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Neeraj Chopra clinches second Diamond League 2023 title

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinched his second straight podium finish of the season at the Lausanne leg of the Diamond League in a starstudded field on Saturday, media

reported.

Lausanne (Switzerland) | Agencies

Is fifth attempt of 87.66m extended his lead over others, with Julian Weber of Germany managing only 87.03m in the last attempt, Mid-Day reportant

With not an ideal beginning to his campaign in Lausanne, Chopra began his first attempt with a foul throw. He registered his first legal throw in the second attempt with a throw of 83.52m, but he was placed

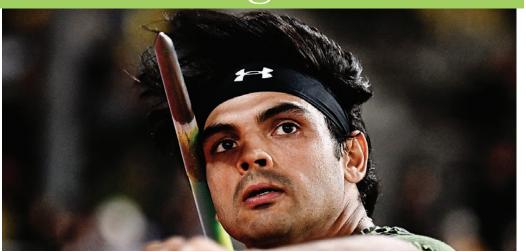
third behind Julian Weber (86.20m) and Jakub Vadlejch (84.71m).

The 25-year-old Indian superstar had made a perfect start to the Diamond League season with a top podium finish in Doha on May 5 with a fourth career-best throw of 88.67m but suffered a muscle strain while training later that month.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Sports minister Anurag Thakur and Olympic gold medalist shooter Abhinav Bindra on Saturday congratulated star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra for his second straight win of the season in the Lausanne leg of the Diamond League.

Neeraj had earlier skipped three top events due to a muscle strain he sustained while training last month. But he came back with a bang and won the Diamond League title here with his fifth-round throw of 87.66m.

Earlier, Neeraj had won the season-opening Diamond League meeting in Doha on May 5 with a throw of 88.67m.



Immigration patterns: Where in the world are Indians headed?

THE LURE OF FOREIGN SHORES

When it comes to moving and settling abroad, Indians lead the pack with a 32 million-strong diaspora out of which 18.68 million are of Indian-origin and 13.45 million are non-resident Indians. Now, with top economies seeking semi-skilled and skilled professionals to plug labour shortages, offering them extensive benefits and upgrading their standard of living, people's desire to migrate has reached an all-time high.

Meenakshi lyer | New Delhi

oing by the numbers, Indians continue to chase the American dream with 7,88,284 of them relinquishing their citizenship in 2021, according to a Ministry of External Affairs data.

Australia took the second spot after the US with 23,533 individuals giving up their Indian citizenship, followed by Canada (21,597), and the UK (14,637).

A significant number of Indians chose to be citizens of Italy (5,986), New Zealand (2,643), Singapore (2,516), Germany (2,381), the Netherlands (2,187), Sweden (1,841) and

HIGHLY-SKILLED/SKILLED PROFESSIONALS

As per the immigration trends, the highly-skilled/skilled Indian professionals choose developed countries like the US, Canada, the UK as they ensure quality of life, stable economy, clean environment, coupled with well-developed healthcare and education system.

A robust and diverse immigration pathway along with faster processing of visas provided by these countries is also among the reasons. However, post-covid, Indians are also targeting countries like Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Japan, Italy, and other EU nations due to low population and shortage of skilled workers in the countries, according to immigration experts.

What is making Australia special is its points-based immigration system favouring wealthy and high-earning professionals like doctors, lawyers, engineers, and accountants, the report said.



Spain (1,595).

Of the top 20 destinations of international

UNSKILLED/SEMI SKILLED

While a lot of semi-skilled Indians are also found in the above countries, most of them migrate to GCC countries, west Asian, Asian nations like Singapore and Malaysia.

Roughly, 70 per cent of the Indian population in the Gulf consists of semi-skilled and unskilled workers, and 20-30 per cent make up for professionals and white-collar workers. A small fraction comprises domestic help. According to media reports, Saudi Arabia, which has the second-highest number of Indians after the UAE, witnessed 178, 630 Indians moving to the Kingdom for employment in 2022, which was a mere 32,845 in 2021. Kuwait came a close second with 71,432, followed by the UAE with 33,233 Indians.

migrants in 2020, all but three were highincome or upper-middle-income countries, according to a UN report.

With a population of over four million, the largest cohort of Indians live in the US, followed by gulf countries like the UAE (3.5 million) and Saudi Arabia (2.5 million).

HIGH-NET-WORTH INDIVIDUALS Some 6 500 high-net-worth individuals

Some 6,500 high-net-worth individuals (HNWI) -- possessing investable wealth amounting to \$1 million or more -- are set to leave India in 2023, according to a 2023

Henley Private Wealth Migration Report.
According to web portal Immigration
Experts, wealthy investors get alternate residency or citizenship in return for a significant contribution to the host country through investment migration.

According to the Henley Private Wealth Migration, HNWIs are likely to choose Australia, UAE, Singapore, the US and Switzerland as their preferred destinations in 2022

Dubai, via its golden visa scheme, as well as Singapore with favorable tax environment, robust business ecosystem, and safe environment, emerged as two top destinations for wealthy Indians to migrate.

STUDENTS

Indians studying in economically developed countries are the most likely among all foreign students to stay back in their host country and join the local workforce, according to a report on international migration patterns by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

While Canada, Australia, the UK, and the US remain the top choices, sizable numbers are also travelling to Uzbekistan, Philippines, Russia, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan. In 2022, there were over 2,26,450 Indian students who went to study in Canada, making them the biggest cohort of international students, according to official data from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement in its annual report mentioned that India sent 64,300 students to the country in 2022. One out of every five US student visas was for India in 2022, according to Ambassador Eric Garcetti. According to 2022 estimates, there are more than 1,20,000 students in the UK, and 96,000 Indians in Australia.

Quadcopters, night vision devices, disaster response teams to secure Amarnath Yatra: Army



- Mountain and avalanche rescue teams have been deployed to meet any eventuality. This year, quick and effective response teams will ensure fast evacuation in case of any natural calamity, he added.
- Army along with National Disaster
 Management Authority (NDMA), NDRF and
 SRDRF conducted joint drills to ensure timely
 response in case of any natural calamity.

Sheikh Qayoom | Srinagar

uadcopters, night vision devices and other additional facilities to deal with natural calamity have been put in place by the Army to secure this year's Amarnath Yatra.

Talking to the media at south Kashmir Pahalgam base camp on Saturday, Brigadier Amandeep Malti, sector commander of 1 Rashtriya Rifles, said that additional facilities have been ensured this year for the smooth and peaceful Amarnath pilgrimage.

"We have used quadcopters and nigh vision devices for round the clock surveillance along the cave shrine route. Apart from the Army, Central forces and police have been deployed on higher reaches. Every soldier has been briefed to ensure least inconvenience to locals during the Yatra period," he said.

In another media briefing at the north Kashmir

Baltal base camp,
Brigadier, Atul Rajput, sector commander of 3
Rashtriya Rifles said that surveillance devices, night vision devices, anti-drone teams and bomb squads have been deployed along the route leading to the cave shrine for round the clock surveillance.

Proper tenting facility and emergency helipads are ready to evacuate the pilgrims in case of any emergency. Civil agencies, J&K police, CRPF, ITBP and other security agencies have already participated in the mock drills that includes mountain and avalanche rescue.

"Keeping in view the last year's natural calamity, earth moving equipment has already been placed at the forward areas. We are in constant contact with the locals as they are the main stakeholders and their suggestions are valuable. This Yatra is another best time to showcase Kashmiriyat. The Army will ensure the safe return of

In Bihar, now inform local police about marriages!

Patna Agencies

n a bid to stop celebratory firing in the state, usually at weddings, the Bihar Police have come up with the plan seeking all people inform their local police stations about any marriage taking place in the family.

"It has been observed that there have been a number of deaths and injuries due to celebratory firing in the state. Hence, we have asked the people of the state, marriage lawns, banquet halls, dharmshalas owners to inform local police about every marriage," ADGP Law and Order, Sanjay Singh said.

Under the new guidelines, marriage lawns, banquet halls, and dharamshalas owners have to maintain security protocols including CCTV cameras in all corners.



People organising marriages at their home also have to inform the police, providing the list of license weapons they have and also provide the list of guests to the local police station as well, Singh said.

It has been observed that people in enthusiasm used to fire in the air during marriage functions, birthday parties, marriage anniversary parties etc."Unnecessarily firing is a criminal offence and the offenders are liable to face action and jail terms," the ADGP said.

King Charles, Camilla award 'Elephant Whisperers' director, Indian wildlife conservationists

London Agencies

ings Charles III and Queen Camilla presented the prestigious Mark Shand Award and the Tara Award to Oscar-winning filmmaker Kartiki Gonsalves and a wildlife conservation group from India, at the 2023 Animal Ball in London.

Kartiki, the director of 'The Elephant Whisperers' and the Tamil Nadu-based The Real Elephant Collective (TREC) were honoured by the Royals on June 28 for making significant contributions to human-wildlife coexistence.

"The Tara Award, inspired by the sacred bond between elephants and humans, recognises extraordinary achievements in storytelling and advocacy for coexistence. We were delighted to present this award to Kartiki Gonsalves," the



award citation read.

'The Elephant Whisperers' explores the profound connection between humans and elephants through the heartwarming story of Raghu, an orphaned elephant and an indigenous couple in the forests of Tamil Nadu.

Honouring the filmmaker as

a true champion for wildlife and nature, the citation further said that the "globally acclaimed documentary stands as a testament to the beauty of India's wilderness, the wisdom of tribal communities, and the empathy that exists between people and ani-

mals who share the same

space".

The Mark Shand Award,
named in honour of the
Queen's brother and founder
of Elephant Family that works
to protect Asia's wildlife, went
to The Real Elephant
Collective (TREC) -- a community of 70 Adivasi artists and
wildlife conservationists.

FPIS HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN RS 47000 CR IN JUNE

New Delhi: FPIs have invested Rs 47,148 crore in June on top of the Rs 43,838 crores in May.

43,838 crores in May. V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services,

Geojit Financial Services, said valuations in India are rich, from a short-term perspective. Therefore,

even while continuing to invest in India, FPIs are likely to turn a bit cautious, going forward.

Sustained FPI flows triggered by India's steadily

improving macros have taken markets to record highs. The major reason for the sustained FPI flows into India is the reversal in FPI strategy, he said. Japan is attracting the largest FPI flows this year in

response to reforms and improving economic prospects after many years.

FPI money is chasing performance and prospects.

FPIs continued to invest in financials, automobiles,

capital goods and construction related stocks.
January and February 2023 saw massive flows to
China triggered by China's opening up after Covid
and expectations of revival in growth and earnings.
The FPI strategy was 'Sell India, Buy China'.

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FPI investment in India in January and February combined was negative Rs 34,146 crore.

