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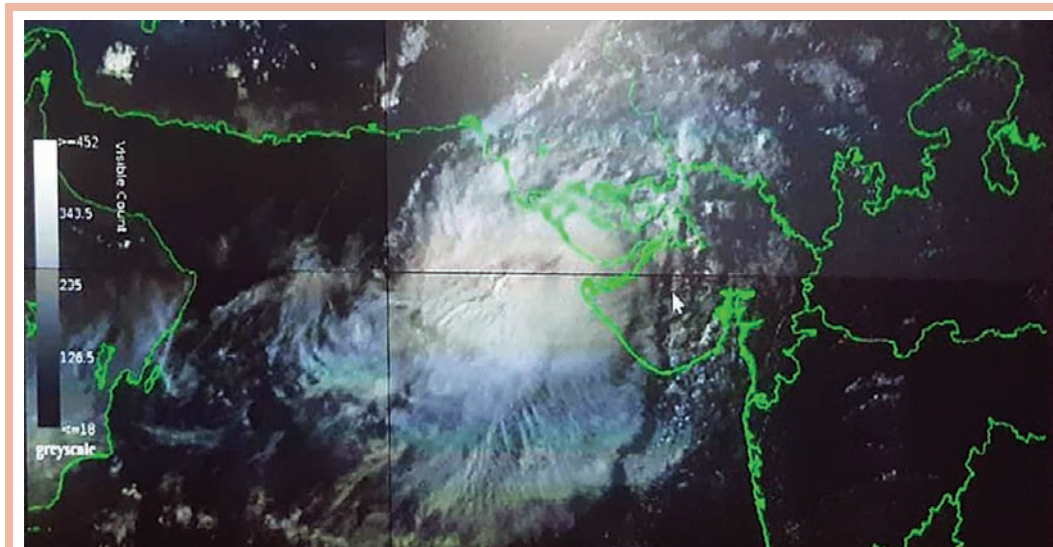
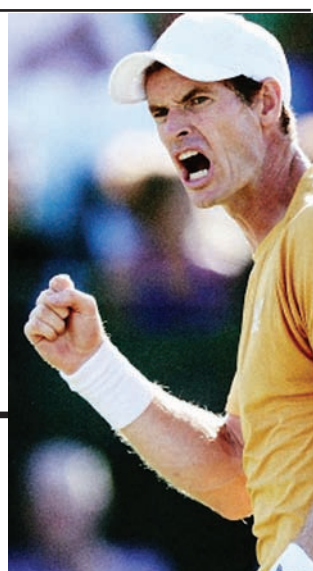
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Why There'll Be Sudden Lull As Cyclone Biparjoy Passes Over Gujarat Coast

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The eye of Biparjoy, the powerful cyclone set to hit the Gujarat coast by midnight, is about 50 km in diameter, a top official said today and warned of heavy rainfall. The landfall process has begun over the coastal districts of Saurashtra and Kutch, said

Mrutunjay Mohapatra, Director General, India Meteorological Department. Strong winds and heavy rainfall are prevailing in the districts and would gradually increase, he said, adding that heavy to extremely heavy rainfall is also expected. The cyclone is nearing the Saurashtra and Kutch coasts with a wind speed of 115-125 kmph gusting to 140 kmph. With this wind

speed, it would hit the coast near Jakhau port, between Mandvi and Pakistan's Karachi, added Mr Mohapatra. Biparjoy has been classified as a Category 3 "very severe cyclonic storm", which is battering parts of the coastal Gujarat. The cyclone is now moving with a speed of 15 kmph and the landfall process will continue till midnight, he said.

"When the forward sector of the eye reaches the land, there will be strong winds followed by a sudden lull," the official said, warning that people should not mistake this as the end of the cyclone. The rear end of the eye will bring another bout of heavy rain and one should not venture out until there's an official announcement, he said. The centre of the cyclone is

called its eye, which is surrounded by the eye wall or wall cloud, where the most destruction takes place. Nearly one lakh people have been shifted to shelters from Gujarat's coastal region ahead of cyclone Biparjoy's expected landfall in Kutch district this evening. Red and Orange alerts have been issued in several districts of the state.

'MIZORAM CM TRYING TO SPLIT MANIPUR BY HELPING KUKI MILITANTS', ALLEGES YOUTH BODY

Guwahati | Agencies

A Manipuri youth body in Assam has claimed that the ruling Mizoram National Front (MNF), which is led by Chief Minister Zoramthanga, is attempting to split Manipur by helping the Kukis, who are engaged in violence amid clashes between groups that are causing bloodshed in the state of Manipur.



The youth body also alleged that the Mizoram Chief Minister is trying to disrupt the peace initiatives in Manipur. The All Assam Manipuri Youths' Association (AAMYA) said that Mizoram is secretly backing the demand for a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo people in Manipur to split the state. "Many illegal Kuki migrants from Myanmar entered Manipur through Mizoram, which provided shelter to them. Not all Kukis participate in violence, but one group is in control of the rest due to MNF's backing," Kshetrimayam Kundal Singh, the chief advisor for AAMYA, claimed on Thursday.



However, he also said that just 25 per cent of Kukis in Manipur are involved in violence, and the majority of them are undocumented immigrants. Singh also claimed that MNF was punished by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for plotting against India. "They want a separate land, which won't be possible," Singh said. The AAMYA leader also accused Zoramthanga of disrupting the peace initiatives in ethnic violence-hit Manipur. The AAMYA had earlier issued a statement warning Mizoram of a harsh lesson if it continues to embrace the idea of a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo people in Manipur. The youth body wrote

in the statement, "AAMYA appeals to the ruling Mizo National Front to withdraw within three days, w.e.f. 14/06/2023, their support for a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo people in Manipur or else AAMYA will be bound to launch some serious moves very soon that will make the whole of Mizoram study its topography seriously like never before." The AAMYA said that they were grateful to Mizoram for providing food to the Churachandpur region of Manipur for humanitarian reasons, but that the MNF-led administration needs to act as a peacemaker and cease encouraging the Kukis to attack Meiteis.

HOUSES SET ON FIRE IN MANIPUR CAPITAL, PROTESTERS, SECURITY FORCES CLASH

Imphal: Protesters clashed with security forces in Manipur's capital Imphal today despite the state government enforcing a curfew. Some people have been injured, the police said, adding a few houses have been set on fire too. The violence erupted in Imphal's New Checkon neighbourhood. The police fired tear-gas shells to control the situation.

Visuals show firefighters trying to douse a burning house. Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel are seen firing tear-gas at a large group of protesters on a narrow street. Today's protest came a day after nine people, including a woman, were killed in Manipur's village Khamenlok. Yesterday, the official house of Manipur's only woman minister in Imphal was set on fire. State Industry Minister Nemcha Kipgen was not at home when the attack took place. Normalcy in Manipur has been elusive since May 3 when violence broke out between the valley-majority Meiteis and the hill-majority Kuki tribe.

'Forensic reports not included in initial charge sheet in wrestlers' complaint case'

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Delhi Police intends to submit an additional charge sheet in the female wrestlers' sexual harassment case due to pending forensic reports for digital evidence, including photos, videos, and audio, a senior police official said, on condition of anonymity.



The official clarified that the charge sheet filed initially is not the final report and any new information obtained by the investigators will be included in the supplementary charge sheet(s).

However, the officer said that the filing of an additional charge sheet depends upon the report and ongoing probe. "The forensic reports for the digital evidence are still awaited from the laboratories, and their findings may be incorporated into the supplementary chargesheet," he said. Citing the charge sheet, the official said that the two accused individuals have cooperated with the investigation and have joined the proceedings.

"No further evidence or information was obtained from them, and there is no indication of their attempting to flee. Their addresses have been verified to ensure their presence during the legal proceedings," he said. Delhi Police on Thursday filed in court its charge sheet running 1,082 pages in the alleged sexual harassment case against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brijbhushan Sharan Singh. Police has filed the charge sheet before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mahima Rai of Rouse Avenue Courts for the offences under Sections 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with

intent to outrage her modesty), 354A (making sexually coloured remarks), and 354D (stalking) of Indian Penal Code (IPC) against accused Brijbhushan Sharan Singh. Offences under Sections 109 (abetment of any offence, if the act abetted is committed in consequence, and where no express provision is made for its punishment), 354, 354A, 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC have been against WFI's former Assistant Secretary Vinod Tomar. Sources said that the charge sheet contains statements of around 200 witnesses. The court has posted the matter for hearing next on June 22.

NEARLY 29,000 AFFECTED DUE TO FLOODS IN 3 ASSAM DISTRICTS

Guwahati | Agencies

The flood condition in Assam deteriorated on Thursday with nearly 29,000 people reeling under the deluge across three districts of the state due to incessant rain, an official bulletin said.



According to the daily flood report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), more than 28,800 people are hit due to floods in Dhemaji, Dibrugarh and Lakhimpur districts. Lakhimpur is the worst hit with over 23,500 people affected, followed by Dibrugarh with more than 3,800 people and Dhemaji with almost 1,500 persons, it added. Till Wednesday, nearly 21,000 people were affected by floods across two districts of Assam.

The administration has launched three relief distribution centres in the Lakhimpur district, but no relief camp has been started as of now. At present, 25 villages are under water and 215.57 hectares of crop areas have been damaged across Assam, ASDMA said. Massive erosions have been witnessed in Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Lakhimpur, Morigaon, Sonitpur and Udalguri districts, the ASDMA said. Some places in Cachar

and Kamrup Metropolitan reported incidents of landslides due to heavy rainfall. Embankments, roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged by flood waters in Lakhimpur, Goalpara, Biswanath, Dhemaji, Baksa, Dima Hasao and Karimganj districts. No river is flowing above the danger mark in Assam as of now, it added. The Guwahati-based Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) on Wednesday had predicted heavy rainfall activity over the Northeastern region during the next five days. For three days, the RMC had issued 'Orange Alert', followed by 'Yellow Alert' for the subsequent two days. 'Yellow Alert' stands for watch and be updated, while 'Orange Alerts' implies to be prepared for action.

CONG-LED K'TAKA GOVT TO AMEND ANTI-CONVERSION LAW

Bengaluru | Agencies

The Congress-led government in Karnataka on Thursday announced to amend the Anti-Conversion Law.

The announcement was made after the cabinet meeting in Vidhana Soudha. Karnataka Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said the Cabinet has decided to amend the Anti-Conversion Law. "All the aspects introduced by the previous BJP government would be dropped. The act will be taken up for amendment in the Assembly session, scheduled to be held in July," Patil said. The BJP has imposed stringent conditions on religious conversions. It had also prescribed stringent punishment for the offence. Patil said the government would cancel the Karnataka Protection of Right to



Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021 and introduce the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2023. When asked about whether the previous bill is repealed, Patil said it is to undo the 2022 amendment. "It is to repeal the changes made to the law by the previous government," he said. In the Congress' poll manifesto, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had

promised to repeal all the acts enacted by the BJP government once the party comes to power in the state. Reacting to the development, National President of BJP Yuva Morcha Tejasvi Surya, the MP from Bengaluru South, said "the Congress government in Karnataka is fulfilling the PFT's agenda". "By deciding to repeal the anti-conversion law, the Congress government is clearly going against the Constitution and the judgments of the Supreme Court that clearly prohibit fraudulent religious conversions. A sad day for Karnataka, indeed," he said. The BJP government has passed the controversial Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021 popularly known as Anti-Conversion bill in the state was passed in the Legislative Assembly in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha at Belagavi on December 21, 2021.

NO INDIAN FILM WILL BE EXHIBITED IF 'ADIPURUSH' DOESN'T CORRECT MISTAKE: KATHMANDU MAYOR

Kathmandu | Agencies

After placing a map of "Greater Nepal" at his office in retaliation at the "Akhand Bharat" mural in the new Indian Parliament building, Kathmandu Metropolitan City Mayor Balen Shah on Thursday announced that no Indian movie will be allowed to be exhibited within the capital territory if the upcoming movie "Adipurush" does not correct the "mistake" about the birthplace of Sita. Nepal's Censor Board also decided to hold back permission to the upcoming Indian epic mythological film, based on the Hindu epic "Ramayana", for the same reason. In "Adipurush", it is mentioned that "Sita is the daughter of India", Shah said in a tweet on Thursday, adding that until this mistake will not be



corrected in India and Nepal, no Indian movie will be allowed to be shown within the Kathmandu metropolitan city limit. The film is written and directed by Om Raut and produced by T-Series and Retrophiles. Shot simultaneously in Hindi and Telugu languages, the film

has courted controversy in India too. Mayor Shah, on June 8, placed the map of "Greater Nepal" in his chamber to counter the "Akhand Bharat" map placed in India's new parliament building. Some other local elected representatives followed his example. The main opposition, CPN-UML has demanded to send a diplomatic note to India to protest the "Akhand" map. The government should immediately send a diplomatic note to India protesting against the Indian mural that has allegedly depicted some places of Nepal in it, Raghujai Pant, an UML lawmaker said in Parliament on Thursday. The new Indian map has incorporated some of the Nepali territories like Lumbini and Kapilvastu, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha. Nepal and India are already facing the boundary row over Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura.

