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INDIA HOME TO MORE THAN 70% TIGERS, 2,967 TIGERS ACROSS 53 RESERVES: CENTRE TO SC

THE TIGER LAND

The National Tiger Conservation Authority, in a status report filed in the apex court, said: "India has become home to more than 70 per cent tiger population in the world. A comprehensive report of All India Tiger Estimation (2018) was released on July 29, 2020. The fourth round of country level tiger status assessment completed in 2018, with findings indicating an increase with a tiger population estimate of 2,967 (lower and upper limits being 2,603 and 3,346 respectively), as compared to the last country level estimation of 2014, with an estimation of 2,226, 2010 estimation with an estimation of 1,706 and 2006 estimation, with an estimate of 1,411."

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he Central government informed the Supreme Court that according to a 2018 report, there are 2,967 tigers in the country spread across 53 tiger reserves.

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre, submitted before a bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and B.V. Nagarathna that a lot of work has been done for the conservation of tigers and increasing their population, and their current numbers stand at 2,967.

The report added that due to efforts of the government through the NTCA, the tiger

has been taken from the brink of extinction to an assured path of recovery, which is evident in findings of the quadrennial All India Tiger Estimation conducted in 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018.

"These results have shown a healthy annual growth rate of tigers at 6 per cent, which offsets natural losses and keeps tigers at the habitats carrying capacity level, in the Indian context," it added. The report said the fifth cycle of All India Tiger Estimation is currently ongoing and it will be completed in 2023.

"Status of leopards in India was released wherein popu-



lation estimate of 12,582, was reported in assessed areas of tiger landscape. This increase is more than 60 per cent in comparison to the last such assessment done in 2014," it added. The status report was filed in response to a petition filed by advocate Anupam Tripathi in 2017 seeking to save endangered tigers whose numbers are dwindling in the country. The top court recorded Bhat's submissions and scheduled the matter for further hearing in March, as Tripathi was not present. In 2017, the apex court had issued notice to the Ministry of Environment, the National Board for Wildlife, and the NTCA.

She walks into the wild to tend to the beasts

Dehradun: To deal with tigers, elephants and leopards, Dr Aditi Sharma, senior veterinarian and wildlife health specialist at the Rajaji Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand, had to first traverse the "unforgiving world of men". Dr Aditi Sharma has numerous

interesting tales to recount of her encounters with the tigers, leopards and elephants. Some are terrifying and some are moving - tranquilising a man-eater leopard in the middle of the night, keeping vigil from a dais on a tree in a dense forest or tend-



ing to an elephant injured in a train accident. She further describes what happened after the Narendra Nagar operation. After her degree in 2001 and a Masters in Veterinary Surgery in 2004 from the Pant Nagar College of Veterinary Sciences, Dr Sharma began her career in 2005 by joining the Uttarakhand Animal Husbandry Department as a Veterinary Officer; ten years later, she moved to the Uttarakhand Forest Department as a Senior Veterinary Officer. The nerve and the skill to tackle ferocious animals had to be acquired slowly, through sustained rigorous training. In 2014, when the incidents of human-wildlife conflict increased in the Rajaji Tiger Reserve, with a sudden spike in the attacks by leopards and bears, Dr Aditi played a sig-

ICC U19 WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP FINAL

ALL THE MATCH OFFICIALS APPOINTED ARE FEMALE



POTCHEFSTROOM | Agencies

he International Cricket Council (ICC) on Saturday announced that they have appointed an all-female match officials panel for the final of the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup, to be held in JB Marks Oval on Sunday. Vanessa De Silva will oversee the final as Match referee, while Candace La Borde and Sarah Dambanevana will be the on-field umpires. Dedunu De Silva will be TV Umpire while Lisa McCabe is the fourth umpire. After two weeks of action that has featured 16 teams, the inaugural edition of the Women's U19 T20 World Cup with Sunday's final between India and England set to begin from 13:45 local time (5:15pm IST) in Potchefstroom. India's brilliant performance against New Zealand in the first semi-final and win by eight wickets on Friday saw them seal their place in the final. Player of the Match, leg-spinner Parshavi bowled an amazing spell of 3/20 in her four overs and helped India restrict New Zealand to a mere 107 in 20 overs. In reply, opener Shweta Sehrawat asserted her run-making prowess by hitting her third half-century in the competition and remained unbeaten on 61 off 45 balls to complete the chase in 14.2 overs. In the second semifinal, England triumphed in an incredible thriller against Australia, winning by just three runs, in the second semi-final to progress to the title clash. With their powerful batting line-up having faltered by posting 99 all out and leaving Australia exactly 100 runs at under a run a ball to win, an intense effort in the field and with the ball helped England defend a modest target.

Player of the match Hannah Baker led the charge, with the leg-spinner's beguiling spell fetching her figures of 3/10 off four overs, with skipper Grace Scrivens supporting her with figures of 2/8 off 3.4 overs and getting the last wicket to fall by trapping Maggie Clark lbw for a duck

The low run rate in the chase and Amy Smith's run-a-ball 26 (three fours) kept Australia in the game, but once she holed out to long-off off Josie Groves' bowling with the score on 77, England had all but set a date with India in Sunday's final at



Rahul Gandhi pays floral tribute to martyrs of Pulwama terror attack

Srinagar: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday paid floral tribute to the martyrs of 2019 Pulwama terror attack at Lethpora.

He stopped the Yatra for a while at Lethpora in Pulwama and laid a flower bouquet at the spot where 40 CRPF jawans were killed in the terrorist attack. Official sources said that Rahul Gandhi resumed Yatra from Chersoo village in Anantnag district.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra, which started from Kanyakumari on September 7, will conclude in Srinagar on January 30 where Rahul Gandhi will hoist the national flag and address a public rally.

'Doraemon' lesson saved this boy during house collapse

ix-year-old Mustafa has survived a building collapse in which he lost his mother Uzma and grandmother Begum

Mustafa, who is among 14 survivors, is currently under treatment at the SPM Civil Hospital and is said to be out of danger.

The boy said that it was the lessons learnt from his favourite cartoon show that saved his life.

"I was terrified but I recalled an episode of the cartoon show 'Doraemon' in which Nobita (the central character of the series) was taught about protecting himself during an earthquake by taking shelter in corners or under the bed. Without wasting a second, I took shelter under the bed," Mustafa

recounted. He said: "I saw mummy running



and screaming. In no time, the entire building collapsed and everything became dark.'

Mustafa's father Abbas Haidar, who is a Samajwadi Party spokesperson, was not at home at the time of the incident, while his grandfather, Amir Haidar, a veteran Congress leader, has survived the

The boy was not told about his mother's demise till Wednesday evening. The family had celebrated the golden jubilee of Mustafa's grandparents's wedding on

Ancient marble statue of Hercules emerges after sewer work in Rome park

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outine sewer repairs in an area in Rome, which was seeking a recognition from the Unesco as a World Heritage site, have led to the discovery of an ancient Roman-era marble statue of the mythical demigod Hercules.

Repair crews were called in after sewer pipes in the national park at the Appian Way collapsed, causing ditches and minor landslides, reports Xinhua news agency

The excavations, which reached a depth of 20 meters and as rules require in the Italian capital, were carried out with the presence of archaeologists.

The life-size marble statue found at the site is reported to be of Hercules, an ancient Roman demigod known as the protector of the weak.



The figure represented by the statue carried a club and had a lion's coat over his head, part of the iconography representing Hercules.

According to reports, the statue likely dates back to Rome's imperial period, which stretched from 27 BC to 476 AD. The find recalls last November's discovery of two dozen well-preserved bronze statues beneath the foundations of thermal baths in Tuscany. Those statues were 2,300 years old, even older than the Hercules statue. The marble statue of Hercules was broken during excavations but was otherwise well preserved.

This is the second time this year that the Appian Way makes international headlines. On January 11, the Culture Minister formally backed the inclusion of the Appian Way on Unesco's

World Heritage list. Ministry ever backed a UNESCO candidacy directly.

The Appian Way is an ancient road that spans 550 km between Rome and the southern Italian city of Brindisi. It was designed in 312 BC by statesman Appio Claudio Cieco. His goal was to build a road that quickly connected Rome to Capua for the movement of troops southwards during the Second Samnite War (326-304 BC). Later on, the route was extended to Brindisi to directly connect with Greece, the East, and Egypt, for military expeditions, travel and trade. It was the most famous route in the Roman era.

If the Appian Way becomes a Unesco site, the Appian Way will be the second longest such site after the Great Wall of China.

'PATHAAN''S EARNING CROSS RS 313 CR IN FIRST 3 DAYS

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ollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's film 'Pathaan', directed by Siddharth Anand, has recorded the biggest opening weekend in the history of Hindi cinema, which it set on Day 3 of its release, by collecting Rs 313 crore gross worldwide

On Day 3, 'Pathaan', which released on January 25, collected Rs 38 crore net in Hindi format, while dubbed

formats earned Rs 1.25 crore net. The total India collection on Day 2 was Rs 39.25 crore net (47 crore gross). Meanwhile, overseas collection was also astronomical as it collected Rs 43 crore gross (\$5.3M).

The total worldwide collection on Day 3 was a whopping Rs

90 crore worldwide gross box office.

The total India GBOC after 3 days stands at 201 crore gross and total overseas collection is at Rs 112 crore gross. "'Pathaan' has been blessed by Indians across the globe and what is happening with this film is unprecedented and historic.

'Interpol a platform to integrate global criminal intel into local policing'

he Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is hosting the third INTERPOL Young Global Police Leaders Programme (YGPLP), in which 59 delegates from 44 countries are taking part to create a strong police intelligence network worldwide.

The programme will conclude on February 2.

While addressing the participants virtually on Friday, INTERPOL Secretary General Jurgen Stock said that Delhi is home to one of the most successful

INTERPOL General Assemblies. He also complimented the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for hosting

Recalling the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he addressed the INTERPOL General Assembly last year saying "crime somewhere is crime everywhere". Stock said. "The main theme before us is maintaining trust in the crimi-



nal investigation process in a digitised

Stock underlined that this brings together two inescapable realities of our times, first, the ongoing challenges and opportunities arising in the criminal landscape that come from the emergence of artificial

intelligence, big data, and augmented reality including through disruptions like the metaverse. Second, the ongoing globalisation of criminal activity and the fundamental necessity for a collaborative approach to effectively combat it. He said the use of new technology was

always treated with more skepticism when deployed by governments, rather than by the private sector.

'Think of drug use, property theft, forced labour, sitting behind many crimes that appear domestic are regional and global networks that exploit borders to engage in borderless criminal activity. Interpol is a platform to integrate global criminal intelligence into local policing. We are here to build bridges across police forces, founded on a common mission to foster global collaboration, which will span distance, and time," he said.

