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G20 LEADERS ADOPT PM MODI'S MESSAGE TO PUTIN AS BALI DECLARATION

NO WAR...PEACE

Adopted as Bali Declaration at the end of the G20 summit in the Indonesian city, it can be considered as a diplomatic success for India, as this was the message which Modi had conveyed to Putin during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting in Uzbekistan in September this year. The declaration further accepted that security issues can significantly impact the global economy and accepted that the G20 is not a forum for resolving security-related issues.

► "THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE. WE REITERATED OUR NATIONAL POSITIONS AS EXPRESSED IN OTHER FORA, INCLUDING THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH, IN RESOLUTION NO. ES-11/1 DATED 2 MARCH 2022, AS ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE (141 VOTES FOR, 5 AGAINST, 35 ABSTENTIONS, 12 ABSENT) DEPLORES IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE AGGRESSION BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AGAINST UKRAINE AND DEMANDS ITS COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TERRITORY OF UKRAINE," IT SAID.

Team Absolute | New Delhi

G20 leaders in Bali on Wednesday literally endorsed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message to Russian President Vladimir Putin, that "Today's era must not be of war". It went on to add that a majority of members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine, stressing that it is "causing immense human suffering and exacerbating existing fragilities in the global econo-



Bali: Prime Minister Narendra Modi With G-20 leaders during a plantation drive at the Mangrove Forest in Bali on Wednesday

my - constraining growth, increasing inflation, disrupting supply chains, heightening energy and food insecurity, and elevating financial stability risks". On views held by Russia and China, the Bali declaration said that there have been different assessments and views of the situations and sanctions. It noted that G20 isn't the forum to resolve security issues and acknowledged that security issues can have significant consequences for the global economy. To safeguard peace and stability, the declaration further noted that it is important to uphold international law and the multilateral system, including "defending all the Purposes and

Principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and adhering to international humanitarian law, including the protection of civilians and infrastructure in armed conflicts. The use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible. The peaceful resolution of conflicts, efforts to address crises, as well as diplomacy and dialogue, are vital. Today's era must not be of war". During the SCO summit in Samarkand, in his bilateral meeting on the sidelines with Putin, Modi had said that "now is not the time for war", while urging Russia to stop its attacks on Ukraine.

NEED TO EXPAND BENEFITS OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY ACROSS THE GLOBE: MODI

New Delhi: The proper use of digital technologies can become a force multiplier in the decades-long global fight against poverty, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday while addressing a session on digital transformation at the G20 summit in Bali. Underlining the need for expanding the benefits of digital technology across the world, Modi said that during India's presidency of the G20 -- which will commence from December 1 -- it will work jointly with G20 partners towards achieving this objective. Citing the benefits of digital technology during the Covid-19 pandemic, Modi said: "Digital solutions can also be helpful in the fight against climate change, as we all saw in the examples of remote-working and paperless green offices during Covid. "But these benefits will be realised only when the digital access is truly inclusive and when the use of digital technology is really widespread." He however noted that it is the responsibility of all G20 leaders to ensure that the benefits of digital transformation should not be confined to a small part of the human race.



WEARING MASKS NOT MANDATORY ANYMORE IN FLIGHTS IN INDIA

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Keeping in view the declining cases of Covid-19 in the country, the government on Wednesday removed mandatory requirement to wear masks in flights.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation said that the decision has been taken following a review meeting on the issue with the Ministry of Health.

"The matter, regarding the requirement for mandatory use of masks or face covers during air travel, has been reviewed in consultation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

"In line with the Government of India's policy of graded approach of Covid-19 management response, the in-flight announcements henceforth may only mention that in



view of the threat posed by Covid-19, all passengers should preferably use mask/face covers," the Ministry said in an office memorandum.

The Ministry said that any reference of fine need not be announced with regard to use of masks. "Any specific reference to fine/penal action need not be announced as part of the in-flight announcements.

Hence, consolidated Covid-19 instructions for domestic

and international air travel issued for passengers, airport operators and airlines issued vide order dated May 10, 2022 stands modified to that extent," it said.

In June this year, the airlines were asked to ensure that all passengers wear face masks properly and continue to wear the mask throughout the journey and masks could be removed under exceptional circumstances and for permitted reasons only.

INDIAN BANKING SECTOR RESILIENT, YET SHOULD KEEP EYE ON MACROECONOMIC SITUATION: RBI GOVERNOR

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Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said that despite challenges, the Indian banking sector has been resilient and improved in various performance parameters. At the same time though, he asked public as well as private sector banks to remain watchful of the evolving macroeconomic situation and take necessary mitigating measures to minimise their impact on balance sheets and contain financial stability risks.

Das made these remarks during a review meeting with Chairpersons of public sector

banks and some private sector banks, which was also attended by other senior officials of the RBI.

He acknowledged the crucial role played by the commercial banks in supporting the economic growth throughout the turbulent times since the outbreak of pandemic and the ongoing financial market turmoil, official sources said.

Among other matters, issues relating to lagging growth in deposits vis-a-vis credit growth, asset quality, investments in IT infrastructure, adoption of new-age technology solutions and functioning of digital banking units were also discussed in the meeting, they added.

Sensex crosses 62,000 points twice on Wednesday, recedes

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The Sensex of BSE on Wednesday had dalliance with 62,000 points and closed at 61,980.72 points.

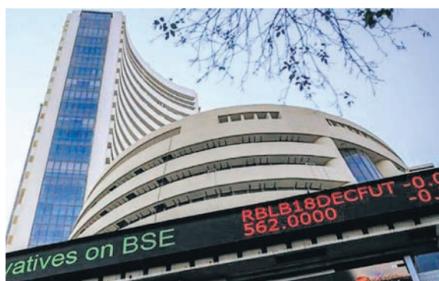
The Sensex opened at 61,708.63 points which was also the day's lowest point. It touched a high of 62,052.57 points during the day.

After coming below 62,000 points, the Sensex rallied up to cross again that milestone and later came down.

The Sensex's all time high was 62,245.43 which was on October 19, 2021, as per the BSE.

The Sensex on Tuesday had closed at 61,872.99 points.

"Despite volatility, the



underlining strength in the market is clearly visible with Sensex touching new lifetime high and Nifty holding above 18,400 zone. Globally, the ongoing G-20 meeting has raised hopes of some positive development to reduce geopolitical tensions,"

Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

He said the Nifty opened flat and traded between gains and losses to finally close flat - up just 6 points at 18,410 levels.

Gujarat polls: AAP's 'kidnapped' candidate resurfaces, withdraws candidature

Surat/New Delhi | Agencies

Hours after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders created a hullabaloo accusing the BJP of "kidnapping" him, party's Surat East candidate Kanchanbhai Zariwala, on Wednesday, resurfaced before the returning officer seeking withdrawal of his candidature.

Since this morning, AAP seniors leaders like Raghav Chadha, Sanjay Singh had been charging the BJP with kidnapping Kanchanbhai as it feared defeat in the next month's Assembly polls.

Amid these allegations, under heavy police protection Kanchanbhai Jarwala appeared before the returning officer R B Bhogayata on Wednesday morning.

Returning officer has confirmed to media that Kanchanbhai has



withdrawn his candidature from Surat East.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Sagar Bagmar denied receiving any complaint of kidnapping. He also confirmed that the candidate has voluntarily withdrawn his candidature.

In morning, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia told the media, "The BJP is losing badly in

this Assembly election and so is fuming and fretting. It has kidnapped Kanchan Jarwala.

Kanchan and his family have been missing since yesterday. He went to the office to get his nomination paper scrutinised. As soon as he came out after the scrutiny, BJP goons took him away from there. Since then his whereabouts are not known", Deputy CM claimed.

The Election Commission on Wednesday met the four-member AAP delegation led by Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

As per a senior official, their representation about alleged coercion of a candidate from Surat East for withdrawing his candidature and taken to an undisclosed location was received. "Representation has been sent to CEO Gujarat to enquire and take action as warranted," said the official.

PEOPLE WITH MORE THAN 2 KIDS WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTEST CIVIC POLLS IN JHARKHAND

Ranchi: People having more than two children, whose last child was born after February 9, 2013, will not be able to become candidates in the upcoming elections to the municipal bodies in Jharkhand. As per the Jharkhand Municipal Act 2011, the State Election Commission has issued an order regarding this.

In case of more than two children, a copy of the order issued by the Commission regarding disqualification from contesting elections has been sent to the Deputy Commissioners of all the districts of the state and they have been asked to ensure its compliance. This provision of the Municipal Act has come into force from February 5, 2012 and after a period of one year, if a person has a third child, then his candidature will be rejected. Twins or an adopted child will also be included in the count of two children. Candidates will have to declare it themselves while filling the nomination form. Legal action will be taken if wrong information is given in the declaration.

Leniency in dealing with juveniles making them emboldened to indulge in heinous crimes: SC

The top court made these observations while ruling that Shubam Sangra -- a key accused in the sensational gang-rape and murder of an eight-year-old nomadic girl in J&K's Kathua in 2018 -- was not a minor at the time of the offence and he should be tried as an adult. The top court set aside the order passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kathua and the Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

New Delhi | Agencies

The Supreme Court on Wednesday observed that it has started gathering an impression that the leniency with which the juveniles are dealt with in the name of goal of reformation is making them more and more emboldened in indulging in heinous crimes.

A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and J.B. Pardiwala said: "We would like to observe that the rising rate of juvenile delinquency in India is a matter of concern and requires immediate attention."

The bench said there is a school of thought, existing in our country that firmly believes that howsoever heinous the crime may be, be it single rape, gangrape, drug peddling or murder but if the accused is a juvenile, he should be dealt with keeping



in mind only one thing i.e., the goal of reformation.

"The school of thought we are talking about believes that the goal of re-

formation is ideal. The manner in which brutal and heinous crimes have been committed over a period of time by the juveniles and still continue to be committed, makes us wonder whether the Act, 2015 (Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015) has subserved its object," it said.

Justice Pardiwala, who authored the judgment on behalf of the bench, said: "We have started gathering an impression that the leniency with which the juveniles are dealt with in the name of goal of reformation is making them more and more emboldened in indulging in such heinous crimes. It is for the government to consider whether its enactment of 2015 has proved to be effective or something still needs to be done in the matter before it is too late in the day."

STAKEHOLDERS AGREE TO PHASED ROLL-OUT OF UNIFORM CHARGING PORT FOR DIFFERENT GADGETS

New Delhi: A broad consensus emerged among stakeholders on Wednesday on adoption of USB Type-C as a charging port for electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets, laptops and other such gadgets. Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh chaired a meeting of the Central Inter-Ministerial Task Force constituted to examine the issue of uniformity in charging ports of electronic devices, attended by representatives from industry associations such as MAIT, FICCI, CII, educational institutions including IIT Kanpur, IIT-BHU, Varanasi and Central government ministries including Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change. Industry should overcome inertia in adopting a uniform charging port in the interest of consumer welfare and prevention of avoidable e-waste, he said.

FILE REPLY OR PAY RS 1 LAKH: GUJ HC WARNS MORBI CIVIC BODY

Ahmedabad | Agencies

The Gujarat High Court on Wednesday hauled up the Morbi Nagar palika for its "casual" approach towards a PIL filed in connection with the bridge collapse which claimed over 140 lives on October 30.