New Delhi, Sunday, July 2, 2023

RAJASTHAN SHOCKER: WIDOW STRIPPED, **PARADED IN VILLAGE; RELATIVES HELD**

▶ TAKING COGNISANCE OF A **VIDEO THAT WENT VIRAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA IN WHICH SOME PEOPLE COULD BE SEEN STRIP-PING. ASSAULTING AND PARADING A WIDOW AT A VILLAGE IN UDAIPUR DIS-**TRICT, THE POLICE ON **SATURDAY ARRESTED THE MAIN ACCUSED IN THE** CASE, HER TWO BROTH **ERS AND SISTER-IN-LAW.**

Jaipur Agencies

he incident took place under the Bakaria police station limits. L The police had received the information that on Thursday, a



woman was stripped naked and brutally assaulted by other women in Devla town, the video of which had gone viral on social media. Sources

said the widow allegedly had an affair with a married man in her village. In the video, her wailing five-year-old son could be clinging on to his moth-

had filed a complaint in the matter. Taking suo moto cognisance of the incident, SP Bhuvan Bhushan directed SHO Mukesh Kumar to take action in the matter.

After obtaining information about the victim, a police team reached her home following which a probe was launched after registering a case under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the IT Act. The team led by SHO Mukesh

Kumar then launched a search to nab the accused, all residents of Pali district. The main accused, the victim's sister-in-law and two brothers, who were hiding in the forest in the Thana Nana area of Pali district, were detained with the help of local police. Bhushan said that considering the seriousness of the incident, he himself went to the victim's house along with the District Collector and provided her medical aid. The victim has been brought to Udaipur for further

Delhi: Drowned auto driver's family seeks justice, police file death by negligence case

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he family members of Ajit Sharma, a 51-yearold auto-rickshaw driver who lost his life after his vehicle plunged into a rainwater-filled ditch near an under-construction flyover in east Delhi, have urged the authorities to take necessary measures to ensure public safety, while demanding justice and punishment for the people

responsible for negligence. The family members also urged that the ditch be covered or, at the very least, warning signs be installed to prevent further mishaps.

According to the police, a case has been filed under Section 304A (causing death by negligence) of the IPC following the unfortunate incident. The investigation will focus on determining if any negligence occurred on the part of all parties



involved, including the **Public Works Department** (PWD).

The PWD had excavated the ditch for the purpose of constructing a pillar as part of an ongoing flyover proj-

"My brother had just dropped off a passenger in Bhajanpura and was on his way back home in Nand Nagri when the tragic incident took place.

We are seeking justice for him and his family. The people responsible for this negligence must be held

accountable. The government should have taken measures to cover the ditch or install barriers to ensure public safety," said Kuldeep Sharma, Ajit's brother.

According to the police, at around 3.30 p.m. on Friday, a PCR call was received informing that a person had drowned in a ditch filled with rain water in the Harsh

"The ditch was dug up near the under-construction flyover and had filled up with rain water," said a senior police officer.

Bengal Guv working beyond his constitutional limits: Assembly Speaker

ith West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose continuing with his district tours, interacting with the people affected by the ongoing clashes over the forthcoming panchayat polls, Assembly Speaker Biman Bandopadhyay on Saturday launched a scathing attack against the Governor in this matter.

"The state has seen many Governors before. Many of them have worked together with the government for the development of the state. But I have never seen a Governor acting in such a manner. He is over active on certain issues. He is forgetting that ensuring law and order is the prime duty of the state government.

"It is not an area where the Governor should step in. In many cases he is working beyond his constitutional limits. He has opened the



complaint book on his own. Such things happen in no other state," Bandopadhyay

Even as the Speaker made the remarks, the Governor is on a tour to the troubled pockets of Dinhata in Cooch Behar district, which had been in the national headlines since the nomination phase for the rural civic body polls because of continuing clashes between Trinamool Congress and BJP supporters.

The Governor too launched a scathing attack against the state government for the continuing incidents of violence and clashes over

the panchayat polls.

"Šo maný reports of violence have come from Cooch Behar district. I wish to meet the victims and their family members personally. If people want, they can stop my convoy and talk to me. Such incidents of violence in Bengal will no longer be tolerated. Strong action will be taken against the hooligans who are responsible for this containing violence," the Governor said.

Incidentally, this is not the first time that Bandopadhyay has criticised the role of the Governor.

Bose's predecessor and the current Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar, also faced the Speaker's wrath on various occasions during his tenure.

The Speaker had especially objected to Dhankar holding press conferences within the Assembly premises and firing salvos against the state government and the ruling

ROBOT PRICES HIKED: PRICES INCREASED UP TO 7 CRORES IN 2 DAYS

<u> Tender of 3 robots for 48.5 crores on June 19 for robotic surgery increased</u> to 2 robots for 48.5 crores in next two days

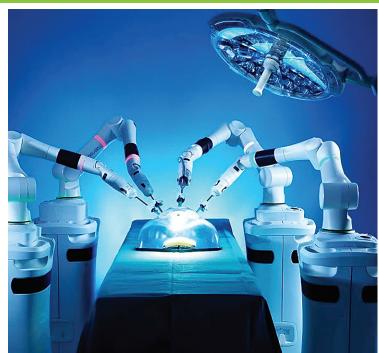
Lalit Sharma | Jaipur

r SN Medical College got into controversies in buying robots for robotic surgery. The company participating in the tender says that a commission scam is taking place and rules are being

This time, during budget announcement, the state government had announced robotic surgery in the medical colleges, for which an amount of 48.5 crore was approved.

The Medical College made a tender this month, in which 3 departments demanded 3 robots for urology, gynaec and cardiac surgery, the total rate of which is 48.5 crores.

However, two days before the prebid meeting to be held on June 23, there was an amendment and the price of the robot got increased, now only 2 robots for 48.5 crores. Protesting Doctors got fired from the committee. Two doctors were



removed from the committee for protesting against the increase in the price of robots. Additional Principal Dr. Arun Vaish and HOD of CTVS Dr. Subhash Balara talked about not violating the Pre-procurement Act and make tender according to everyone's specifications, were thrown out of the team. Dr. Rizwana Shaheen was included in his place from Gynae department, while senior professor Dr. BA Jodha was already included in

Srinivasa Reddy, Vice President of Make in India SS Innovation, who came to participate in the tender, accused the medical college of commission scam, college violated all the procurement act of the state govern-

Reddy told that the government ordered all the medical college principals to give priority to the Make in India company in the tender, yet the college implemented the tender in favor of only one company bypassing

Guj HC to hear Kejriwal's review petition on PM Modi's degree on July 7

Ahmedabad | Agencies

he Gujarat High Court will on July 7 hear Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's review petition regarding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's educational degree. This comes after the court on March 31 had set

aside an order from the Central Information Commission (CIC) that directed the Gujarat University to search for information regarding Modi's degree.

The court had also that the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) was not obligated to provide the degree and post-graduate degree certificates of the Prime Minister.

It further imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 on Keiriwal Justice Biren Vaishnav, after admitting the review petition, issued notices to the Gujarat University, the Centre, the Chief Information Commissioner, and former CIC M. Sridhar Acharyulu, who had passed the order.



In his review petition, Kejriwal highlighted that Modi's post-graduate degree was not available on the university's website or in the public domain, contradicting the claims made by the institute and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who represented

The review petition pointed out that although the court had recorded that the degree was available on the varsity's website based on Mehta's submissions, a scan of the site revealed that the degree was not accessible, but instead, a document referred to as OR (Office Register) was displayed.

Kejriwal argued that Mehta had orally submitted for the first time on the day of the hearing that the degree was available on the website, leaving no opportunity for verification, and the OR document cannot be considered a degree as claimed by the

The AAP convenor clarified that he had not filed any application for information and had only written a letter in response to a letter from the CIC in April 2016. He stated that he never requested the CIC to treat him as an applicant for the information and that the CIC had taken up the proceedings suo motu. The review petition sought a review of the judgment and a stay on the implementation of the verdict until final disposal.

Now Preamble, Fundamental Duties of Constitution to be recited at every Raj school

Jaipur Agencies

he Preamble and Fundamental Duties of the Constitution will now be recited at every school in Rajasthan.

This move is aimed at further strengthening the faith and pride of the young generation of the state in the country's great constitution, democracy and nationalism.

This will be done every Saturday (no bag day) in the schools.

The Preamble and fundamental duties of the Constitution will also be published in the newly published text books

The decision was taken during a state cabinet meet-



ing chaired by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot at his residence on Friday. At the meeting, several other decisions were also taken, including the formation of new districts, first increment in the interest of the employees in 6 months, giving more opportunities to

the youth of the state in gov ernment service and so on. Other important decisions included computer education in Sanskrit schools and renaming of the Rajasthan ILD Skills University as 'The Vishwakarma Skills University'.

Gujarat grapples with heavy rainfall, waterlogging: 9 lives lost in past two days

Ahmedabad | Agencies

Tine lives were lost over the last two days in Gujarat as heavy and incessant rain battered the state with certain regions witnessing over 200 mm of precipitation in the past 30 hours. The India Meteorological

Department (IMD) has forecast heavy showers in isolated parts of different districts on Saturday, followed by light to moderate rain the next couple of days.

The continuous downpour disrupted normal life in various districts, including Junagadh, Jamnagar, Morbi, Kutch, Surat, and Tapi.

Heavy waterlogging was observed in several towns and cities, while roads were closed in rural areas.

Data shared by the State **Emergency Operations** Centre (SEOC) reveals that 37 talukas (administrative subdivisions) in the state received more than 100 mm



of rainfall in the 30-hour period ending at 12 p.m. on The highest rainfall was

recorded in Vyara taluka of Tapi district, with a staggering 299 mm within the same time frame. Other areas severely affected by the heavy downpour include Junagadh city (298 mm), Valod taluka of Tapi (288 mm), Mahuva in Surat (256 mm), Jamnagar city (236 mm), Bardoli of Surat (223 mm), Mendarda in Junagadh (207 mm), and Dolvan in Tapi district (206

mm).Additionally, Jamnagar

taluka of Jamnagar district received 177 mm of rainfall between 6 am and 12 p.m. on Friday, leading to heavy waterlogging in Jamnagar

The IMD's forecast for the upcoming days indicates heavy rains at isolated places in districts such as Gandhinagar, Kheda, Ahmedabad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Navsari, and Valsad on Saturday, followed by light to moderate rain in different parts of the state on Sunday and Monday.

Cong dubs UCC as govt's move to divert people's attention from key issues

Anand Singh | New Delhi

ays after Prime MInister Narendra Modi pitched for the uniform civil code (UCC) in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal, the Congress has hit back at the government dubbing it as a "tool" to divert attention from real issues and it represents the Modi government's desperation for a legitimate justification of its continuing agenda of polarisation.

The debate over the UCC was initiated after the Law Commission had on June 14 initiated a fresh consultation process over the issue by seeking views from stakeholders, including public and recognised religious organisations, on the politically sensitive issue.