INTERPOL Young Global Police Leaders Programme (YGPLP) is a flagship INTERPOL event for promising young police officers.

GOA POLICE INTENSIFY NIGHT PATROLLING FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY

PANAJI | Agencies

n a bid to curb street crimes and to increase safety for women, the Goa Police on Friday announced a special fourwheeler patrol Operation Jagruti' in the state's north district. North Goa

Superintendent of Police Nidhin Valsan told media persons that night patrolling will be intensified

'This exercise includes 38 Jagrut North District vehicles having 100 staff deployed from North District and other various units. There are 10 vital routes identified along with additional 40 internal routes in North Goa District in which these vehicles will be patrolling daily from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.," he said. Valsan said that besides this, they will attend to all the other calls received from the control room. "The main intention of this exercise is to assist and help any distressed woman and child during odd hours," he said.

MODI STRIKES CHORD WITH GUJJARS AT 1111TH 'AVATARAN MAHOTSAV' IN POLL-BOUND RAJ

Team Absolute Bhilwara

Striking a chord with the Gujjars in poll-bound Rajasthan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday termed it a "coincidence' that India assumed the G20 presidency which has a lotus emblem in its logo in the 1111th year of Bhagwan Devnarayanji who also appeared on a

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Bhilwara this morning to attend a ceremony commemorating the 1111th 'Avataran Mahotsav' of Bhagwan Shri Devnarayan, the deity of Gujjars.

On this occasion, he performed 'mandir darshan' and 'parikrama' and planted a neem sapling. He also performed Purnahuti in the ongoing Vishnu Mahayagya at Yagya Shala.

Expressing his happiness for getting an opportunity to be present on the auspicious occasion, the PM said that he was not there in the capacity of a Prime Minister but as a pilgrim who wishes to seek blessings of Bhagwan Shri Devnarayan Ji.

He also expressed gratitude for being able to perform 'purnahuti' in the ongoing Vishnu Mahayagya at the Yagya Shala. "I feel blessed to get 'darshan' of both Devnarayan ji and 'Janta Janardan'", Modi said. "Like any other devout here, I also seek blessings from Bhagwan Shri Devnarayan Ji for the constant development of the nation and welfare of the poor ", the Prime



Referring to the continued ancient flow of Indian consciousness, the Prime Minister said that India is not just a land mass but is an expression of civilisation, culture, harmony and possibilities. He talked about the resilience of the Indian civilization as many other civilizations could not adapt to the changing times and perished. Despite many efforts taking place to break India geographically, culturally, socially and ideologically, no power could finish India, the PM

"The India of today is laying the foundation for a grand future", the Prime Minister said as he credited the strength and inspiration of the Indian society that preserves the immortality of the nation. Throwing light on the contributions of the strength of the society in the thousand-year-old journey of India, the Prime Minister noted the energy that stems from within the society in every period of history and acts as the guiding light

for everyone.

The Prime Minister recounted Shri Devnarayan's devotion to the people's welfare and his choice of service to humanity. "Path shown by Bhagwan Devnarayan is of 'Sabka Vikas' through 'Sabka Saath' and the country, today, is following the same path". Referring to Bhagwan Devnarayan's campaign to make 'Gau Seva' a medium of social service and social empowerment, the Prime Minister pointed out the growing spirit of Gau Seva in the country. He also spoke about the nationwide vaccination campaign for foot and mouth disease, the establishment of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog and Rashtriya

Modi noted the invaluable contribution of personalities like Tejaji to Pabuji, Gogaji to Ramdevji, Bappa Rawal to Maharana Pratap and said great personalities, leaders and local deities from this land have always guided the country. He also underlined the bravery and contribution of Gujjar women and paid tributes to Rampyari Gujjar and Panna Dhai. "This tradition continues to flourish even today. It is the country's misfortune that such countless fighters could not get the place they deserve in our history. But New India is rectifying these mistakes of the past decades", he added.

"Today the whole world is looking towards India with great hope", the Prime Minister said. He further added that the pride of this land of warriors has also increased with India's show of strength in the whole world. "Today, India speaks on every major platform of the world with unfettered confidence while reducing its dependence on other countries. We have to live up to the expectations of the world by proving our resolutions", the Prime Minister remarked as he expressed faith in succeeding with the blessings of Bhagwan Devnarayan Ji and Sabka Prayas (everyone's effort). Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal, Head Priest of Malaseri Dungri Hemraj Ji Gujjar and Member of Parliament Subhas Chandra Baheria among others were

India's biggest Drone Show comprising over 3.5K indigenous drones to mesmerise spectators



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ndia's biggest Drone Show comprising 3,500 indigenous drones will mesmerise spectators at the historic Vijay Chowk in the heart of the national capital on January 29.

Indian tunes based on Indian Classical Ragas will be the flavour of 'Beating the Retreat' ceremony this year which will be graced by President and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Droupadi Murmu.

As many as 29 captivating and foot-tapping Indian tunes will be played by the music bands of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the State Police and Central Armed Police Force (CAPF).

The ceremony will have

Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Officials said that the magnificent drone show will light up the evening sky over the Raisina hills, weaving myriad forms of national figures/events through

smooth synchronisation. It will depict the success of the start-up ecosystem, technological prowess of the country's youth and pave the way for future path-breaking trends.

The event will be organised by M/s Botlabs

Dynamics. Besides, for the first time, a 3-D anamorphic projection will be organised during the Beating Retreat Ceremony 2023 on the facade of North and South Block.

The Ceremony will begin

with the massed band's 'Agniveer' tune which will be followed by the enthralling tunes like Almora, Kedar Nath, Sangam Dur', Queen of Satpura, Bhagirathi, Konkan Sundari by Pipes and Drums

Indian Air Force's band will play 'Aprajey Arjun', 'Charkha', 'Vayu Shakti', 'Swadeshi', while fascinating 'Ekla Cholo Re', 'Hum Taiyyar Hai', and 'Jai Bharati' will be played by the band of Indian

The Indian Army's band will play 'Shankhnaad', 'Shere-Jawan', 'Bhupal', 'Agranee Bharat', 'Young India', 'Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja', 'Drummers Call', and 'Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon'.

The event will come to a close with the ever-popular

Four minors stab teenager over petty issue in Delhi

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n 18-year-old boy was injured after he was stabbed by four minors following a quarrel over some petty issue in Delhi's Dwarka

The police said that the incident occurred on Friday night following which two of the accused have been apprehended, while search is on to nab the remaining two juveniles. According to M. Harsha Vardhan, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka), at 8:37 p.m. on on Friday, information regarding a quarrel was received at the Bindapur police station wherein the caller stated that some people have beaten u one person in the Vishwas Park area, following which a



the spot.

"On reaching the spot, the police found that the injured youth, Harsh, was already shifted to the Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) hospital for treatment of stab injuries,"

Harsh later told the police that some people assaulted him as he had a quarrel with

one of them a week back.

"A case under Sections 307 (attempt to murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code has been registered at the Bindapur police station and all the four identified. They are all juveniles. Two of them have been apprehended," said the DCP.

Delhi Police nab man for extorting money from woman with nude video Team Absolute New Delhi

25-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly harassing and extorting money from a woman on Instagram after befriending her and forcing her to strip on video call, the police said on

The accused, identified as Sanny Chauhan alias Raghav Chauhan, a native of Indore, extorted Rs 1.25 lakh from the victim, and was demanding Rs 70,000 more after threatening to make her video clips

"On January 12, a woman filed a complaint on the cyber crime portal alleging that in July 2022, she came in contact with a man named Raghav on Instagram. Later, they developed friendship and exchanged their WhatsApp numbers," said Shweta Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner of



Raghav used to message her on to win her faith over time. Later, they developed intimacy and stripped naked on video calls.

But soon the accused recorded a and started demanding money from

"The woman got frightened and

paid him Rs 1.25 lakh. But the accused again demanded money by threatening that he will post her clips on social media," said the DCP.

The accused also sent the seminude video of the victim to her husband and threatened to circulate it on social media if Rs 70,000 was not

"on January 26 with the help of technical surveillance it was known that the accused was present in the Karol Bagh area. A police team acted swiftly and arrested Chauhan. The mobile phone containing the seminude video of the complainant and three sim cards used in commission of crime were recovered from the possession of the accused," the offi-

On interrogation, the police found Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp and randomly sent friendship

4 killed in road accident MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AFTER IN-LAWS 'KIDNAP' HIS WIFE in Bengal's Jalpaiguri

Ahmedabad | Agencies

man attempted suicide after his in-laws "kidnapped" his wife in Ahmedabad. Sachin Nai, who attempted suicide

on Friday evening, is struggling for his

life in hospital. Sachin's father Subhash alleged: "Since my son married Manasvi on December 9, he was harassed and tortured by his in-laws and upper

caste members of the Bhutavad vil-

lage as we are from barber 'Nai' com-

"Our community members faced social boycott at the hands of upper caste villagers, and after the Aravalli police and district administration intervened, the boycott ended," Subhash alleged. However, after that, Manasvi was kidnapped by his father

Arvind Chaudhary and three others



on January 20 from Ahmedabad, where the couple used to reside, Subhash claimed. Subhash said,

"Almost seven days have passed since Manasvi was kidnapped, but there is no action by the police. Due to conti-

nous pressure by his in-laws to sever relationship with Manasvi, my son

Kolkata | Agencies

our persons were reportedly killed in a horrific road accident at Malbazar in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal on Saturday.

The accident happened when a car carrying seven passengers including the driver broke through the guard-wall of a bridge and fell in the lane adjacent to the bridge.

The car was coming from Banarhat and the police believe the driver of the vehicle lost control after he

assembly elections. Not even my chil-

party of one family members. Seven

Minister Kumaraswamy were cabinet

ministers in the coalition government.

Later, BJP came to power and adminis-

well. Yediyurappa has continued cor-

ruption till date in the state," he said.

very important. More than joining

added.

tration was not good during BJP's rule as

For all these reasons, I am support-

ing Congress. Pro-people governance is

Congress party, I support the party," he

JD(S), had quit the party to join BJP. He

was in the forefront of rebellion while

'operation lotus' was carried out in

Karnataka by the ruling BJP.

Vishwanath, who was the President of

"I was with JD(S) party and it was a

dren will face the polls," he said.

family members of former Chief

dozed off while driving the car, which led to the acci-

The incident took place at Odlabari area in Malbazar of Jalpaiguri district in the morning.

Local police officials said that two persons died on the spot, while two others succumbed on the way while they were being taken to a local hospital. Three others are undergoing treatment at the hospital. The condition of the car driver has been reported to be extremely critical.

tify the deceased and the injured. The injured persons, according to police, are not in a condition to speak anything.