Bengal panchayat polls: Nomination filing ends with three deaths on last day

Kolkata | Agencies

The process of filing nominations for the July 8 panchayat elections in West Bengal ended on Thursday with three deaths reported on the last day. The three deaths include one CPI(M) candidate at Chopra in North Dinajpur, one All India Secular Front (AISF) candidate, and one Trinamool Congress nominee at Bhangar in South 24 Parganas district.



In total, four persons have died in nomination-related violence since the process started on June 9. On the very first day, a Congress activist was shot dead at Khargram in Murshidabad district. Following the rising incidents of violence, a division bench of the Calcutta High Court on Thursday ordered

deployment of central armed forces throughout the state for the rural civic body polls. Meanwhile, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) has sought a detailed report from the State Election Commission (SEC) on the violence during the nomination filing phase. According to NCSC vice-chairman Arun Halder, if the SEC fails to send the report, State Election Commissioner Rajiva Sinha will be summoned to Delhi.



Panchayat polls

CALCUTTA HC ORDERS DEPLOYMENT OF CENTRAL FORCES THROUGHOUT BENGAL

Kolkata | Agencies

The Calcutta High Court on Thursday directed the State Election Commission (SEC) to conduct the July 8 panchayat elections in West Bengal under blanket security cover of central armed forces in all the districts.

A division bench of Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharya directed the SEC to write to the Union Home Ministry for deployment of central forces within the next 48 hours.

In its earlier order, the division bench had ordered deployment of central forces in only seven sensitive districts of the state. The SEC and the state government had filed a review petition of this order.

The hearing in the matter concluded at around 4 p.m. on Thursday, with the division bench reserving its order. However, at around 7 p.m., the division bench pronounced its verdict in



the matter, ordering deployment of central forces throughout the state for the rural civic body polls.

While passing the order, the bench also observed that any further delay in deployment of central forces might result in further damages due to poll-

related clashes and violence.

The bench also said that the cost of deployment of central forces should be borne by the Union government.

The indication of deployment of central forces came at the beginning of the hearing, as Justice Sivagnanam

expressed ire over the lapses on the part of the SEC. He also expressed anguish over the SEC's inability to identify the sensitive booths.

"You have the scope for appearing at a higher court. But if you create a situation so that my order is not implemented, I cannot just remain silent. Section 144 has been implemented at different places. The police should strictly enforce that," Justice Sivagnanam noted. Welcoming the order of the division bench, leader of opposition in West Bengal Assembly, Suvendu Adhikari, said that the court has rightly pointed out the failure of the SEC in ensuring free and fair polls. "I wholeheartedly welcome the court's decision," Adhikari said.

However, Trinamool Congress spokesman Kunal Ghosh said that deployment of central forces can never be an ultimate solution. "If the central armed forces are so effective, why is Manipur burning," Ghosh asked.

Victims of loan fraud attempt suicide in court after accused secure bail

Ahmedabad | Agencies

Four persons who were allegedly duped in a loan fraud case attempted suicide inside the court of Justice Nirzar Desai of the Gujarat High Court during the hearing of the anticipatory bail applications filed by the three individuals accused in the case.

The victims are currently stable after being provided immediate medical treatment. The alleged victims, identified as Shaileshbhai Shwarbhai Panchal (52), his wife Jayshreebhai Panchal (50), Manojbhai Vaishnav (41) and Hardikbhai Amarabhai Patel (24), consumed phenyl from a bottle after the court granted anticipatory bail to the accused.

The Panchals, who hail from Nikol, and Vaishnav and Patel from Chandkheda and Ghatlodia, respectively, claimed to be victims of a fraudulent scheme perpetrated



ed by the Khadia branch of the Colour Merchant Co-operative Bank.

According to them, a sum of Rs 1 crore had been deposited in Jayshreebhai Panchal's account which was subsequently siphoned off to various other accounts without her knowledge or authorisation. On Thursday, the accused, charged with fraud and deception, were provided interim relief as the court granted them protection from immediate arrest. The decision triggered

drastic actions by the alleged victims, who were quickly transported to the emergency ward of the Sola Civil Hospital for treatment. Abhishek Panchal, the son of the Panchal couple, was also present in the courtroom when the incident occurred.

After the unsettling scene, Justice Desai promptly adjourned the day's proceedings and discharged the post-lunch cause list board.

A team from the Sola police station has recorded the statements of the four individuals involved.

ED arrests key officials of M3M Group in judge's bribery case

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Thursday that it has arrested Basant Bansal and Pankaj Bansal, key managerial persons of Gurugram-based realty company M3M Group, in connection with a bribery case involving a judge.

Both of them were presented before the designated PMLA court in Panchkula, Haryana, which remanded them to five-day ED custody.

The ED initiated the investigation based on an FIR registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in Panchkula. According to the FIR, reliable information was received that Sudhir Parmar, who was serving as a special judge for CBI and ED cases in Panchkula at the time,



showed favoritism towards the accused individuals.

The accused persons were identified as Roop Kumar Bansal and his brother Basant Bansal, the owners of M3M Group, and Lalit Goyal, the owner of IREO Group.

Sudhir Parmar allegedly extended undue advantages to them for favourable treatment in the criminal cases related to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and other CBI cases pending against them in his

court.

The FIR also mentioned instances of grave misconduct, abuse of official position, and the demand/acceptance of undue advantage or bribes from the accused persons in cases pending in Parmar's court. The ED gathered incriminating evidence, such as bank statements and a money trail, regarding the allegations mentioned in the FIR before making the arrests.

Delhi coaching centre fire: Students stage protest, block road demanding justice

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Hours after a fire broke out at the Sanskriti Coaching Centre in Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar area that left 61 students injured, scores of students from various coaching centres staged a protest and blocked the road, raising slogans and holding posters demanding justice.

Out of the 61 students admitted to hospitals, 50 have been discharged while the remaining 11 are still under treatment.

Chanting 'Vande Mataram', scores of students, who are preparing for UPSC, SSC and other competitive examinations, sat on the road demanding justice.

A senior police officer said that they have tried to pacify the students and asked them not to block roads, assuring them that suitable action will be initiated against the culprits. Meanwhile, the CEO of Sanskriti Coaching Centre, Shivesh Mishra,



claimed that the fire did not break out inside the coaching centre.

"It is being reported that there was a blast in the metre box on the ground floor, and the smoke went up from below. During the incident, the students got scared. All of them have

been rescued. Some students attempted to escape with the help of wires. Two of them have been seriously injured," Mishra said.

Sharing the details about the incident, the officer said that a PCR call was received at the Mukherjee Nagar

police station regarding fire inside the Bhandari House building near Batra Complex, following which a police team was rushed to the spot.

"The rescue work commenced immediately. About 10 fire tenders and 16 CAT ambulances also reached there," said the officer.

"The fire was extinguished and the students from the first and second floors were rescued," he said.

"The place of occurrence was inspected and photographed by the district crime team. The place of occurrence was also inspected by the forensic team from Rohini. Around 200-250 students of different coaching centres were attending classes at the time of incident," said the officer.

As per the police, the preliminary inquiry revealed that there was fire in the electric meters installed on the ground floor of the building.

"A case under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code has been registered," the officer added.

After a long tussle, Solapur factory's 92-m tall chimney razed to facilitate flights

Solapur | Agencies

After a tug-of-war for more than five years, a 92-metre tall chimney inside the Siddheshwar Cooperative Sugar Factory in Solapur was finally demolished under massive police protection, here on Thursday afternoon, officials said.

The razing of the chimney -- it crashed down in a second with a deafening sound along with a cloud of dust from the debris -- was carried out in a planned manner, and will now facilitate operations at the upcoming Solapur Airport, which had been pending for years.

The process for the chimney demolition started yesterday with clamping of Section 144 prohibitory orders, a massive police force deployment outside and inside the factory premises since Wednesday night, and blocking road traffic in the vicinity till Sunday, June 18.

Considered an emotive issue with many locals, the police rounded up



over 500 farmers, workers and supporters as a prelude to the demolition, which ended peacefully.

The chimney construction started in the factory as part of its expansion 10 years ago, and was completed in 2017, though it was later declared as 'illegal' by the civic authorities.

Following a notice from the Solapur Municipal Corporation, the factory management moved the Bombay High Court which did not grant any relief.

In 2018, a civic team went there with bulldozers to bring down the chimney but returned due to strong opposition by the farmers, workers and locals.

After more legal rounds, plus the involvement of the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation, the civic body ordered the demolition of the chimney on April 27, and served a 45-day notice period, after which the process was initiated.

The chimney had become a political bone of contention among various mainstream parties in the city but after its demolition, locals are optimistic that the city will soon figure on the country's air-map.

COCAINE WORTH RS 26.5 CR CONCEALED IN THERMOCOOL BALLS SEIZED AT DELHI AIRPORT

New Delhi: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) announced on Thursday that they seized 1,922 grams of cocaine worth Rs 26.5 crore, which was sent from Brazil through a courier consignment.

"Based on specific intelligence developed by the DRI, a courier consignment arriving at the New Courier Terminal in New Delhi was put on hold and examined by DRI officers. This led to the recovery of 1,922 grams of cocaine, with a street value of Rs 26.5 crore," said an official.

The DRI officer further stated that the consignment arrived in two boxes from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and was declared as containing "Table Center" (a decorative object).

IAF Deputy Chief flies under-development LCA trainer

Team Absolute | New Delhi

IAF Deputy Chief, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit on Thursday checked and flew the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas' Trainer-01, which is still under trial.

The IAF is presently operating the LCA Tejas Mk 1 fighter and has a pending order of 83 aircraft.

Air Marshal Dixit, a keen experimental test pilot himself, flew the Series Production Trainer-01, which is undergoing final developmental test sorties, to get a firsthand feel of its capabilities.

He visited the Tejas Division of the National Flight Test Centre, Aeronautical Development Agency, and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) to assess the progress



of the indigenous combat aircraft projects. During his visit, Air Marshal Dixit, who has been driving the Atmanirbhar Bharat efforts of the Indian Air Force towards self-reliance in the development and manufacture of combat aircraft, was briefed by the HAL team on the production status of trainer aircraft and the plan for deliveries of the LCA Mk 1A. He will also visit the Light

Combat Helicopter (LCH) 'Prachand' production line to assess the production status of the homegrown combat helicopter. The delivery of 10 LCH limited series production aircraft for the IAF is nearing completion and series production is likely to commence shortly to meet the order of 145 series production LCH for the IAF and Indian Army, an IAF official added.

Brainstorming session on 'Building an ecosystem for business and work towards Industry 4.0'

Jaipur | Agencies

There needs to be a special focus on reskilling the youth to be ready for Industry 4.0. In today's digital era, every person has to update himself with time every day. This was said in one voice by the speakers at a brainstorming session organized on Thursday by Young Indians (Yi) Jaipur Chapter in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The session was organized under G-20 on the theme 'Building an Ecosystem for Business and Work towards Industry 4.0' at Poornima Institute of Engineering and Technology (PIET) Campus, Jaipur.

In this, many industry experts gave their views on the subject. Rahul Kalani, Chair, Yuva, Yi, Jaipur



Chapter said that the conclusion of this session will be presented to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, which can prove to be a suggestion in future policy making. Abhishek Mishra, Director, Trimurty Builders was the keynote speaker of the session. Ashish Ranjan, Chief Digital Officer, National Engineering Industries Limited and Tilak Raj Porwal, Plant Quality Head, Bosch Limited were other main speakers of the event.

Abhishek Mishra said that the industry should support the students in terms of innovative solutions. Today's students have innovative career options in areas like Data Science, AI, Robotics, IoT and Cyber Security. Ashish Ranjan told through PPT on the topic 'Future of Work' that now every business has become digitized and it is not possible without technology. In such a situation, along with tech skills, self-skills also play a very important role. Tilak Raj

Porwal explained how smart and autonomous systems are key elements in Industry 4.0, and digitalisation, robotics and data usage are also included. Jobs are secure in Industry 4.0, but it will be necessary to stay updated with the changes in the industry. During this, two sessions were organized for the achievers of Young Indians and representatives of institutions related to business networking. In the first session on the topic 'Future of Jobs in IT and Non IT Sector', the topic was discussed by Ashish Ranjan, Chief Digital Officer, National Engineering Industries Limited; Arun Kumar, Co-Founder and COO, Sincgrid and Mohit Jajoo, Executive Director, Shubhashish Homes. It was coordinated by Gaurav Bansal, Director, Bansal Group of Schools.

