a murder case.

The suspension order against ASI Ashok Sharma was issued after a video surfaced on social media, showing him seeking the help of a self-proclaimed spiritual guru to nab the killer of a 17-year-old girl. The ASI could be seen handing over a list of suspects to the spiritual guru with folded hands, who then said "There are a few names in your list

and I would now take some names. The name which is not there in your list is the main accused." Subsequently, he took three names and then said, "Now you can understand who that person is. You have detained him for interrogation for this case." On July 28, a 17-year-old girl was murdered under the Bamitha police station in Chhatarpur district. After the video of the ASI seeking help from the religious guru surfaced on social media, people started questioning the police system, following which Chhatarpur SP Sachin Sharma issued a suspension order against ASI Sharma.

CM PLANTS GULMOHAR, NEEM AND MOULSHREE SAPLINGS



Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Gulmohar, Neem and Moulshree in the Smart City Park. Along with Chouhan, members of Ham Lok Shiksha evam Samaj Kalyan Samiti also planted saplings. They included Santosh Brahmabhatt, Yashwant Singh Rajput, Munendra Singh, Rahul Gajbhiye and Shri Tinku Lal Mandrai. Gunjan Chouksey, Suresh Chouksey, Rajkumari Chouksey, Abhishek Chouksey, Pragya Chouksey, Shantanu Shrivastava, girl child Vidhata and boy Vishnu were also present. Flowers blooming in large bunches among the well-arranged leaves of Gulmohar planted today give a distinct attraction to the tree. Neem is known as the supreme medicine abounding in antibiotic elements. Moulshree is a medicinal tree, it has been used in Ayurveda for centuries.

MP is heart of the country; you have won its heart of Madhya Pradesh: CM

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Madhya Pradesh is the heart of the country, you have won the heart of Madhya Pradesh. Not only in UPSC exam but the students of the state are also getting selected in different exams including NEET, IIT and JEE. After selection, the students should ensure that their vision can make the future of the people of the state and the country and the country moves forward on the path of development. Students should move forward regardless of success or failure. There is no work that you cannot do, success is definitely achieved by setting goals and moving forward. Chouhan was addressing 38 candidates selected from different regions of the state in UPSC after presenting them with shawls, shripal and symbols at the Safalta ke Sopan Samman Samaroh at Rabindra Bhavan on Saturday.

Chouhan narrated an inspiring story to the students and advised them to work by adopting a positive attitude. He said that the country should move forward, the world should keep watching, show it by



doing such work. Never be arrogant. Let us be ready to serve the public. You have achieved so much despite coming from simple families, I am proud of it. Never forget humility, work by giving equal importance to everyone. Never lose patience and always be full of enthusiasm. Chief Minister said that the country is progressing under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. You should train well and work better to take the country forward. More and more candidates of the state should be successful in competitive examinations.

Chouhan said that there are opportunities in front of the students to go to different fields. The selected candidate Krishnapal's mother is an Anganwadi Sahayika. It is a matter of pride for all of us to be successful in such a situation. Swami Vivekananda said that there is no such work in the world which man cannot do. Man becomes what he thinks. He said that if I can become the Chief Minister coming from a small school, why can't you be successful. Choose the subject of your interest and prepare with full capacity. Don't waste a single moment. Chouhan said that the

children of Madhya Pradesh can do wonders. The state government is committed to provide them the necessary facilities. He said that medical studies in Gandhi Medical College can now be pursued in Hindi. Engineering studies will also be conducted in Hindi.

Higher Education Minister Mohan Yadav said that the selection of 38 students of the state out of 700 selected students from all over the country is a matter of pride for us. He said that students have been selected in UPSC from the entire Madhya Pradesh. Chief Minister Chouhan keeps motivating the talents to make a place in the country and the state. His will continue to be a source of inspiration and guidance.

Former IES B Singh said that real success is known only after getting selected in the Civil Services Examination. Chief Minister Chouhan has opened new avenues of success for the students. Motivation is necessary to get selected in UPSC. He said that if students do not succeed in civil service, they definitely succeed in life, their hard work never goes in vain.