This is the second major accident in Jalpaiguri district within a gap of 48 hours. On January 26, two people were killed and eight others severely injured when a car, in which 10 people of the same family were travelling, collided against the rear side of a truck on the Indo-Bhutan Road near Banrahat region, also in Jalpaiguri dis-

The police are yet to iden-

Mehbooba Mufti joins Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kashmir

Srinagar Agencies

former Chief Minister and her daughter Iltija Mufti alongside the senior

Congress leader.

Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also the walkathon in Lethpora, Pulwama district. Authorities said tight security arrangements have been made along the

"We're giving three-tier

yatra's route.

ormer Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and president of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Mehbooba Mufti joined Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra on Saturday in Anantnag district.

After a day's halt at Chersoo village, Rahul Gandhi started the mega walkathon towards Srinagar on Saturday morn-

In Awantipora town, the joined the yatra and walked

Congress General

protection, all security arrangements have been done. The Bharat Jodo Yatra is going on smoothly. Traffic has also been diverted, there won't be any problem. No security lapses happened yesterday (Friday) and many people joined the walkathon," said Kashmir ADGP Vijay **Kumar Congress sources** said the yatra will end at the Pantha Chowk on the outskirts of Srinagar city on Saturday and will start from there on Sunday morning.

WOMEN SHOULD GIVE BIRTH TO CHILD BETWEEN 22 AND 30 YEARS OF AGE: ASSAM CM

Guwahati Agencies

munity."

ssam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said that women should give birth to children before they attain 30 years of age. Sarma was speaking at a function at Sankardev Kalakhetra in Guwahati.

Addressing the women present at the function, he said, "We are trying to stop child marriage because if you give birth to children at a very young age, you would face problems. Similarly, if you do the same thing after reaching a higher age, like 30 or 35, there must be complications. Many people keep delaying these things, and it gives rise to problems." The Chief Minister also proposed an 'ideal age' for women to give



birth between the ages of 22 and 30.

"Neither less nor more than that is a good age for giving birth to children because the human body has certain basic things. God has made our bodies like that. So I suggest that girls who have not married yet complete it at the earliest," he added. The Chief Minister's comment has not gone down well with the netizens, as they have started to criticise him for such 'weird'

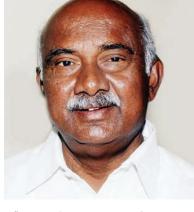
K'taka BJP MLC Vishwanath Mysuru (K'taka) | Agencies

arnataka BJP MLC and senior

party leader, H. Vishwanath on Saturday confirmed that he is quitting the ruling BJP and joining

Talking to reporters after a meeting with Karnataka Congress President D.K. Shivakumar and state in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, he said, he would join Congress either before the elections or after the elections in the

He also maintained that he does not have any difference of opinion with Opposition party leader Siddaramaiah. We are always fine on personal levels. We studied law together and are friends," he said



Will quit BJP to join Congress, says

"I was with Congress party for 40 years. I don't bother about anything. I have always seen Congress party like a mother. I will not contest in upcoming

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2 IAF FIGHTER JETS CRASH IN MP AFTER **COLLISION DURING ROUTINE EXERCISE**

- the accident took place when the Sukhoi-30 MKI and Mirage 2000 were engaged in the air bombing exercise.
- The two aircraft had taken off from the the Gwalior Air Force Station.
- According to defence sources, the Sukhoi-30 MKI had two pilots, while the Mirage 2000 had one during the crash that occurred in the bordering area of Morena and Bharatpur (Rajasthan).
- ☐ The Sukhoi was in the air for some time and the pilots ejected safely.

Team Absolute | Bhopal

wo fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) -Mirage 2000 and Sukhoi Su-30, reportedly collided in the sky near Morena in Madhya Pradesh while carrying out an air bombing exercise, leading to the crash of both the aircraft.

While two pilots of Sukhoi Su-30 managed to eject, the pilot flying Mirage 2000 lost his life after sustaining serious injuries.

The deceased pilot has been identified as Wing Commander Hanumanth Rao Sarathi (flying the Mirage 2000). Two other pilots (flying Sukhoi Su-30) were later flown by an IAF helicopter for medical treatment in Gwalior.

Senior officials of the Defence Ministry and IAF have reached the crash site.

The sources also said that Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was briefed by

the Chief of Air Staff on the incident. The Defence Minister enquired about the well-being of the pilots and is monitoring the developments closely, they

The officials also confirmed that while the two IAF fighter air-

The IAF deeply regrets to inform that Wg Cdr Hanumanth Rao Sarathi suffered fatal injuries during the accident. All air warriors and the fraternity stand

Gwaliorstrongly with the Chambal bereaved family. region, the major portion of the Sukhoi aircraft was strewn in the neighbouring

> in Rajasthan. According to Morena district collector Ankit Asthana, both jets reportedly collided in Morena district's territory but since the ejection of the pilots happened from the Sukhoi aircraft at very

Pingora area at Bharatpur district

craft crashed in

Manpur village

of Pahargarh

forest area in

Morena dis-

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Madhya

Pradesh's

Two fighter aircraft of the IAF were involved in an accident near Gwalior. The aircraft were on routine operational flying training missions. One of the three pilots involved sustained fatal injuries. An inquiry has been ordered to determine the cause of the accident. Both Su-30MKI pilots are safe."

Indian Air Force

"BALLS OF FIRE": WITNESS OF JETS' CRASH

Morena: Witnesses to the crash recounted hearing a deafening sound and sighting balls of fire descending to the ground followed by two persons in uniform parachuting into the thicket nearby. "People were shocked to hear loud noise and smoke emanating from something that fell on the ground which later turned out to be the rear portion of one of the aircraft. While one of the planes which had caught fire in the rear portion was seen plunging into the Pahargarh forests, the other aircraft was seen gliding towards the forest area of adjoining Rajasthan. Seeing the flashes of fire in the aircraft which was plunging down into Pahargarh forests, many villagers started running in that direction. We also saw two pilots coming down in parachutes. We spotted them on the ground in a safe condition 15-20 minutes later.

high altitude, both the pilots landed safely in Morena district, while the aircraft glided into the jungles of Bharatpur district of Rajasthan.

Sources in Morena district administration told IANS that a team of forensic experts from the IAF had arrived at the spot, which is around 90 km from Morena district headquarters,

and started a probe on the site. The IAF in an official communication later said an inquiry has been ordered to determine the cause of the accident of the two jets, which had taken off on Saturday morning from the IAF's Maharajpura airbase in Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh on a routine operational flying train-

ing mission.



'DEADLY FOR DEMOCRACY'

FALI NARIMAN SLAMS LAW **MINISTER'S REMARKS AGAINST COLLEGIUM SYSTEM**

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mid the ongoing row between the Centre and the judiciary over judges appointment, former Supreme Court Judge Rohinton Fali Nariman, speaking at a public event, slammed Law Minister Kiren Rijiju for his "diatribe" against the collegium system for appointment of judges.

On Centre sitting on candidates recommended by the collegium for judgeship, Justice Nariman termed it "deadly for democracy".

"This sitting on names is a very deadly thing which is against the democracy of this country. Because what you are merely doing is you are waiting for a particular collegium and hoping that the next collegium changes its mind."

Nariman was part of the Supreme Court collegium till he retired in August 2021.

He also suggested a 30-day deadline for the government to respond to the recommendations made by the collegium.

Nariman also called for the formation of a special five-judge bench, and a judgment should be passed that when collegium sends a name to the government, and if there is nothing comes the government within a period of 30 days, then it will be taken as it has nothing to say.

Nariman was speaking on Friday at the Mumbai University while delivering the seventh Chief Justice M.C. Chagla Memorial Lecture.

SIX KILLED IN FIRE

Dhanbad: Six people, including two doc-

tors, died after a fire broke out in Hazra hos-

When the fire department got the infor-

mation, six fire tenders were pressed into

service to put out the fire.

pital in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district on

AT HOSPITAL IN

Mughal Gardens at Rashtrapati Bhavan renamed as Amrit Udyan



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he gardens at the President's official home, Rashtrapati Bhavan, have been given a common name as part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations. The old road sign that said "Mughal Gardens" was removed and taken

away in a bulldozer. "On the occasion of the celebrations of 75 years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the President of India has given a common name to the Rashtrapati Bhavan gardens as Amrit Udyan," Deputy Press Secretary to the President Navika Gupta said.

Spread over 15 acre, Amrit Udyan has often been portrayed as the soul of the presidential palace.

Amrit Udyan draws its inspiration from the Mughal Gardens in Jammu and Kashmir, the gardens around the Taj Mahal and even miniature paintings of India and Persia, according to the Rashtrapati Bhavan's website.

"The Amrit Udyan had up till now been opened for the public only during the annual festival, Udyan Utsav, held in the months of February-March. But the gardens, which forms the third circuit of the Rashtrapati Bhavan tour, will now be open for the public from August till March," the Rashtrapati Bhavan's website says.

LIFT LIQUOR BAN IN BIHAR TO ATTRACT FOREIGN TOURISTS: JITAN RAM MANJHI

Patna: Former Bihar Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi on Saturday demanded lifting of liquor ban in the state as it is "impacting" foreign tourists' arrival and foreign exchange earnings. He asked Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav to talk to CM Nitish Kumar and get the han removed Manihi while addressing a gathering during Budha Mahotsava in Bodh Gaya, claimed that Bihar is losing huge amounts of foreign exchange earnings due to liquor ban. "Despite it being an international

tourist place, the foreigners do not spend more than 2-3 hours in Bodh Gaya. They come to Bodh Gaya and Gaya, visit important places and return to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh or Hazaribagh in Jharkhand," Manjhi said. "I request Tejashwi to talk to the chief minister and restart the liquor operation in the state. If we want the foreign tourists to stay longer and spend more here, their meals and drinks will have to be taken care of. If liquor is restarted, their arrival will surely increase tenfold," Manjhi said.

MINOR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ASSAM RIFLES, NSCN-IM IN NAGALAND

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minor confrontation occurred between Assam Rifles troopers and cadres of the National Socialist Council of Nagalim-Isak Muivah Nagaland's Peren district, according to army The sources revealed

that multiple domination patrols of the Assam Rifles were out for durations varying from 72 hours to 96

hours in the run-up to Republic Day. One such patrol team, while returning after completing assigned tasks, took an administrative break at at Ntangki National Park in Peren at around 4 p.m.

on Friday evening. At that time, the Assam Rifles patrolling team observed that NSCN-IM cadres were also moving on the same path, and the two parties had a minor confrontation

The NSCN-IM had signed a ceasefire agreement with the Central government 1997 that ended decades of insurgency in Nagaland that began shortly after India's

independence in 1947.