Even Prime Minister Modi on June 25 during his visit to Madhya Pradesh Bhopal while addressing BJP booth workers said that Muslims were being misled in the name of UCC. "These days, people are being provoked by the UCC. You tell me, if there is one law for one person in a home, and another law for another person, can that house function?" Modi asked.

Senior Congress leaders like P Chidambaram,



Manish Tewari, Jairam Ramesh and many others have echoed their opinion on the issue targeting the BJP-led central government over the

With the Parliament's Monsoon Session all set to commence on July 20 and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice all set to hold a meeting on the UCC to hear the views of stakeholders on July 3, the Congress is holding deliberations on the issue.

On Saturday evening, the Congress Parliamentary Strategy Group is also all set to meet at former party chief Sonia Gandhi's 10

Janpath residence to decide the party's stand on the UCC ahead of the Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on July 3.

A day after the June 14 statement by the Law Commission, Congress General Secretary and communications in-charge Jairam Ramesh issued a statement saying this latest attempt represents the Modi government's desperation for a legitimate justification of its continuing agenda of polarisation and diversion from its glaring failures.

Ramesh in a statement on June 15 said that the 22nd Law Commission of India notified its intention to examine the UCC. He said that this was being done, the Press note clarified, on a reference sent by the Ministry of Law & Justice.

"It is strange that the Law Commission is seeking a fresh reference when in its Press release it acknowledges that its predecessor, the 21st Law Commission had published a consultation paper on the subject in August 2018," Ramesh said. He also said that no reasons are given for why the subject is being revisited except for vague references to "the relevance and the importance of the subject and also the various court orders".

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EL NINO, POSITIVE IOD SET TO IMPACT **INDIAN WEATHER PATTERNS: IMD**

"The latest forecasts from Monsoon Mission Climate Forecasting System (MMCFS) and other global models indicate high probabilities for the El Niño conditions to develop during the middle of the monsoon season and continue till the first quarter of 2024. In addition to ENSO conditions over Pacific, other factors such as the Indian Ocean Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs) have also some influence on Indian monsoon. Currently, neutral Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) conditions are prevailing over Indian Ocean. The latest forecasts from MMCFS and other global models indicate positive IOD conditions likely to develop during the remaining period of the monsoon season."

Team Absolute New Delhi

he India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that there are high probabilities for the development of El Nino conditions over the equatorial Pacific Ocean and positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) conditions over the Indian Ocean during July to September 2023.

El Nino is a weather phenomenon that involves an abnormal warming up of water surface temperatures in the eastern and central Pacific Ocean, and tends to suppress monsoon rainfall in India.

A senior IMD official said that as Sea Surface Temperature (SST) conditions over the Pacific and the Indian Oceans are known to have strong influence on Indian monsoon and the weather department is carefully monitoring the evolution of sea surface conditions over these Ocean

The IMD said that currently, warm El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) neutral conditions are prevailing over the equatorial Pacific and the sea surface temperatures (SSTs) across most of the equatorial Pacific Ocean are warmer than normal and near El



Nino threshold value.

Meanwhile, the weather department also predicted that during July, normal to above normal maximum temperatures are likely over most parts of the country except some areas of northwest and peninsular India where below normal maximum

temperatures are likely. The IMD also predicted that the

monthly rainfall over the country as a whole during July 2023 is most likely to be normal, ranging from 94 to 106 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA), with a higher probability towards the positive side of the nor-

"The spatial distribution suggests that central India, along with the adjoining south peninsular and east India regions, are expected to experience normal to above-normal rainfall. Additionally, some areas of Northeast and Northwest India are also likely to receive above-normal rainfall. However, below normal rainfall is anticipated in many areas of northwest, northeast, and southeast peninsular India," said the IMD offi-

25 dead as bus catches fire on Nagpur-Mumbai super-expressway

Nagpur Agencies

t least 25 passengers were charred to death and eight others injured after a bus burst into flames following a major accident on the Nagpur-Mumbai super-expressway at Buldhana on Saturday, officials said.

The private luxury bus, belonging to Vidarbha Travels, was traveling from Nagpur to Pune and the tragedy occurred near the Sindhkhedraja area at around 1.25 a.m., a police official said.

As the bus was speeding, it apparently suffered a tyre burst, after which it hit an expressway electric pole, rammed into a divider then went out of control and overturned, police said.

As it skid for several metres, its diesel tank exploded into a huge ball of flame, engulfing the vehicle and trapping the passengers inside, said a police official.

There were 33 people on board, including two drivers and a cleaner.

The eight injured persons have been admitted to the Buldhana civil hospital for treatment.Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakhs from the PMNRF for the victims'





kin, with Rs 50,000 for the injured, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced a Rs 5 lakh compensation for the kin of each deceased, and free treatment for the injured.

According to reports, none of the injured were in a serious condition.

The scene of the accident presents a ghastly picture with dark charred skeletal remains of the luxury bus lying beside the expressway, and a stench of the bodies and the ashen vehicle loom-

At dawn, a chilling picture was present when the burnt bodies of the victims were

retrieved and kept on a clearing, covered with sheets, while scores of bags, clothes, papers, files and other belongings of the passengers could be seen strewn around for several metres in the vicinity.

As a majority of the victims have been burnt beyond recognition, the police said that they will try to match them with the DNAs of their relatives before handing them over for the last rites

Shinde and Fadnavis visited the accident site for a spot assessment of the situation and meet the injured in the hospital.

Twitter faces global outage, users in a fix



New Delhi Agencies

icro-blogging platform Twitter on Saturday faced a major outage globally, which is preventing thousands of users from accessing the social media platform.

The "cannot retrieve tweets" error message has been reported by many users when they try to view or post a tweet. Besides this, users are also get "rate limit exceeded" message while refreshing the 'For You' tab.

According to outage monitor website 'Down Detector', nearly 4,000 reports of issues with Twitter have been logged."Me coming to twitter to see why it says 'rate limit exceeded' #TwitterDown," a user wrote

"Twitter engineers hard at work trying to figure out why everyone keeps getting Rate Limit Exceeded messages,' another user said.

A user commented: "Is Twitter down? Anyone getting the same issue? Can't open the comments section".

Quetta police station comes under grenade attack

Quetta: A police station in Quetta, the capital of Balochistan province, came under attack on Saturday, with initial reports suggesting it was a grenade attack, according to the police.Senior Superintendent of Police (Operations) Zohaib Mohsin said unidentified motorcyclists attacked the Civil Lines police station with a hand grenade, which was thrown near the gate of the facili One police personnel was injured in the ensuing explosion, Dawn reported.The wounded policeman, identified as Saboor Achakzai, was taken to Civil Hospital's trauma centre. The police and other law enforcement agencies, meanwhile, combed the crime scene for evidence, the report

The SSP added that nearby routes have been blocked and a search for the attackers is under way

In a statement, Babar Yousafzai, a spokesperson for Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudoos Bizenjo, said the CM has reached out to SSP Mohsin who briefed him about the incident.He said the best medical facilities will be provided to the injured policeman. Terrorists deserve no mercy, he said.

Jaipur district to be split into 4, Jodhpur into 2

Team Absolute Jaipur

he Rajasthan cabinet has finally decided to carve out four districts out of Jaipur, and said notifications regarding all the new 19 districts will be

State minister Pratap Singh Khachriyawqa said the present Jaipur district will be carved into Jaipur, Jaipur Rural, Dudu and Kotputli-Behror.

Meanwhile, Jodhpur will be divided into Jodhpur and Jodhpur Rural.

The report of the Ram Lubhaya committee set up for formation of new districts and the memorandum received from different areas were discussed at a cabinet meeting on Friday

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that these new districts would give a new



impetus to the state's

development. Implementation and monitoring of developmental schemes will be done more effectively, so that the common people will get the benefits of government schemes, facilities

and services soon. The district administration and through it the reach of the government to areas of the state will be more accessible, due to which the problems of the people of these areas will be resolved soon.

Due to the close proximity of courts related to land and civil matters, time and man will be saved and these matters will be disposed of quickly.

With the opening of new offices of various departments directly related to the public, service delivery and problem solving will be done quickly. Also due to the balanced size of the districts, there will be more effective control over law and order, due to which crimes will be curbed.

With this, the dialogue between the general public and the district administration will increase and quick and effective disposal of complaints of lack of public will be possible

Cong minister in Himachal extends support to UCC, but questions BJP over timing

Shimla: A first-timer Congress minister in Himachal Pradesh on Saturday extended support to Uniform Civil Code (UCC), but questioned the BJP over its timing.

"We have said that whenever Uniform Civil Code comes, we will support it. Congress has always contributed towards taking unity and integrity forward," PWD Minister Vikramaditya Singh told the

"But the main issue at present is Manipur, which the verge of a civil war. No action has been taken against the Manipur Chief Minister," said Singh, the son of six-time Chief Minister late Virbhadra Singh.

Without mincing words, Singh added, "The BJP doesn't speak of the burning issues in the country and starts a new debate to mislead the people."

He said that raking the UCC issue is a deliberate effort to divert the attention of the people from the core issues such as unemployment and falling

growth rate. Singh said the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has been in power with full majority for the past nine years, but did not initiate any

action for implementing the UCC earlier. "It's now trying to trigger a debate on this issue

for electoral gains," he said. Singh also said that on previous occasions too, the BJP had raised issues such as the Pulwama terror attack, scrapping of Article 370 and Ram temple to seek votes.

Parliament's Monsoon Session to commence from July 20

New Delhi: Monsoon Session of Parliament will commence



from July 20 and conclude on August 11, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Saturday and also appealed to the opposition parties to contribute constructively.

The Parliamentary Affairs Minister also said that the Monsoon Session will have 17

Sources indicated that the crucial Monsoon session is likely to begin in the old Parliament building but might conclude in the new Parliament Building, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28.

The Monsoon Session is expected to be a stormy one as Parliament is meeting at a time after Prime Minister Modi made a strong pitch for Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the country amid moves to step up consultations on the issue.

Opposition parties are also gearing up to take on the government on several issues, including the UCC and Delhi's Ordinance.

India sees zero unicorns in 2023 1st half as startup funding nosedives 70%

Team Absolute New Delhi

here was no new unicorn in India in the first half of 2023 as startup funding plunged more than 70 per cent in the January-June period from a year ago, signalling that the funding winter is here to stay as several top unicorns continue to face economic downturn.

The first six months witnessed Indian startups raise just \$5.48 billion, from \$19.5 billion they raised during the same period last year, according to data by market intelligence firm Tracxn shared.In the first half this year, the startup ecosystem saw 546 deal rounds, a significant drop from the total number of rounds at 1,570 in the same period last year.

