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**HOLLYWOOD** 

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Mob attacks Meghalaya CM Sangma's office, five security personnel injured, curfew imposed **SACKED RAJ** 

# VIOLENCE INSTIGATING IN NE!

**Guwahati** Agencies

ive security personnel were injured during a mob attack at the office of Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma in Tura on Monday night, police sources said.

**Heavy rainfall on India's west** 

The Chief Minister is not hurt and could not immediately get out of the office as many people had encircled the compound and blocked the entry/exit routes. Later, the protesters were dispersed from there and the police imposed night curfew, an officer at the Chief Minister's Office said.

Civil society organizations from the Garo Hills have been on hunger strike for the last few days demanding that Tura town become the winter capital of the state. They have been also demand-

#### **Woman injured, school** set on fire in fresh violence in Manipur

Imphal: A fierce gunfight took place between suspected militants and security forces in Manipur's Churachandpur district for the past 48 hours during which one woman was injured and at least 10 abandoned houses and one school were burnt.

The shootout that started late Saturday continued till today earning morning, sources said.

Several rounds and locally made bombs were thrown at the security personnel during the attack on Saturday evening, the police said.



#### Rajnath calls Kharge to end logjam in Parliament, **Oppn demands PM's statement over Manipur**

New Delhi: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has called the Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge to end the logjam in parliament but the Congress President has demanded Prime Minister's statement over Manipur in

the parliament to end the logjam. They said that Rajnath Singh spoke to Kharge last night to discuss the logjam in the Parliament."Kharge told Singh that Manipur violence cannot be tolerated and the Prime Minister should make a statement inside the Parliament," source said. Earlier in the day, Kharge, while holding a protest near the Mahatma Gandhi stat-

ue in Parliament demanding for a detailed discussion on Manipur violence had said that Rajnath Singh spoke to him and several other opposition MPs."It is shameful that PM Modi spoke outside the parliament. We all opposition parties are demanding from Chairman in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Speaker that Prime Minister should come inside the House and make statement about what is the actual situation in Manipur." Kharge said.

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Sangma on Monday evening was holding a meeting with some of the protesters in his office in Tura when others began hurling stones.

In the attack, five security personnel sustained injuries. The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) stated that although the situation is under control, it is still tense. Sangma expressed shock over the

attack. He has also announced Rs. 50,000 ex-gratia for the injured person-An officer at the CMO told reporter

#### **Carrying essentials, first** goods train from Guwahati reaches Manipur

Imphal/Guwahati: Amid the crisis of food grains and other essential materials in ethnic violence-hit Manipur, the first goods train reached the Khongsang railway station in the state's Tamenglong district from Guwahati on Monday.

Sources in the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) said that following the announcement by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who was in Manipur from May 29 to June 1, the railway authority in association with Assam's transport department on Sunday dispatched the first goods trains carrying food grains and essential commodities to Manipur.

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, other ministers and officials were present when the train reached the Khongsang railway station.

that "the crowd has been dispersed, but the Chief Minister is still at the office taking stock of the situation".

According to sources, Sangma had been speaking with the civil society groups about the issue for more than three hours when a crowd -- apparently not a part of the groups --gathered outside the Chief Minister's office and began hurling stones. Police used tear gas to disperse the mob.

#### **AAP MP Sanjay Singh** suspended for **Monsoon Session**

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Sanjay Singh was on Monday suspended for remaining of the Monsoon Session of Parliament for his "unruly behaviour" while protesting over the Centre's response on the Manipur vio-

After the House met on Monday afternoon, the Opposition MPs started demanding for a detailed discussion on the issue by suspending the Question Hour Session.

However, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar initiated the proceedings of the House and when only three to four questions were taken, the AAP MP went near the Well and started raising slogans demanding for a detailed discus-

Leader of the House Piyush Goyal then moved the motion to suspend him, which was adopted by the House by voice vote.

#### **MINISTER RAJENDRA GUDHA EXPOSES RED DIARY SECRETS**



Rajasthan Minister Rajendra Singh Gudha on Monday teared into the Ashok Gehlot government after he was marshalled out of the Assembly following a ruckus and scuffle with state Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal.

Speaking to the media

outside the Assembly, Gudha said: "The Red Diary will lead Gehlot to the jail. It will expose the Chief Minister. I was blocked from tabling the Red Diary. I was thrashed and blocked from tabling diary. Congress MLAs and Ministers manhandled m. I was asked to apologise but i will not apologise. "Why should i apologise? I simply spoke the truth on women atrocities in state."When asked what the contents of his Red Diary, he said it had details of all the accounts where black money being distributed by the Chief Minister. "I wanted to table the Red Diary in the House but 15 to 30 people attacked me. It has everything... to whom the moneywas given and when was it given... It carries all details.'

#### Twitter officially replaces Bird logo, Website now shows X

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witter today officially ditched its iconic blue white X on a black background. The change is part of a wider rebranding effort under Elon Musk's ownership of the platform.

Early today, Musk tweeted an image of the X branding beamed across Twitter's headquarters in San Francisco.

"Our headquarters tonight," he tweeted.

The SpaceX and Tesla chief's fascination with the letter X goes back to the 1990s. In 1999, he launched the X.com domain, an online banking services platform that is a precursor to PayPal. In 2017, Mr Musk repurchased the X.com domain



and it was kept as one of his unused assets until his big announcement on Twitter's future on Sunday.

Following the purchase, he tweeted that the domain carries a lot of "sentimental value" for him, possibly a homage to his early entrepreneurial days.

Musk tweeted on Sunday that he was changing Twitter's logo to an "X" to "symbolize the imperfections in all of us that make us

#### **Duty hours debacle**

### PASSENGERS LEFT STRANDED AS RAJKOT-DELHI AIR INDIA FLIGHT DISRUPTED

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round 100 passengers, including three BJP MPs, found themselves Rajkot airport on Sunday night when their Air India flight to Delhi faced an unexpected disruption.

The pilot of the aircraft refused to fly, citing that he had exceeded his duty hours, as per Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) norms, leaving the passengers in a state of uncertainty. The incident unfolded late in the

evening after passengers boarded the Air India flight, scheduled for departure at 8.30 p.m. Among the passengers were Rajkot MP Mohan Kundariya, Jamnagar MP Poonam Maadam, and newly-elected Rajya Sabha MP Kesaridevsinh Jhala.

In a statement issued on Monday, an Air India spokesperson said that AI404 operating between Rajkot and Delhi late evening on July 23 was delayed due to an operational reason."Subsequently, the cockpit crew came under Flight Duty



Time Limit (FDTL) regulations for which they could not operate the flight as per regulatory norms. The FDTL regulation is non negotiable aspect and cannot be compromised under any circumstances," said the spokesperson.

"Certain passengers who had to reach Delhi on an urgent basis were transported by road to Ahmedabad to take an Air India or codeshare flight to Delhi. The

remaining passengers were offered hotel accommodation with all meals and their bookings rescheduled as per their desire including full refund against cancellation," the spokesperson added.

Earlier this month, around 20 to 25 students were left stranded after the cancellation of Air India flight AI 186 from Vancouver to Delhi on July 2 due to some techincal issue.

### Saurashtra battles monsoon fury with rising casualties, evacuations

Rajkot Agencies

n the wake of a relentless tering Gujarat's Saurashtra region for six consecutive days, official reports have confirmed five additional fatalities which took the overall death tollto 98 since the onset of the monsoon season. Of the five fatalities, three hailed from Rajkot district, while the other two were from Junagadh city.

At least two more people are reportedly missing in the region, highlighting the escalating severity of the flood crisis. The inundation has rendered normal life stagnant in the region, necessitating the evacuation of around 5,000 residents to safer grounds while hundreds



more were rescued from perilous situations.

The region has been experiencing heavy downpours in July, clocking a substantial 354 mm of rain, a sharp increase from June's 243 mm, according to meteorological data. The India

Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for several parts of the state, indicating an impending threat of more heavy rains extending to Tuesday.

#### **2 DREADED MAOISTS CARRYING RS 8 LAKH BOUNTY SURRENDER** IN MAHARASHTRA

Nagpur: In an achievement of sorts for the Gadchiroli Police, two hardcore Maoists from Chhattisgarh, who



security forces, a top official said here on Monday The success came ahead of the annual 'Shahid Saptah' observed by the banned CPI (Maoist) from July 28 to August 3, when they indulge in heightened militancy against the security forces and the masses, said Gadchiroli Superintendent of Police, Neelotpal.

The duo has been identified as Adama Joga Madavi (26) and Tuge Karu Vadde (35), both hailing from Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh. Madavi was recruited by the Pamed LGS in July 2014 and worked till 2021 before he was transferred to the Zone Action Team, but disenchanted, he left the Maoist forces in June 2023 to go back home. Carrying a reward of Rs 6 lakh, he was involved in eight encounters in and around Chhattisgarh, including the major attack in 2016 when 25 CRPF personnel were martyred, the 2020 encounter that killed 17 policemen, plus five murders between 2018 and 2023. Vadde joined the Jan Militia and Jatpur Dalam in 2012 and worked till 2023 after which he returned home. He was wanted for six murders between 2020 and 2022, one incident of arson on 12 heavy vehicles, and carried a bounty of Rs 2 lakh on his head.

# TELANGANA'S TOMATO FARMER EARNS RS 2 CRORE

▶ Mahipal Reddy started growing tomatoes in April this year. He used the latest technique to ensure A grade produce and this fetched him a higher price *in the market.* 

▶ The farmer has been growing tomatoes on 40 acres of land for the last four years. He initially suffered losses but refused to give up. He consulted his friends in other states, who suggested he use sunshade technique for good harvest. He adopted the same to reduce the temperature, resulting in better and higher yield.

**Hyderabad** Agencies

farmer in Telangana's Medak district has literally hit the jackpot by earning a whopping Rs 2 crore by selling tomatoes during the last one month while another crop worth



Rs 1 crore is ready for harvest. Bansuvada Mahipal Reddy of Mohammed Nagar in Kaudipalli mandal of Medak district became

With the price of tomatoes soarand lack of adequate supply from Madanapalle in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh and other places, Mahipal Reddy catered to the

a millionaire overnight due to the skyrocketing price of tomatoes.

ing to Rs 150 per kg in the market demand in Hyderabad market. He sold the produce for Rs 100

per kg in the wholesale market.

During the last one month, he sold about 8,000 boxes of tomatoes, each over 25 kg.

The 40-year-old farmer, a school dropout, has emerged as a role model for all. Chief Minister K.