A first division bench comprising Chief Arvind Kumar and Justice A.J. Shastri pulled up Morbi Nagar palika for not filing a reply despite the court keeping a special hearing.

"Don't take this matter casually, the nagarpalika is asked to file a reply before 4.30 p.m. today or face Rs one lakh fine," the bench said in its order.

The court has initiated suo motu proceedings in the bridge collapse case. Though the court had issued notices



to the Morbi Nagar Palika on November 7 seeking a reply by November 14, it failed. On November 15, the court granted another day to the civic body but it again failed to file a reply file.

When the court took up the matter this morning, the Nagar Palika counsel informed that the reply could not be filed as the civic body in-charge Deputy Collector is busy with election duty and could not decide about lawyer on time.

He sought time till November 24 when the matter is kept for further hearing. But the court turned down the request and demanded a reply by evening.



SISODIA'S CLOSE AIDE DINESH ARORA TURNS APPROVER IN DELHI LIQUOR SCAM CASE

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Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia is staring at more troubles, as Dinesh Arora, his close aide and an accused in the Delhi's Excise Policy scam case, has become an approver in the matter.

A Delhi court on Wednesday allowed the move of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)'s move to make him an approver in the matter.

The CBI had sought permission from the court to make Arora an approver in the case.

Arora is currently on anticipatory bail. The CBI didn't oppose his bail plea.

"Arora had close association with the other co-accused and he was actively involved in managing and diverting the undue pecuniary advantage collected from certain liquor licences to the public servants. He himself was not a beneficiary of the alleged amounts received in con-



nection with commission of the alleged offences. Arora cooperated in investigation," the CBI had said.

Source further revealed that some of the L-1 Licence holders are issuing credit notes to retail vendors with an intention to divert the funds as undue pecuniary advantage to public servants. In furtherance to this, they are

showing false entries in their books of accounts to keep their record straight.

Amit Arora, Director of Gurugram-based Buddy Retail Pvt Limited, Dinesh Arora and Arjun Pandey are close associates of Sisodia and are actively involved in managing and diverting the undue pecuniary advantage collected from Liquor

Licencees to accused public servants, it said.

Source further said that Sameer Mahendru, MD, Indospirits has transferred an amount of Rs 1 crore to account no. 10220210004647 of Radha Industries maintained with UCO Bank, Rajendra Place, New Delhi. Radha Industries is being managed by Dinesh Arora.

Arun Ramchandra Pillai used to collect undue pecuniary advantage from Mahendru for onward transmission to accused public servant through Vijay Nair. Arjun Pandey has once collected huge cash amount of about Rs 2-4 crore from Mahendru on behalf of Nair, source said.

"Mahadev Liquors, a proprietorship firm was granted L-1 License. Sunny Marwah is the authorised signatory of the firm. Marwah is also director in companies being managed by family of Late Ponty Chadha. Marwah is in close contact with accused public servants and has been regularly giving undue pecuniary advantage to them," the CBI said.

CBI files FIR in Rs 750.54 cr loan fraud against Kanpur firm

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has lodged a case against Kanpur-based Rotomac Global and its directors for allegedly cheating a consortium of banks led by Indian Overseas Bank to the tune of Rs of Rs 750.54 crore.

Indian Overseas Bank has an exposure of 23 per cent in the matter.

A senior CBI official said that they lodged a case under sections 120-B (Criminal Conspiracy), 420 (Cheating) read with sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act against the firm and its directors, Sadhna Kothari and Rahul Kothari.

Rotomac Global was in the business of writing instruments. The firm had a total outstanding of Rs 2,919 crore against the consortium of seven banks. Apart from the CBI the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has also initiated a money laundering probe against the firm.

On June 28, 2012, the firm was allotted a non-fund-based limit of Rs 500 crore. On June 30, 2016, their account was declared a non-performing asset (NPA) -- at that time it had an outstanding of Rs 750.54 crore. The firm had to pay this amount to the banks. The bank sent the firm eleven Letters of Credit to settle the issue. The firm and bank had reportedly reached a settlement on Rs 743.63 crore. The bank had asked



the firm to submit relevant documents. The firm had overseas business and the documents were necessary but the firm allegedly didn't furnish the complete set of documents. The CBI has said that the LCs were issued favouring two parties, Fareast Distributors and Logistic P Ltd and RBA Venture Ltd but the probe agency had doubts about the accused firm as the complete set of documents was not provided. The bank then decided to conduct a forensic audit of the firm. In the audit irregularities were found in the billing of the firm. The firm was in business with four parties which was of Rs 26,143 crore. This amount was 92 percent of the total sales. The CBI has alleged in the FIR that the major seller of products to Rotomac Group is Bunge group. "Rotomac Group supplied products to four groups. Bunge group is the major buyer for these parties. It indicates fraud," the CBI has alleged.

31 militants surrender in Manipur, deposit arms and ammunition

Imphal | Agencies

As many as 31 militants belonging to five valley-based underground extremists outfits surrendered to the state government and laid down their arms and ammunition before Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at a 'homecoming ceremony' in Imphal on Wednesday.

The Chief Minister welcomed the militants at the 'homecoming ceremony' held at the 1st Battalion Manipur Rifles ground in Imphal. Of the 31 tribal guerillas, 17 belong to the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP)-People's War Group (PWG); four are from the United National Liberation Front (UNLF); six from The People's Revolutionary Party



of Kangleipak (PREPAK), three cadres from Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) while one cadre is from PREPAK (VC). The militants deposited one M-16 rifle, one M-4 carbine, one Lathod gun, one single barrel rifle, 11 pistols and one 12 mm bore pistol along with five cartridges,

three Lathod shells, one improvised explosive device and three live bullets.

Earlier in July this year, 12 cadres of the Liberation Tigers of Tribals (LTT) militant group surrendered to the government and deposited a large cache of arms and ammunition.

Mehrauli Murder: 'Dude, I've got news', Shraddha texted her friend on May 18

Team Absolute | New Delhi

A screenshot of a purported chat between Shraddha Walkar and her friend came out on Wednesday, showing that she was active on social media till early evening of the day she was murdered in May.

Her live-in partner, Aftab Ameen Poonawalla has been arrested for allegedly killing her and then chopping her body into 35 pieces to dispose it off.

The screenshot showed Shraddha sending a text message to her friend at 4.34 p.m. on May 18.

"Dude, I've got news. I got super busy with something," it read.

Her friend replied: "What's the news" but Shraddha went silent after that and did not respond to her

friend's message sent at 6.29 p.m.

Her friend sent her message over social media on September 24, asking about her whereabouts and safety. "Where the hell are you. Are you safe," the friend asked.

Aftaab would have killed her ten days before but he hesitated as she was crying, sources said.

"They had frequent fights, as Shraddha suspected that he was cheating on him, because he was active on the dating app Bumble on which the duo had met three years ago," said the sources.

"She knew that he was talking to other girls on the dating app and had lost interest in her," the sources claimed. "After a fight, Aftab would have killed her 10 days before he did but Shraddha cried and he then hesitated," said the sources.



CM-Governor war reaches new heights as Vijayan gov't calls special Assembly session

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

The war of words between Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has already reached unprecedented levels, and a new showdown loomed as the LDF government on Wednesday called for a special Assembly session from December 5.

As per the rules, the Cabinet decides the dates and sends it to the Governor for the final clearance and the highlight is they are bringing out a new Bill,



which will see easing out the Governor as the Chancellor of Universities.

Consequent to the call for a new session, the Ordinance

that was sent to Khan last week on the same topic of removing the Governor as the Chancellor stands negated. The relation between

Khan and Vijayan in particular has been souring for the past few months and the contentious issue was over the way the state Universities are being run.

Khan came out strongly in the way the Kannur Vice Chancellor was given an extension and he wielded the axe when he booted out 15 nominated Senate members of the Kerala University after they failed to adhere to his directive. That case is presently before the Kerala High Court and also is the case where he, based on an apex court order, asked 10 VCs in the state to resign.

Model alleges sexual harassment by ride app driver, police say complaint false

Bengaluru | Agencies

Investigations into the sexual harassment allegations by a model and actress against a ride app driver in Bengaluru have shown that the victim has lodged a false complaint, Karnataka Police said on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old model, who is also a dubbing artiste, had lodged a complaint against Rapido service bike rider Manjunath Tippeswamy and named the company in her complaint.

The model claimed that she had booked a bike bearing register number KA 51 H 5965 on Rapido to reach home after work from Jakkur to Babusaabpalya in Bengaluru at about 10.30 p.m. on Sunday. During the ride, Tippeswamy, 25, had behaved vulgarly with her, she alleged.



The police who took up the investigation found that she had lodged a false complaint, and nothing, as per the complaint, had happened to her. She had booked a bike taxi, but, after sometime she had cancelled it, police said.

Since the ride was cancelled, the bike taxi did not come to the spot. After the probe, the police have decided not to arrest the bike taxi driver.

DCP, East, Bhimashankar Guled said that the woman had booked the bike taxi and cancelled it. There is no evidence to show the presence of the accused on the spot. It is ascertained that it was a false case. But, it is not known why she filed a false complaint, he added. Earlier, the police had registered a FIR under IPC Section 354 (A) for sexual harassment against the bike taxi rider and the Rapido Company.

Telangana Guv launches human milk bank in Hyderabad

Hyderabad | Agencies

A unique human milk bank has come up in Hyderabad which will cater to preterm babies and other infants in need of milk.

Telangana Governor Dr. Tamilsai Soundararajan on Wednesday launched the milk bank at KIMS Cuddles in Kondapur on the eve of World Prematurity Day on November 17.

Several eligible mothers have shown willingness to



donate milk voluntarily. The banks can store milk for up to one year. Whenever the need arises,

the milk is withdrawn and used after it is brought to a liquid state. KIMS Cuddles expects that on an average

at least five babies will be requiring human milk from its bank on any given day.

The lauded the initiative taken by Dr Bhaskar Rao, Managing Director, KIMS Hospitals.

Three healthy mothers who volunteered to donate on umpteen occasions were felicitated. The average percentage of donations by these three mothers, Madhuri, Roopa and Anusha, is around 15 litres, which is a stupendous contribution.

8 KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT IN J&K'S KISHTWAR

Jammu: Eight people were killed in a road accident in J&K's Kishtwar district on Wednesday, officials said.

Officials said that a Tata Sumo taxi went out of the driver's control in Marwah area of Kishtwar and dropped into a deep gorge.

"Eight people travelling in the vehicle died on the spot," an official said.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS (PMO), in a tweet, said: "Just now spoke to DC #Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav after receiving the news of an unfortunate Tata Sumo road accident in Marwah area. 8 persons have died on the spot, rescue operations in progress to recover other persons. All possible assistance being provided, further help as needed would also be made available. My sincere condolences to bereaved families".

Ornaments worth Rs 50 lakh looted from jewellery shop in Bihar



Patna | Agencies

Ornaments worth Rs 50 lakh were stolen from a jewellery shop in Kurhani in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district.

Shop owner Punjit Kumar was informed about the robbery by other traders having shops in the market.

"Unidentified thieves broke open the shutter and safe through a gas cutter and looted gold and silver ornaments worth Rs 50 lakh on Tuesday night," Kumar

said.

