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INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY: 112 DOCUMENTS ADOPTED

Team Absolute | New Delhi

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the adoption of the Delhi G20 leadership declaration, he expressed his gratitude to the hardwork of all the Sherpas, minister and officials, for helping arriving at a consensus on the outcome document.

Official sources later informed that among all G20 presidencies, India's G20 presidency has been the most ambitious one as a total of 112 documents have been adopted during its tenure.

Out of these 112 documents, there have been 73 outcome documents and 39 annexed documents.

This data is in comparison with previous G20 presidencies since 2017. During the 2022 Bali summit, 50 documents have been adopted.

"There is good news, with everyone's cooperation consensus has been reached on Delhi G20 Leadership Declaration. My proposal is that it should be adopted," PM Modi said in a sudden announcement during the second session of the ongoing G20 leaders summit.

He then announced that the Delhi Declaration has been adopted, amid thunderous applause from all the world leaders.

The adoption of the Delhi Declaration came amid reports that aggressive deliberations had taken place between September 7 and 8 among the diplomats and Sherpas of the G20 nations on arriving at a consensus on formulating the language



for the final declaration document, related to the reference to the Ukraine conflict, to which both Russia and China have been vehemently opposed.

The consensus over the language

has been arrived at after apparently overcoming differences between Russia and other G20 nations, and it is being described as "compromise language", reports quoting sources said.

"The #NewDelhiLeadersDeclaration has been officially adopted at the #G20India Leaders' Summit! Today's era must be marked as the golden age of human-centric globalisation & India's G20 Presidency under the leadership of PM @narendramodi has worked tirelessly towards this goal."

Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa

UKRAINE WAR: THREAT OR USE OF N-WEAPONS INADMISSIBLE

New Delhi: The G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration has called for a "comprehensive, just, and durable peace in Ukraine" and urged member states to "refrain from the threat of use of force to seek territorial acquisition" or act against the territorial integrity of any state. The declaration also stressed the use, or threat of use, of nuclear weapons to be "inadmissible". In the Delhi declaration, the G20 leaders said: "For the Planet, People, Peace and Prosperity, we note with deep concern the immense human suffering and the adverse impact of wars and conflicts around the world."

It said that concerning the war in Ukraine, while recalling the discussion in Bali, we reiterated our national positions and resolutions adopted at the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly and underscored that all states must act in a manner consistent with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter in its entirety.

"In line with the UN Charter, all states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against the territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state. The use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible," it said.

Time magazine's 1st-ever top 100 AI list honours Indian talent

New York | Agencies

Several Indians and Indian-origin techies have made it to Time magazine's inaugural 'TIME100 AI List', highlighting the 100 most influential people in artificial intelligence (AI).

The youngest individual recognised in the list is 18-year-old Indian-American Sneha Revanur, who recently met with the Joe Biden Administration as part of her work leading Encode Justice, a youth-led movement organizing for ethical AI. Revanur is often called the "Greta Thunberg of AI".

Neal Khosla, who co-founded telehealth startup Curai Health in 2017, is also on the list.

Romesh and Sunil Wadhvani, Co-Founders of Wadhvani AI, have also been named on the list.

Mumbai-based Wadhvani AI is a non-profit organisation with a mission to develop and deploy AI solutions for social good, including health care, education and agriculture.

Tushita Gupta is the Chief Technology Officer of Refiberd, a US-based company.

The aim is to revolutionise textile recycling by using AI to identify the composition of various textile items.



Another Indian on the coveted list is Kalika Bali, Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research India. She has spent several years dedicated to breaking language barriers in technology.

The list features 43 CEOs, founders and co-founders -- Elon Musk of xAI, Sam Altman of OpenAI, Andrew Hopkins of Exscientia, Nancy Xu of Moonhub, Kate Kallot of Amini, Pelenomi Moilola of Lelapa AI, Jack Clark of Anthropic, Raquel Urtasun of Waabi, Aidan Gomez of Cohere and more.