Chandrasekhar Rao on Monday congratulated Mahipal Reddy couple for growing tomato crop worth Rs 3 crore in a single season. The farmer along with Narsapur MLA Chilumula Madan Reddy met the Chief Minister KCR at the Secretariat. Mahipal Reddy

explained to the CM that they have already sold a tomato crop worth Rs 2 crore and another crop worth Rs 1 crore is ready for har-

The CM asserted that Telangana farmers should think innovatively in the farming of the commercial crops for huge profits. He praised Mahipal Reddy for adopting new techniques in tomato cultivation for huge yielding. Ministers T Harish Rao, Singireddy Niranjan Reddy and MLA Ch Madan Reddy were also present.

#### **SC stavs ASI survey of Gyanvapi mosque till 5** p.m. Wednesday

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Monday ordered that a Varanasi court's direction allowing an extensive survey of the Gyanvapi mosque by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will not be enforced till 5 p.m. on Wednesday, saying that "some breathing time" should be given to the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee for appeal.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Of India (CJI) D. Y. Chandrachud and Justices J. B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra permitted the mosque management committee to move the Allahabad High Court to challenge the order passed by the Varanasi District Court.

"Should the petitioner (Intezamia Masjid Committee) move the High Court, the Registrar Judicial shall ensure it is placed before the appropriate bench, so that it could be heard, before the status quo order (granted by the Supreme Court) comes to an end," the bench ordered. The apex court passed the above direction after noting that the order of the district court was pronounced at 4.30 p.m. on July 21.An ASI team had reached the mosque to carry on the survey on

At the outset, the CJI-led bench was inclined to post the plea on Tuesday or on July 28 for hearing, with directions to ASI to not carry out any excavation or invasive activity during the survey.



# **HEAVY RAINFALL ON INDIA'S WEST COAST AND BEYOND, WARNS IMD**

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solated very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall activity likely to continue over the west coast till July 26 and over Telangana and Andhra Pradesh during July 25 and 27, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast on Monday.

In its bulletin, the weather agency said that in Northwest India, there will be light to moderate fairly widespread rainfall with isolated heavy rainfall over Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, east Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh, west Uttar Pradesh, west Rajasthan, and Jammu and Kashmir on different dates during the period from July 25 to 28.

'Isolated very heavy rainfall is also anticipated in certain areas on specific dates," said the IMD.

It predicted that Central India is expected to have light to moderate fairly widespread rainfall with isolated heavy rainfall over Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, west and east Madhya Pradesh on various dates between July 25 and 28, with isolated very heavy rainfall possible on June 26 and 27 in Vidarbha and Chhattisgarh.



West India will experience light to moderate fairly widespread rainfall with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall over Konkan & Goa and ghat areas of central Maharashtra from July 25 to 28.

Konkan and Goa, along with ghat

areas of Madhya Maharashtra, might experience isolated extremely heavy rainfall on July 26," it said.

In South India, light to moderate fairly widespread rainfall with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall is anticipated over various regions,

including coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Telangana, coastal Karnataka, Rayalaseema, north and south interior Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Karaikal, from July 24 to 28.

"Isolated very heavy and extremely heavy rainfall is also expected in specific regions on certain dates during this period," it said.

East India is likely to have light to moderate fairly widespread rainfall with isolated heavy rainfall over Odisha and sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim from July 24 to 28, with isolated very heavy rainfall possible in Odisha on July 25 and 26.

Additionally, Bihar may experience light to moderate scattered to fairly widespread rainfall starting from July 28, thr weather forecast agency pre-

to moderate fairly widespread rainfall with isolated heavy rainfall over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura from July 25 to 28."Isolated very heavy rainfall is also expected in certain areas on specific dates during this period," it added.

Northeast India will likely see light

## **Assam Rifles files sedition case** against Manipur civil society body

Imphal | Agencies

he Assam Rifles has registered a sedition and defamation case against the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), a civil society body of the state's Meitei community, officials said on Monday.

The Assam Rifles lodged an FIR in the Churachandpur police station, after the COCOMI allegedly asked people "not to surrender weapons" for their safety and securi-

According to the officials in Imphal, the FIR was filed recently under Section 124 A of the Indian Penal Code, pertaining to sedition; Section 153 A IPC, promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, lan-

After the widespreas ethnic violence broke out in Manipur on May 3, mobs and miscreants looted more than 4,000weapons and lakhs of ammunition from various police stations and outposts, reports have claimed.

During raids, the Army, Assam Rifles, various other central forces and Manipur Police have so far recovered around half of the looted arms and ammunition.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who visited Manipur for four days on May 29 to June 1, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and the Manipur Police have appealed to the people to deposit the looted arms warning them of legal actions. In a recent memorandum to



Shah the COCOMI, which was originally a part of the peace committee constituted by the Union Home Ministry headed by Governor Anusuiya Uikey in June, had demanded the replacement of the Assam Rifles with any other central armed police force. Various civil society organisations have alleged that many women protesters were assaulted on different occasions by the Army and Assam Rifles. Defence sources have how ever, denied the allegations. The Army and Assam Rifles also claimed that the protesters on many occasions created obstacles in performing their duties and taking actions against the armed miscreants.

### 'U are in Karnataka, learn Kannada': Pic with message written on auto goes viral

Bengaluru | Agencies

user on Twitter has shared a picture of an autorickshaw with an inappropriate message written on it, stating that everyone should know Kannada if they are in the state and not show "attitude" as they come to "beg" there.

A user named Roshan Rai shared the nowviral post on Twitter.

The post included a photo of the auto with a message written on the back, saying: "U are in Karnataka, learn (Kannada). Don't show attitude U f\*\*\*r. U come to beg here".

"This is Xenophobia of the highest order. Regional pride cannot be used as a justification for treating people from other states as 3rd class citizens," Rai tweeted.

The post drew a lot of attention online, and social media users were outraged.

In the comments section, people collectively slammed the auto driver. "This is unacceptable." a user wrote. Another user commented: "Well, I won't learn Kannada. You can easily manage with knowing just Hindi in Bangalore. If you don't want to do business with me then it is your loss. This auto driver

#### TRAFFIC TO REMAIN **CLOSE FROM ITO TOWARDS LAXMI NAGAR: TRAFFIC POLICE**

New Delhi: Traffic Police on Monday informed that the traffic will remain closed on one lane of Vikas Marg, specifically the section from ITO towards Laxmi Nagar.

Traffic police officials said that the measure has been put in place to facilitate the ongoing work on the Yamuna river and will be in effect for a duration of four hours

The Delhi Police took to Twitter to advise the commuters to consider this traffic closure while planning their

"Traffic is affected in one lane on Vikas Marg in the carriageway from ITO towards Laxmi Nagar due to ongoing work on the Yamuna river. Due to this, the right turn has been closed from 5 p.m to 9 PM for commuters, coming from W point side. They may take U-turn from express cut for Laxmi Nagar. Commuters are advised to plan their journey accordingly," traffic cops said.

# 'If Rs 1,100 crore can be spent for advertisements...': SC to Delhi govt on infrastructure funding

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he Delhi government on Monday agreed to make budgetary provisions towards fulfill ment of its share for construction of the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project after the Supreme Court earlier raised eyebrows on its expenditure on advertisements.

"If Rs1,100 crore can be spent for advertisement in the last 3 years, certainly, contributions can be made for infrastructure projects," remarked a bench of Justices S.K. Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia.

It directed the Delhi government to clear an amount of around Rs 415 crore for the rapid rail project, and recorded that the overdue amount will be paid within 2 months.

"Either you pay or we will attach your advertisement budget," the court told senior advocate Abhishek



Manu Sighvi, appearing for Delhi gGovernment, when the hearing commenced on Monday.

Singhvi submitted that budgetary provisions will be made in accordance with the proposed schedule. Further, he assured that the remaining budget will also be allocated in a phased manner. In its affidavit, the AAP-led government in Delhi told the Supreme Court that it has spent around Rs 1,073 crore on advertisements in the past three years.

The top court noted that it was "constrained" to order the Delhi gov-

ernment to furnish an affidavit providing details of funds spent by it for advertisements in the last three financial years as as it had thrown its hand up for contributing its proportionate amount. "If you have money for advertisements, why don't you have money for a project that will ensure smooth transport?" questioned the top court in the last hearing after Delhi government's counsel had said that there was a paucity of funds. The court had indicated that, if required, it may also order to divert the funds allocated for advertisement towards the completion of the rapid rail project. The observations were made by the court when the Delhi government had informed that it had no finances available for contribution of its share of funds towards the semi-high-speed rail corridor being constructed to connect the national capital with the cities of Ghaziabad and Meerut in Uttar Pradesh.

#### RESIDENTIAL BUILDING COLLAPSES IN GUJARAT. THREE FEARED TRAPPED

Junagadh: A three-storey residential building collapsed on Datar road in Gujarat's Junagarh district on Monday and three persons are feared trapped under the debris, a government official

Rescue operation was underway by fire brigade and police. Additional Collector P. G. Patel said, "Upon receiving information about the incident, the District Collector, MLA, and Deputy Mayor promptly arrived at the location. As of now, we have three ambulances on-site, and rescue operations are underway with the assistance of JCBs."The building in question was quite old and being used for residential purposes," Patel added.

"At this point, we fear that two-three people might be trapped, but further information will surface as the rescue efforts continue," he said.

"We are well-equipped with 108 services and other emergency response teams, while the Civil Hospital stands ready to handle any potential casualties."Authorities are urging residents to stay clear of the area to allow the rescue teams to carry out their tasks effectively.

# Gang of high-end car thieves busted in Delhi, 3 held

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gang of thieves involved in stealing high-end luxury cars in the city has been busted and three people arrested, a Delhi Police official said on Monday.

will lose more customers because of his hos-

However, some users also supported the

sentiments of the message. "If you go to work

in Germany, you'll learn German. Same way if

you work here you have to learn to communi-

cate in Kannada," a user said. "Well, you

haven't seen the entitlement that Hindi

speakers have," another user mentioned.

The accused have been identified as scrap dealer Pradeep, 35, a resident of Subhash Place, Manish Bansal, 35, and Rahul Kumar, 23, both residents of Budh

Police have also recovered seven luxury cars and parts of cars from the pos-

under Section 379 (theft) of the Indian Penal Code was registered at Dabri police station wherein the complainant stated that someone had stolen his Santro car. During investigation, the ited the spot of incident and scanned the CCT $\hat{\mathbf{V}}$  footage of the route.

"Local informers were also roped into the area to collect intelligence and information regarding the culprits. After the continuous efforts of the team, finally on July 14, Manish, and Rahul were appre-



hended from Budh Vihar in Rohini area," Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dwarka, M. Harsha Vardhan said.