If we look at stage-wise, the seed rounds saw \$349 million investments (383 deals), early stage deals saw \$1.36 billion (123) and late stage deal rounds, \$3.77 bil-



lion (40 deals). In comparison, the first half of 2022, which witnessed 19 unicorns, had logged seed-round investments at \$1.08 billion. early-stage rounds at \$5.08 billion and late-stage funding

at \$13.1 billion in total. In H1 2023, the leading

Byju's at \$700 million. (\$1.41 billion) while Bengaluru topped the city

investors were IPV and Y Combinator and the largest funding round (in April) was total of \$2.8 billion, a massive

reported by edtech unicorn Leading sectors were consumer (\$1.81 billion), fintech

chart with \$2.87 billion investments in startups, according to the data. In the first quarter of this year, Indian startups raised a

75 per cent lower compared to the same period in the previous year (\$11.9 billion), as rising inflation and interest rates continue to impact investments significantly.

The funding volumes contracted due to the reduction in late-stage funding, which declined by 79 per cent in the first quarter (\$1.8 billion) compared to Q1 2022.

2009 rioting case

Congress MLA Jitu Patwari, 3 others gets one year jail

Team Absolute Bhopal

n MP-MLA court in Bhopal on Saturday sentenced former Madhya Pradesh minister and Congress MLA Jitu Patwari to one year imprisonment in nearly one-and-ahalf decade old case of rioting and obstructing government officials from performing their duties.

Besides Patwari, three others, including former Congress MLA Krishnamohan Malviya, were also sentenced to one year imprisonment in the same case. A fine of Rs 10,000 on each (including Patwari) was imposed.

The court also issued notices to 13 other accused in the case, who were not present during the hearing on Saturday.

In 2009, Madhya Pradesh Congress had staged a massive protest over farmers issue, including hike in electricity bill in Rajgarh district. During the protest, a scuffle had broken out

between the police the protesters. Senior Congress leader and Rajva Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh was also got injured in stone pelting during the scuffle.The police had then arrested 17



people, most of them were Congress leaders and workers and they were booked under Sections - 148, 294, 353, 332, 336, 506 (2), 427 of IPC and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 1984.

The Congress MLA from Rau Assembly seat in Indore, who was present in the court, said, "I respect the court's judgement with folded hands. But, I will keep fighting for the interest of farmers of Madhya Pradesh. I will challenge the decision

before the High Court soon." The Madhya Pradesh Congress has extended its support to Patwari and others, stating that party workers will never settle down for fighting for people's interests, no matter what action



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TYRE BURST SUSPECTED TO HAVE **CAUSED MAHA BUS TRAGEDY**

Team Absolute Buldhana

suspected tyre burst might have caused the horrific accident on the Nagpur-Mumbai Expressway on Saturday that claimed the lives of 25 people, including three children, officials said.

According to preliminary enquiries, investigators said that the bus driver might have lost control after the tyre burst, the vehicle hit an electric pole and veered onto the road-divider, overturned and skid for some distance before the diesel tank burst into flames.

The accident area has been lashed by heavy rain in the past few days and the bus was speeding from Nagpur to Pune at that hour, said officials

One of the two bus drivers, who survived the tragedy, has been detained by the police for questioning and more precise details on the possible causes of the accident are expected to emerge later.

Virendra Darne, proprietor of the Vidarbha Travels company which owned the ill-fated bus, said he bought the vehicle in January 2020, but was grounded for a year due to lockdown and added the driver Danish was experienced.

However, possibly due to the presence of flammable items in the bus, it caught fire, claimed Darne, and the

Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, state

President Nana Patole, Nationalist

Congress Party President Sharad

Pawar, Leader of Opposition Ajit

Pawar, National Working President

Supriya Sule, General Secretary Dr.

Jitendra Awhad, Shiv Sena (UBT)'s

eral other state leaders expressed

grief over the tragedy.

Sanjay Raut, Kishore Tiwari and sev-

Modi declared an ex-gratia of Rs 2

lakh from the PMNRF plus Rs 50,000

announced a compensation of Rs 5

lakh for the kin of each deceased, and

for the injured, while Shinde

free treatment for the injured.

bus had 27 passengers as per the manifest with the company.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, IGP Jayant Naiknavare, Buldhana SP Sunil Kadasne and other senior officials rushed to the spot early this morning and reviewed the relief operations.

At least 33 people were on board the bus, including two drivers and a

Eight injured people have been admitted to the Buldhana civil hospital for treatment.

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, have con-

Fadnavis said that the police are probing the cause of the accident whether it was due to human error or doled the deaths in the accident. Opposition Congress leaders Rahul other causes, while ruling out any

technical or construction glitches as the possible trigger for the tragedy.

PAWAR SEEKS EXPERT SURVEY OF **MUMBAI-NAGPUR EXPRESSWAY**

Mumbai: Nationalist Congress Party supremo Pawar said that only last week he had raised concerns on the spate of accidents on the 701-kms expressway - two phases of which are now operational from Nagpur to Nashik (600 kms), and the Nashik-Mumbai 101-kms long third phase under construction.

Pawar mentioned how the entire expressway is long, monotonous with absolutely nothing on both sides including any public amenities, making it a tiresome drive.

"The government must appoint an expert committee to examine the causes of so many crashes on this expressway, and whether the long monotony is also one of the reasons. Based on its report, the concerned departments must implement remedial measures," demanded Pawar.

Heavy rains in coastal Maharashtra for next five days, predicts IMD

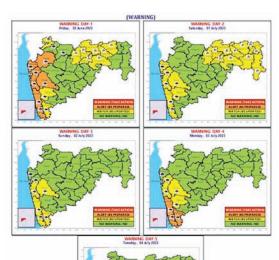
Team Absolute | Mumbai

he IMD on Friday forecast the probability of heavy rains in Maharashtra, especially the coastal Konkan region over the next five days, with a new spell of downpour likely to lash the state from Sunday.

IMD Pune Head K. S. Hosalikar said that while heavy to very rains are likely in the state for the next five days, a new spell of heavy rains could start from Sunday, affecting parts of south India and adjoining areas. This will have an impact in the state for the next 4-5 days, but barring the Konkan, the other parts of the state may experience moderate rains.

With the heavy rains experienced in the past five days in Mumbai, over 95 per cent of the June rainfall deficit has been wiped off, said the IMD.

After the orange alert for Friday, Mumbai, Palghar,



Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri, and Sindhudurg have been issued a yellow alert for Saturday. Till 7 p.m. on Friday, Mumbai recorded rainfall of 32.63 mm in

city, 61.91 mm in eastern

suburbs, and 69.16 mm in western suburbs. Barring water logging in low-lying areas and tree fall incidents, there was no significant disruption in road or rail traffic.

'Mughal-E-Azam: The Musical' lands in Canada with a dance performance at Niagara Falls

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athak dancers from 'Mughal-E-Azam: The Musical' performed to music composer Naushad's 'Pyaar kiya toh darna kya' at the Niagara Falls.

The group of three waterfalls spanning the border between Ontario (Canada) and New York (US) became the backdrop against which team 'Mughal-E-Azam: The Musical' announced the beginning of their Canada tour. The stage musical will put up performances in Toronto and Vancouver.

Earlier, the dancers performed the same song in New York's Times Square on May 24.

Director Feroz Abbas Khan said in a statement: "It is thrilling that even more than 60 years after its release, the music from K. Asif's 'Mughal-E-Azam' continues to move and stir even those who don't understand Hindi or

Deepesh Salgia, who helms the Creative & Strategic Vision for the musical, added: "I will never be able to forget the expressions of awe



and wonder on the faces of the onlookers at Niagara Falls. It just vindicated my belief that art that comes from the heart never grows

'Mughal-E-Azam: The Musical', is a broadway-style musical adapted from K. Asif's Hindi cinema epic and produced by Shapoorji Pallonji Group. The musical is currently on a 13-city tour in New York, Chicago

Quaid Najmi | Mumbai

arely six months before the bugle for the 2024 general elections is sounded, the national political spectrum is abuzz with a new challenge posed by the ruling BJP -- the Uniform Civil

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi's impassioned plea on the issue this week, all political parties across India were rattled -- even the Maharashtra parties went into a red alert mode, scurrying around to gauge the implications of the

The Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) allies Congress-Nationalist Congress Party-Shiv Sena (UBT)'s initial reactions to the PM's proposal have been dismissive as 'a political ploy' at the fag-end of its government's term 'to divert attention from bigger or burning issues'. State Congress president Nana Patole reacted first and immediately set up a 9member experts panel to study and analyse the UCC. It comprises ex-University of Mumbai Vice-Chancellor Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar, Kumar Ketkar, Hussain Dalwai, Anees Ahmed, Vasant Purke, Kishore Gajbhiye, Amarjeet Singh Manhas, Janet D'Souza and Ravi Jadhav. Though NCP presi-



dent Sharad Pawar has issued a gag order to his party leaders from speaking on the developing issue, top functionaries have largely adopted a neutral stance on the UCC. Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray made it clear that while his party supports the UCC, they wanted clarifications from the Centre on its impact on various communities and he would speak on it at the appropriate time. His party MP Sanjay Raut indicated that they may back the BJP on the issue after studying the draft bill. The leaders of the three parties are unanimous that the NDA is going ahead with steps to bring in the UCC without extensive consultations on all

aspects with all Opposition parties or considering the existing laws for various communities. Patole pointed out that there are already independent Personal Laws for the Muslim, Christian and Parsi communities, while the Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists come under the Hindu Civil Code, and if the UCC is implemented then it would be applicable to all. Urging that the UCC should not be rushed through, NCP working president Praful Patel said that they have neither supported nor opposed the proposed law, and feels that it's a political gimmick before the upcoming general elections.

In a strong editorial statement through the 'Saamana Group' recently, the Sena (UBT) said that "merely opposing the Muslim Personal Law cannot be the basis for the UCC", and maintaining equality in law and justice for all is also a form of UCC.

Taking a jibe at the Centre, it added that while there should be a uniform law on all fronts - religious, social, economic and political - having a common code and 'double standards in its implementation' would amount to deception.

Patole referred to the differing traditions in the North-East, tribal regions, South India and minority communities who now apprehend that the UCC could interfere in their religious matters.

Video Shows Cop Pouring Water On People Sleeping On Railway Platform, Official Responds

Team Absolute | Pune

video showing a policeman pouring water from a bottle on people sleeping on a platform at Pune Railway Station is going viral on social media. The short clip was shared on Twitter on Friday by user Rupen Chowdhury.

The video shows a Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel spraying water on people sleeping on the platform of the railway station. "RIP Humanity. Pune Railway Station," the user wrote while sharing the clip.

Since being shared, the video has caught the attention of several social media users. It even grabbed the attention of Pune's Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Indu Dubey, who called the incident deeply regrettable.

