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SC status cannot be extended to Dalit converted to Christianity, Islam: Centre

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The Central government has told the Supreme Court that plea seeking Scheduled Caste status to Dalits, who converted to Christianity and Islam, should not be allowed, since they did not suffer from untouchability.

On August 30, the apex court had asked the Centre to clarify its stand in the matter on the petitions filed by the National Council of Dalit Christians and others.

The Central government, in a written response, said: "The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) Order, 1950 was based on historical data which clearly established that no such backwardness or oppression was ever faced by members of Christian or Islamic society." It added that one of the reasons for which people from Scheduled Castes are converting to religions like Islam or Christianity, is to come out of the oppressive system of untouchability, a social stigma, which is not prevalent in either of these religions.

The Centre's response came on a batch of petitions seeking a direction to extend the benefit of reservation to Dalits converts to Christianity or Islam.

The Central government said the identification of SC status is centred around a specific social stigma and the connected backwardness which is limited to the communities recognised under the Constitution



(Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950.

It contended that grave injustice would be caused and there would be abuse of the process of law, consequently affecting the rights of the SC groups, if all the converts are arbitrarily given the perks of reservation without examining the aspect of social disability.

The Central government, in October, appointed a Commission of Inquiry under chairmanship of former Chief Justice of India K.G. Balakrishnan to examine claims of granting Scheduled Caste status to the Dalits who have converted to other religions.

The government pointed out that the Scheduled Castes embraced Buddhism voluntarily at the call of Dr B.R. Ambedkar in 1956 on account of

some innate socio-political imperatives. "The original castes/community of such converts can clearly be determined. This cannot be said in respect of Christians and Muslims, who might have converted on account of other factors, since the process of such conversions has taken place over the centuries," it added.

The Centre also termed the 2007 report of Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission, favouring SC status for Dalits in all religions, as flawed and pointed out that it was prepared without conducting any field studies.

The constitutional right to reservations in jobs and education as a member of the SC community is extended only to people from Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist faiths, in accordance with the 1950 order.

DEATH PENALTY OF MAN CONVICTED OF RAPING, MURDERING MINOR STAYED

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the death sentence of a man convicted for sexually assaulting and killing a minor girl in Maharashtra's Thane district in 2013. A bench, headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, asked the Maharashtra government to bring on record all reports of the probation officers in connection with the prisoner on the death row, within eight weeks.

The bench, also comprising Justices Hima Kohli and J.B. Pardiwala, citing a judgment, said this court had issued guidelines on the need for conducting psychological and psychiatric assessment of the convicts on the death row. "The execution of the sentence of death shall remain suspended pending the hearing and final disposal of the appeals," it said, in its order. The prosecution had claimed that the accused had raped the victim and killed her before throwing her body in a pond. In 2019, the trial court sentenced the accused to death and the Bombay High Court confirmed the conviction and death penalty in 2021.

Russia orders troops to withdraw from Ukraine's Kherson



MOSCOW/KIEV | Agencies

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu has ordered troops to withdraw from the western bank of Ukraine's Dnipro River, meaning that the forces were retreating from Kherson -- the first big city to fall to Moscow after it launched its invasion on February 24.

Shoigu announced the decision on state TV, with Russia's commander in Ukraine, Gen Sergei Surovikin reporting on the situation on the ground in Kherson.

The main part of the Kherson city is located on the right bank of the wide river, and Surovikin called it a difficult decision to withdraw but it would most importantly preserve lives and combat capability of the Russian forces.

A CAREFULLY LAID TRAP: ZELENSKY

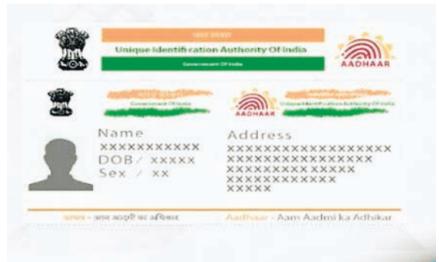
Kiev: Ukraine sees no sign that Russia is leaving Kherson without a fight, a senior adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky has said, amid fears in Kyiv that Moscow's heavily stage-managed announcement of retreat is actually a carefully laid trap, the media reported. Mykhailo Podolyak, one of President Zelensky's most-senior advisers, said last night that Russian troops remain in the city and that Kyiv believes reinforcements are on their way, Daily Mail reported.

He explained that although the Russian air defence has been successfully repelling Ukrainian shelling of Kherson, up to 20 per cent of the rockets can still hit targets and the city and nearby settlements cannot be fully supplied, reports Xinhua news agency.

CENTRE AMENDS AADHAAR RULES, DOCUMENTS NEED UPDATE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 10 YEARS

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The government has amended Aadhaar regulations, specifying that supporting documents need to be updated "at least once" by Aadhaar holders on completion of 10 years from enrolment date. The update would ensure "continued accuracy" of Aadhaar-related information in the Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR), according to gazette notification issued by Ministry of Electronics and IT. "Aadhaar number holders may, on completion of every 10 years from the date of enrolment for Aadhaar, update their supporting documents in Aadhaar, at least once, by submitting Proof of Identity (POI) and Proof of Address (POA) documents...so as to ensure continued accuracy of their information in the



CIDR, in such manner as may be specified by the Authority from time to time," it said. The changes have been made by tweaking the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations.

Last month, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) -- the government agency that issues Aadhaar numbers -- had urged people to update identification and residence proof documents, if they

were issued the unique ID more than 10 years back but had not updated their details since then. Accordingly, to provide facility to Aadhaar holders in this regard, the UIDAI has developed a new feature of 'update document'. This feature can be accessed online through the myAadhaar portal, and myAadhaar app or residents can visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre to avail of the facility.

GUJARAT ELECTIONS:

Hardik Patel, Cricketer Ravindra Jadeja's wife get BJP ticket

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The BJP has picked Rivaba Jadeja, the wife of Ravindra Jadeja, to contest from Jamnagar North in the 182-member Gujarat Assembly. She featured in the first list of 160 candidates, which the saffron party released on Thursday, for the two-phase election. It included 84 of the 89 seats, which will go to the polls in the first phase on December 1, and 76 of 93 candidates going to the polls in the second phase on December 5.

Rivaba, who did Mechanical Engineering at the Atmiya Institute of Technology and Science in Gujarat's Rajkot, joined the BJP in 2019. She has been building support by touring villages for months, reports said.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will be contesting the elections from Ghatlodiya constituency, Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav. The BJP has nominated 17 turncoats, including Congress import Hardik Patel from Viramgam.

Surprisingly, 11 sitting MLAs from Ahmedabad city and all four from Rajkot city have been denied tickets. In Morbi, where a bridge collapse killed over 130 people two weeks ago, former MLA of Morbi Kantilal Amrutia, who reportedly jumped into the river to save



some victims, has been given the ticket.

While the saffron party is seeking a sixth term, the election is likely to witness a three-way contest with AAP running a high-decibel campaign to become an alternative to the Congress and BJP.

TELANGANA SIT GRILLS ACCUSED IN MLAS POACHING CASE

Hyderabad: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Telangana police were questioning three accused in MLAs' poaching case here on Thursday.

The police took the custody of the accused from Chanchalguda Jail and brought them to Rajendranagar police station on the outskirts amid tight security.

Ramachandra Bharati alias Satish Sharma, a priest from Faridabad in Haryana, Simhayaji, pontiff from Tirupati and Nandakumar, owner of a restaurant in Hyderabad, were being questioned in connection with the sensational case in which they allegedly tried to lure four MLAs of the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The investigating officers are reported to be questioning the accused separately in the presence of their lawyers and recording their statements.

The SIT is focusing on retrieving more information from the accused based on the conversation they had with the TRS MLAs.

The accused were being questioned a day after the state government constituted SIT to probe the case following Telangana High Court lifting the stay on the investigation.

FIVE KILLED, 10 INJURED IN FIRECRACKER UNIT EXPLOSION IN MADURAI

Chennai: At least five people were killed while 10 others were grievously injured in a firecracker manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu's Madurai district on Thursday, police said.

Three buildings were also partially damaged in the blast that took place at Usalambatti near Madurai, Madurai Superintendent of Police told reporter.

The explosion was so severe that the body parts of those who died were found scattered across the factory premises.

The deceased were identified as Amavasi, Gopi, Vallarasu, Viki, and Prema. The unit was owned by Valiyappan.

The injured are admitted to the Usalambatti government hospital.

1.5 Million People die every year due to PM 2.5 Air Pollution: Report

Gandhinagar | Agencies

Fine pollution particles (PM2.5) may be responsible for 1.5 million additional premature deaths around the globe each year, according to a study which found that low levels of air pollution are dangerous than previously thought.

The World Health Organization's most recent estimates are that over 4.2 million people die prematurely each year due to long-term exposure to fine particulate outdoor air pollution referred to as PM2.5.

The latest study, published in the journal Science Advances, suggests that the annual global death count from outdoor PM2.5 may be significantly higher than previously thought. That is because the researchers found that mortality risk was increased even at very low levels of outdoor PM2.5, which had not previously been recognised as being potentially deadly.

These microscopic toxins cause a



range of cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and cancers.

"We found that outdoor PM2.5 may be responsible for as many as 1.5 million additional deaths around the globe each year because of effects at very-low concentrations that were not previously appreciated," said Scott Weichenthal, Associate Professor at McGill University in Canada and the lead author on the

paper. The researchers combined health and mortality data for seven million Canadians gathered over a twenty-five-year period with information about the levels of outdoor PM2.5 concentrations across the country. Canada is a country with low levels of outdoor PM2.5, making it the perfect place to study health impacts at low concentrations. Knowledge gained in Canada was

then used to update the lower end of the scale that is used to describe how mortality risk changes with outdoor PM2.5 levels.

The study found an improved understanding of how air pollution impacts health on a global scale.

The WHO recently set out ambitious new guidelines for annual average outdoor fine particulate air pollution, cutting its earlier recommendations in half, from concentrations of 10 to 5 microgrammes (ug) per cubic metre. "One take away is that the global health benefits of meeting the new WHO guideline are likely much larger than previously assumed," said Weichenthal. "The next steps are to stop focussing only on particle mass and start looking more closely at particle composition because some particles are likely more harmful than others," he added. A better understanding may allow us to be much more efficient in designing regulatory interventions to improve population health, the researchers added.

KARNATAKA BJP LEADER SAYS TIPU'S STRUGGLE AGAINST BRITISH CAN'T BE SIDELINED

Bengaluru | Agencies

Amid threats from the BJP government's disinterest, Tipu Sultan Jayanti was celebrated in various parts of Karnataka on Thursday. Members of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) celebrated Tipu Sultan in the premises of Idgah Maidan in Hubballi amid the opposition. AIMIM Joint Secretary Vijaya Guntraal and other leaders participated in the programme. Tipu Sultan's portrait was garlanded, floral tributes were paid and verses of the holy Quran were read. The AIMIM leaders also shouted slogans hailing Tipu Sultan. After the programme was over, the police immediately shifted the photos, and flexes of Tipu Sultan from the Idgah Maidan grounds. Meanwhile, breaking from the party stand, BJP MLC H.

