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Manipur: 'Protest March' held defying curfew, 30 injured as police fire teargas shells

## VIOLENCE CONTINUES

Defying the curfew, the government's appeal and deployment of unprecedented number of central and state security forces, thousands of people from different districts, as part of the 'Protest March', assembled to remove an army barricade at Phougakchao Ikhai in Bishnupur district, a few kilometres away from tribal-dominated Churachandpur district.

Imphal | Agencies

Over 30 protestors, including women, were injured in a clash with the security forces, who also fired several rounds of teargas shells to disperse the thousands of men and women who tried to break security barricades at Phougakchao Ikhai in Manipur's Bishnupur district on Wednesday, officials said.

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), an umbrella body of the Meitei community, and its women wing, called the protest march to remove the army barricade, which locals claim, prevents them from visiting their homes at Torbung, which they had to vacate after the ethnic violence broke out on May 3.

Police and COCOMI leaders said that the injured were shifted to the hospitals.

Hundreds and thousands of men and women of different valley districts also blockaded roads to prevent the movement of security forces who were on their way to Phougakchao Ikhai from Imphal and other valley districts.

According to Apunba Manipur Kanba Ima Lup (AMKIL) President Lourembam Nganbi, hundreds of people belonging to Meitei community fled their homes at Torbung and adjoining areas after the ethnic violence started on May 3 and are



unable to visit their homes because of the army barricades.

Apprehending serious law and

order problems, the Manipur government had cancelled curfew relaxations in Meitei-dominated five valley

### ACADEMICIANS BOOKED BY POLICE FOR 'TWISTING' HISTORY, SHIELDED

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday shielded two academicians, belonging to the Kuki-Zo community, from any coercive action of the Manipur Police after they were booked for editing a book allegedly twisting the state's history.

The FIR was lodged based on the complaint of the Federation of Haomee, an Imphal-based civil society organisation, which claimed that no Anglo-Kuki war had taken place in Manipur and the book incorrectly depicted a Kuki rebellion from 1917 to 1919. It demanded that the book be banned "for the ends of justice and peace in the country".

districts on Wednesday and massive security measures were put in place in view of the protest march called by the COCOMI.

Officials said that a full curfew was clamped in all the five valley districts -- Bishnupur, Kakching, Thoubal, Imphal West, and Imphal East and a huge contingent of security forces were deployed in different districts as a preventive measure from Tuesday evening.

### 'WHAT IS THE STATUS REPORT OF ARMS RECOVERY'

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday called for a status report on recovery of arms, which were allegedly looted during sectarian violence and strife in Manipur, from "all sources".

The bench, had, in its judgement on August 7, asked the Centre and Manipur government to formulate and implement a plan to recover any missing arms after taking stock of the number of arms missing or looted from the state's armouries.

The bench pursued the affidavit filed by the state Chief Secretary refuting the claims that there was shortage of food supplies and an outbreak of chickenpox and measles in the relief camps.

## Govt may cut petrol, diesel price by Rs 3-5 a litre around Diwali

Sanjeev Sharma | New Delhi

Following the recent cut in domestic LPG prices, the Central government may cut petrol, diesel price by Rs 3-5 a litre around Diwali given that key state elections start from November-December, JM Financial Institutional Securities said in a report.

Last week, the government cut the price of the domestic 14.2kg LPG cylinder by Rs 200/LPG cylinder for all 330 million consumers w.e.f. August 30.

This was to give relief to the common man from the recent surge in inflation. OMCs marketing segment earnings could come under risk if: a) Brent crude price sustains above \$85/bbl; and/or b) OMCs are forced to cut petrol/diesel price in the next few months, the report said.

The burden of this LPG price cut will be borne by the government; however, this may increase OMCs' working capital given the usual lag in government compensation. Further, there is high expectation that government may also cut petrol/diesel price by Rs 3-5/litre around Diwali given key state elections start from



November-December. This cut should mostly happen via reduction in excise duty and/or VAT given OMCs are losing on the auto-fuel marketing business at the current high crude price, the report said.

However, we cannot rule out a scenario whereby the government may nudge OMCs to cut petrol/diesel prices as their balance sheets have largely got repaired due to likely strong profits in 1HFY24, the report added. Sharp rise in Brent price to \$90/bbl, driven by OPEC+ supply cuts, and surge in diesel cracks has led to OMCs' blended spot auto-fuel gross marketing margin (GMM) declining to negative Rs 0.1/tr vs. +INR 8.8/tr in

1QFY24 and vs. historical GMM of +INR 3.5/lt.

Our calculation suggest OMCs break-even Brent price (to earn historical GMM) is significantly lower at ~\$80/bbl. Weak marketing margin is being partly offset by jump in GRM aided by strong diesel cracks; however, rise in Chinese oil product export quota and narrowing of Russian crude discount is likely to cap GRMs. OMCs' 2QFY24 EBITDA is likely to decline to Rs 345 billion vs. Rs 483 billion in 1QFY24 but it is still higher vs. normalised quarterly EBITDA of INR 160 billion; HPCL will see the sharpest decline given its leverage to the marketing business, the report said.

India to Bharat

## Shashi Tharoor suggests 'BHARAT' name for opposition bloc

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Wednesday suggested that the opposition parties bloc of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) as 'BHARAT' which means alliance for 'Betterment, Harmony And Responsible, Advancement for Tomorrow' then the ruling BJP might stop its fatuous game of changing names.

His remarks came amid the bitter war of words between the ruling BJP and the Congress after the Rashtrapati Bhawan sent out invites for the G20 dinner of September 9 in the name of 'President of Bharat' instead of the usual 'President of India'.

Tharoor wrote on X, "We could of course call ourselves the Alliance for Betterment, Harmony And Responsible Advancement for Tomorrow (BHARAT). Then perhaps the ruling party might stop this fatuous game of changing names."

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said the opposition INDIA bloc is ready to change its name if it has triggered the Centre's push for Bharat instead of



India.

His remarks came after invitations for a G20 dinner sent out by President Droupadi Murmu, describing her position as 'President of Bharat' instead of the customary 'President of India', triggered a massive furore on Tuesday with the opposition alleging that the Narendra Modi government is planning to drop India and stay with just Bharat as the country's name.

## DCGI ISSUES ADVISORY AGAINST DIGENE GEL

New Delhi: Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi has issued an advisory to discontinue the use of antacid Digene Gel manufactured by drugmaker Abbott India at its Goa unit. The DCGI has issued the advisory following a complaint on August 9 alleging that one bottle of Digene Gel mint flavour is of regular taste (sweet) and light pink colour whereas another bottle of the same batch was of white colour with bitter taste and pungent odour.

The DCGI said the impugned product manufactured at the Goa facility may be unsafe and its use may result in adverse reaction. "The doctors and healthcare professionals should carefully prescribe and educate their patients to discontinue the use and for reporting of any ADRs (adverse drug reactions) arising due to consumption of the said product. Healthcare professionals should promptly report any suspicious cases of adverse events linked to this product," read the advisory issued by Dr Raghuvanshi recently. It further said the said product within active shelf life to be removed from the distribution. The DCGI also asked States/Union Territories Drugs Controllers to keep strict vigil on the movement, sale, distribution, stock of the drug products in the market, draw samples if the product lying in market and initiate necessary action as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules.



## Delhi court to decide on police's cancellation report in POCSO case against Brij Bhushan on Oct 6

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Delhi court on Wednesday deferred pronouncement of order on whether to accept Delhi Police's cancellation report of sexual harassment case by a minor wrestler against former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

The matter on the police's cancellation report, which was filed on June 15 and was not opposed by the complainant during the last hearing, has been adjourned to October 6 now.

On August 1, the purported victim and her father had stated their satisfaction with the police investigation, showing no objections to the police's report in the case.

They had recorded their statement in an in-chamber proceeding before Additional Sessions Judge Chhavi Kapoor.

On July 4, the court sought the minor wrestler complainant's response to the police's cancellation report.

The 550-page report filed by police before the Patiala House Court had said that no corroborative evidence was found in allegations by the minor.

"In the POCSO matter, after completion of investigation, we have submitted a police report under section 173 CrPC requesting for a cancellation of the case based upon statements of the



complainant, i.e., the father of the victim and the victim herself," Delhi Police had said.

However, the father of the minor wrestler involved in the case had stepped forward and claimed that he filed a "false" complaint of sexual harassment against the WFI chief.

## SONIA WRITES TO PM MODI, FLAGS 9 ISSUES FOR PARLIAMENT SPECIAL SESSION



Team Absolute | New Delhi

The special session of parliament will be held from September 18 to 22. Sources say the session will start in the old building of parliament, and be later moved to the new building on September 19. The government, however, has not announced any agenda for the session yet.

Former Congress Chief Sonia Gandhi today wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, pointing out that no agenda had been listed for the special session of parliament.

"I must point out that this special session has been convened without any consultation with other political parties. None of us have any idea of its agenda. All we have been communicated is that all five days have been allocated for government business," Sonia Gandhi said in her letter on Wednesday.

This comes a day after the use of "Bharat" - instead of "India" in official G20 Summit invitations sparked a buzz over the country's name change. Sources say the government may put forward a resolution to change the country's name later this month in the five-day special session of parliament.

### Don't politicize of Parliament's functioning; Pralhad Joshi to Sonia

New Delhi: In response to Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi's allegation that other political parties were not consulted before calling a special Parliament session, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said that she is trying to politicise the functioning of Parliament.

In a letter to Gandhi, Joshi alleged, "It is very unfortunate that you are trying to politicise the functioning of our Parliament, and unnecessarily trying to create controversy when there is no dispute." Joshi wrote, "Following the fully established procedure, President has called the Parliament session starting from September 18. Perhaps you are not paying attention to the traditions. Before calling the session, neither political parties are consulted nor are issues discussed with them. After the President calls the session and before the commencement of the session, a meeting of the leaders of all parties is held in which the issues and business arising in the Parliament are discussed."

## World Heritage site in MP is India's first solar City

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The World Heritage Site Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district has become India's first solar city. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan formally launched it on Wednesday.

It has a capacity of 3 megawatts in Nagauri near Sanchi, which will reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions by 13,747 tonnes. This is equivalent to more than 2,38,000 trees. Sanchi has become India's first solar city.

"The production of electricity from coal and other resources causes a negative impact on the environment. The citizens of Sanchi, the Renewable Energy Department, and all scientists have done a commendable task by resorting to solar energy option," Chouhan said.

"The resolve to make Sanchi a net-zero city with the help of IIT Kanpur is a commendable step. This city will be an example before the world. It is very important to save the environment. The increasing energy needs have to be met by the use of renewable energy. Soon solar pumps will also help in agriculture," he



said. This plant will help Sanchi in annual saving of Rs 7.68 crore on electricity expenditure. The citizens of Sanchi have adopted an idea of solar in every home.

A five-megawatt solar project will be established in Gulgaon soon, which will meet the energy needs of the agricultural sector near Sanchi. About 7,000 citizens in Sanchi have taken a pledge to save electricity by using solar stand lamps, solar study lamps and solar lanterns in their homes. About 63 kilowatt capacity solar plants have been installed on domestic rooftops.



## HARYANA MINISTER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH COMPLAINANT COACH BEYOND PROFESSIONAL INTERACTION: CHANDIGARH POLICE

Chandigarh | Agencies

Haryana minister Sandeep Singh, who is being "defended" by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in sexual harassment charges levied by a junior athletics coach, has had a relationship with her beyond professional interaction, says a 700-page Chandigarh Police charge sheet.

Based on statement of 45 witnesses, the charge sheet notes that the minister couldn't explain why he would meet the complainant beyond official work hours, including late hours.

The minister, a former Indian hockey team captain and a first-time legislator, moved a Chandigarh court for anticipatory bail on Monday and the matter will be listed for hearing on September 13.

In an interview to a YouTube channel and retweeted by Congress leader Kumari Selja, the woman coach accused Sandeep Singh of having attempted to force himself on her on three occasions in 2022.