"Sleeping on the Platform causes inconvenience to others however the way it was handled is not a suitable way of counseling passengers, Dubey said. However, she added that "con-

cerned staff has been suitably advised to deal with passengers with dignity, politeness & decency. This incident is deeply regretted". Meanwhile, the video has accumulated more

than 2 million views and over 11,000 likes. In the comment section, while some users called the incident "shameful", others tagged the concerned authorities and called for better waiting

"Government should create more waiting areas so they don't have to sleep on the platforms and yes the trains need to be on time, wrote one user. "Shame on this Police man!" said another. Some users even commented in favour of the police. "Seems a very mild way to enforce the rule or law not to sleep on the platform to me. It's more like a reminder," wrote one. "Salute to this policeman for exercising his duty so creatively. If people start sleeping on platforms, staircase etc, imagine how passengers who are in hurry will pass through," said another.

Benin national held at Mumbai airport with heroin worth Rs 5 cr

Team Absolute | Mumbai

he Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on Saturday said that they have arrested a Benin national at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport for smuggling 43 capsules containing heroin worth Rs 5 crore.

"The medical examination of the accused passenger revealed that he had swallowed 43 capsules containing a narcotic substance. White-colored powder/granules were recovered from inside his body," said the official.

The official said that the recovered heroin was valued at approximately Rs 5 crore.

"The accused violated the provisions of Section 8 of the NDPS Act and committed offenses punishable under Sections 21, 23, and 29 of the NDPS Act. Consequently, he was placed under arrest under Section 43(b) of the NDPS Act," said the official.

The suspected heroin capsules were seized



under Section 43(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

The accused was produced before a Mumbai Court which later remanded him to

14 days judicial custody.

MAHARASHTRA CABINET **EXPANSION THIS MONTH: DY** CM DEVENDRA FADNAVIS

Mumbai: Deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis has said the state Cabinet would be expanded in July. The statement came after CM Eknath Shinde's Delhi visit where a clearance is said to be given by the BJP high command on Thursday.

When asked about Shinde's visit, Fadnavis said that the CM needed to attend several meetings related to the state in the capital. "And now about your favourite subject of cabinet expansion. We have to do it, and the CM will take a final call on the expansion. I think it will happen in July," he said. Asked on which date it was expected to happen, the DyCM reiterated July, insisting that nobody spoke so specifically about this

Shiv Sena spokesperson Sanjay Shirsat and his party's whip Bharat Gogawale also gave enough suggestions that the new faces from their group would be part of the restructured team. Capped at 20, the Shinde cabinet has 10 each legislators, including the CM and DyCM, from the two partners. The total strength of the council of ministers can be increased to



MAHA GROUPS DEMAND DISMISSAL OF MANIPUR CM, PRESIDENT'S RULE

Team Absolute | Mumbai

arious social groups in the state called on Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais as well as demanded the dismissal of Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and imposition of President's Rule in the strife-torn northeastern state here on Friday.

A delegation led by Maharashtra Congress Working President, M. Arif Naseem Khan, along with representatives of minorities, Christians and tribals called on the Governor and submitted a memorandum to be forwarded to the President.

"Its indeed alarming that the violence in Manipur rages for nearly two months and Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains silent on this serious issue. Even Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to the violence-hit state did not result in peace or social harmony there," said Khan.

The delegation comprising prominent persons like Janet D'Souza, Simon Lopez, Rev. Jacob Thomas, Abraham Roy Mani and others urged that the



Manipur government be dismissed immediately and President's Rule should be declared there to stop the hatred and the ongoing violence.

"We have witnessed a major human tragedy unfolding in Manipur... Unprecedented violence between ethnic groups has destroyed the livelihood of Manipuris and uprooted them from their homes. People fear for their lives, internet services have been completely shut down... It's very painful to see our own people turning against each other," they appealed in the memoran-

Khan pointed out how people of all religions and castes have lived harmoniously for decades but now more than 200 places of worship have been destroyed in the past nearly two months of violence.

"Over 12,000 people have been displaced, despite many requests, the Centre has not provided any help, so it is necessary to bring President's Rule in Manipur. We humbly request you to convey our feelings to the President,' the delegation urged the Governor.



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PM NARENDRAMODI LAUNCHES SICKLE **CELL ANAEMIA ERADICATION MISSION**

Team Absolute Shahdol

rime Minister NarendraModi on Saturday launched National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission 2047 by unveiling a portal and also released a guideline for the management of the disease and different modules for its monitoring.

At a function held at Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh, the Prime Minister took a swipe at the opposition and asked people to beware of "fake guarantees" being given by "family-centric" political parties including Congress.

"Beware of those (parties) who are giving fake guarantees. Such people have brought schemes of guarantees despite they don't have their own (political) guarantee," PM Modi said. He said,



"Family-centric parties including Congress are hob-

nobbing together". On the occasion, PM Modi started the distribution of more than 3 crore digital Ayushman cards in the country and one crore PVC Ayushman Bharat cards in

He announced that Rani Durgavati's 500th birth anniversary will be celebrat-

will be released. The Prime Minister distributed Sickle Cell colourcoded counselling cards to a

ed across India and stamps

handed over Ayushman cards and PVC Ayushman Bharat cards physically to some beneficiaries. The National Sickle Cell Anemia **Eradication Mission** (NSCAEM), which aims to address the pressing health challenges posed by sickle cell disease, particularly among the tribal population, was announced in the Union Budget 2023.

PM Modi said that Ayushman Card is a guarantee of Rs 5 lakh treatment in hospitals."It is the guarantee of Modi," he added.

"The government aims to eradicate sickle cell anemia from India in a mission mode by 2047," PM Modi said, adding that half of the total number of persons affected by this disease in the world

CONGRESS LAUNCHES NEW POSTER FOR POLL CAMPAIGN

Team Absolute Bhopal

adhya Pradesh Congress on Saturday launched a new poster for the election campaign with a slogan - 'Khushali Lane Wali- Congress HaiAaneWali'.

The poster carrying five-guarantees (poll promises) of the party was launched in the presence of party's state unit head Kamal Nath.

After it was launched, the party work-

ers swung into action and put up the posters across Madhya Pradesh, including the state capital Bhopal. State Congress media in-charge K.K. Mishra and PiyushBable (Kamal Nath's media advisor) finalised the poster's content and its theme. The Congress media cell had launched first poster on January 1, projecting Kamal Nath as 'future chief minister' of Madhya Pradesh, following which, a section of senior party leaders had raised their apprehension. However, later senior party leader and RajyaSabha MP Digvijaya Singh had doused the controversy saying that Kamal Nath will be party's chief ministerial face.

Interestingly, the Congress launched its new poster at the time when a war of 'objectionable posters' between Kamal



Nath and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had been making headlines for the last two weeks.

Poster war between Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and former Chief Minister and Madhya Pradesh Congress President Kamal Nath has escalated political controversy ahead of the assembly polls. Objectionable posters of Chouhan and Kamal Nath were put up with QR code in Bhopal last

week, that have reached across the state The controversy has prompted digital payment company PhonePe to object the use of its official logo for political campaign. The PhonePe has warned the Congress of action, on which, the the grand old party had sought some clarification from the company. However, since then the poster war between the Congress and BJP in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh stopped, as of now,

King of lies CM Chouhan prompting BJP to lie in MP, says Kamal Nath

Team Absolute Bhopal

adhya Pradesh Congress president Kamal Nath on Saturday accused Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan of "spreading lies" by presenting fake data before the BJP central leadership visiting the state for poll campaigning.

He said in more than 40 years of his political career, no one could raise a finger at him but Shivraj Singh Chouhan has started an attempt to mislead the people.

The people have lost faith in BJP and the chief minister has no work to show in his 18year tenure. To cover up the deficiencies, he is making baseless allegations against him, he alleged.Kamal Nath was responding to BJP national president J. P. Nadda allegations made during a poll rally in Khargon district on Friday."BJP president said that in 2019, I had returned the proposal of 1.5 lakh homes under the PradhanMantriAwasYojana. He also said that I had stopped the Centre's Bhavantaryojana. Chouhan is lying through his

teeth" he added.The Congress leader further said when Prime Minister MinisterNarendraModi comes to Shahdol

today, he would suggest him to ask Shivraj Singh Chouhan as to why Madhya Pradesh has recorded highest number of atrocity cases



against tribal people? "PM Modi should also ask him (Shivraj) who has made Madhya Pradesh a corrupt state? He (Shivraj) is master of speaking lies, and is making BJP's central leadership lie too. If there was corruption, why didn't theShivraj government lodge a case against me?," the seasoned Congress leader questioned. Meanwhile, responding to his party colleague Phool Singh Bairiya's derogatory remarks against Home Minister Narottam Mishra on Thursday, Kamal Nath said he does not believe in this kind of politics. "I do not agree with his (Bairiya's) remarks, but the issue of Datia is well known to the people," he added.On Thursday, while challenging Narottam Mishra to win the election from Datia, former MLA and Congress leader Bairiya had made a derogatory statement during a gathering of party workers in Datiya.

MP BJP set for campaign to contain UCC impact on 10 SC/ST LS seats

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has strongly pitched for " Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in his very first public meeting in pollbound Madhya Pradesh on June 27 after returning from his visit to the US and Egypt.

Since then, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Home Minister Narottam Mishra and MP unit BJP president V. D. Sharma are leading the UCC campaign in the state while echoing the line of PM Modi that, "In a home, can there be one law for one member and another law for another member?"

As the poll bugles have already sounded in Madhya Pradesh, the ruling BJP has prepared to take PM Modi's message of the UCC to the grassroots in a bid to convince the people that the concept is in the interest of the country.

How will it impact the political discourse in the run up to the Assembly elections just four months away and the general elections slated for next year? Political analysts at this stage have differing opinions. They believe that it may have an impact in the Lok Sabha polls, but not in the assembly



elections.

"The UCC issue may have a little impact in the Lok Sabha elections as the people would see it in terms of national interest as the BJP is setting a narrative, but it will not have any impact in the assembly elections as the people will vote for their personal interest," said N. K. Singh, a Madhya Pradesh-based political analyst.

Other political observers claimed that the UCC may have an impact in the Lok Sabha seats reserved for tribals. Notably, Madhya Pradesh has the highest tribal population in India about 21.5 per cent, according to the 2011 Census - while SCs comprise 15.6 per cent.

Out of the 29 Lok Sabha seats in the state, 10 seats are reserved for the SC/ST and four seats are reserved for

SC candidates namely Bhind, Tikamgarh, Dewas and Ujjain. Shahdol, Mandla, Ratlam, Dhar, Khargone and Betul constituencies are reserved for the ST. In 2019, the BJP had bagged 28 seats.

In the assembly elections, 47 out of the 230 seats are under the reserved category. BJP leaders in Madhya Pradesh have been tasked to refute any misinformation campaign by the Opposition related to the Uniform Civil Code especially in the tribaldominated seats.