The accused have taken away all gold and silver jewellery apart from DVR or CCTV cameras.

"We have registered an FIR against unidentified persons under relevant IPC sections and investigation is currently underway," said RS Sharma, an Investigating Officer of Maniyari police station.

The place where theft was committed falls under Kurhani assembly constituency where the

bypoll is scheduled on December 5. Law and order is a big issue in Bihar and such an incident will affect voters.

CHANGE OF NAME

I VIJAY KUMAR AASUDANI s/o NARAYAN DAS AASUDANI Residing at B New 44 Q.no.451 ward no.04 Bairagarh Bhopal pin code-462030 have changed my name from VIJAY KUMAR AASUDANI to VIJAY AASUDANI Vide affidavit dated 14/11/2022 at Bhopal Court Madhya Pradesh.

CHANGE OF NAME

I PRIYANKA SATISH PHADTARE w/o Army No.14681017Y, Rank-NK, Name PHALKE GANESH SAMBAHJI Residing at Village Shindewadi Post laqun Tehsil khatav District Satara State Maharashtra pin code-415503 have changed my name from PRIYANKA SATISH PHADTARE to PRIYANKA GANESH PHALKE vide affidavit dated 12/11/2022 at Bhopal Court Madhya Pradesh.

10 OF 12 BODIES RECOVERED FROM MIZORAM STONE QUARRY COLLAPSE

Aizawl | Agencies

A total of 10 bodies have been recovered as of Wednesday after a large portion of a stone quarry in Mizoram collapsed and fell on 12 workers, officials said.

The number increased after two more bodies were found on Tuesday night.

Hnahthial district's Additional Superintendent of Police Vijoy Gurung said search operations were underway to retrieve two more bod-

ies. "The search operation team members are confident that they would be able to recover two more bodies by late today (Wednesday). Continuation of the search and rescue operation is very difficult after the evening. Big stone boulders and other challenges are causing difficulties to the rescuers," Gurung told IANS over the phone.

A total of 12 workers, mostly from outside Mizoram, have been confirmed dead in the accident that

occurred on Monday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is in Bali for the G20 Summit, on Tuesday condoled the deaths.

In a tweet, Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga said: "Search and rescue operations at quarry landslide, Maudarh village are being carried out tirelessly. My heart goes out to the victims of this unfortunate incident. Our gratitude to the PM Narendra Modi who conveyed his condolences via telephone."

According to a report of the Deputy Commissioner of the Hnahthial district, of the 12 workers, five hailed from West Bengal while three were from Assam and two each from Jharkhand and Mizoram.

According to some locals of the Maudarh village, at least five excavators and other drilling machines have been buried under the debris.

The stone quarry, located about 160 km from state capital Aizawl, has been operational for two-and-a-half years.



REMARKABLE WORK DONE BY SHGS TO MAKE WOMEN SELF-RELIANT: PRESIDENT MURMU

Team Absolute | Bhopal

President Murmu has said that remarkable work has been done in Madhya Pradesh to make women self-dependent through self-help groups. Here about 42 lakh women have been empowered economically and socially by joining self-help groups. Their products have been taken to big markets through 'one district-one product' scheme in the state. Products worth more than Rs 535 crore have been sold through the Aajeevika Mart portal. About 17 thousand women have become panchayat representatives in the state. This has been possible with the efforts of all women and the cooperation of the government. For this, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Madhya Pradesh Government and women all deserve congratulations. I am overwhelmed and amazed to be here today. PM Modi has announced to celebrate the year 2023 as Millet Year in the United Nations. President Murmu said that maximum participation of women



power is necessary in making a self-reliant and developed India. Women must inspire each other. All women must unite and move forward on the path of development. Today women are playing a major role in every field, economic, social, political, scientific, research, art, culture, literature, sports, military forces etc. Women know how to make maximum use out of minimum

resources. When a woman is educated, the whole family, the whole society is educated. The development of women is the development of the country. Only with the development of women can India emerge as a developed country in the near future and will again get the place of world leader. CM Chouhan said that our President is a symbol of women

empowerment. Her personality is deeper than the ocean and higher than the Himalayas. Her easygoing, simple nature, patience and personality are exemplary. Her life inspires us. She was born in an ordinary family, not in the house of a king or a leader. She did not get anything in inheritance. Born in an ordinary poor family, she moved forward on the strength of her hard work. Covered the journey from a corporator to a minister. As a minister, the work done by her for women and tribal class was appreciated. She is now adorning the office of the President of India. Chief Minister Chouhan said that it was his wish that the sisters of the self-help group get the guidance of the President. Recently, 17 thousand didis have won the elections in local panchayat and urban bodies. Women are becoming economically and socially empowered by joining self-help groups. A large number of women are joining the Lakshmi Club, whose annual income has crossed one lakh.

After 2 days' break, Rahul to rejoin Bharat Jodo Yatra in MP on Nov 23

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After a two-day break to visit poll-bound Gujarat, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will rejoin the Madhya Pradesh leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra on November 23.

The yatra will enter Madhya Pradesh on its scheduled date on November 20 from Maharashtra. Congress leaders in Madhya Pradesh, said that the rest of the schedule for the yatra will remain unchanged. "There have been relentless requests from Gujarat Congress that Rahul Gandhi should visit the poll-bound state, because his presence will not only boost up the party cadre but also the general public. Therefore, the schedule has been changed. But, the yatra will arrive in Madhya Pradesh on its scheduled date on November 20," said state media in-charge K. K. Mishra. As decided earlier,



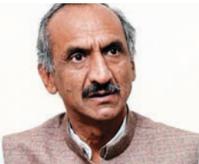
the yatra participants take a day's break in a week. November 21 was fixed for their rest and march was scheduled to kick start from November 22. "Rahul Gandhi will visit Gujarat on November 21, which is fixed for his rest, but he has decided to utilise that crucial time to meet the people of the poll-bound state. Hence, he (Rahul Gandhi) will rejoin the march on November 23," Mishra said. However, Mishra further said other yatratis, including the core group, will continue their march as per the schedule. Ahead of Rahul Gandhi's

yatra, politics in the state has heated up. The Congress has accused the BJP of running a "lotus operation" when their yatra enters the state, however, the BJP has rubbished the allegations. Meanwhile, taking potshots at Rahul Gandhi's proposed visit to Gujarat for Assembly election campaigning purposes, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra said, "Rahul Gandhi's visit in Gujarat would not have any impact in elections, and on the contrary, the only change would be that BJP would regain power with two third majority."

Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra a penance: JP Aggarwal

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General Secretary in-charge of Madhya Pradesh J.P. Aggarwal believes that senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has embarked on Bharat Jodo Yatra against the decline in every aspect in the country. His visit is not for any political gain or election, but to wake up the people of the country. Actually this journey is a penance.



political benefit or election. The name of this Yatra is Quit India Yatra, there is a reason behind this name too, Because Rahul Gandhi was continuously speaking against the wrong policies of the Central Government for a long time and was saying that these people will drown the country, are creating hatred, have taken the country to the brink of economic ruin, foreign policy 100 per cent failure in the matter of govt, failure in internal matters too. What is the state of relations between center and states at present, it is in front of everyone. Many chief ministers who are not from his party are on stage with him but not even ready to sit down.

Assembley elections are going to be held in the state next year and before that the Congress changed the general secretary in-charge in J.P. about two months ago. Aggarwal has been made in-charge of Madhya Pradesh. Aggarwal is continuously touring the state and also talks with the leaders of the party. He is a leader who has lived and worked with three generations of the Gandhi family. Aggarwal spoke on Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, factionalism in the Congress and next year's elections.

On the question of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, Aggarwal says, "This Yatra of Rahul Gandhi is not being done for any

Taking his point forward, Aggarwal said that there is continuous decline in every sector in the country, that is why Rahul Gandhi

has embarked on this journey. His journey is a penance. Walking 3500 kilometers is not an easy thing. He has taken this journey as a penance so that this country should know, what the real condition of the country is and we have to unite the country against the hatred which is being increased at present.

During his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul Gandhi will visit Mahakal in Madhya Pradesh; worship the Narmada River, besides planning to visit Bhimrao Ambedkar's birth place and tribal leader Tantya Bhil's village. Politically many questions are being raised regarding this and when this question was asked to Aggarwal, he said, it is 100 percent wrong to look at Rahul Gandhi's visits to religious places and places of various people's leaders through a political lens. Every person has some or the other purpose in his life and Gandhi is going to these places, all these are important places and prominent names of our country. It is a part of the country; all of them are making big sacrifices if they bow their heads to him, why does anyone mind it.

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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced the implementation of the PESA (Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act-1996 with some amended rules in the state "to empower the people of tribal community".

The Chief Minister made the remarks while addressing a gathering of tribal community at state sponsored 'Janjatiya Garav Diwas' event, which was being observed to mark birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda on Tuesday.

The main rationale behind the act is to "preserve the tribal population from exploitation with an active involvement of the Gram Sabha".

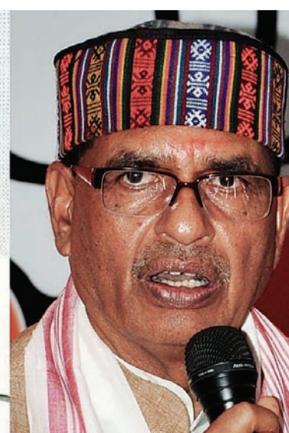
Chouhan claimed that his government has introduced several tribal specific schemes in the state and the implementation of PESA Act "today is the pride day for all of us". Introducing the act at a time when just almost a year left for the state assembly elections, the ruling



BJP will be eyeing tribal votes that account for 21.1 per cent in the state

Chouhan said, "PESA Act is not against anyone, we are introducing it considering social harmony."

As the tribal population has a crucial role to play in Madhya Pradesh's politics, both the



Congress and the BJP take on each other on tribal issues. The Congress also organised a tribal programme in Chhindwara, the home district of state Congress president Kamal Nath.

Former Chief Minister Nath, during the Congress' event, did not forget to mention that the

PESA Act was "framed during the Congress rule in the state". He even questioned the BJP that "why the act was not implemented when it was framed in 1996".

The Congress has been questioning the timing of implementation of PESA Act and other tribal centric schemes implemented by Shivraj-led government since last year. "The BJP has been in power in Madhya Pradesh for the last 17 years, but did nothing for the tribal community and now when the elections have arrived, they are making tall claims to use tribals for their political benefits. In the last assembly elections, tribal and entire people of Madhya Pradesh have shown them the exit door, this is reason why they are in panic mode and trying to grab the power by making false promises now," Nath said.

To woo tribal voters in upcoming assembly elections, scheduled to be held in December 2023, both the parties have geared up since the past few months. A series of meetings are being organised by both the national parties at different districts.

PRESIDENT MURMU PLANTS BANYAN SAPLING IN THE SMART GARDEN

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President Draupadi Murmu planted a banyan sapling in the Smart City Garden today. Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda participated in the plantation. Peepal and Kachnar saplings were also planted.

After planting saplings with President Murmu, Chief Minister Chouhan said that President Murmu is very straightforward, simple, patient and sincere. Her personality has the



depth like an ocean. She is full of human sensibilities. Today we have got the good

fortune of planting saplings with her. Plantation of a sapling by President Murmu shows her commitment towards the conservation of nature and environment. Many thanks to her.