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2	1. SHIVKANYA SAKLE, Flat No. 203, Satguru Apartment, Plot No. 06, Shivampuri Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh-452001. 2. KALURAM SAKLE Flat No. 203, Satguru Apartment, Plot No. 06, Shivampuri Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh-452001. 3. VIKAS SAKLE Flat No. 203, Satguru Apartment, Plot No. 06, Shivampuri Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh-452001. 4. SHIVKANYA SAKLE 190, Khandwa Naka, Bhavana Nagar, Dhatariya, Indore G.P.O., Indore, Madhya Pradesh-452001. 5. KALURAM SAKLE 188, Khandwa Naka, Bhavana Nagar, Dhatariya, Indore G.P.O., Indore, Madhya Pradesh-452001. 6. VIKAS SAKLE 188, Khandwa Naka, Bhavana Nagar, Dhatariya, Indore G.P.O., Indore, Madhya Pradesh-452001. Loan Account No. LNINDOHL-1117000293 & LNINDOHL-1117000294	03-06-2023	12.06.2023 Old notice dated 14.12.2021 withdrawn. This publication to be treated as effective notice.	Rs. 10,09,055.21/- (Rupees Ten Lac Nine Thousand Fifty Five and Twenty One Paise Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 08.06.2023.

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DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of Flat No. 203, Admeasuring 43.30 Sq. Mtrs., I.E. 466 Sq. Ft. (Built-Up Area), 'Satguru Apartment', Plot No. 06, Shivampuri Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh-452001, And Bounded As:-East: Plot No. 7 West: Common Passage & Stair North: Plot No. 6-A.

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Date: 16.06.2023
Place: INDORE

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Wanted to bring major reforms as MP CM but my govt toppled in 2020: Kamal Nath

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Veteran Congress leader Kamal Nath on Thursday said that after assuming charge as Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister in 2018, he wanted to bring in major reforms for "good governance" but the BJP conspired and toppled his government in 2020.

The seasoned politician spoke about the challenges he had to face after taking oath as the chief minister. The biggest challenge was to change the governance system amid strong resistance by officials.

"Every proposal of mine would be met with opposition by officials. I wanted to change the governance system, but did not get cooperation. A huge conspiracy was hatched to topple my government. Even I could have indulged in horse-trading to



save the government, but that was against my principles. I stand with the truth. In more than 40 years of my political career, I have always

stood with the truth, no matter what cost I've had to pay," Kamal Nath said. The former Chief Minister claimed

that the officials were not in favour of a proposal to waive off farmers loans. "Despite a stiff resistance, I held on firmly to my decision and forced them to accept it," he added.

He took on the current BJP government helmed by Shivraj Singh Chouhan terming the entire system "corrupt".

"We were in government for 15 months, of which three months passed in code of conducts. But, in 11 months, we had shown the commitment and the working pattern of the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh."

Notably, the Congress led by Kamal Nath had managed to formed the government after a gap of 15 years in Madhya Pradesh.

However, a political crisis broke out due to high factionalism and race for power leading to collapse of the Congress government.

UP forest officials seek radio collar details of 2 cheetahs who strayed out of KNP

Team Absolute | Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh forest officials have asked their counterparts in Madhya Pradesh to share inputs from the radio collars attached to the two cheetahs who were reportedly moving towards Lalitpur on Wednesday.

The two cheetahs, who strayed out from the Kuno National Park (KNP), are now reportedly returning to the terrains of Madhya Pradesh.

"Our staff have been asked to stay alert. Though the latest input stated the cheetahs are reverting, the alert status will remain in place until it is certain that the two large cats are returning to MP," said Mamata Sanjeev Dubey, the chief of the forest force who is also heading the UP forest department.

As the news of the cheetahs moving towards UP broke, a virtual meeting of forest officials from several states was held.

The UP officials reportedly sought the GPS and radio collar inputs to track the animals'



inputs. For now, however, the department has been directed to only track and monitor the cheetahs if they cross into the UP side. Any further decision regarding the matter will be taken by the Cheetah Project Steering Committee.

Officials also said UP does not have a cheetah-friendly terrain as the animal needs large grassland to prey and the place they are heading to has a forest.

"Feral dogs also pose a threat to the cheetahs," a senior forest official said.

Cheetah reintroduction in India is an attempt to introduce a small population of Southeast African cheetahs in India, more than 70 years after the native subspecies became extinct here.

It may be noted that this was the second time when cheetahs strayed out of KNP.

Earlier, a male cheetah, named Oban/Pawan, was tranquillised, and brought back to the park when it was about to cross over to a forest in Uttar Pradesh.

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan meets Amit Shah



Team Absolute | New Delhi

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and discussed the political situation in the state.

Sharing photos of his meeting with Shah, Chouhan on Wednesday tweeted, "Today, meeting the Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi, discussed the development of the state along with the law and order situation in detail. During this conversation, received his sincere guidance on various issues." Elections to the state Assembly are to be held in Madhya Pradesh later this year and in view of the preparations for these elections, the ongoing political tussle between the

Congress and BJP is continuously on an upswing.

However, the BJP is facing many challenges from within the party. Deepak Joshi, son of former Chief Minister Kailash Joshi, who was one of the founding leaders of the party, quit BJP and joined the Congress last month. On the other hand, on Wednesday, Bajinath Yadav, who is considered a staunch supporter of Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, also left the BJP and joined Congress.

There is also a political tussle between the MLAs who joined the party with Scindia in the state and the old BJP cadre. In view of these critical political circumstances, this meeting of Shivraj with Shah is being considered to be quite significant.



CM CHOUHAN PLANTS SAPLINGS ALONG WITH HIS VEHICLE DRIVER AND ENVIRONMENT LOVING CITIZENS

Bhopal: Along with Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, government servants also participate in regular tree plantation with environment lovers, public representatives and social workers. Staff members of the Chief Minister's Office also plant saplings on various occasions - birthdays and marriage anniversaries. CM Chouhan today planted saplings of Karanj, Kadamba, Peepal and Mango in the Smart Garden located at Shyamla Hills.

Today along with Chief Minister Chouhan, his driver Ram Sajeevan Sharma also planted a sapling. Representatives of All India Bairagi Sadhu Samaj and other social organisations planted saplings in the Smart Garden today. In plantation, Deepak Bairagi, Rishi Raj, Dharmadas, Mukesh, Charan Das, Raghav Das, Balmukund, Gaurav/Tripathi, Mayank Gupta, Dinesh Bansal, Madhurima Gupta, Malkhan Singh Gurjar of Vidisha, Pramod Sharma and Suman Singh of Sidhi also participated.

NATIONAL LEVEL YOGA DAY PROGRAMME BEING HELD IN JABALPUR TO BE TELECAST LIVE IN 80 COUNTRIES



Team Absolute | Bhopal

This year, the national level programme of 9th International Yoga Day will be held on June 21 at the Garrison Ground in Jabalpur.

The yoga programme will be telecast live in 80 countries of the world apart from the country. This information was given in the meeting chaired by Collector Saurabh Kumar Suman in Jabalpur on Wednesday. This year the theme of the 9th International Yoga Day is 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

Participation of Army, Police, Home Guard, Railways and security institutions is being ensured in the national level programme in Jabalpur. There will be documentation of mass yoga practice programmes to be held at different places of the city and recording will also be done with drone camera. A plan has been made to involve about one lakh 25 thousand citizens in the mass yoga exercise programme in Jabalpur city. Apart from this, maxi-

mum participation of school and college students will be ensured. 15,000 identified participants will participate in the programme to be held at the Garrison Ground. As an innovation, disabled, transgender, cancer and thalassemia patients will also be given mass yoga practice. A mass yoga exercise will be held on International Yoga Day at Bargi Dam near Jabalpur.

Keeping in mind the national programme of Yoga Day in Jabalpur, pre-activity has been started from June 15. In 78 wards of Jabalpur city also, mass yoga practice will be done on International Yoga Day. Participation of 2 thousand citizens is being ensured in each ward. There will be a special session of mass yoga practice in 50 gardens along with Bhedaghat, the famous tourist spot of the city. Help of voluntary organizations is being taken to make the programme successful. A special awareness campaign is also being run across the district to increase the participation of the general public on International Yoga Day.

State scholarship will be given to 34 lakh students of backward class in the state

Bhopal: State scholarship is being provided by the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department for the improvement in educational level of backward class students studying in classes 6 to 10 in the state. This year the benefit of this scheme will be given to 34 lakh students.

The department has made a provision of Rs. 250 crore in the budget this year for the scheme. Under the scheme, the benefit of state scholarship is given to those students of these classes, whose parents' income does not come under the limit of income tax payer. In the last year 2022-23, the department had spent an amount of Rs. 222 crore in this scheme as state scholarship. Award for excellent work for the development of minorities The Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department is running an award scheme in the name of three great personalities for doing excellent work in the development of minorities.

Shaheed Ashfaqu Khan, Captain Hameed Khan and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad awards are given to selected social workers under the scheme. For the implementation of the scheme, the department has made a provision of Rs. 47 lakh in the budget for the year 2023-24. An amount of one lakh rupees is presented to the person selected for the award along with a memento in the honour. The state government has started this award scheme from the year 2011-12.

5 People From Each LS Seat To Be Selected For Modi's Event PM MODI TO VISIT BHOPAL ON JUNE 27

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is coming to Bhopal on June 27 to address a digital rally at one million booths.

The Prime Minister will interact with the people coming from 540 Lok Sabha seats to attend the rally. Five people are being selected from each Lok Sabha seat for the event. Nearly 2,700 people will be imparted training in Bhopal for three days. Modi will address those people.

After the selected people are trained, they will be deployed in five states - Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram. They will help the leaders of these states in working digitally at different booths during elections. They will be lodged in the educational insti-



tutions in Bhopal. The senior BJP leaders will train them. The BJP has launched digital booth system keeping in mind the Lok Sabha elections.

The party has done a good work in connection with digital booths. For this reason, the training is being held in Bhopal.

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PM's digital rally and road show may be organized from Motilal Nehru stadium to Rani Kamalipati station.

'TEHBAZARI' TO BE COLLECTED HALF YEARLY OR ANNUALLY: UAD MINISTER

Bhopal: Minister for urban development and housing Bhupendra Singh, on Thursday, said that collection of Tehbazari (market tax) should be done half yearly or annually instead of daily. He has also directed all municipal corporation commissioners and chief municipal officers to not collect 'Tehbazari' (market-tax) through contractors. The tax will not be collected on a daily basis now, the minister said. On May 29, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced abolition of the contractual practice in daily collection and recovery of market-taxes at a mahapanchayat of handcart pullers, hawkers and street vendors. The minister has said that in the urban bodies where contracts have been assigned for daily collection of market tax, after assessing the income received by them, steps should be taken in the council meeting to cancel the contracts for the remaining period. Instructions have also been given to send the information about the action taken to the commissioner urban administration and development within the time limit.

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"Centre's circular is clear about date yet MPPSC deleted Quit India question"

Team Absolute | Indore

After the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission (MPPSC) withdrew two questions from the state service exam-2022 including the one related to Quit India Movement's launch date, candidates who had taken the exam made a government circular public which stated the anniversary of the August Kranti be celebrated on August 9 every year.

The circular was issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions of the Central Government instructing for organising various events on August 9, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Quit India

Movement.

The candidates who had ticked 9 August 1942 option as answer to the question about the launch date of Quit India Movement are disappointed over the MPPSC's move of deleting the question which carried two marks.

The MPPSC had deleted the question stating that there was confusion over the date of Quit India Movement's launch. This information came to the fore when the Commission released the final answer key of the state service exam late on Monday evening. It was written "deleted" in place of the answer to the question.

Some candidates claimed that the right answer is 9 August 1942

which was mentioned in the options provided still the Commission deleted the question.

According to MPPSC sources, they had received about 400 objections over the question related to the launch date of Quit India Movement. "There was doubt about the date. When the subject experts investigated the facts, it came to the fore that the revolutionaries were arrested on the morning of 9 August 1942. If so was the case, how come the movement started on 9 August 1942? In view of the doubt, the question was withdrawn from the exam," the sources had said. Kamal Nath takes potshot at MPPSC

Tweeting over the issue, state Congress president Kamal Nath

wrote that it's unfortunate that the final answer key of the state civil service exam's question paper invited controversy.

He said that answer to a certain question is not being decided on the fact that it is true but on the ground that the state's CM had tweeted in the past about another date (August 8, 1942) thinking it as the launch date of the movement.

"The Commission should decide on questions and answers based on pure facts instead of deciding to just please the state's political leadership, as it will jeopardize the future and rankings of countless state civil services aspirant students," he added.

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(under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s 13 (2) of SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited (ABHFL), their loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Company as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, ABHFL has issued demand notices under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at the contractual 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).