Sources said that in a meeting held recently in Bhopal, the RSS functionaries suggested that all boothlevel units be educated to counter such campaigns targeted to damage the BJP's prospects in the tribal and Scheduled Caste (SC)-dominated seats in the upcoming assembly elec-

Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra on Wednesday slammed the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi for raising questions about PM Modi's endorsement of the UCC. Mishra has countered Owaisi saying the latter was speaking the language of the Congress.

Pandit Pradeep Mishra Extends Support To Modi's Call For Uniform Civil Codi



Sehore: Pandit Pradeep Mishra has extended his support to the Uniform Civil Code on Saturday, saying law must be one and same for all."UCC will provide an equivalent platform to all religions, leading to much happiness and prosperity in the country," he said. Notably, Uniform Civil Code gained steam after PM Modi made a strong pitch in favour of "one law for all', on June 27 in Bhopal. And since then, political leaders and religious pandits have giving their statements on it.

OFFICIAL VIOLATES MARRIAGE RULES



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ALONG WITH CM CHOUHAN MEDAL WINNERS OF SPECIAL

OLYMPICS PLANT SAPLINGS

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan

planted saplings of Mango,

Khirni and Neem in the gar-

den located at Shyamla

Divyang players, who par-

ticipated in the Special

Olympics in Germany,

planted saplings. Silver

participated in the

International Summer

Sports Competition in

Berlin, Germany in the

month of June. Along with

Chief Minister Chouhan,

Bahadur Mukati, Arvind

Aaradhya Rajput planted

saplings on their birthday.

Along with Chief Minister

Chouhan, Prashant Tiwari

and Ankit Tiwari of All India

Brahmin Sabha also planted

Yadav and Kumari

saplings.

medalist in basketball Disha

Tiwari and Lakshmi planted

saplings. These players had

Hills. Along with CM

Chouhan, a team of

s per the sources and the evidence with AI this has been found that Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Joint director health services - Jabalpur Government of Madhya Pradesh is having two wives at a same time. As per the department of health records (Unique employee code No. 180002542 and PAN - ADTPM3205H) of Dr. Mishra's dependents are Ms. Janhvi Mishra (Daughter), Mrs. Tripti Mishra (Wife)

14. परिवार का विवरण :-

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1	JanhviMishra	22/03/2002	Daughter	Single	N/A	
2	Tripti Mishra	01/01/1968	Wife	Married	N/A	
3	Devendra kumar mishra	08/10/1932	Father		N/A	

and Mr. Devendra Kumar Mishra (Father).

Documents with AI clearly say that Dr. Sanjay Mishra is having another wife Ms. Epshita Singh Mishra (DOB -19/05/1986) with Adhar No. 893530045775 which clearly states the husband's name as Dr. Sanjay Mishra, resident of Flat No. 1201 Block C Ojas Imperia Rampur Chowk Jabalpur.

Under the government of Madhya Pradesh employees rule books, rule no. 22 says that any government employee cannot enter in dual marriage without the prior approval from the department

if the first wife is alive.

Although, It is not clear that whether Dr Mishra has changed his wife's name and didn't informed the office about it or married with other woman illegally. In his official documents, his wife's name is registered as Tripti Mishra but in Aadhar card it reflects as Epshita Singh Mishra.

The said act of Dr. Mishra, Joint director health services, Jabalpur, Government of Madhya Pradesh is pure violation of government rules and exposes the working pattern / approach of senor medical officials in MP.

24 INJURED AFTER BUS TRAVELLING FROM DINDORI TO SHAHDOL OVERTURNED

Anuppur: A bus carrying about 30 passengers to PM Modi's event in Shahdol, overturned at Amdari As many as 12 people were injured in the accident.

The bus was carrying passengers from the Dindori village to Shahdol for the PM's event. Karan Pathar police, assistant sub-inspector, Dhaneshwar Patel said that "The bus was carrying people from Dhanua Sagar in Dindori to Shahdol for the PM's programme.

Around a dozen people have sustained injuries. They were immediately taken to the hospital" Further he said "The bus overturned near a turning. So far it has emerged that the bus had developed some technical snags in its axle leading to the accident". According to sources, two of the total injured have critical wounds and are being treated at the district hospital in Dindori.

Masai and Sage University: A practical approach to preparing students for industry

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very year, about 15 lakh engineering graduates pass out from colleges across the country. However, studies show that only a fraction (about 3 percent) of these graduates secure good jobs. This is mainly due to lack of required skills among the candidates. Accepting this challenge, Masai School and Sage University have come together to share their commitment and vision in preparing students for career success.

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'Injustice is going on with adolescent boys'

Madhya Pradesh High Court asks Centre to consider reducing age of consent to 16

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he Madhya Pradesh High Court recently urged the central government to reduce the age of sexual consent from the current 18 years to 16 years, saying that the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act which raised the age has "disturbed the fabric of society", resulting in "injustice...with adolescent boys"

Justice Deepak Kumar Agarwal was hearing a plea to quash a case registered against a 23-yearold man who was accused of raping a minor, who came to him for coaching, after giving her juice that made her unconscious. The man was booked under several charges, including rape, under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act and the Information Technology (IT) Act. In its order passed on June 27, the court directed that the FIR be quashed. "Generally, girls and boys of adolescent's age develop friendship and thereafter, due to attraction make physical relationship. But, due to this rider, boy is treated like a criminal in the society. Today, most of criminal cases in which prosecutrix is under 18 years of age, due to aforesaid anomaly, injustice is going on with adolescent boys. Thus, I

request Government of India to think over the matter for reducing the age of prosecutrix from 18 to 16 years as earlier before amendments so that injustice should be redressed," Justice Agarwal said. The court further observed that due to exposure to social media, adolescents were "getting puberty in early age" and entering into consensual sexual relationships before turning adults. "Nowadays, every male or female near the age of 14 years due to social media awareness and easily accessible internet connec tivity is getting puberty in early age. Owing to this, female and male child are getting attraction and these attractions are resulting into physical relationship with consent. In these cases, male persons are not at all criminal. It is only a matter of age when they come into contact with female and develop physical relationship," the court said. Earlier, the counsel for the petitioner had submitted that there was a seven-month delay in registering the FIR in the case. "Besides this, if any intercourse has been done, the same was with her consent, there was no force involved in it," the defence counsel argued. The lawyer for the state prayed for the dismissal of the petition, arguing that "it is true that FIR is belated, but at the time of incident prosecutrix was minor".

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petuated narratives that can be really dangerous. "And I think that it's an opportunity to really stand for bringing people together and not being okay with the kind of division that it caused, because I'm not okay with (it). I don't like this whole idea of team this person and team this person. I want to be able to bring people together and I think that it was a really important moment for people to see that you can do that and it doesn't have to be about this whole divisive nature," she

> As per People, Chang added that the story is a "frustrating old narrative" of two women pitted against each other "because of a

"I hate it," Hailey agreed, adding: "I've hated it since the beginning and it goes back to being misunderstood. Time and time again I say there is no issue and it's so disappointing that people still behave this way over a man."



Amber Heard praises 'unforgettable weekend' in first social post since Johnny Depp case

ollywood actress Amber Heard has in delight reflected on her "unforgettable weekend" after returning to the spotlight at the Taormina film festival in Sicily to promote her new film. It had been a trying time for the 'Aquaman' star after she was sued last year by her ex Johnny Depp for defamation following a 2018 article for the Washington Post in which the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' star's lawyers said she accused him of being an abuser despite no names being mentioned in the piece, reports Mirror.co.uk.

Following an intense six-week trial in Fairfax County, Virginia, jurors returned a verdict in the actor's favour. In December, Amber made the "very difficult decision" to reach a settlement in the case. As per Mirror.co.uk, Amber certainly looked like she had put the past behind her as she attended the premiere of her first film since the highly publicised trial

Taking place at the Taormina Film Festival in Italy, the 37-year-old actress looked thrilled to promote her new movie 'In the Fire'. Set in 1899, the movie follows a 38-year-old American psychiatrist who is called to solve the case of a disturbed child in Columbia after severe accusations that the child is in fact the Devil.

Amber was sure to reflect on her experience at the festival, sharing a smiling Instagram snap of herself with a microphone in hand.

Thank you for such an incredibly warm reception at the Taormina Film festival for my latest movie In the Fire. It was an unforgettable weekend. #InTheFire, she wrote in the caption.

The Instagram post comes after she admitted that she has had to learn over time that she was not always "in control of stories other people create" around her, but vowed it would not

Jennifer Lawrence says it was both 'terrifying and exciting' when Maroney proposed to her

ctress Jennifer Lawrence said that when Cooke Maroney proposed to her, it was both a "terrifying" and "exciting" moment for her. Recalling her reaction to Maroney's proposal, the 'X-Men', 'The Hunger Games' and 'No Hard Feelings' actress said: "Terrifying, but very, very exciting. I didn't say what I wanted to. I imagined it a million times, and then I ended up just going, 'What? What?' And then going, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you'

As per People magazine, Lawrence, 32, was speaking on the latest episode of YouTube series 'Chicken Shop Date'. Lawrence and Maroney, an art-gallery director in New York City, have been romantically involved since June 2018. They got engaged in February 2019, tying the knot in October that year. They held a small wedding reception for 150 guests which included Adele, Amy Schumer, Kris Jenner, Emma Stone and Ashley Olsen at the luxurious Belcourt of Newport, a mansion in Newport, Rhode Island.

"He's just the best person I've ever met ole life." Law Entertainment Tonight in June 2019. "It was a very, very easy decision." Lawrence and Maroney welcomed their first child together, a son named Cy, in February

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



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aden Smith, the son of actors Jada Pinkett Smith and Will Smith, has revealed the extent of his bond with his mother. He admitted that she introduced him to psyche-

The 24-year-old explained that his mother also paved the way for psychedelic drug usage in his family, including his father, Will Smith and sister Willow Smith, reports Mirror.co.uk.

"I think it was my mom, actually, that was really the first one to make that step for the family," he said at the Psychedelic

Science Conference in Denver. "It was just her for a really, really long time, and then eventually it just trickled and evolved, and everybody found

it in their own ways. Jaden also noted that his use of psychedelics helped him build a stronger bond with his 22-year-old sister and halfbrother Trey Smith, 30, who is Will's son from his past marriage to ShereeZampino. As per USA Today, he continued: "Siblings can argue so much and fight so much, and lord knows me and my siblings have done so much of that in the past."But the level of love and empathy that I can feel for them inside of the [psychedelic] experiences and outside of the experiences has been something that's profound and beautiful".As per Mirror.co.uk, Jada

has undoubtedly been a long

advocate of using psychedelics and has spoken candidly about how it helped her through "crippling depression".

Speaking on Red Table Talk in 2021, she said: "I struggled with depression for so long, I mean crippling depression. And the thing about plant medicine is that it helps you feel better but also solves the problems of how you got there in the first place.'