PARUL KUMAR, AKHIL SHEORAN WIN MEN'S AIR RIFLE TRIALS; PANKAJ MAKHEJA LANDS DOUBLE IN JUNIORS

Bhopal: India international Parul Kumar of the Indian Air Force and Akhil Sheoran representing the Railways, won the men's 10m Air Rifle T5 and T6 national shooting trials respectively, at the MP State Shooting Academy ranges, here on Friday.

However, the highlight of the day was a double in the men's junior 10m Air Rifle by Punjab's Pankaj Mukheja, who won both the T5 and T6 trials. While Parul got the better of Akash Patidar of the CISF in the T5 gold medal match with the scoreline reading 16-8 in his favour, Akhil was more dominant in the T6 decider, beating local favourite Goldi Gujjar 16-2. Pankaj, on other hand, beat Himachal Pradesh's Surya Pratap Singh Banshtu 17-5 in the T5 final. He then got the better of Khelo India gold medalist Sartaj Singh Tiwana 16-10 in the T6 final to do an encore. As far as qualifications were concerned, Akash topped the T5 qualifiers with a score of 580, while Pankaj, who was in great form on the day, shot 590 out of 600 to top the men's T6 qualification.

LILI REINHART SHARES WHY FANS WON'T FIND FRENCH KISS ON 'RIVERDALE'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Lili Reinhart during an appearance on Josh Horowitz's 'Happy Sad Confused' podcast shared some secrets about romantic scenes on 'Riverdale'. She explained during the interview that actors are not allowed to have French kisses on The CW shows. "You can only be so much of an adult on a CW show, because you're not even really allowed to kiss with tongue," the Betty Cooper depicter said. "That aspect of things are a little different." The 25-year-old star went on to divulge that she's "excited" to portray "more diverse and complicated, messier characters" once 'Riverdale' eventually ends.

"I have a lot of sort of dramatic, deep roles in my future after Riverdale," the 'Look Both Ways' actress added.

"Definitely roles that you have not seen me in - I'm an adult! I'm an adult woman and I'm going to start playing those more adult roles."

Back in 2017, Reinhart talked about filming kissing scenes on 'Riverdale'.

During an interview, the ex-girlfriend of her co-star Cole Sprouse divulged: "I feel like it's very comfortable at this point. I mean, it's The CW you're not going to get too crazy. It's just like kissing and hugging."

"I think we're all so comfortable with one another that it's not even really a thing," she continued, referencing her and her 'Riverdale' co-stars.

"If we have a kissing scene, it's fine. We don't really think twice about it. When new characters have to kiss, it's a little different and you're like, 'Oh, OK! What this?'" She went on to say: "But it's easy, we're all friends. It would be more nerve-racking if you had to make out with someone that you didn't know. So if by chance we do end up having to kiss each other, it's fine and it doesn't feel weird."

On the popular show, the actress's character Betty initially was involved romantically with Cole's Jughead Jones. However, her character's romantic interest has since shifted to Archie Andrews, who is played by KJ Apa.



Eva Mendes finds Ryan's 'Barbie' role 'cute, charming'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Eva Mendes reportedly thinks it's "cute and charming" that Ryan Gosling is starring in 'Barbie' movie. If a new report is to be believed, the 'Hitch' actress loves that he's playing the role of Ken in the star-studded movie, reports a website.

A source said: "Eva is always supportive of the films Ryan takes on. She finds it cute and charming that he's playing the role of Ken."

Ryan, appears in the film alongside Margot Robbie, and his long-time partner has embraced his movie makeover, which includes his eye-

catching blonde hair.

According to a local magazine: "They were actually having fun role-playing together after he went blonde. They both got some good laughs." The loved-up couple has been together for more than a decade, and their chemistry and affection are said to remain "off the charts." Mendes has taken a step back from her acting career since having her first child.

But she previously revealed that her "ambition is coming back."

Mendes was one of the most in-demand actresses in Hollywood at the height of her career. But in the early days, the 48-year-old actress was told that she was "too ethnic" by one casting director.



Los Angeles | Agencies

'Schitt's Creek' star Dan Levy has joined 'Sex Education' Season 4. He will appear in a recurring guest role during the season. Joining him are six new series regulars, who are: Thaddea Graham, Marie Reuther, Felix Mufti, Anthony Lexa, Alexandra James, and Imani Yahshua. Filming on the new season is currently underway, reports a website.