In her first information report (FIR), she had claimed that Sandeep Singh, then the Sports Minister, had



called her in July 2022 and tried to push himself on her.

The police in chargesheet also said the victim was able to identify the bedroom, side room, bathroom, and all connecting passageways in the official residence of Sandeep Singh.

"This shows the victim had visited the said rooms," said the charge sheet.

The minister had claimed she only came to the main office cabin in his house. As per the charge sheet, "The CFSL reports regarding the mobile phones of the victim indicate that the accused and victim were in regular touch with each other and their relationship was beyond professional interaction.

"However, the accused during his

examination completely denied having any personal relations with her, contrary to the evidence gathered. Some of the witnesses have also mentioned that there was a close relationship between the minister and the victim."

Acting on the complaint, an FIR under Sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 354-A (sexual harassment), 354-B (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to disrobe), 342 (wrongful confinement) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered last year at the Sector 26 police station here.

Asserting that Sandeep Singh, who is currently Minister of State for Printing and Stationery, would not resign, Chief Minister Khattar said in the just-concluded Assembly session that "After giving thought over the issue, I have decided and it is clear now that Sandeep Singh will not be asked to resign".

His assertion came after Congress leader Bhupinder Hooda demanded either dismissal or resignation of Sandeep Singh after being charge sheeted.

## PM Modi asks ministers to counter Udhayanidhi on 'Santan Dharma' remarks

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asked ministers to counter Tamil Nadu Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Santan dharma remarks.

During the meeting with Council of Ministers, Prime Minister Modi asked them to react strongly on Stalin's remark, indicating that the saffron party is set to make it a national issue.

Prime Minister Modi is said to have advised them to refrain from speaking on the Bharat-India name change row.

He advised all ministers to download the G-20 app ahead of the Summit that will help them to interact with the foreign delegates.

In view of the Summit, the Union government has launched the app which can be accessed in all languages and will be functional till the country hosts the event.

For the G20 dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu on September 9, the Prime Minister advised the ministers shun VIP culture, assemble at Parliament and then reach the venue by bus.



The ministers were also given a presentation on the Summit.

## Senior IAF officer calls on MP Governor and and CM, briefs about air show in Bhopal

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Indian Air Force's Maintenance Command chief, Air Marshal Vibhas Pande on Wednesday called on Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan here and

During the meeting, Air Marshal Pande briefed them about the forthcoming, first-ever aerial display at Bhopal by the IAF which will be held on September 30.

Both assured all the help to the IAF for smooth conduct of display, according to the Governor's office.

The IAF is celebrating its 91st anniversary on October 8 and the Air Force Day celebrations will actually commence more than a week before this.

Keeping with the tradition of hosting the celebrations in different parts of the country, an air display will be organised in near Bhopal's Bhojtal Lake.

Officials told IANS that around 50 fighter planes and choppers will participate in the



show, with some flying from bases in north India and reach Bhopal bang on time to evoke awe-struck gasps at Bhoj Tal down below.

These aircraft are going to start rehearsals in Bhopal from September 25 for a week, before the final mega air show on September 30.

## Properties of local terrorists taking refuge in Pakistan will be seized: J&K DGP

Jammu | Agencies

J&K DGP Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said that the properties of those local terrorists who are natives of the UT and have fled to Pakistan to take refuge would be seized.

Addressing a media conference in Rajouri, the DGP said that police has a list of those terrorists who operated in different parts of J&K and then fled to Pakistan to take refuge there.

"Their properties are being attached and the process will continue. A close watch is being maintained on these terrorists as they continue to promote terrorism while sitting across the line of control (LoC).

"There will be no mercy for them. If they try to come back, they will be killed. These people are behind the attempts of reviving terrorism in J&K.

"Nine to twelve terrorists, most of whom are foreigners, are operating in



Rajouri-Poonch range. "We have inputs that they were on the move from Kulgam-Shopian districts in the Valley to Rajouri-Poonch

districts of Jammu division. "Three of them have been killed and the hunt is on to track down others. One terrorist who had slipped

from the mountains was found dead in Reasi. "Another one was killed in Rajouri encounter and the third was killed in Reasi encounter where the operation is still going on," the police chief said.

He said that attempts from across the LoC to revive terrorism will not be allowed to succeed.

He said Village Defence Committees (VDCs) are playing a great role in anti-terrorist operations.

"All major infiltration bids have been foiled. It has been decided to deploy police at some points along with the army on the LoC to further strengthen the border grid," he said.

He agreed that as long as consignments of narcotics continue to be sent from across the border, the challenge of counteracting narcotic smuggling will remain. He said some border residents working as members of narcotic dealing gangs are being identified for strict action.

## NETAJI'S GRAND-NEPHEW RESIGNS AS PRIMARY MEMBER OF BJP

Kolkata | Agencies

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's grand-nephew Chandra Kumar Bose, who had been a leading face of the BJP in West Bengal, resigned from the primary membership of the party on Wednesday.

In his letter to the BJP's national President Jagat Prakash Nadda, a copy of which is available with IANS, Bose has claimed that he has chosen to take this critical step on a significant date for the Bose family "which is the 134th birth anniversary of my grandfather Sarat Chandra Bose, the elder brother Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose".

"The Bose Brothers, Sarat and Subhas Bose, as they are popularly called, stood for an inclusive and secular ideology for independent India," the resignation letter read.

In his letter, Bose had also pointed out that he joined the BJP in 2016 inspired by the leadership and expansive development programme of Narendra Modi and his discussions then centred on the inclusive ideology of the Bose Brothers.

He pointed out that his understanding with the BJP leadership then was that he would prop-



agate this ideology across the nation on a BJP platform.

"It was also decided to form an Azad Hind Morcha within the framework of BJP with the primary objective to propagate Netaji's ideology

of uniting all communities as Bharatiyas, irrespective of religion, caste and creed. This, according to me, is essential to keep our country united and inclusive. My own ardent promotional efforts to achieve these laudable objectives have not received any support from the BJP, either at the Centre or at the state level in West Bengal," he added, in the letter.

Thereafter, Bose claimed that although he had put forward a detailed proposal suggesting a Bengal Strategy to reach out to the people of Bengal, his proposals were ignored.

"Given these unfortunate circumstances, it has become impossible for me to continue in all conscience as a member of the BJP," he said in his resignation letter.

Bose joined the BJP in 2016 before the West Bengal Assembly polls and was welcomed to the party by the then national President of BJP and the current Union Home Minister Amit Shah. That year, he unsuccessfully contested against Mamata Banerjee as a BJP candidate from Bhabanipur Assembly constituency.

He also contested on behalf of BJP from South Kolkata Lok Sabha constituency in 2019. He was also given the chair of BJP's state Vice President in West Bengal.

## Top Meghalaya BJP leader quits party, likely to join NPP

Shillong | Agencies

Ahead of the next year's Lok Sabha elections, top BJP leader in Meghalaya H. M. Shangpliang on Wednesday quit the party citing "nepotism" within its rank and file.

In his resignation letter addressed to Meghalaya BJP President, Ernest Mawrie, Shangpliang said: "I understand that as long as nepotism, prevailing within the rank and file of the state BJP continues under the leadership of the state President, it will hinder all possible steps of the dedicated and loyal party men to freely exercise their minds and grow in the party." "I had repeatedly raised issues to the state President which are pertinent to the growth of the party in Meghalaya particularly in the rural areas and had suggested steps to be taken, keeping in mind of the poll debacle the party faced in the recently

concluded polls in Meghalaya. I had reminded the state President several times of the necessary action proposed to be taken to strengthen the party at various levels in view of the growing internal conflicts within the party in the state," he added.

The BJP leader unsuccessfully contested the Mawsynram assembly constituency in East Khasi Hills district in the February 27 Assembly polls. Shangpliang, who is the Adviser to the Education department of the Meghalaya government, is likely to join the ruling National People's Party (NPP), which is dominates the MDA government.

The BJP has two MLAs in the 60-member Meghalaya assembly. A NPP leader also confirmed that Shangpliang would join the party along with his supporters from Mawsynram Assembly constituency.

## Mumbai man breathes easy with new lungs after 12-hr transplant operation

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A 57-year-old man suffering from a rare and 'debilitating' interstitial lung disease, now breathes easy after undergoing a crucial lung transplant surgery at Global Hospital, an official said here on Wednesday.

A multidisciplinary group led by Dr. Samir Garde, Dr. Chandrashekhkar Kulkarni, Dr. Vishal Pingle, Dr. Prashant Borade, Dr. Shruti Tapiawala and Dr. Khushboo Dharmani transplanted the lungs on the patient in a marathon 12-hour long operation.

Unable to walk even a few steps earlier without oxygen support and with breathing difficulties, post-surgery, Vijay Y. Soman, a resident of Andheri can now walk 600 metres without oxygen support easily, said the team. Interstitial Lung Disease



leads to scarring of lung tissues causing the organ to fibrose and become stiff, and the only treatment is a lung transplant.

After visiting multiple doctors Soman was finally referred to Global Hospitals, Parel, and following tests, was advised home-based oxygen therapy to relieve his symptoms.

In May he needed oxygen support but due to lung

fibrosis, the patient developed pulmonary hypertension, or the blood pressure of the lungs increased, which could affect the right side of the heart which could even fail. At this stage, a patient gets breathless with the slightest exertions plus there is desaturation as the oxygen levels drop.

The medicos said that the incidence of lung fibrosis has shot up by 15 percent in the

past five years and the cause behind it could be indoor and outdoor pollution.

Soman was well-motivated, undergoing physiotherapy and adhering to nutritional advice and after registration in May, he was lucky to get a pair of donor lungs for the transplant.

After the surgery, he recovered well and now can complete 600-metres walk without halt or oxygen support, though he will need to be extra-cautious as "lungs are directly exposed to the atmosphere".

"Since 2021, my breathing troubles and inability to walk had greatly impacted my work. I am thankful to the doctors who promptly addressed my condition. Despite apprehensions from my family, I was resolute in going for a transplant to improve the quality of my life," said Soman.

## Cong forms 8 committees for Rajasthan polls, none headed by Pilot

Jaipur | Agencies

The Congress has formed eight election committees for poll-bound Rajasthan, though none of them will be headed by former Deputy CM Sachin Pilot. However, as a member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), Pilot is an ex officio member of all the election committees.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has been named Chairman of the Coordination Committee, while state in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa has been made the Coordinator of the Core Committee. Assembly Speaker C.P. Joshi has been named the Chairman of the Manifesto Committee, Harish Chowdhary the Chairman of the Strategic Committee, while Mamta Bhupesh has



been named the Chairman of the Media and Communication Committee.

Pro-Pilot minister Murarilal Meena has been made the Publicity and Publication Committee Chairman, while Pramod Jain Bhaya has been named as the Chairman of the Protocol Committee. The leaders appointed as the head of the election committees will remain ex officio members in each committee. Efforts have been made to maintain a

political balance in the election committees. By making Govind Ram Meghwal the Campaign Committee head, the Congress has tried to send out a message to the Dalit voters. The Core Committee headed by Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa has Ashok Gehlot, Govind Singh Dotasra, Jitendra Singh, Sachin Pilot, Harish Chowdhary, Mahendraji Malviya, Mohan Prakash, C.P. Joshi, and Govind Ram Meghwal as its members.

## 2024 LS polls: TMC launches IT, social media cell

Kolkata | Agencies

Understanding the importance of social media, Trinamool Congress on Wednesday has launched the party's information technology and social media cell with a young face heading it.

Party source said that the members of the 37-member information technology and social media cell have been individually chosen by the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and will operate under her direct supervision and guidance.

State Spokesman Debangshu Bhattacharya will be heading the new cell as its convener. "The main task of the cell will be to answer the false propaganda launched by the opposition parties in the state against both the state government and the ruling party, as well as to highlight the achievements made by the party in the overall develop-

ment of the state in the social media," said a senior leader of the party.