The list features 41 women

and nonbinary individuals, including CEO and co-founder of Humane Intelligence Rumanan Chowdhury; cognitive scientist Abeba Birhane; COO of Google DeepMind Lila Ibrahim; Stanford professor Fei-Fei Li; artist Linda Dounia Rebeiz, artist Kelly McKernan and more. Scientists, professors, researchers and activists recognised on the list include computer scientist and artist Joy Buolamwini; researcher Inioluwa Deborah Raji, researcher Timnit Gebru and more.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DRIVE



Jaipur: Ficci FLO Jaipur along with SK Foundation take initiative to empower women in E-Rickshaw driving and maintenance in Lalchand pura Niwaru, Jaipur. On Saturday certificate distribution program was organized in skill center Niwaru. Neha Dhadra chairperson FLO Jaipur chapter, Shalini Setia Managing trustee SK Foundation and Swati Chhabra executive committee member FLO Jaipur Chapter were present. All the trainees got certificate from Automotive sector skill council. 4 women's have purchased the E-Rickshaw and started earning. All the trainees are very happy, they have shared their experiences of training.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's famed 'wagh-nakh' to return from UK

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Spelling a political score, the Maharashtra government is all set to bring back the famed 'wagh-nakh' (tiger claws) - used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to kill Afzal Khan, the General of Bijapur Sultanate, in 1659 - from a museum in the United Kingdom.

BJP leader and state minister Sudhir Mungantiwar told the media that he will visit London between September 29 and October 3 to sign a memorandum with the concerned authorities there.

The 'wagh-nakh' is part of folklore when Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj deployed it to kill Afzal Khan of the Adil



Shahi dynasty of the Bijapur Sultanate, at the Pratapgad Fort in Satara 364 years ago.

Made of iron, with four sharp claw-like protrusions attached to a bar and two rings built to fit on two fingers, the deadly tiger-claws are currently in custody at the Victoria & Albert Museum, London, which is considered the world's largest housing a permanent col-

lection of over 2.27 million exhibits.

Mungantiwar has been working to get the tiger-claws back since long, and the efforts are on the verge of fructifying as the state celebrates the 350th anniversary of the coronation of Shivaji Maharaj as 'Chhatrapati' at Raigad on June 6, 1674, with the next target being the Maratha warrior's Jagdamba Sword.

THIS MEDICINAL PLANT MAY HELP FIGHT COVID AND BRAIN CANCER

New York | Agencies

The plant Artemisia annua, or Sweet Annie -- tall, fragrant and with vibrant green leaves -- has been used in traditional Chinese medicine for over 2,000 years. It produces artemisinin, which contains an endoperoxide, used for the treatment of malaria.

Its leaf extracts have been used to treat a variety of other diseases, including cancer and Covid-19. Yet, until recently, researchers haven't clearly understood how exactly the plant's compounds work.

Researchers at the University of Texas- San Antonio (UTSA) are studying the bioactive properties of one of the plant's compounds, Arteannuin B, in cancer cells and Covid, the disease caused by the virus, SARS-CoV-2.

Scientists have identified a medicinal plant that can aid in the fight against Covid as well as Glioblastoma -- the most aggressive and most common type of cancer that originates in the brain.

"Around 50 per cent of prescription drugs are derived from natural products. They're made by plants, fungi or bacteria. Half of these drugs originated in plants. That's astonishing when you think of all the medicines that exist in the world," said Valerie Sponsel from the varsity.

"Different plants produce different medicinal compounds. As far as cancer is concerned, there are several types of compounds that have always existed but have only been discovered in the last half century. There's never going to be one compound that treats all cancers, so that is why research continues," she added.

The team used methanol as the solvent to extract the compound. Its leaf extracts were fractionated and characterised using NMR spectroscopy and liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry.



The researchers tested the fractions for cytotoxic activity (how toxic a substance is to cells) against glioblastoma (GBM) cells.

Then they purified the fractions to identify and test their individual components against cancer cells one-by-one. Throughout the process, arteannuin B consistently demonstrated cytotoxic activity against GBM cancer cells. They believe it may inhibit the cysteine proteases (protein degrading enzymes) that are overexpressed in cancer cells.

'Chura liya hai tumne'

Asha Bhosle & R.D. Burman's melodious journey, discordant end

Vikas Datta | Mumbai

Intrinsically talented, both, separately and jointly, gave a new direction to Hindi film music.

But to achieve this, Asha Bhosle and Rahul Dev Burman had to surmount a major "hurdle" -- creating a new identity distinct from their illustrious and established kin: elder sibling Lata Mangeshkar and father Sachin Dev Burman.

And both succeeded -- with a combination of luck, support, their own undeniable virtuosity, and above all, their first joint effort.

Asha Bhosle -- who is still going strong at 90, having worked with four generations of music composers from O.P. Nayyar to A.R. Rehman -- added a sensuous allure and element of forthrightness for the Hindi film heroine, without becoming risqué or boisterous, even as Burman adroitly used pop and jazz to good effect in electrifying film music -- bringing the age of Elvis Presley and the Beatles to India.