Levy will play Thomas Molloy, a famous author and Maeve's (Emma Mackey) U.S. course tutor at her Ivy League college.

The character

details for the other new additions to the cast are being kept under wraps.

Levy is currently under an overall deal with Netflix, which he signed in September 2021 following 'Schitt's Creek's' historic wins at the Emmys that same year.

In Season 4 of the popular series, following the closure of Moordale Secondary, Otis (Asa Butterfield) and Eric (Ncuti Gatwa) now face a new frontier - their first day at Cavendish Sixth Form College.

Otis is nervous about setting up his new clinic, whilst Eric is praying they won't be losers again. But Cavendish is a culture shock for all the Moordale students - they thought they were progressive but this new college is on another level.

There's daily yoga in the communal garden, a strong sustainability vibe and a group of kids who are popular for being a kind?! (Chinenye Ezeudu) is totally thrown by the college's student-led, non-competitive approach, while Jackson (Kedar Williams-Stirling)

is still struggling to get over Cal (Dua Saleh).

Aimee (Aimee-Lou Wood) tries something new by taking an Art A Level and Adam (Connor Swindells) grapples with whether mainstream education is for him. Over in the U.S., Maeve is living her dream at prestigious Wallace University, being taught by cult author Thomas Molloy.

Otis is pining after her, whilst adjusting to not being an only child at home, or the only therapist on campus.

A number of cast members have announced they will not be back for the new season, namely Simone Ashley, who played Olivia, Tanya Reynolds as Lily, Patricia Allison as Ola, and Rakhee Thakrar, who



Dan Levy to star in 'Sex Education' Season 4

WILL SMITH'S BIOPIC BACK IN DEVELOPMENT POST OSCAR SLAP

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Will Smith's planned biopic is reportedly back in the pipeline. Sources said Netflix, which halted talks over a film of the actor's life in the wake of his Oscars slap scandal, are reportedly looking to reopen stalled negotiations.

A source told the local newspaper: "Will was left out in the cold by Netflix and Apple+ in the wake of the slap. He has since apologised and stepped out of the spotlight for a lengthy period. With this in mind, it is broadly agreed enough time has passed to let the dust settle. It has been made clear discussions can be started again about a biopic which Netflix were interested in."

"Arguably, the slap, and the fallout, are pivotal moments in Will's life and will become part of the storyline of his life. Netflix wants to be part of those conversations and Will's team have no doubt Apple will follow suit," reports a website.

Smith was earlier this month seen in public for the first time since he slapped comedian Chris Rock at this year's Oscars for comparing his 50-year-old wife Jada Pinkett Smith's shaven head to GI Jane's buzzcut.

He stormed the stage to deliver the slap, before tearfully picking up the best actor award for his role in 'King Richard', about the father of tennis



remorseful."

Emily Ratajkowski shows off her long legs in minidress

Los Angeles | Agencies

Emily Ratajkowski was spotted walking in Tribeca wearing a flattering sheer handkerchief mini-dress and cowgirl boots. The star looked stunning walking with a brunette friend who appeared busy looking at her cell phone. The Vogue model has been seen frequently in NYC since her split from Sebastian Bear-McClard last month. The model covered her big brown eyes with black Versace sunglasses that matched her friend's lighter colored frames. Ratajkowski appears to be enjoying herself lately having fun with her wardrobe when on the town. The iCarly alum and Blurred Lines music video muse has paved her way in recent years as a style icon both on and off the runway. Despite the surprising news that her union with Bear-McClard had come to an end after four years of marriage, Ratajkowski has been seen out often. Recently, she has been spotted in well-coordinated casual summer fashion almost daily either walking her dog, or spending time with her son, Sly. Ratajkowski filed for divorce from Bear-McClard almost a month ago but that has not stopped the mother from shuffling around the Big Apple this summer.

Since her split from Bear-McClard, Ratajkowski has been sharing more on social media.

She seems to be handling the split very well as she shows off her extraordinarily long stems in cowgirl boots looking fabulous. In an earlier selfie shot this morning, the beauty gazed into her phone as she snapped a picture of herself in the mirror, the model and mother of one wore a knit-cotton button-up blouse and matching shorts. Her hair was just the right kind of messy and her plump juicy lips shimmer with a hint of gold. With messy hair and her top half-way off she is irresistible even when she appears a bit somber.