Chief Minister Chouhan said that plantation of saplings on the holy land of Madhya Pradesh by President Murmu has also strengthened our campaign that is being conducted with the aim of motivating every person to plant saplings on important occasions. Tree plantation in Madhya Pradesh is now taking the form of a mass movement.

PRESIDENT MURMU VISITS TRIBAL MUSEUM



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President Draupadi Murmu visited the Tribal Museum along with Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda. Padma Shri Bhuri Bai warmly welcomed the President by presenting her with Ang Vastram on her arrival at the Tribal Museum.

President Murmu visited the Tribal Life Gallery, the gallery focusing on games of

the children belonging to tribal surroundings, the Likhandra exhibition gallery and the Chinahari Museum stall at the Tribal Museum. It is notable that in the Tribal Life Gallery, the architectural, craft, behavioural characteristics and lifestyle of Gond, Baiga, Bharia, Sahariya, Bhil and Korku tribal communities living in the state have been displayed. Chief Minister Chouhan gave introductory information regarding these galleries to the President Murmu.

HC requests bar to avoid unnecessarily filing judgment photocopies with petitions

Team Absolute | Indore

Explaining the financial burden of filing unnecessary documents with petitions/applications on litigants and its Registry, the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Indore Bench requested the members of the Bar to avoid filing judgments that could be relied upon by them at the time of arguments by providing citations to the bench. The division bench comprising Justices Vivek Rusia and A.N. Kesharwani made the said observations while dealing with a petition challenging the vices of Madhya Pradesh Prevention and Recovery of Damages to Public and Private Property Act, 2021. The Court noted that apart from a few annexures, the petition included judgments passed by the Apex Court which were also filed in a connected matter. Due to the same, the petition ended up running into more than 200 pages.

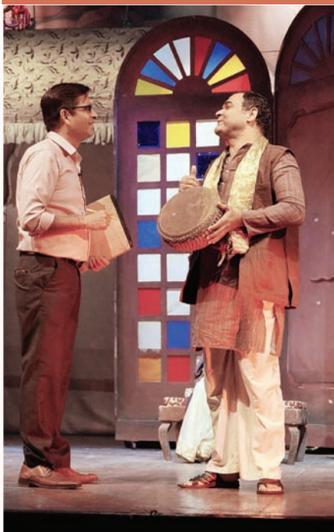
Filing of photocopy of judgments causes financial burden not only to the litigants but



to the Registry of this Court also because each and every document are scanned for which High Court is paying huge amount to private agency, therefore, we request the members of the Bar Association not to file unnecessary documents especially the judgments which can be relied on at the time of argument and only mentioning of the citations in the pleadings would be sufficient.

With the aforesaid observations, the Court directed the Registry to send a copy of the order to High Court Bar Association, Indore.

VISHWARANG: DAY 3 HIGHLIGHTS AN ARTIST'S STRUGGLES THROUGH THE PLAY 'BANDISHEN'



- The Formal Inauguration of Vishwarang 2022
- 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM - Inaugural Session (Minto Hall, Main Hall)
- Chief Guest - Honorable Shri Mangubhai Patel, Governor, Madhya Pradesh

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The third day of 'Kala Mahotsav' under 'Vishwarang', an international art and literature festival, began with the 'Challenges of Art Criticism' session. Renowned art critic and poet Prayag Shukla, film

and art critic Vinod Bhardwaj, film producer-director & critic Sudeep Sohni and famous painter Mr Ashok Bhowmik were present in the panel discussion. Well-known film and theatre critic and senior print and TV journalist Ravindra Tripathi chaired the session. Tripathi focused on the need for art critics. He further said, "It is vital to write passionately about art. It is also necessary to have a mutual dialogue between the artist and the critics." Taking the conversation forward, Prayag Shukla said that art review is an internal dialogue. He also urged the reviewers to have an interest in all art forms. While speaking about film reviews, Sohni commented every art form is ultimately poetry.

Ashok Bhowmik added value to the discussion with his words of wisdom. Focusing on painting, he said art needs to be experienced, not understood, just as we enjoy watching the sunset. We should not try to understand it." At the end of the session, the Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore Vishwavidyalaya, Santosh Choubey, also talked about the technology's role in art review and criticism. He further said one should not separate the artwork from its context.

Musical Presentation of Habib Tanvir's Songs

The cultural evening began with Purva Rang, where Naya Theater Group's Dhannulal Sinha and his team performed 'Rang Sangeet'. The power-packed musical performance included songs from famous plays of Habib Tanvir, inter-

weaving traditional tunes and folk music

'Bandishen': A story of an artist's struggle

The play begins with the 70th Independence day celebration, hosted by a political leader in his constituency. He has invited a few singers to honour them and to sing. One of them is Champa Bai, and the other is Beni Bai. While the former is a Nautanki singer, the latter is a courtesan known for her classical music. Both of them do not have to sing in this program. Champa Bai wants to sing, but an officer stops her. He further tells her that folk artists of the old era will only be honoured here. Meanwhile, Beni Bai does not want to sing because she had taken a vow not to do so years ago.

AIIMS Bhopal Executive Director attended the 2 day conference at Government Unani Medical College

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AIIMS Bhopal Executive Director Prof. Dr. Ajai Singh attended the two-day National Conference as a special guest today at Hakim Syed Ziaul Hasan Government Unani Medical College, Bhopal.

Congratulating the Unani College in his statement, he said that in medical practice, the interests of all the three, the patient, the doctor and the society, are involved. While treating the patient, it should be kept in mind that his rights are fully protected and the cost of treatment should also be minimum. And this is possible only when we do treatment thinking that if it is given to me or any of my family members, how



appropriate or inappropriate it would be.

He specially addressed the students and said that they should continuously develop their knowledge by updating themselves through such programs. He said that development in the field of medicine is possible only when AYUSH and medical science understand each other properly. He told that MBBS interns in AIIMS also take one week training in AYUSH department. Every pathy has its own speciality, and it should be known by all doctors. He also advised the doctors to practice within the legal framework.



EDITOR'S SPECS

BKU faction to support Rahul's Yatra

BKU faction to support Rahul's Yatra. The breakaway faction of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) led by Harpal Singh Bilari, has extended support to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The BKU (Bilari) said that they will participate in the yatra when it passes through western Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan in the coming days.

The yatra entered Maharashtra on November 7 and will pass through Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr.

A delegation of the organisation led by Bilari called on Congress leader and yatra's chairman Digvijay Singh in Delhi on Sunday and discussed how they could support the walkathon. "After Mahatma Gandhi and JP Movement, the Bharat Jodo Yatra has turned into a public movement for protecting democratic values in the society. The yatra is seen as a ray of hope when the country is passing through political, social and economic crisis," Bilari told reporters.

Bilari expressed the hope that Rahul Gandhi would work for the welfare of farmers and reminded that he had a vital role in the new land acquisition policy, which paved way for farmers getting adequate compensation of their acquired land for development projects. Bilari is a veteran farmer leader of western Uttar Pradesh who worked with BKU leader Mahendra Singh Tikait and actively participated in his various movements.

He formed his organisation with like-minded leaders after Tikait's demise in 2011. His organisation has good support base in western Uttar Pradesh, especially in Moradabad and Bareilly divisions.

Bilari was also included in the 40-member committee of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha during the 13-month-long farmers' movement against the three controversial farm bills.

UP BYPOLL PRESENT BJP WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST ITS 80-NIL PLAN FOR 2024

Vivek Tripathi

In Uttar Pradesh, the upcoming bypolls are going to be held for two Assembly seats and one Lok Sabha seat. This election will prove to be a litmus test for both the ruling BJP and principal Opposition parties like the Congress, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Samajwadi Party (SP).

The bypoll results will be help in deciding the political course of all parties before the Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh in 2024.

The two other seats where bypolls will be held on December 5 are Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat which fell vacant after the death of SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav, and Rampur Sadar after the incumbent SP MLA Azam Khan was disqualified following his conviction in a 2019 hate speech case.

The BJP is under pressure to help retain the party membership of the MLA from the Khatauli Assembly constituency. According to political analysts, it is a battle of perception both for the BJP and the SP ahead of these bypolls for all the three seats.

As far as the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat is concerned, Mulayam Singh Yadav's family has been winning this seat for the last two-and-a-half decades. Keeping 'Mission 2024' Lok Sabha elections in mind, BJP has been working in those areas which are considered a stronghold of the Yadavs for a long time. For this reason, after first sending Harmath Singh Yadav from Etah to the Rajya Sabha, the saffron party made Subhash Yaduvansh the state party Yuva Morcha President. Then by making Yaduvansh an MLC, the BJP is trying to woo the Yadav votebank towards itself.

The BJP has set a target of winning 80 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Since the 2022 state Assembly elections, the BJP is eyeing the SP's core Yadav votebank.

After winning SP's stronghold Azamgarh by fielding Dinesh Lal Yadav alias 'Nirahua' in 2022 Assembly elections, BJP has chalked out a strategy to help the party win in the Yadav belt in 2024 Lok Sabha elections as well.

On the death anniversary of Chaudhary Harmohan Singh Yadav, who was considered close to late Mulayam Singh Yadav, BJP wants to cut the Yadav votebank of the SP to size to fulfil its Mission 2024.

According to a senior BJP functionary, from Kanpur to Etawah, Kannauj,



Farrukhabad, Firozabad and Agra, Chaudhary Harmohan Singh Yadav's presence was strong during his regime. In the recent Assembly elections, an attempt was made to create an atmosphere in his favour by inducting Harmohan's grandson Mohit Yadav into the BJP.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtually addressed people on the death anniversary of Harmohan Singh Yadav to send across a message to the Yadav community. Along with this, the BJP, which is trying to garner Yadav votes, has again included Girish Yadav as a Council of Minister, who won from the Jaunpur Assembly seat. According to political analysts, after the defeat of the SP in the by-elections to the Azamgarh and Rampur Lok Sabha seats, the BJP is in a commanding position. Recently, the saffron party has again defeated the SP in the Gola Assembly seat. Now all eyes are on Mainpuri Lok Sabha and Rampur Assembly seats. In Mainpuri, the BJP's attempt is to somehow polarise the non-Yadav and non-Muslim votes. State BJP General Secretary

(Organisation) Dharampal, along with taking the feedback of the party workers in Mainpuri, has asked them to speed up the election preparations with full force. The BJP knows that if it wins these bypolls, they will likely gain an upper hand till the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

On the other hand, Mainpuri and Rampur have been the traditional seats of SP. Akhilesh has played a political masterstroke by fielding his wife Dimple Yadav from Mainpuri.