Rejected at a trial for a film in 1947 as the sound recording engineer "did not like" her voice -- as of

her co-singer, who happened to be Kishore Kumar -- Asha slowly persevered over the next decade as the voice of supporting actors, as her sister and other established singers like Suraiyya, Geeta Dutt and Shamshad Begum had left no space for others.

It was only in the late 1950s that two top music directors gave her a break -- Nayyar, for he did not work with Lata Mangeshkar and the elder Burman, who had a falling out with Asha's elder sister. "Le ke pehla pehla pyar" ("CID"; 1956), where Asha stood her ground with main singers Mohammed Rafi and Shamshad Begum, made her a voice to look out for; B.R. Chopra's "Naya Daur" (1957), where she first sang for the heroine, cemented her as a viable voice. It also made her a permanent feature of Chopra's films -- with gems like "Aage bhi na jaane tu" and "Hum jab simatke aapki bahon mein aa gaye" ("Waqt"; 1965), and "Uljhane suljhe na rasta suihe na" ("Dhund"; 1973) -- among those standing out. S.D. Burman used Asha's voice to good effect for Madhubala in Kishore Kumar's "Chalti ka naam gaadi" (1958) -- "Main sitaron ka taraana" and "Haal kaisa hai janaab ka" -- as well as in "Kaala Pani", 1958 ("Achha ji main haari, chalo maan jao

na"), "Kaala Bazaar" (1960), "Bombai Ka Babu", 1960 ("Deevana mastana hua dil"), "Sujata", 1959, and "Teen Deviyaan", 1965 ("Arre yaar meri tum bhi ho ghazab"). Meanwhile, R.D. Burman worked as an assistant to his illustrious father in the latter part of the 1950s, right from his teenage days, and it was only in 1959 did he get his first break -- for a film to be made by Guru Dutt's assistant. It got shelved soon after being launched. Fate was still kind to him and comedian Mehmood, who after being turned down by the senior Burman on his film offer, chose the son instead. "Chhote Nawab" (1961) was R.D. Burman's first solo movie and though it did not make waves, he was a music composer in his own right. His hour would strike with "Teesri Manzil" (1966) -- for which hero Shammi Kapoor, producer Naseer Hussain and director Vijay Anand sought to take the credit for his selection, though Burman himself said that it was lyricist Majrooh Sultanpuri who had recommended him. And of the film's soundtrack, the duets "O haseena zulfonwali jaan-e-jahan", "O mere sona na" and "Aaja aaja, main hoon pyar tera" showcased Asha ably complementing Rafi -- and female part-



ners (Helen in the first and heroine Asha Parekh in the last two), who could shimmy as energetically as "Swing Shamma". It was also the first successful collaboration between Asha and R.D. Burman and laid the ground for their later melodic milestones -- "Piya tu ab to aaja" ("Caravan", 1971), the evergreen hedonistic youth anthem "Dum maro dum" ("Hare Rama Hare Krishna", 1971), the uninhibited "Duniya mein", with Burman himself singing ("Apna Desh", 1972), "Bhali bhali si eek soorat" ("Buddha Mil Gaya", 1971), that eternal romantic ballad "Chura liya hai tumne" ("Yaadon Ki Baaraat", 1973) and the bold qawwali "Hai agar dushman" ("Hum Kisi Se Kam Nahin", 1977).

FIFA TRANSFER REPORT SHOWS NEW HEIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET

Geneva: A series of all-time heights were reached in 2023 as the International Federation of Football Association (FIFA) published its International Transfer Snapshot.

A total of 7.36 billion US dollars was spent on transfer fees in the 2023 mid-year window from June 1 to September 1, which is a record-breaking figure and also 26.8 per cent increase compared to the previous record in 2019, reports Xinhua.

England led the list of spending with 1.98 billion US dollars, and Saudi Arabia was second with 875.4 million, ahead of France (859.7 million), Germany (762.4 million), Italy (711.0 million) and Spain (405.6 million).

The women's transfers increased for the sixth year in a row with 829 transfers, 66 of which were with fees -- both are new records.

Agent fees also reached a new high, with 696.6 million US dollars paid during the mid-year window, bringing the total for 2023 to date to 853 million.



AFTER MHA REFUTES RAJ CM'S HELICOPTER DENIED PERMISSION CLAIM, GEHLOT REPLIES BACK

Jaipur | Agencies

Soon after the Union Home Ministry on Saturday refuted claim of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot that his helicopter was denied permission, he posted on X that the permission to fly to Sikar was delayed citing G20 protocol.