The agreement was extended last year. The sources mentioned that the Assam Rifles followed the ground rules of the agreement and ensured that the incident did not escalate.

The patrol team leader decided to disengage the troops. The whole incident did not last more than 40 minutes.

On August 3, 2015, the Centre had also inked a framework deal with the influential Naga faction after more than 80

rounds of talks between the two sides. The NSCN-IM is still insistent that the Naga people have a separate flag and constitution, hence the ultimate resolution in

talks is yet to be materialised.

The fire, which broke out at 02.30 a.m. at

e second floor and soon spread to t entire hospital, could be brought under control by 10.00 a.m. Dr Prema, Dr Vikas Hazra and four

employees of the hospital who were sleeping in the residential complex of the medical facility on the second floor died.

On the basis of situation at the spot, it is being said that Dr Vikas used water and tub

from the washroom but in vain. The firefighters rescued nine people, who were being treated at the hospital, and rushed them to Patliputra Nursing Home.

The cause of the blaze is said to be short circuit. A fire official said the hospital did not have adequate arrangement for putting out

the blaze and even anti-fire machine was also not operational. IMA's state President A.K. Singh and dis-

trict unit chief Major Chandan expressed grief over the tragedy.

'NHSRCL's new tendering norms may weaken competition in Bullet Train project'

- ☐The National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has been leasing out work for constructing fast-track railway projects. These are specialised works and supposedly have huge value.
- According to an industry insider, the NHSRCL has laid out some fresh clauses for the bidders to follow for C2 package.
- The infrastructure players fear the new norms may weaken the competition in bidding. According to a source, this apprehension is causing worry among interested infra companies.
- A source on Friday said that various industry insiders termed the new clauses "arbitrary" and something which would lead to a significant rise in the overall cost of the project in a longer period.
- They also pointed out the deliverability aspects of the project, since many large companies find themselves in a fix following the new clauses. These clauses were not there while bidding for the C1 package.

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he introduction of fresh clauses in the tendering process for the C2 package of the Mumbai Ahmedabad high speed train project does not seem to be going down well with the major infra players who are placing the bids for the prestigious project, sources in the know of things said.

One of the clauses says that the bidders "should have neither obtained any debt restructuring nor should have applied for any debt in the last three years to the date of bid submission".

This has now become one of the major issues that is concerning the industry as most of these high value infra projects and companies do substantially operate on loans and debts and hence, this new clause is making a host of contractors uneasy, various



during the tendering process of C1 package, which essentially allowed the party that had obtained any debt restructuring in the previous three years to the bid for the

In such cases, the bidding



industry sources indicated. This clause was not there

party is required to open a dedicated "Trust and Retention account" (T&R account) and submit the list of vendors, suppliers, sub-contractors and other consultants who the bank will make direct payments on the cue of the Contractor, preventing the

contractor from diverting the

This has been taken off in the new norms released.

As of now, the C1 Package Tender Process is complete and a Joint Venture bidder has already been declared the lowest bidder for quoting a competitive price.

The difference between the lowest and the second lowest bid is around Rs 600 crore, as per reports.

Now, with the new clauses which make "Trust and Retention" accounts non applicable, even the existing contractors who have won separate packages of the project find themselves in a position where they do not qualify for the tendering process.

Thus, the bidders who have already obtained or are in the process of getting debt restructuring shall not be eligible to participate in the bid, bringing down the competition in the whole process.

Refurbishment of 1400 km roads, e-scooters for last-mile connectivity

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elhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday announced two infrastructurerelated projects for the city in the coming months that include refurbishment of 1,400 km of roads under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department and e-scooters for

last-mile connectivity. He said that the work order will be completed for this project by March 20 and it may start from April 1. He was hopeful that the work will be completed within six months. A massive plantation drive will be carried out on the central verges of the streets as well as empty spaces along side roads.

Kejriwal said further that the Delhi government is also planning to introduce e-scooters.

Delhi government will pro-



vide 1500 scooters at 250 locations in Dwarka. There will be an integrated ticket system by which one can take the bus, the Metro and also can hire the escooter. Sharing more details about

the project, Kejriwal said that the rider has to drive the escooter himself. The rider can pick up the e-scooter from these 250 locations and also drop off at anywhere of these locations. The e-scooters will come with helmets, can be hired by anyone and will be operational for 60 km with one charge, the CM



madhya pradesh





Madhya Pradesh engulfed by dense fog including Capital

he effect of cold has increased across the state and people are resorting to bonfire. With rain and dense fog, now Madhya Pradesh is shivering with cold winds. Cold wave is going on in many cities of the state. 20 cities including Bhopal, Jabalpur, Ujjain were under dense fog in the Saturday morning. There was such a dense fog in Jabalpur that nothing was visible after 50 metres. The effect of fog was seen in Bhopal till 9 am.

coldest night. The mercury was recorded at 4 degree Celsius in Datia. Meteorologists says that a new system of rain will become active in the state. Due to this, the rainy season

Datia and Gwalior had the

week of February.

On Saturday morning, all the districts of Rewa, Shahdol and Chambal division, including Rewa, Singrauli, Sidhi, Satna, Shahdol, Umaria and Anuppur, Bhopal, Panna, Damoh, Chhatarpur, Jabalpur, Katni, Dindori, Balaghat, Narsinghpur, Betul, Ujjain, Shajapur, Sehore were effected. There was 50 meter visibility in Jabalpur. 200 to 500 meters in Ujjain, Balaghat and Malajkhand, 200 meters in Bhopal, 300 meters in Khajuraho, 500 to one thousand meters in Damoh and one thousand meters in

Umaria. Dense fog remained in Bhopal till 9 am. At the same time, the effect of cold was also seen. Due to this the

THE NEW SYSTEM **BECAME ACTIVE** FROM SATURDAY

As per information, at present the Western Disturbance (WD) is active as a Cyclonic Circulation at lower-middle tropospheric level over North Pakistan/Afghanistan region, while an Induced Cyclonic Circulation is over Punjab and Punjab, India. The trough line is passing through East Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh up to Vidarbha.

children reached the school shivering. With rain, cold winds, now the effect of cold has started increasing again.

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM HAS BROUGHT A NEW REVOLUTION IN COMMUNICATION - CHIEF MINISTER SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

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hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that earlier newspapers and TV were dominant in the media, they had a big role. The social media platforms that came after this have now broken many misconceptions. To show or not to show TV, to print newspapers or not, to become a platform for the general public, social media has brought a new revolution in the information world. Now nothing can be hidden from anyone. Congratulating the experts of the social media platform, the Chief Minister said that they have established our tradition and our religion on the world stage. Those who once opposed Ram are now chanting the name of Ram .Jai is proclaiming Mahakal. Social media has played an important role in bringing about this change. The Chief Minister said that in today's era, social media is indispensable if we want to propagate our ideas . Social media has changed the

mindset of the country. Chief Minister Chouhan inaugurated the two-day social media conclave at Vikram Kirti Mandir in Ujjain



increased to 45 lakh hectare. By the

vear 2024 , it will increase to $65\,\text{lakh}$

hectares. He said that to give a good

environment, he started the tradition

of planting saplings daily, which is

being followed today. The years are

over. The Chief Minister expressed

happiness that on this initiative, the

citizens of the state have uploaded

lakhs of photographs by planting

trees on the Ankur portal, giving a

very good response. Sapling - About

message for the protection of the

by lighting the lamp. Social media experts from many parts of the country are participating in this Conclave of India Policy.

Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh is setting new records in terms of development. Today is Narmada Jayanti. We have done the work of connecting Narmada Shipra. Taking it to Gambhir, Kalisindh and Parvati. The irrigation potential of the state used to be 7

68 lakh photos of saplings have been uploaded on the portal after 75 days of planting.

Chief Minister said that India is a very ancient nation. In the West, when there was no rise of civilization, then the hymns of the Vedas were composed in our country. We had universities like Taxila and Nalanda functioning here. The land of the country has respected every idea. At present the country is chairing the G -20 with the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi , Our tradition has been of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and according to this work is being done by taking the formula of one earth, one future and one family. The Chief Minister said that the United Nations was formed later. before that our sages had given the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam to the world. Chief Minister in the last 15 Referring to the development journey of Madhya Pradesh over the years, he said that every daughter born on the land of the state is born a millionaire. This scheme has made a big change in the number of men and women. Earlier the sex ratio was 912, which has increased to 956 and

CM Chouhan, Kamal Nath express concern over fighter jets crash

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adhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Congress leader Kamal Nath on Saturday expressed their concern over the incident of two fighter jets crashing in the state's Morena district this morning.

Directing the Morena district administration and police to provide all possible help in the rescue operation, Chief Minister Chouhan said, "The news of the crash of Sukhoi-30 and Mirage-2000 aircraft of the Air Force near Kailaras in Morena is very sad. I have instructed the local administration to cooperate with the Air Force in quick rescue and relief work. I pray to God that the pilots of the planes are safe," Chouhan said.

The Chief Minister, along with state BJP head V.D. Sharma, was participating at an event celebrating Narmada Jayanti in Ujjain. Former Chief Minister and Madhya Pradesh Congress head Kamal Nath also took to twitter to express

his concern. "Sad news has been received about the crash of Sukhoi-30 and Mirage-2000 aircraft of the Air Force near Kolaras in Morena," he tweeted. Notably, around 10.30 am, two fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) collided and crashed in Morena during a

routine bombing exercise, defence sources said.According to the sources the Sukhoi-30 MKI had two pilots, while the Mirage had one during the crash that occurred in the bordering area of Morena and Bharatpur (Rajasthan). One fighter jet fell in Bharatpur, the other in Morena. The sources said that the two pilots were safe and taken to a hospital in Gwalior, while an IAF chopper has

DEMAND NOTICE

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rowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at thecontractual rate on the aforesaid amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notice is also being served by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules):

4.34 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At Sunderam Vihar, Ward No. 23, Dahod Road, Mandideep, Tehsil: Goharganj, District: Raisen (M.P.), And Bounded As

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount (s)together with furthe

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terest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto failing which we shall be at liberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto failing which we shall be at fliberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to taking possession of and selling the secured asset entirely at your risk as to the cost and consequences.