Sl. No.	Name and Address Borrower/ Co-Guarantor & Loan A/C No.	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice as on Date
1	1. MANOJ RAO House No. 10, Vandana Homes Phase-II, Village: Bairagarh Chichli, Ward No. 81, Tehsil-Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462001. 2. SITA BAI House No. 10, Vandana Homes Phase-II, Village: Bairagarh Chichli, Ward No. 81, Tehsil-Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462001. 3. MANOJ RAO H.No. 16, Behind Ram Mandir, Kolar Road, Chunabhatti, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462016. 4. SITA BAI House No. 16, Chunabhatti, Behind Ram Mandir, Kolar Road, R S Nagar, Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462016. 5. SITA BAI C/O DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONSHIP At Jansang Park, Sanchalnaya Baan Ganga Square, Behind Pitla Temple, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462001. 6. MANOJ RAO C/O DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONSHIP At Jansang Park, Sanchalnaya Baan Ganga Square, Behind Pitla Temple, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462001. Loan Account No. LNBH00HL-09180011746 & LNBH00HL-09180011751	03-06-2023	09-06-2023	Rs. 12,78,954.94/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs Seventy Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four and Ninety Four Paise Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 06.06.2023.
2	1. JAGDISH PANTHI, House On Part Of Survey No. 162/5/1/1, At Ward No. 29 (New No. 31), P.H.No. 58/117, Pithampur, Village-Mandawada, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh-454774. 2. MUNNI PANTHI House On Part Of Survey No. 162/5/1/1, At Ward No. 29 (New No. 31), P.H.No. 58/117, Pithampur, Village-Mandawada, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh-454774. 3. JAGDISH PANTHI At Ward No. 27, Near Sagna School, Indorama Chouraha, Pithampur, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh-454775. 4. MUNNI PANTHI At Ward No. 27, Near Sagna School, Indorama Chouraha, Pithampur, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh-454775. 5. MUNNI PANTHI 1603, Nagar Nigam Colony, Nariyal Kheda, Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462038. 6. JAGDISH PANTHI C/O PANTHI ENTERPRISES, At Indorama Chouraha, Pithampur, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh-454775. 7. JAGDISH PANTHI H.No. 403, Nagar Nigam Colony, Nariyal Kheda, Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462001. Loan Account No. LNBH00HL-11210107543 & LNBH00HL-11210107544	01-06-2023	08-06-2023	Rs. 31,19,160/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 07.06.2023.
3	1. VIKAS GIRI, Plot No. 14, Part Of Kh. No. 88/2, Kasturi Vihar, Near Colony Garden, Ward No. 85, Vikas Khand Phanda, P.H.No. 25, Rm 03, Gram-Bagali, Tehsil-Huzur, District-Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462047. 2. SUNITA GIRI Plot No. 14, Part Of Kh. No. 88/2, Kasturi Vihar, Near Colony Garden, Ward No. 85, Vikas Khand Phanda, P.H.No. 25, Rm 03, Gram-Bagali, Tehsil-Huzur, District-Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462047. 3. VIKAS GIRI 288, Bhel Sangam Colony, Bagsewaniya, Huzur Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462043. 4. SUNITA GIRI 288, Bhel Sangam Colony, Bagsewaniya, Huzur Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462043. 5. VIKAS GIRI C/O VIRKI CLINIC Plot No. 2, Main Road, Bagsewaniya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462043. 6. SUNITA GIRI C/O VIRKI CLINIC Plot No. 2, Main Road, Bagsewaniya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462043. 7. SUNITA GIRI B-129, Sant Ashram Nagar, Phase-I, Bag Mugaliya, Tehsil-Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462043. Loan Account No. LNBH00HL-11210110002 & LNBH00HL-11210110004	01-06-2023	12-06-2023	Rs. 16,90,464.00/- (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 06.06.2023.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of House No. 10, Built On Plot No. 10, Situated At Vandana Homes Phase-II, Situated In Part Of Kh.No. 52/3, Village: Bairagarh Chichli Nagar Nigam, Ward No. 81, Tehsil-Huzur, District: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462001, Admeasuring 20x 40 = 800 Sq. Ft., I.E. 74.34 Sq. Mtrs., And Bounded As: East: Others Land West: Road North: House No. 09 South: House No. 11

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Area 900 Sq. Ft. I.E. 83.61 Sq. Mtrs. House On Part Of Survey No. 162/5/1/1, Situated At Ward No. 29 (New No. 31), P.H.No. 58/117, Nagar Palika Area Pithampur, Village: Mandawada, Tehsil: Pithampur, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh-454774, And Bounded As: East: House Of Raghuvir Solanki West: House Of Shri Surendra Bhagat S/O Hansraj Bhagat North: Nali South: Road.

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EDITOR'S SPECS

Congress facing shortage of candidates in MP polls, claims BJP

Senior BJP leader and Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra claimed the grand-old party is facing shortage of candidates to contest the state Assembly polls.

Mishra said: "There are many constituencies where the Congress do not have strong candidates, which is why it has started seeking support of other political parties. The situation was the same in 2018 elections also when several candidates were brought from others political parties."

He claimed the state Congress leadership was striving hard to find strong candidates against the BJP. Taking a jibe at Congress' 'Sandeshyatra', which is scheduled to commence from Bhopal on Thursday and conclude in Datia, the home district of Mishra, the minister said the fresh 'yatras' of the Congress will meet with the same fate, like others in the past.

"The Congress has launched several yatras in the past also, but people did not take them seriously. They had started Jan Samvad Yatra, Tiranga Samman Yatra and many more, but people did not pay heed to them. The fresh one will also meet with the same fate," Mishra added. State Congress president Kamal Nath will flag off 'Sandesh Yatra' from the party's state headquarters later today. During the yatra, former Chief Minister Kamal Nath is expected to cover 10 districts in the Bundelkhand region, targeting around 23 lakh people.

Damodar Singh Yadav, Vice-president of MP Congress Committee and executive president of Madhya Pradesh Congress Backward Classes Department, has reportedly played an instrumental role in planning the yatra.

More than 50 public meetings are to be held in 25 Assembly constituencies across the 10 targeted districts during the yatra.

COAL MINE IN EASTERN INDIA BLIGHTS LIVES OF INDIGENOUS RESIDENTS

RAHUL SINGH

Godda (Jharkhand): Stopping at the village entrance to take photos of a board announcing Taljhari's Scheduled Area status, this reporter is interrupted by a suspicious voice. "Who are you? What do you do?" Martin Tudu, a resident of Taljhari, becomes a bit more comfortable as the conversation progresses, but doubts still seem to cross his mind at times. On being told about our intention to report on the coal project, he says, "My farm will also be acquired for the Rajmahal coal mine expansion. Pulses and other crops in my two bighas (0.5 hectare) of land were ruined during the police action against us."

Taljhari in Boarjor block of Godda district in north-eastern Jharkhand is next to the Rajmahal Opencast Coal Project (OCP), a venture of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL). To ensure sufficient supply of coal to two power generation units of NTPC Limited, ECL has been trying to expand its operations by acquiring 121.40 hectares from this village for the last few years.

However, opposition from the mostly indigenous residents in this part of eastern India has kept the plan on hold since 2018. During a demonstration in August 2022, some residents reportedly held ECL Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) Ambika Prasad Panda and other officials hostage.

In January 2023, a violent clash was also reported in Taljhari. This reporter had visited the village a week after the incident, when the villagers were particularly disinclined to speak. They were upset about what they mentioned as one-sided media coverage of the incident. It took a lot of persuasion to get them talking.

"ECL tried to acquire land in the Scheduled Area without obtaining permission from our gram sabha (village council). On January 16, we met MLA (member of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly) LobinHembrom and demanded that the acquisition be stopped," says Manvel Hansda. According to him, no land in a Scheduled Area can be acquired by the government without concurrence from the village council.

Manvel says ECL officials came to demarcate the land on January 18, but the villagers did not allow them to do so. The next day, the officials returned with police reinforcements,



and there was a violent clash with the residents.

Recalling the incident, Chandrashekhar Singh, in charge of the local police station in nearby Lalmatia, tells 101Reporters, "The administration is trying to get possession of the land that 22 families in Taljhari have given for coal mining in 2017, in lieu of compensation. Section 144 (which prohibits assembly of over four people at one place) was imposed, but it was violated on January 18. Stones were pelted and arrows were fired from the village the next day."

A resident who spoke on the condition of anonymity said in May, "Our village head PoliceHansda is lodged in jail. He gets bail in one case and comes out but is put back in another."

Chandrashekhar says there was more than one criminal case, and bail was given only in one. Some other villagers are still in jail as well.

The sense of fear prevailing in the area is quite evident at the home of AnangmoyTudu, the mukhiya (panchayat head) of Bhodayapanchayat, which has jurisdiction over Taljhari. Her relatives reject the idea of an interview straightaway. "How can she (the mukhiya) speak on this issue? Any discussion is going to affect our relations with many people. She will not speak."

Taljhari residents have written multiple letters opposing the mine expansion to the general manager of Rajmahal OCP and Godda deputy commissioner, the senior most local bureaucrat. Copies are available with 101Reporters. They also met Jharkhand Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan when he was in the area on March 23 and submitted a memo-

randum.

According to Manvel, the villagers have sought an appointment with the President as well. "Taljhari houses 160 tribal families. Land is everything for us; it is the basis of our livelihood. If that too is taken away, we will be left with nothing," he says.

The Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) is not in force in Jharkhand. "Taljhari (a unit of land, usually the area of a village in revenue department records) falls in the Scheduled Area. How can they acquire land without gram sabha's approval? Even those who have been displaced by mining in nearby villages have not been properly rehabilitated," the area's elected representative to the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly (MLA) LobinHembrom tells 101Reporters.

Police officer Chandrashekhar also says all the 22 families who handed over land to ECL were ostracised. They now live in Mahagama, a town, 14 km from Taljhari.

"We cannot even enter our village. People have cut all ties with us. They do not want to talk to us," bemoans GulabTudu (28) from one of the ostracised families. "We are yet to get a plot to build a house," complains another.

"There is all-round mistrust. Some villagers think I am about to sell my land to ECL, while the police stationed here after the clash will not allow me to enter my own plot. What will I do," asks SanjhlHansda, a resident of Taljhari. RoskaMurmu is more concerned about water shortage in Taljhari. "Coal mining has been happening around our village for the last six to seven years.

All our water sources have dried up in the last three to four years. We have no option but to fetch water from a place located half a kilometre away," he rues.

Anita Murmu, head of nearby Lohandia Bazar village panchayat, says, "Mining has affected 90 per cent of the people in our panchayat. The water level has gone down and pollution has gone up. Houses have been destroyed. When we send plans for work under the District Mineral Foundation Trust, only those from influential people are approved. Just think about this - of all the plans we put forth in 2022-23, only one was approved."

The coal conundrum
Rajmahal is the largest opencast coal project of the ECL, a subsidiary of state-owned Coal India Limited. There are two mines in the Rajmahal project area - Rajmahal and Hura-C.

Hura-C started production under the Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) model, wherein ECL will give mining work to a private firm through tenders. ECL pays the firm per tonne of coal mined.

Hura-C has the capacity to generate 238,000 tonnes of coal annually, according to ECL officials. Probably by 2024, two more mines -- Simlon and Chuperbitha -- with 1.5 Million Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) capacity each, will start operations in Rajmahal area under the MDO model.

Coal from Rajmahal OCP is supplied mainly to NTPC power generating stations in Farakka in West Bengal and Kahalgaon in Bihar. Together, the plants require 60,000 tonnes of coal per day, which means approximately 22 million tonnes (MT) annually.

In the 2022-23 fiscal year, Rajmahal OCP produced 5.6 MT of coal. An official speaking on the condition of anonymity said the mine will break even only if the production increases to 6.5 MT per year. "There is a loss of Rs 50 to 60 crore (USD 6.1-7.3 million) in the 2022-23 fiscal. The loss in 2021-22 was Rs 150 crore (USD 18.2 million)."

"To make Rajmahal OCP profitable, we need to acquire 33 hectares of additional land every year in the vicinity of the place being mined. This will help us run our operations smoothly," he explains.

international

PAK NOT INTERESTED IN PICKING SIDES BETWEEN US, CHINA: HINA RABBANI KHAR

Islamabad | Agencies

Amid the growing global rivalry between the US and China, Pakistan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hina Rabbani Khar, has said that her country is not interested in picking sides between the two powers since it has always been on good terms with both, media reports said.

Instead, Khar told a news outlet that Islamabad is apprehensive about the fallout of an all-out rupture between the US and China, The News reported.

In such an instance, Pakistan would face an unfavourable strategic choice.

"We are highly threatened by this notion of splitting the world into two blocs," Khar said, The News reported.