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Arabella Chi



IND v ZIM, 2nd ODI:

INDIA BEAT ZIMBABWE BY FIVE WICKETS, TAKE UNASSAILABLE SERIES LEAD

Harare | Agencies

Sanju Samson hit an unbeaten 43 as India beat Zimbabwe by five wickets in the second ODI at Harare Sports Club on Saturday. With the win, India also take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, with Monday's match becoming a dead rubber. After pacer Shardul Thakur took three wickets while rest of the bowlers took a wicket each as India's disciplined bowling attack bundled out Zimbabwe for just 161 in 38.1 overs, the visitors were in some discomfort at 97-4. But Samson, who hit three fours and four sixes in his unbeaten 43 off 39 balls and Deepak Hooda (25, including three fours) shared a 56-run stand to get the match in India's favour with 146 balls remaining Chasing 190, K.L. Rahul's promotion as opener backfired as he was trapped plumb lbw while attempting to flick off Victor Nyauchi. Shikhar Dhawan was aggressive and used his feet well to hit four good-looking boundaries. But he was undone by a well-directed



bouncer from Tanaka Chivanga as he pulled but it got big on him and skied to square leg. Ishan Kishan chopped onto his stumps off Luke Jongwe to depart cheaply. But Shubman Gill, batting at three, was at his classy best, bringing out his signature short-arm jab while oozing class with his off-side boundaries and driving straight down the ground with a full face of the bat. Gill's promising knock was ended at 33 when he got a top-edge on a slash straight to deep third man. From 97-4 in 14 overs, Hooda and Samson joined forces to take India over the line. Samson brought up India's hundred by driving in the gap between cover and mid-off off Jongwe while Hooda ramped a short ball over the keeper for another boundary in the 16th over. Zimbabwe 161 all out in 38.1 overs (Sean Williams 42; Ryan Burl 39 not out; Shardul Thakur 3-38, Deepak Hooda 1-6) lost to India 167-5 in 25.4 overs (Sanju Samson 43 not out, Shikhar Dhawan 33; Luke Jongwe 2-33, Sikandar Raza 1-16) by five wickets

Champions Chess Tour

Praggnanandhaa loses to Liem for first defeat, Carlsen too fumbles

Miami | Agencies

The brilliant winning spree of Indian Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa in the FTX Crypto Cup came to a halt after four perfect rounds as he slumped to a 0.5-2.5 defeat against Vietnam's Liem Quang Le, ending his chances of taking sole lead in the event. With world champion Magnus Carlsen losing the fifth round to Jan-Krzysztof Duda of Poland in tiebreak, Praggnanandhaa had an opportunity to take sole lead. The Indian wonderkid Pragg, who has looked so impressive in this event and was in a neck-and-neck battle with Carlsen, finally cracked under pressure after four straight match wins. He went down in three games 2.5-0.5 to Vietnam's Liem Quang Le, ending his hopes of taking the sole lead. It was Pragg's (12) first defeat of the tournament and it leaves him one point behind Carlsen, who clawed his way into a narrow lead with a point salvaged from a disastrous Round 5 match on Friday. The out-of-sorts world champion blundered his way to a two-game deficit against Jan-Krzysztof Duda before an unexpected power outage in the Eden Roc Miami Beach affected the playing arena. It appeared to affect the players too as Carlsen refocused when Duda could not and dug deep to win the next two games. Having looked dead and buried, Carlsen had levelled the match at 2-2 and taken it to tiebreaks. With



momentum behind the Norwegian going into the blitz play-off, history suggested there was only going to be one winner. But Duda had other ideas. He roared back to win the first blitz game and then, when Carlsen blundered a bishop in the second, the match ended with Poland's number 1 picking up the win. Duda took 2 points and Carlsen 1. Anish Giri, another player who has been badly out-of-sorts, took all three points from his match against Levon Aronian. Winning two games in a row to finish Aronian off, Giri showed he has rediscovered his ruthless streak. However, realistically, both players are out of the running. Giri is placed a distant fourth with seven points while Aronian is on five points.