Akhilesh has played a political masterstroke to save the Yadav legacy and retain its core voters towards the SP. Rampur is the stronghold of Azam Khan. After the cancellation of his membership from there, the responsibility of the by-election is currently alone on his shoulders. According to SP sources, the veteran SP leader's family member or candidate could contest the elections since Azam Khan has won multiple times as an MLA from here. Now SP's victory in upcoming bypolls has

become a battle of prestige for Akhilesh Yadav. This is also because if the SP loses in Akhilesh's bastion, it will be a personal loss for him. But if the BJP wrests the seat from SP, then it will be considered as a major poll victory for the saffron party. A senior SP leader said that the party has entered the electoral fray in full force. Taking lessons from the results of the last by-elections, the SP National President is planning a strategy for Mainpuri and Rampur seats and will aggressively campaign there. SP leaders Tej Pratap and Dharmendra Yadav have been roped in to ensure Yadav family wins again. Senior political analyst P.N. Dwivedi said that the by-elections on all three seats of Uttar Pradesh are important for the ruling and opposition parties. Its results will decide the course of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. These by-elections will in a way prove to be a litmus test for all the parties, he added.

international

TRUMP ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL BID FOR 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Yashwant Raj | Washington

Former US President Donald Trump has officially announced his third run for the White House, kicking off the 2024 presidential election cycle even as the country is still wrapping up the 2022 midterms, which have left him a much diminished figure on account of the defeat of Republican candidates backed by him.

"To make America great again, I am today announcing my candidacy for the President of the United States," Trump announced at an event on Tuesday at Mar-a-Lago, his resort-cum-residence in Palm Beach, Florida.

The former President read from a teleprompter, which he had disparaged earlier as a prop for less accomplished speakers, and stuck to the script, which was also unusual. And, he seemed to lack the energy that he is known to display at campaign rallies.

It was a very mellowed version of Trump that Trump put up.

Trump also never once repeated his lies about losing the 2020 election to President Joe Biden



because of fraud, which appear to have been rejected summarily by voters in the November 8 midterm elections.

Candidates he backed rode those lies in the expectation of winning, but didn't. Trump's case for seeking a second term was simply this: at the end of his administration in 2020, the US was in a great shape, and it's been in decline under his successor.

"We were a strong nation and importantly, we were a free nation," he said, adding: "But now we are a nation in decline. We are a failing nation. For millions of Americans, the past two years under Joe Biden have been a time of pain, hardship, anxiety and despair." Trump slammed Biden on inflation, Afghanistan, gas prices, immigration -- influx of migrants at the southern border with Mexico, his pet theme -- and for paying far too much attention to climate change when nuclear weapons posed a graver and more urgent threat to humanity.

By attacking Biden, Trump was setting it up as a direct fight between him and the president. He did not name any of the other Republicans who are said to be toying a run such as Ron DeSantis, the Governor of Florida, who has emerged as a frontrunner after his massive re-election victory. Former Vice President Mike Pence is also said to be toying a run, as is former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

New scheme to grant 3,000 UK visas to Indians annually

London | Agencies

In a new scheme introduced by British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to fortify bilateral and economic ties, 3,000 Indians will be granted visas annually to come to the UK.

Under the new UK-India Young Professionals Scheme, the country will offer 3,000 places annually to 18-30 year-old degree educated Indian nationals to come to the UK to live and work here for up to two years.

The move comes as Sunak met Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the first time on the sidelines of the ongoing G20 summit in Indonesia.

"The Indo-Pacific is increasingly crucial for our security and our prosperity. It is teeming with dynamic and fast-growing economies, and the next decade will be defined by what happens in this region," Sunak said in a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office.

"I know first-hand the incredible value of the deep cultural and historic ties we have with India. I am pleased that even more of India's brightest young people will now have the opportunity to experience all that life in the UK has to offer, and vice-versa, making our economies and societies richer."



The scheme will be reciprocal. Nearly a quarter of all international students in Britain are from India, and Indian investment into the UK supports 95,000 jobs across the UK. "The launch of the scheme is a significant moment both for our bilateral relationship with India and the UK's wider commitment to forging stronger links with the Indo-Pacific region to strengthen both our economies," the Downing Street statement read. The UK is also negotiating a trade deal with India, which would build on the UK-India trading relationship, already worth 24 billion pounds, and allow the UK to seize the opportunities presented by India's growing economy.

Iranian Prez says resistance only way to counter West's 'greed'

Tehran | Agencies

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has said that resistance is the only way to confront the "greed" of the West.

Raisi made the remarks in a meeting with the visiting high-ranking economic delegation from Venezuela on Tuesday, Xinhua news agency reported, citing the Iranian presidential website.

Expressing his satisfaction with the progress of Tehran-Caracas relations in varied areas, he said that Iran's economic, scientific and energy capacities can benefit bilateral and multilateral cooperation with other nations.

The Iranian President also lauded what he called the "resistance" of the Venezuelan people against the pressures of the US. "Americans thought they could stop the nations with threats and sanctions, but the steadfastness of the independent nations forced them



to retreat and once again proved that resistance and cooperation is the only way to confront the greed of the West," Raisi said. For his part, Venezuelan Transport Minister Ramon Blazquez, head of the Venezuelan economic delegation, presented a report on the holding of the Joint Economic Commission between Iran and Venezuela after an eight-year break. "In the negotiations, we have reached good agreements to expand cooperation in the fields of transportation, agriculture, energy and technology," he said.

Reports indicate stray Russian missiles land in Poland; Moscow denies

Keiv | Agencies

Two people were reportedly killed after some missiles fell in Poland's Przewodow village near the border with Ukraine.

Initial reports have indicated that they could be stray Russian missiles, a media outlet reported. However, Russia has denied reports that its missiles fell on Polish territory.

Earlier, a Poland-based Radio Zet journalist has unofficially reported that two missiles fell in the village of Przewodow near the border with Ukraine on Tuesday.

Two people were reportedly killed in the explosion after the missiles struck grain dryers.

Representatives of the police, the prosecutor's office, and armed forces have arrived at the scene.

Later on, Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki convened an urgent meeting of the Committee of the Council of Ministers for National Security and Defence Affairs.

Initial reports indicate that stray Russian missiles hit a town near the bor-



der with Ukraine, Jerusalem Post reported. The reports came amidst Russia's large-scale missile strike on Ukraine on Tuesday afternoon. Several missiles landed not far from the Ukrainian-Polish border, which triggered specula-

tions that the missiles which fell in Przewodow were fired by Russia. However, Poland has not officially confirmed that the incident was connected to the recent Russian missile attack on Ukraine.

N.Korea unveils stamp marking recent IRBM launch over Japan

Seoul | Agencies

North Korea on Wednesday unveiled the designs for a new stamp commemorating last month's launch of an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) that flew over Japan for the first time in five years.

The stamp, published on the website of the North's Korea Stamp Corp., shows a photo of leader Kim Jong-un guiding military exercises of the Korean People's Army units for operation of tactical nukes from September 25 to October 9, along with images of the IRBM, reports Yonhap News Agency.

The stamp also featured a phrase saying the North's "new-type ground-to-ground IRBM hit the target waters in the Pacific 4,500 km away across the Japan on October 4 in accordance with the decision made by the Central Military



Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea".

Last month, Pyongyang fired an IRBM, presumed to be a Hwasong 12, over Japan amid escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula and growing concerns it could conduct a nuclear test.

The North also released a set of stamps the same day marking the completion of Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm in Hamju county, South Hamgyong province, last month.

The stamps will be issued on November 25, according to the website.



WASHIM COURT ORDERS COPS TO PROBE COMPLAINT AGAINST NAWAB MALIK

The Washim Sessions Court has ordered the police to probe certain alleged statements made by Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and former Minister Nawab Malik, who is currently in jail, against IRS officer Sameer Wankhede, a former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) officer heading the Mumbai unit.

Washim (Maharashtra) | Agencies

Additional Sessions Judge Hemant M. Deshpande has asked the Washim (City) Police Station to carry out the investigations and submit its report, following a complaint lodged by Sanjay S. Wankhede, a cousin brother of the IRS officer.

In his complaint, Sanjay S. Wankhede sought a probe against Malik under the SCST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, for his alleged defamatory and false utterances pertaining to the caste and caste certificate of Sameer Wankhede and his family.

Noting that the police did not act on the complaint submitted on November 6, 2021, Judge Deshpande said that considering the allegations made, an investigation is necessary in



the present matter. After the first complaint with Washim Police Station, Sanjay S. Wankhede lodged another plea with

the Superintendent of Police, Washim on Nov. 08, 2021, demanding probe under Cr.Pc. Sec. 156(3) for the offence punishable under

SCST(Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Sec. 3 (q)(r) (u).

Among other things, Malik had questioned the caste of Sameer Wankhede and his family members, accusation of furnishing forged documents to get a government job, etc, in a series of press conferences and social media statements.

In February this year, the Enforcement Directorate arrested Malik in an alleged money-laundering case and he remains in custody since. Sameer Wankhede had hit back by saying Malik was hounding him as the NCB had arrested his son-in-law in a drug-related case earlier.

After getting a clean chit in the matter, Sameer Wankhede has filed independent complaints against Malik with Mumbai Police in August demanding action.

State to have Scheduled Tribe Commission: CM Eknath Shinde

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Reaching out to tribals, the Maharashtra government on Tuesday announced the setting up of a Scheduled Tribe (ST) Commission and teaching the life of tribal leaders to students through history textbooks. Addressing a gathering in Nashik to mark the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas', Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said Bhagwan Birsa Munda fought for water, land and forest. "The work of all tribal revolutionaries in the country is inspirational and proud. This struggle of tribal revolutionaries helped the nation to achieve its freedom. The government will take efforts for branding and marketing of development concepts and handcraft by the tribals. Along with it, as per the demand by tribal development minister Vijaykumar Gavit, a



Scheduled Tribe (ST) Commission will be set up in the state soon," Shinde said. In his address, Governor B S Koshiyari said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has honoured tribals in the country by selecting Droupadi Murmu as the President. Vijaykumar Gavit said a separate cell will be set up in Mantralaya for the forest

rights of tribals. Speaking in Jawhar in Palghar district, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis said Birsa Munda fought for the rights of tribals and took back the land of tribals from the British. He said the state government will include (a chapter) on the life of leaders of tribal communities in the history textbooks.

BJP MLC Prasad Lad asks govt to take over upcoming memorial of Bal Thackeray

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLC Prasad Lad on Wednesday demanded the Maharashtra government take over the upcoming memorial of Shiv Sena founder late Bal Thackeray in Mumbai.

Shiv Sena president and Bal Thackeray's son Uddhav Thackeray had said the construction of the memorial, coming up at the Mumbai mayor's bungalow at Shivaji Park in Dadar, will be completed by the end of 2023. Lad said a memorial cannot belong to any family or person.

"An individual from the Thackeray family can be the member of the memorial committee," he told reporters. The coalition government of 'Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena' and BJP is headed



by Eknath Shinde, whose rebellion against Uddhav Thackeray led to the collapse of the then MVA dispensation in June.

Former chief minister Thackeray had said earlier this month the history of Shiv Sena and Bal

Thackeray's speeches will be the highlights of the memorial. Senior Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) leader Subhash Desai had said the memorial is the state government's project and is getting the necessary funds from the government.

FIR AGAINST COP FOR RAPING HIS COLLEAGUE UNDER PRETEXT OF MARRIAGE

Mumbai: A 29-year-old police sub-inspector (PSI) in Navi Mumbai has been for allegedly booked for raping his colleague under the pretext of marrying her, according to an official. So far, no arrest has been made.

The accused and the complainant, 30, were together for training in the training facility in Nashik.

The complainant alleged that the accused raped her between 2019 and 2022 in Nashik, Mumbai, Nagpur, and Navi Mumbai under the pretext of marrying her.

According to reports, the accused refused to marry the woman cop and threatened to defame her. Following this, following she approached the police. A case has been registered against the PSI, posted in Mumbai, at Rabale police station under Indian Penal Code sections 376 (Punishment for rape) and 377 (unnatural sex).