At their instance, a total of six luxury cars and two scooties were recovered and were found stolen from various places across the city. "During investigation, one receiver of stolen cars, Pradeep, was also apprehended. One stolen Santro car and scrap engine of a stolen Honda City car was also recovered from his possession," he said.

On interrogation, Manish and Rahul disclosed that they run a motor workshop in Budh Vihar and both got into love marriages to their girlfriends and were presently residing separate from

"To meet financial requirements of money. As per plan, when any make/model car reached their workshop for repair, instead of purchasing the required parts, they used to steal a car of the same model and use the spare parts of that. After that, the remaining body of the car was sold at Mayapuri auto-market to a scrap dealer," the DCP added.

#### **UP ATS ARRESTS 40 ROHINGYAS IN MATHURA**

Mathura: The Uttar Pradesh Police's ATS has arrested 40 Rohingya Muslims in Mathura, officials said on Monday.

All of them were living with their families in a colony and also had taken a farm on rent. The action comes ahead of

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's proposed visit to Mathura on July 26. The arrested persons have been taken to Jaint police station, where they are being interrogated. During interrogation, these people could not show any valid document. They revealed that they were used to buy garbage from

hotels and sell it.

According to ATS sources, they had received information that Rohingya Muslims have been living in Alhepur village for a long time. On the instructions of SSP Shailesh Kumar Pandey, SP City Martand Pratap Singh reached the spot with the police force. The entire operation was kept confiden-

#### THIEF ABSCONDING FOR 33 YEARS ARRESTED IN BIHAR

Patna: Police in Bihar's Buxar district arrested a thief who had been absconding for the past 33

The accused, identified as Jhanjhatua from Udiyanganj, was involved in many theft incidents in the 1990s but always evaded arrest.

Several warrants were also issued against him. "We received a tip-off about

Jhanjhatua that he was hiding in his home. Accordingly, we launched a raided and arrested the accused.

He was absconding for the last 33 years and recognised as notorious thief in the region,' said Santosh Kumar, SHO of Krishna Brahma police station of Buxar. The accused was produced in the court, which sent him to jail.

#### session of the accused. According to police, on July 4, an FIR their family in rented accommodations. the family, they make a plan to earn easy police team tasked to crack the case, vis-

# MANIPUR VIOLENCE: EXODUS OF MEITEI COMMUNITY PEOPLE FROM MIZORAM CONTINUES

Imphal/Silchar Agencies

xodus of Meitei community people from Mizoram continued on Monday in wake of an 'advisory" by former militants in the state even as the Mizoram government has assured their safety and security.

Around 2,000 Meitei families from Manipur and Assam have been living in various places of Mizoram, including Aizawl, for many years and are engaged in various government and non-government works, studies, and business.

Officials said that around 200 people, including women and children, left Mizoram on Sunday and Monday by road and took shelter in Cachar district of southern Assam. Cachar district officials said that these Meitei community people, comprising government employees and small traders, are seeking security from the Manipur government to go to their

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has directed the officials to provide relief and shelter to

Some Meitei community people directly went to



Manipur on a flight from Aizawl.

The exodus of Meitei community people began

on Saturday after an organisation of former militants, the Peace Accord MNF Returnees' Association (PAMRA) issued an "advisory" on Friday for the Meiteis living in the state.

Sources in Imphal said that 56 people of Meitei community arrived in Manipur capital on a flight from Aizawl on Saturday.

These people, mostly teachers of different institutes, including Mizoram University, and students of paramedical, veterinary and nursing colleges, left Aizawl on their own. Many other Meitei community people left Mizoram by road for southern Assam on

Asked by IANS, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that there is no plan yet to evacuate the Meitei community people from Mizoram.

Meanwhile, Mizoram Inspector General of Police has asked the Commandants of the three Mizoram Armed Police battalions to strengthen the security of the Meitei people living in Mizoram.

The Mizoram government, in a statement, said that it has been closely following the developments in Manipur in the wake of the ethnic conflict which has engulfed the neighbouring state since May 3.



# **Madhya Pradesh**

# THIRD SAWARI OF LORD MAHAKALESHWAR **CAME OUT WITH FANFARE IN UJJAIN**

#### Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan offered worship to Lord Chandramouleshwara along with his wife and participated in the Sawari

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he third Sawari of Lord Mahakaleshwar was taken out with much fanfare. Before the Sawari left, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with his wife Sadhna Singh worshipped Lord Chandramauleshwar according to the rituals and proceeded the Sawari ahead. The Sawari reached Ramghat via Mahakal Chouraha and Gudri Chouraha, Ramanujkot via Sawari Sabha Mandap.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, wife Sadhna Singh reached Ramghat on foot along with participants in the Sawari Marg. The Chief Minister was also seen engrossed in devotion to Shiva along with other devotees on the way. He played Jhanjh with bhajan mandalis and raised slogans of Jai Mahakal. Chouhan greeted a large number of



people standing on the route to have

5 o'clock Baba Mahakal's palanquin reached Ramghat where Lord Chandramouleshwara's Abhishek and worship rituals were performed with the water of Maa Kshipra. Chief Minister and his wife also participated in the worship rituals. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh

Chouhan along with his wife Sadhna Singh, sons Kartikeya Singh and Kunal Singh performed the Abhishek of Lord Mahakal at Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain on the third Monday of the month of Shravan, July 24.

The Chief Minister wished everyone's welfare, health and a happy life, along with the welfare of the entire creation, as well as the welfare of living beings.

Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple priest Abhishek Sharma (Bala Guru), priest Subhash Sharma performed the pujan-abhishek with rituals.

# Kharge seeks strict action against man who smeared human waste on Dalit youth

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ongress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday demanded strict action against a man who allegedly smeared human waste on a Dalit youth in Madhya Pradesh.

Coming down heavily on the BJP-led state government, Kharge highlighted that it was the "second incident of Dalit atrocity within a month.

For decades, the adivasis and backward class citizens of Madhya Pradesh have been suffering humiliation under BJP's misrule, he added. "BJP's 'Sabka Saath', is confined only to advertisements and has become a showy slogan and PR Stunt. BJP is shattering Babasaheb Ambedkar's dream of social justice every day. We demand that strictest action should be taken on this incident in Chhatarpur district,"



Kharge posted a message on his official Twitter handle on Monday

As per police, the incident took place on Friday at Bikaura village, about 35 km from the Chhatarpur district headquarters.

In his complaint, the victim Dashrath Ahriwar told the police that the incident took place when he was bathing at a hand pump after cleaning a drainage in the village. Meanwhile, Ramkripal Patel, who belongs to an OBC

same handpump and the victim accidentally touched him. Infuriated over the incident, Patel picked up human faeces lying nearby with a mug and smeared it on Ahriwar's head and face, the victim told the police. Upon reporting the matter, instead of action against the accused, the panchayat slapped him with a fine of Rs 600. Ahriwar then approached the local police on Saturday. "A case has been registered against Ramkripal Patel under sections 294 (punishment for obscene acts or words in public) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code and provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act," Sub Divisional Officer of Police Manmohan Singh Baghel told the press. The incident sparked political controversy in poll-bound Madhya

### Small entrepreneurs should include youth in Seekho Kamao Yojana: CM Chouhan

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hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana launched by the state government is very important from the point of view of upgrading the skills of the youth and making them self-dependent. There are ample opportunities for youth to learn and get employment in small scale industries. Under the scheme, businessmen should come forward and connect youth to their units to help them learn. Chief Minister Chouhan was in a discussion with the representatives of Laghu Udyog Bharti in Mantralaya.



Representatives discussed issues including reserving land for small plots of 5000 square feet or less in industrial areas, construction of multi-storey clusters equipped with 'plug and play facility to promote selfemployment at the rural level in the districts, availability of grant amount through DBT and difficulties faced in the development of micro and small scale industries and their solutions etc. with Chief

#### **FOUR CHILDREN DROWN IN A POND IN SEONI**

**Bhopal:** Four children drowned in a pond where they had gone to take a bath in Dhobisarra village village in Madhya Pradesh's Shivni district.

The deceased were identified as Rishabh (5), Aarav (6), Ritik (10) and Aush (8). Parents were at their workplace and came to know about the tragic incident after villagers informed them.

A passerby spotted the bodies floating on the water and raised an alarm. Subsequently, the local police were informed.

Police said the bodies were handed over to the families after a postmortem was conducted late on Sunday.

# Cong's MP plan: Priyanka to focus on cities, Rahul on Dalits, Adivasis

Sundeep Pouranik Bhopal

ongress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and former party president Rahul Gandhi will lead the election campaign in the poll-bound Madhya Pradesh.

But, the question still remains that who will be the chief ministerial face of the Congress in Madhya Pradesh assembly elections.

Former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath has been holding various campaigns in the state and the state unit has made him the face of the party for elections, however, there is no clear indication from the party high command.

The Assembly elections in the state is slated for November-December.

Priyanka Gandhi kick-started the party's campaign during her visit to Jabalpur in June. She has made two vis-

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its to the state so far. In the rally, the Congress leader has announced various poll promises.

For the upcoming Assembly elections, the party has strategically allocated responsibilities to its leaders.

According to the strategy, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will lead the party's poll campaign in urban areas and Rahul Gandhi will focus on the tribal, dalit and rural areas.In the state, the tribal and Dalit class has been considered the key to power, because 47 seats are reserved for the tribal class, while 35 seats are reserved for the scheduled caste.

Whichever party wins the seats reserved for these two classes, the government is formed in the state, therefore, the main emphasis of the Congress is on the tribal and Dalit classes. These two classes account for about 37 per cent of the state's population and influence elections.

Political analysts believe that there is going to be a tough competition in the state assembly elections, so both the political parties are working on their strategy. The upcoming Assembly elections are crucial for the Congress, following Scindia's rebellion, which led to the defection of 22 MLAs, including ministers, and the resignation of Chief Minister Kamal Nath in 2020.

#### CM CHOUHAN PLANTS BELPATRA, **KARANJ AND NEEM SAPLINGS**



Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Belpatra, Karanj and Neem in the Smart Garden at Shyamla Hills. Along with CM Chouhan, former Ganj Basoda (Vidisha) municipal corporation president Madhulika Ranjan Agarwal planted a sapling of Belpatra on the first birthday of her grandson Jaksh. CM Chouhan planted saplings and showered affection on the boy Jaksh by taking him in his lap. His family members Rajan Agarwal, Dilip Agarwal, Anil Agarwal, Sushri Surbhi Agarwal also planted saplings.