The added that the country is very much concerned about this decoupling or anything that splits the world further. "We have a history of being in a close, collaborative mode with the US. We have no intention of leaving



that. Pakistan also has the reality of being in a close, collaborative mode with China, and until China suddenly came to everyone's threat perception,

that was always the case," she said. Front-line states closely watch with China, and until China suddenly came to everyone's threat perception, influence in Asia.

Over the years, as Washington's cooperation with India has increased, Pakistan has gotten closer to China, especially after the latter's investment in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

However, Washington is still a significant military partner for Pakistan, while Beijing has recently pledged to deepen economic investment and military cooperation with the country, The News reported.

In April this year, Khar had made headlines when the Washington Post leaked records ? termed 'Discord Leaks' ? of a discussion between her and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif surfaced.

As per the leaked documents, Khar said that Pakistan should avoid appealing the West and that its desire to maintain a strategic partnership with the US would sacrifice the full benefits of its original strategic partnership with the long-term friendly nation China, The News reported.

2023 likely to become hottest year ever recorded

London | Agencies

Global temperatures have accelerated to record-setting levels this month, an ominous sign in the climate crisis ahead of a gathering El Nino that could potentially propel 2023 to become the hottest year ever recorded.

Preliminary global average temperatures taken so far in June are nearly 1 degree Celsius above levels previously recorded for the same month, going back to 1979, the Guardian reported.

While the month is not yet complete and may not set a new June record, climate scientists say it follows a pattern of strengthening global heating that could see this year named the hottest ever recorded, topping 2016.

The long-term warming conditions caused by the burning of fossil fuels will likely receive a further pulse of heat via El Nino, a naturally reoccurring phenomenon where sections of the Pacific Ocean heat up, typically causing temperatures to spike across the world.

Last week, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said El Nino conditions are now present and will "gradually strengthen" into early next year.

Michael Mann, a climate scientist at the University of Pennsylvania, said human-



caused warming will be exacerbated by an event that typically adds between 0.1-0.2 degrees to the overall global temperature.

"The global surface temperature anomaly is at or near record levels right now, and 2023 will almost certainly be the warmest year on record," the Guardian quoted Mann as saying.

"That is likely to be true for just about every El Nino year in the future as well, as long as we continue to warm the planet with fossil fuel burning and carbon pollution."

Mika Rantanen, a Finnish meteorologist, said that the spiking heat so far this month is "extraordinary" and that it is "pretty certain" it will result in a record warm June, the Guardian reported.

FLOODING KILLS 6, INJURES 8 IN AFGHANISTAN

Kabul, At least six people have lost their lives and eight others sustained injuries in recent torrential rains and flooding in Afghanistan, local media reported on Thursday.

"Thirty homes have been damaged or demolished entirely, seven bridges have been wrecked, 832 livestock perished and some agricultural areas and orchards have lost their crops," Xinhua news agency quoted the local media as saying. The provinces affected by heavy rains and flooding include Kunar, Nuristan, Badakhshan, Paktia, Takhar, Ghor and Parwan. Earlier, some provinces of the country, such as Badakhshan, Takhar, Baghlan, Nuristan, Kunar, Laghman, Parwan and Kapisa received 10 to 25 mm rains, as the country's meteorological department anticipated. In May 2022, floods affected several parts of Afghanistan, killing 429 people.

From June to August, just as the country was recovering from an earthquake in Khost, floods hit again, killing 19 in June, 39 in July, and 182 others in August.



New Zealand slips into recession

Wellington | Agencies

The New Zealand economy has slipped into recession after the country's central bank aggressively raised interest rates to a 14-year high, according to quarterly figures released by the statistics department on Thursday.

Stats NZ said the GDP fell 0.1 per cent in the March 2023 quarter, following a 0.7 per cent fall in the December 2022 quarter, Xinhua news agency reported.

The second consecutive quarter of negative economic growth signals the start of an economic recession. The Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) has increased the cost of borrowing sharply since October 2021.

It was one of the first countries to start raising rates in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and has outpaced the US Federal Reserve.

Last month, the RBNZ increased its main interest rate to 5.5 per cent. "Today's outcome fits the definition of a technical recession by the barest of



margins," Finance Minister Grant Robertson said on Thursday, adding the economy was affected by the second-largest natural disaster to hit New Zealand in the first quarter.

This result reflects the impact of the Auckland floods and cyclone Gabrielle, with estimates of hundreds of millions of

dollars of lost production and activity across agriculture, forestry, fishing, transport and manufacturing due to the extensive flooding, Robertson said.

The Minister looks to export growth, the tourism rebound, returning international students, migration inflows, and investment in the recovery to handle the

challenging times.

The two consecutive quarter declines follow growth in the second and third quarters of 2022, Stats NZ's economic and environmental insights general manager Jason Attewell said.

Over half of the industries saw declining figures in the last quarter.

Business services were the biggest downward driver, down 3.5 per cent, which was partly offset by a 2.7 per cent increase in information media and telecommunications in the first quarter, Attewell said.

"Management consulting, advertising, scientific and engineering design services drove the fall in business services," he said, adding the March 2023 quarter included the initial impacts of Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle and teachers' strikes.

The adverse weather events caused by the cyclones contributed to falls in horticulture and transport support services, as well as disrupted education services, he said. "Fewer teaching days led to falls in primary and secondary education services," Attewell said.

POLICE CAR AMBUSHED IN PHILIPPINES, 2 OFFICERS DEAD



Manila, Two police officers were killed and four others injured when an armed group ambushed a police car in the southern Philippines, authorities said on Thursday.

Brigadier General Allan Nobleza, the regional police chief of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), said the team was heading back to the camp from a routine patrol when attacked at around 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday in Shariff Aguak town, reports Xinhua news agency.

Nobleza said the ambush occurred a few meters from the headquarters.



WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY SAYS BOMBAY HC; RAPS AUTHORITIES FOR 'CASUAL' DETENTION ORDERS

Team Absolute | Mumbai

With great power comes great responsibility, the Bombay High Court said while coming down heavily on the district magistrate of Dadra and Nagar Haveli for passing detention orders in a "casual and mechanical" manner and "without application of mind".

A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Sharmila Deshmukh in an order passed on April 18, a copy of which was made available on Thursday, quashed three orders of November 2022 passed by the magistrate placing three persons under preventive detention. "With great power comes great responsibility. Thus, greater the power, greater the responsibility," the court said, noting that the detention orders were passed in a very casual and cavalier manner and reflect complete non-application of mind. While passing detention orders, it is the bounden duty of the authority to act responsibly and with circumspection and in accordance with law, since under the detention law, a person is deprived of his or her personal liberty, the high court said in its order.



The bench noted that the detainees were in custody since November 2022 and this was nothing but "travesty of justice".

The court directed the Union Territory of Daman and Diu to pay a sum of Rs 20,000 as costs to each of the detainee within four weeks and said it hopes and trusts that steps would be taken to conduct a workshop for the officers dealing with detention laws. The high court passed its order on two petitions challenging orders passed by the district magis-

trate of Dadra and Nagar Haveli under the Gujarat Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act.

One petition was filed by an advocate Vishal Shirmali against whom a detention order was passed and the second was filed by one Sangeeta Rathod challenging the detention orders passed against her son and husband.

Both the petitions claimed that the detainees were social activists who had raised their voice against illegal activities, as a result of which false

cases were filed against them. On the basis of these false cases, the detention order was passed, the pleas said. "We find that the detention orders were passed in a very mechanical and cavalier manner. The case in hand is nothing but an abuse of the law of preventive detention," the HC said while quashing the detention orders.

The bench in its order noted that preventive detention is an anticipatory measure and that the object of the law of preventive detention is not punitive but only preventive. "Under the detention law, a person's greatest of human freedoms i.e. personal liberty is deprived and hence, it is imperative that the laws of preventive detention are strictly construed, and a meticulous compliance with the procedural safeguard, however technical, is mandatory," it said. Where personal liberty is concerned, it is not permissible to take a generous view of the lapses and condone the same. In cases of preventive detention, strict adherence/observance of procedural safeguards is mandated, so that liberty of a person is not compromised by arbitrary exercise of power, HC said in its order.

One ad can't weaken govt as BJP-Sena alliance is strong: Devendra Fadnavis

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Amid a war of words between Maharashtra's two ruling allies over an advertisement that projected Chief Minister Eknath Shinde as being more popular than his deputy Devendra Fadnavis, the latter on Thursday sought to downplay the row saying one ad cannot weaken the government. A political slugfest has erupted between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Shiv Sena led by CM Shinde after full-page advertisements were carried across major newspapers in the state on Tuesday, citing a survey that showed CM Shinde ahead of Devendra Fadnavis in popularity. It did not have the pictures of either Devendra Fadnavis or Shiv Sena founder late Bal Thackeray. Meanwhile, Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde and Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday shared the stage during an event in Palghar



district. Both the leaders landed together in Palghar in one helicopter. Participating in the 'Shasan Aplya Dari' programme, Devendra Fadnavis said that the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance government is strong. One advertisement or statement will not weaken it or create any problems in the dispensation,".

He said that the Shiv Sena and BJP were in alliance for 25 years and would remain together in future as well. CM Shinde praised

Fadnavis saying that they share a strong bond and their alliance was not for any selfish interests.

CM Shinde said his government has removed all speed-breakers coming in the way of infrastructure projects.

"In the last one year, we have taken all decisions aimed at the welfare and progress of people belonging to all sections. Ours is government is pro-people and it is getting support from all quarters," Shinde said.

Congressman Ashish Deshmukh to make 'ghar-wapasi' to BJP on Sunday

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Suspended former Congress MLA Ashish Deshmukh is all set to return to the ruling ally Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at Nagpur on Sunday in the presence of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, state party President Chandrashekhar Bawankule and others.

The development comes over three weeks after Deshmukh was slapped with a show-cause notice and expelled by the Congress on May 22 for publicly criticising top party leaders like Rahul Gandhi and Maharashtra party President Nana Patole.

Deshmukh - an ex-BJP MLA from Katol - is the son of veteran Congress leader and former state President Ranjit Deshmukh.

A few months back, Deshmukh had stirred up a huge row when he called upon Rahul Gandhi to apologise to the OBC community over his 'Modi surname' remarks that led to forfeiture of his Lok Sabha membership.

He shot of a letter to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in January seeking removal of Patole, blaming him for the party's nose-diving fortunes in the state with a series of electoral debacles.

Later, he alleged that Patole was working in tandem with the ruling Shiv Sena Chief



Minister Eknath Shinde and taking 'One Khokha' (slang for Rs 1-crore) monthly from him.

The party had promptly rubbished these utterances and allegations, with senior leaders hitting back saying Deshmukh had "lost his mental balance".

Deshmukh had quit the BJP in 2019 and contested against Fadnavis from Nagpur South West constituency, but lost.

It remains to be seen which constituency he will be allotted in his second innings with the BJP for contesting the 2024 assembly elections.

One more held for death threats to Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut

5th arrest so far

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The Mumbai police have arrested one more person in connection with the death threat calls to Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut and his MLA brother Sunil Raut, an official said on Thursday.

With this, the number people arrested in the case has risen to five, he said. The latest arrest was made after the police found the accused person's involvement, the official told PTI. "The accused is also a political activist and has a close association with local leaders from the eastern suburbs of the city. His social media profile also shows his pictures and videos with MLA Sunil Raut," he said. He has been remanded in police custody till June 19.

The first information report (FIR) in this connection was registered at the Kanjurmarg police station last week. The police had initially arrested two persons, who during their interrogation revealed the names of a few others, the police official said.

The reason behind the threat calls is being probed, he said.



Earlier, two men were arrested from a suburb in Mumbai on June 10, a day after Shiv Sena (UBT)

leader Sanjay Raut claimed he and his MLA brother Sunil Raut had received death threat calls and asked the Maharashtra government to take them seriously.

The accused duo - one of them an autorickshaw driver and another an interior designing worker - were detained on Friday itself from the eastern suburb of Govandi but the police awaited an official complaint in the case before arresting them.

Preliminary information suggests that they made the threat calls to the Raut brothers under the influence of alcohol, he said, adding that further investigation is underway.

They were tracked based on the location of their mobile phones and call recordings provided by the Raut brothers, the official said.

Earlier, Sunil Raut had received a call in which the person on the other side threatened to shoot him as well as his brother Sanjay Raut, police said on Friday.

"The government should take it (threat to him and his brother) seriously and not me. The government wants such threats. The matter is with the police and they will have to look into it," Sanjay Raut had told reporters.