Vishwanath, participating in Tipu Jayanti in Mysuru, said that no one should attempt to distort the history of Tipu Sultan's struggle against the British. "Tipu Sultan is a symbol of self-respect of the land. The administration, valour, bravery of Tiger of Mysore, Tipu Sultan can't be sidelined," he stated. "The allegations on Tipu Sultan that he killed 80,000 people and converted 40,000 is fictional. When compared to the population of that age, the argument will not stand. Those who do not know about Tipu Sultan are indulged in propaganda against him," he said.

Vishwanath also said that Tipu Sultan is the only king who did not kneel down before enemies.

"It does not matter which party you belong to talk about Tipu Sultan. Despite being in BJP, I will say, Tipu is a proud Kannadiga, he is the tiger of Mysore."



KARNATAKA HIGH COURT GRANTS BAIL TO WOMAN ACCUSED OF BEING PAKISTANI

Bengaluru | Agencies

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday granted bail to a mother of three kids, who was alleged of to be a Pakistan national by investigating agencies.

"The accused can't be kept in judicial custody by mere suspicion. She is eligible to get released on bail," the bench headed by Justice Shivashankar Amaranavar said.

Khatija Mehrin, 33, was in judicial custody for 16 months. She has been lodged in prison with her two-and-half-year old kid. The bench observed that unfortunately the petitioner has become a scapegoat in the hand of olice and she should not be detained merely on suspicion or doubt.

In her petition, Khatija Mehrin claimed that she was born in Bhatkal and studied in Naunihal Central School. During her imprisonment, her husband Mohiddin Rukuddin from Bhatkal died on April 22, 2022.

Khatija Mehrin further stated that she had three kids of seven years, five years and the youngest kid is with her in the prison as she sought bail.

Taking up her petition, the court stated that it is clearly mentioned that there is no prima facie case made out against the petitioner. It also said that the petitioner was arrested under the



Foreigners Act which attracts maximum of five years of imprisonment and IPC Section attracts seven years of imprisonment.

The accused had already spent more than 1.4 years in the prison and even if she is proved guilty, it won't attract capital or life imprisonment. Hence, there is no need for long term

imprisonment, the court ruled. Khatija Mehrin was arrested during the police raids conducted by the police in Bhatkal town of Uttara Kannada district. The police had arrested her on suspicion that she is a Pakistani national who has stayed since 2014. They had seized her Aadhaar card, Pan card, ration card,

voter identity card and other documents. It was stated that she entered the country with the help of some agents. After the police got a tip off, she was held for violating provisions of the Foreigners Act. The police claimed that she travelled on a tourist visa to India for three months in 2015 and stayed back illegally.

Illegal structures around Afzal Khan's tomb razed amid tight security

Satara (Maharashtra) | Agencies

The district administration in Maharashtra's Satara on Thursday demolished certain unauthorised constructions encroaching around the historic tomb of 17th century nobleman Afzal Khan in the Pratapgad Fort here, officials said.

The hilltop fort was the site of the famed Battle of Pratapgad which took place on November 10, 1659 between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Afzal Khan, a general of Bijapur's ruler Sultan Adil Shahi.

In that battle, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj killed Afzal Khan, and the episode became a historic tale of deceit and valour.

Interestingly, the demolition - pending for several years - came on the 363rd anniversary of the Battle of Pratapgad - celebrated as 'Shiv Pratap Day' by some local organisations - and tight police security was deployed to prevent any untoward incident. Prohibitory orders were clamped in Pratapgad, Mahabaleshwar, Wai, Karad



and other towns in the district with Collector Ruchesh Jayavanshi and Superintendent of Police Sameer Shaikh personally monitoring the situation at the fort. The illegal structures, comprising several temporary and permanent ones, encroached upon Revenue and Forest Department lands around the tomb within the small mausoleum of Afzal Khan there.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court will take up for hearing

an urgent plea challenging the ongoing demolitions on an area of around 15,000-20,000 square feet carried out by the Revenue and Forest Department teams.

Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis said that in 2007, the Bombay High Court had ordered the razing of these illegal constructions, and when he was the CM in 2017, he had planned to demolish them but was delayed owing to certain legal hassles, but now it was being carried out.

Home Secy urged to form committee after 3 acquitted in Chhawla rape-murder case

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Days after three men were acquitted by the Apex Court in the gang rape and murder case of a 19-year-old girl of Delhi's Chhawla, the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) has written a letter to Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, seeking a high-level committee to examine issues related to poor investigation and problems in trial.

While acquitting the accused, the Supreme Court had highlighted improper investigation conducted by Delhi Police along with certain lapses during the trial.



In the letter, DCW Chief Swati Maliwal has stated that even when the forensic evidence incriminated the accused persons, the callous manner in which various processes were followed, raised an element of doubt which ultimately benefited

the accused persons who were acquitted. "The case shall have a far-reaching impact on ongoing rape cases, and the systemic issues pointed out by the Supreme Court must be corrected," she further said in the letter.

ROHINI ACHARYA TO DONATE KIDNEY TO FATHER LALU PRASAD

Patna:

Lalu Prasad's second daughter Rohini Acharya will donate a kidney to her ailing father who is battling several health complications.

Rohini Acharya, who is very active on twitter and critical of the Narendra Modi government, resides in Singapore along with her husband and children. Recently, Lalu Prasad had visited Singapore where the doctors subjected him to a series of tests. Along with him, Rohini also underwent the test as a donor and the doctors gave their approval for transplant.



Liquor ban is not successful in Bihar, says JD's Kushwaha

Patna | Agencies

J-D-U Parliamentary Board President Upendra Kushwaha on Thursday admitted that liquor ban is not successful in Bihar, challenging the claim of his party and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who repeatedly said that it is completely successful.

"The liquor ban cannot be successful unless and until people of the state would not want to do the same. Imposing liquor ban on the state cannot make it successful. People of Bihar benefited from the liquor ban. It is up to people to understand the responsibility of a law made by the government," he said at an event at Mahua in Vaishali district.

"There is a connecting chain between



consumers and suppliers. We manage to break the chain, the liquor operation in Bihar will stop. People would stop con-

suming liquor. If people would not wish to, the scheme would not become successful," Kushwaha said.

Kushwaha also admitted that the crime graph has zoomed in Bihar in the last few months.

Following his statement, BJP leaders targeted Nitish Kumar and the JD-U.

BJP OBC Morcha's national General Secretary Nikhil Anand said: "We highly appreciate the truth admitted by highly respectable socialist leader Upendra Kushwaha. I salute him for his statement that liquor is banned in Bihar but the ban is not successful here. He rightly pointed out that liquor ban would not get successful unless and until people would not wish to. At the same time, I also want to say that the implementation of law

'Hindu' word origin row: I withdrew statement to avoid damage to party, says K'taka Cong leader

► KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE SECRETARY SATISH JARKIHOI STATED ON THURSDAY THAT HE TOOK BACK HIS STATEMENT ON THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD 'HINDU' ONLY TO AVOID DAMAGE TO THE CONGRESS PARTY. "BUT, I WILL TRY TO PROVE MY WORDS IN THE COMING DAYS. I WILL MEET HISTORIANS IN THIS REGARD," HE ADDED.



across the state. The Congress distanced itself from the statement and Jarkiholi has apologized and announced that he will take back his statement.

However, his latest statement is

likely to create further controversy. "I had spoken at a private function and I didn't think it would become such a big issue. But, I am a leader in the Congress party. The party should not be affected with my statements.

That's why I have apologized and taken back my statement," he stated.

"The matter is not going to end here. Many have spoken to me. Even I have the responsibility of proving myself. I will do some research and I will convince my party leaders and everyone else. I have not jettisoned my principles," he said.

"I have not made a hasty statement. I have done research before making the speech. There was pressure at the national and the state level to withdraw my statement and hence I apologized. I have discussed it with senior leaders. The party is bigger than me," Jarkiholi asserted.

"The party will support me and the leaders are with me. My statements have become controversial. They have portrayed me and my party as anti-Hindu. I know who started it. I also realize that opposition parties will make an issue out of it. If it is left here, it is going to damage the party. There is a need for proving the facts and bringing out the truth," he added.

Jarkiholi had stoked a controversy by stating that the word 'Hindu' is not Indian but 'Persian'.

Cong-led UDF tops in Kerala local body by-elections

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

The Congress-led UDF was at the top position when votes in bypolls to 29 wards in various Kerala local bodies were counted on Thursday as it retained five seats and regained nine.

The ruling CPI-M was the biggest loser in the elections held on Wednesday.

While the Congress-led UDF won 14 seats, the CPI-M-led Left got 12 seats, the BJP-led NDA two and one seat was won by an Independent.

The elections were held in 11 of the state's 14 districts and quick to react to the resounding win was state Congress president K.Sudhakaran who said this is a beating given by the people to the "corrupt and unpopular" Pinarayi Vijayan government.

"The highlight of the results is that the UDF won seats which were the strong



citadels of the Left and this clearly shows that the people of Kerala are fed up with the Vijayan government. There is also reason to cheer as we feel the UDF has been able to work in the grassroots. It has now surfaced that we were able to win even when there was a secret tie up between the CPI-M and the BJP," he

said. "The reasons why the people voted against the Vijayan governance is on account of the rampant corruption, nepotism, massive price rise and anti-people policies of his government. This can well be the strong warning the people have given," he added.

BJP slams Cong for naming Tytler in election committee for MCD polls

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday slammed the Congress for including 1984 anti-Sikh riots accused Jagdish Tytler in the party's Pradesh Election Committee for the December 4 Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) polls.

"Congress has a soft corner for the perpetrators of 1984 Sikh riots. They are always dear to the party's high command because everything had happened on their orders. "Tytler whose hands are painted with the blood of thousands of innocent Sikhs is in Delhi state election committee. This shows Congress cannot stay away from the criminals of 1984 riots," BJP leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa



told the media. "Congress rubs salt on wounds of Sikhs of 1984 carnage by inducting Jagdish Tytler in their Delhi state election committee. It shows that they have no repentance of what Rajiv Gandhi and his team did in 1984," another BJP leader and party spokesperson R.P. Singh tweeted. The Congress on Thursday released a list of 20 members of Pradesh election committee for the MCD polls that also includes the name of Jagdish Tytler.

Dimple Yadav to contest Mainpuri LS seat

Lucknow | Agencies

The Samajwadi Party, in a surprise move, has named Dimple Yadav, Akhilesh Yadav's wife, as its candidate on the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat.

The Mainpuri seat was held by Mulayam Singh Yadav who passed away last month, necessitating a by-election.

According to sources, the Yadav family wanted Tej Pratap Yadav to contest the Mainpuri seat since he had won it in a by-election in 2014. For the past two years, when Mulayam Singh was unwell, it was Tej Pratap who



had been looking after the constituency.