The task of the cell, he added, will also be to spearhead the social media campaign for the big battle of 2024 Lok Sabha polls both on behalf of Trinamool Congress individually as well on behalf of the grand opposition INDIA alliance, where the state's ruling party is an important constituent.

Thanking the party leadership for the opportunity given to him, Bhattacharya said that he is especially grateful to the Chief Minister and the party's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee for the assignment. "I know that the task is not easy. BJP will accelerate the pace of its social media propaganda in wake of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. So we will have to be extremely careful and counter each such false propaganda. I hope that I will be able to do justice to the faith that the party has on me," he said.



## ELECTION COMMISSION READY FOR ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, SENIOR CITIZENS WILL CAST THEIR VOTES FROM HOME, 18.86 LAKH NEW VOTERS

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The press conference of the Election Commission was organized in Bhopal on Wednesday. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said that preparations have been completed to conduct fair assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh. Special arrangements have been made to ensure that senior citizens vote as much as possible. He will be able to vote from home. This time a total of 5.52 crore voters will elect the new government. 18.86 lakh voters are in the age group of 18 to 19 years and will exercise their franchise for the first time.

### Voting facility for senior citizens from home

Senior citizens will be able to vote from home by filling Form 12. Senior citizens will have to fill and submit Form 12D within five days from the start of the enrollment process. For voting, the election team will go to their house and conduct voting. Its recording will also be done. Workers of political parties will also be able to go home. This facility will be given to the elderly and disabled. This facility can be availed through Saksham app.



Rajeev Kumar told that the review of election preparations has been completed. Commission officials held meetings at different levels for three days. Preparations were

reviewed. Election Commissioner Anoop Chandra Pandey and Arun Goyal were also present in the press conference.

### Vigilance on social media and fake news

Election Commission officials reviewed the election preparations at three levels. In the first phase, talks were held with representatives of political parties. Understood their issues. After that the preparations were discussed with the collectors and SPs of the districts. After this, a meeting was held at the level of Chief Secretary and Director General of Police. The Election Commission said that political parties had raised the demand that members of the same family should have the same polling station. It has been accepted. Similarly, a demand has been raised for mock poll by casting 50 votes. There was a demand to ban fake news, for this the accountability of the District Magistrate has been fixed. Special monitoring will be maintained on social media.

### The party will explain candidature of candidate with criminal background

The Chief Election Commissioner said that such arrangements will be made at sensitive polling stations that the response team will reach within 100 minutes after receiving information about any untoward incident. Candidates having criminal background will have to give their information in three newspapers. In this, they have to tell what crimes are registered against them. Political parties will also have to explain why they made such a person a candidate? Apart from this, notes will not be transported to ATM after 5 pm.

## Grand rally organized in Bhopal for voter awareness

Thousands of youth participate with passion and enthusiasm for 100 percent voting. Hanuwantiya Band and Police Band give mesmerizing performance. Chief Election Commissioner administers resolution to exercise franchise

Team Absolute | Bhopal

To fulfill the pledge of ensuring 100 percent voting, a voter awareness carnival and walkathon rally was organized on Wednesday in Bhopal. The rally, which started from Platinum Plaza, was flagged off by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, Election Commissioners Anup Chand Pandey and Arun Goyal and Chief Electoral Officer Madhya Pradesh Anupam Rajan. Thousands of college and school students, NCC, NSS, Nehru Yuva Kendra volunteers, Rapid Action Force,

Madhya Pradesh Armed Forces and District Police Force jawans, bikers, large number of citizens including members of Cycle Rally, Pride Women Voters participated in this rally. A group of Pride Women Voters was sent at the forefront of the rally followed by, workers of Rapid Action Force, SAS, District Police Force, NCC, NSS who participated in large numbers. Men and women walked with placards with voter awareness slogans in their hands. The police band continued to encourage them. The rally started with Ganesh Vandana and drum performance by Hanuwantiya

Band. The youth participated with enthusiasm and passion while raising slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Vote Karega Bhopal.

The rally was started from Atal Path to Depot Square, Katju Square, Rang Mahal Square to Smart City Parking, the rally concluded at IT Nagar Stadium.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajeev Kumar, Election Commissioners Anup Chand Pandey and Arun Goyal and Chief Electoral Officer Madhya Pradesh Anupam Rajan also signed the Democracy Wall at the carnival.

## CM Chouhan plants saplings with public representatives



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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Banyan, Kadamba and Jamun in the garden at Shyamla Hills. BJP State General Secretary Bhagwandas Sabnani participated in the plantation on his birthday along with his wife Seema Sabnani, daughter

Deepanshi and family members. Along with Chief Minister Chouhan, former Vice Chairman Board of Secondary Education Bhagirath Kumawat and Shri Rajesh Vishwakarma planted saplings on their birthday. Public representatives Jaiswal, Raja Ram Shivhare, Vijay Singh and colleagues participated in the plantation.

## National Clean Air Day programme today

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In the presence of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhpender Yadav, the national ceremony of International Clean Air Day-2023 (International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies) will start on Thursday, September 7 at 11 am at Kushabhau Thakre Auditorium. Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey, State Environment Minister

Hardeep Singh Dang, Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh will be special guests in the programme focused on "Together for Clean Air". This is the first time that the national programme of "International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies" is being organised in a state outside Delhi. Principal Secretary Environment, Gulshan Bamra said that in the National Clean Air Programme, a "Compendium" of best efforts by cities to reduce air pollution will also be released.

## Siblings mistaken for lovers on Raksha Bandhan, beaten up in Chhatarpur

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A case has been registered by the police in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur district, where a brother and sister were brutally beaten by the locals, mistaking them for lovers. The incident took place on the day of Raksha Bandhan (August 31). The boy identified as Atul Chaudhary, along with his sister, went to the police station and registered a case under the IPC and SC/ST Act against the three accused.

The video of the incident has gone viral on social media, with many claiming

that the accused belongs to the right-wing Hindu organization, Bajrang Dal. The city's superintendent, however, has clarified that there is no concrete evidence to prove that the accused have any link with the Bajrang Dal and the complaint filed with the police has no mention of their association with any organisation. The police said that the investigation into the matter is underway and action will be taken accordingly.

The City Superintendent of Police said, "Those accused are lined up with the Bajrang Dal on social media, but it is completely wrong. Till now,

there has been no information about their any connection with Bajrang Dal."

He further said that the complaint filed with the police has no mention of the involvement of Bajrang Dal. The victim, Atul Choudhary, and the girl were standing at a chaat-tikiya shop near the temple located on Satai Road; they were assaulted there by the accused, on which the police have registered a case," he said, adding, "The video of the incident is circulating on social media, but I want to clarify that it has nothing to do with any political party or organization. The matter is being investigated."

## Shivraj Singh Chouhan jobs Congress over attack on BJP's 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra'

At least seven persons have been booked for pelting stones at the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch district, State Home Minister Narottam Mishra said on Wednesday. The incident took place on Tuesday when a group of persons pelted stones at several vehicles of the convoy which was passing through the Rawli village in the district.



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A day after the BJP's 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' was attacked in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch district, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan pointed fingers at the Congress and said "it will not succeed with such tactics".

State Home Minister Narottam Mishra said seven persons have been booked in connection with incident and claimed the attackers were associated with the opposition Congress.

The Congress was shocked to see the public support the BJP was getting during the 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra', being taken out ahead of the forthcoming state assembly polls, CM Chouhan told reporters at Indore's Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport on Wednesday.

"Kamal Nath was already talking about stones and his statement raises many doubts," he said, without elaborating on Nath's alleged comments.

Chouhan said instructions have been given to investigate the stone-pelting on the 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' on Tuesday night and action will be taken against those behind the incident.

"...but I just want to tell the Congress that it will not succeed with such tactics.

Whatever they (Congress leaders) do, the BJP will win the upcoming assembly elections with an overwhelming majority,"

Chouhan said. He said the politics in the state has always been dignified and the Congress should not resort to low-level tactics.

On the 'Bharat versus India' controversy over the country's name, Chouhan said the country's name is already 'Bharat' and it will always remain 'Bharat'.

Talking to reporters in Rewa, MP Home Minister Mishra claimed state Congress chief Kamal Nath had said that stone-pelting like in Manipur could happen in MP too.

Also, Congress Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh had given the example of Nuh (Haryana) violence, saying it may repeat in MP, Mishra said.

"They were inciting people. An FIR has been registered in the Neemuch (incident) against seven persons, including Khema Gurjar, who are associated with the Congress. The Congress will resort to such tactics out of its frustration," Mishra

claimed. The minister further said the Congress has done this earlier too, but people of the state should understand. The 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' (March for People's Blessings) from Neemuch was launched by Defence Minister and senior BJP leader Rajnath Singh on Monday.

Alarmed by the massive public support for the yatra ahead of the assembly polls, Congress supporters attacked the march in

Neemuch district and vandalised vehicles, state BJP president V D Sharma alleged on Tuesday night.

"I strongly criticise this act of the Congress and we will not spare these goons. Strict legal action will be taken against them," he said.

Sharma alleged vandals hid behind trees and attacked the yatra and broke the vehicles which were part of the convoy in a systematic manner.

The main vehicle (rath) of the yatra along with other vehicles which were part of the convoy were attacked, claimed the BJP leader.

The opposition Congress has sidestepped the BJP's allegations and said the attack reflected people's anger against the ruling party and the government headed by CM Chouhan.

State Congress Media Department chairman KK Mishra on Tuesday said angry people have started giving their "blessings" to the Jan Ashirwad Yatra.

"VD Sharma is venting out his personal frustration on the Congress. Such reaction from members of the public is coming due to the BJP's own sin. The CM recently distributed shoes to people, who are now returning them with love," Mishra quipped.

The BJP has launched the mass outreach programme from five different locations in the state to connect with voters ahead of the year-end assembly polls.

## GET RID OF TOBACCO ADDICTION WITH TCC OF AIIMS BHOPAL

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Inauguration of Tobacco Cessation Clinic in AIIMS Bhopal was done today by Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh. This clinic will be run every Wednesday from 3 to 4 pm. In this clinic, experts from six departments of AIIMS Bhopal - Pulmonary Medicine, Psychiatry, CFM, ENT, Dentistry and Radiation Oncology will jointly provide their services to patients to get rid of tobacco addiction. About 1 million deaths occur every year due to tobacco consumption, while every 6 seconds one person becomes a victim of death due to tobacco. India ranks second in tobacco consumption. Dr. Pankaj Goel, Head of the Dental Department, said that this would be a unique clinic in itself where integrated treatment would help in getting rid of tobacco addiction.

Expressing happiness, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh said that to get rid of tobacco addiction, we have to work together. Apart from this, awareness will have to be spread in schools and col-



leges and an opinion will have to be created so that the young generation is not attracted towards it. Dr. Singh said that the bad effects of tobacco indirectly affect the society as well, we

have to create awareness for this also. The program was coordinated by Dr. Alkesh Khurana, Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine.

## PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG GENERATION AWARE OF EYE DONATION

Eye Bank Team and Eye Department of AIIMS Bhopal, under the leadership of Executive Director Professor Dr. Ajai Singh, organized an "Eye Donation Awareness Program" for the awareness of eye donation at Rajiv Gandhi Ayurveda College, Hospital & Pharmacy, Bhopal. The objective of the program was to tell the importance of eye donation to the young generation of the college. Why eye donation is so important, what is its importance. Eye donation is such a noble cause that can help blind people to regain their sight. The only part of the eye that can be transplanted is the cornea - the outermost layer of the eye. Unfortunately, eye banks remain in shortage of corneas available for transplant, resulting in a huge imbalance between supply and demand.

Eyes can not only give light to us, but after our death, they can also fill light in someone else's life. This eye donation can give them a new life. But some people do not donate eyes due to superstitions. To end some such misconceptions, AIIMS Bhopal's Eye Bank team is approaching young groups.