# RADIO COLLARS OF 6 CHEETAHS REMOVED FOR MEDICAL EXAM IN KUNO NAT

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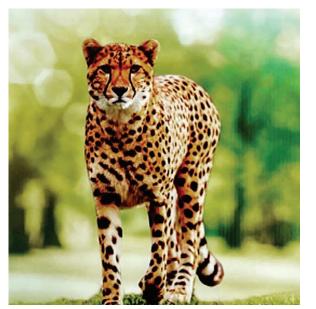
he radio collars of six cheetahs at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh have been removed for their "health examination" by veterinarians from the KNP and experts from Namibia and South Africa, officials said on Monday.

and three cubs have died at the KNP in Sheopur district since March this year. A total of 11 cheetahs - six male and five female - are currently inside the "boma" (enclosure), an official said.

"So far, the radio collars of six cheetahs have been removed by KNP veterinarians and experts from Namibia and South Africa on the ground of health examination," the official said. The cheetahs whose radio collars have been removed

are identified as Gourav, Shourya, Pavan, Pavak, Asha and Dheera, the official said, adding "the condition of all these cheetahs is healthy.

An official release issued on Saturday also said, "For the purpose of health examination by the veterinary team of Kuno along with experts from Namibia and South Africa, radio collars of six cheetahs have been



removed." Madhya Pradesh's chief wildlife warden Aseem Shrivastava did not elaborate on the reasons behind the health examination of the felines. Under the Project Cheetah, a total of 20 radio-collared animals were imported from Namibia and South Africa to the KNP and later four cubs were born to Namibian cheetah 'Jwala'. Out of these 24 felines, eight including three cubs have

On July 16, the environment ministry said five out of the 20 adult cheetahs brought from Namibia and South Africa died due to natural causes and media reports attributing the deaths to factors like radio collars were based on "speculation and hearsay without scientific evidence"

The ministry also said several steps have been planned to support the cheetah project, including the establishment of a Cheetah Research Center with facilities for rescue, rehabilitation, capacity building, and interpretation.

On July 20, the Supreme Court said the death of eight cheetahs in the KNP in less than one year doesn't present a "good picture", and asked the Centre to not make it a prestige issue and explore the possibility of shifting the animals to different sanctuaries.

## PRAGATI SETH CROWNED MRS MP BEAUTY PEAGENT



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rs. Pragati Seth of Bhopal was chosen as the winner SIT XpressN Mrs. Madhya Pradesh Season 4. Mrs. Trupti Shinde of Bhopal was the first runner up and Mrs. Pratima Tomar from Narmada Puram announced second runner up.

SIT XpressN Institute Founder and Owner Yogesh Rai ji while giving information said that for the past 24 years the organization has been conducting courses in Acting, Modelling, Fashion Designing, Event

Management, Direction, Scriptwriting, Film Making, Pageant Training and after training all the participants have excelled in establishing the students in the modelling and acting industry for the last 24 years. Today he is showing the glory of his success in Bollywood and television industry.

SIT XpressN Mrs. Madhya Pradesh Beauty Pageant has Successfully completed 3 seasons and successfully completed SIT XpressN Mrs. Madhya Pradesh Beauty Pageant Season 4 on 22nd July 2023 at Campion School Auditorium, Bhopal, for

which about 3000 participants from all over Madhya Pradesh auditioned, out of which 15 participants were selected as finalists, after that all finalists were trained from 16th July to 21st July 2023 at SIT XpressN Institute, Bhopal. Madhuri Deokhedkar the director & owner has trained the finalist contestant. Sushila Chokse ji social

worker & Ashok Rai ii Director of LNCT Group as guest of honor graced this occasion Varsha Chauhan Delhi North Asia Earth, Gunjan Gujral jik, Mrs. India Toshiba Khare, Neeta Manmani, Astrologer Numerologist Sudhir Gupta, Madhur Group MD and Madhuri Deokhedkar Modeling Acting Coach Fashion Designer was present as the judge, All these judges judged all the four rounds.

Form No. URC-2 Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been ma Registrar at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh that ANAY PHARMACEUTICAL LLP a business entity will be converted and registered with name ANAY PHARMACEUTICAL PVT LTD under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows: To carry on the business of Marketing and trading medicines such as anticancer drugs Orthopaedic medicines, and surgery supporting medicines

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at F-1, Plot no.6 Sahana Tower, Priya Darshani, Bag Mungalia, Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 462043. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar address at 3rd Floor, 'A' Block, Sanjay Complex, Jayendra Ganj, Gwalior-474009, Madhya Pradesh., within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its register

Dated this 24th day of July 2023

Name(s) of Applicant Kuldeep Singh (Director)
 SANGITA CHAUHAN (Director)

#### ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office- Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266 Branch Office- G Corporation Tech Park, Kasarvadavali, Ghodbunder Road, Thane -400607 (MH)

DEMAND NOTICE

(under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s.13 (2) of SECURITI/SATION 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 (SAFFAESI 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 thecontractual rate on the aforesaid amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notice is also being served by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SAFFAESI Rules)

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charges) and interest till 19.07.2023 DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of One Residential Plot Area 2500 Sq. Ft. Part Of Khasra No. 381/2/Ka/1, Situated A

Village- Bijori, Near Galla Mandi, Tehsil & District-Sehore, Madhya Pradesh-466116, And Bounded As: East: Govt. Sehore-Shyampur Road. West: Rasta 20 Ft. Wide, North: House Of Rameshw Mandloi, South: Plot Of Rajesh Kumar Verma. INDRA KUMAR KUSHWAH House On Plot No. 119 & 120, Mahaveer Nagar Phase-2, Mandideep Ward No. 01, P.H. No. 03, Rnm | 02.07.2023 | 19.07.2023

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DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)PROPERTIES MORTGAGED; ITEM-1: All That Piece And Parcel Of One Residential Plot No. 119, Area 403 Sq. Ft. Or 37.45 Sq. Mtrs., Which Is A Part Of Land Khasra No. 179/2, 179/1/2, Situated At Mahaveer Nagar Phase-2, Mandideep Ward No. 01, P.H. No. 03, R.N.M-Obedulahganj, Near By Aarti Garden, Tehsil: Goharganj, District: Raisen Madhya Pradesh-462046, And Bounded As: East: Colony Road, West: Plot No. 122, North: Plot No. 18, South: Plot No. 120
TEM-2: All That Piece And Parcel Of One Residential Plot No. 120, Area 403,92 Sq., Ft. Or 37,53 Sq., Mtrs., Which Is A Part Of Land Khasra No. 179/2, 179/1/2, Situated At Mahaveer Nagar Phase 2, Mandideep Ward No. 01, P.H. No. 03, R.N.M-Obedulahganj, Near By Aarti Garden, Tehsil: Goharganj, District: Raisen, Madhya Pradesh-462046, And Bounded As: East: Colony Road, West

Plot No. 121, North: Plot No. 119, South: Other's Land ITEM-3: All That Piece And Parcel Of One Residential Plot No. D-44, Area 480 Sq. Ft. I.E. 44.60 Sq. Mtrs., Land Revenue Survey No. 546/2/1/1, 546/2/1/2, 546/2/1/2, Situated At Himanshu Meg. City Mandideep Inside Main Road, Ward No. 23, Near By Railway Station, Tehsil: Goharganj, District: Raisen, Madhya Pradesh-462046, And Bounded As: East: Colony Road, West: Plot No. D

1, North: Plot No. D-45, South: Colony Road. We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount (s)together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. the to failing which we shall be at liberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to taking possession of and selling the secured asset entirely at your risk as to the cost and consequences. Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease orotherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consen of the Company. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of ABHFL together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by ABHFL are tendered to ABHFL any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by ABHFL, and no further step shall be taken by ABHFL or transfer or sale of that secured asset.

EDITOR'S SPECS

## More OBC leaders to join BJP in UP

pntinuing its OBC outreach in Uttar Pradesh, the BJP will on Monday welcome a host of backward caste leaders from the opposition camp. Uttar Pradesh Minister and the state's BJP OBC Morcha president, Narendra Kashyap said that a senior SP and a RLD leader were joining the BJP. Both of them happen to be Saini, the electorally significant community in the state's western region. One of them had even contested the 2022 Assembly elections on an RLD ticket from Muzaffarnagar but lost. Political circles are also abuzz about BJP making a big strike in the opposition camp in Jaunpur, from where it could not win the Lok Sabha seat in 2019. Sources said that a former BSP MLA from a seat in Jaunpur is in constant touch with the saffron leadership. A former woman MLA joined the *SP in 2022 and contested the Assembly* elections but lost. She is considered as a prominent Kurmi face in eastern Uttar Pradesh. Likewise, another SP leader from Dalit community is also learnt to be in touch with the BJP high command. He has been a SP MLA from an Assembly seat in Jaunpur. Kashyap said that the people's faith in the BJP has grown remarkably under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He said that the various welfare schemes of the BJP were aimed for the welfare of the backward classes and other oppressed sections of the society. A week ago when SP MLA Dara Singh Chauhan had returned to the BJP. Chauhan, who resigned from the state Assembly, is in contention for a cabinet berth in the Yogi government. Likewise, SP's former ally SBSP, led by Om Prakash Rajbhar, too left the Akhilesh camp to return to BJP NDA.

# BJP EYES 50% VOTE SHARE, BIGGER SOCIAL BASE AS IT COURTS SMALL PARTIES



he BJP is in talks with several regional parties which are willing to join the NDA and a positive outcome is likely to emerge in the coming days, a senior party leader

The senior BJP leader told correspondent that the talks, right now, are at a very early stage. Besides, some regional parties have themselves approached the BJP high command to join the NDA. About them, the party leadership has sought feedback from the state units and a final call will be taken after discussing it within the party, he added.

Another senior leader, who is among the party in-charges for the election campaign, claimed that it wouldn't be surprising if the number of parties in the NDA reaches 50 ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

As many as 25 years have passed since the beginning of a new era of coalition politics in the country under the banner of the NDA.

On completion of 25 years of the NDA's

journey, a crucial meeting of the constituent parties was organised at the Ashok Hotel in Delhi on July 18 under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The 39 constituents of the NDA who attended this meeting, unanimously passed a resolution to contest the 2024 Lok Sabha polls under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and make him the PM for the third time.

The BJP also issued a statement regarding the meeting, claiming that it was attended by 39 NDA constituent parties.

Though the meeting was attended by 39 parties, the total number of allies is estimated at around 42 - considering the number of parties supporting the NDA governments in the states.

Despite having an alliance with over one and a half times more parties than the Opposition camp, the BJP is still campaigning to add more parties to the NDA in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra

Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka.

Leaders of all the Opposition parties, including the Congress, are claiming that the BJP called the NDA meeting in the wake of the Opposition unity. However, BJP leaders say that the party has proved its strength by defeating the Akhilesh Yadav-Rahul Gandhi (SP-Congress) and Akhilesh-Mayawati (SP-BSP) alliances in Uttar Pradesh by a "huge margin".