Meanwhile, SP spokesman Anurag Bhaduria said that

with Dimple Yadav as the candidate, the SP would win the Mainpuri seat with a record number of votes.

Sisters go missing from Roadways bus in UP

Lucknow | Agencies

Two sisters coming from Kanpur to Lucknow on a roadways bus, have gone missing under mysterious circumstances, police said on Thursday.

Sarabjit and Taranjit had boarded the roadways bus in Kanpur. The last location of their mobile phone was found in Unnao's Aajnain on Wednesday night.

The girls sent a video shot from inside the bus to their family members. The bus was seemingly empty in the video.

Both their mobiles were switched off after sending the video. A missing complaint has been lodged at Krishna Nagar police sta-



tion in Lucknow.

The family members of the girls, who had gone to Kanpur to take lessons on Baba Guru Nanak, suspect that they have been kidnapped. DCP (central) Aparna Rajat Kaushik said the Unnao and Lucknow police were working in close coordination to track down the girls. The police are also checking the CCTV cameras installed at the toll plazas. The police have also got the call details of the sisters out.

नाम परिवर्तन
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि पूर्व में मेरा नाम अजीज मोहम्मद खान (Aziz Mohamad Khan) था। जो कि परिवर्तित होकर अजीज खान (Aziz Mohamad Khan) हो गया है। अतः अब मुझे मेरे नए नाम अजीज खान पिता अनवर खान (Aziz Khan s/o Anvar Khan) से जाना व पहचाना जाए। पता: सी- 21, बीडीए कालोनी, सी- सेक्टर, कोहेफिजा, भोपाल (म.प्र.) - 462001

CHANGE OF NAME
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5G TELECOM SERVICES WILL START FROM PLACES OF SPIRITUAL AND TOURISM IMPORTANCE OF STATE: CM CHOUHAN

Discussion held with Reliance Jio officials in Mumbai. Chief Minister invites investors for Global Investors Summit

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that new dimensions are being added every day in the communication sector. Concrete initiatives are being taken to provide its benefits to consumers. 5G telecom services are starting from Shri Mahakal Lok in Ujjain this month. Apart from Indore and Bhopal, preparations are being made to start these services at other places of religious and spiritual importance. After reaching Mumbai today, Chief Minister Chouhan also extended an invitation to investors for the Global Investors Summit to be held in Indore in the month of January.

After a discussion with the officials of Reliance Jio in Mumbai, Chief Minister informed that free Wi-Fi zones of 5G service would also be set up in Khajuraho, a world heritage site in Chhatrapur district and Bhedaghat, a tourist destination near Jabalpur. In Madhya Pradesh, While providing services in the communication sector, Reliance Jio is operating the Reliance Retail stores with more than 50 percent market share in Madhya Pradesh. Reliance Industries is engaged in textile business, chemicals, hydrocarbon exploration and financial services apart from telecommunication. The company's business has expanded greatly in Madhya Pradesh.

Discussion held with investors



In a one-to-one discussion with investors in Mumbai, Chief Minister invited them for the Global Investors Summit to be held in January and discussed the possibilities of investment in the state. These mainly include Mahindra & Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, BPCL, Chemerics Biotech, Symbiotech Pharma Lab, Gufic Biosciences and Piramal Group. Chief Minister Chouhan also attended the inaugural function of Infobeans Limited at Bombay Stock Exchange. He also held discussions with Pharma and Medical Devices Manufacturers.

Madhya Pradesh has an industry-friendly environment

Chief Minister Chouhan told the investors that the Global Investors Summit, being held in Indore on January 11 and 12, would be very important for the industry. Chouhan invited investors to attend this summit.

Chief Minister Chouhan told the investors that land bank of about 1.25 lakh acres area, 24 hours electricity, liberal policy to start your business in 30 days, skilled human resources, industrial peace, strong law and order are available in Madhya Pradesh

INVESTMENT IS IMPORTANT FOR SELF-RELIANCE OF THE STATE: CHOUHAN

Bhopal : Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while addressing the investors at the 'Investment Opportunities in Madhya Pradesh' program in Mumbai said that I have come to invite for investment on behalf of 8.5 crore people of Madhya Pradesh. There is immense potential in all industries in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh is a center of attraction for investors in all sectors including textile, food processing, pharmaceutical sector. Chief Minister Chouhan took part in the 'Investment Opportunities in Madhya Pradesh' program at Hotel Taj President in Mumbai. This program was organized in Mumbai to encourage investment and to invite industrialists to the Global Investors Summit to be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh in 2023. Chief Minister Chouhan said that the single window system is making it possible to complete the industry establishment related processes in a smooth and time-bound manner in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh is also one of the most prosperous states of the country in terms of tourism. Madhya Pradesh is committed to investment promotion to fulfill the resolve of making India a \$5 trillion economy by the year 2026. Land bank of one lakh 22 thousand acres, adequate water, electricity, road network, skilled human resources and peaceful environment are available in the state. There are 11 to 12 climatic zones here. Any business can be done here. Chouhan got Indore's Infobeans IT company listed on BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) by ringing the bell.

Mega Lok Adalat on November 12 to settle consumer disputes in MP



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Maha (Mega) Consumer Lok Adalat is being organized on November 12 to settle consumer disputes of Madhya Pradesh. Alka Srivastava, registrar of Madhya Pradesh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bhopal and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions of the state, Maha Consumer Lok Adalat is being organized on November 12. In this, about 1313 cases are likely to be resolved in the entire state.

The registrar of the commission informed that these Maha Consumer Lok

Adalat will be organized in Bhopal and the office of District Consumer Commission. According to Registrar Shrivastava, keeping in view the number of cases pending in Madhya Pradesh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bhopal and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions of the state, Maha Consumer Lok Adalat is being organized on November 12. In this, about 1313 cases are likely to be resolved in the entire state.

5-yr RI to ex-Dean-cum Professor of Bhopal Institute

Team Absolute | Bhopal

A Special CBI court in Bhopal, on Thursday, awarded five years rigorous imprisonment to Sheikh Adam Shafi, former Dean-cum-Professor of Regional Institute of Education, in a case relating to irregularities in the recruitment process of teachers by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti. Besides, a fine of Rs 41,000 was also imposed on the accused for committing the offence. The CBI had registered the case on September 3, 2014 against the then Deputy Commissioner,

Regional Office, NVS, Bhopal and other unknown persons on the allegations of irregularities in the recruitment of teachers under various categories during 2012-2013.

After investigation, a charge sheet was filed against the accused. During the trial, the then Dy. Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) died and charges against him were abated by the court.

As many as 32 prosecution witnesses were examined during the trial.

The trial court found the accused guilty and convicted him.

RAHUL GANDHI'S BHARAT JODO YATRA TO BOOST POLITICAL MERCURY IN MP

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Senior Congress leader and former President Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra is coming to Madhya Pradesh this month, this journey will pass through six districts of the state. This yatra will be for 13 days in the state. Due to this visit, there is a possibility of intensifying the political struggle in the state.

Bharat Jodo Yatra will enter the state from Burhanpur on November 20. Apart from Burhanpur, this journey will pass through Khandwa, Khargone, Indore, Ujjain and Agar Malwa. During these 13 days' stay, where Rahul Gandhi will bathe and worship in the Narmada river, Mahakal of Ujjain is going to visit the Jyotirlinga, not only that, he will also visit the Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga in Khandwa. Apart from this, apart from tribal hero Tantya Bhil, there is also a program to



visit the birth place of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of the constitution.

There is enthusiasm in the Congress about this visit of Rahul Gandhi and it is expected

that this visit will also create an atmosphere in favor of Congress for the assembly elections to be held next year. Congress State President Kamal Nath says that Rahul Gandhi has set out on India Jodo Yatra, traveling more than three thousand kilometers from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. We are doing hard work and hard work because the future of the people, youth, farmers, can be safe. This is the need of the day, this is also the goal of Congress politics.

Up-yatras are also being taken out by the party in the state for the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Since then, Congress has been apprehensive of disturbances in Rahul Gandhi's visit. On the other hand the government is promising complete security. The BJP organization and the state government are also keeping an eye on Rahul Gandhi's visit. Recently, the organization of the party's core group and Mahila Morcha in Dewas is being linked to Rahul Gandhi's visit.

Two brothers deteriorated during Agniveer recruitment, later died

Team Absolute | Betul/Bhopal

In Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, two real brothers of Betul district, who had come to join the army for recruitment in Agniveer, deteriorated after running and died during treatment. The cause of death has not been disclosed.

It has been told that Prayagnath, a farmer of village Dimahu, has two sons, Rupesh and one daughter, Monica. Both brothers had a passion to go to the army and for this they were also preparing for a long time. Rupesh and Ankit reached Bhopal to participate in the recruitment rally organized for the recruitment of Agniveers.

It has been told that on October 29, Rupesh also participated in the physical test and running competition for recruitment in the army. But, his condition deteriorated after the race. He fell unconscious after the run. He was first admitted to the hospital in Bhopal. From where his family members brought him to Betul. Here he was admitted to a private hospital in Betul. Where he died after five days during treatment. Like elder brother Rupendra, Ankit was



also preparing to join the army. He was a second year student. While staying in the NCC camp, he was preparing to join the army. He also passed ITI exam. Before Rupendra's death on November 4, Ankit had attended a recruitment rally in the army on the 3rd. After participating in the race competition during recruitment, his health deteriorated in the same way as elder brother Rupendra's. The relatives also took him to Betul, from where he was referred to a private hospital in Nagpur. After battling for life and death for four days in a private hos-

pital in Nagpur, Ankit finally died. The death of both the brothers one by one under similar circumstances remains a puzzle for the family members. He is unable to understand how both the brothers have died in similar circumstances. Due to the sudden departure of both the lumps of the house, a mountain of sorrow has broken on the family members.

After the death of Rupendra in Betul, even the doctors are not able to understand what is the reason for his death? Yogesh Pandage, who treated Rupendra of Betul, told that both Rupendra's kidneys were damaged. His liver was also swollen, and his lungs began to fill with water. Both had sickle cell anemia. The post-mortem of both the youths was not done. Due to which the real reason of his death could not be revealed. He has feared that both the brothers might be taking some stamina booster medicine to join the army. Due to which overdose can also lead to his death. The second reason can also be due to fatigue and muscle damage during the race. Some of his blood samples have been sent to Delhi for examination.

Man blackmails schoolgirl after clicking her pics, videos

Team Absolute | Indore

A man was arrested for allegedly molesting, blackmailing and extorting money from a schoolgirl after befriending her on the internet in Indore in Madhya Pradesh, a police official said on Thursday.

The man was held late Wednesday night, Annapurna police station in charge Gopal Parmar said.

"The victim's parents noticed cash and jewellery were going missing often from the home over the past two months. Last week, the Class XII student's father saw a threatening message on her phone," he said.