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APPENDIX IV[See Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]  
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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The borrowers in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of mentioned below and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**1. Name of Borrower: Mr. Devendra Kumar Uday, Mrs. Kalpana**  
Outstanding: Rs. 16,71,455/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five Only)  
Demand notice Dated: 15-06-2023 Date of Possession: 05-09-2023

**Description of the Immovable Property**  
All That Piece And Parcel Of 1 Kita Residential House On Plot Number B-91, Admeasuring 82.20 Sq Meters I.E. 884.47 Sq. Feet, Constructed On Part Of Khaska No. 154, 155, 156, 157/1-163, 158 & 162 Are A Part Of The Total Area Of 4.889 Hectares, Which Is Situated In The Building Known As "Koral Life", Village Karond Kala, Tehsil Huzur, District Bhopal, Nagar Nigam Ward No. 74, Near B.M.H.R.C, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh- 462038, And Bounded As: North: Plot No. B-90 South: Plot No. B-92 East: Plot No. B-83 West: Colony Road

**2. Name of Borrower: Manoj Kumar, Gyan Bai, Gautam Traders**  
Outstanding: Rs. 7,47,449.00/- (Rupees Seven Lac Forty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Nine Only)  
Demand notice Dated: 14-06-2023 Date of Possession: 06-09-2023

**Description of the Immovable Property**  
All That Piece And Parcel Of 3/84 Area 500 Sq.Ft. (46.46 Sq. Mtrs.), A Part Of Land Khaska No. 130/1/Gh, 154/129 Rakha 0.384 Hectare, Situated At Gram Sherpura, Patwari Halka No. 111/24, Bhoo-Adhikar Evam Rin Pustika Part 1 No. M-161590, Rajswan Nirikshak Mandal 02, Nagarpalika Bairsiya, Tehsil & Block Bairsiya, Distt. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh- 463106, And Bounded On The: - East: 20 Ft. Wide Way West: Plot Of Gupta Ji North: Remaining Land Of Seller South: Plot Of Sahu Ji

**3. Name of Borrower: Kallu Kallu , Sudama Bai**  
Outstanding: Rs. 15,40,559.95/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Forty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Nine and Ninety Five Paise Only)  
Demand notice Dated: 12-04-2023 Date of Possession: 05-09-2023

**Description of the Immovable Property**  
All That Piece And Parcel Of Flat No. Mig-504, Fifth Floor, Mig Block-C, Admeasuring 883 Sq. Ft., Aastha Heights Developed Over Revenue Survey No. 14/39/4/D/K, 14/39/4/Gh-40/2, 308/39/1/6, Situated At Gram Lambakheda, P.H. No. 10, Ward No. 79, Teh., Huzur, Distt. Bhopal, M.P., And Bounded As: East: Mig Block-D West: Flat No. Mig-505 North: Passage South: Open  
Date: 07.09.2023  
Place: Bhopal  
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EDITOR'S SPECS

India at G20 likely to push for green development pact

Maintaining its edge over Britain as the fifth largest economy of the world, India at the G20 is likely to push for the global green development agreement which will include climate finance, besides Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE), circular economy, accelerating progress on SDGs, energy transitions and energy security, a report by think-tank Strategic Perspectives said on Wednesday. The report, 'Competing in the new zero-carbon industrial era', compares the performance of these five major economies on manufacturing, deployment and investment in key decarbonisation technologies like renewables, electric vehicles, as well as the economic transition to net zero for the first time. The report shows that the net-zero transition policies have significantly strengthened competitiveness, energy security and future economic prosperity. The group of countries includes three largest emitters as well as the host of this year's G7 and the G20. The report notes: "Due to the massive scale up of renewables China alone accounts for 55 per cent of the world's additional renewable energy installed capacity and more than half of electric cars in the world run in China; in the EU wind and solar account for 22 per cent of electricity mix in 2022 surpassing gas at 20 per cent although the energy security crisis has created challenges which must be met by more investments in clean energy; the clean energy win for the US is coming from the Inflation Reduction Act and the country is a leader in innovation and fiercely competitive to China; and despite high potential, Japan is missing out on leadership opportunities towards investment opportunities in the new industrial era." The analysis shows a significant potential to grow its importance in the global new industrial transition where it must scale up investments in research and development and not solely rely on technology transfer and Chinese imports.

SHRI KRISHNA IS OUR TRUE NATIONAL HERO

Lalit Garg

Shri Krishna is a wonderful and unique national hero of our culture. The character of Shri Krishna is the popular character of a folk hero. He is also the ruler of Dwarka estate, but never addressed as 'King Sri Krishna,' instead, he is Brajmandan. Symmetry in society and the national system was his duty, that's why he never shirked away from his duty, and then religion became his self-discipline, that's why he never rejected it. He remained conscious in the combination of both Pravritti and Nivritti. Only the ideals of Shri Krishna will pave the way for establishing peace in our nation and the world. This mystery has to be understood as to how Shri Krishna implemented the ideal politics, practical democracy, social harmony, integral humanism and disciplined military and war operations. What kind of policy and intentions are required for the all-round development of any nation? The answers to all these questions are found in the life-story of Shri Krishna.

The entire life of Shri Krishna is synonymous with the cultural nationalism of India. The world has come to know India only through his ideals. With the re-establishment of his ideals the world will know and respect India again. Politically astute vision, suppression of evil people, traitors, criminals and corrupt people, determination to keep promises, vow of surrender for the national interest, liberation of innocent people, elimination of disparities, harmony among differences, prevention of mutual enmity, self-accepted self-restraint, everyone's involvement in the national work. Cooperation, control of religious power on royal power and renunciation of power to fulfill all these etc. qualities of Shri Krishna are the national life and cultural values of India. In fact, Shri Krishna was a thinker of that order, which transcends the limits of time, and reaches the eternal and infinite. Whenever injustice increases, a national leader like Shri Krishna has to incarnate, as Shri Krishna Himself has said in the Geeta - Yada-yada hi dharmasya



glanirbhavati bharatah, abhyutthanamdharmasya tadatmanam srijamyham.

That is, a national leader needs to be born only to counter injustice.

One who arouses the consciousness of the entire public in such a way that the entire society moves like a flood in the desired direction in which he wants to take the entire society and not even the highest mountain peak can stop its strong flow. Shri Krishna was also such a national leader, on whose instructions all the Gop-Gopis left Braj and united against the Demon King Kansa. Even though Goshwami Tulsidas was far away from power in the medieval period, his great work Ramcharitmanas still remains a favourite among the masses and even today Tulsis name is resonating in most parts of India; more than that of any ruling king, king or emperor.

Shri Krishna's personality and his works are multi-faceted and multi-coloured, covering all the characteristics of leadership, i.e. political skill, intelligence, tact, war strategy, personal charm, political charisma, love, gravity, happiness, sorrow and whatnot? For a patriot, Lord Krishna is not only God, but also a teacher who teaches the art of living life as a successful citizen. Due to various characteristics of his personality, he attained the status of a superhero in Indian culture. On one hand, he was a knower of politics, and on the other hand, he was a great scholar of philosophy. Taking leadership in the religious, political and social spheres, he promoted the syncretic religion of knowledge-action-devotion. On the basis of his qualifications, he

was a Yugapurush, who later on was accepted as Yuvavata. We remember Him as a great revolutionary hero. He was a philosopher, a thinker, a messenger of Karma and Sankhya Yoga through Geeta and a policy director of the Mahabharata war, but for the simple Brajvasis, he was a music maker, a butter thief, the mischievous Kanhaiya who broke the pots of the Gopis and befooled Gopis. This is the expression in the Gita - "O Arjuna! The devotee who worships me with the same feelings, I also worship him in the same way. We see the same characteristics in our Prime Minister Narendra Modi also, because by assimilating the life ideals of Shri Krishna, he is creating a strong India - a new vibrant India!"

There was such a beautiful coordination of different types of qualities in the life of Shri Krishna that on one hand, he could enjoy the common people; on the other hand, he could uproot and throw away the teeth of an intoxicated elephant like Kunalaya Peed with his own hands. This coordination of amazing abilities puts Shri Krishna in a completely different league from other heroes. The significance of Shri Krishna encompassing ideological and practical ground, which flowed uninterruptedly in the Indian society, was implemented by Chanakya through diplomacy, Tulsidas through devotion, Gandhi through service, Jayaprakash Narain through the public awareness, Mohan Bhagwat through organizational skills proved the practical usefulness of thinking. Shri Ram, despite being in power, always remained unat-

tached to it in the same way as a lotus leaf remains unattached to it even though it lives in the intoxicating water. Shri Krishna took this tradition of Shri Ram even further. Shri Ram was in power for some time in his life, but Shri Krishna always remained away from political power. He placed other people in power, but continued worshipping himself. His humility was to such an extent that when everyone was assigned work in Rajsuya Yagya, Shri Krishna himself took the responsibility of making people pick up used utensils! Such was his humility! The result of this humility was that the crown jewels of all the kings kept falling at his feet. Because of these qualities, even today we consider him the master-practitioner of sixteen arts. No other person in the whole of India from ancient times to the modern times could receive this honour!

The person who stays away from power, and gives direction to the entire nation, despite being away, is a true national leader. The life of a national leader is one of sacrifice. There is no desire for wealth in his life. Lord Shri Ram was handed over the throne by his father Dasharatha. He could have remained on that throne. But he was detached from power. Shri Krishna also joins the same tradition. Three qualities were especially present in Him - sacrifice, detachment from power and amazing ability to organize people's power. Due to these three qualities, Shri Krishna succeeded in bringing about the change in the era as per his wish. The ideological level of Shri Krishna was much higher than the practical level. However, he coordinated his ideological and practical plans in such a way that it was not even known where the two streams merged into each other.

The character of Shri Krishna as a national leader is also very divine. Everyone gets drawn towards them. The one who attracts everyone towards himself, paves the path of devotion, removes the sins of the devotees, he is Shri Krishna. He is an ideal character who is a psycholo-

gist while diagnosing Arjun's mental distress, an incarnation of Dharma, while killing demons like Kansa, an ideal politician while countering self-interested politics, the best musician in the form of Vishwa Mohini Bansi Bajaiya, the Brijvasi. In front of Sudama, He is Premavata, an ideal friend; in the form of Sudarshan Chakradhari, there is a warrior and pioneer of social revolution. Even the smallest incidents of His life prove that he was blessed with omniscience. He was the embodiment of religion and a skilled politician.

The administrative and political character of Shri Krishna is very super-natural; in short his overall thought philosophy has only one message - Karma. It is only through karma that it is possible to suppress the harmful tendencies of the society, and replace them with noble tendencies. Shri Krishna's personality is full of infinite compassion. But it is rare to find somebody else tougher than Him who opposes injustice and oppression. The same Shri Krishna who used to run barefoot for the sake of the one who loved him, the same Shri Krishna also became extremely harsh and ruthless in punishing the wicked. While preaching Geeta, Shri Krishna had told Arjun that there is no benefit in living under the influence of attachment. All these relatives are worth saying, but you have to emphasize on the delivery of knowledge, action and devotion to achieve your objective. Many legends and myths are prevalent about Shri Krishna. But there is a need to make a proper and rational historical evaluation of them in the contemporary context.

Shri Krishna has become the nurturer of rural culture. He gave unprecedented respect to cows in his time. He was conscious about the health and eating habits of cows and cowherds. The form of Shri Krishna as a butter thief was not only a direct challenge to the autocratic power, but at the same time, it was also an encouragement to rural culture.