The saffron party leaders claim the Opposition alliance is not going to affect the BJP's electoral health as the party had started working on the strategy of getting 50 per cent votes in every election many years ago.

The BJP has created a record of getting votes close to or above 50 per cent in several other states, including Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.

The BJP is trying to add even those parties to the NDA that have the support of even a small number of voters so that these small

#### Santosh Kumar Pathak

groups of voters can be mobilised and more than 50 per cent votes can be attained in all constituencies so that the Opposition's strategy to field a joint candidate can be challenged.

In Uttar Pradesh, the BJP, along with Apna Dal (S), Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party and the Nishad Party, is trying to mend the sociopolitical equation of the state. If sources are to be believed, the Mahan Dal can also align with the BJP in Uttar Pradesh. In Bihar, by taking along the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party, Hindustani Awam Morcha, Rashtriya Lok Janata Dal (RLJD) and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), the BJP wants to reach the magic figure of 50 per cent votes to demolish the Nitish-Lalu equation of social justice.

Similarly, despite support from Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar in Maharashtra, the BJP has joined hands with the Republican Party of India (A), which has a mass base in small parts of the state, and has made its president Ramdas Athawale a minister at the Centre. Besides this, the saffron party has also forged alliances with parties like the Prahar Janshakti Party, Rashtriya Samaj Paksha and Jan Surajya Shakti in Maharashtra.

In fact, in the states where the party is strong, it wants to win all the seats in the Lok Sabha elections by securing more than 50 per cent votes with the help of these small parties.

On the other hand, in states like Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, it wants to increase its mass base by opening its account. The party also wants to win the maximum seats in Assam and Tripura in the Northeast, while with the help of constituents it wants to prevent the Opposition parties from winning elections in other states.

This is the reason why the BJP re-inducted leaders like Jitan Ram Manjhi, Upendra Kushwaha and Om Prakash Rajbhar, who left the NDA alliance in the past. It also roped in staunch adversary Ajit Pawar in Maharashtra, kept a party like the AIADMK together despite constant political rhetoric and infighting, and even kept its doors open for the hitherto dysfunctional Akali Dal, TDP, and JD-U.

# international

# PML-N PROPOSES PAK FINANCE MINISTER AS INTERIM PM

Hamza Ameer | Islamabad

he ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party has the proposed name of Finance Minister Ishaq Dar as the next caretaker Prime Minister with additional powers to the temporary setup during its tenure through the crucial transitional period.

According to PML-N sources, it has been proposed that Dar should be appointed at the interim premier after amendments in the electoral law.

The proposition by PML-N aims to grant more powers to the caretaker government, in view of taking major economic reforms decisions and to also ensure smooth process of management till the next government takes over after the general elec-

In a recent interview, Dar had stated that the critical three-month period of the caretaker government, should not be handed over to a setup that deals with day-to-day affairs.

"It is important to not allow the nation's



three-month transition period to be spent solely on day-to-day affairs. Such an approach has led to past inefficiencies.

"Significant decisions associally con-

"Significant decisions, especially concerning the country's economy, needed to be made during the caretaker government's term to ensure a smooth and productive transition," he added.

However, the decision to select an interim Prime Minister is not of the PML-N alone as it is a coalition government and needs nods from its political partners as well, especially from the Pakistan People Party (PPP), who does not seem to be impressed by the proposal.

Sources in the PPP have denied any consultation with the party by PML-N on Dar's name.

The PPP's secretary information and SAPM (Special Assistant to the Prime Minister), Faisal Karim Kundi expressed concerns over the news, stating that a decision taken in this regard without consulta-

tion may lead to controversy.

PPP's concern on the matter is something that PML-N cannot ignore and will have to convince them if it intends to make electoral amendments and push Dar as the interim Prime Minister.

PPP sources also stated that while there has been no consultation in this regard by PML-N yet, the party has also got a proposition and a name for the interim prime minister as well, which would be put forward when the consultation between coalition partners is initiated.

#### 31 dead as flash floods sweep parts of Afghanistan

**Kabul:** At least 31 people have been killed in devastating flash floods that hit parts of Afghanistan, authorities said.

Shafiullah Rahimi, spokesman for Taliban's Ministry of Disaster Management, added on Sunday that 74 people were injured and at least 41 remain reportedly missing, CNN reported. Flash floods caused by heavy seasonal rain in seven of Afghanistan's provinces have partially or completely damaged 606 residential houses, as well as hundreds of acres of agriculture lands, Rahimi said.

"Teams of the Ministry along with teams from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Public Welfare, Red Crescent, provinces officials and other officials reached at the scenes of the floods and administered the rescue operations," he added as quoted by CNN report. The Taliban's Ministry of State for Disaster Management also said in a statement on Sunday that since the start of 2023, nearly 100,000 families who have been affected by natural disasters in different provinces have received food and cash aid.

Natural disasters over the past four months have killed at least 214, including the latest known flash flood deaths, it added.

# Drone strikes hit 2 buildings in Moscow

Moscow | Agencies

oscow Mayor Sergei
Sobyanin on Monday
claimed that two buildings in the Russian capital were
hit by drone strikes earlier in the
day.

In a Telegram post, the Mayor said that there was no serious damage or casualties from the strikes that occurred at around 4 a.m., reports CNN.

In a statement, the Russian Defence Ministry claimed that the "two Ukrainian drones" were "suppressed" and "crashed" in Moscow.

"On the morning of July 24, an attempt by the Kiev regime to launch a terrorist attack using two unmanned aerial vehicles against facilities on the territory of the city of Moscow was thwarted.

"Two Ukrainian UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) were suppressed by electronic warfare means and crashed," the Ministry also said on its Telegram account, adding there were no casualties "as a result of the thwarted terrorist attack of the Kiev regime".

News Agency, one drone hit a high-rise business centreon Likhacheva Avenue in Moscow., while drone debris was found on Komsomolsky Avenue.

Law enforcement agencies and emergency services are currently working on the scene, CNN quoted TASS as saying.

Traffic on Komsomolsky
Avenue from the centre of
Moscow towards the region has
been blocked off, TASS reported
citing the Department of
Transportation and Road
Infrastructure Development of
Moscow.

Monday's strikes came a day after Russian missiles badly damaged a historic Orthodox cathedral in the Ukrainian port city of Odesa, sparking outrage and prompting President Volodymyr Zelensky to vow retaliation.

# 13 CIVILIANS KILLED BY SOLDIER IN CONGO: ARMY

Kinshasa | Agencies

t least 13 civilians were killed by a soldier of the Congolese Armed Forces in the village of Nyamamba in the eastern province of Ituri, a local mili-

tary spokesman said.
According to Jules Ngongo,
Congolese armed forces'
spokesman in Ituri province,
at least 10 children were
among the victims, Xinhua

news agency reported.

The majority of the victims are family members of the soldier who fired the shots, said the spokesman, adding that a family conflict was the cause of this tragedy.

"As the armies, we are

shocked and sympathise with the families after the murder of 13 civilians caused by a soldier of the naval force in Tchomia. Whatever the family problem, he should not act in this way. For us, it is a criminal act. He must answer it before military justice," said Ngongo.

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The military authorities have deployed a commission of inquiry to conduct on-site investigations into this killing.

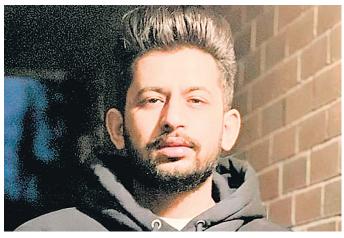
# Indian student dies after being attacked by Canadian carjackers

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24-year-old Indian student, who worked as a food delivery driver in Canada, died after he was violently attacked during a carjacking incident, police said.

Gurvinder Nath from Punjab's Karimpur Chahwala village, was lured by his attackers in the area of Britannia Road and Creditview, Mississauga, on the pretext of placing a food order earlier this month.

Upon arrival, Nath, a student of Loyalist College in Toronto, was violently assaulted and robbed of his vehicle, and succumbed to his injuries on July 14 at a trauma centre.



Investigators have reason to believe there are multiple suspects involved and that the food order was placed as a means of luring the driver to the area, the Peel Regional Police said in a statement.An audio recording of the Pizza Pizza order placed before the attack has also been obtained by the investigators.

"It is believed that Nath was an innocent victim although every potential motive is being explored," the police said.

Police have identified a suspect vehicle -- a 2012 to 2017 white Hyundai Accent sedan, which has a distinctive flashing blue light at the top of the windshield.

In a CCTV footage, a male described as wearing dark clothing is seen exiting the vehicle, the police said, adding that there is no known connection between Nath and his attackers.

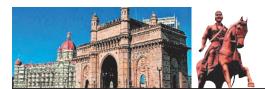
Phil King of Peel Regional Police's Homicide Bureau said Nath's vehicle was found abandoned in the area of Old
Creditview and Old Derry roads,
less than five kilometres from the crime scene.
The vehicle has been forensi-

cally examined and "several" pieces of evidence have been retrieved, King said. He said that at this moment

police are unsure if a weapon was used in the attack.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise money for Nath's repatriation and help the family with funeral expenses.

Shocked community members held a candlelight vigil in Mississauga on Saturday where more than 200 people gathered to mourn Nath's death.



# maharashtra

# ORANGE ALERT ISSUED FOR MUMBAI, 7 OTHER DISTRICTS FOR TUESDAY

The IMD has issued an Orange alert in 8 districts of Maharashtra for Tuesday amid possibility of heavy to very heavy rains, even as the current bouts of heavy rains could subside over the weekend.

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he districts are Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Pune, Kolhapur, and Satara in the coastal and western Maharashtra regions - which have been lashed with heavy rains since the past over a week now.

On Wednesday, Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Kolhapur, Satara, Pune, Yavatmal, Chandrapur, and Gadchiroli will be on Orange alert. An Orange alert is sounded for Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Kolhapur, Satara, Pune, Chandrapur and Gondia on Thursday, and only for Satara on Friday, as per the IMD.

However, by the weekend, most districts in the state are likely to revert to Green or Yellow zones as the intensity of the current monsoon spell weakens, providing some relief to the people.

For the past 10 days, most parts of Maharashtra, especially the coastal Konkan, western, northern and eastern regions, have been clob-



bered by heavy rains, resulting in floods, hillslides, water-logging in huge tracts of farmlands, homes, public and private properties,

besides claiming more than 75 lives in different rain-related tragedies.