"When asked about this message, the girl ducked the query. However, she later told her cousin the accused had taken her to a hotel and clicked obscene photographs and videos, which were being used to blackmail her," he added. After the cousin alerted the victim's father, he approached police, the official said.

"The victim has told us the accused befriended her on social media, and was blackmailing her, due to which she was stealing cash and jewellery from home. The



accused has confessed that he has taken Rs 1.2 lakh from her. He is being probed to see if he has trapped other persons with this modus operandi," Parmar said.

The man has been charged under Indian Penal Code sections 354 (criminal force to any woman, intending to outrage or knowing it to be likely that he will there by outrage her modesty), 385 (extortion) and 509 (threatening over phone), the official added.

Man killed mother, called her a witch stalling his marriage

Team Absolute | Bhopal

A 32-year-old man in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh allegedly killed his mother after accusing her of being a witch who was stalling his marriage, a police official said.

Abdul Ahmed Farhan hit his mother Asma Farukh (67) with a cricket bat and an iron pipe late Tuesday night, Sub Inspector Pradeep Gurjar of Koh-e-Fiza police station told media. "Farhan felt his mother was not interested in getting him married and this caused fights between the two routinely. When his brother and sister-in-law were not at home, Farhan killed his mother during an argument," Gurjar said. "The victim used to tell Farhan, a



commerce graduate, to look for a job before thinking of getting married. After his brother and sister-in-law returned home, he told them their mother had fallen from the terrace," the sub inspector informed. However, police, on being alerted, reached the spot and found the story suspicious, after which Farhan was questioned, the official said. "He confessed to the crime. Farhan used to watch videos of demons and witches on the internet and had started believing his mother was one and was stalling his marriage," Gurjar said.

FRIENDSHIP OF TWO GIRLS TURNED INTO LOVE

Team Absolute | Jabalpur/Bhopal

In Madhya Pradesh, a case of friendship of two girls turning into love has come to the fore. Both the girls have run away from home about two months ago and are living separately. While a young woman has refused to accompany her father, the High Court has said that the girl should be free to take her own decision on attaining majority.

It has been told that two girls living in Khamaria area of Jabalpur played together since childhood and grew up while studying. Both of them had to visit each other's house also and everyone also had affection for each other. At present one girl is 18 years old and the other is 22 years old. When the family came to know about their relationship, both the girls fled to Bhopal and started living in a hostel.

According to the police, the family members of the 18-year-old girl who went missing lodged a complaint with the police station. Jabalpur police reached Bhopal and recovered the girl, but she refused to go to Jabalpur with her father. On this the father



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moved the High Court and filed a habeas corpus petition, as well as told the court that tried to persuade the daughter to stay at home instead of a female friend but she is not agreeing. The High Court accepted the petition and sent a notice to the girl to appear.

Advocate Suyash Thakur has told that, the petition was heard in a double bench of High Court Jabalpur Chief Justice Ravi Malimath and Vishal Mishra. During this, the father told that the daughter is walking on the wrong path. While trying to convince him, the daughter has told the court that the family members beat her up. She is an adult, intelligent, standing on her own feet so she should be allowed to live her life.

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EDITOR'S SPECS

Guj BJP stalwarts are out of fray

Gujarat's former Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, former Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel, and five other senior leaders on Wednesday announced that they will not contest the December Assembly election. Their announcement came before the BJP's Central Election Committee meeting began in New Delhi. Rupani was first to inform media that he is not going to contest and has informed party's state and national leadership that he is not interested in contesting elections. Soon after Nitin Patel shared a letter with media saying that he too will not contest elections. In fact, when the party had sent an observer to listen aspiring candidates of Mehsana district, Patel had been present, showing interest in contesting. But, what made him review his stand, he has not revealed. The other five were ministers in the Rupani government. Former Education Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama also said not interested in contesting election, saying: "Enough is enough". He later clarified that the party has given him a lot and now he needs to serve it. Former Agriculture Minister R.C. Faldu, former Revenue Minister Kaushik Patel, former Energy Minister Saurabh Patel and former Minister of State for Home Pradipsinh Jadeja has informed local media that they are not interested in contesting elections. Meanwhile, The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday announced its first list of 160 candidates for the Gujarat Assembly elections. It has renominated 69 from its total of 111 sitting MLAs. Out of the 69, 17 are turncoats, who have joined the BJP over the last one decade. Surprisingly, 11 sitting MLAs from Ahmedabad city; all four sitting MLAs from Rajkot city; and, from Surat city two sitting MLAs from Kamrej and Udhana were denied tickets. The Choryasi seat candidate has also not been declared by the party in its first list.

WITH THE ASSUMED RED WAVE NOT HAPPENING, TRUMP IS LIVID AND BLAMING CANDIDATES

T.N. Ashok

With the predicted Republican Red Wave not really happening and the Senate and House still up for a toss, former President Donald Trump, who led the charge from the front, is reportedly "livid" and has chosen to blame his candidates absolving himself for the defeat of his candidates in key contests.

Trump has lost some battleground states despite early predictions of a win and particularly glaring is the defeat of Mehmet Oz in Pennsylvania to stroke victim John Fetterman of the Democratic Party. Trump is apparently upset over Oz's loss and was reportedly 'livid' and 'screaming' his head off following the disappointing performance of GOP candidates in key contests and no clear direction of who would take the Senate or the House, as many key constituencies are undecided, the Business Insider reported.

Trump is said to be rather unsettled over Florida Governor Ron DeSantis retaining his seat and instead of congratulating him for retaining his governorship and the seat of Marco Rubio, Trump chose to launch a fusillade against Santti's daring him to oppose him in the 2024 run for the White House and face dire consequences.

Trump and DeSantis have been exchanging hot words recently during campaigns as the former is visibly upset with some billionaires shying away from him and Republican National Committee saying they won't pick up his legal bills and possibly not fund his rerun, media analysts said.

Another major upset for Trump was when the Democrats flipped the Massachusetts seat in their favour with Maura Healey winning decisively against another Trump candidate Representative Geoff Diehl. Healey, the state's Attorney General since 2014, overthrew her Republican opponent, former



state Representative Diehl, and pulled back the governorship to the Democrats after Republican Governor Charlie Baker turned down a third term. She is the state's first woman Governor for the state who is an openly declared lesbian, media reports say.

Trump's favourite newspaper the "New York Post" featured Ron DeSantis on the front page with his wife and kid with the headline DE Future, an apparent reference to Santti's being the favourite of the Republicans who could swing the party to the White House on his own popularity in 2024. That hasn't gone down well with Trump either.

Though the midterms have been closely fought, predicted wins and upsets have marked the results so far, there is an atmosphere of uncertainty as counting is still on in other several key constituencies and contests in battleground states.

Another major upset is California Governor Gavin Newsom has managed to retain his seat for the Democrats in a body blow to the Republicans.

Trump, who is carrying a huge legal baggage from alleged tax frauds, to twice being impeached, to stashing top secret documents and inciting violence, had amazingly tried to rebrand the Republican Party from his Mar-a-Lago home. More than 250 general election endorsements were made by him, as per ballotpedia. Most of them endorsed his allegedly false rhetoric of the 2020 elections being stolen to

be characterized as "election deniers".

Top Trump-backed candidate Mehmet Oz lost in Pennsylvania but author JD Vance just about beat Democrat Tim Ryan in Ohio, a battleground state. Trump reportedly reduced the chances of Republican nominees in key races such as Colorado's Joe O'Dea, the rare one to win the Senate contest without the former President's blessing.

Trump's ire also reportedly chased away sitting Governors from challenging Democratic Senators -- Mark Kelly of Arizona and Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire.

Despite embarrassing GOP losses, Trump is still mulling his announcement for a presidential rerun for a third time in 2024 reportedly to be made on November 15. He has criticised possible challengers who could oppose him such as the re-elected Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

DeSantis, to Trump's ire, has won by a historic margin on a night when Trump's endorsed candidates flopped. An ex-GOP strategist said that Trump had zero chances of winning the 2024 presidential election, should he run -- as early results of the 2022 midterm elections were not in his favour.

"How could you look at these results tonight and conclude Trump has any chance of winning a national election in 2024?" Scott Jennings, a former aide was quoted by the media as saying.

On the flip side as Democrats lost

some battleground states like Georgia, several Democrat strategists feel that that the "Save democracy and abortion rights" wasn't as powerful a campaign against the Trumpian rhetoric against inflation disrupting middle class lives and instead Biden should have flipped the Republican campaign saying they were the ones responsible for the inflation with their irresponsible strategies during the Covid-19 period that devastated the nation.

The key results so far: GOP Georgia Governor Republican Brian Kemp won his re-election defeating two times opponent Democrat Stacey Abrams in one of the eight battleground states. In other highest-profile races, in Pennsylvania, Democrat Josh Shapiro defeated Republican Doug Mastriano in the Governor's race.

While Herschel Walker has campaigned for abortion publicly, while his two former girlfriends scandalised him alleging that he wanted them to abort the unborn children. This seat could be a litmus test of just how strong the Democratic coalition in Georgia is, USA today reported.

Footballer Walker backed by Trump has a tough time as also sitting Senator Raphael Warnock, a pastor, who refused to pay off his wife in separation settlement and tried to run his car over her.

History reveals that midterms have

always been a referendum on the incumbent President and mostly they have lost and Biden could be no exception, pollsters and poll strategists on both sides opine.

New Mexico Governor Democrat Michelle Lujan Grisham was re-elected on Tuesday over Republican Mark Ronchetti, a local TV weatherman-turned-politician, who ran a campaign criticising the first-term Governor's performance, according to NBC and ABC News.

Democrats won their races for the US Senate and governorship in Hawaii quite easily with Josh Green overcoming Republican challenger Duke Aiona. Meanwhile Senator Brian Schatz was re-elected against Republican Bob McDermott.

Democrat Janet Mills was re-elected as Maine Governor. Mills beat her Republican opponent, Paul LePage.

Republican Jim Pillen wins Nebraska governorship replacing his current Governor Pete Ricketts, who couldn't run for re-election due to term limits. Republican Kristi Noem re-elected as South Dakota Governor. Republican Governor Phil Scott wins re-election in Vermont. Republican Governor Phil Scott secured a fourth term in Vermont after defeating Democratic challenger Brenda Siegel.

Democratic Governor Jared Polis wins re-election in Colorado. Democratic Governor Jared Polis secured a second term after defeating Republican challenger Heidi Ganahl in Colorado's gubernatorial race. Republican Governor Mark Gordon won re-election in Wyoming against Democratic challenger Theresa Livingston.

Republican Governor Kim Reynolds wins re-election in Iowa. Incumbent Republican Governor Kim Reynolds secured a victory in Iowa in her re-election bid against Democratic nominee and businessperson Deidre DeJear. The candidates clashed on abortion policy and school funding in their only debate ahead of the election.

international

Top US Gen estimates 200K military casualties on both sides in Ukraine war

Washington | New York

General Mark Milley, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, has estimated that around 100,000 Russian and 100,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed or injured since Moscow waged its ongoing war against Kiev on February 24.