DRONES AND OTHER FLYING OBJECTS BANNED IN CITY TILL JULY 16

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Police on Thursday issued a prohibitory order banning flying of drones and other flying objects in the city till July 16. The order said, whereas it is likely that terrorist/anti-national elements might make use of drones, remote controlled micro-light aircrafts, para-gliders in their attacks and thereby target VVIPs, endangering the life of public at large, destroy public property and cause disturbance to law and order in the Brihanmumbai Police Commissionerate area. It said that whereas it has become necessary that certain restrictions should be put on the activities of such elements across the Brihanmumbai Police Commissionerate to prevent probable sabotages through such drones, remote controlled micro-light aircrafts, para-gliders, for which some preventive and proactive measures needed to be taken to prevent the same. The order was issued by Vishal



Thakur, DCP (Operations), Mumbai Police.

An official said, "It is a routine preventive order which is issued by the

police on a monthly basis."

The order said that no flying activities of drone, remote controlled micro-light aircrafts, para-gliders,

para-motors, hand gliders, hot air balloons, etc. shall be allowed in the jurisdiction of Brihanmumbai Police Commissionerate for the period of next 30 Days, i.e. from 17/06/2023 to 16/07/2023 except for aerial surveillance by Mumbai Police or by specific permission in writing by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations), Mumbai.

Meanwhile, Mumbai Police on Tuesday issued a routine preventive order for the city. The order will remain in place till June 27, the order said.

The order said, "It is considered expedient to issue prohibitory order for restricting movement and unlawful assembly of five or more persons for prevention of breach of peace, disturbance to public tranquility and danger to human lives and loss of properties and to prevent any kind of riot or affray in the areas under the control of Commissioner of Police, Mumbai."

Mumbai aghast as porter rapes student in running train; nabbed

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Mumbaikars were once again stunned over crimes in suburban trains after a porter allegedly raped a 20-year-old student in a running train just as it departed from the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus station.

The accused, who was nabbed within eight hours of the incident on Wednesday, shall be produced before a city court later on Thursday, said an official.

The student was on the way to appear for her exams at Belapur in Navi Mumbai and boarded the ladies second-class compartment of the CSMT-Panvel local train. At that hour, there was just one senior woman in the coach.

When the train started moving out of the platform, a man suddenly jumped inside, caught the girl and started sexually assaulting her as she attempted to fight him off. He did not heed the screams and warnings of the elderly woman who threatened to call the police, and as soon as the train reached Masjid station, the student managed to escape while the porter ran away.



She went and boarded an adjoining general compartment, shaken and crying, when a male co-passenger dialed the GRP Helpline for assistance.

Following a police complaint later in the afternoon, teams of the Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police along with Mumbai Police managed to track and nab the accused, a porter named Nawaz Karim, (40) late on Wednesday evening.

The accused, said to be from Bihar, has been arrested and charged with rape and other charges and will be taken to a court for remand today, said an official, as the incident sparked outrage and fresh concerns of women's safety.

CM announces Rs 500 crore for concretisation of bus stands

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The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) will be given Rs 500 crore for concretisation of its bus stands, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced on Wednesday. Speaking at a function here to mark the 75th anniversary of the MSRTC, he said the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) will provide Rs 250 crore to the public transporter to make its bus stands pothole-free in the first phase. "There will be a) Complete concretisation of bus stand flooring. Not a single dust particle should be visible," Shinde said, while also stating that MSRTC must provide clean toilets at the bus



stands. "There are potholes at bus stands. Water and mud accumulate in potholes and passengers face a lot of trouble," he said. For providing quality public transport services to passengers, the transport body will be empowered and modernised, he added. The CM further said that MSRTC is the lifeline of Maharashtra and it has covered a long journey of 75 years. The MSRTC should work with the motto of 'Bahujanhitaya, bahujan-sukhay' (welfare and happiness of the masses). It should

ensure quality, he said.

The corporation has already submitted a proposal to the Industries Department, he said. Chief Minister Shinde, meanwhile, also asked when the MSRTC would become financially self-reliant. MSRTC depots are located on prime locations and should be developed as "bus ports" on Public Private Partnership basis, he said. "You should take advantage of your prime locations. It will be beneficial to ST? Does it not feel good when we visit an airport?" Shinde said. Shinde said that the government is working to change the face of MSRTC. New electric buses, air-conditioned buses are being added to the fleet. Seven thousand buses will soon come in the corporation's fleet.

No Honking Day

2,116 MOTORISTS BOOKED BY MUMBAI TRAFFIC POLICE IN ONE DAY

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Traffic Police Mumbai on Thursday said that it has booked 2116 motorists for unnecessarily honking in the city. The Mumbai Traffic Police on Wednesday observed a 'No Honking Day', an official said. In an official statement, the Mumbai Traffic Police said that the Traffic Control Branch of Mumbai Police had announced that on 14th June 2023, a 'No Honking Day' will be observed to curb the noise pollution in Mumbai. The police said that awareness against honking on the streets was spread through press releases, digital hoardings, VMS boards and various social media platforms. A positive response was received from several social workers, NGO's and Schools in Mumbai who also joined us in



spreading awareness to observe 'No Honking Day'.

The statement said that officers and the staff from the Traffic Control Branch along with school children

stood at prominent traffic junctions in the city and displayed placards and banners, explaining side effects of noise pollution due to unnecessary honking.

It said that in some areas corner meetings of taxi, autos, BEST Bus drivers were allegedly found honking and ill effects of noise pollution on one's health were explained to them. These motorists were instructed not to use horns unnecessarily.

The statement said, the drive to curtail noise pollution will continue and we along with all Mumbaikars will strive to make Mumbai city honking free. We again appeal to all motorists not to honk on other days as well. The 'No Honking Day' drive will be continued in future also. We thank all the Mumbaikars for making this campaign a great success.

The Mumbai Traffic Police had on Monday said that it will observe a 'No Honking Day' on Wednesday, June 14 and will urge the motorists to positively respond in their drive against noise pollution in the city.

Megan Fox is 'much happier' since her reconciliation with Machine Gun Kelly

Los Angeles | Agencies

Megan Fox and Machine Gun Kelly have reconciled and the 'Transformers' star "seems much happier now", though the couple are not planning a wedding any time soon. "They have done a lot of work to make their relationship strong again and are back together, a source told People magazine. "They are engaged, but are not wedding planning."

Fox and MGK have been engaged since January 2022. The source added: "Megan wears her ring too. She seems much happier."

Last week, Fox, 37, was seen supporting Kelly, 33, as she watched the rapper perform at the Waldbühne in Berlin, Germany.

As per People, in February, the 'Jennifer's Body' actress had hinted at a possible breakup, and removed photos of her musician fiancé from her Instagram account and posted a cryptic caption. However, a week later, she returned to Instagram to break her silence amid speculation that their relationship may have ended. Fox wrote at the time: "There has been no third party interference in this relationship of any kind. That includes, but is not limited to...actual humans, DMs, AI bots or succubus demons." In March, a source told People that the couple was back together and that they had explored therapy. "Things are still not back to normal though."

In April, the two were photographed holding hands on a trip to Hawaii.



Kim Cattrall experienced 'late-blooming sexuality' and has a word of advice

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Actress Kim Cattrall is getting candid about love and sexuality. Like her 'Sex and the City' character Samantha Jones, Cattrall, 66, is not afraid to share her thoughts on the topics of love and romance.

The actress touched upon the subject of love and romance during a live taping of the New York Times' 'Modern Love' podcast at the Tribeca Film Festival. She said: "I had sort of a late-blooming sexuality." She shared the actress about dating in her early 40s. "So for me, at that period of time, I was in a relationship where experimentation was readily available, and it was fun." As per People, Cattrall, who has been in a relationship with partner Russell Thomas for seven years, also revealed how she feels sex and intimacy change with age. "It's asking for what you want. It's showing what you want. Most men don't have a clue - not the anatomy. They know that. But what in particular works for you. And most women, they're too nervous, too anxious, or they haven't done their homework to find out what feels good," she said. "Sexuality is not just about having babies, not just about getting off, it's expressing something in a very intimate way." Through learning to be vulnerable in her relationships, and putting in "good work," the actress explained that she developed a deep and "meaningful" relationship with Thomas. "It's hard work. It's not easy. People feel that it's something that happens, and you're lucky. Luck is where preparation meets an opportunity," she shared, before adding that she is willing to put in the time to make the partnership flourish. She further mentioned: "And you meet this person and the work has just begun but it's not a negative kind of work. This is good work. This is meaningful for your life. So, for me, I am less romantic about it or sensual about it. I feel that it is continuing to work and push and progress and ask and reveal for as long as you're alive." The actress first met Thomas in 2016 when he was working with BBC.



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After years of friendship that goes way beyond the two A-listers making it big in Hollywood, actors Bradley Cooper

Bradley Cooper, Will Arnett team up for 'Is This Thing On?'; Cooper to direct

and Will Arnett are coming on to develop the film 'Is This Thing On?'

Both will star in the film with Cooper also directing it. Arnett penned the script with Mark Chappell. The film is still in early development, and while Arnett turned in a draft before the WGA strike commenced, Cooper likely will take a crack at script with Arnett and Chappell

and won't be able to till after strike ends, reports Deadline.

Cooper also is producing through his Lea Pictures banner, along with Arnett and Kris Thykier. John Bishop will serve as executive producer. Plot details are being kept under wraps.

Cooper is a nine-time Oscar nominee for writing, producing

directed, produced and co-wrote the script. The film already is predicted to be a major player this awards season. He most recently was seen reprising his role as Rocket Raccoon in Marvel's 'Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 3'.

A seven-time Emmy nominee, Arnett burst onto the scene with his Emmy-nominated role as Gob on the iconic

and/or starring in 'American Sniper', 'American Hustle', 'Silver Linings Playbook', 'Nightmare Alley', 'Joker' and 'A Star Is Born', which alone earned him three nominations.

As per Deadline, he is in post-production on the Netflix drama 'Maestro', which is a follow-up directing gig to 'A Star Is Born'. Cooper not only stars as composer Leonard Bernstein in 'Maestro' but also

Fox series 'Arrested Development'. He also voiced the title character of Netflix's 'BoJack Horseman'. His film credits include 'The Lego Movie' and 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' franchises, 'Blades of Glory' and 'Semi-Pro'. He most recently appeared in the documentary 'SmartLess'.



JENNIFER ANISTON IS IN A GREAT PLACE, HOPES TO FIND LOVE IN 50S

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'Friends' star Jennifer Aniston is feeling "happy, healthy and fulfilled". The 54-year-old actress is feeling upbeat about life, as she's "thriving personally and professionally", reports 'Female First UK'.

A source told 'Us Weekly': "(Jennifer is) in a great place. She's happy, healthy and fulfilled by her career, family and friends".

As per 'Female First UK', Jennifer has been through plenty of ups and downs in her personal life, including high-profile break-ups from Justin Theroux and Brad Pitt.

However, she's feeling really optimistic about life at the moment, and the former 'Friends' actress is really happy with where she's at in her career.

The insider shared: "(She's) been through a lot, but she feels blessed to be thriving personally and professionally."

Jennifer also retains hope that she'll find love in her 50s. The source said: "In her gut, Jen believes she'll eventually meet the right person."

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Sophie Habboo

New lawsuit against Bill Cosby by 9 women alleging sexual assault

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actor Bill Cosby faces a new sexual assault lawsuit, this one in the state of Nevada. A case in the name of nine women was filed in the US District Court for Nevada, alleging that the disgraced actor and comedian exercised his "enormous power, fame and prestige" to isolate and sexually assault the individuals named in the case, reports 'Variety'.

As per NBC News, a group of the women will speak in an interview on 'NBC News Daily'. Pam Joy Abeyta, Lili Bernard, Rebecca Cooper, Janice Dickinson, Linda Kirkpatrick, Janice Baker Kinney, Angela Leslie, Lise-Lotte Lublin and Heidi Thomas are named in the case.

Cosby was convicted of a criminal sexual assault charge in Pennsylvania in April 2018. However, in 2021, the actor was released from prison after spending nearly three years



behind bars; the conviction was overturned by the state Supreme Court. The actor, now 85 years old, has discussed plans for a comedy tour.

In a statement to 'Variety', Cosby's spokesperson, Andrew

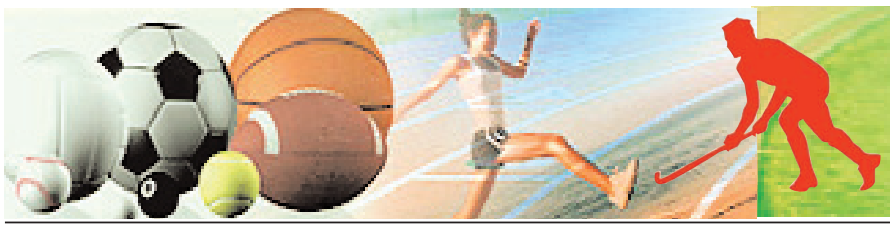
Wyatt, confirms the new lawsuit and opposes the claims detailed in it. Cosby has continued to deny similar allegations levied against him over the years.