Western & Southern Open:

Madison Keys overcomes Elena Rybakina to reach semis

Cincinnati | Agencies

Madison Keys registered a 6-2, 6-4 win over Elena Rybakina in 1 hour and 31 minutes to reach her second Western & Southern Open semifinal, here on Friday. The American won the biggest title of her career to date at Cincinnati 2019, and this result took her overall record at the tournament to 17-7, or 71 percent -- her best by some distance among the WTA 1000 events. With this win, Keys has now reached nine career semifinals at WTA 1000 level or above. Having also made the Australian Open last four in January, this marks the first time she has made more than one such semifinal in a



single season since 2018. It was Key's second win over Rybakina in as many meetings for Keys. Both occurred this year, but while their Roland Garros third

round was a top-quality barnburner that required a match tiebreak before Keys advanced 3-6, 6-1, 7-6(3), this encounter was rather more one-sided. Notably, the 27-year-old Keys' last five semifinals have all come on hard courts. The last time she made the last four of a tournament on a different surface was in capturing the 2019 Charleston title on green clay. A total of 21 winners were struck by Keys over the course of the match, to only 11 for Rybakina. Her return of serve was particularly potent, and few of the Wimbledon champion's second serves went unpunished. On the other hand, Rybakina committed 25 unforced errors, compared to 16 for Keys.

Ultimate Kho Kho:

Chennai Quick Guns, Odisha Juggernauts bag their second wins

Pune | Agencies

Chennai Quick Guns and Odisha Juggernauts notched up their second victories in the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho by thrashing Mumbai Khiladis and Rajasthan Warriors respectively at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, here on Friday. Skipper Amit Patil and all-rounder Ramji Kashyap produced brilliant shows as Chennai Quick Guns defeated Mumbai Khiladis by 20 points. Leading from the front, Patil recorded three minutes and 41 seconds in defence while Kashyap scored 14 points by dismissing six opposition defenders. On the other hand, Riding on wazir Subhasis Santra's sensational performance in the attack, Odisha



Juggernauts handed a 19-point defeat to Rajasthan Warriors. Santra scored 14 points in the attack by dismissing five Rajasthan Warriors defenders, all of them with brilliant dives. Nilesh Jadhav and Aditya Kudale supported Santra by scoring nine and eight points respectively. High on spirit following their maiden win of the league in the last game, Chennai Quick Guns started off aggressively but Mumbai Khiladis put their best to secure a 26-2 lead in the first seven minutes. However, Chennai Quick Guns made a strong comeback by scoring 37 points in response, thanks to the star of the last game, Kashyap. Extending his brilliant show, Kashyap scored 10 points as Chennai Quick Guns ended the first innings at 39-26.

Durand Cup 2022:

SUDEVA DELHI HOLD KERALA BLASTERS TO A 1-1 DRAW

Guwahati | Agencies

Sudeva Delhi FC and Kerala Blasters FC played out a 1-1 draw in their opening Group 'D' match of the Durand Cup 2022 at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, here on Friday. KBFC forward Muhammed Ajsl's strike in the 42nd minute helped his side gain the lead for a brief time, only to be cancelled by Sudeva Delhi FC via Ku'i's ferocious left-footed curler (5') as both sides fared level in the second half. Sudeva Delhi were quick to make moves in the attack after an early strike by Basit was denied by the KBFC shot-stopper Sachin Suresh who stood tall to make a massive block. The Blasters kept knocking on the door through some quick-paced counter-attacks,



Ajsal combining with Roshan, who fired one in from the left but the Sudeva defender was quick to call action and managed to block the shot with a well-timed tackle. Minutes later, Roshan found himself through on goal again, but his shot was blocked after Ashray made a brilliant last-ditch tackle to stop the 'lasters' attack. In the 37th minute, the referee handed out the first yellow card of the game to Tejas Krishna as he lunged in late with a two-footed challenge in the centre of the park. Tom'sz Tchorz's men found their breakthrough as Ajsal placed himself in a comfortable position between two defenders and placed a calm and composed shot well outside 'he keeper's reach after Gaurav broke through the Sudeva midfield to find him within reach.