Addressing an event in New York late Thursday, the most senior US general also said that around 40,000 civilians had died in the war, reports the BBC.

These are the highest-ever estimates offered by a Western official.

General Milley, who serves as US President Joe Biden's most senior military adviser, added that for any talks to be successful, both



Russia and Ukraine would have to reach a "mutual recognition" that a wartime victory "is maybe not achievable through military means, and therefore you need to turn to other means". He added that the scale of the casualties could convince both Moscow and Kiev

of the need to negotiate over the coming winter months, when fighting may slow due to freezing conditions.

"You're looking at well over 100,000 Russian soldiers killed and wounded... Same thing probably on the Ukrainian side," the BBC quoted General Milley as

saying. "There has been a tremendous amount of suffering, human suffering," he said.

While Moscow's latest update in September said that just 5,937 troops had been killed since the start of the war, Ukraine has largely refrained from giving casualty figures.

In August, the armed forces' commander-in-chief, Valery Zaluzhnyi, was quoted in Ukrainian media saying 9,000 Ukrainian soldiers had died so far.

The American General also noted that between 15 and 30 million refugees have been created since Russia launched its invasion.

The UN has recorded 7.8 million people as refugees from Ukraine across Europe, including Russia.

MILITANTS OVERRUN POLICE STATION IN PAK'S WAZIRISTAN

Islamabad | Agencies

Suspected militants overran a police station in Pakistan's South Waziristan tribal district. District Police Officer (DPO) Atiqullah said the militants attacked the station in Raghzai area, killing two personnel and injuring another two, The News reported. He said the attackers torched a police van on the premises of the station and took away another vehicle along with some weapons. The DPO said though the militants outnumbered the cops, the police offered stiff resistance to the attackers and fought back bravely. Atiqullah said a heavy contingent of the police and security forces arrived at the police station after learning about the attack. He said the police had set up barricades at various points to arrest the perpetrators of the attack.

The official said that an investigation was launched into the attack. Meanwhile, the local people and tribal elders took out a rally to protest against the wave of militancy, demanding restoration of durable peace in South Waziristan, The News reported.

Expressing concern over the poor law and order, the elders asked the government to take steps to bring the situation under control or violence could spread.

SWEDEN'S LARGEST NUKE REACTOR SHUTS DOWN DUE TO TURBINE FAULT

Stockholm | Agencies

Sweden's largest nuclear reactor was taken offline after a turbine fault, which experts warn could lead to power supply problems.

Reactor 3 at the Oskarshamn nuclear plant was disconnected from the grid on Wednesday, Xinhua news agency reported.

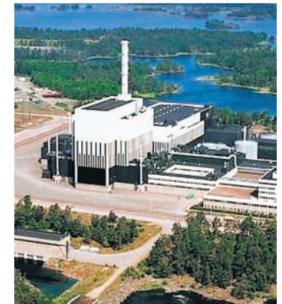
"We are troubleshooting and do not yet have any forecast (for when it may be online)," Desiree Ljlljevall, communications director for OJG nuclear company, was quoted by the local media as saying.

Reactor 3 has an output of 1,400 megawatts and if the problem persists, it may cause (power supply) problems, said spokesperson for the national grid authority Erik Ek.

"We will then have a problem on really cold days," he added.

At the end of August, it was reported that another reactor, Ringhals 4 in the southwest of the country, would be inoperable for months due to a damaged pressure vessel.

Later, local media reported that the stoppage of the reactor, which has an



output of 1,130 megawatts, was expected to last until January 31 next year. Christian Holtz, an electricity market analyst at consulting company Merlin & Metis, told the Swedish TT news agency that the stoppage of Reactor 3 would have a major impact. Electricity prices are likely to soar even higher, as most of Sweden's electricity is produced in the north, and the reactor stoppage could compound existing problems with the power transmission grid.

STRIKES OVER PRICE HIKE PARALYSE GREECE

Athens: Thousands of protesters staged a 24-hour general strike in Athens and other major cities across Greece, calling on the government to cope with inflation.

The strikes on Wednesday, organised by the unions of Greece's public and private sectors, brought to a halt public services, such as schools, hospitals, and media, and also affected public transportation for hours, reports Xinhua news agency. The participants asked for more support to cope with rising inflation which has decreased their purchasing power. Official data showed the country's annual inflation in September reached 12 per cent. "High prices are strangling households," read banners raised during the march in front of Parliament building. "What is happening in our country today is beyond reason... We are suffering," a private sector employee told Xinhua. "We are here today for us, for our children, our parents, our brothers, the entire society... No to social inequalities. Yes to workers," a civil servant, said before minor clashes broke out between a group of protesters and police.

Switzerland to use emergency power generators to secure winter energy supply

Bern | Agencies

The Swiss government has approved the use of emergency power generators to secure energy supply this winter, local media reported.

The generators are generally used to supply electricity to drinking water pumps or computer centres in the event of a breakdown in the public network, Xinhua news agency quoted the local media as saying.

The country is also considering plans to build gas storage tanks to avoid an energy crunch in Switzerland.

Before Wednesday's decision on the generators, Switzerland had decided on several measures to secure the country's energy supply.

These include hydroelectric reserves, increasing the capacity of the electricity transmission network, a rescue mechanism for systemically important electricity companies, and



temporary reduction of residual flows.

A recent survey published by Credit Suisse showed that one in ten companies in Switzerland had scaled back output because of high electricity prices, before possible winter energy shortages.

According to the survey, the most popular step Swiss companies are taking to secure energy supplies is curbing consumption, followed by acquiring emergency generators and batteries, and measures such as installing solar panels.

9 INDIANS AMONG 10 KILLED IN MALDIVES FIRE

Male | Agencies

At least 10 people, including nine Indians, were killed and several others injured when a fire swept through cramped lodgings of foreign workers in Male, the Maldivian fire service said.

Officials said 10 bodies were recovered from the upper floor of a building destroyed in the fire, which originated from a ground-floor vehicle repair garage, local media reported.

He added that it took them about four hours to put out the fire.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic fire incident in Male which has caused loss of lives, including reportedly of Indian nationals. We are in close contact with the Maldivian authorities," the Indian High Commission in Male tweeted. An evacuation centre has been set up in a nearby stadium, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of Maldives said.

NDMA has established an evacuation centre in Maafannu Stadium for those displaced and affected by the fire in Male. Arrangements are being made



to provide relief assistance and support." The Maldivian capital, best known as an upmarket tourist destination, is one of the world's most densely populated cities.

Foreign workers make up about half of Male's 250,000-strong population and are mostly from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Their poor living conditions of foreign

workers was found out during the Covid-19 pandemic when the infection spread three times faster among foreign workers compared with locals.

Approximately 29,000 Indians live and work in the Maldives and almost 22,000 of them live in Male, the capital city.

They comprise nurses, teachers, managers, doctors, engineers, accountants and other professionals.



CENTRAL AGENCIES ARE 'DACOITS', WHY NOT SHUT THEM DOWN: UDDHAV THACKERAY



Quaid Najmi | Mumbai

In a brutal attack, Shiv Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday accused the central probe agencies of being "dacoits" who take "contracts" from the Centre to hound political opponents.

down," an irate Thackeray asked. He was speaking while giving a warm welcome to party MP Sanjay Raut, who was released after 101 days' incarceration in an alleged money-laundering case slapped by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), at his private residence 'Matoshri' here. Referring to the Special PMLA Court verdict which termed Raut's arrest by the ED as "illegal", Thackeray said that despite the order, the Centre may still try to trap him (Raut) in some other false cases. "The court ruling is a warning for the Centre and all those (rebels) who left. The wheels of time keep changing, (Deputy Chief Minister) Devendra Fadnavis must realise that the times change, tomorrow it can catch up even with him," warned Thackeray. The Sena (UBT) chief also charged

the Centre of attempting to hide behind the courts for pursuing its vindictive political agenda and called upon the masses to raise their voice against this. "If the Centre had any shame or principles, this (Raut's arrest) would never have happened in the first place. The whole country and the world are watching the conduct of the government and its misuse of the central probe bodies," Thackeray said. Earlier, Uddhav warmly received Raut at the doorstep of his home, his wife Rashmi performed a traditional welcome aarti, congratulated him and applied a 'tilak', while a beaming Aditya Thackeray gripped Raut in a tight abear-hug". Flowers, garlands and sweets were distributed as several other party leaders clapped and cheered Raut

who met the Thackeray family for the first time in over three months. Reciprocating Raut, who will also meet Natioanlist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar later, said that after a couple of days' rest, he would embark on a tour of Maharashtra, meet the party activists and the common masses to listen to their grievances. Others including Deputy Leader Sushma Andhare said the "tiger is Back", national spokesperson Kishore Tiwari said now the 'BJP is scared, and 2024 will see the BJP swept out by the UPA', Congress' Bhai. However, a high-level delegation from the Shiv Sena (UBT) comprising Aditya Thackeray and other senior leaders will march alongside Gandhi on Friday, according to a party leader.

What are these central agencies? They are just like dacoits. They behave like the 'pet animals' of the Centre. They take 'contracts' (supari) to go and target whoever they are told to. People are now wondering why these federal probe agencies should not be shut

Bhima Koregaon case

SC allows Gautam Navlakha to be placed under house arrest

Team Absolute | New Delhi/Mumbai

The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed activist Gautam Navlakha, accused in the Bhima Koregaon case, to be placed under house arrest. A bench comprising Justices K.M. Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy allowed the 70-year-old to be placed under house arrest for a month in Mumbai, while imposing a number of conditions. Giving relief to the activist, the bench said prima facie there was no reason to decline his medical report. "We would think that he should be allowed to be placed for house arrest for a period of one month," said the bench. The bench said Navlakha will not use Internet, computer, or any other communication device during the period of house arrest and permitted him to use a mobile phone, provided by the police personnel on duty, without Internet connectivity for 10 minutes in the presence of the police. While allowing Navlakha's house arrest, the bench noted that it was unlikely that the case will make any progress towards completion in the foreseeable future and also charges have not been framed. The bench made it clear that Navlakha should not be allowed to leave Mumbai and he will also make no attempt to influence witnesses during the period of his



house arrest. The top court also ordered that there should be CCTVs at the entrance exit and outside the rooms of the residence.