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RAJESH JHA, Plot No. 122, Sundaram Vihar Colony, Ward No. 23, Dahod Mandideep, Royal Park City, Tehsil- Goharganj, District-Raisen, Madhya Pradesh-462046. 2. MANU JHA Plot No. 122, Sundaram Vihar Colony, Ward No. 23, Dahod Mandideep, Royal Park City, Tehsil- Goharganj, District-Raisen, Madhya Pradesh-462046. 3. RAJESH JHA

House No. 85, Maharana Pratap, Ward No. 17, Mandideep, Raisen, Madhya Pradesh-462046. **4. MANU JHA** 50, Ward No. 17, Maharana Pratap Colony, Mandideep, Nador, Raisen, Madhya Pradesh-462046. **5. MANU JHA** House No. 85, Maharana Pratap, Ward

No. 17, Mandideep, Raisen, Madhya Pradesh-462046. 6. RAJESH JHA 116, Bataliyan Gund, Gandarbal, Jammu And Kashmir, Jammu, Jammu And Kashmir 180901. 7. MANU JHA 116, Bataliyan Gund, Gandarbal, Jammu And Kashmir, Jammu, Jammu And Kashmir, 180901. Loan Account No. LNBHO0HL-01190017382 & LNBHO0HL-01190017400

North: Plot No. 121 South: Plot No. 123 East: Colony Road West: Plot No. 129.

and no further step shall be taken by ABHFL or transfer or sale of that secured asset

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been dispatched to the location of the third pilot.

The jets had taken took from the Gwalior Air Force Station for the routine bombing exercise. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was briefed by the Chief of Air Staff on the incident. The Defence Minister enquired about the well-being of the pilots and is monitoring the developments closely, the sources said. In a statement, the IAF said that it has established a "Court of Inquiry which will establish whether there was a mid-air collision or not" between the two fighter jets. Locals who witnessed the crash informed the local police after which the Gwalior Air Force Station was

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Congress leader in Jabalpur booked over offensive remarks

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Congress leader has been booked over his alleged offensive remarks during a public speech in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur district, sources said on Saturday.

While addressing the people on Friday, district president of the Congress Nilesh Jain exorted his supporters to tackle the corrupt with an iron hand. "First request the corrupt against corruption with folded hands, and if they don't listen, then break their

He was booked the same day on the basis of a complaint registered by a Bharatiya Yuva Morcha of Jabalpur. His utterances came a day after the state unit Congress kicked-started its 'Hath Se Hath jodo' campaign, a political march that will cover all 230 Assembly



seats in the state. At the event, Jain said - "Haath jodo, nahi mane to bhrashtachari ke haath todo' (First request the corrupt with folded hands, and if they don't listen, then break their hands)"

Rajmani Singh, who is district president of Bharatiya Yuva Morcha of Jabalpur district, lodged a complaint at Shahpura police station. The Congress leader has been charged under two sections, including 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), said police.

FEST LITERARIO TO BE ORGANIZED AT SANT HIRDARAM GIRLS COLLEGE

Bhopal: Literary Committee of Sant Hirdaram Girls College, Bhopal is going to organize one week Literature Festival Fest from 30th January to 4th February. Literario to savour the beauty of literature as it adds to the reality. it does not simply describe it but it enriches the necessary competencies that life requires, this is the message conveyed by Dr. Neha Gupta, Coordinator of the Fest. The Fest includes a plethora of competitions which will unveil the hidden talents of the students and hone their skills further. Various Intra collegiate events will be organized which includes Elocution, Extempore, Speech, Poetry, Debate, Solo-act and Stand-up Comedy and at Intercollegiate level Essay Writing and Debate Competition will be organized in the pious presence of Rev SiddhBhauji, eminent personalities as Jury members, members of the Management, faculty members and students from various prestigious institu-

Journalist tied to tree, slapped and punched in Narmadapuram

now it has increased to 978

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25-year-old journalist was tied to a tree and assaulted with slaps and punches by a group of men over an old argument in a village in Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh, on January 25, police today said. The beating, linked to a trivial argument some weeks ago, was video-recorded by the men, all six of whom have been arrested

In his complaint, the journalist, Prakash Yadav, who works for a TV and online news outlet, said he was on his way back to his village, Kotgaon, on a motorcycle after making some advertisement bookings from the neighboring Managaon, when a man named Narayan Yadav waylaid him. He allegedly abused Prakash



Yaday over an argument they'd had on January 1.

"When I objected, his brother Narendra Yadav and another man named Om Prakash came and joined him, and they assaulted me," the journalist said as per the FIR.

A case has been registered under sections related to assault and criminal intimidation.

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FOR OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENT WORK AND ASSAULTING AN **ELECTRICIAN**

Bhopal: An FIR has been lodged by the Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company against an accused for misbehaving, assaulting and threatening to kill an employee of the power company during official work at Kazi Camp in Chhola zone of Bhopal city. has been registered. Company's Chhola Zone J.P. The work of line improvement was being done near Kazi Camp Wasim Masala DP by the line man Mr. Karan Singh and other staff of the city office. During this, Golu Atmaj Saeed Kati, a resident of Kazi Camp, along with obstructing government work, threatened to misbehave. assault and kill the employees of the electricity company.

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Name and Address Borrower/ Co-Borrower and Guarantor / NPA Date Co-Guarantor & Loan A/C No. 1. DHARMESH JAIN, Flat No. 301, Keshar Apartment, 97,98 Baikinthdham Colony, 08.11.2022 24.01.2023 indore 452010. **2. NIDHI JAIN** Flat No. 301, Keshar Apartment, 97,98 Baikinthdham Colony, Indore 452010. **3. MITESH JAIN** Flat No. 301, Keshar Apartment, 97,98 Baikinthdham Colony, Indore 452010. **4. K JAIN CREATION** Flat No. 301, Keshar Apartment, 97,38 Baikinthdham Colony, Indore 452010. **5. NIDHI JAIN** C/O K Jain Creation, Shop No. 2, Mahavir Readymade Point, 4 Imli Bazar 452001. **6. MITESH JAIN** C/O MITESH MANUFACTURING, 144, 4th Floor, Mahavir Readymade Point, 4 Imli Bazar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh 452001. 7. K JAIN CREATION, Shop No. 2, Mahav Readymade Point, 4 Imli Bazar, Indore 452001.

Loan Account No. LNINDHL -11170031525 & LNINDHL -11170030676

(including accrued late charges) and interest til 24.01.2023 DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of Flat No. 301 Super Built Up Area 77

SQ. Fts, On Third Floor, Keshar Apartment, Plot No. 97-98 Situated At Baikunthdham Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh And Bounded As: Nort Plot No. 99 South: Open Passage & Flat No. 304 East: Plot No. 302 West: Other House We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount (s)together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto failing which we shall be at liberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to

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Sd/- Authorised Office

Date: 30.01.2023 (Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

ISRO SELECTS SISTEC AS ITS NODAL CENTER FOR **ONLINE COURSES**

Bhopal: Sagar Institute of Science and

Technology (SISTec) has been selected by the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Dehradun, Government of India as its nodal center for its online courses. The above selection is under the outreach program of IIRS ISRO. Dr. Arnav Anuj Kasar, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering SISTec has been appointed as the coordinator for the program. The program will compriseonlinesessions, webinars and live sessions where experts from IISR-ISRO and institutions will share knowledge along with a theme-oriented online course module. SISTec students of civil engineering will gain knowledge on new emerging streams, geospatial technologies and their applications. The online course will benefit students and faculties with the award of certifications and dissemination of knowledge in the field of

remote sensing and GIS in Central India.

Chief Minister Chouhan planted saplings on Narmada Jayanti

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hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Banyan, Mango and Saptaparni at Smart Udyan (Water Vision Park) located in Shyamala Hills in the presence of citizens on Narmada Jayanti today. Chief Minister had taken a pledge to plant saplings every day by planting saplings at Amarkantak, the origin place of Narmada Maiya from Narmada Jayanti of the year 2021. In a period of about two years, Chouhan has planted more than 2 thousand saplings at different places of the country and state including Bhopal

On the call of Chief Minister, lakhs of citizens of the state have started planting saplings regularly. The work of planting saplings on the occasions of birthdays, marriage anniversaries and in the memory of departed rela-



tives is being done in the entire state. More than 60 lakh saplings have been planted under Ankur Abhiyan People's participation in tree plantation is continuously increasing.





BJP may lose K'taka in next Assembly polls: Sharad Pawar

Team Absolute | Kolhapur

rarnataka is slipping out of the ruling BJP's control and may ruling BJF's control and ma, see a change of power after the next Assembly elections, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) President Sharad Pawar said here on Saturday.

"There are clear indications that the BJP will not retain power in Karnataka after the upcoming state electionsa We are making attempts to unite the Opposition parties and forge a united front, but all states have different local issues which need to be tackled," said Pawar.

Addressing mediapersons in this erstwhile royalty town, Pawar said that the results of a recent public opinion survey have revealed that the mood of the masses is going against the BJP and it could suffer major setbacks in the next elections.

"The people will no longer vote on religious issues. The masses are being divided on religious lines, which will



ban the BBC documentary, the NCP

the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)

Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA)

supremo and the leading light behind

termed it as an "assault" on democra-

Referring to the comments of the

President Prakash Ambedkar that the

Centre is not misusing federal probe

Commenting on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY), Pawar pointed out that it has secured the support of the ordinary citizens, as can be seen from the response he is getting.

Besides, the misleading image of the Congress leader (Rahul) that was sought to be created has been shattered through the nationwide march, Pawar shot back, saying that as "there's no proposal, where's the question of holding any discussions", and reiterated that the MVA will contest the upcoming elections unitedly.

Pawar added that with Parliament session starting in New Delhi next week, the efforts to forge a national united Opposition front will resume with all the leaders.

tered that the government is targeting

Reacting to the VBA, which recent-

Opposition leaders and peoples'

ly allied with the Shiv Sena (UBT),

having any talks on joining the MVA,

rights are being crushed.

"I am personally in touch with many Opposition leaders. There are some ticklish aspects issues as the different parties are on opposing sides in some states owing to their local or regional issues. We have to sort them out first."

He made it clear that the MVA is fighting the upcoming MLC biennial elections and the MLA bypolls unitedly in the state and will continue in the same spirit in future.

NCP ATTACKS PRAKASH AMBEDKAR FOR **COMMENTS ON CENTRAL AGENCIES**

Team Absolute Mumbai

he Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Saturday slammed Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) President Prakash Ambedkar's comments vis-avis the Bharatiya Janata Party's stance on the Central probe agencies like CBI, ED and Income Tax Department.

Ambedkar - who tied up with the Shiv Sena (UBT) last week - told a news channel on Friday that "there was nothing wrong with (Prime Minister) Narendra Modi using Central agencies... those are legal and not illegal." "If I were in his position, what would I have done... To save the chair I would have done everything legal. If you are clean then you challenge the law, otherwise not," Ambedkar said.