Cincinnati | Agencies

Stefanos Tsitsipas made it through a tough test as he defeated big-serving American John Isner 7-6 (7-5), 5-7, 6-3 in the Western & Southern Open quarterfinal on Friday evening. Tsitsipas, the world number seven, did not create his first break point opportunity until the eighth game of the third set, but he took it with both hands to pull away in the final stages, reports. It was a clean match from the Greek, with just nine unforced errors with his 41 winners, while Isner committed 21 unforced errors with 54 winners and 18 aces. Tsitsipas will play world number one Daniil Medvedev in a gripping semifinal after the top-ranked Russian was too strong for American Taylor Fritz. Medvedev's serving dominance was the story, with 18 aces compared to Fritz's three, helping him save all six break point opportunities he faced, while only creating two himself. After Medvedev saved three set points in the opener, he quickly



claimed the first three games of the second set to cruise to victory. Borna Coric's incredible week continued as the world number 152 defeated his third consecutive top-20 opponent, facing zero break point opportunities in his 6-4, 6-4 triumph against world number nine Felix Auger-Aliassime. The win comes after victories over Spaniards Rafael Nadal and Roberto Bautista-Agut in the previous two rounds.

Shaheen Shah Afridi ruled out of upcoming Asia Cup

Rotterdam (Netherlands) | Agencies

Pakistan's left-arm pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi on Saturday was ruled out of the upcoming Asia Cup due to a right knee injury. He has also been ruled out of the seven-match home T20I series against England, which is to run from September 20 to October 2. But the official release from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said Afridi is expected to return to competitive cricket in October with the T20I tri-series in New Zealand, also featuring Bangladesh as the third side and will be followed by the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia in October-November. "Shaheen Shah Afridi has been advised 4-6 weeks rest by the PCB Medical Advisory Committee and independent specialists following the latest scans and reports. Shaheen had suffered a right knee ligament injury while fielding during the first Test against Sri Lanka in Galle," said the PCB. Further talking about Shaheen's knee



injury, which has kept him out of action after the first Galle Test against Sri Lanka, Dr. Najeebullah Soomro, PCB Chief Medical Officer said, "I have spoken with Shaheen and he is understandably upset with the news, but he is a brave young man who has vowed to come back strongly to serve his country and team."

JHULAN GOSWAMI TO PLAY HER FAREWELL MATCH

Veteran Indian fast bowler Jhulan Goswami is all set to retire from international cricket at the Lord's, after the third and final ODI on England tour on September 24. The 39-year-old pacer, who was named in India's squad for the three ODIs in England on Friday, will leave the game as the highest wicket-taker in women's internationals, with 352 wickets across formats.

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She had earlier missed the tour of Sri Lanka in July, which led to speculations about her international future. According to an ESPNcricinfo report, Goswami missed out the series because of fitness issues. She regained full fitness in mid-July and was selected for the England tour following clearance from the National Cricket Academy medical staff. The report further said that the team management had spoken to her about looking to the

future and building a pool of young fast bowlers who can feature across formats. Notably, Goswami last played for India during the ODI World Cup in New Zealand in March this year. She hasn't played T20Is since 2018 and played her last Test match in October 2021. As per a BCCI official, the board was keen on giving her a "proper farewell", because "Jhulan couldn't say goodbye on the field" after picking up a side strain ahead of India's final group game against South Africa.





KARTIK AARYAN CELEBRATES HIS 11 YEARS IN THE INDUSTRY

"My roots, my growing up in a town like Gwalior, is what makes me who I am": Kartik Aaryan

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Kartik Aaryan is a name that needs no introduction. He is the most talked about actor in Bollywood right now. The success of his most recent film, *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2*, has created quite a stir in the industry. The film was a huge success, and Kartik received praise for his amusing character, Rooh Baba. While basking in the success of *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2*, the actor now has another reason to rejoice: he has completed 11 years in the film industry. Kartik expressed pride in his accomplishments as he reflected on his journey.

The *Pyaar Ka PUNCHAMA* actor expressed his delight at arriving on his own. The actor also discussed what he believes makes him relatable to the audience. Kartik talked about being content with his film career in an interview. He shared that he was always able to find people who helped him along the way because they believed in his abilities and skills.

His journey has been difficult, but it has shaped the actor into who he is today. Kartik reflected on all these years, saying, "I take pride in the fact that I have done this on my own and with the help of people who put their trust in my capabilities without knowing me. They went for the craft instead of lineage."