"It's interesting that these 'Look Back Windows' are for-

mulating only in those states (New Jersey, New York, Los Angeles and Nevada) where many of Mr. Cosby's alleged accusers reside. It makes all Americans ask the question, 'Who's funding these alleged accusers and who's funding these lawmakers?'" Wyatt wrote.

The statement further read, "Mr. Cosby is a Citizen of [the] United States, but these judges and lawmakers are consistently allowing these civil suits to flood their dockets a 'knowing that these women are not fighting for victims a' but for their addiction to massive amounts of media attention and greed. From this day forward, we will not continue to allow these women to parade various accounts of an alleged allegation against MrCosby anymore without vetting them in the court of public opinion and inside of the courtroom".

More than 60 women have made public statements accusing Cosby of varying degrees of sexual misconduct.



ASIA CUP TO BE HELD FROM AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 17, TOURNAMENT TO BE PLAYED IN PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The 2023 Asia Cup will be held from August 31 to September 17, with the tournament to be played in both Pakistan and Sri Lanka, said the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).

As per the statement made by the ACC, the tournament will be hosted in a hybrid model with four games in Pakistan and the remaining nine matches in Sri Lanka, though the names of cities playing hosts are yet to be made public.

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Nepal, the winners of ACC Men's Premier Cup, will compete in a total of 13 ODI matches, which is seen as preparation for the ODI World Cup to be held in India in October-November.

India and Pakistan have been grouped alongside Nepal while Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are the sides featuring in the other group. Sri Lanka are the defending champions of the Asia Cup, while India won the tournament the last time it was held in a 50-over format in the UAE in 2018.

The 2023 edition of Asia Cup, which is also the 16th edition of the tournament, will feature two groups, with two teams from each group qualifying for the Super Four stage. The top two teams from the Super Four stage will then face off in the final. The breakthrough in naming the 2023 Asia Cup schedule comes after multiple reports



had emerged in the last few months that the tournament could be held in a hybrid model of staging matches, something which has also been proposed by Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Najam Sethi. It had meant that the deadlock over

hosting and organising this year's tournament was yet to be resolved, especially with Pakistan being the host of the 2023 edition of the competition and India not travelling to the country due to political tensions between the two countries.

Three more boxers from Chandigarh -- Aaditya Raj (71kg), Bhavya Saini (80kg) and Ankush (92+kg) also won their respective bouts and progressed to the next round. Aaditya blanked Jammu & Kashmir's Raizwan whereas Bhavya won unanimously against Goa's Suyashparab. Ankush defeated Rishi

Youth Men's National Boxing C'ships: Asian Junior Champion Krrish Pal advances to pre-quarters

Gangtok | Agencies

The 2022 Asian Junior boxing Champion Krrish Pal showed his prowess and advanced to the pre-quarterfinals on the second day of sixth Youth Mens National Boxing Championships, here on Thursday.

In the 48kg round of 32 bout, Krrish was representing Chandigarh and faced Lovepreet Singh of Rajasthan. He was too quick for his opponent right from the beginning and smartly landed a combination of punches consistently. As a result, the referee had to stop the contest in the first round.

Krrish will take on Mohammad Junad of Telangana in the next round.

Govindu of Andhra Pradesh by RSC in the first round. In other bouts of the day, Maharashtra's Usman Ansari (51kg) outclassed Upmanyu of Himachal Pradesh in the first round while Tamil Nadu's T Kowshik (60kg) got the better of Adarsh Pradhan of Sikkim in a 4-1 split verdict.

Punjab's Bhupender Singh also moved to the next round after defeating Bengal's Sakir Ahmed 5-0 in the 54kg round of 32 clash. Karan Kumar (51kg), Honey (57kg), Lovi (63.5kg) and Vansh Sharma (71kg) were the other boxers from Punjab to advance to the next round. The championships will witness participation of 337 budding boxers, who are willing to make their mark at the national level.



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Inter-State Athletics Championships kicks off at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar | Agencies

The 62nd Inter-State Athletics Championships began at the Kalinga Stadium, here on Thursday.

At the inaugural ceremony, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president and legendary Indian athlete, PT Usha declared the meet open.

"I am delighted that the Odisha government is organising this event. This event is very important for our athletes as it is a qualification for the Asian Games. I wish the participants the very best," said Usha.

Apart from PT Usha, the Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Tusharkanti Behera, Sports and Youth Services Secretary Vineel Krishna and Chief Coach of Indian Athletics, Radhakrishnan Nair were also present at the occasion. "It is our way of promoting sports and providing a platform for the sporting talent of our state & country. It allows athletes to showcase their skills and compete at the highest level. Earlier we hosted the IGP 3 & 4 and it was a memorable experience for all. This time too our efforts are directed towards the necessities and comfort of athletes," said Behera. "The state government is fully committed to ensuring the smooth conduct of these events and providing the best possible facilities and support to the participating athletes,"



he added. On behalf of the entire athletic contingent, ace Indian sprinter from Odisha, Srabani Nanda took the pledge that symbolised the spirit of fair play and competition ahead of the commencement.

During the Inter-State Athletics Championship, the athletes will not only be competing for individual triumphs and state pride but also to assert themselves as contenders for three major international events, the upcoming biannual Asian Athletic Championship, the World Championship and the Asian Games in September.

Following the opening and Day 1 medal ceremony, the legendary sprinter PT Usha was accompanied by Sport secretary Vineel Krishna and they visited the upcoming Indoor Athletics Stadium, which upon completion would be India's first ever indoor athletics stadium.

Rosemary Mair, Izzy Gaze return to New Zealand women's squad for tour to Sri Lanka

Auckland | Agencies

Fast bowler Rosemary Mair and wicketkeeper-batter Izzy Gaze will return to the New Zealand women's squad for the upcoming tour to Sri Lanka, which is also their first trip to the country.

Rosemary last featured for New Zealand against England during the Commonwealth Games last August but missed out on last year's tour to the West Indies and the visit from Bangladesh, as well as the T20 World Cup earlier this year in South Africa.

Izzy, who is selected as wicketkeeping cover to Bernadine Beuzidenhout, was part of the New Zealand squad which won the ODI and T20I series away against West Indies but missed out on selection for the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa.

"We're excited to have Rosemary and Izzy back. Both players have worked hard on their respective games since their last international tours and we're looking forward to seeing how they handle the challenges that this tour will bring. They both bring their own unique strengths to the group and we hope that they'll contribute to what will hopefully be a successful tour," said head coach Ben Sawyer.

With captain Sophie Devine and her veteran opening partner Suzie Bates in the squad, it also



has other experienced internationals like Amelia Kerr, Lea Tahuhu and Maddy Green. Eden Carson and Fran Jonas continue alongside Amelia in a young spin group who will be well-suited to play in the dry sub-continent conditions. From the squad, only Sophie and Suzie have played in Sri Lanka previously. "This is the first time almost all of the squad will have experienced playing in Sri Lanka so it's a good opportunity for our players to develop their game in testing sub-continent conditions."

"Sri Lanka will pose challenges with the unfamiliar conditions out in the middle, but also with the heat and humidity, so we will need to be able to adapt quickly both on and off the field. The group has been really fortunate to have experienced some unique conditions with the recent trips to Antigua

and South Africa."

"We adapted to similar heat and conditions in the West Indies, so that experience should bode well in Sri Lanka. We also have a handful of players who have played in similar sub-continent conditions in India so that experience will be valuable for us to adapt," added Sawyer.

Batter Lauren Down is unavailable for the tour due to family reasons, as is allrounder Hayley Jensen who is recovering from knee surgery undertaken in April. Batter Kate Anderson who has been involved in winter training plans is also unavailable with a finger injury.

Sawyer will be supported by Dean Brownlie (batting coach), Craig Howard (spin bowling coach) and Chennai Super Kings academy coach Sriram Krishnamurthy as tour coach, who will join up with the group when they arrive in Sri Lanka.

The touring party departs for Sri Lanka on June 22, ahead of the first ODI against the hosts in Galle on June 27, followed by three T20Is to be played in Colombo. NZC also said women's central contract list will be announced on June 21.

New Zealand squad for the Sri Lanka tour: Sophie Devine (c), Suzie Bates, Bernadine Beuzidenhout, Eden Carson, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Fran Jonas, Melie Kerr, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Mair, Molly Penfold, Georgia Plimmer, Hannah Rowe, Lea Tahuhu

Ashes 2023: England's ultra-attacking approach faces tough examination against Australia

Birmingham | Agencies

The highly-successful ultra-attacking approach adopted by England ever since Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum took over as captain and head coach in 2022 faces its toughest examination when the much-anticipated Ashes against recently-crowned World Test Championship winners Australia kickstarts at Edgbaston from Friday.

During the next six weeks that promise excitement, thrill and tension in equal measure, England, who have won 11 of 13 matches under Stokes and McCullum, will be put to a relentless Test at home to see if they can retain their style of play which has given them immense success, having not lost a series yet.

One can anticipate that the five-game series will be closer than it was in 2021/22 when Australia thrashed England 4-0 in their home. In England's batting line-up, they have the zeal and belligerence of Ben Duckett, Zak Crawley, Ollie Pope, Joe Root and captain Stokes himself. The timely return of Jonny Bairstow further boosts the explosive batting line-up.

But England have potential issues in the bowling



line-up. All-rounder Moeen Ali has also come out of Test retirement and is confirmed to play as England's frontline spinner after Jack Leach was ruled out due to a lower back stress fracture. With Ali straightaway playing a Test match after two long years, there are doubts over how he will fare, especially with him averaging 65 with the ball against Australia in Tests.

There will be doubts over the fitness of James Anderson and Ollie Robinson, who will be playing Ashes after missing the Test against Ireland due to groin and ankle niggles, while Stokes' ability to bowl due to a nagging left knee issue is also under

cloud.

Australia are also mulling their bowling options, with Scott Boland's five wickets in the 2023 World Test Championship Final giving him an edge over an injury-prone Josh Hazlewood, as Mitchell Starc, captain Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon give a settled look. With the bat, Australia boasts of top three Test batters in Marnus Labuschagne, Steve Smith, and Travis Head, though their opening pair of David Warner and Usman Khawaja needs to step up as well. In the current cricketing era where franchise T20 leagues are mushrooming faster than the speed of light, the Ashes has always ensured that cricket fans get their share of excitement and fast-paced action from Test cricket. This time around, public imagination will be captured yet again when England's exhilarating approach will face off against the dominant mindset of Australians.

Australia squad: Pat Cummins (c), Scott Boland, Alex Carey (wk), Cameron Green, Marcus Harris, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis (wk), Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitch Marsh, Todd Murphy, Matthew Renshaw, Steve Smith (VC), Mitchell Starc, David Warner

Andy Murray to play in ATP Zhuhai Championships in September

Zhuhai (China) | Agencies

Dual-Wimbledon champion Andy Murray confirmed he will return to China to compete in 2023 ATP Zhuhai Championships in September.

The three-time major winner will join fellow US Open champion and former world No.1 Daniil Medvedev at the 2023 Zhuhai Championships held from September 20 to September 26.

The ATP Tour 250 event marks Murray's second visit to Zhuhai. Murray won the title in the inaugural edition of the tournament in 2019, Xinhua reported.

"It's great to be playing tennis in China again and I am really looking forward to coming back to play at the Hengqin International Tennis Centre," Murray said.

"I really enjoyed my last visit to Zhuhai. It's a beautiful city and a great city with great fans. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in September," he added.

The 35-year-old Scot has overcome a career-threatening hip injury to re-establish himself among the world's best players. The



winner of 46 ATP Tour titles won an ATP Challenger Tour title in Surbiton to move to a ranking of No.44.

What will be the outcome in wrestlers' case: Bail or Arrest?

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Delhi Police on Thursday filed a charge sheet running over 1,000 pages with statements of around 200 witnesses in the alleged sexual harassment case against outgoing Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Besides filing the charge sheet before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mahima Rai of the Rouse Avenue Courts, the Delhi Police also approached the Patiala House Courts seeking cancellation of an FIR by a 'minor' wrestler accusing Brij Bhushan of sexual harassment. The 550-page report



filed by the police said that no corroborative evidence was found to support the allegations levelled in the FIR.

The charge sheet mentions Brij Bhushan as an accused for offences under Sections 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354A (making sexually coloured remarks), and 354D (stalking) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

LPL 2023: Colombo Strikers acquire Wahab Riaz, Niroshan Dickwella in auction

Colombo | Agencies

The Colombo Strikers bolstered their side with several international and domestic players during the Lanka Premier League (LPL) 2023 auction after picking Pakistan pacer Wahab Riaz, Sri Lanka batter Niroshan Dickwella and others.

The experienced campaigner Iftikhar Ahmed emerged as the most expensive player for the Strikers. The Pakistan batter, who has scored 4,309 runs in T20s, was picked up for 50,000 dollars.