Meanwhile, Jada may have to discuss her personal woes elsewhere as it was recently revealed that her Facebook series 'Red Table Talk' was cancelled.Breaking her silence shortly after the news was made public, Jada admitted she was "sorry" to see those who worked on the show "disband".



Russell Crowe enthralls crowd at Karlovy Vary with music, story of tarantula bite

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ctor Russell Crowe rocked the audience at the 57th Karlovy Vary International Film Festival (KVIFF) by playing a 90minute set with his band Indoor Garden Party.

The actor also recalled how he had been injected with venom by a large tarantula during the shooting of a film in 1994.The 'Gladiator' actor was felicitated with the Crystal Globe for outstanding contribution to world cinema at the Czech film festival.When Crowe took the

stage, he shared stories about his songwriting process, and filming a scene with a tarantula.Crowe took the stage just before 11 p.m., with a drink in his hand, to loud cheers and applause, as per The Hollywood Reporter.

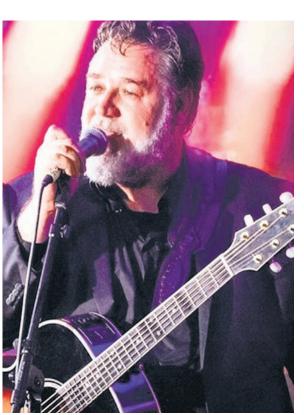
After playing several songs, he welcomed the people of Karlovy Vary who responded with much noise, saying: "You look fantastic, you look

amazing."The actor recalled filming the movie 'Rough Magic' (1995) with Bridget Fonda in 1994 and having to shoot a scene where a tarantula, bigger than his hand, crawled up his naked body and into his mouth, before being snatched away by a spider handler.

In one case, the spider stopped at his neck and spread its legs out. Crowe said the next day he woke up with a rash on his chest and elsewhere and saw a doctor.

"When a tarantula becomes aroused, it ejects these very fine hairs," meaning his body was "full of tarantula venom", the doctor explained, Crowe recalled.

The doctor gave him stuff to put on and take, with the promise he would be fine within a week.Crowe added the punchline: "I'm pretty sure that in the history of cinema, I am the only Academy Award winner who has been f**** in the neck by a tarantula.







SAFF Championship 2023

INDIA REACH SEMI-FINAL WITH 2-0 WIN OVER NEPAL

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he Indian senior men's team booked their spot in the semifinals of the SAFF Championship 2023 with a 2-0 win over Nepal in Group A A match at the Sree Kanteerava, here on Saturday.

With this victory, India extended their unbeaten run on home turf to 12 matches. Ever since September 5, 2019, when India lost to Oman, no other international team could leave the pitch in India by tasting victory against the hosts.

After a first half where the Blue Tigers were left frustrated by the stubborn Nepal defence, goals from captain Sunil Chhetri and Naorem Mahesh Singh after the break bagged the three points for the hosts, who had assistant coach Mahesh Gawli on the touchline in place of the suspended Igor Stimac.

Kuwait beat Pakistan 4-0 earlier in the day and will join India in the semi-final from Group A. Nepal, finalists of the previous edition, are eliminated.

There were as many as eight changes to the India side that cruised past Pakistan 4-0 in the opener. Only hat-trick hero Sunil Chhetri, Anirudh Thapa and Sahal



Sandhu.

Abdul Samad were retained in the eleven. In the entirely-new backline, Rahul Bheke was handed his first start of the month.

The game started at a lighter pace than the one three days earlier. India, expectedly, did see plenty of possession in the starting stages and most of their attacks came from the left wing, with Akash Mishra, Naorem Mahesh Singh and Sahal, who occasionally drifted wide.

The latter spurned the first big chance of the game in the 16th minute when Akash cut the ball back from the by-line but he could only side-foot it wide.

In the very next minute, Nepal

tance flashed just wide, the deadlock was broken in classic fashion in the

Sahal and Mahesh combined well before the latter sent an inch-perfect low cross into the middle for Sunil Chhetri to tap in his 91st international goal with the simplest of touches.

India were finally getting in the groove and less than 10 minutes later, the lead was doubled after a rather bizarre first India goal for Mahesh. As Sahal sent Chhetri clean through, the skipper took his time before releasing his left-footed shot. The effort was deflected, by goalkeeper Kiran Kumar Limbu, bounced twice on the crossbar before Mahesh bundled it in from point-blank range.

Limbu was called into action soon again and prevented the fiery Indian offence from registering more goals. He made two strong saves in quick succession to first keep out substitute Lallianzuala Chhangte's shot from a narrow-angle before holding firm to Bheke's header from the resulting corner.

India will take on Kuwait in their last Group A match on Tuesday, June 27, at 7:30 pm IST to determine who top the group.

FIH Hockey Men's Jr World Cup

Match schedule revealed, India, Korea, Canada in Group C



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he FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Malaysia 2023 was officially launched on Saturday at a ceremony which took place at the Mercure Living Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia.

On this occasion, the pools and match schedule of the tournament were revealed. Malaysia is in Group A with Argentina, Australia, and Chile, while Germany, France, South Africa, and Egypt are in Group B, India, Spain, Korea, and Canada are in Group C, and the Netherlands, Belgium, Pakistan, and New Zealand

are in Group D. The pools were established on the basis of the very first

FIH Junior World Rankings. The 16 teams from around the world will all be vying for the coveted championship title from December 5-16, 2023 at the National Hockey Stadium Bukit Jalil, which will be the competition

venue for this championship. Through a video recording, FIH President Tayyab Ikram delivered a message and congratulated the 16 teams who qualified to play in the 13th edition of the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup: "Through its 'athletes first' approach, mentioned in the new Empowerment and Engagement strategy that was recently launched, FIH has made youth a strong

focus going forward. The FIH Junior World Cups play a crucial role in this regard.

"Furthermore, as one of my priorities as FIH President is to highlight the powerful contributions hockey can make outside of the sport itself for individuals, community and society with the important topic of sustainability being an integral part of this ambition - I look forward to seeing the ways this will be realized in

"Special thanks to the Malaysian Hockey Confederation as they will, as we know it, put together a fantastic show for this 13th edition of the FIH Hockey Men's Iunior World Cup!

this event.

FIFA appoints US to host 2025 Club World Cup

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orld football governing body FIFA announced that its Council has appointed the United States to host the first edition of 32-team Club World Cup in 2025.

"[This is] because it would allow FIFA to maximise synergies with the delivery of the FIFA World Cup 2026, to the benefit of both tournaments and the development of football in the North American region," read a FIFA statement.

In December confirmed that the Club World Cup, a current yearly tournament with seven participants, would be expanded to 32 team in 2025 and take place every four years.



"The FIFA Club World Cup 2025 will be the pinnacle of elite professional men's club football," said Infantino. "With some of the world's top clubs already qualified, fans from every continent will be bringing their passion and energy to the United States in two

years' time for this significant milestone in our mission to make football truly global."

In add also discussed the FIFA World Cup 2030 bidding process on Friday and the appointment of the host(s) will be announced in the fourth quarter next year.

Special Olympics World Summer Games

MEDALS CONTINUE TO POUR FOR INDIAN CONTINGENT

Mehtab Singh's clearance fell for

Arik Bista, whose first-time volley

was well-saved by Gurpreet Singh

India trouble from the right flank.

On one such occasion, his low cross

was met with a vital interception by

Rohit Kumar, allowing the hosts to

move forward on the counter-attack.

In a three-on-three situation, Sahal

took a bit too much time to pick out

a pass and was dispossessed by the

venated side after the break, and

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India came out a much more reju-

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n a day when the weather played spoilsport, an unabated downpour leading to cancellations and postponements of almost all outdoor events at the Special Olympics World Games 2023, India's rollerskaters ran amok among the medals to keep the count rolling.

In the roller-skating arena, the Indian contingent added nine medals to the tally (3 gold, 5 silver, 1 bronze). Among the gold medallists were Md Nissar (30m slalom) and Aryan and Abhijit, the duo part of the 2 x 100 relay. Roller skating has proven to be among the most fruitful of arenas for the Indian contingent and despite the downpour outdoors, they did not disappoint.

Judo proved to be another happy hunting ground for India on Friday. A day prior, Suhalia Parveen's silver had helped India open its medal account in the sport. She was joined by two more medallists on the mat. 24 hours later. In the male Level 2 cate gory, Prince Solanki won bronze, while Muskan won gold in the female Level 3 category. The latter won both her bouts comprehensively to bring home the country's first gold in Judo at the World Games 2023.

The table tennis arena proved another fruitful



ground for the Indian contingent, with three medals confirmed from the sport on the day. In an all Indian final, in the U21-D3, Vighnesh Lokeshwar Naik beat Gunocean Singh Bedi 3-1 to take home the gold. In the Women's singles 30-D3 Alivelamma Gujjala ran through the field unbeaten to take home the gold. Over the course of four matches, Alivelamma dropped just one game, to dominate her way to the gold medal.

India's brilliance in powerlifting extended to

another day, with four further medals added to the tally. In the 93kg category, Anurag Prasad won three golds (squat, deadlift, combined) and one silver in the bench press. By the end of action on Friday in Berlin, India took their medal tally to 96 (Gold: 33; Silver: 37; Bronze: 25).

India's Women's Unified volleyball team progressed through to the final of the FA competition, beating SO Kenya 25-12, 25-16 to set up a title clash with the United Arab Emirates. Throughout the match India asserted their dominance, only wobbling a little with the finish line in sight. Once the victory was sealed, the relief exploded in the form of huddles, high fives and loud cheers from across the arena.

What goes up, comes down and unfortunately on the volleyball court, so it proved. The Men's/Mixed unified team went down to Serbia in their semifinal, losing a close match 12-25, 25-20, 10-15. They will play the Republic of Korea in the bronze medal

With action in athletics, cycling, tennis and basketball cancelled and rescheduled for the next day, a huge number of Indian athletes will be vying for a medal in their events. In cycling and tennis, in particular, Indians will be in the fray for not just medals but the gold in different categories.

Sr Women's National Football C'ship

Haryana draw with Bengal, set up semis clash with Odisha

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aryana played out a 2-2 draw against Bengal to set up a semi-final clash with Odisha in the Senior National Women's Football Championship 2023 at the GNDU main ground, here on Saturday.

A 2-2 draw against Bengal was enough to take Haryana to 13 points, a point ahead of the Railways.

In the penultimate rounds to be played on Monday, mighty Tamil Nadu, who swept Group A with five wins from five outings, will cross swords with Indian Railways in the day's first match. Later in the day, Group B winners Haryana will take



For Bengal, it was an inconsequential match on Saturday as they were already out of the tournament. Yet they played their hearts out against Haryana and shot into the lead in the 23rd minute through Dular Marandi. Haryana, however, cancelled the lead a minute before half time when redoubtable Rinu Rani found the

In the second half, Bengal took the lead again, this time Player of the Match Mousumi Murmu put her team ahead in the 58th minute, But then. Harvana's Tannu scored in the 80th minute to take the one crucial point for her side.