Jairam Ramesh says 'Modi ke do bhai, ED and CBI'

Team Absolute | Nanded

In a scathing attack, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Thursday targeted the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for misusing central probe agencies to settle political scores, against the backdrop of the release of Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut from custody. He said 'Modi Sarkar ke Do Bhai, ED aur CBI' and slammed them for having become 'weapons' in the hands of the Central government. "The central agencies are being used to create terror among Opposition parties and torture their leaders. Those who raise their voice against the BJP government have to suffer and even Raut paid the same price," said Ramesh, speaking as part of the Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) of the Congress. The former union minister pointed out how earlier, top Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul were harassed by ED, and even Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar was pressured by the central agencies on various pretexts. Referring to the Special PMLA Court's



strong observations against the ED on Wednesday, Ramesh said even the Opposition has been repeatedly highlighting the misuse of all these central machineries for the BJP's political aims. Meanwhile, Congress Chief Spokesperson Atul Londhe said the BJIY is getting a stormy response in Maharashtra with thousands joining Rahul Gandhi's march from India and abroad. "The Indian Overseas Congress, USA President Mohinder Singh Gilzian, IOC Europe General Secretary Balwinder Singh Gurdaspuria and many others from Germany and several countries are marching in the BJIY, and will propagate the message of 'Stop Hatred and Unite India' abroad," said Londhe.

UP MAN POSING AS SOLDIER CHEATS WOMAN OF RS 88,000, HELD

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Mumbai: A 32-year-old man has been arrested by city police from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh for allegedly duping a woman here by posing as an Army personnel, an official said on Wednesday. The complainant was looking to rent out her flat in Mumbai and had advertised on an online property portal, the Ghatkopar police official said. The accused called her, claiming that he worked in the Indian Army and needed a rented flat as he has been transferred to Mumbai. He then asked her for bank account details for online payment of advance rent. When she did so, the man allegedly withdrew Rs 88,000 from her account. After the woman filed a complaint, police tracked down the man at Mehra in Mathura district and with the help of local police arrested him under IPC section 420 (cheating). Further probe is on, the police official said.

Sanjay Raut's unlikely praise for Devendra Fadnavis day after jail exit

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A day after his release from jail after over three months, Team Thackeray's Sanjay Raut today had praise for Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the BJP leader seen as a power behind Sena mutineer Eknath Shinde replacing Uddhav Thackeray as Chief Minister in June. "There is a new government in Maharashtra, which has taken some good decisions too. We do not oppose for the sake of opposing," he said, "Devendra Fadnavis has taken some good decisions. I read the newspaper whenever possible (in jail). Decisions such as housing for the poor deserve praise." He also mentioned the decision to give more rights to MHADA (Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority). "Our government had taken away those rights. I did not like that. Fadnavis has done well to restore those." He told reporters that he would meet with Mr Fadnavis "regarding



some public work". "I will also meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah and tell them what is happening to me. I had read that Devendra Fadnavis said political bitterness should be reduced. I welcome his statement," he added. Though his praise was limited to Fadnavis - he did not name Eknath Shinde - this may be seen as a softening of rhetoric by Raut. A firebrand journalist-politician who is a member of the Rajya Sabha, he had defended the Thackerays aggressively when Eknath Shinde broke away five months ago.

Sharad Pawar not to join Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra citing health issues

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar will not join the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra on November 11 as he is in the hospital right now, said Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh on Thursday. "NCP chief Sharad Pawar is in hospital, Rahul Gandhi and I talked to him. The doctor has recommended a 3-4 week rest. Hence, Sharad Pawar will not be joining the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' tomorrow," Jairam Ramesh said. However, former Maharashtra minister Aaditya Thackeray will join the yatra. NCP's Jayant Patil, Supriya Sule and Jitendra Awhad have joined on Thursday. The Bharat Jodo Yatra entered its Maharashtra leg on Monday evening. Rahul Gandhi will travel through 15 Assembly and 6 parliamen-



tary constituencies in five districts of Maharashtra in 15 days and cover a distance of 382 kms. The yatra has already covered parts of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. Bharat Jodo Yatra, which began on September 7 from Kanyakumari, will cover a further distance of 2,355 km in its 3,570-km march. It will end in Kashmir next year. It is the longest march on foot by any Indian politician

in the history of India, the Congress claimed earlier in a statement. Bharat Jodo Yatra is getting support from various political parties and social organizations across the country and the response is increasing day by day. In Maharashtra too, the NCP and Shiv Sena (Thackeray faction) have agreed to participate in the yatra, adding to its importance. Notably, all the party MPs, leaders and workers along with Rahul Gandhi are staying in containers. Sleeping beds, toilets and ACs are also installed in some of the containers. The arrangements have been made keeping in view the intense heat and humidity with the change of places. The Congress suffered a debacle in the assembly polls held earlier this year and the Yatra is seen as an attempt to rally the party rank and file for the upcoming electoral battles.

Iranian man, robbed people posing as a cop, arrested

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Mumbai Police today arrested a 55-year-old Iranian man wanted in connection with chain-snatching and cheating cases. The arrested accused was identified as Haidar Tehjib Sayyed, a resident of Aambivali, Kalyan. He was arrested by a team of Dahisar police and a gold ring weighing 5 grams was also recovered from his possession, officials said on Thursday. The accused was an accomplice of another Iranian migrant Kabuli Jafri, who was arrested by the property cell of Mumbai Police in September this year



in connection with a series of chain snatching and cheating cases while posing as a crime branch officer in Mumbai, the police said. Officials said that the accused, Haidar Tehjib Sayyed, was also wanted and had cases of cheating and other crimes registered against him. He would also pose as a police officer and seize valuables from people. He was arrested by Dahisar police on the basis of a tip-off received through sources. Further investigation into the case is on, they said. The police are in the process of producing the accused in court for remand.

MAHA BIZMAN LOSES 99.50 LAKH AFTER PHONE HACKED

Thane: A businessman in Maharashtra's Thane city lost Rs 99.50 lakh after his mobile phone was allegedly hacked, a police official said on Thursday. The alleged hacking took place between November 6-7 and funds were transferred from his bank accounts to other accounts through net banking, the Wagle Estate police station official said. A case has been registered under Indian Penal Code and Information Technology Act provisions and efforts were on to catch the accused, he said.

NCP, Shiv Sena-UBT joining Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra

Team Absolute | Nanded

Maha Vikas Aghadi allies Nationalist Congress Party and Shiv Sena-UBT have expressed solidarity with and joined the Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra, currently traversing through Maharashtra, party leaders said here on Thursday. NCP State President Jayant Patil, ex-Minister Dr Jitendra Awhad and MP Supriya Sule, along with a large number of party activists, joined the BJIY in Nanded town on Thursday where Rahul Gandhi will address a massive rally. On Friday, Shiv Sena-UBT's Aditya Thackeray and a delegation of other leaders and their



workers from Nanded and surrounding regions will join the BJIY and march with Gandhi. Sena-UBT MP Sanjay Raut - who was released from jail custody on Wednesday - said on Thursday morning that he would attend the BJIY if his health permits. Leaders and activists from various other state and Left parties are also expected to take part in the BJIY over the next few days which will go around 5 districts and six Lok Sabha seats before moving on to neighbouring Madhya Pradesh after two weeks.

In anti-terror bid, Mumbai police bans drones, private helicopters for 30 days

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Mumbai Police have issued a fresh order prohibiting the flying of drones and other remote-controlled or "micro-light aircraft" in the city for 30 days to prevent their possible use for terrorist activities. The Mumbai police order was issued on Wednesday under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. According to the police notification, the order will be in force between November 13 to December 12. "It was likely that that terrorist and anti-national elements might make use of drones, remote-controlled micro-light aircraft, aerial missiles or paragliders to target "VVIPs"



and endanger "the life of public at large, destroy public property and cause disturbance to law and order in the Brihanmumbai Police Commissionerate area", the order said. It further said that restrictions were necessary to "prevent probable sabotage". "No flying activities of drones, remote-controlled micro-light aircraft, paragliders, para motors, hot air balloons, and private helicopters shall be allowed in the jurisdiction of the Brihanmumbai Police Commissionerate area for the period of the next 30 days except for aerial surveillance by city police themselves or upon written permission by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations)," the order said. Notably, Section 144 empowers the police to issue prohibitory orders in cases of nuisance or apprehended danger.





Letitia Wright opens up about her traumatic set accident

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Actress Letitia Wright said she is still in therapy processing the "traumatic" accident that happened to her on the set of 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'. The actor was injured in late August 2021 after a set accident involving a motorcycle sent her to the hospital with a fractured shoulder and a concussion, among other injuries, says reports.

The accident occurred on the 'Wakanda Forever' set in Boston. Wright was shooting a chase sequence that placed her on a "biscuit rig," which allowed the camera to shoot her riding a motorcycle in a real environment.

According to the film's producer Nate Moore, the rig "clipped a median and sheared the bike off, and it tumbled" with Wright on it. "I'm still processing it," Wright told media about the accident. "I'm still working through it in therapy. It was really traumatic." Wright was on the Boston set with the film's second unit crew, which meant neither Moore or director Ryan Coogler were present when the accident occurred.

The two men were back in Atlanta on the main set of 'Wakanda Forever'.

Coogler had to be informed of Wright's accident via a phone call.

"It was about how you can imagine," Coogler said about getting the call.

"I mean, I love these actors. That's me and Chad's little sister. Imagine getting that call that your little sister's hurt. It's the fucking worst thing in the world."

Coogler and Marvel Studios present Kevin Feige traveled to Boston to visit Wright in the hospital. "It was horrifying on any production happening to anybody," Feige said. "It was particularly harsh on this production that was already, strained."



Snoop Dogg to produce a biopic on his life

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American rapper Snoop Dogg's biopic is set to hit the silver screen with blunt force. It remains to be seen if his iconic acceptance speech (where Snoop thanked himself for the success) will find its place in the film's runtime. The rap legend has joined forces with Universal Pictures, director Allen Hughes and writer Joe Robert Cole to make the upcoming biopic, says reports. Snoop, who will produce alongside Allen and Sara Ramaker, said in a statement, "I waited a long time to put this project together because I wanted to choose the right director, the perfect writer, and the greatest movie company I could partner with that could understand the legacy that I'm trying to portray on screen, and the memory I'm trying to leave behind. It was the perfect marriage. It was holy matrimony, not holy macaroni."

The upcoming biopic will feature some of Snoop's most popular songs, and it will also be the first film from Snoop's Death Row Pictures, after he purchased the brand earlier this year.

The rap icon previously hinted at the possibility of releasing his "life story" under the Death Row label.

He said, "I wanted to be the CEO of Death Row Records and basically take over the merchandise and re-release their music, do documentaries, and possibly do my life story."



Kim Kardashian needs three people to help her put Marilyn Monroe dress on

Los Angeles | Agencies

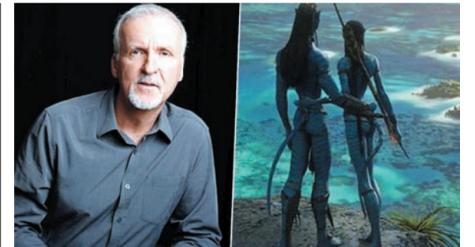
Kim Kardashian needs three people to CRAM her bottom into fragile Marilyn Monroe dress after Kris Jenner pressured reluctant Ripley's boss for access... and she wore it UNZIPPED to Met Gala.