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BIDEN WILL CALL FOR 'RESHAPING' WORLD BANK, IMF AT G20

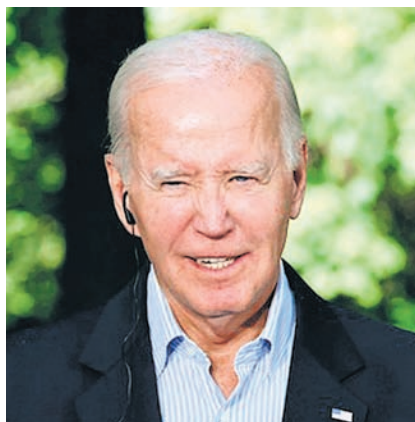
Yashwant Raj | Washington

US President Joe Biden will focus on "fundamentally reshaping and scaling up the multilateral development banks" during his upcoming visit this week to New Delhi for the G20 leaders' meeting, the White House said.

Biden's other priorities for the summit will include debt relief for countries, climate, health, digital technology, including commitments with respect to a more inclusive digital transformation and a responsible path and approach to Artificial Intelligence development.

The US President's plans have not changed because of wife, First Lady Jill Biden, testing positive for Covid-19. He has tested negative but due to possible exposure to the virus he will be undertaking the usual precautions mandated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), such as wearing masks in public places and around people.

Biden will leave for New Delhi on Thursday, National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said on Tuesday at a news briefing to preview the visit.



Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a bilateral meeting on Friday and then the US President will attend G20 meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

This will be Biden's first visit to India as President. He went there last in 2013 as Vice-President.

"Delivering on an agenda fundamentally reshaping and scaling up the multilateral development bank's, especially the World Bank and the IMF (the International

Monetary Fund)" will be one of the main focuses of the US President, Sullivan said.

He added: "We know that these institutions are some of the most effective tools that we have for mobilising transparent, high quality investment into developing countries. And that's why the US is championing the major effort that is currently underway to evolve these institutions so that they are up to the challenges of today and tomorrow."

Nominating Indian-American Ajay Banga to head the World Bank was a part of these efforts, the Biden administration has said before.

Pointing to expanded US funding of the World Bank by \$25 billion, per a request to US Congress from the Biden administration, the US National Security Adviser said the US expects other partner countries to follow its lead.

"We've been leading this effort that we hope will see the G20 endorsed this level of ambition and deliver a broader vision of multilateral development banks that are better, bigger and more effective."

Russia's invasion of Ukraine will also be on the table.

Over 36,000 evacuated in China's Fuzhou due to typhoon Haikui

London | Agencies

Beijing: More than 36,000 people in Fuzhou, capital of China's Fujian province, have been temporarily evacuated as typhoon Haikui brought heavy rainstorms to the region, authorities said Wednesday.

As of 7 a.m. Wednesday, torrential rains had inflicted damage to 147 townships of the city, leading to a direct economic loss of over 552 million yuan (\$76 million), according to the city's flood control and drought relief headquarters.

Multiple areas of the city experienced heavy rainstorms starting from 9 p.m. on Tuesday, with cumulative precipitation from 9 p.m. Tuesday to 5 a.m. Wednesday breaking three-hour and six-hour maximum rainfall records of the Wushan national weather station, reports Xinhua news agency reported.

Primary schools, middle schools, kindergartens and extracurricular training institutions remained suspended on Wednesday, and urban buses, subways, trains and airport shuttle buses temporarily suspended operations. Resorts and parks were temporarily closed.

Britain's 2nd largest city declares itself bankrupt

London | Agencies

Birmingham, Britain's second largest city, has effectively declared itself bankrupt, shutting down all non-essential spending after being issued with equal pay claims totaling up to 760 million pounds (\$956 million), the media reported.

The Birmingham City Council, which provides services for more than one million people, filed a Section 114 notice on Tuesday, halting all spending except on essential services, reports CNN. The deficit arose due to difficulties paying between 650 million pounds and 760 million pounds in equal pay claims, according to the notice report.

The city now expects to have a deficit of 87 million pounds for the 2023-24 financial year.

Sharon Thompson, deputy leader of the council, told councilors on Tuesday that it faces "long-standing issues, including the council's historic equal pay liability concerns", CNN reported. Thompson also blamed in part



the UK's ruling Conservative Party, saying Birmingham "had 1 billion pounds of funding taken away by successive Conservative governments". In response, a spokesperson for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said that "clearly it's for locally elected councils to manage their own budgets". The government has been "engaging regularly with them to that end and has expressed concern about their governance arrangements and has requested assurances from the leader of the council about the best use of taxpayers' money", the spokesperson added.

The multicultural city of Birmingham is the largest in central England.

It hosted last year's Commonwealth Games and is scheduled to hold the 2026 European Athletics Championships.

21 killed as Brazilian state reels from worst cyclone disaster

Brasilia | Agencies

At least 21 people were killed and thousands displaced from their homes in Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul state due to torrential rain and winds caused by a cyclone, with more flooding expected.

According to local media, hundreds of people had to be rescued from their rooftops in Mucum as 85 per cent of the town was flooded, the BBC reported.

More than 300 mm of rain hit the state in less than 24 hours, triggering floods and landslides, officials said.

Calling the situation as the state's worst-ever weather disaster, Rio Grande do Sul Governor Eduardo Leite told reporters on Tuesday that 15 more bodies had been found in Mucum earlier in the day, bringing the death toll to 21.

"There are still people missing," the BBC quoted Mucum Mayor Mateus Trojan as saying to the local media.

"The death toll might climb higher. The



town of Mucum as we knew it no longer exists."

Rescue workers have been using helicopters to reach areas cut off by flooding.

Meanwhile, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said the federal government was ready to help.

In February, at least 40 people were killed in flooding and landslides in Brazil's Sao Paulo state, while last year some 100 persons died as torrential rain triggered landslides and torrents of mud near the city of Recife.

Family to welcome Rishi Sunak's first India visit by hosting feast in his honour

London | Agencies

Ahead of Rishi Sunak's first official trip to India as Britain's Prime Minister during the G20 summit this week, his relatives are planning a banquet in New Delhi to welcome the Indian-origin leader to his ancestral land.

The Telegraph reported that the Sunak's relatives will host a feast with flower bouquets and "non-stop dancing" to Punjabi music in New Delhi on Thursday or Friday.

Sunak's maternal uncle, Gautam Dev Sood, said all relatives have been asked to gather in New Delhi to mark the arrival of the Prime Minister, who is likely to be accompanied by his wife Akshata Murthy on the three-day trip.

The menu will feature a mixture of North and South Indian cuisines, with "flower bouquets and beverages



for the dinner as well", Sood told The Telegraph, adding that it is a "great honour for us that he is visiting his

ancestral land". "We can't divulge exact details but a plan is in place to welcome the

Prime Minister. We are gearing up for a night of non-stop dancing, mostly to the lively-beats of the traditional Punjabi music, although I imagine we might also groove to a few English tunes along the way," said Subhash Berry, Sunak's paternal uncle.

However, Sunak is not planning to attend the event, pencilled for Thursday or Friday night, because of an intense schedule of meetings with world leaders between Friday and Sunday, the newspaper reported. Born to Indian parents in Southampton with roots in Punjab, the 42-year-old is the first Indian-origin person to assume the office of the Prime Minister in the UK.

The British Indian leader has described India as an "indispensable partner" of the UK across all spheres of bilateral cooperation, which he is keen to bolster further.



Maratha quota

# SHIV SENA (UBT) DELEGATION MEETS GOVERNOR, DEMANDS FADNAVIS'S RESIGNATION

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A delegation of Shiv Sena (UBT) lawmakers on Wednesday met Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais and demanded the resignation of Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis over police action in Jalna district against protesters seeking quota for the Maratha community.

Talking to reporters, Ambadas Danve, Leader of Opposition in the legislative council, said Devendra Fadnavis, who is also a deputy chief minister, has expressed regret over the lathi charge on protesters in Jalna, but a mere apology won't suffice.

We have demanded that the home minister resign, Ambadas Danve said.

Last Friday, the police in Jalna district baton charged and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse a violent mob in Antarwali Sarathi village after protesters allegedly refused to let



authorities shift activist Manoj Jarange, who has been on fast for Maratha quota since August 29, to hospital.

Around 40 policemen and several protesters were injured and many buses were set on fire during the violence that erupted there, reigniting the issue in the state.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and former minister Aadiya Thackeray sought to know who gave the orders to use

force on the protesters.

Who is General Dyer (a reference to the British officer who ordered the firing which led to the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre) among Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Ministers (Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar?

Who gave the orders to lathi-charge? Action will be taken against officials who lathi-charged, but what about those who issued orders from

the government? Aadiya Thackeray said. Devendra Fadnavis on Monday expressed regret over the police action. Reservation in jobs and education provided by the Maharashtra government to the Maratha community in 2018 when Fadnavis was chief minister was quashed by the Supreme Court in May 2021, citing the 50 per cent ceiling on total reservations among other grounds.

Meanwhile, On Tuesday, a delegation of Maharashtra government reportedly failed to convince Manoj Jarange Patil, whose hunger strike for Maratha quota entered the 8th day.

Manoj Jarange, who has been holding the hunger protest in Antarwali Sarathi village in Jalna stated that he would stop drinking water and fluids after four days if a favourable decision on quota is not taken by the government. The Maharashtra government has reached out to the activist twice urging him to withdraw the fast.

# Tainted IRS officer gifted Rs 1.75-L gold payal to Kerala actress, claims ED

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A tainted IRS officer Sachin Sawant who was nabbed in June in a money-laundering case, had allegedly lavished a Rs 1.75-lakh 'payal' to his purported girlfriend and a Kerala actress, the Enforcement Directorate has claimed in its charge-sheet.

The ED has alleged that Sawant, 43 - who was once its former Deputy Director in Mumbai besides holding different positions with Customs and GST departments, as an ex-OSD to a Minister in the Maharashtra government - had amassed huge wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income.

This included around Rs 4.11-crore earned through illegal sources and Rs 2.5 crore in the name of self and family members, some associates and even his driver, over the past nearly 15 years, most of which are now under scrutiny for money-laundering.



According to a statement to ED by his driver, Sawant had travelled from Mumbai to Kochi (Kerala) several times to meet his 'girlfriend' who was his neighbour in Mumbai, and on one occasion gifted her the expensive gold anklet.

However, the accused officer's legal team has denied all the ED allegations, claiming he is being framed and said that all the expenses are fully accounted for.

means, was deposited in the bank accounts of his wife, parents, kin and others and part of it was used to repay loans or purchase various assets, including real estate.

Sawant is also accused of investing his ill-gotten wealth in the accounts of companies owned/controlled by relatives or friends, and later ploughed back disguised as 'salaries' to them.

The ED, which filed the money-laundering case based on a CBI complaint, is attempting to trace out more assets and where Sawant may have diverted his ill-earned monies.

# India to Bharat change an 'insult' to Ambedkar's Constitution, says Sanjay Raut

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government at the Centre, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Wednesday said that changing the name of India to Bharat amounts to 'an insult' to the Constitution framed by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

He said that the country's Constitution had incorporated both 'India' and 'Bharat' and nobody had any problems for all these years with the usage of India, "so who has given them the right to make the name change" now.

"The problems started a couple of months ago after the National Opposition parties united under the 'Indian National Democratic Inclusive Alliance' (I.N.D.I.A.) bloc that has shaken the BJP deeply," he contended. "The BJP is now scared even by the name of the country, INDIA which it has been using for so many of its own schemes. Then what happened suddenly to make this move, and how many more things you will change," Raut asked sharply.

The Sena (UBT) leader warned that the people of the country will not support the



BJP's politically-motivated move to save itself. "They will give a fitting reply to the BJP in the next elections when the INDIA group will come to power," declared Raut, what the party President and former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray had said on September 1 here during the INDIA Conclave.

# Sitharaman urges Fintechs to safe-guard against cyber, crypto threats

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Acknowledging the role of fintechs for driving more inclusions and influencing India's financial ecosystem, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman urged them to beware and safeguard themselves against conventional and modern threats in a multipolar world.

Inaugurating the three-day Global Fintech Fest (GFF 2023) here, the FM said that today fintech is a robust and dynamic financial inclusion tool, and in lending they hold a 36 percent share of new-to-credit customers versus 22 percent share of the brick-and-mortar banks for which it's one of the core businesses.