Manipur in big win

The other Group B match was of no consequence as both Manipur and Himachal Pradesh were already out of the tournament. Nevertheless, Manipur reduced the tie to a completely one-sided affair, winning the match 5-0. Yumlembam Pakdi Devi, Irom Prameshwori Devi and Maibam Nandeshwori Devi scored a goal each, while Oinam Babita Devi struck twice and was later adjudged the Player of the Match.



Annabel Sutherland announces herself with record-breaking ton

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ustralia women's cricket team has a new star on their hands in Annabel Sutherland, who smashed a record-breaking ton on Day 2 of their one-off Ashes Test against England Women, here on Friday.

The talented 21-year-old resumed play at Trent Bridge on 39 not out having come in down at number eight in a lengthy Australian batting line-up. And she was still out in the middle midway through the afternoon session as Australia's innings



finally came to an end, with the all-rounder unbeaten on 137 not out.

She followed it up by removing England opener Emma Lamb with an excellent delivery that just left the right-hander and tempted an edge through to second slip. And speaking after her superb century, Sutherland said it was terrific to get the opportunity to show what she can do. "It was pretty good fun out

there. I absolutely love my batting so it was just really cool to spend some time out there,"she told host broadcaster Sky Sports. "Get through last night, put

on a good partnership with Ash. It was disappointing to see her get out, but it was nice to get a nice start this morning and get through to lunch," she added.

Golf: Diksha takes five shot lead at Czech Ladies Open

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iksha Dagar shot a bogey free 7-under 65 to take a five-shot lead after two rounds in the Czech Ladies Open, here.

Diksha moved to 10-under 134 with rounds of 69 and 65 as was five clear of Spain's Ana Pelaez Trivino (70) and English players Cara Gainer (68) and Gabriela Cowley (67), with one more round to go in the event. Pelaez, Gainer and Cowley are 5under 139.

Diksha is seeking her second title on the Ladies European Tour after the first one in 2019, when she won the Women's South African Open. Earlier this year, Aditi Ashok won her fourth LET title when she captured the Kenya Ladies Open.

Pranavi Urs, the winner of the Hero Order of Merit in India in 2022, had two eagles on the front nine in the second round as she was Tied-15th with nine more holes to go. Among other Indians, Ridhima Dilawari, who after a first round 74 was even through 15 holes in the second to 2-over for the tournament with three holes left and was Tied-53rd.

Amandeep Drall (74-76) and Vani Kapoor (76 and 20-over through 10 in the second) are likely to miss the cut.

Diksha, who started the day in tied second, started on the tenth and birdied the 12th, 15th and 18th to turn in three-under 33. She added two more birdies and an eagle on her second nine. In two rounds Diksha has just

dropped one shot. Last week, Diksha was tied-third at German Masters and earlier she was tiedeighth at Helsingborg Open and tied-sixth at Belgian Ladies Open.

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o.2 seed Jelena Ostapenko on Saturday overcame Anastasia clash with top seed Barbora Krejcikova in the Birmingham Classic tennis tournament,

Latvia's Ostapenko leads the head-tohead with Krejcikova 4-2. Ostapenko won their most recent meeting in straight sets on the clay of Rome earlier this year.

The 2017 Roland Garros champion come back from a set down against Potapova in their first meeting, and reach her first Hologic WTA Tour final of the sea-

World No.17 Ostapenko and No.21

Birmingham Classic

Ostapenko sets up final with Krejcikova Potapova had won all of their preceding

Potapova 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 to set up a final

Ostapenko needed 2 hours and 7 minutes to

matches this week in three sets, and Saturday's semifinal continued that pattern. Ultimately, it was Ostapenko who prevailed with five breaks of serve to Potapova's three.

Ostapenko saved three set points at 5-4 in the first set, but Potapova took the opener two games later by converting her sixth set

point with a forehand winner. However, Ostapenko used her own fierce forehands to build a 4-0 lead in the second set, eventually leveling the match at one set

Ostapenko earned the critical break at 3-3 in the third set, where she hit four exceptional return winners to break serve. At 5-4, a netted return by Potapova on Ostapenko's first match point sealed victory for the No.2



entertainment



Konkona Sen Sharma recounts struggling in the early phase of her career to 'fit in'

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ctress-director Konkona Sen Sharma, who has been receiving a lot of positive response to her short film in the streaming anthology 'Lust Stories 2', shared that she struggled in the early part of her acting career to look a certain way and "to fit

Konkona's short film, which stars Tillotama Shome and Amruta

Subhash as the lead characters, explores female gaze and voyeurism.

Sharing her thoughts on the existing stereotypes around women and their need for sexual and romantic pleasure, Konkona Sen Sharma said: Very often, the bodies that are allowed to feel the sexual/romantic pleasure are very limited because usually they have to be thin, fair, rich and young - that was the fourth factor. So usually only those kinds of bodies are allowed to desire and also there

have been certain limitations in terms of how people from different eco-

nomic backgrounds are portrayed." She told Film Companion: "I've been acting for twenty years and I've struggled in the early part of my career to look a certain way or to fit in. It's great in a way because it has helped me not seek external validation. I feel we have a very narrow focus on what's desirable and it's nice to be able to talk about this.



SHERLYN CHOPRA

blends seduction and strength in her new look
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oining the cast of the historical fiction drama 'Paurashpur' for Season 2, actress Sherlyn Chopra will play the enchanting character of Maharani Snehlata. In her new look, the actress dons an aesthetic that mixes seduction, allure, strength and regality all in one.

In her first look of 'Paurashpur 2', Sherlyn Chopra's transformation into Maharani Snehlata speaks of boldness and elegance as she dresses up in grand opulence in royal attire, exuding grandeur and embodying the very essence of royalty.

Expressing her excitement about taking on the challenging role, Sherlyn said: "Playing Maharani Snehlata has been a transformative experience for me. The character's depth and complexity pushed me to explore new facets of my acting abilities. It is an honour to be part of a series that celebrates strong and empowered women, and I am eagerly looking forward to the audience's reaction."

Maharani Snehlata is touted as a woman of immense strength and intelligence, she defies the conventional norms of her time, challenging the norms of the patriarchal society she inhabits.

Navigating the intricate web of power dynamics the character is also said to grapple with her own desires and vulnerabilities, making her one of the most interesting char-

Mom-to-be Disha Parmar is happy to be working

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ctress Disha Parmar and Singer Rahul Vaidya announced their pregnancy last month. This news was a big surprise for their fans who are very excited to welcome their baby. The actress attended the launch of the Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management organised by UNESCO and Whisper on Friday in the city where she spoke about working during her pregnancy.

Sharing her experience of working during her pregnancy, she said: "It is a beautiful phase of my life. I go to work every day, finish it and am back home. My production house, my team, and producer Ektaa Kapoor are taking good care of me. They make sure that I work for less hours. I am enjoying every bit of it and am very happy to be working during pregnancy.

Pregnancy photoshoots are in trend these days. When aske what special will she plan for her photoshoot, she said: "I am not going for a special photoshoot. I click random photos and whichever I like; I post them on my social media. I love those photos and my fans are also loving them."

Sharing Rahul's reaction on knowing about her pregnancy, she said, "His reaction was amazing. He was not in town and I gave him the news over a video call. The smile on his face and the brightness of his eyes were priceless."

Disha is currently seen in the third instalment of the show 'Bade Achhe Lagte Hain' series produced by Ektaa Kapoor under Balaji Telefilms.



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he epic romance drama 'Dhruv Tara - Samay Sadi Se Pare' recently welcomed actor Harsh Vashishta to the show as he joined in as a new addition. Harsh said that his character Ravi Saxena will allow the two protagonists Dhruv and Tara to bridge the gap between them and allow their love to grow.

Explaining Ravi's role in building the romance between Dhruv and Tara, Harsh said: "Ravi's character is going to help bridge the gap between Dhruv and Tara, ultimately drawing them closer to each other. It is through Tara's realisation of the emotional turmoil endured by Dhruv and his father that an understanding will take place."

He continued: "Their shared journey of separation and suffering will become a ground for their blossoming love and affection. This will allow Dhruy and Tara to create a relationship built on the foundation of trust and solidari-

Based on the concept that love transcends time itself, the show focuses on Dhruv (Ishaan Dhawan), a neurosurgeon from the 21st century, and Tara (Riya Sharma), a courageous princess from the 17th century.

Playing Dhruv's father in the show, Harsh also described the father-son dynamic of the two characters. He said: "When Dhruv meets his father, Ravi for the first time, it is truly surreal. Even with no words spoken,

there is an evident connection between father and son and it is beautifully conveyed on screen with Dhruv shed-

This bond between Ravi and Dhruv will continue to grow and evolve as the story progresses. "For Ravi, coming out of his trauma and being able to be with his family, especially his son Dhruv, feels like a

miracle. He will cherish every moment he has

with his son and appreciate their relationship, the actor added.

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TV Roadies - Karm ya Kaand' has been auditioning contestants from across the country, eading to a diversity in the auditions. Among the contestants who will take the spotlight on the upcoming episode will be Himanshu whose rude behaviour got the blood of the gang leaders boiling.

This behaviour is characterised by rude gestures, abusive language, and disrespect towards the crew, gang leaders, and society at large.

While filling the form, when asked if he had hit a girl, guy, animal, senior citizen or child as an adult, he answered: "Janwaro ko chodh ke sabko pela hai (I have hit everyone except an animal)." This got all the Gang leaders fuming with rage with Prince Narula, Rhea Chakraborty, and Gautam Gulati making it clear that such behaviour has no place in 'MTV Roadies'.

Furious with Himanshu, Prince will be seen telling everyone how he disrespected the crew and showed

anger: "Tu na Fattu aadmi hai, nihayti fattu... What do you think, we don't know how to make a show? Tu batayega hume show kaise banta hai? (Now you would tell us how to make a show?)... Tu kuch bhi likh, I don't give a damn if you can't respect our crew."

Expressing her rage, Rhea Chakraborty will say: "He (Himanshu) doesn't respect anyone. He hits everyone, he thinks it's funny. Tujhe kya lagta hai tu gangster hai? 3 baar jail gaya hai. You think you are very cool? Why have you abused everywhere on the form? Didn't you know we were going to read it?"

With the escalating tension, viewers will be left wondering whether Himanshu will face the consequences of his behaviour or with luck, possible intervention by Sonu Sood might just give him a

second chance. 'MTV Roadies - Karm ya Kaand' airs on MTV and Jio Cinema.

LEADERS LEFT SEETHING WITH RAGE ON DUE TO 'RUDE' CONTESTANT

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