The 41-year-old reality star wasn't even allowed to try on the original dress again after she couldn't fit into it the first time. However, after a strenuous three-week workout and diet regimen - plus a phone call from Kris Jenner to Ripley's - Kim was allowed to try on the dress one more time.

During last week's episode, she couldn't get the original dress up over her hips... but this time she did get the dress all the way up... to an extent. Kim needed three people to push and maneuver her butt so it would fit in the iconic original dress from 1962, which Marilyn Monroe wore during her famous Happy Birthday serenade to John F. Kennedy. The back of the dress wouldn't zip all the way up over her butt, so they just tied it off and covered the unzipped section with a fur.

Kim Kardashian reveals how much work it took for her to fit into Marilyn Monroe's iconic 'Happy Birthday Mr. President' dress for the Met Gala. After losing 16 pounds.

After a strenuous three-week workout and diet regimen, Kim was able to fit into the original gown... with the help of three other people... though the dress wasn't fully zipped over her behind.



JAMES CAMERON ASKED PEOPLE NOT TO "WHINE" ABOUT THE LENGTH OF THE MOVIE

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Filmmaker James Cameron has asked people not to "whine" about the length of 'Avatar: The Way of Water'. As his highly-anticipated sequel is set for release next month, the 68-year-old director doesn't think people should complain about its 3 hour and 10 minute run time because so many TV viewers are willing to binge-watch the entire series in one sitting, reports. "I don't want anybody whining about length when they sit and binge-watch (television) for eight hours," he told a magazine. "I can almost write this part of the review. The agonizingly long three-hour movie... It's like, give me a f*****break. I've watched my kids sit and do five one-hour episodes in a row. Here's the big social paradigm shift that has to happen, it's okay to get up and go pee." Cameron admits the franchise has been "hideously expensive" to make - with an expected budget of around \$1 billion for the four sequels - but he recently insisted the upcoming film will deliver "three hours of a pretty much insane experience."

KATE MOSS THE PARTY QUEEN IS BACK!

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Kate Moss the party queen is BACK! Model busts out her best moves as she dances with pals at Diet Coke event - after stumbling speech at awards. Kate Moss ensured all eyes were on her at a Diet Coke event in London on Wednesday.

The model, who was appointed as Creative Director for the brand earlier this year, donned a sheer dress with a plunging neckline as she hosted a wild party for her pals. Kate got into the party spirit, joining her pal Fat Tony in the DJ booth to show off her dance moves for a cheering crowd. The supermodel couldn't help but let her hair down as she shimmied up a storm in her slinky dress while her long-time pal played on the decks. The garment highlighted the star's jaw-dropping figure while it also featured a shimmering sheer embellishment. Kate added height to her frame with a pair of black heels and added to her look with a gold necklace. The top model was presenting the Fashion Innovator going to her friend Anthony Vaccarello at the Wall Street Journal event held at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

New footage shared shows Kate, who has been sober for four years, slurring in the gushing speech about the YSL artistic director. At the event last Wednesday, Kate arrived at the podium with a welcome of 'good evening ladies and gentlemen', and then appeared to forget her words as she took a long pause to check her phone.

The model was then seen stumbling over her brief speech to the hushed crowd.



Chris Evans' mom thinks it was "about time" her son was named Sexiest Man Alive

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Hollywood star Chris Evans' mom Lisa thinks it was "about time" her son was named Sexiest Man Alive. Speaking to a news channel, she said: "My reaction was, 'yeah, of course, it's about time!' I was bragging when he was potty trained, I was bragging when he was walking, but this is something that everyone will know about. I'm pretty happy about it." While Lisa was unsurprised by the 'Avengers: Endgame' actor's win, she revealed her son was shocked.

She said: "He's always amazed at his own success; he's amazed at what people think of him." And though she is proud of Chris' new title, she thinks his friends will see it as a reason to poke fun at him.

She said: "(His friends) will absolutely give him grief about it, but - they're very funny." Evans said when his win was announced that his mom would be "so happy" about it. He said: "My mom will be so happy. She's proud of everything I do, but this is something she can really brag about." The 'Knives Out' star admitted earlier this week he has to take better care of himself now that he is in his 40s. He said: "In the good ol' days I could eat whatever I wanted, do a couple workouts per week and be okay." "That is not the case anymore. If I have two beers, I wear it. I haven't had to play a role like Captain America in a while so things like diet and workout regimen haven't been on my radar. But getting older, things are clicking and sore and it's harder to wake up, you have less energy..." "You know what it is? It's that it happened so quickly. A year ago I wasn't thinking about any of this. I was someone who was lucky enough to not really think much of it in my 30s and then I hit 40 and it all came at once."



Sandra Bullock



T20 World Cup

ENGLAND THRASHES INDIA BY TEN WICKETS

Adelaide | Agencies

On the eve of the second semifinal of Men's T20 World Cup, England skipper Jos Buttler had said that he would do everything in his power to not let an India-Pakistan final happen in Melbourne.

Though Virat Kohli (40-ball 50) and Hardik Pandya (33-ball 63) got contrasting fifties to take India to 168/6, Hales hit 86 not out off 47 balls while Buttler smacked an unbeaten 80 off 49 balls to chase down the total in style with four overs remaining.

In the chase of 169, Buttler knew that Bhuvneshwar Kumar was going to be his biggest threat in the opening over. To counter the pacer, he walked down and moved across to let his hands do the talking by taking three fours in the opening over.

Hales was the more aggressive of the two, thumping Mohammed Shami over mid-off for six and got an outer edge running past keeper for four. Axar came under more attack as Hales and Buttler hit him for a six and four respectively to sign off from power-play unscathed.

Hales then brought up the century of the opening stand by pulling Hardik Pandya for a six over deep mid-wicket and followed it up with another six by slog-sweeping off Ashwin. Buttler ramped Pandya over fine leg for four



and got his fifty with a pulled six over deep square leg. Buttler then hit Shami for two fours and a six in the 14th over, where he also got a reprieve as mid-off failed to take the catch and parried the ball to boundary rope. Fittingly, Buttler finished off the innings in style by dispatching Shami over long-on for a majestic six to enter the final.

Earlier, Woakes found the outer edge of KL

Rahul along with some extra bounce to give a simple catch behind to the keeper. Sam Curran had Kohli nearly caught at first slip apart from left-arm pacer beating him on the previous ball. But the right-hander got off the mark with a stylish lofted drive off Woakes for six.

After lofting Jordan over extra cover for four in the ninth over, Rohit tried to pull but mist-

imed to diving wide long-on. Suryakumar Yadav got going by swivelling Stokes for six over fine leg and lofted over off-side for four more. But he failed to get the connection on a slower leg-break outside the off-stump off Rashid and was caught at deep point.

Kohli took four off Woakes, Livingstone and Jordan while Pandya also hit a four off the spinner, signalling that India were looking to shift gears as the latter hit three sixes in the 17th and 18th overs.

After Kohli got his fifty in 40 balls, Jordan had the last laugh, having him slicing a wide yorker to short third man. After Rishabh Pant cut Curran over backward point for four in the 19th over, Pandya expertly steered him through the same region for another four.

Pandya pulled a short ball over deep mid-wicket for six, and got his fifty in 29 balls as Stokes misfielded at deep mid-wicket to concede a four. He thumped Jordan for six and four before stepping on his stumps to be out hit-wicket on the final ball.

Brief scores

India 168/6 in 20 overs (Hardik Pandya 63, Virat Kohli 50; Chris Jordan 3/43, Adil Rashid 1/20) lost to England 170/0 in 16 overs (Alex Hales 86 not out, Jos Buttler 80 not out) by ten wickets.

Buttler, Hales script history for opening stand

Adelaide| England opens Jos Buttler and Alex Hales on Thursday created history by smashing the highest opening stand in the history of Men's T20 World Cup, powering their team to the final with a convincing 10-wicket win over India in the second semifinal.

Buttler (80 not out from 49 balls) and Hales (86 not out from 47) made a chase of 169 look like a walk in the park in the semifinal of the T20 World Cup 2022 and their combined 170/0 saw records tumble.

The England pair's partnership passed the previous highest opening stand at a Men's T20 World Cup, 152 between Mohammad Rizwan and Babar Azam, also made against India, in 2021.

And the winning runs took the English duo to an even bigger record. Their combined 170 is now the highest partnership for any wicket at any ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

Buttler and Hales' partnership doesn't come close to troubling the all-time record stand in a Men's T20I, although it would have been impossible for them to do so given the match scenario, with the record being 236 between Hazratullah Zazai and Usman Ghani for Afghanistan against Ireland in 2019.

But the openers are now up to second in the all-time list of English partnerships in a Men's T20I. Dawid Malan and Eoin Morgan's 182 against New Zealand in Napier in 2019 remains out in front.

Bundesliga

Union Berlin dropped points for the second game

Berlin (Germany) | Agencies

Union Berlin dropped points for the second Bundesliga game in a row after sharing the spoils with a stubborn Augsburg in a 2-2 draw ahead of the World Cup break in proceedings.

The Eisernen made a bright start in front of their home crowd on Wednesday night and opened the scoring on seven minutes as Sheraldo Becker rounded the unrumbling Augsburg goalkeeper Rafal Gikiewicz to tap home into the empty net.

Augsburg needed only two minutes to answer as Florian Niederlechner drilled an equalizer from 12 meters past Union custodian Lennart Grill.

Union posed more threat in front of goal, but Becker and Niko Giesselmann lacked accuracy in the 11th minute. Augsburg almost scored out of the blue, but Robert Gumny's header rattled only the crossbar following a corner two minutes later.

The next goal was scored at the other end of the pitch as Giesselmann's pinpoint cross into the box allowed Kevin Behrens to make it 2-1 with 22 minutes gone, reports Xinhua.

Augsburg, however, stunned Union again as Niederlechner sealed his brace after tapping home a rebound from very close range in the 39th minute.

Union controlled proceedings after the restart but managed only to hit the woodwork twice. Augsburg's defence stood firm for the remainder of the second half and clinched a share of the spoils on the road.

"I think the fans saw an entertaining encounter. It is always tough to play against Union but especially on their home soil and with the support of their fans. We are very



glad about the draw," Augsburg's Niederlechner was quoted as saying in reports.

Elsewhere, relentless Eintracht Frankfurt moved into the top four after seeing off Hoffenheim 4-2 with goals from Djibril Sow, Randal Kolo Muani, Eric Junior Dina Ebimbe and Jesper Lindstrom.

Bayer Leverkusen snatched their second straight win after coming from behind to stun rivals Cologne 2-1. Leipzig secured a 3-1 victory and ended Freiburg's unbeaten streak, while Schalke edged Mainz 1-0.

GOLDEN EAGLES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HELD IN HYDERABAD

New Delhi| The 6th edition of the Vishwa Samudra Golden Eagles Golf Championships will be held at the Classic Golf & Country Club, Manesar on November 13 and Boulder Hills Golf Club, Hyderabad on November 20.