### When Raveena Tandon rescued crab, snake, scorpion during 'One Friday Night' shoot

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Tandon, who is known for her love for wildlife, and often spends holidays going for wildlife safaris and nature treks, brought the animal lover in her out during the shoot of her upcoming film 'One Friday Night' directed by Manish Gupta, when she rescued a snake, a crab and a scorpion during the shoot.

The shoot location of Manish Gupta's film 'One Friday Night' was atop an isolated hill in a remote forested region surrounded by the beautiful Pawna lake in Maharashtra. She rescued a snake that had entered the forest bungalow that was rented for her stay during the

Director Manish Gupta revealed, "Some other person may have been horrified by the presence of a snake in her place of stay, but Raveena kept her calm, she called up the forest department, and used her connections to get the reptile rescued."He also narrated another incident when the actress was shooting for an outdoor scene where Raveena had to walk through puddles of water wearing

EX-COP PRADEEP SHARMA'S INTERIM BAIL EXTENDED IN ANTILIA BOMB SCARE CASE



only sandals on her feet, someone spotted a huge crab lurking about on the wet ground, the crew-members came to Raveena's rescue wanting to crush the large crab. The director further mentioned, "But, Raveena gracefully asked her bodyguard to just scoop up the clawy creature in the large umbrella that he was holding above her head, and the bodyguard released the crab drive the scorpion away. in a grassy marsh some distance away."On yet another occasion, there was a large black scorpion under the director Manish Gupta's chair right next to his feet.

But seeing that the director

was wearing heavy trekking shoes, Raveena knew that he was safe. She did not alert the director because she knew the usual reaction of alarm upon the spotting of such a poisonous creature, she did not want the director or the scorpion to panic and hurt each other. So, she waited for Manish to get up from his seat and she then quietly asked a crew member to

Manish Gupta's 'One Friday Night', which also stars Milind Soman and Vidhi Chitalia, is touted to be a relationship drama plotted like a Hitchcock-esque sus-

## Doctor loses Rs 1.92 lakh in online fraud while buying cosmetics

Team Absolute Thane

28-year-old doctor from Maharashtra's Thane city allegedly lost more than Rs 1.9 lakh to cyber fraudsters while buying cosmetics on an online application, police said on Monday.

Based on a complaint, the Naupada police on Sunday registered a case under section 420 of the Indian Penal Code and relevant provisions of the Information Technology Act, an official

The complainant placed an order for cosmetics on an application on July 22 and received a call and message about an offer, he said.

complainant that she was eligible to receive a gift on her purchase if she carried out a transaction online, he said.

tions through various e-wallets, the official said, adding that further probe is underTeam Absolute New Delhi/Mumbai

he Supreme Court today extended by two weeks the interim bail of former Mumbai Police officer Pradeep Sharma, who was arrested in connection with the Antilia bomb scare case and the killing of businessman Mansukh Hiran, in view of his wife's surgery.

A bench of Justices AS Bopanna and Bela M Trivedi, however, said since the interim bail is being extended time and again, this will be the last extension.

"If the surgery does not happen within this period, the petitioner (Pradeep Sharma) will have to surrender after two weeks. There will not be any more extensions of interim bail", the bench told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for

Rohatgi said Sharma will surrender if the surgery of his wife is not conducted by then. "This time, surgery could not be conducted as her



blood pressure was not stabilising", he said.

The bench said after Sharma's surrender, the court will take up his plea for regular bail.

Additional Solicitor General SV Raju, appearing for NIA, said Sharma has been seeking extension of interim bail time and again citing various reasons. The Supreme Court had extended Sharma's interim bail by four weeks on June 26.

On June 5, the court had granted a three-week interim bail to Sharma

after noting that his wife has to undergo surgery. The bench had said he would be released on interim bail subject to conditions imposed by the trial court. The court had, on May 18, issued notice on Sharma's plea challenging an order of the Bombay High Court which had refused to grant him bail. The high court had expressed anguish at the manner in which the National Investigation

Agency (NIA) had probed the case. It had noted that the NIA's probe was silent on the co-conspirators

involved with dismissed policeman Sachin Waze in planting gelatin sticks in an SUV parked outside the residence of industrialist Mukesh Ambani. On February 25, 2021, an explosives-laden SUV was found near Ambani's residence 'Antilia' in south Mumbai. Businessman Hiran, who was in possession of the SUV, was found dead in a creek in neighbouring Thane on March 5, 2021.

The allegation against Sharma, who, along with police officers Daya Nayak, Vijay Salaskar and Ravindranath Angre, was a member of the Mumbai Police's encounter squad that killed over 300 criminals in numerous encounters, was that he had helped his former colleague Waze in eliminating Hiran. Salaskar had died during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.

Sharma had approached the high court last year challenging a February 2022 order of a special NIA court rejecting his bail plea. He was arrested in the case in June 2021.

### The woman allegedly lost Senior Pune cop shoots dead wife and nephew, then dies by suicide

Team Absolute Pune

57-year-old assistant commissioner of police (ACP) allegedly shot dead his wife and nephew with a gun before shooting himself fatally at his home in Maharashtra's Pune city on Monday, an official said.

The incident took place at around 3.30 am at ACP Bharat Gaikwad's bungalow in Baner area. The reason behind the incident was yet to be ascertained, the official from Chaturshringi police station said.

Gaikwad was posted as ACP in Amaravati and had come home, according to police.

"At around 3.30 am on Monday, the ACP first allegedly shot his wife in the head. Upon hearing the gunshot, his son and nephew came running and opened the door. The moment they opened



the door, he allegedly shot at his nephew, who got hit in the chest," the official said. "Later Gaikwad shot himself in the head. All the three persons died on the spot,

The other two dead were identified as the police officer's wife Moni Gaikwad (44) and nephew Deepak (35), he said.

A probe was on into the incident, the police added.

#### 11 ARRESTED, 5 MINORS **DETAINED IN TIGER POACHING** CASE IN MAHARASHTRA

Chandrapur: A special task force (STF) has arrested 11 persons and detained five minors in connection with a tiger poaching case and seized tiger nails from them in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district, an official said. The STF comprising personnel from Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) and Gadchiroli forest department apprehended the accused, including six men, five women

and five minors yesterday, he said. As per a release issued by the TATR, the STF conducted a raid in Ambeshivani area of Gadchiroli with the help of the local police, and confiscated animal traps and three tiger nails.

Based on the information received from the accused, a few more suspects were detained from Dhule district of Maharashtra and the neighbouring state of Telangana, it

A case has been registered against the accused under provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and further investigation is underway, the release said.

### WhatsApp Status checked often, should post responsibly: Bombay High Court

Team Absolute Mumbai

ne should behave with a sense of responsibility while communicating something to others via their WhatsApp status, the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court has said while refusing to quash a case against a man for posting content allegedly spreading hatred against a religious group.A division bench of Justices Vinay Joshi and Valmiki SA Menezes in its order on July 12 said the purpose of WhatsApp status nowadays is to convey something to your contacts.

People keep checking the WhatsApp status of their contacts often, it noted.

The bench dismissed the petition filed by 27-year-old Kishor Landkar, seeking to quash the FIR lodged against



him for offences under the Indian Penal Code for intentionally hurting or offending religious sentiment or faith, as well as provisions of the Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the Information Technology Act. "WhatsApp status can be a picture or video of what you are doing, thinking or something you have seen, which disappears after 24 hours. The very purpose of WhatsApp status is to convey something to a person's contacts. It is nothing but a mode of communication with known persons," the HC

said. "One should behave with a sense of responsibility while communicating something to others," the court said.

The complainant's case is that in March 2023, the accused uploaded his WhatsApp status wherein he wrote a question and asked the viewers to search for the same on Google to get shocking results. When the complainant did a Google search of the question, he noted objectionable material outraging religious feelings. The accused claimed he had not intended to or deliberately displayed the status to outrage the feelings of any religious group, and since WhatsApp status can be seen only by those who have saved the number of the other person, he had no intention to spread

#### **NURSE LOSES ARM** AND LEG AFTER RAN **OVER BY GOODS** TRAIN IN THANE

Thane: A 53-year-old nurse lost one of her arms and a leg after she was run over by a train at Asangaon in Thane district of Maharashtra, a GRP official said on Sunday.

The victim, identified as Vidya Vakharikar, was in a hurry to board a train to reach Sion in Mumbai where she works in the hospital."In the rush to reach the platform at Asangaon railway station, the nurse decided to take a shortcut (by crossing the tracks). As she was passing under a stationary goods train, it started moving leaving Vakharikar wounded with serious injuries," the Government Railway Police official said. The nurse was rushed to a local hospital and later shifted to Sion in Mumbai.

# AFTER MP POLICE LOC, MUMBAI COPS BOOK 'MISSING' COUPLE FOR HUGE FINANCIAL FRAI

month after the Madhya Pradesh Police issued a Look Out Circular (LOC) against a Mumbai couple for an alleged megafraud case arising out of a drug deal, the Mumbai Police have also booked the husband and wife duo, who have vanished after duping people of several hundreds of crores of rupees, officials said here on Monday. Based on a complaint lodged by ruling Shiv Sena Deputy Leader

tricksters -- Asheshkumar S. Mehta and his wife Shivangi Lad-Mehta -whose current whereabouts are unknown but police suspect they may have fled the country. After Hegde's complaint, the Mumbai Police have frozen the couple's bank accounts and a trading platform account with a total of Rs

Krishna Hegde, the Mumbai Police have registered a FIR against the

165 crore as probe started into the white-collaro scam running into an estimated thousands of crores of rupees. Hegde said that the duo ran a stock brokerage, Bliss Consultants, from Goregaon, and the pan-India fraud came to light when the

Shivpuri Police in MP nabbed a drug courier of Thane. They were booked in an NDPS case in MP, where their bail was recently rejected, he added, saying they have allegedly duped thou-

sands of investors across the country. The police are approaching Kotak Mahindra Bank and Zerodha, a Bengaluru-based trading platform through which the Mehtas operat-

So far, through the efforts of Special Police Commissioner Deven Bharti, Additional CoP Paramjit Dahiya and DCP Krishnakant



Upadhyay, the Mehtas' accounts with Rs 160 crore has been frozen and also another Rs 4.50 crore with Zerodha, said Hegde. "We are confident of recovering the peoples' money, trace the coutheir accomplices in Mumbai and elsewhere in the country," Hegde told correspondent.

The low-profile Mehtas are the alleged masterminds of a Rs 300crore racket but after the MP Police cracked the whip, they suddenly 'disappeared', and may have sneaked abroad.

The MP Police teams rushed to Mumbai twice (June 13 and 16) to nab them after their names were spilled out by a suspected drug-peddler Nissar Zubair Khan of Mira Road (Thane) who was nabbed with a packet of Mephedrone drugs worth Rs 17 lakh in early June.