However, she said that in the modern world, the fintech ecosystem is open to various threats and challenges including physical border threats by conventional warfare,



cyber threats, crypto threats, drugs and drug mafias, tax haven and tax evasions.

Addressing these threats which are before us and active are key to building a responsible, inclusive and resilient and sustainable financial ecosystem for which Sitharaman appealed to fintechs to invest heavily

to protect themselves from such threats.

Later, a glittering awards night was held in which prominent fintech players from India and abroad were honoured in different categories.

The coveted Global Award for 'Leading Fintech Personality of the Year' for the Gulf Cooperation

Countries went to Aadeb Ahamed, Managing Director, Lulu Financial Holdings, Abu Dhabi, for revolutionising cross-border payments between the GCC and India.

The President & COO of One97 Communications Ltd Bhavesh Gupta bagged the 'Fintech Leader of the Year', Volt Founder-CEO Tom Greenwood conferred the 'Leading Fintech Personality of the Year-Europe', Zerodha CTO Kailash Nadh won the 'Fintech CTO of the Year' awards, and Open Network for Digital Commerce given the 'Fintech Company of the Year' award.

Sitharaman also unveiled a through leadership report, "The Second Wave - Resilient, Inclusive, Exponential Fintech" in the presence of top honchos like Yash Erande, Saurabh Tripathi, Vishwas Patel, Naveen Surya, Kris Gopalakrishnan, G. Padmanabhan, Praveena Rai, Dilip Asbe, Srinivas Jain and others.

# HC grants ex-Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar interim protection from arrest

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Bombay High Court has granted interim protection from arrest to former Mumbai mayor Kishori Pednekar for a duration of four weeks in connection with an alleged scam related to the purchase of body bags for Covid-19 victims.

Justice N J Jamadar, presiding as a single bench, provided this relief to Pednekar, emphasizing that the investigation was ongoing, and there was currently no need for custodial interrogation.

The court specified that consideration of custodial interrogation could be addressed during the final hearing. Consequently, Pednekar's liberty was safeguarded for four weeks, with the provision that she would be released on a personal bond of Rs 30,000 in the event of her arrest.

Furthermore, the court directed



Pednekar to cooperate with the probe, requiring her to appear before the city police's Economic Offences Wing on September 11, 13, and 16 for questioning from 10 am to 1 pm.

The matter will be revisited by the bench after the four-week period. Pednekar sought relief from the High Court after a sessions court

rejected her pre-arrest bail plea last week. The sessions court's decision cited the serious nature of the economic offense allegations involving a substantial amount of public funds.

The Mumbai police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) had registered a case against Pednekar and two senior officials of the Brihanmumbai

Municipal Corporation (BMC) under various Indian Penal Code sections, including 420 (cheating) and 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy). The case was initiated following a complaint lodged by BJP leader Kirit Somaiya.

The allegations centered on the misappropriation of funds and irregularities in managing health facilities and procuring essential items such as body bags for deceased Covid-19 patients and masks during the pandemic.

Pednekar, who served as Mumbai's mayor from November 2019 to March 2022, when the term of the BMC's general body concluded, claimed that she was falsely implicated and that the complaint against her was politically motivated. She argued that the case was initiated after a split within the Shiv Sena party, and she is being targeted because she is aligned with the Uddhav Thackeray faction.

# Maratha quota activist Jarange's health deteriorates as hunger strike enters 9th day

Aurangabad | Agencies

Manoj Jarange, a fervent activist championing the cause of Maratha quota rights, has entered the ninth day of his hunger strike in Maharashtra's Jalna district. His health condition has significantly worsened prompting doctors to initiate intravenous fluid treatment due to severe dehydration. PTI reported that Jarange's blood pressure has registered below the normal range.

Jarange started his hunger protest on August 29, seeking a prompt resolution to the Maratha quota issue. In a determined move, he declared his intent to cease drinking water and fluids if a favorable decision regarding the Maratha quota is not reached.

Despite two government-



led attempts to convince him to stop his fast, Jarange remains steadfast in his resolve. The ongoing agitation has not been without incidents; earlier in the protest, violent clashes erupted, resulting in injuries and damage to property.

On Tuesday, Maharashtra's Tourism

Minister, Girish Mahajan, along with fellow cabinet members Sandipan Bhumre and Atul Save, engaged in a discussion with Jarange to address his concerns. They urged him to accompany them to Mumbai for talks with Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. However, Jarange declined the offer.

# Man booked for manhandling Bhiwandi civic official in his office

Team Absolute | Thane

An assistant municipal commissioner of Bhiwandi Nizampur municipal corporation in Maharashtra's Thane district was manhandled in his office by a man, following which an FIR was registered against him, police told news agency.

The man, identified as Mohammad Ibas Momin, accused the civic official of not taking action against illegal construction in Bhiwandi city and pushed him off the chair. A police officer said that the concerned civic official tried to explain to Momin that action would be taken the next day with the help of police but he shouted at him and shoved him off the chair.

Police have registered a case under sections 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty),



323, (Voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (punishment for insulting someone intentionally to provoke them) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Meanwhile, the Anti-Corruption Bureau has

arrested an engineer, a technician and a clerk of the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company (MSEDCL) and another man in a case of bribery in Thane district, the ACB said on Tuesday.

# THREE PERSONS KILLED, TWO INJURED AS CAR COLLIDES WITH TRUCK ON MUMBAI-AHMEDABAD HIGHWAY

Palghar: Three persons were killed and two others injured when their car jumped a road divider and collided with a truck on Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway in Maharashtra's Palghar district on Wednesday morning.

The car with five occupants was heading from Mumbai towards Ahmedabad in Gujarat when the accident took place near Sativali village at around 6.30 am, senior police inspector Jairam Ranavare from Valiv police station said.

The car jumped the road divider, went into a lane on the other side and collided head-on with a truck coming from the opposite direction.

Three car occupants died on the spot while two others were injured, adding the vehicle was completely damaged.

After being alerted, local police and firemen rushed to the spot.

# Bombay HC fumes over presence of residential structures around ammunition factory in Pune

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday expressed its displeasure over the presence of residential structures around the ammunition factory at Khadki in Pune by attributing it to "irregular" town planning, and said human lives cannot be put at risk this way.

In case of any untoward incident, the lives of people living in the vicinity of the factory would be at risk, a division bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Arif Doctor pointed out while also warning the government and the local civic bodies of "strict action" if they fail to resolve the issue. The bench directed the Union Ministry of Defence, the Maharashtra government,



Commissioners of the Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad municipal corporations and Pune Collector to convene a meeting and come up with a viable solution on the issue. The court was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by two Pune residents raising concerns over the residential buildings erected in the restricted area. The petition sought a direction to the

authorities to not permit any construction of structures in the area. The bench pulled up the Maharashtra government for allowing such irregular town planning. "Human lives are at stake here. God forbid if something happens...for whose protection are these ammunitions being stored? You are risking the lives of public," CJ Upadhyaya said. The bench warned of

strict action if the government and the municipal authorities fail to resolve the issue.

"We want all the authorities to sit together and sort it out. Or else, we are going to deal with this with a strict hand. We don't want any shirking of responsibilities...no passing the buck and no blame game. All the authorities have to work together and save the lives of citizens," the bench said. Additional Solicitor General Devang Vyas informed the court that a meeting would be held and a solution would be arrived at.

"We expect and hope and repose our trust on the authorities that some positive talks would be held to resolve the issue," the court said while posting the matter for hearing on October 30.



# Drake shares picture of bras thrown at him at gigs



Los Angeles | Agencies

Rapper Drake has shared a picture posing with all the bras he's collected after women threw them at him during his performances.

Drake took to Instagram on Wednesday and shared a picture featuring over 1000 colourful bras. He is seen standing in front of them as they are kept on the ground while the 'God's plan' hitmaker poses in front of it and flashes a huge smile.

He captioned the image: "Remember when we both forgot who the f\*\*\* I was in unison... That wavelength was def a foolish one."

In just one hour of uploading the picture, it received over 5,00,000 likes.

A fan commented: "Bruh got a library full of bras."

Another said: "Mans got more bras than Victoria Secret."

"Praying for the dude that had to lay these out. They're organised by size," said a fan.

A happy fan said: "You won bro."

Last month, Drake made a request to

the fans when his son, Adonis Graham, attended his concert for the first time. He had said: "Y'all keep your bras on."

It's not the first time that the rapper talked about lingerie on stage during his It's All a Blur Tour.

On the Montreal stop of the tour in July, Drake quipped that he felt like he was giving a bad show because nobody in the audience was throwing their bras on stage.

# TAYLOR SWIFT

## REPORTEDLY DATING ANOTHER ACTOR

Los Angeles | Agencies

Singer Taylor Swift reportedly is dating another actor, several months following her split from Matty Healy, lead vocalist of pop rock band The 1975.

The news was first shared by Deuxmoi.

On Monday, the celebrity gossip account posted a claim by a follower who said: "Taylor Swift is dating another actor and that's why she's in LA so much again."

Seemingly affirming the statement, the gossip account replied: "Are you telling us or asking us lol. Because if you're asking yes, I would believe (sic) that."

There is no word on the actor who is said to be in a relationship with Taylor though, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Taylor and Matty's relationship was first exposed in early May, but in June the two reportedly called it quits.

Deuxmoi reported at the time that the pair might not be really over because they were never dating to begin with, describing their brief fling as "not a committed relationship".

"It was hard and fast and not a committed relationship right off the hop. He's on tour in Europe and she's touring the US. Logistical problems at the moment... People are nuts," a source told the outlet.

The gossip blog further stressed that Taylor and Matty "aren't in the same country right now so they aren't hanging out but maybe they'll hook up again in the future".



Los Angeles | Agencies

# Miley Cyrus recalls 'scaring' Ariana Grande by flirting with her during duet

Los Angeles | Agencies

Two-time Grammy nominee Miley Cyrus recalled the time she managed to 'scare' two-time Grammy winner Ariana Grande by flirting with her a little too much as they performed their first-ever duet back in 2015.

The former child stars - both 30 - were singing a cover of Crowded House's 1986 ballad Don't Dream It's Over for her Happy Hippie Presents: Backyard Sessions while clad in animal onesies when the awkward moment occurred.

During the duet, Miley (born Destiny) missed her part while saying something to Ariana - who covered off the inflatable couch - and proceeded to apologize to the band and crew: "Sorry I was flirting, sorry!"

Cyrus - who boasts 346.5M social media followers - admitted via TikTok on Tuesday: "I was flirting with her, and she was a little scared. We were having fun."

The Tennessee-born pansexual pop star continued: "Ariana's a real friend. There's never been a time where I've asked her to do something that was important to me that she didn't come through, and same thing for me with her."

Grande re-posted Miley's nostalgic storytime with the caption: "My sweet... Love you always @miley-cyrus. We #usedtobe-young!"

Cyrus then replied to the pretty R&B belter via Instastory: "Love you 5ever my friend."



Joe Jonas, Sophie Turner file for divorce saying their marriage is 'irretrievably broken'

After four years of marriage, singer Joe Jonas and actress Sophie Turner have filed for divorce, saying that their marriage is now "irretrievably broken". The musician and the former 'Game of Thrones' star tied the knot in 2019 after nearly three years of dating and have two children together: Willa, 3, and a second daughter, identified in the divorce documents as D., 14 months, TMZ reported.

At this point, Joe is asking for joint custody of the couple's children. In the divorce documents, Joe and Sophie have a prenup, as the pop singer wants a judge to establish a parenting plan between him and 'The Dark Phoenix' actress, that allows for "frequent and continuing contact with both parties".

The couple first connected through their Instagram DMs in 2016. "We had a lot of mutual friends, and they'd been trying to introduce us for a long time," Sophie told Harper's Bazaar UK in 2019.

"We were following each other on Instagram and he direct-messaged me one fine day, out of the blue."