This year the pro line-up includes 2 pros from the United Kingdom: Rachel Drummond and Bellangel. Being very successful players on the women's tour, they will be playing alongside Indian pros like Tvesa Malik and Ridhima Dhillawari. Former Indian Cricket Captain and star of the 1983 World Cup winning team, Kapil Dev will also be participating in this event along with other top amateur golfers from across the country.

The 6th edition gets special with exciting prizes to be won across various categories, including a BMW Car! The Golden Eagles Golf Championship began in 2015 as a vision of Mr Chinta Sasidhar, Chairman - Vishwa Samudra Group. The event very quickly grew to become the most sought-after corporate golf event in India. The event celebrates Golf, Glamour and Glory in all its forms!

India to face South Africa, West Indies in T20I tri-series next year

Team Absolute | New Delhi

As part of the final stages of their preparation for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 to be held in South Africa in February next year, India will be participating in a T20 tri-series featuring the Proteas and 2016 champions West Indies in East London from January 19-February 2.

All matches will be played at the Buffalo Park Cricket Stadium in what will be a series of intensely-contested matches between the three teams. They will play two T20I encounters against each side in a battle for a place in the tri-series final, serving as vital preparation for the three teams ahead of the tournament kicking off from February 10-26 in Cape Town, Paarl and Gqeberha. "With the eyes of the cricketing world set to converge on South Africa for the 2023 ICC Women's T20 World Cup, we are pleased to welcome India and the West Indies to our shores as head coach Hilton Moreeng and the team completes their readiness for the global show-piece in February."

"These two sides are up



there with the most talented and entertaining nations in women's T20 cricket, having featured in two of the last four finals, with the West Indies lifting the trophy in 2016. This will give the Momentum Proteas a highly

competitive build-up to the ultimate prize of the T20 World Cup," said Enoch Nkwe, CSA Director of Cricket. "On behalf of Cricket South Africa (CSA), I would like to extend my gratitude to the Board of

Control for Cricket in India (CCI) and Cricket West Indies (CWI) for their collaboration in organising the series at a critical stage of the season," added Pholetsi Moseki, CSA Chief Executive.

LA LIGA: ATLETICO MADRID LOSE TO MALLORCA

Madrid |

Atletico Madrid take their dismal form into the break for the FIFA World Cup after slipping to a 1-0 defeat to Mallorca in their last match before the break in the Spanish La Liga.

Vedat Muriqi's eighth goal of the season on Wednesday night condemned Atletico to their third defeat in four games in all competitions in a run that has seen them drop out of the top four in Spain and crash out of Europe.

Atletico improved after a poor first half, but paid for some wayward finishing, while Mallorca keeper Predrag Rajkovic made two good saves to deny Spain international Alvaro Morata. Atletico's last game before the break is a Copa del Rey tie away to fifth-tier Almazan on Saturday night. An own goal by Espanyol keeper Benjamin Lecomte gave Villarreal coach Quique Setien his first win since replacing Unai Emery.

The win lifts some pressure off Setien, who had struggled in his first four games in charge at the club, while the home fans ended the game calling for the club's directors to resign, reports Xinhua.

Real Sociedad won 2-1 at Sevilla, who spent an hour playing with nine men after Ivan Rakitic and Tanguy Nianzou were sent off in the 28th and 33rd minutes respectively for direct red cards. Rakitic caught Brais Mendez's heel and was unlucky to walk, while Nianzou's marching orders were well deserved after a bad foul on the same player. The visitors had taken the lead in the 19th minute after Alexander Sorloth latched onto Mikel Merino's through ball, and against nine men, Mendez doubled their lead in the 36th minute. Getafe remains in deep trouble after Leo Baptistao's solitary goal condemned them to a 1-0 defeat away to Almeria, who will spend the World Cup in a comfortable mid-table position.



Govt to support Khelo India women's leagues in cycling, swimming, wrestling

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will be conducting the Khelo India Women's Leagues across India from November 12 in cycling, swimming and wrestling.

The Government of India along with the Sports Authority of India is supporting all National Sports Federations (NSFs) across all sports to conduct the women's leagues for the promotion and development of women in sports across the country.

CYCLING

Zone 1 of the Khelo India Women's Cycling League Road Event is scheduled in Ludhiana, Kurukshetra and Panchkula.

The tournament is scheduled to take place across three Zones and the Central Government has sanctioned a total amount of Rs 19.78 Lakh to the Cycling Federation of India for conducting the tournament across the three zones.

Around 200 cyclists are slated to take part in the Ludhiana leg of the tournament, across the Elite Women, Junior, Sub-Junior and Youth Girls age categories.

SWIMMING

Round 2 of the Khelo India Junior Women's Swimming Series in the junior (U-18) and Youth (U-15) age categories is scheduled to take place in Lucknow, Assam, Kerala, Ahmedabad and Bhubaneswar. Around 900 competitors are expected.

In August this year, Round 1 of the Swimming Series took place across New



Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, the Sports Authority of India informed in a release on Thursday.

The Sports Ministry, under the Khelo India scheme, has sanctioned a total amount of Rs 1.02 Crore to the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) for the conduct of this Series across a total of two phases.

WRESTLING

The 2nd phase of the Khelo India

women's Wrestling league will be organised from November 14-15, 2022, for the Senior and U-17 categories in Haridwar (Uttarakhand). Around 400 wrestlers will participate, including both seniors and juniors.

The top 10 wrestlers of the National Wrestling Championship and the top 10 wrestlers of the Open National Ranking Wrestling Tournament will take part in each weight category in the tournament. Around 400 wrestlers will participate.

UP'S ABHYUDAYA YADAV IS INDIA'S NO 1 RANKED BASKETBALL PLAYER

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Uttar Pradesh's Abhyudaya Yadav has recently moved up in the ranking and become India's no 1 ranked 3x3 basketball player. The ranking of players is done by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) which released the latest ranking for India players.

Apart from Abhyudaya Yadav, Vishesh Bhriguvanshi, Rachit Singh and Amrit Pal are the top 4 3x3 basketball players in India. Abhyudaya has also signed for India's first Pro Basketball League, Elite Pro Basketball League.

Abhyudaya Yadav has been playing Basketball for the past 14 years and turned professional in 2018. He reached the No 1 rank in India after he participated in the 3BL Thailand season 1 where his team came 3rd in the 1st round. Players from all over the world play in the league. Talking about the same an excited Abhyudaya Yadav said, "I am really excited being No 1 player of India in 3x3, but for me this is just a start. This will motivate me to work harder and try to put India on the world map in



Basketball." Abhyudaya Yadav who plays for Hyderabad Hoops in Elite Pro Basketball League said, "Elite Pro Basketball League is a platform which India needs to improve the game. I am sure it will be a game changer for Indian Basketball players and will give a lot of players a taste of what being a professional athlete means. I am really very excited and looking forward to playing in it and performing my best."



Malaika Arora to make web show debut

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With the release of her next show, "Moving In With Malaika," on OTT, actress Malaika Arora plans to show off a fresh aspect of her personality. The actor, whose career began in television, will make her webshow debut with the programme. With the new show, the actress will give fans access to her past, present, and future through unfiltered conversations. Sharing her excitement, Malaika said, "For the longest time, the world has viewed me through the lens of social media. But this time I am excited to shake that up a bit. With this show, I want to break that barrier between me and my fans and invite them into my world through Moving In With Malaika."

The actress promises the show to be "a fun ride" as she will take the viewers along with her to explore her day to day life with some of her closest family and friends.

Earlier in the day, Malaika had shared a picture of herself on her Instagram with the caption, "And I said yes" which led to her fans speculating about her marriage with her beau Arjun Kapoor. However, the actress has put all speculations to rest with the recent update about her digital debut.

VIDYUT JAMMWAL UNDERGOES HAIR TRANSFORMATION



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Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon goes down the memory lane and recalled how her mom Geeta Sanon used to motivate her for doing productive work in life and those words of appreciation always inspired her even more than any awards. Kriti shared how once when she went to her parent's room to say good night, her mom stopped her and praised her by saying, "You are a good daughter and you are doing well in life." She added, "I never cried on receiving an award but I cried when my mother encouraged me." The actress is coming on the singing reality show 'Indian Idol 13' along with Varun Dhawan to promote their film 'Bhediya'. His rendition during the 'Thank You Maa' episode made everyone including the judges Neha Kakkar, Himesh Reshammiya, and Vishal Dadlani emotional and they were left with teary eyes. In fact, Varun recorded his video, and Kriti also praised him, saying, "I can connect to your feelings. You have such a powerful voice, I have got goosebumps. Shivam you have a bright future, you will go much ahead in life." Post his performance, his mother also came on the stage and he touched her feet. She said, "Every mother should get a son like you." And he replied, "I want you to be my mother in every birth."

I never cried on receiving an award:
Kriti Sanon

'Deepika Padukone at her hottest and coolest best in upcoming movie'

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'Pathaan' director Siddharth Anand says the film will present Deepika Padukone at her hottest and coolest best and that she will mesmerise everyone with her sizzling screen presence like never before. Siddharth says, "Deepika Padukone is up there with the biggest of superstars in the history of Hindi cinema. And we knew we had written a role for her in 'Pathaan' that is not only breathtaking, but one that also justifies her superstardom. 'Pathaan' will showcase her in probably her hottest and at the same time, the coolest self."

SRK and Deepika are one of the biggest on-screen pairings in the history of Indian cinema given their epic blockbusters like 'Om Shanti Om', 'Chennai Express' and 'Happy New Year'. SRK and Deepika recently sizzled in Spain as leaked photos from the sets. The glamorous duo shot a song in Mallorca as SRK was papped flaunting an eight-pack and Deepika her perfect bikini bod. They then headed to Cadiz and Jerez in Spain where they wrapped the schedule. About the super-hot pairing, Siddharth says, "The on-screen jodi of Deepika and Shah Rukh Khan is probably one of the biggest pairings that Indian cinema has ever seen, given their incredible successes in the past. And in Pathaan we have presented SRK and DP in a way that's unprecedented." He adds, "They have electric chemistry with each other and they look just so hot together. It's rare to find a pairing like theirs and their jodi is a huge USP for Pathaan."



The beast is dying to come out: Vijay Deverakonda

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'Liger' star Vijay Deverakonda has shared a health update with his fans and followers that he has recovered from an injury he suffered eight months ago. Taking to Instagram, Vijay shared a picture along with an update about his health. He wrote: "The back is almost fixed after 8 months of rehab. The beast is dying to come out. He has been kept caged too long now. Go hard and outwork everyone my loves."

On the acting front, Vijay was recently seen in 'Liger' alongside actress Ananya Pandey. The film, which tanked at the box-office, stars Vijay as the titular MMA fighter. It also features Ramya Krishna, and Ronit Roy in pivotal roles. American boxer Mike Tyson plays an extended cameo.

The actor will be next seen in 'Kushi', a romantic comedy film. It also stars Samantha Ruth Prabhu

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