Police investigators suspect that the Mehtas could be involved in multiple rackets including drug-running, ponzi schemes, digital currency, share-trading, etc, operating quietly from their posh flat in a Goregaon skyrise, which is now locked.

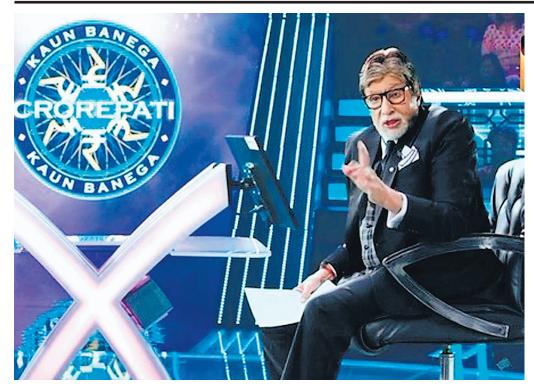
However, the Mehtas' lawyers have claimed that their clients are being framed in the case and had sought time to submit details sought by the Madhya Pradesh Police.

The Mehta's have managed to transfer a staggering Rs 174 crore of the ill-gotten money and then went off the police radars before the LOC was issued against them. Khan had told the MP Police that he was a courier for the Mehtas and picked up a parcel on June 6 for delivery in Madhya Pradesh, and that he was given a new mobile and SIM before each delivery which were destroyed after handing over the par-

The Mehtas had provided fake names, phone numbers and other details to the Goregaon society where they lived, but their bank records indicated they have cleaned out nearly Rs 174 crore from their accounts to other multiple accounts, which are being probed now.

# entertainment





# Amitabh Bachchan says 'KBC' Season 15 preps have begun

egastar Amitabh Bachchan says the preparation for the 15 season of the popular quiz game show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' (KBC) has begun.

Amitabh took to his blog on Sunday, where he talked about the show.

"KBC preps., have begun and the need to keep at it till the fluency develops and the errors and mistakes do not occur on set.. we are human after all and mistakes do happen but the effort is ever made to avoid them," he

He then on Monday shared a glimpse from

his Sunday meet with his fans, whom he fondly calls his extended family. The thespian also shared an update for the show.

"The changes that do be heard on the promotional decree now displayed on various platforms, is evident in the game play and by the morrow the ones that do go to KBC shall be in a position to learn of them..and if there be no opportunity to see the broadcast there is the PlayAlong on Sony Liv, which promises I think some better opportunities this season.. more of son 15 for Sony begins the begin.."

'Kaun Banega Crorepati' is the official Hindi adaptation of 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?' franchise. It has been hosted by Big B since its inception, except for during the third season, which was presented by actor Shah Rukh

On the film front, Amitabh will next be seen in 'Kalki 2898 AD'. It also stars Prabhas, Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone and Disha Patani.

### **KARTIK** TO GET THE RISING **GLOBAL SUPERSTAR OF INDIAN CINEMA AWARD AT IFFM**

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ollywood actor Kartik Aaryan will be honoured with the Rising Global Superstar of Indian Cinema award at the annual awards Gala night of the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne on August 11.

The award will be presented by the Governor of Victoria, recognising Kartik's remarkable achievements and his significant impact on the world of Indian cin-

Kartik said: "I am deeply honoured and grateful to the Victorian government and the festival for this prestigious award and humbled to be celebrated at the 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne.'

"It is a tremendous privilege to receive this recognition for my work in Indian cinema. I have always believed in the power of storytelling and the ability of films to touch hearts and inspire minds. I look forward to celebrating the magic of cinema together," the actor added.

The festival celebrates the diversity and richness of Indian cinema, showcasing the talent and creativity of Indian filmmakers to a glob-

Moreover, as part of the celebration, the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne will showcase multiple screenings of Kartik's films including his recent success 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' and blockbuster 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', which emerged as the biggest Hindi film of 2022.



## Vaani Kapoor has to tap into all her learnings of decade as actor for OTT

Team Absolute | Mumbai

ctress Vaani Kapoor, who is known for films like 'War', 'Befikre', 'Shuddh Desi 'Romance' and others, is all set to make her debut on OTT with 'Mandala Murders'.

The actress will soon complete a decade in the Hindi film industry and for her web debut she has to tap into her knowledge bank as an actor for the show.

'Mandala Murders' is touted to be a gripping crime thriller series directed by Gopi Puthran. The actress spoke about her excitement on making an OTT debut and working with Puthran, a master of his craft.

She said: "I was looking for something really clutter-breaking for my foray into OTT. I'm thrilled to be working with a mind like Gopi Puthran for 'Mandala Murders', a gritty crime thriller series that has pushed me to work my hardest in genre I've never attempted before." Although the show has challenged the actor in her, she is taking it upon herself to rise above those challenges.

The shoot of the series is still underway. "I have always been an actor who has never taken any shortcuts when it comes to my craft because I respect the art of filmmaking and the purity that one needs to have towards acting. 'Mandala Murders' has truly pushed me as an actor to deliver a performance that will hopefully be appreciated and loved. I had to tap into all the learnings that one had so far to deliver the vision that the makers had for my character and the project. I'm neck deep into the shooting of 'Mandala Murders' currently and looking forward for the series to grip people's attention," she added.'Mandala Murders' is produced by Yash Raj Films and will soon drop on OTT.



### Samantha Ruth Prabhu goes for morning walk in Bali amid break from work

Team Absolute Mumbai

ctress Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who is on break from work, has taken a small trip to Bali with a friend. Samantha took to Instagram, where she shared a slew of pictures from her getaway with her friend Anusha Swamy. She also shared some on her Instagram Stories. On the Instagram stories, Samantha posted photographs and video clips of her view from her room and wrote: "Mornings like these."In the first image, she shared a glimpse of herself in the morning as she stood outdoors and looked at the picturesque location full of greenery. She is seen dressed in a white top and matching shorts paired with a hat with 'Dream On' written on it. Another image shows the actress walking down the staircase and holding the railing. She also shared a selfie, where Samantha and her friend smiled for the camera.

Samantha captioned the pictures: "Mornings like these." Her friend replied: "Best ever." To which, Samantha answered with red heart emojis. Samantha also posted a photo of her breakfast and a clip of Anusha doing a cartwheel as they sat near a



#### **OTT HAS ENABLED** WRITERS TO CRAFT BRAVE, **COMPELLING STORIES: MONA SINGH**

Team Absolute Mumbai

ctress Mona Singh, who has been getting good response to her streaming show 'Kafas', feels that the medium of OTT has proved to be beneficial for he writers to craft brave and compelling stories and in the process has also uplifted the entire industry giving mediocrity a run for its money.

The actress recently spoke with IANS about how digital entertainment has changed the rules of the game bringing unheard stories and novel content on the platter for the audience. She told IANS: "OTT has proven to be extremely fulfilling for the writers and in turn the whole industry as today we as actors have good stories and meatier roles to work on. OTT has shown the way forward and has changed our way of content consumption and production." Mona, who comes with a monumental experience in the medium of television and films, started her career with the popular television show 'Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin', a path-breaking show for its time and has

starred in films like '3 Idiots' and 'Laal Singh Chaddha' Having been a part of the entertainment industry for over two

decades, the actress feels that OTT is giving a chance to stories which earlier might not have seen the "light of day". She further mentioned: "Earlier, there were so many stories that couldn't come to the fore because the makers wanted to play it safe keeping in mind the demandsupply curve."But, now we are telling brave stories with unconventional settings. The stories that wouldn't have seen the light of the day on television or on the big screen are now getting materialised and actors too get great opportunities portraying

# **Allu Arjun** hits 1 million followers on 'Threads'; first Indian star to reach the number

Team Absolute

ushpa: The Rise' star Allu Arjun has amassed one million followers on the recently launched 'Threads' platform, just within a few days, and by doing so

becomes the first Indian star to hit

the coveted number.

Allu Arjun has always been known for the special relationship he shares with his fans around the world, and as a reflection of that has dominated all social media platforms where he engages with his fans regularly.

His fanbase continues to expand exponentially around the world, owing to his brilliant performance on screen and charismatic personality off it.

On 'Threads', Allu Arjun just has one post, which is a monochrome photo of the actor. His fandom reached new heights with his incredible and unbelievably versatile performance in 'Pushpa: The Rise' and the craze for 'Pushpa: The Rule' which continues to top the most anticipated movies list.

Allu Arjun also has a special following for his life choices and demeanor off screen with his sense of style, his care for the environment and sustainable living, as well as his natural humility at any forum.

Fans around the world are waiting with bated breath for his next appearance on the silver screen as they celebrate his every announcement and collaboration, each of which seems to only get bigger and better each



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**India vs West Indies, 2nd Test, Day 5** 

**Heavy rain in Trinidad** 

continues to delay action

# **ITALY BEAT ARGENTINA 1-0** IN GROUP G THRILLER

Auckland (New Zealand) Agencies

ubstitute Cristiana Girelli header helped Italy triumph 1-0 against Argentina in an electric Group G match of the FIFA Women's World Cup, here at Eden Park on Monday.

It looked for a moment as if the game would end scoreless before the veteran substitute came to the rescue for Italy and scored less than four minutes after entering play to wrap up the win.

Girelli became the first player to score in two editions of the FIFA Women's World Cup for Italy. She scored a hat-trick in the 2019 finals against Jamaica.

The game started at an electric pace. Argentina fired the first warning shot, an acrobatic effort from Mariana Lorroquette only just high and wide of the goal-frame. Italy briefly thought that they opened the scoring when Arianna Caruso was able to successfully turn and shoot from the edge of the penalty area. Then, It was Valentina Giacinti's turn to be disappointed later in the half. Her tidy finish was overturned after she was adjudged to be standing in an offside position when 16-year-old

Giulia Dragoni released the ball. The game ebbed and flowed after the break, neither team able to get



the upper hand, despite plenty of opportunities. Then, less than four minutes after entering the fray, Girelli leapt highest to meet a floated

the winner for Italy. Argentina's late push was not enough, and it was Milena Bertolini's side who came away with maximum

#### GERMANY REGISTER **COMPREHENSIVE 6-0 WIN OVER MOROCCO**

Sports

**Melbourne:** Skipper Alexandra Popp struck twice as Germany made a flying start to their FIFA Women's World Cup campaign with a comprehensive 6-0 win over the newcomers Morocco here at Melbourne Rectangular Stadium, on Monday.The two-time champions had only lost one of their previous 24 group-stage matches at the FIFA Women's World Cup, and debutantes Morocco never looked like doubling that meagre tally.