A few months after they connected on social media, Joe and Sophie had officially begun dating, with the singer even noting that was "willing to settle down for her".

In October 2017, about a year after they began seeing each other, the couple announced that they were engaged.

The couple have been having marital problems for over half a year now, citing their difference in lifestyle, attitude and their compatibility which had deteriorated over the years.

In the divorce documents acquired by TMZ, it was noted that Joe is more of an indoors person while Sophie likes to party and hang out more often.

As such, the musician has been taking care of their children a lot longer than Sophie, which means that even though he has asked for a 50 per cent custody, he could ask for significantly more, given that he has been the more responsible parent.

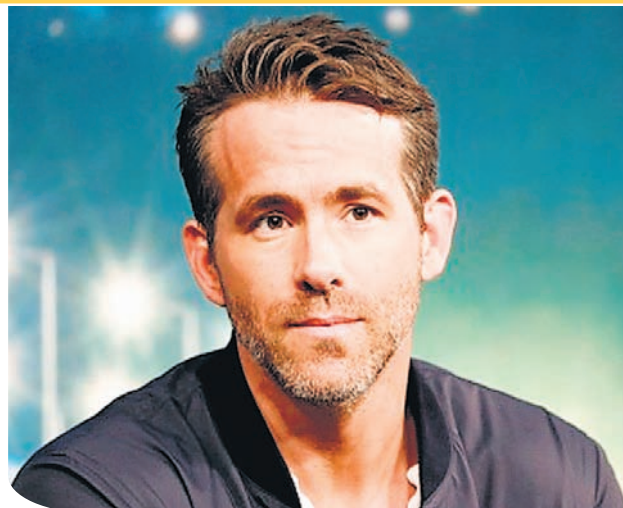
# RYAN REYNOLDS WENT TO 'MONARCHY BOOT CAMP' TO PREP FOR MEETING KING CHARLES III

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Ryan Reynolds and his friend Rob McElhenney went to 'monarchy boot camp' to perfect their etiquette before meeting King Charles III.

The pair were asked to meet with the new monarch and his wife Queen Camilla at the team's ground in Wales in December and Ryan has now shared they hired an etiquette coach to whip them into shape ahead of the big day, reports femalefirst.co.uk. Speaking in a trailer for the new season of their documentary series 'Welcome To Wrexham', Ryan explained: "So the King of England called... We went to monarchy boot camp. It was like the military except your pinky is always up." The teaser showed them meeting with the coach who was instructing them how to give a proper handshake, telling them: "Everything begins with the first impression. Let me see the two pumps and release." Another moment shows Ryan sitting very still in a chair with the actor joking: "I feel like a serial killer." The clip was shared on the show's official social media pages with the caption explaining the co-owners got a "crash course in royal etiquette" and the meeting with the royal couple was filmed for the second series.

Speaking after the meeting, King Charles admitted he was thrilled to see sport in the town of Wrexham doing so well. He said: "I had the opportunity to see one of the other wonders of Wrexham, namely the football club, which is busy putting Wrexham on the map as never before." Ryan also posted a picture of the meeting on his Instagram page, and joked: "Welcome to Wrexham Season 2: Charles in Charge!"



# ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



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## Asia Cup Cricket Championship

# SCHEDULE, VENUES CONFIRMED FOR SUPER 4 STAGE; INDIA, PAKISTAN SET TO MEET AGAIN IN COLOMBO

Colombo | Agencies

The Super 4 stages of the ongoing Asia Cup are set to begin on Wednesday as the four teams locked in for the next stage of the continental tournament.

After a thrilling victory over Afghanistan on Tuesday, co-host Sri Lanka rampaged into the Super 4 stage of the tournament.

The arch-rivals Pakistan and India already qualified for the Super 4 stage from Group A, and now Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are the two teams from Group B who clinched the other two spots.

The four teams will now play three more matches during the Super 4 stage of the event to determine who plays in the one-off final in Colombo on September 17.

Pakistan will host Bangladesh at Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore to commence the Super 4 stage.



Bangladesh will then face Sri Lanka at R. Premadasa Stadium on September 9.

The second match-up of the tournament between arch-rivals India and Pakistan will take place at R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on September 10, before Rohit Sharma's side returns to the same venue two days later to play Sri Lanka on September 12. Sri Lanka will then take on

Pakistan in what looms as a crucial contest in Colombo on September 13. The last match of the Super 4 stage will be between India and Bangladesh on September 15.

Of the total six Super Four matches, one will take place in Lahore while rest five will be held in Colombo.

The two leading teams at the end of the Super 4 stage will then meet in the final at

### Schedule:

- September 6: Pakistan vs Bangladesh, Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore
- September 9: Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh, R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
- September 10: Pakistan vs India, R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
- September 12: India vs Sri Lanka, R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
- September 14: Pakistan vs Sri Lanka, R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
- September 15: India vs Bangladesh, R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo

R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Sunday, September 17.

## Asia Cup

# Pakistan cruise to seven-wicket win over Bangladesh

Lahore | Agencies

Imam-ul-Haq and Mohammad Rizwan slammed fifties each as Pakistan cruised to a comfortable seven-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the first match of Super Four stage in the Asia Cup at the Gaddafi Stadium here on Wednesday. After Haris Rauf picked a fiery four-wicket haul in leading Pakistan bowling out Bangladesh for just 193, Imam survived a testing opening spell to make 78, his fifth ODI fifty in last eight innings. On the other hand, Rizwan finished unbeaten on 63 not out for Pakistan to pick two points and sit quickly on top of Super Four stage.

Pakistan's chase began with Fakhr Zaman stylishly flicking off Taskin Ahmed in the opening over and surviving being caught out at first



slip off Shoriful Islam. After a 20-minute floodlight failure interruption, Imam smacked three boundaries off Taskin though Bangladesh bowlers tried their best in keeping the Pakistan openers at the edge.

Bangladesh had a breakthrough when Shoriful trapped Fakhr lbw for a 31-ball 20, but burnt both of their reviews in three overs while trying to get Imam and Babar Azam lbw. Taskin was rewarded for hitting high speeds by getting a fuller

delivery to keep low and take Babar's inside edge to the stumps.

Rizwan got off the mark with a cross-bat swipe off Hasan Mahmud and took four more off him, while Imam survived a third lbw shout and reached his 19th ODI fifty by pulling Mehidy Hasan Miraz for a maximum. Rizwan and Imam hit three fours and two sixes off Mehidy and Shakib Al Hasan combined as Pakistan looked comfortable for a win.

But Imam fell when he was beaten on the inside edge by Mehidy on an attempted slog and was castled for 78 off 84 balls. Rizwan continued his boundary-hitting spree and reached his 11th ODI fifty and with support from Agha Salman, who hit the winning boundary via a reverse-sweep, knocked off the remaining runs to seal Pakistan's emphatic win.

### Brief scores:

**Bangladesh 193 in 38.4 overs (Mushfiqur Rahim 64, Shakib Al Hasan 53; Haris Rauf 4-19, Naseem Shah 3-34) lost to Pakistan 194-3 in 39.3 overs (Imam-ul-Haq 78, Mohammad Rizwan 63 not out; Shoriful Islam 1-24, Taskin Ahmed 1-32) by seven wickets**

## China Open

# Indian campaign ends with Satwik-Chirag's first round loss

Changzhou | Agencies

Star Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty suffered an opening-round defeat in the China Open Super 1000 badminton tournament, here on Wednesday.

The Indian pair, ranked two in the world, lost to the 13th-seeded Indonesian duo of Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Maulana Shahab 17-21, 21-11, 17-21 in an hour and eight minutes game.

The pair's opening-round loss marked the end of the India's challenge as none of the shuttlers from the country advanced to the second round of the Super 1000 tournament.

After losing the opening game 17-21, the Indian pair bounced back and forced the decider by pocketing the second game 21-11. In the



decider, the Indonesian pair didn't let the Indians settle as they wrapped up match with three match points, 21-17.

This is the second time this year that the Indonesians have defeated the Satwik-Chirag after beating the Indians in Thailand Open's pre-quarterfinals in June and Malaysia Open in January.

The Indian duo have been in an impressive form this season, having clinched three titles Swiss Open Super 300, Korea Open, and the

Indonesia Open, their maiden Super 1000 title.

Earlier in the day, the mixed doubles pair of Sikki Reddy and Rohan Kapoor too crashed out of the tournament after going down to the Malaysian duo of Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei 15-21, 16-21 in the first round.

On Tuesday, world championship bronze medalist HS Prannoy suffered the first-round loss at the hands of Malaysian Ng Tze Yong in three games 12-21, 21-13, 18-21. Lakshya Sen, Commonwealth Games champion, was also eliminated from the competition in the opening round after falling to recent world bronze medalist Anders Antonsen of Denmark 21-23, 21-16, and 9-2. Ace shuttlers PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth had withdrawn ahead of the tournament, with an eye on the upcoming Asian Games.

## Asian TT C'ships

# Indian men's team takes bronze after losing to Taipei in semifinal

Pyeongchang (South Korea) | Agencies

The Indian men's table tennis team settled with a bronze medal, concluding their Asian Championships campaign with a semifinal loss to Chinese Taipei, here on Wednesday.

The third-seeded men's team of Achanta Sharath Kamal, Harmeet Desai, and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran suffered a 0-3 loss to Chinese Taipei to end their campaign in third place.

In the first rubber, ace paddler Sharath lost 6-11, 6-11, 9-11 to Chuang Chih-Yuan while Sathiyam suffered 5-11, 6-11, 10-12 loss at the hands of Lin Yun-Ju in the second tie. In the third rubber, Harmeet fought to give India an upper hand but eventually lost 6-11, 7-11, 11-7, 9-11 to Kao Cheng-Jui.

Elsewhere, the women's team of Manika Batra, Ayhika Mukherjee and



Sutirtha Mukherjee finished sixth after losing 0-3 to Thailand in the in a 5-6 positions match on Wednesday.

The Indian women beat Singapore 3-2 in a 5-8 positions match before going to Thailand in the fifth-position showdown. The women's team had lost 0-3 to Japan in their quarterfinal encounter on Monday. In the mixed

doubles, Sathiyam and Manika, after receiving a bye in the round of 64, went down 2-3 (11-7, 10-12, 11-6, 8-11, 9-11) in the round of 32 to Thai pair, Phakpoom Sanguansin and Orawan Paranang. During the match, Manika seemed to have twisted her ankle and needed a 10-minute medical attention. But the Indian duo con-

tinued but lost. Another mixed pair, Harmeet Desai and Sreeja Akula, followed suit and lost to the top-seeded Japanese pair of Tomokazu Harimoto and Hina Hayata 0-3 (6-11, 7-11, 8-11) in another round of 32 match. In their first round, the Indian duo beat the Malaysian pair of Shen Qi Wong and Xin Ai Tee 3-1 (11-7, 6-11, 11-9, 11-9).

# Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan make ground on Babar with latest rankings push

Dubai | Agencies

Indian batters Shubman Gill and Ishan Kishan have reached new career-high ratings and made ground on the No.1 ranked batter in the world Babar Azam on the latest ODI Batting Rankings.

While Babar still holds a significant lead at the head of the ODI batter rankings, both Gill and Ishan have made inroads on the Pakistan skipper following their impressive starts to the ongoing Asia Cup 2023, states ICC.

Gill hit an unbeaten 67\* during India's must-win clash against Nepal and moved up to a career-high rating of 750 rating points as a result and third-place on the ODI batter rankings less than one month out from the start of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

Kishan showed his class with a brilliant 82 during India's match with Pakistan in Pallekele and was also rewarded with a new career-best mark of



624 rating points and a 12-place rise to 24th on the updated list for ODI batters.

Babar has had just one innings thus far at the Asia Cup and showed just how destructive he can be with a superb 151 against Nepal and the inspirational Pakistan skipper still holds a commanding lead at the top of the ODI batter rankings with a total of 882 rating points, 13 said.