On the other hand, Ahmed's compatriot Wahab Riaz was acquired for 40,000 dollars. The fast bowler has taken a whopping 413 wickets in his T20 career so far.

The Strikers picked up Sri Lankan wicket keeper-batter Dickwella for



44,000 dollars. Dickwella has amassed 2,179 runs and effected 65 catches and 21 stumpings in T20s. Furthermore, the franchise also acquired Sri Lankan stars Pathum Nissanka and Lakshan Sandakan for 40,000 dollars and 30,000 dollars respectively at the LPL auction on Wednesday. Top-order batter Nissanka has scored

2,040 runs in his T20 career while Sandakan has 83 scalps under his belt.

"We've put together a really strong side for our first season in the LPL. Acquiring international stars such as Wahab Riaz and Iftikhar Ahmed is a huge boost for us. The players will certainly gel well with our Icon Players, who were already part of our team. We are an explosive team and we can't wait to get on the park," the team owner Sagar Khanna said about the Colombo Strikers squad, in a media release.

The Colombo Strikers had earlier announced a star-studded Icon Players line-up in May.

The Icon Players include Pakistan Captain Babar Azam, highly talented Pakistan speedster Naseem Shah and Sri Lankan T20 stars Matheesha Pathirana and Chamika Karunaratne.

Jakarta | Agencies

Former World No.1 Kidambi Srikanth and Thomas Cup gold medalist H.S Prannoy advanced to the quarterfinals while two-time Olympic medalist P.V. Sindhu crashed out of the Indonesia Open badminton tournament, here on Thursday.

Srikanth defeated compatriot Lakshya Sen in straight games, while Prannoy, seeded seventh here, got the better of NG Ka Long Angus of Hong Kong, 21-18, 21-16 in 43 minutes.

Former World Champion Sindhu, who won a silver medal in the Rio Olympics in 2016 and a bronze at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, went down



18-21, 16-21 in the 29-minute encounter.

Young men's singles player Priyanshu Rajawat put up a tough fight against Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting and despite winning the first game, lost 22-20, 15-21, 15-21 in a match that lasted just over an hour.

The top men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, the seventh seeds, also advanced to the last-eight stage with a straight games victory over China's He Jing Ting and Zhou Hao Dong 21-17, 21-15 in 46 minutes.



ASEES KAUR SET TO WED SINGER-COMPOSER GOLDIE SOHEL

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Playback singer Asees Kaur, who sang the popular Punjabi number 'Galat' featuring Big Boss 14 winner Rubina Dilaik, is marrying her beau, singer-songwriter and composer Goldie Sohel over three days of festivities that begin on Thursday. The two have known each other for seven years but developed a romantic relationship during the recording of 'IDGAF' in 2022. The couple made their relationship official with their engagement in January this year.

Commenting on the occasion, Asees Kaur said: "Life has come to a beautiful full circle for me this year. Who knew that studio sessions around a heartbreak song would eventually lead to one of the most beautiful love stories of my life. The entire credit for the planning and preparation of our wedding goes to my sister Deedar since Goldie and I have been very occupied with our professional commitments. Post the wedding, we will be traveling to Amritsar to pay our respects at the Golden Temple."

She further mentioned: "We will go on our honeymoon post my show in London next month. Not only is this my debut show at a massive arena in the UK but it's also my first live show after my wedding which makes it even more special for me. I'll be debuting my Sufi set and also paying a homage to Sidhu Moosewala. Exciting times ahead!"

The wedding celebrations are expected to be an intimate affair with a selective guestlist comprising the couple's close family and friends from Guwahati and

Panipat. The three-day festivities begin today with functions such as mehendi, sangeet, ring ceremony, anandkaraj and family lunch. The cuisine will be Punjabi curated by MaujjaRestobar. For the ensemble, the couple have decided to match their traditional outfits in twinning hues of blues and pinks which will be styled by Sujata Setia. Reynu Taandon, Devyani Kapoor will be curating bespoke outfits for Asees Kaur while Rechannel Fashions will be designing for Goldie Sohel. Asees Kaur has a varied discography, having sung in various movie productions such as 'Udta Punjab', 'Bell Bottom' and 'Article 15'. She also has many of her own original tracks. She is also well-known for her unique singing style.

She has great range and despite the gentleness and sweetness in her tracks, she possesses a surprising amount of power as well, making her an extremely versatile singer as she can switch from a standard pop style to folk and even classical very well. Almost all her hits ranging from 'Jaan Nissar', 'Lae Dooba', 'Khair Mangda' or 'Bandeyaa' showcase her vocal diversity.

Growing through a hard childhood - Aruna Irani



Team Absolute | Mumbai

Veteran actress Aruna Irani will be seen gracing the upcoming episode of the television dance reality show where she will open up on the constraints and struggles during her childhood.

Heavily impressed by contestant Anjali and her dance, the actress related to Anjali's struggles that she started earning from the age of 13 to support her family. The actress will go on stage to give Anjali a sweet gift, a statue of 'Ganpati Bappa', leaving Anjali teary eyed.

Reminded of her days of struggle, an emotional Aruna said: "I see myself in Anjali, even though I started working at the age of 9 to support my family. What she is doing is very sweet of her, because these days, few people understand their responsibilities. It is admirable to set aside your desires and ambitions to focus on supporting your family. I am confident that you will achieve a lot of success and greatness in the future."

She further mentioned: "I come from a family of eight siblings, and being the eldest, I naturally assumed the role of responsibilities. However, my parents never requested that I discontinue my education. I did it independently. Back in the day, when we didn't have enough money, my mother would give us rice with onions to eat. We used to face difficulties in paying our rent on time, which led to people threatening to evict us from our house. However, we had no other place to go, which made me realise the importance of supporting my family and motivated me to start working."

Aruna Irani also shared how her father always regretted not having a son as his oldest child, but on his death bed, he mentioned that he was proud of his daughter, saying that his Aruna is "Arun" for him.



Kubbra Sait says her 'The Trial' character is 'hardwired and strong'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Kubbra Sait, best known for her role in the Netflix neo-noir crime thriller series 'Sacred Games', will be soon seen in the upcoming courtroom drama web series 'The Trial: Pyaar, Kanon, Dhoka' in the role of Sana, who she described as a headstrong person.

The actress spoke about Sana, a fierce, fiery and unabashed character, and said that she "is hardwired and strong" as "she has seen the worst already and she does things that require her to be twisted".

Elaborating on the same, she said: "One thing that I realised while filming for this show is how women who have a consistent need to be happy and only when they're affable and brightly, they are nice, but if they are rough on the edges and don't sugarcoat things, only then they are tough."

Along with Kubbra, the show also stars Padma Shri awardee Kajol as Noyonika Sengupta, along with actors Sheeba Chaddha, Jishu Sengupta, Alyy Khan, and Gaurav Pandey in key roles.

"For me and for Sana as a character, this was definitely a stereotype that we broke. Sana is hardwired and strong willed, she has seen the worst already and she does things that require her to be twisted. You know, she is that classic 'agar ghee seedhi-ungli se nanik leto hungli tedhi karni chahiye' and it's amazing to be able to play that.

That person is so not me, I thought that was an incredible change for me," she added.

The series is an adaptation of the 2009 American courtroom drama series 'The Good Wife' by Robert King and Michelle King, and has been directed by Suparn Varma and produced by Banijay Asia.



EMRAAN HASHMI MAKES TELUGU DEBUT

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood actor Emraan Hashmi, who is known for films like 'Gangster', 'Zeher', 'Awarapan' and 'Shanghai', has joined the cast of director Sujeeth's gangster drama 'OG'. The film also stars power star Pawan Kalyan and Priyanka Mohan in the lead.

Emraan joined the cast as the film's third schedule currently progresses in Hyderabad. He will make his foray into Telugu cinema with the movie and will be seen essaying the role of Pawan Kalyan's nemesis in the film.

Talking about making debut in the Telugu film industry, Emraan shared: "I am excited to embark on this new journey with 'OG'. The movie has a strong and gripping script and it offers me a challenging role that I am looking forward to working with Pawan Kalyan Sir, Sujeeth, Danayya Sir and the team. I am confident that we will create a memorable cinematic experience for the audience."

The film also stars Arjun Das and Sriya Reddy in key roles in the film. With music by Thaman S, 'OG' is produced DMV. Danayya, written and directed by Sujeeth under DVV Entertainments banner. The film also has veteran actor Prakash Raj in a prominent role.

Hyderabad | Agencies

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who is gearing up for her upcoming streaming special, the Indian counterpart of "Citadel", marked a year on Thursday since she was diagnosed with autoimmune disease myositis.

The actress took to her Instagram to share a set of pictures and a video from the beautiful Church of Saint Sava, in Belgrade, Serbia. She posted a long, detailed and inspiring message speaking about her one year battle and the lessons she learned from it.

She wrote "It's been one year since the diagnosis. A year of forced new normal".

Myositis is a rare condition that causes inflammation of the muscles leading to various symptoms such as weakness, fatigue, trouble swallowing, breathing etc. The main muscles to be affected are around the shoulders, hips and thighs, though it can also lead to other parts of the body being affected, such as the skin, lungs or heart.

Describing her battle in detail,

Samantha wrote: "Many battles with my body...no salt, sugar or grains with a cocktail of meds for main course, forced shutdowns and forced restarts. A year of seeking meaning, reflection and introspection. Of professional failures too to make things more interesting".

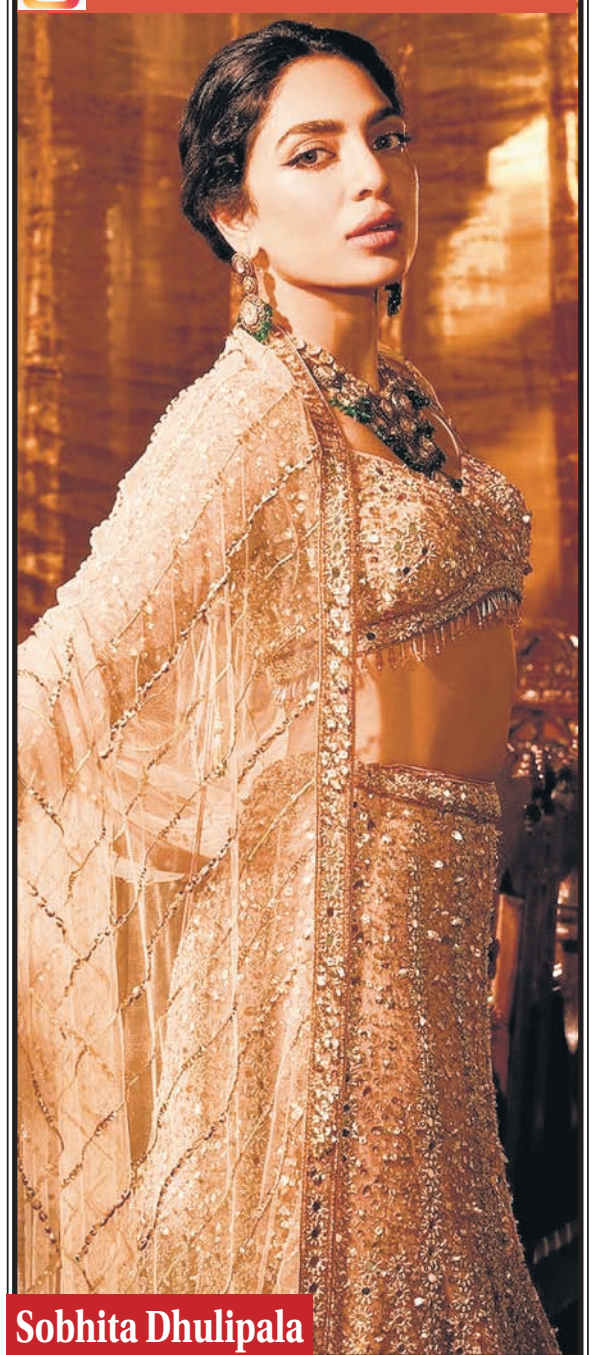
"Year of prayers and poojas...not praying for blessings and gifts but praying to just find strength and peace. A year that has taught me that not everything goes your way all the time. And more importantly, that it's ok when it doesn't. That I must control the controllables, let go off the rest, and keep moving forward one step at a time. That sometimes it's not about grand successes, but that functioning forward is in itself a win.

"That I mustn't sit around waiting for things to be perfect again or wallowing in the past. That I must hang on to love and those I love and not give hate the power to affect me. There will be so many of you fighting far harder battles. I pray for you too. The gods may delay, but they never deny. They never deny peace, love, joy and strength to those who seek it. The only things worth seeking", she added.

The actress is currently working on Telugu film "Kushi" and the English rom-com "Chennai Story".

Samantha Ruth Prabhu says 'a year of forced new normal' after 1 year of myositis diagnosis

INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Sobhita Dhulipala