Morocco fell behind as early as the 11th minute when captain Popp put Germany 1-0 up with her perfectly timed header and doubled the lead just before half-time with another header.

Klara Buhl scored in the first minute of the second half. Salt was then applied to Moroccan wounds as Germany tightened their grip, with two scruffy own goals followed by a late Lea Schuller strike that rounded off the victory in injury time.Germany now hold a commanding lead at the top of Group H ahead of Tuesday's meeting between the section's other two teams, Colombia and Korea Republic.

Port of Spain | Agencies

he start of play on the fifth and final day of the second Test between India and West Indies in Trinidad has been delayed due to rain. The heavens opened up and washed out the first session. Currently, it is raining heavily at Queen's Park Oval. The hosts are 76/2, needing 289 runs to beat India. On the other hand, the guests need 8 wickets. Tagenarine Chanderpaul and Jermaine Blackwood will be resuming at their overnight scores of 24 and 20, respectively. India had declared their second innings at 181 for 2, setting a 365-run target for hosts.

As of now, there hasn't been any official information

**ISSF Shooting** 

on the number of overs expected to be bowled in the Dominica within three days. remaining time left in the match, with it completely

dependent on light and weather conditions. In the morning, the start of day five's play was delayed due to heavy rain and overcast conditions. The proceedings for the final day of the Test series were to begin 30 minutes earlier than the usual start time due to overs lost on days three and four caused by previous rain disruptions. West Indies will now resume from the overnight score of 76/2 in their second innings after being set a target of 365 for victory by India. The Rohit

Sharma-led side are currently

leading the two-game series

1-0 after defeating West

Indies by an innings and 141 runs in the first Test at

India will now be aiming for their bowlers to claim the remaining eight wickets needed in whatever time left in the match for pocketing another 12 points and adding more to their glowing start to the 2023-25 World Test Championship style. The ongoing match in Trinidad is also the 100th Test match between India and West

**Brief scores** India 438 & 181/2 decl. lead West Indies 255 & 76-2 in 32 overs (Kraigg Brathwaite 28; Ravichandran Ashwin 2-33)

### Al Hilal make world record £259m bid for PSG star Kylian Mbappe

Team Absolute New Delhi

l Hilal, the Saudi Arabian club, has reportedly made a staggering offer of 259 million pounds for Paris Saint-Germain's forward Kylian Mbappe, setting a potential world-record bid.

The 24-year-old French captain, who still has one year remaining on his contract, is unwilling to renew his contract with the PSG. The French champions left



him out of their squad for the pre-season tour of Japan and South Korea.

PSG is eager to prevent losing Mbappe on a free transfer and, as a result, they have decided to put him up

for sale. Their aim is to recoup the approximate £150 million they invested to secure his permanent transfer from Monaco back in

The current world transfer record is the \$\infty\$222m (£200m) PSG paid to sign Brazilian star Neymar from Barcelona in August 2017.

Real Madrid's Portuguese legend Cristiano Ronaldo is the top star in the Saudi Arabia football league and plays for Al Nassr.

## Kamaljeet helps India win two more gold medals as Junior World Championships ends



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amaljeet helped India pick up two more gold medals on the final day of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Juniors in Changwon, South Korea, as India won both in the Men's 50m Pistol individual and team events respectively. The 19year-old Kamaljeet won gold in Men's 50m Pistol individual and then helped India claim gold in the Team event too.

India thus finished second behind China with a total of 17 medals, including six gold, six silver and five bronze medals. China won 28 medals, includ-

ing 12 gold. Kamaljeet shot 544 out of a possible 600 in the individual event to leave Uzbek Veniamin Nikitin, with 542, in second position. South Korean Kim Taemin won bronze with 541, the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) informed in a release on Monday. Kamaljeet then joined forces

with Ankait Tomar and Sandeep Bishnoi to total 1617 for the team gold. Uzbekistan was second again with 1613, while Korea was third with 1600.In the Women's 50m Pistol, Tiyana won silver with a score of 519, just a point behind Khanna Aliyeva who won gold with 520.

by 289 runs.

The ISSF bandwagon now shifts focus on the big one for the year, the senior world championships, set to begin in Baku, Azerbaijan, from August

### Novak Djokovic withdraws from Toronto Masters event due to fatigue

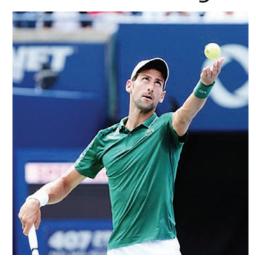
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→ 3-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic has withdrawn from next month's Toronto Masters, Canada's ATP Masters 1000 event, citing fatigue as the reason, the tournament organisers have announced.

The Serbian has won Canada's ATP Masters 1000 event four times, tallying a 37-7 record. The last time he competed in the tournament was in

"I've always enjoyed my stays in Canada, but after talking with my team, we think it's the right decision to make. I would like to thank Karl Hale, Tournament Director, for understanding this decision. I really hope to have other opportunities to play in Canada, and in Toronto, in front of great spectators," Djokovic was quoted by the tournament website.

The Serbian last competed at Wimbledon, where he fell short in a memorable championship match against Carlos Alcaraz. The 36-year-old is 33-5 in 2023 and has won titles at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Adelaide. Djokovic's withdrawal ensures that American Christopher Eubanks will automatically be admitted to the



main draw. Eubanks distinguished himself at Wimbledon by reaching the quarter-finals, notably eliminating Stefanos Tsitsipas and Cameron Norrie along the way. The first ATP Masters 1000 event of the summer hard-court season begins from August 7.

#### LEADERS BOTAFOGO RALLY LATE TO EARN DRAW WITH SANTOS

Rio De Janeiro: Brazilian Serie A leaders Botafogo scored twice in the last 10 minutes as they recovered from a two-goal deficit to earn a 2-2 away draw with

Marcos Leonardo put the hosts head with a low finish after running onto a Jean Lucas through ball. The 20-year-old appeared to put the result beyond doubt when he hit the target again after combining with Lucas Lima

nine minutes from time, reports Xinhua.

But Tiquinho Soares gave Botafogo a glimmer of hope with an 84th-minute strike and Adryelson equalized by heading home after Marcal's delivery from a corner. The result at the Vila Belmiro stadium leaves Botafogo with 40 points from 16 matches, 11 points ahead of second-placed Gremio. Santos are 14th in the 20-team standings, 23 points off the pace.

In Rio de Janeiro, Athletico Paranaense scored twolate goals en route to a 2-0 away win over Vasco da Gama. Christian Cardoso netted in the 71st minute and Vitor Buenos converted an 80th-minute penalty as the Curitiba-based outfit secured their eighth win of the campaign. Paranaense rose to fifth in the standings with 26 points while Vasco remain last, having won just two of their 15 matches so far.

# Late Solari strike rescues point for River Plate

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ablo Solari scored in the last minute of stoppage time as champions River Plate salvaged a 3-3 away draw with Rosario Central in

Argentina's Primera Division. Alejo Veliz fired the hosts to a 2-1 lead with goals either side of Salomon Rondon's 50th minute strike at Estadio Gigante de Arroyito. Solari, who set up Rondon's goal, made it 2-2 with a powerful effort into the top right corner, reports Xinhua.

Luciano Ferreyra restored Rosario Central's lead with a cool 85th-minute finish but Solari was irrepressible and he earned his side a point by tapping home from close range after Enzo Diaz's cross.

Harare Hurricanes skipper Morgan talks of how



River, who secured the title earlier this month, now have 58 points from 26 games and are 10 points clear of secondplaced Talleres Cordoba. Rosario Central, meanwhile, are seventh in the 28-team standings, 17 points further

back with one match day remaining.

In other Primera Division fixtures on Sunday, Defensa y Justicia won 3-0 at home to Sarmiento and Atletico Tucuman prevailed 1-0 at home to Independiente.

### It's not easy to take a five-fer on such a flat wicket, says Mohammed Siraj

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n the ongoing tour of the West Indies, Mohammed Siraj had to step up to be the leader of the Indian fast-bowling attack. On Fay Four, where there was nothing for the bowlers to extract from a slow pitch at Queen's Park Oval, Siraj returned with his career-best figures of five for 60 to give India a healthy 183run lead.

Siraj's scalps for his second five-wicket haul in Tests included Joshua da Silva, Jason Holder, Alzarri Joseph, Kemar Roach and Shannon Gabriel. Siraj mixed his inswingers, outswingers and wobble-seam deliveries to good effect with the second new ball to bring a swift end to the West Indies innings.

The fast bowler pointed out that it was not easy for him to succeed on a placid pitch. "First of all, this performance was really good because it's not easy to take a five-fer on such a flat wicket. The pitch wasn't doing much. I wanted to keep it stump to stump. From there if it seams, it's really good.""That was my plan,



just to keep executing this simple plan. For Day Four, we had a relatively new ball too, so it was swinging. On Day Five, we'll start with an older ball, we'll have to keep simple plans, not give away too many runs and just keep building the pressure," said Siraj after the end of the

day's play. Siraj also credited India's lead strength and conditioning coach Soham Desai for helping him improve his fitness and survive to bowl in tough conditions.

### Zimbabwe cricket will benefit from Zim Afro T10 important," the former England

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arare Hurricanes captain Eoin Morgan is underhis team secured its first win in the Zim Afro T10 against the Durban Qalandars and said that sometimes getting off the mark is the hardest thing.

Morgan talked about the challenges a newly assembled franchise has to overcome quickly and how they need to adapt to extract the best performance out of each

"It's often the hardest thing to start winning. You get together with a new group of players and a new team in its first year of the tournament so trying to get a win under your belt is extremely

captain said after his team's win in a high-scoring clash at the Harare Sports Club on Sunday

"We have continued to improve since the first game. So, the signs are good. We asked the players to be adaptable every day so that we turn up to play in the tournament with a fluid mindset. The guys have done that and it has resulted in us getting some points on the board at a really important time, Morgan said.The former English cricketer went on to talk about how the tournament is going to benefit Zimbabwe cricket and the sport as a whole on the global level."First and foremost, I love this format of cricket. To start with the tournament is an initiative that puts grassroots cricket at the fore-

front. So, I like it, because the more focus there is on infrastructure and impetus along with investment, the more rewarding it would be," Morgan was quoted as saying by the franchise in a release on Monday.

"It will benefit you in the long term and you talk about the grassroots here, giving people the structural facilities and ultimately allowing cricket to be their profession and hopefully, this can set an example and provide a clear pathway for investment," Morgan further added.Morgan, who led England to the ICC Cricket World Cup title in 2019, spoke about the experience of playing in the Zim Cyber City Zim Afro T10. This is Morgan's first visit to the country





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