Ripping into Ambedkar, NCP National Spokesperson Clyde Crasto said that this was a 'serious insinuation' that the Central agencies are being used to save the chair and sustain the party (BJP). "Ambedkar must corroborate the facts to his statements and prove what he says is true, or BJP must prove that what he is saying is cies in the past three years. false. If not, then the people of India will begin to believe that BJP is truly misusing the

sharply. He added that the BJP has consistently maintained that the CBI, ED, etc are independent agencies and they have never misused them for political benefits or personal vendetta.

Central agencies," said Crasto

Ambedkar's statement comes at a time when leaders of his new ally Sena (UBT)

and NCP have been at the receiving end of various Central investigation agen-

Earlier on Saturday, NCP President Sharad Pawar also ridiculed Ambedkar's claims and reiterated his known position on how the Central probe arms are being used to harass Opposition parties and hound their leaders.

Even the Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray stated that the BJP is letting loose Central probe agencies to destroy the Opposition parties and leaders for its own political agenda.

Sonu Sood 'at a loss for words' as fan makes 87K-sq-ft portrait of actor

Team Absolute Mumbai

Bollywood actor and humanist Sonu Sood was pleasantly surprised after he got to know that an astounding 87,000 square feet portrait of him had been created in Kolhapur city of Maharashtra as a part of Republic Day celebrations. It took the artist and fan of the actor Vipul Shiripad Mirajkar a few days to make this astounding portrait at a public park, using over 7 tons of rangoli powder. Overwhelmed by the work of art, the actor said: "I am at loss for words and humbled for the love shown by people, I thank Vipul from Solapur who achieved this feet of setting a world record of biggest Rangoli of 87,000 sqare feet and I'm proud of him."

The rangoli is now attracting thousands of visitors every day. The work of the actor through his foundation Sood Charity Foundation started with helping



migrants reach home during Covid lockdown and is now into multiple endeavours across fields like public health and education.

On the Bollywood front, Sonu will next be seen in 'Fateh', which is inspired by real-life incidents and will feature high-octane

action sequences.

The action-thriller is helmed by Abhinandan Gupta, who earlier worked as an assistant director on films such as 'Bajirao Mastani' and 'Shamshera'.

After 'Fateh', he will begin work on another movie 'Kisaan'.

Screened BBC series on campus: Pune Film Institute Students' Association

Team Absolute Pune

he students' association of the Film and Television Institute of India screened the controversial BBC documentarv on the 2002 Godhra riots on the campus of the premier acting school here, said the student body

"On 26/01/23, we screened the banned BBC documentary 'The Modi Question' at FTII," said a statement issued by the FTII Students' Association.

The Centre had last week directed social media platforms Twitter and YouTube to block links to the documentary "India: The Modi Question".

The Ministry of External Affairs has trashed the documentary as a "propaganda piece" that lacks objectivity and reflects a colonial mindset.

Throughout history, the association's statement said, the banning of literature, music, and in



recent times, media, has been a sign of a crumbling society. "The act of scrutiny should be welcomed by our elected repre-

sentatives. Instead, they quickly tag it as false propaganda and try to shove it under the rug. They

should know that the sure-fire way

for something to be watched is to

"However, the BBC documentary barely scratches the surface of the kind of violence that has been perpetuated throughout the country for a dedicated, singular, vicious purpose. It would be startling to us if anyone in India was surprised by the happenings in this documentary," said the students' association.

FTII Registrar Sayyid Rabeehashmi said, "It is being reported that a group of students screened the documentary. The matter will be looked into." Over the past few days, students at many educational institutes. including the Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University and Ambedkar University in the national capital, have tried to screen the controversial BBC documentary.

In Kerala, the Congress screened the programme on

Nashik MLC polls - BJP maintains taut suspense on stance

Team Absolute | Mumbai

ith barely 48 hours left before polling on Monday, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) continued to maintain suspense over whether it would support Congress rebel Satyajeet Tambe contesting the Nashik Graduates' constituency for the Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC) elections

The Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance of Congress, Nationalist Congress Party and Shiv Sena (UBT) is supporting a BJP rebel, Shubhangi Patil, for the January 30 elections.

BJP MLC Ram Shinde on Saturday revealed that the party would decide on its



strategy later tonight, while BJP's Ahmednagar MP Sujay Vikhe-Patil hinted that the party is capable of "turning the tables overnight" in the elections.

Earlier, state BJP President Chandrashekhar Bawankule had dropped broad hints of extending support to Tambe, saying any decision of "the

local (party) leaders would be acceptable", while emphasising that Patil will not get a single BJP vote.

However, the party has not announced its decision clearly so far, even as discussions are reportedly on between Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and other senior leaders.

Amravati varsity VC Dr D.N. Malkhede succumbs to leukaemia

Team Absolute Pune

enowned academician and the Vice-Chancellor and the vice Call
of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University (SGBAU) Dr Dileep N. Malkhede passed away following a prolonged illness, officials said here on

He was 56 and had been battling leukaemia for over a year, and breathed his last at a hospital here early this morning. He is survived by his wife, and two sons, the officials informed.

Last year, Dr Malkhede was detected with blood cancer and was under treatment for several months after which he recovered and resumed duties.

However, some time ago, he suffered a relapse and was taking treatment in a Pune hospital where the end came on Saturday. Qualified as a Mechanical Engineer from



the Government College of Engineering in Amravati, Dr Malkhede earned his PhD from the IIT Bombay and was engaged in teaching, research and administration.

Later, he served with distinction as Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering, Pune, and subsequently was sent on deputa-

tion to the AICTE as Advisor from June 2016, before he was appointed at the VC of the SGBAU in September 2021.

Maharashtra Governor and Chancellor Bhagat Singh Koshyari said he was deeply saddened to learn about the passing of Dr Malkhede and offered his condolences to the bereaved family

KANGANA WARNS BOLLYWOOD TO STAY AWAY FROM POLITICS AMID 'PATHAAN' SUCCESS

Team Absolute | Mumbai

n Saturday morning, actress-filmmaker Kangana Ranaut warned Bollywood and asked them to 'enjoy their success' and 'stay away from politics' amid the roaring success of Shah Rukh Khan's latest release 'Pathaan' Kangana wrote: "Bollywood walon yeh narrative banane ki koshish mat karna ki iss desh mein tum Hindu hate se suffer kar rahe ho, agar maine phir se yeh word suna 'triumph over hate' toh tum logon ki wahi class lagegi jo kal lagi thi. Enjoy your success and do good work, stay away from politics." However, the 'Dhaakad' actress' tweet did not go

down well with many users. "Enjoy your success and do good work. Stay away from politics. Wonder who needs to hear that most," a netizen commented. One said: "Aap Bollywood se nahi ho? Aap Hollywood se ho? Aap kyun aisi baatein karti ho?"

"Chalo #Pathaan ko side mein karte hai.. another example of 'triumph over hate' is how your last 9 movies tanked one after another. Audience has rejected @KanganaTeam we know you are desperate now to be where Smriti Irani is, wrote another.

'Stay away from politics? look who's talking," said a user. Kangana had earlier said that the film shows 'enemy' Pakistan in good light.

Man accused of Rape, Murder acquitted on benefit of doubt

Team Absolute | Mumbai

33-year-old man from Palghar in Maharashtra, who was arrested in 2016 on the charge of raping and killing a woman and remained in jail since then, has been acquitted of the charges by a local court that gave a benefit of doubt to him for want of sufficient evidence.

The court, however, held him guilty for giving false information to the police and sentenced him to six months of simple imprisonment. But since he has spent the last seven years in jail, he is not required to remain imprisoned any further.

The accused, a tribal man from Wada taluka in Palghar, was acquitted by Additional Sessions Court Judge A N Sirsikar in Thane on January 16. The copy of the order was made available on Friday.

The man, Sagar Waman Malavkar, is a labourer from Varai Khurd village



Appearing for the prosecution, additional public prosecutor Rakhi Pande told the court that the accused and the victim woman, who was 18 years old then, were in a relationship. The woman had been asking him to marry her, although he was already married and had children.

On March 26, 2016, he took the woman to an isolated place and raped her, the prosecution said, adding that after the incident, the victim went into a nearby forest area, and was later found dead. The next day, Malavkar told the personnel of Wada police station that the victim had committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree.

The police sent the woman's body for postmortem and inspected the crime site. They raised doubts over the man's version that the victim had ended her own life, as they found that the body was brought down, but the cloth used for hanging was still tied to the tree, the prosecution said.

The autopsy report later revealed the woman died of strangulation, following which the accused was arrested and booked under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 376 (rape), 302 (murder) and 177 (furnishing false information). A local court had remanded him in jail.

Teen age girl raped by 2 men posing as Policemen

Team Absolute Thane

17-year-old girl was allegedly raped by A two persons posing as policemen in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Saturday.

The incident took place around 1.30 pm on Friday when the minor girl was taking a stroll with her boyfriend near a creek in Dombivili town of Kalyan taluka, an official said.

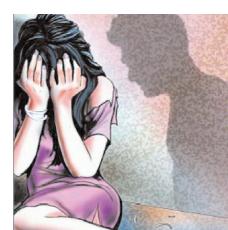
The accused allegedly accosted the duo claiming to be policemen and asked them not

to wander in the area, he said. The men allegedly took the girl into a forested area near the creek and took turns raping her. One of them shot a video of the act and threatened to circulate it, the official said

the police and a complaint was lodged, he A case under section 376(D) (gangrape) and other relevant provisions of the Indian

Penal Code, Protection of Children from

The traumatised victim later approached



Sexual Offences (POCSO) and Information Technology Acts has been registered and efforts are on to nab the accused who are currently on the run, senior inspector PM Bhalerao of Vishnunagar police station said.

Mumbai, Sunday, January 29, 2023

PRIYANKA CHOPRA, NICK JONAS **GET MATCHING TATTOOS**

riyanka Chopra Jonas and her American pop-star husband Nick Jonas have got themselves matching tattoos. Showing her body arts, including one of her late father's handwriting, a map of the world, and three paw prints, the actress explained the special meaning behind the design behind her ear, which is the same as

> body, reports aceshowbiz.com. "I have a check and a box behind my ears. My husband has them on his arms, because when he proposed, he asked me, that I checked all his boxes, and would I check another one," she said in

an inking her husband has elsewhere on his

The actress praised Nick - who she married in December 2018, five months after they got engaged - for being a "super thoughtful" husband who has encouraged her to take life more slowly. She gushed: "My husband is super thoughtful. When he's around, everything feels like it will be OK. He's taught me to approach things from a much calmer place. I was a tornado, still am. A mile a minute, bee in a bonnet, kind of person and he's not." While Nick is 10 years his wife's junior, Priyanka - who has 12-month-old daughter Malti with the Jonas Brothers singer - recently gushed about the wiseness of her spouse. She said: "He's a wise man beyond his years ... I get affirmations from him all the time, to remind me of my value when I forget or when I get insecure. He just sees through the fog for me. He sees the best in people.