FDA SEIZES GROWTH HORMONE INJECTIONS, 71 DRUGS BEING SOLD WITHOUT LICENCE BY GYM TRAINER

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Maharashtra's Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) officials seized a stock of mephenertamine injection, testosterone injection, growth hormone injection, and 71 other drugs worth Rs. 5.31 lakhs from a gym trainer's shop in Mira Road.

According to the officials, the gyms promoting the illegal sale and/or use of body-building drugs are on the radar of the FDA. Based on the information received at the Intelligence branch of FDA, Maharashtra, a team comprises of Drugs inspectors of IB - HQ and Thane raided a shop situated at Kanakiya Road, Mira Road.

During the investigation, the team found that the drugs found on the premise were used without obtaining licence as per the provisions laid down under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945.

A senior FDA official, said, "Many times, it is observed that the body-builders consume such drugs without advice from the gym trainer. The owner



of the shop Kanhaiya Kanojiya used to visit the gym as a trainer. According to the shopowner's statement, the drugs found at his shop were meant for his own use. The statement doesn't seem to be true, as the drugs worth Rs 5.31 lakh could not be meant for self-utilization."

The FDA official, added, "Two representative samples from the stock were drawn for the test and analysis, and the remaining stock worth Rs. 5.31 lakh has been seized for the violation of Sec 18(c) of the Act. Further investigation in this matter is in process."

The FDA officials also stated that the source of the drugs and its sale to various bodybuilders will be investigated and appropriate legal action will be initiated against all those involved.

"The drugs which are meant to cure specific disease and which are to be taken under the prescription of doctors are misused at the gym for immediate effect and for participation in the body-building competitions. Such medicines are dangerous to healthy people and if taken may cause dangerous effects on their bodies.

Ahead of BMC polls, CM Shinde to inaugurate 51 health clinics

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In what is billed as a major public health initiative; Chief Minister Eknath Shinde will inaugurate 51 Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Clinics on the lines of 'mohalla' (neighbourhood) dispensaries all over Mumbai, ahead of the upcoming BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation elections.

Shinde will inaugurate one such free clinic at Dharavi near the ONGC Building through a video-link and within the next six months, 220 such dispensaries shall be functional in the city, especially the slum pockets, officials said.

According to BMC Executive Health Officer Mangala Gomare, these clinics shall be manned by one doctor, one nurse, a compounder, and a helper and will function for 8-10 hours as needed in different localities. Coinciding with the 10th death anniversary of late Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray, while



some of the clinics shall come up in porta-cabins, others will be in the premises of existing clinics or BMC ward offices or rented places. "All the patients shall be provided free medical checkups, medicines, bandages for minor injuries, 147 types of blood tests, while requirements like x-rays or sonography shall be conducted by the approved private medical testing centres on the BMC panel, but charging the civic hospital rates," said Gomare. With the 51 clinics starting in the first phase - a few have already started

functioning from October 2 and proved very popular among the people - a total 220, including polyclinics and diagnostic centres - shall be operational in the next six months. Certain existing clinics are being upgraded to provide specialised facilities like ENT, ophthalmology, gynaecology, physiotherapy, dermatology, dentistry, paediatrics, etc. treatment to the patients. All the clinics shall maintain full records of the patients through tab method and soft copy, making the HBT Clinics paperless and eco friendly, said Gomare. Top dignitaries will join Shinde including Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis, Health Minister Tanaji Sawant, Education Minister Deepak Kesarkar, Tourism Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha, MP Rahul Shevale, MLAs Varsha Gaikwad, Sunil Shinde, Rajhans Singh, BMC Commissioner I.S. Chahal, Additional BMC Commissioner Dr Sanjeev Kumar, Deputy BMC Commissioner Sanjay Kulhade and others.

4 SUFFER BURNS IN GLYCERINE LEAKAGE AT MUMBAI'S SASMIRA

Mumbai | At least four persons suffered burns following a chemical leak at the famed Silk & Art Silk Mills Research Association (SASMIRA) here on Wednesday evening, the BMC Disaster Control said.

The incident occurred around 5 p.m. when the leakage of glycerine took place from a machine in the testing department of SASMIRA at Worli.

The victims, two men and two women, were rushed to the Jaslok Hospital where they were administered first aid.

Later, they were shifted to the National Burns Centre at Airoli in Navi Mumbai for further treatment and their medical status is awaited.

Dismissed cop Sachin Waze seeks bail in money laundering case

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Dismissed Mumbai Police officer Sachin Waze on Tuesday filed a bail application before a special court here in a money laundering case linked to former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh. This was Waze's second application for bail under section 88 of the CrPc where the applicant is remanded to judicial custody at a post-cognizance stage and not arrested under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Waze has not been arrested under the provisions of PMLA thus the rigour of the



Act will not be attracted to the Applicant, his bail plea said. It stated the court has granted bail to the accused in matters where they have not been arrested during the stage of investigation and requested the court to grant bail to Waze.

Special court judge R N Rokade after hearing brief arguments from both sides adjourned the matter for order on November 18. The Bombay High Court

on October 4 granted bail to Anil Deshmukh in a money laundering case registered by the Enforcement Directorate. He was arrested by ED last November.

The ED's case is that Deshmukh had collected Rs 4.70 crore from various bars and restaurants in Mumbai through then Assistant Police Inspector Waze when he was the home minister. The money was allegedly laundered and routed to the Nagpur-based educational trust controlled by the Deshmukh family, the ED has claimed. Deshmukh is lodged in Arthur Road jail in Mumbai.

Malegaon blast case: Bailable warrant issued against ATS officer for not appearing before court



Team Absolute | Mumbai

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court on Wednesday issued a bailable warrant against an officer of the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) for not appearing before it in connection with the 2008 Malegaon blast case.

He is the second ATS officer against whom the warrant has been issued for not appearing before the court. The officer against whom

the court issued the warrant on Wednesday had recorded statements of different witnesses, of whom some turned hostile, a government lawyer said. Hence, his presence was required before the court, the lawyer said. The court was told that the officer was unwell and therefore he could not come to the court, the government lawyer said. Special judge A K Lahoti, who is presiding over the case, issued the warrant against him. Earlier, the spe-

cial NIA court in September issued a bailable warrant against another ATS officer, who had arrested a few accused in the case and recorded some statements. He is also a witness in the case.

More than 280 witnesses have been examined in the case so far and 29 of them have turned hostile.

Six people were killed and more than 100 injured on September 29, 2008, after an explosive device strapped to a motorcycle went off near a mosque at Malegaon town in Nashik district, located about 200 km from Mumbai.

The accused in the case include BJP Lok Sabha member Pragna Singh Thakur, Lt Col Prasad Purohit, Shudakar Dwivedi, Major Ramesh Upadhyay (retired), Ajay Rahirkar, Sudhakar Dwivedi, Sudhakar Chaturvedi and Sameer Kulkarni, all of whom are out on bail.

FRIENDS FILM MAN'S INTIMATE ACT, DEMAND RS 5 LAKH; ONE HELD



Team Absolute | Mumbai

A 26-year-old Versova man has been held for trying to extract Rs 5 lakh by blackmailing his friend with the latter's intimate video. The anti-extortion cell of the Crime Branch is also on the lookout for another friend of the complainant who secretly recorded the private clip when he was with his girlfriend in a hotel room.

Crime Branch sources said the accused were friends with the 20-year-old complainant for the past 8 months. The complainant

told the police that the arrested accused, Arbaaz Hanif Ukani, alias Maddy, met him at Lokhandwala a few days ago and threatened to post the private video on social media if his demand was not met. "The complainant pleaded with him to delete the video, but the accused demanded Rs 5 lakh. He also revealed how the video was recorded," an officer from the anti-extortion cell. Quoting Ukani, the complainant told the police that the absconding accused Zaid, alias Babu had recorded the clip when he and his girlfriend were in a hotel room in Andheri. Zaid

entered the hotel room to place his phone on charge. While Zaid left the room, an app on his phone recorded the goings-on in the room. The complainant told the police that Ukani threatened

to kill him if he didn't pay up. Ukani also allegedly claimed that he had good relations with local police stations. While he wanted the money at once, he agreed to be paid on December 13 after much

haggling. The complainant later decided not to give in to the extortion bid and approached the Oshiwara police, which transferred the case to the anti-extortion cell.

Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran
Division Mangaon
Jal Jeevan Mission
e-Tender Notice No. 13 for 2022-2023 (IIIrd Call)

MJP invites e-Tender notice for the work of Mograj Water Supply Scheme at Tal-Karjat, Dist-Raigad in the State of Maharashtra, valued at Rs.7.79 Crore. The e-Tender details are available on www.mahatenders.gov.in from dated 17/11/2022

All relevant dates will be as per the tender published in web portal www.mahatenders.gov.in

Date: 09/11/2022

Executive Engineer
MJP Division
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65th Grammys: Beyonce leading the field with nine nods

Los Angeles | Agencies

The needle is set over the ridges of vinyl records as the nomination for the the 65th annual Grammy Awards have been announced, with Beyonce leading the field with nine nods, Kendrick Lamar close behind with eight, and Adele and Brandi Carlile tied with seven.

Four contenders enter the race with six nominations apiece: Future, Harry Styles, Mary J. Blige, DJ Khaled and Randy Merrill, reports.

According to the reports, the nominations generally went largely as predicted, with Beyonce, Adele, Styles, Lamar and Lizzo being the five contenders who were each nominated in the top three all-genre categories: record, album and song of the year.

Among the artists who did better than predicted in those top categories are Mary J. Blige and ABBA, who both got put up for record of the year and album of the year, but not song. For Blige, it has been 16 years since she last landed nods for record and album.

Latin music did not have the breakthrough presence in the general categories that some expected. Bad Bunny was nominated for what many consider the top prize, album of the year, for his blockbuster 'Un Verano Sin Ti'.

Reports further states that it was not a landmark year for country music in the nominations either, for that matter. Not a single country artist made it into the top four general categories. The controversial Morgan Wallen was shut out, despite being one of the two commercially biggest artists during the nominating period, along with Bad Bunny. Zach Bryan, one of the great breakouts of 2022, was limited to one nomination - and it was not best new artist, something for which he was almost universally predicted to be a shoo-in for a nod.



One experience nearly led to a disaster in the bathroom: Andrew Garfield

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actor Andrew Garfield opens up on his experiment with the psychoactive plant ayahuasca. He revealed one experience nearly led to a disaster in the bathroom. "Dude. I have to tell you. In one of my plant medicine experiences, there was a moment where I was so happy to remember what a toilet seat was. I'm not gonna go into it deeper than that, but there was a purging that I did, and up until that moment, nothing was identifiable," he told in an interview.

Garfield is said to have "a few very profound experiences" during his purges, but didn't wish to delve any further. He said: "I feel like talking about it in interviews never comes off. In, like, an actor interview. Talking about plant medicine."

"(Pause) I've definitely had a few very profound experiences. It fascinates me, really. Consciousness is like deep space travel - we're never going to know all of it. So I'm all for anything that helps us to reach those doors."

Andrew said: "I met someone recently who - I won't mention their name - but they developed this thing after smoking DMT, called advanced savant syndrome. They did DMT and they just became an expert in a field that they'd never studied."