Furthermore, he also talked about his roots and life in his hometown. "My roots, my growing up in a town like Gwalior, is what makes me who I am. I will always be that person. Also, being from a small town not only makes me strive harder to reach the number one spot but also keeps me grounded. I can still go back and live that life," he added.

Kartik is currently working on *Shehzada*, *SatyaPrem Ki Katha*, along with other projects in pipeline.

How actor Abhishek Banerjee hammers a role delicately

Team Absolute | New Delhi

He was not really good at academics. One day, when going on stage to host a programme in school, one of his teachers said, "Tu yahi kar, tujhse yehi hoga." Actor Abhishek Banerjee, best known for his role as 'Hathoda Tyagi' in the web-series 'Paatal Lok' took that advice quite seriously.

"She had a point -- I thought if this is what I can do best, I should quit studying. Guess this was the start of my journey as an actor," he tells a website.



To prepare for the role that boasted of a peculiar controlled rage throughout and communicating through intelligent pauses; he watched multiple documentaries on criminals and read extensively to catch a glimpse of the criminal's psyche.

"It was important for me to understand the backstories of the criminals which were buried on the later pages of the newspapers, while the front one just 'informed' about the crime and the criminal. Why and how did the crime take place? What was he going through during the act? For me, it was important to get acquainted with the criminal on a 'human' level. A two-day workshop with Shashi Bhushan really helped."

The actor, who has also been seen in around 20 films, including 'Rang De Basanti', 'Stree', 'Bhonsle' and 'Rashmi Rocket' has a special place for Shorts, which have seen much popularity in the past decade.

"Even when I was not really known, directors would cast me as a protagonist. There are some stories that cannot be in a long format, and Shorts do complete justice to them. They jump-started my career. Devashish Makhija gave me 'Agli Baar', a short film which had Rasika Duggal and me. That is how some directors noticed me and I started getting work," he remembers.

For someone who insists that he is still learning, Banerjee adds, "The effort is to try to enhance the performance and enrich myself as an actor through different mediums -- with each frame."

This Delhi University graduate, who did theatre in the national capital before shifting base to Mumbai and will soon be heard narrating Audible's audiobook titled 'Boots Belts Berets' written by Tanushree Poddar is excited about the project.

"Voice modulation is extremely important in theatre...you play different characters and need to throw the voice to a large audience while maintaining modulation. Such techniques take years to perfect. I was out of it and wanted to try again -- something I was missing in my performances in films and web shows," concludes the actor, who will be seen in the film 'Bhediya' that will be released in November, besides several shows on different OTT platforms.

Anupam Kher to narrate anecdotes, facts about Indian PMs

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Bollywood actor Anupam Kher has turned narrator for the show 'Lal Qile Se Goonj - Nehru Se Modi Tak', which showcases historical facts and anecdotes about Indian Prime Ministers from 1947 to 2022. Talking about the show, Kher said: "India has progressed immensely over the last 75 years, and our Prime Ministers have been crucial in making this possible."

The audience will also get to know about the decisions and policies of different Prime Ministers and the impact they had on the country through Kher's narration. "As someone who has passionately followed the nation's political history, I believe this show to be informative as well as interesting," he said. Starting from the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to Narendra Modi, the show has been shot within the premises of the Prime Minister's Museum at the Teen Murti Bhavan to give it a more authentic look.

The show airs on History TV18



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Actress Mahima Chaudhry has been roped in to play the role of cultural activist and author Pupul Jayakar in upcoming movie 'Emergency'. She revealed that Pupul Jayakar was Indira Gandhi's childhood friend so her scenes are the ones where you get to see the non-political side of the great leader.

Pupul Jayakar was Mrs Gandhi's childhood friend so my scenes are the ones where you get to see the non-political side of this great and controversial political leader



MAHIMA CHAUDHRY TO PLAY INDIRA GANDHI'S CULTURAL CZARINA PUPUL JAYAKAR

In the film, Kangana Ranaut will be playing former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and actor Anupam Kher, the revolutionary leader J.P. Narayan. Shreyas Talapade will essay the role of late politician Atal Bihari Vajpayee who has served three terms as the country's Prime Minister.

Mahima, who plays Pupul Jayakar, said: "Working with Kangana is an experience because she wears so many hats with such great ease. She is playing such an important political character, Mrs Indira Gandhi."