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adonna shows off her dancing skills while rocking a stylish striped robe in a TikTok clip... after adding dates to her upcoming tour.

She has become renowned for showing off her impressive dance moves during various live appearances over the years. Madonna showed off her dancing prowess to nearly 4 million of her followers with a video that was shared to her TikTok account. The hitmaker's clip was posted not long after she announced that she had added several new dates to her upcoming and muchanticipated run of shows, The Celebration Tour. In the clip, Madonna wore a black-and-white robe that covered up much of her frame while she danced for her fans. The hitmaker accessorized with numerous necklaces that gave her look a bit of extra shine. Her brightly dyed orange hair remained free-flowing and

cascaded onto her shoulders. Rumors about a confirmation for the new tour began to circulate earlier this month, and Madonna officially announced that she would be taking to the road on the 17th. The Grammy-winning hitmaker wiped many of the images from her Instagram account in favor of sharing promotional shots for her new run of shows.

It was revealed that an extra show had been added to the singer's leg of shows in Paris, where she will now play four times. The Celebration Tour is currently scheduled to kick off at the Rogers Arena in Vancouver on July 15. The run of shows will continue through 2023 and it is set to conclude with a performance at the Kia Forum in Inglewood on

January 8 of next year.



CLAIRE FOY MIGHT SKIP OSCARS 2023

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ctress Claire Foy, **✓ **'Women Talking', which is directed by writer Sarah Polley is nominated for Best Picture and Best

Adapted Screenplay at the upcoming ceremony, is tempted to skip the event. The British star admitted that she hasn't yet decided which of the cast will be invited to go, but she thinks she should step aside because the event takes place in California on March 13, the same day her and ex-husband Stephen Campbell Moore's daughter Ivy turns eight, reports aceshowbiz.com. Asked if she is going to the Academy Awards, she said: "I don't know. There are 12

of us in the cast so it depends on who they pick to go with them. It's my child's birthday that day so I probably shouldn't go. Either way I'll have a great time!" Claire initially expected playing a member of the Mennonite community would be "empowering" because she didn't have to be too concerned about her appearance, but ultimately, she and her castmates couldn't wait for filming to end so they could glam up again. Speaking on 'The Graham Norton Show' she said: "We had no hair an all and wore polyester dresses so what got us through filming was the thought of a party at the end when we could wear make-up and shave our legs. I thought not worrying about shaving would be a real moment of empowerment but actually it was horrible and reminded me of puberty!"

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY

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inger Harry Styles was left red-faced after suffering a wardrobe malfunction while performing in front of his ofirst celebrity crush Jennifer Aniston. The singer split his trousers right down the middle during

his Los Angeles concert on Thursday night, January 26 which was attended by the 'Friends' icon, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The awkward incident occurred when he belted out his hit song 'Music for a Sushi Restaurant'.

In videos surfacing online, Styles could be seen dropping to his knees before making a shocked face to the crowd as he realised his pants had split. The former One Direction member quickly covered the rip with his hands and managed to see the funny side, apologising to the audience sitting in the

"My trousers ripped. I feel I must apologise to a certain few of you right down in the front there. I mean, this is a family show," Harry said.

Addressing one man in particular, he added: "You sir, are you okay? I promise it's not part of the show."

The musician was later seen running around the stage before grabbing a pride flag which he used to cover the split by tying it around his waist. Despite so, Jennifer was spotted enjoying the show.

Harry's fans quickly flocked to Twitter to poke fun at the superstar singer. "If I were Harry, just thinking

Harry Styles suffers
wardrobe
malfunction
before 'first
crush' Jennifer Aniston

about ripping my pants in front of Jennifer Aniston would send me into early retirement," one fan joked. Someone else chimed in: "Harry's pants tore

at the same concert as Jennifer Aniston, his crush since he was in puberty."

"Harry's first-ever celebrity crush is in the audience tonight and he F**KING RIPPED HIS PANTS in front of her," a third person wrote. Other fans joked about how Harry will be kept awake at night thinking about the incident.



Demi Rose

INDIA EYE COVETED TITLE, BUT FIND STRONG ENGLAND IN THEIR WAY



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Then word spread about the inaugural Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup to be held in South Africa in January 2023, many in the cricketing ecosystem were extremely excited about the first-of-its-kind tournament giving a stage for young players to showcase

their talent and chase their dreams of playing at the international level.

While India stormed into the final with comprehensive wins, barring a blip against Australia in the Super Sixes, England are yet to lose a match and have registered thumping victories too. They also showed in their incredible three-run win over

they can withstand pressure and hold their nerve in tough situations

on-field For India, match presents a golden opportunity to clinch their first global trophy in their history of featuring in women's cricket. In a country where India first made the final of a Women's World Cup, 18 years ago (2005 ODI World Cup final), Shafali

history and set the ball rolling for even greater participation of females back home in cricket.

Sports

Both India and England have strong openers in Vice-captain Shweta Sehrawat and captain Grace Scrivens respectively. Shweta has been India's mainstay with the bat, impressing everyone with her stroke play and calmness while making 231 runs at an average of 115.50, and has been dismissed only twice in the competition.

India would also need a quick knock from captain Shafali to unsettle the England pacers led by seambowling all-rounder Ryana MacDonald-Gay. Last year, Ryana took a six-wicket haul while playing for England Select XI against the senior Indian team and had also taken out Shafali that time.

Both India and England have wellrounded squads and look equally serious contenders to be lifting the coveted trophy. England would be aiming to make a hat-trick of being inaugural winners in Women's World Cups while India will be aiming to go all the way and clinch their maiden world title in women's cricket, showing the world what they are capable

Sabalenka holds off Rybakina to clinch first Grand Slam title



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ith a breathtaking display of power and unnerving composure. Belarusian fifth seed Arvna Sabalenka came back from a set down to defeat Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the final to win the Australian Open 2023 women's singles crown and her first Grand Slam

The match was featured as one between two fearless offensive players, a narrative that played out throughout the dramatic 2-hour, 28minute long final.

In the end, the players struck 82 winners between them, 51 from the racquet of Sabalenka, but the undaunting play of the No.5 seed during tense moments ultimately made the difference.

At 3-3 in the third set, Sabalenka -- on her third break opportunity of the game -- blistered a secondished off the point with a midcourt overhead winner to take the lead. She finished off the next game swiftly with an ace, her 16th of the match, for a 5-3 lead. Rybakina, last vear's Wimbledon champion, held on to make it 5-4.

With Sabalenka, taking the court to finish off the match, she took a few deep breaths and methodically walked to the court. After winning on her fourth match point, Sabalenka fell to the court in celebration when Rybakina overhit a forehand long.

The player received the championship trophy from Billie Jean King, whom she thanked for everything she's done for women's tennis.

"I'm still shaking and super nervous. My team -the craziest team on tour, I would say. We've been through a lot of ups and downs in the last year. We worked so hard. You guys deserve this trophy, it's more about you than me.'

ASHLEIGH BARTY REUNITES WITH AUSTRALIAN OPEN TROPHY



World No.1 Ashleigh Barty on Saturday made a surprise appearance at Melbourne Park to deliver the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Trophy to Rod Laver Arena ahead of the Australian Open 2023 women's final. The Queenslander, who announced her sudden retirement last April, received a rousing ovation from the crowd as she strolled on to the court with the trophy she captured in inspired fashion 12 months ago. Last year, Barty claimed her third and final major title by defeating Danielle Collins 6-3, 7-6 in the final to become Australia's first homegrown champion in 44 years. With seven of the members of the Original 9 and her friend and mentor Evonne Goolagong Cawley watching from the stands, Barty flashed a wide grin and trademark wave to the crowd before making way for the night's combatants, No.5 Aryna Sabalenka and Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina.

Ross Taylor, Kallis, Brett Lee confirm their participation in LLC Masters

around the world is really

itive people so I have no

cessful campaign," said

Jacques Kallis in a media

exciting. We are very compet-

doubt it will be a hugely suc-

According to LLC statistics

for players, Ross had a very

successful last season with

248 runs with a strike rate of

178. Dilshan has performed well in both seasons and has

scored 210 runs at a 137.67 strike rate and taken two wickets as well."I thoroughly

enjoyed the last season and

winning team. Look forward to playing in LLC Masters,"

"I'm absolutely delighted to

Abdur Razzak commented,

"I am looking forward to play-

ing in LLC Masters, I am fol-

lowing some of the Legend in

LLC and I am happy to play

with them. It's really exciting

to be involved and I cannot

wait to share the field with

MITHALI RAJ APPOINTED MENTOR

inaugural season of the Women's Premier League (WPL)

Adani Sportsline, the sports development arm of the

Ahmedabad side in the WPL with the highest bid of INR

1289 crores, said in an official statement that apart from

grassroots level in Gujarat. "The inaugural season of the

Women's Premier League is a fantastic move for women's

cricket and the involvement of the Adani Group is a massive

being a mentor and advisor of the Giants, Mithali will also

promote women's cricket and help develop the sport at the

Adani Group which won the rights to operate the

am happy to be part of the

be involved with Legends

League again for another sea-

son and looking forward to

what promises to be a won-

derful tournament !

said Taylor.



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egends League Cricket on Saturday confirmed participation from six more former cricketers --Ross Taylor, Jacques Kallis, Brett Lee, Abdur Razzak, Tilakratne Dilshan and Parvinder Awana -- for LLC Masters, to be played in Qatar from February 27 to March 8. Apart from Taylor, Kallis, Lee, Razzak, Dilshan and Awan. the list of confirmed players includes Shane Watson, Upul Tharanga, Albie Morkel, Kevin O'Brien, Shoaib Akhtar, Chris Gayle and S. Sreesanth.

"I am thrilled to be returning to play LLC, the chance to play with and against so many of my friends from

FOR GUJARAT GIANTS

New Delhi| Former India women's team

captain and battling stalwart Mithali Raj

on Saturday was appointed as mentor and

advisor for the Gujarat Giants, ahead of the

which will take place in March-April 2023.

Malaysia beat Japan, France overcome Chile in playoff matches

Hockey World Cup



Rourkela | Agencies

alaysia prevailed over Japan 3-2 in a contest between two Asian teams and France matches for the 13th to 16th places in the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium.