"A scientific language. Astrophysics. So this stuff is not for the faint of heart. Like, what an amazing gift he's been given - but also, y'know, that's a lot to contend with."

Jana Kramer dated Chris Evans & was ghosted by him

Los Angeles | Agencies

Singer Jana Kramer once dated actor Chris Evans, who has been feted with the PEOPLE's Sexiest Man Alive title, and revealed that she was ghosted by him. The 'Nicest Thing' singer opened up about her brief romance with the 'Captain America' star on her Whine Down with Jana Kramer podcast, and said that things between the two soured after a "very embarrassing" bathroom incident, reports. Kramer and her friends began the episode by discussing to crown Evans, the Sexiest Man Alive for 2022.

The star revealed that she agreed with the choice and knows from personal experience as she and Evans, whom she said she likely met at a club when she was 26, went on a few dates more than 10 years ago. "He wasn't Captain America, but he was the heartthrob, cutie," she said. "I can't remember how many dates it was; I just remember the last date."

Kramer said that one night, 'The Gray Man' star invited her to his home in the Studio City neighbourhood of Los Angeles to hang out with his friends. "It was a fun time, but I was getting a little sleepy and so I was like, 'I'm gonna go to bed,'" she recalled.

"I had asparagus for dinner that night. So I went to the bathroom and he immediately went after me. And so that's the last interaction that I remember, is him going into the bathroom after I just went to the bathroom with asparagus pee."

The singer said she "never" heard from Evans again after leaving the next morning, and called her exit "the asparagus walk of shame." "That's always been in the back of my mind whenever I think about or see Chris Evans or Captain America, and I'm like, 'I had stinky pee.'" Kramer said that she remembers the actor being a "great" kisser and joked that she's game to rekindle their romance.



THE MENU : A MOVIE THAT WILL PUT YOUR CRAVING FOR AN AMAZING HORROR-THRILLER TO REST

FILM REVIEW
BY SHACHI CHATURVEDI
Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Anya Taylor-Joy t, Nicholas Hoult and ensembles
Director: Mark Mylod
Ratings: 3.5/5

Synopsis : Margot and Tyler, a young couple, travel to a remote island to dine at Hawthorne, an exclusive restaurant run by celebrity chef Julian Slowik, who now has planned a lavish gourmet menu, but his method of cuisine has some disturbing surprises for the affluent guests.

Review : Tyler (Nicholas Hoult) is a die-hard fan of uber-chef Julian Slowik (Ralph Fiennes), so the insane price tag is no barrier to his visit to Hawthorne, the chef's secretive, invite-only restaurant. Margot (Anya Taylor-Joy), on the other hand, isn't afraid to express her displeasure with all the pomp and circumstance. Hawthorne is the type of restaurant that expects steadfast dedication from its employees, and Mylod critiques this cult-like kitchen dynamic with amusing exaggerations.

The other diners include an older gentleman (Reed Birney) whom Margot appears to know, a washed-up actor (John Leguizamo), and a strict food critic (Janet McTeer), who all has a clear sight of the clockwork kitchen from the open dining set. Slowik commands everyone's attention with each clap of his hands. Guests and employees hold their breath as Fiennes passionately describes the sentimental motivation behind each dissected dish



and its dramatic demonstration.

Each of the characters in the film plays a minor but significant role in the plot. They were the bricks that helped to build a beautiful and sturdy structure (Film).

The film's transition from evaluated mystery to horror-comedy is aided by violent accelerations that arrive unexpectedly and frequently. When it becomes clear that no amount of exclaiming "Do you know who I am?" will save them from Julian's planned horrors, the guests shift their focus to figuring out how to survive the night alive.

The mental and physical toll of having to work under a chef like Julian is studied in a particularly brutal manner

in one course simply titled "the Mess."

The scene feels like a particularly pointed critique of the restaurant industry's use of stunning spaces and beautiful dishes to conceal its abuses.

In terms of music and technicalities, the film is well shot, with the final frame of all the guests and staff being the highlight. As far as the music is concerned, the film does not have a concrete song but the background music is good enough to keep the suspense and horror quotient intact.

Conclusion : The Menu is both a comedy and a horror film, and for anyone who has ever worked in the restaurant industry or anyone who genuinely want to see a masterpiece, this film is for you.

Queen of pop

Madonna went topless

Los Angeles | Agencies

Queen of pop Madonna went topless again after she warned trolls to stop "bullying" her following rapper 50 Cent's hurtful "grandma" comments. Making use of her Instagram account on Monday, November 14, the Queen of Pop posted a video and photos of her covering her bare breasts only with her hair and a \$3K Balenciaga purse, reports.

In the footage, she donned a black corset, thigh-high stockings and fishnet gloves.

In one of the pictures, Madonna was seen sitting in her marble bathroom inside her New York City residence as she had a black curtain and special lighting to accentuate her features. The chart-topping singer, who came to fame in the mid-1980s, wrote in her caption: "(cat emoji) in the bag."

The racy social media posts came just hours after she warned critics not to bully her. The



"Time goes by" singer retaliated by sharing an image of herself with long flame-coloured hair, wearing ripped jeans and a lacy corset. Madge accompanied the picture with: "Madonna is the first female act from the 80s to have 6 tracks with over 200M streams on Spotify." She later wrote over the photo: "STOP BULLYING MADONNA FOR ENJOYING HER LIFE." Prior to that, Madonna was publicly called out by 50 Cent after she posted a TikTok video of her lip-synching to a Baby Keem track.

"I told y'all grand ma was on bulls**t! Like a virgin at 64. LOL," the "In Da Club" rapper wrote after critics accused the mother-of-six of using "rap music for clout" and called her actions "pathetic" and "disturb(ing)." "Here is 50 Cent pretending to be my friend," the singer wrote in text overlapping the image. "Now you have decided to talk smack about me!"

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Mila Kunis



ACHANTA SHARATH KAMAL BECOMES THE FIRST INDIAN TO BE ELECTED IN ITTF ATHLETES 'COMMISSION

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Star Indian paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal has become the first player from the country to get elected to the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

Sharath got 187 votes, the second-highest number, behind Elizabeta Samara of Romania, who received 212 votes, the difference of a mere 8.83 per cent votes polled from their continents -- Asia and Europe -- respectively.

Eight athletes (four male and as many female) were elected from Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe, and Oceania and will serve in the Athletes' Commission for four years from 2022 to 2026.

Talking of international honour, the 40-year old India -- a multiple Commonwealth Games medallist -- felt humbled and happy to know that



he got the highest number of votes from Asia, ahead of other candidates

from the continent. Liu Shiwen, elected from the female quota, is the other

Asian on the Commission, but the Chinese managed only 153 votes. "I am bowled over and humbled by the recognition. I thank the whole of Asia and all the voters for showering such affection with faith and the CoA (Committee of Administrators) for recommending my name to ITTF," said Sharath in a release issued by Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) on Wednesday.

The Indian, whose popularity transcends borders, could also become the vice-chairman of the ITTF's Athletes' Commission if the Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU) decides to push his case.

Sharath, who will be receiving the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award -- the highest National sports recognition of the country -- from President Droupadi Murmu later this month, is also the vice-chairman of the Athletes' Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

Youth World Boxing

Deepak and Vanshaj made winning starts to their campaigns

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Riding on solid performances, Asian youth medallists Deepak and Vanshaj made winning starts to their campaigns and maintained India's unbeaten run on the opening day of the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships 2022 in La Nucia, Spain.

This came after Vishwanath Suresh opened India's campaign with an impressive win earlier in the day.

Deepak came out all guns blazing in the men's 75kg bout and took just over a minute to outperform his Albanian opponent Useid Nika with the Referee Stops

Contest verdict.

Vanshaj, on the other hand, also began in a similar fashion and looked in complete control against Uzbekistan's Boltaev Shavkatjon in the 63.5kg opening round match. His dominating display throughout the contest made all five judges vote in his favour as he registered a resounding 5-0 win.

Haryana boys Vanshaj and Deepak had clinched gold and bronze medals respectively in the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships, held in Jordan earlier this year.

Five Indians, including two men, will begin their challenge on the second day of the prestigious championships. While Lashu Yadav

(70 kg) and Pranjal Yadav (81 kg) will play their Round-of-16 matches against Poland's Marta Czerwinski and Uzbekistan's Oltinoy Sotimboeva respectively, Preeti Dahiya (57kg) will take on Colombia's Claudia Daniela in the Round-of-32.

In the men's section, Ashish will face Iran's Nima Bayati in Round-of-32 whereas Harsh will be up against Hungary's Levente Olah in the 60kg Round of 64. Indian boxers produced a historic show in the last edition of the championships when they bagged 11 medals, including eight gold. This year's 25-member contingent consists of 13 men and 12 women pugilists.

Hardik Pandya will be captaining India in T20I series against New Zealand

Wellington | Agencies

All-rounder Hardik Pandya, who will be captaining India in the upcoming three-match T20I series against New Zealand, is extremely excited to see what the new bunch of players can do in the short series which follows just a week after their semifinal exit from the Men's T20 World Cup.

In the series against New Zealand starting at the Sky Stadium in Wellington from November 18, India will be without main players like regular captain Rohit Sharma, opener KL Rahul, talismanic batter Virat Kohli, veteran wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik and ace off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin.

In their absence, opener Shubman Gill, middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer, tearaway pacer Umran Malik, off-spinner Washington Sundar, left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav, pacer Mohammed Siraj



wicketkeeper-batters Ishan Kishan and Sanju Samson have been given a chance to be in T20I set-up. "The main boys are not here. But at the same point of time, the players who are already here have been playing for India for about one and a half or two years now. Even they have had ample chances and spent enough time in international cricket to express themselves and showcase what they have."

"We are very excited for them. New bunch, new guys, with a lot of new excitement and new

energy. It's going to be quite exciting to watch them play," said Hardik in a pre-series press conference.

He signed off by saying India's challenge will be to constantly adapt to the plans laid for them by the Blackcaps. "World cricket is evolving now. They are the ones who keep coming with new plans as well. So, as a bowling or batting unit, they keep coming with new plans. It's all about adapting to the new challenges and to the new tactics by them."

FRANCE STRIKER NKUNKU HAS BEEN RULED OUT OF THE QATAR WORLD CUP

Paris | Christopher Nkunku has been ruled out of the Qatar World Cup after the French forward suffered a knee injury in training on Tuesday, the French Football Federation confirmed in a statement on Wednesday.

The player left Tuesday's training after suffering a knee injury, to be replaced on the team by Eintracht Frankfurt forward Randal Kolo Muani.

The RB Leipzig star took a knock in a challenge with Eduardo Camavinga during the training and he had to be helped off the field ahead of the reigning champions France's opening game against Australia on November 22.

It was later confirmed Nkunku will not travel to Qatar after tests revealed he had sprained his left knee. In a statement, the French Football Federation (FFF) confirmed that RB Leipzig's Nkunku left the French team's training session on Tuesday due to an injury to his left knee.

Brazil, France and England will be the biggest obstacles: Messi

Rio de Janeiro | Agencies

Brazil, France and England will be the biggest obstacles to Argentina's hopes of ending a 36-year FIFA World Cup title drought in Qatar, according to Albiceleste captain Lionel Messi.