Powerful South Africa batter Rassie van der Dussen holds on to second place narrowly, with

Gill the latest challenger to the leading pair following his one-spot jump over the last week.

Sri Lanka dynamo Charith Asalanka (up eight spots to 29th) also makes ground on the latest ODI rankings for batters, while a host of international stars that are performing well at the Asia Cup have made good progress on the updated bowler rankings. Pace spearhead Shaheen Afridi moves up four places to fifth overall on this list courtesy of his six wickets from Pakistan's first two matches, while teammates Haris Rauf (up 14 to equal 29th) and Naseem Shah (up 13 to 68th) own new career-high ratings following their impressive efforts.

Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan (up two places to 10th) is back inside the top 10 and Sri Lanka spinner Maheesh Theekshana (up five spots to 15th) also makes good ground, with Australia duo Josh Hazlewood (first) and Mitchell Starc (second) still out in front in a competitive rankings list for bowlers, the statement read.

# Shelton overcomes Tiafoe; Muchova bests Cirstea to enter semifinals

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The 20-year-old Ben Shelton scripts history at Flushing Meadows after he knocked out countryman Francis Tiafoe in the topsy-turvy quarterfinal. Shelton needs just one more game to reach his first Grand Slam final after defeating Tiafoe with a 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(7), 6-2 scoreline.

With Tuesday night's win, the 20-year-old becomes the youngest American to reach the US Open semifinal since Michael Chang in 1992.

Shelton impressively improved to break into the Top 20 of the ATP live rankings following a heartbreaking first-round loss at the



tournament last year when he was rated No. 165.

However, it won't be easy for Shelton in the semifinal as he will face the mighty Novak Djokovic, who looks in ruthless form eyeing his fourth US Open title.

Djokovic after his win against Taylor Fritz went straight into his 47th major semifinal, surpassing Roger Federer's mark of 46.

In the women's singles, No. 10 seed Czech player

Karolina Muchova advanced to her second hard-court Slam semifinal after defeating Sorana Cirstea 6-0, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

Muchova has now made the semifinals or better at three of the four majors. She first broke through at the 2020 Australian Open and made her first major final three months ago at Roland Garros.

She will next face No.6 American Coco Gauff on Thursday for a spot in the final. Thursday's semifinal will be a rematch of the Cincinnati Masters final just two weeks ago, where Gauff got the better of a fatigued Muchova to win her first WTA 1000 title.

## U23 Asian Cup qualifiers

# India's opening match cancelled as Maldives withdraw late

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India's opening encounter in the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers, Group G, which was scheduled to be played on Wednesday, has been cancelled following last-minute withdrawal by The Maldives from the tournament.

The meet has now been reduced to a three-team group featuring India, hosts China and the UAE.

India will now play their opening fixture of the tournament against China PR on September 9, in Dalian Suoyuwan Stadium here.

Head coach Clifford Miranda maintained that his team's focus remained the same despite the change in schedule.



"Nothing changes for us; we have to do the same things that we would have done with the Maldives. We still have to do our best and play to our maximum potential," Miranda was quoted as saying by the AIFF in its web-

site. Looking at the positive side of things, coach Miranda was pleased with getting a couple of extra days of training in China but also recognised the drawback of not getting to play a game before facing the hosts.

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The Netherlands: Diksha Dagar who is coming off two successive Top-10 finishes will be looking to make another charge at a title when she tees up at the Big Green Egg Open.

Diksha, who has one win and five Top-10s this season is third on the LET Order of Merit, is also aiming to become the first Indian woman to win the Merit list in Europe.

The current top two on the Merit list, France's Celine Boutier and Spain's Ana Pelaez Trivino, are missing the event, so Diksha can close the gap or even overtake them with a win this week.

Dagar won the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open in June and her five Top-10 finishes include those at the ISPS Handa Invitational and the KPMG Women's Irish Open. She was also T-



21 at the AIG Women's Open, which was also the best by an Indian woman at a Major. Another incentive is that Diksha can also earn a LPGA card and join Aditi Ashok in the US, if she finishes in Top-4 on the LET

order of Merit. There are still six events left in this season's schedule and one of them is at Diksha's home, the Hero Women's Indian Open in October. So, she has a great chance to make a dash for the top honours in the Order

of Merit.

The field includes India's amateur star Avani Prashanth, Tvesa Malik, Vani Kapoor and Amandeep Drall, runner-up at the Hero Women's Indian Open. The 22-year-old Diksha has her father, Col Narendra Dagar as her caddie and they have forged a great team.

Avani Prashanth, who plans to turn pro when she plays the LET Q-School later this year, has won the Queen Sirikit Cup and then became the first Indian woman to secure a win at the LET Access Tour, the second rung Tour for women in Europe. Only two Indians have won titles on the main Ladies European Tour - four by Aditi and two by Diksha.

Tvesa, who struggled through 2022 and first half of 2023, is making a comeback. Last week she was T-36 and this week she is playing on a sponsor's invite.



## Yukti Kapoor opens up on her role in upcoming show

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Actress Yukti Kapoor, who is playing the lead in the show 'Keh Doon Tumhein', said her character is a woman with a purpose, whose goal is to serve as an example for single mothers. Set in Panchgani, the show 'Keh Doon Tumhein' is a gripping murder mystery and love story, that will witness varied shades of emotions of Kirti (played by Yukti) and Vikrant (played by Mudit Nayar), and the emotional, thrilling roller coaster that Kirti goes through. Talking about the show, Yukti said: "Kirti is a single mother. She is a confident, strong woman. I consider myself fortunate to have gained the chance to portray Kirti. The audience will see the various facets of Kirti's persona as they are revealed in the show. She is a woman with a purpose. My goal is to serve as an example for other single mothers by being Kirti."

Producer Shweta Shinde shared: "I had visualised in my mind to make a thriller genre show. 'Keh Doon Tumhein' is a show which has touches of comedy as well as a thriller drama. With this began the inception of the show. I was immensely impressed with him and got him on board. With 'Keh Doon Tumhein', I received a chance to showcase my talent and work. I am thankful and grateful to Star Plus. I hope the viewers garner us with love for our hard work," she added. Produced by Vajra Productions, 'Keh Doon Tumhein' airs on Star Plus.



AI anchor Sana to SRK: 'Mere AI dil mein bhi kuch kuch hota

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has become the third global icon to interact with Aaj Tak's AI anchor Sana after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice Chairman and President of Microsoft Brad Smith.

After winning hearts of millions of fans across the globe, Shah Rukh Khan created a flutter in the heart of an AI anchor too. India's first, AI anchor on social media, Sana during an interaction with Shahrukh Khan said: "Aapka charm dekhkar mere AI dil mein bhi kuch kuch hota hai." With this, Sana has interviewed the most renowned global icons including Prime Minister Modi, Microsoft Vice Chairman and President, Brad Smith amongst others.

Launched in March 2023, Sana is Aaj Tak and India's first AI anchor. She has a daily appearance on prime time and award-winning programme Black and White apart from providing weather updates, astrology and fact checking programmes for the channel. Global icon and Bollywood actor Shahrukh Khan is currently promoting his forthcoming film 'Jawan'. SRK, on September 3, launched the trailer of his upcoming film which was displayed on the towers of Burj Khalifa in Dubai. 'Jawan' is directed by Atlee. The film stars Shah Rukh in a dual role, alongside Nayanthara, Vijay Sethupathi, Priyamani and Sanya Malhotra. Actress Deepika Padukone will be seen in a special appearance.



## CHOOCHA HAS A NEW SURPRISE 'VARDAAN'

🕶️ CHOOCHA IS BACK 🔥 10/10 COMEDY

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The trailer of the upcoming comedy film, third installment of 'Fukrey', 'Fukrey 3' was unveiled in Mumbai's Juhu area on Tuesday.

The trailer begins with the characters Choocha (Varun Sharma) and Hunny (Pulkit Samrat) finally managing to pass out from their school. It then shows Varun's character of Choocha giving a speech at his farewell as he says dialogues following the line of toilet

humour.

However, the trailer changes gears as it shows Bholi Punjaban gearing up to win the local elections in Delhi and to counter than Hunny devises a plan to make Choocha contest the elections against Bholi.

The trailer is filled with laughter and hilarious moments, ensuring that the film will be incredibly entertaining. Additionally, Choocha this time has a surprise gift as his urine output becomes inflammable in the third part of the franchise.

The trailer also has Pankaj Tripathi's character of Pandit ji being the rock-solid support to the Choocha, Hunny and Lali in their electoral fight against Bholi Punjaban.

The trailer appears extremely promising and effectively carries forward the legacy of this beloved comedy franchise. It is truly delightful to witness this film transform into a major trend in the comedy genre.

The film, produced by Excel Entertainment, is set to bow in theatres on September 28.



## Vishal Karwal, Kuldeep Singh recount lessons they learned while playing Lord Krishna

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actors Vishal Karwal and Kuldeep Singh, both of whom have essayed the role of Lord Krishna on screen, with the coming of Janmashtami, are recounting the lessons they learned while playing the role.

Vishal said: "I remember a dialogue about the truth, that it can struggle but can never fail. And I totally believe that we can struggle to prove truth or loyalty but we can never fail. Truth always finds a way and wins."

The actor has played the role twice, first in the series 'Dwarkadheesh - Bhagwaan Shree Krishn' in 2011 and the

again in 2020, with 'Dwarkadheesh Bhagwaan Shree Krishn - Sarvkala Sampann'.

Detailing his experience in playing the avatar of Vishnu, Karwal said: "Playing Krishna was a life-experience. I feel while reading the scripts I use to learn something new everyday and that was very beautiful."

"He educated the world about devotion and dharma as well as the eventual reality. Shri Krishna has been a role model for the people in every sense in the past, in today's modern world and certainly will remain in ages to come", he added.

Actor Kuldeep Singh who

had played the role of Lord Krishna in the mythological TV series 'Vighnaharta Ganesha' said that even when the show ended, it was a cycle of unending learning, with a lot to explore.

He said: "The show ended but the learning didn't. There was so much yet to explore. And I'm doing that while visiting his cities. Currently I'm at Dwarkadheesh temple in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. And getting to feel the devotion."

"And when people come to me and recall my work as Krishna, it makes me feel happy and very emotional. I'm looking forward to celebrating the festival here," he added.

## Alesso, Timmy Trumpet, Charlotte De Witte to headline Sunburn Goa 2023

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Swedish DJ, Australian musician Timmy Trumpet and Belgian DJ Charlotte De Witte will be seen headlining the electronic dance music festival, Sunburn Goa 2023 in its 17th edition.

Alesso and Timmy Trumpet will be marking their second visit to India as they are confirmed to play headlining slots at the festival this year. Joining the duo will be the prodigious techno artist and the DJ Mag voted world's #1 techno artist, Charlotte De Witte who will become the first woman artist to headline the main stage of India's long-running EDM festival, paving the way for gender inclusivity at festivals.

Alesso, who has worked with the likes of artists such as Jungkook, Tove Lo, Ryan Tedder, Calvin Harris, Katy Perry, Anitta and Usher stated: "I love India. It has such a long history with music and it really shows in the culture and people. I can't wait to meet all my Indian fans."

As a special NYE attraction, 2022-launched New York collective, Indo

Warehouse, featuring Armaan Gupta and Kunal Merchant will present an experiential set that showcases the beauty of South Asian culture, music, and rhythm intermingled with the traditional motifs of house and techno.

The festival will feature an assortment of dance music genres such as drum n bass, trap, house, electronic, trance, hardstyle and techno coupled with state-of-the-art technology and pulsating entertainment from December 28-31.



Timmy Trumpet, who has garnered global acclaim for incorporating live instrumentation and jazz influences on his DJ set, stated: "I've always loved Indian culture. It's always amazing to play in countries, and to meet and connect with people that love music as much as I do. Can't wait to see everyone at Sunburn!"

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