Malaysia started the day's proceedings when they took on Asian Games gold medallist Japan in a closely-fought contest, capitalising on a brace of goals by Shello Silverius. The two teams were tied 1-1 at half-time after Japan's Kaito Tanaka neutralised Silverius' opening goal off a penalty corner in the 7th minute.

Malaysia scored twice in the third quarter while Japan could manage only one, thus falling narrowly short in their pursuit of winning the match and finishing 14th.

Silverius again gave Malaysia the lead in the 31st minute but Japan levelled the score again within seconds to make it 2-2 when Seren Tanaka scored a field goal.

But two minutes later, Suhaimi Shahmie scored another goal to make it 3-2 for Malaysia. And that's how the score stayed in the end. Japan created a lot of pressure towards the end of the third quarter but was thwarted by the Malaysian defense. They earned five penalty corners in this period but could

In the second match of the day, France got the better of Chile 4-2 with their top-scorer Victor Charlet scoring a brace of goals via penalty corners.

not convert any of them.

France took the early lead when Eliot Curty scored a field goal in the 13th minute. Carlet then scored twice within a minute, converting two penalty corners to make it 3-0 for France in the 17th minute. Though Franco Becerra scored off Chile's first penalty corner of the match in the 20th minute, France led 3-1 at half-time. Xavier Gaspard made it 4-2 in the 4th minute as the French defended stoutly to win the

France capitalised on their chances while Chile failed to

France bagged four penalty corners of which they capitalised on two.

apply enough pressure. The

South Americans were also

troubled by disciplinary

cards. They got two green

and one yellow card in the

second half of the match.

Leipzig edge Stuttgart to move second in Bundesliga

Berlin | Agencies

eipzig secured its sec-Dominik Szoboszlai provided a brace to beat Stuttgart 2-1 at the curtain raiser of the 18th round.

The 'Swabians' caught a bright start on the road as Thomas Kastanaras unleashed a dangerous shot from the edge of the box to test Leipzig's goalkeeper Janis Blaswich with nine minutes played, reports Xinhua news

agency. Leipzig needed some time to gain a foothold into the game but opened the scoring with its first attempt as Szoboszlai's free-kick from 30 meters caught Stuttgart custodian Florian Muller flatfooted in the 25th minute.

The "Red Bulls" had a chance to double their advantage seven minutes later, but Andre Silva's header went just wide.

After the restart, Stuttgart missed the golden opportunity to level the scores as



Nikolas Nartey couldn't beat Blaswich from very close range in the 46th minute.

Clinical Leipzig showed no mercy and made it two at the other end of the pitch through Szoboszlai, who marked his second of the

night after drilling the ball from 16 meters into the top left corner with 49 minutes

Leipzig continued on the front foot but lacked in accuracy as Silva missed the target by a header from five

meters at the hour mark. Stuttgart was eventually able to halve the deficit in the 68th minute when Chris Fuhrich converted a handball penalty. With the result, Leipzig closes the arrears to front runners Bayern Munich

Hero Dubai Desert Classic

SLOW START FOR SHUBHANKAR AS POULTER AND BLAND LEAD

boost for the sport as well.

t was not the kind of a start Shubhankar Sharma was looking for as he began his first round of the weather-disrupted 2023 Hero Dubai Desert Classic.

After a promising start of 2-under through the first three holes, he finished 2-over 74 and was in danger of missing the cut.

Richard Bland and Ian Poulter were tied at the top of the leader board reaching eight under par before the daylight ran out.

Angel Hidalgo was their nearest challenger on seven under, with Louis de Jager another shot further back alongside Rory McIlroy and Patrick Reed, who will both start their second

The tournament will now conclude



More than six hours were lost due to wet weather at Emirates Golf Club on day one, and after another delay on Friday; World Number One McIlroy finished his first round with a

He went birdie-eagle-birdie from the seventh to sign for an opening 66 and share the early clubhouse lead

The second wave then got under way, with Swedish amateur Ludvig Aberg firing a 65 after recovering from a bogey at the first with eight birdies.

That saw the player, who tops the World Amateur Golf Rankings, lead the way alongside Poulter at the end of the first round, but with round two commencing on Friday evening, it was not long before the leader board changed again.

Bland, who had shot a bogey-free 67 in his first round, opened the second round with three successive birdies to move to eight under, with Poulter birdieing the long third to join him.Spaniard Hidalgo finished his first-round 66 with his only bogey but bounced back immediately with birdies on the first and third to climb to eight under before dropping a shot at the fourth.

Man City beat Arsenal 1-0 to reach FA Cup fifth round

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anchester City is through to the fifth round of the FA Cup after a 1-0 victory over Arsenal at the Etihad

Stadium. Nathan Ake's right-footed strike shortly after the hour mark sealed the win for the Blues and kept alive Pep Guardiola's hopes of winning the prestigious cup competition for a second time, reports mancity.com.

Stefan Ortega Moreno was the first of the two goalkeepers called into action, palming away Takehiro Tomiyasu's sweet strike from the edge of the box in the fifth minute. City's first



chance came via an extravagant overhead kick from Erling Haaland who, after being beaten to a through ball by goalkeeper Matt Turner, reacted quickest and sent the looping clearance goalwards from 30 yards.

It was blocked by the covering Arsenal defence but there can be no greater example of the striker's confidence. Ortega Moreno was

again at full stretch in the 21st minute when new Arsenal signing Leandro Trossard, on his full debut, shifted the ball out of his

feet and fired across goal. Haaland's first half comprised largely of racing on to lofted passes sent in behind Arsenal's defence.

The Norwegian's best chance before the break came in the 39th minute but his dink over Turner fell just the wrong side of the post.

The Dutch defender turned finisher with a rightfooted stroke inside the far

post of Turner's goal moments after half-time substitute Julian Alvarez had struck the woodwork.

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ollywood actress Athiya Shetty treated ner fans to some inseen pictures from her pre-wedding ceremony dressed in a stunning golden saree with pink blouse and traditional polki jewellery. Athiya took to Instagram to share pictures from one of her

pre-wedding ceremonies. A picture also features crick-

Athiya a hug, though his face is not visible. The new pictures show

Athiya dressed in a shiny beige saree and pink blouse with traditional gold and jewellery. The first picture shows her

smiling, while being surrounded by her female friends. The

wedding ceremony in progress featuring Mana Shetty, who is seen performing a puja.

Athiya and Rahul tied the knot on January 23 in Khandala. The intimate affair was attended by their family and close friends.

Anil Kapoor has an appetite for the current & latest: Tillotama Shome

ctress Tillotama Shome, who is gearing up for the release of her streaming show Γhe Night Manager', has shared an interesting anecdote about actor Anil Kapoor. The actress said that Anil loves to engage with new actors and likes to keep himself updated on trends and current affairs.

Elaborating on the same, Tillotama said: "Anil Kapoor is not just physically youthful but has an appetite to engage with new actors. His curiosity is humbling. He can make you really nervous with the amount of homework he does. And that makes you work harder."

She further mentioned: "Saswata da and I had no scenes in this sadly, but he is the warmest. I had such a wonderful time working with Anand Potdhuke. Our directors Sandeep and Priyanka went above and beyond to keep everyone comfortable."

'The Night Manager', which is a Hindi-language adaptation of John le Carre's eponymous novel, has been produced by The Ink Factory and Banijay Asia, the series is created and directed by Sandeep Modi

and second director Priyanka Ghosh. The show, starring an ensemble cast, will stream on Disney+ Hotstar from February 17.



Archana calls Kartik Aaryan 'bhaiya' while enacting romantic scene

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romantic scene turned into a comedy moment, when 'Bigg Boss 16' contestant Archana Gautam called Bollywood star Kartik Aaryan, who came on the sets of the show to promote his film 'Shehzada', "bhaiyya".

Archana was told by filmmakerhoreographer Farah Khan to enac

a romantic scene with Kartik, but her slip of tongue during the act left everyone bursting into laughter.

Farah said that Archana is making ginger tea in the kitchen with Kartik by her side.

In the promo shared by the channel Colors on Instagram, Archana was seen making tea and Kartik put his arms across her waist.

She then tells him: "Haye

na mummy dekh legi." He refuses to let her go and then Archana says: "Kaunse gate se aye

ho bhaiya. Kartik is then seen breaking into laughter as the scene comes to a pause.'Shehzada' also stars Kriti Sanon. The film is directed by Rohit Dhawan and is set to release ahead of the Valentine's Day on February 10.



TANDON ALL SET FOR AS-YET-UNTITLED

fter an overwhelming response to her streaming show 'Aranyak', Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon, who reigned in Bollywood in the 1990s and was recently awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour in the country, is set to star in

ing the show title and the storyline under the wraps currently. Sharing her excitement, Raveena Tandon, said: "I'm extremely elated to be a part of the show. This show is going to be very special for me as I've always liked to challenge and reinvent myself with every character I've ever played and this show has given me just that, all I can say is, stay tuned for some fun!"

The yet-to-be-titled show will stream on

OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar, with its title and streaming date to be announced soon. Gaurav Banerjee, Head, Content, Disney+ Hotstar & HSM Entertainment Network, and Disney Star, said: "It brings us immense happiness to announce our association with Raveena Tandon. She is and has been a superstar throughout her journey in the Indian Film Industry and together, Disney+ Hotstar and Raveena Tandon will soon bring some magic on the audience screens.



'Aditya Narayan is my favourite host'

KJo praises host Aditya Narayan, says his mum is a big fan of the show

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ilmmaker Karan Johar shared that his mother and producer Hiroo Johar is a big fan of 'Indian Idol' and praised host Aditya Narayan on the 13th season singing reality show, which will be 'Celebrating Dharma'.

Commending Aditya Narayan for his hosting skills and the talented contestants, Karan said: "Aditya Narayan is my favourite host. Because the thing is, a host's job is to entertain everyone, throw punchlines and introduce everyone. But Aditya is also a great singer and blends so well with everyone on this

show. He is the perfect blend!" "And I have to say the thirteenth season of Indian Idol is an exceptional one. If we have a Rishi, we also have a Chirag, if there is Debosmita there is Senjuti followed by Navdeep, Shivam, Bidipta and Sonakshi as well.'

Talking about how his mother is a big fan of the show, he shared: "My mother watches Indian Idol -Season 13 every weekend, and whenever she comes across an exceptional performance, she asks me to watch it on social media. While Indian Idol is my favourite show and I do watch it but in case I miss it, I ensure I catch the performance on social media."

The 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' director also praised Sony Entertainment Television, and the show's judges -Vishal Dadlani and Himesh Reshammiya for the way they treat



the talent on the show with the utmost respect and provide constructive feedback that helps them enhance their skill.

He added that the contestants of the show should feel privileged to have two of the most talented musical minds in the industry sitting in front of them.



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