"Whenever we talk about candidates, we always talk about the same teams," Messi said in an interview.

"If I have to put some above others I think Brazil, France and England are a little bit above the rest. But the World Cup is so difficult and so complicated that anything can happen."

Messi will be playing in his fifth and almost certainly his last World Cup, having appeared on football's biggest stage for the first time at the 2006 tournament in Germany.



"We are very excited. We have a very good group that is enthusiastic, but we are taking things little by little," said the Saint-Germain forward.

World Cup in the best way to face everything that comes after. The more you play and the more time you spend on the pitch, the more you get to know each other," he added.

has also said that Brazil could not hide from the fact they are among the favourites to win the FIFA World Cup.

"It is undeniable that we are one of the favorites," Danilo told reporters during Brazil's pre-World Cup training camp in Turin.

"We have important footballers who play for the best teams in the world," said Danilo, who has been capped 46 times since his international debut in 2011.

"When we go out onto the pitch wearing the national team shirt, we always have the feeling of being those children in Brazil who dream of playing and winning the World Cup, to embrace the family with the Cup in hand."

"That feeling is always present with us and it gives us a strength you can't imagine," he added.

Australian Open: Anwesha Gowda advances to second round

Sydney | Agencies

India had a disappointing day in the BWF Australian Open here with Anwesha Gowda the only winner on Wednesday as Sameer Verma gave a walkover to his Australian opponent.

Anwesha got the better of Australia's Pitchaya Elysia Viravong 21-9, 21-11 in the women's singles section of this BWF World Tour Super 300 event which has a total prize fund of USD 180,000.

Anwesha from Delhi, who has won four junior titles in six finals this year, dominated the match, winning 42 out of the 62 rallies played. She won six consecutive points and never allowed her opponent to get into a good rhythm.

She broke away from 3-3 in the first game to open up a 7-3 lead and extended it to 12-4 and went on to



win the game 21-9. Anwesha took early in the second game and never allowed her opponent to come anywhere closer to her score as she won the match in 21 minutes.

Also in women's singles, Tanya Hemant of India lost in two games against Malaysia's Jin Wei Goh, 15-21, 16-21. In women's doubles, the Panda

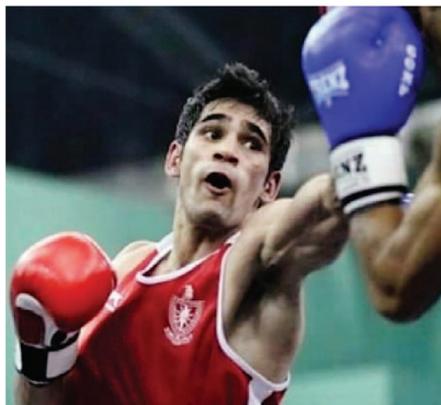
Rohit Tokas is set to defend his gold medal at All India Inter-railway Championships

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Rohit Tokas is all set to defend his gold medal at the All India Inter-railway Championships. The championships kickstart in Guwahati from November 23-26, 2022.

The ace boxer who fights in the 67 kg category is currently training at the Karnail Singh Railway Stadium in New Delhi. The ace boxer last time around had fought in the 71-75 kg category where he defeated Ishmit Singh who represented Central Railway with a scoreline of 5-0 unanimous decision.

Talking about the same, Rohit Tokas said, "I am very confident of defending my gold medal. I have dropped my weight category to 67 kg, and I am feeling much better. Last year was a great year for



me, not only did I win gold at the All India Inter-railway Championships but also won bronze at Commonwealth Games. This has motivated me to strive harder and made me hungrier for success." Adding further he said, "I have been working hard

and putting in a lot of hours practising and honing my skills. Right now my aim is to defend my gold and the entire focus is on Paris 2024 where I want to put up a great show and come back with a medal and make everyone proud."

Singapore to host first Olympic Esports Week in June 2023

Lausanne (Switzerland) | Agencies

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Wednesday confirmed that its inaugural Olympic Esports Week will be held in Singapore from June 22 to 25, 2023.

The announcement marks the next major step in supporting the development of virtual sports within the Olympic Movement and engaging further with competitive gamers, the IOC informed in a release on Wednesday.

The Olympic Esports Week will showcase the best of virtual sports -- hybrid physical and simulated sports -- with the four-day festival, including exhibiting the latest technologies, panel discussions, education sessions and show matches, the IOC informed.



The highlight of the week will be the first in-person live finals of the Olympic Esports Series, a global virtual and simulated sports competition created in collaboration with the International Federations (IFs) which builds on the successes of last year's Olympic Virtual Series.

The 2021 series attracted over 250,000 participants from across 100 countries to take part in competitions in virtual and simulated sports including baseball, motor-sport, cycling, rowing and sailing.

"It is a perfect opportunity to be partnering with Singapore, which has a history of supporting innovation in the Olympic Movement, hosting the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010, so we are looking forward to working together closely," Bach added.



I stopped taking advice from people: Huma Qureshi

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Huma Qureshi said she had a great year so far with diverse roles at her disposal. While she portrayed a female Chief Minister in 'Maharani 2', 'Double XL' saw her playing a plus size woman smashing stereotypes.

Talking about how the year has been for her, the actress said: "It's been a great year. At some point in my career, I stopped taking advice from people on what projects to pick up and went with my gut instinct. What speaks to me is what I agree to do. And the love and the success help in giving me faith that I am headed down an exciting journey." She said that it's a stroke of serendipity that all these shows or movies have been released in the same year. "Every actor in today's times chases versatility. In fact, that is imperative for an artiste so that they don't get bored of what they are doing. 'Maharani' is in its second season, but obviously the character's graph this time was stronger. She is more confident in her skin and is more comfortable with who she has become," she added.

She further mentioned: "It's about society's pressure on each of us to submit to their norms and rules. And Monica is probably a character I personally enjoyed every bit of." She said that although the film has a pulp thriller vibe, it also serves an important message: "One can easily label her as the vamp, but there's a reason the film is named after her. Men who use their sexuality to further their dreams aren't judged but women who do it are easily labelled climbers, vamps etc. It was in some ways empowering to play Monica, to give her layers of kindness and yet someone who owns who they are," she concluded.

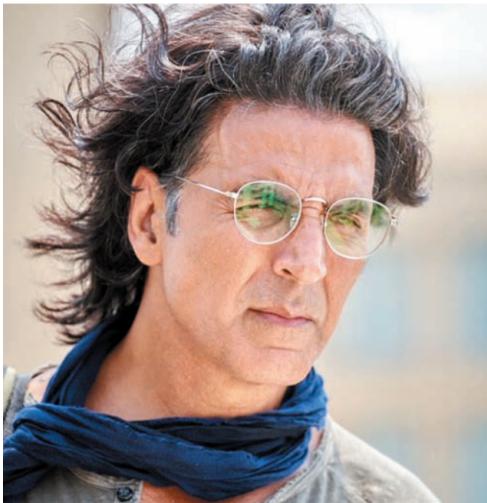


Akshay Kumar is set to headline yet another film

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Keeping up with his practice of shooting and announcing films one after the other, Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar, who was most recently seen in 'Ram Setu', is set to headline yet another film, this time a biopic. This biopic is of mining engineer Jaswant Singh Gill who, under very difficult circumstances, saved miners trapped in a flooded coal mine in Raniganj of West Bengal in 1989. Born on November 22, 1939, in Amritsar, Gill was Khalsa College alum, and was awarded Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak by President Ramaswamy Venkataraman in 1991.

On Wednesday, the Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Pralhad Joshi commemorated Gill on Twitter: "Remembering Late Sardar Jaswant Singh Gill ji for his heroic role in rescuing 65 workers from a flooded coal mine, in 1989. We are proud of our Coal Warriors who battle everyday against the odds to assure India's energy security." Replying to the Union Minister, Akshay Kumar tweeted: "Grateful to you Joshi Pralhad ji, for recalling India's first coal mine rescue mission - this day 33yrs ago. Sardar Jaswant Singh Gill (It's an honour for me to portray Jaswant Singh Gill in my upcoming film). It's a story like no other! easterncoal."



I have some wonderful memories with John Abraham: Madhurima Tuli

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'Bigg Boss 13' fame Madhurima Tuli talks about playing the wife of Bollywood star John Abraham in Arun Gopalan's action-thriller 'Tehran'. She said that it is indeed exciting for her to portray a star wife again in 'Tehran' after 'Baby'. 'Tehran' features John Abraham and Manushi Chhillar in lead roles. The movie is going to be interesting for those who are inclined towards knowing about the Russian-Ukrainian war crisis that is going on. "My role in the film is of a cop's wife. It revolves around how the cop's life is always in danger and he is out working while his wife stays with kids, spending time alone. That's the bond they share where they are there for each other and she's always under the fear that she might lose him any day but she still remains strong for the family."

Talking about her experience working with her co-stars, John and Manushi, she said: "I have some wonderful memories with John Abraham. He's a fantastic human being and I had a great time shooting with him. He's fun to be on set with and he's really hardworking and humble so it was really great to work with him. I'll also be seen sharing screen space with Manushi and I would say that she's a wonderful person and a very nice and kind human. We didn't have many scenes but whatever they were, it was fun working and interacting with her."



Kangana Ranaut has kickstarted the filming of her next movie

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Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut has started the filming of her upcoming movie 'Emergency' in Assam. The film is her second directorial after her 2019 release 'Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi'.

On Wednesday, the actress took to the story section of her Instagram to share a photo from the set of the movie that she captioned: "Night shift in Assam."

In the picture, she can be seen sitting in the video village looking at the Lilliput monitor while dressed in heavy winter wear.

'Emergency', directed by Kangana Ranaut, will also see her essaying the role of former Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi. The film will tell the story of India's biggest political event when the Emergency was imposed in the country by Gandhi who was then Prime Minister.

The 21-month period of Emergency was in effect from 1975 to 1977, officially issued by President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed under Article 352 of the Constitution because of prevailing "internal disturbance". It was withdrawn on March 21, 1977.



Sheykh Ravjani has expressed his love for mentoring children



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Musician and actor Sheykh Ravjani has expressed his love for mentoring children inclined towards music. "I am going to give my best to all these kids," said Sheykh as he interacted with the young minds at Global Indian International School in Pune.

Sheykh said: "When I first visited GIIS, I was very impressed with their approach to education and the integration of technology, which gives talented students many opportunities to excel beyond academics." "I thought here is a school whose philosophy is aligned with my own. Giving back to the new generation and watching them succeed is something that I am extremely passionate about. So it was not just a meeting of energies, but a meeting of minds." The musician also shared his journey from being a music composer to being a mentor on various reality TV shows to now mentoring the students at GIIS. "For me, imparting knowledge is what matters most."

"Whether as a judge on a reality show or as a mentor to my students at GIIS, the guidance that I give is always from the heart and with the intention to truly make a difference in the learning journey of the student. When it comes to reality shows, unfortunately, our time to guide the contestants is limited, but sometimes a simple comment can do wonders for their morale or their performance." "With school, I get a lot more time to focus my energies on the mentoring aspect and like to encourage my students to even compose and prepare their songs." The music composer, who made his acting debut in 2016 shared that he will be making an exciting announcement soon. "A new dream of mine through which all of my aspirations will find their voice, and this dream is well on its way to coming true," added the musician.

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