She added: "She is directing it herself and producing it. I get a lot of strength looking at her and the way she func-

during the time of Emergency."

"They are very open and honest with each other. You see a very different side of Mrs Gandhi. It's very interesting to play this character and it's been a wonderful experience working on this."

Talking about this character, Kangana says: "Pupul Jayakar was an author, a very close friend of Mrs. Gandhi and has also written her autobiography. Mrs. Gandhi confided in her about everything. If there is one thread that runs through the film and connects the audiences to the inner world of Mrs. Gandhi, then it's the character of Pupul Jayakar."

"Even though the film is a first-person account, it is not a film where somebody is the narrator. Mrs. Gandhi's interactions with Pupul are the most soulful."

She added: "They shed light on how she confided her deepest darkest secrets to Pupul Jayakar. This makes her character an important person in the film called 'Emergency'."

Manikarnika films presents 'Emergency', which is written and directed by Kangana Ranaut. The film is produced by Renu Pitti and Kangana Ranaut. The screenplay and dialogues are by Ritesh Shah.

Parineeta recounts her 'horrifying' night post shooting with skeleton

Team Absolute | Mumbai

'Spy Bahu' actor Parineeta Borthakur took to her Instagram to share a video of her dancing with a skeleton for a sequence in the show and recalled how terrified she was at night after the shoot.

She said: "When I got to know that the script required me to shoot with a fake skeleton, I was really excited. Initially I had scenes with the skeleton, but then I had a dance sequence with it for my track in the show. I was really in a funny mood and in fact on the day of shoot, we had a lot of fun."

"The team was around watching me perform with the skeleton and they also played the stairs sequence song from the film 'Joker' to lift my mood. The environment around me was so joyful."

However, what happened to her at night was horrifying.

She said: "When I came back home after the shoot, I got to know that my son was going with my sister to her place while my family was out of town. But never mind, I had

been alone on many nights, so it was quite normal for me.

"It was around midnight when I started dreaming about the skeleton. Even though it was a fake skeleton, somehow, in my subconscious I was scared and started having scary thoughts."

"I got up and started chatting with my friends and to lift my spirits. After a while I started feeling better and went to sleep. Suddenly after a few minutes, I dreamt that the skeleton was trying to kill me from behind. I just screamed and woke up."

"I was awake the whole night, watching funny videos on my phone. However, the next day I was feeling a little silly thinking about the incident."

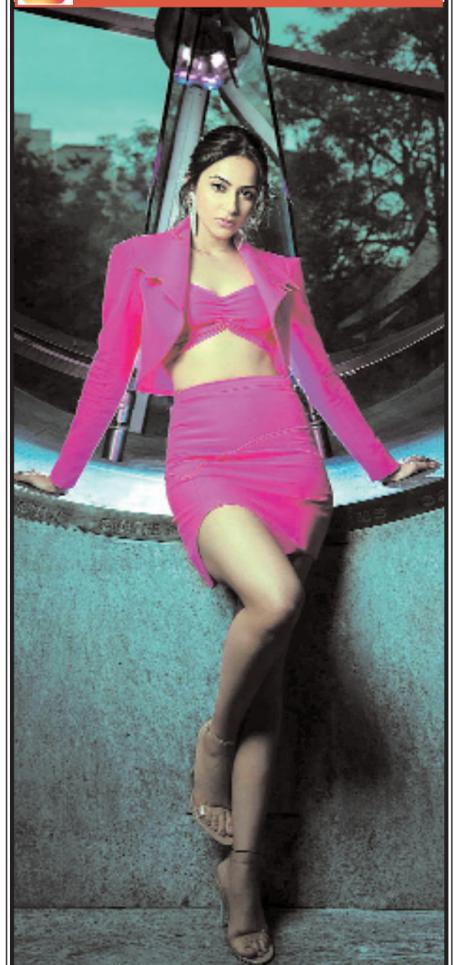
'Spy Bahu' revolves around the love story between a spy and a suspected terrorist, played by Sana Sayyad and Sebban Azim.

In a new twist to the story, now Parineeta's character has been revealed to be the main terrorist, and not Sebban.

The 'Swaragini' actress shared: "I knew I was going to be Sirjee (the terrorist), but I didn't know that they would make me such a psychotic character."



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Rakul Preet Singh