In the post, Gehlot said: "Yesterday, I had a plan to go from Udaipur to Jaipur, Sikar and Niwai by helicopter. For this, the helicopter had to reach Jaipur from Udaipur in advance, but it was said that due to the protocol of G-20, the helicopter or plane can travel only when the CM himself is on board."

"Permission to fly the helicopter was sought through e-mail at 10.48 a.m. but permission was not received till 2.50 p.m.. To give information to the public waiting there, I tweeted at 2.52 p.m. and explained the reason for not being able to come and also called Shri Om Das Maharaj at Sangliya Peeth and informed him. After this, permission came at 3.58 p.m. but by then, I had left from Udaipur for Jaipur by plane and after reaching there, went to Niwai by



road. I did not want to create any controversy in the name of G20, hence did not condemn it and only informed the public about the facts. But now I am sad that the Home Ministry has made an unsuccessful attempt to spread confusion among the public by giving wrong information," he said. Meanwhile, earlier on Saturday, MHA had said, "In a news

report, Rajasthan Chief Minister has claimed denial of approval for his helicopter flight by the MHA. Four requests were received from CM Rajasthan for flight permissions, including for Sikar, and all were approved by the MHA." "No request from CM Rajasthan has been denied. While all scheduled flights of commercial aircrafts and

movement of Governors and State Chief Ministers on their State aircrafts are allowed, private chartered flights require specific MHA approval," it added.

Meanwhile, Jana Sena Party (JSP) chief and popular actor Pawan Kalyan's chartered aircraft was not allowed to take off for Vijayawada from Begumpet Airport here on Saturday. He was leaving for Vijayawada to meet Telugu Desam Party (TDP) president and former chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who has been arrested by the Andhra Pradesh CID in connection with the Skill Development Corporation scam.

JSP leaders alleged that the Andhra Pradesh police stopped the aircraft from taking off for Vijayawada. They said Pawan Kalyan was going to Vijayawada to attend a meeting with party leaders at JSP central office in Mangalagiri on Sunday.

With permission denied for take-off, Pawan Kalyan returned from the airport.

Police reportedly told him that his visit may lead to law and order problems.

BJP MLA slams Manipur tribal MLAs for meeting Mizoram CM

Imphal | Agencies

Influential Manipur BJP MLA Rajkumar Imo Singh on Saturday slammed ten state's legislators for meeting Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga.

Singh, son-in-law of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, said in X, formerly Twitter, that as the ten MLAs are demanding a separate state they should resign from the assembly.

"If they are not serious in bringing peace here and only stuck with the demand, then I really urge them all to resign from the Manipur Legislative Assembly, as it is morally not correct to remain in public office of the state, taking salary from the state and also talk about division and separation from the state."

Singh said that it is better to have legislators in these constituencies from other tribal communities who are willing to work unitedly for the progress of the state. "I thus request my fellow



legislators to come back to the state and work unitedly for a peaceful and prosperous Manipur or resign from their respective posts honourably and continue with their demand and contest from some other state," he said.

"Did they allow this conflict to take place? Are all the 10 signatories (MLAs) doing it willingly or being forced to do so by pressure groups and insurgent groups? Who is responsible for the loss of lives in the state resulting out of the rally due to the High Court Order? Couldn't the organisation just appeal to the Supreme Court, thus no

rally, no violence, no conflict? On the pretext of the High Court Order, was the solidarity rally on May 3 pre-planned to show it as a sacrifice to seek this new separate state demand?," the BJP MLA asked.

He said that people of the state want to live in a peaceful state with no such conflict, a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic state of 34-35 indigenous tribes.

Ten tribal legislators from the hill districts of Manipur, including seven BJP along with various tribal organisations have been demanding a separate administration (equivalent to separate state) for the tribals since May 12, nine days after the devastating ethnic violence broke out in the northeastern state on May 3.

On Wednesday, the 10 MLAs and leaders of tribal organisations from Manipur held a meeting with Mizoram Chief Minister in Aizawl on Wednesday.

8 tonnes of acid spills into nullah after tanker overturns in Thane

Team Absolute | Thane

A tanker carrying 8 tonnes of sulphuric acid skidded off the road and plunged into a nullah on the outskirts of Thane on Saturday.

The accident took place on the Mumbra bypass road, causing concern as the corrosive substance mixed with the nullah's water, releasing a strong odorous fume in the area.

The driver of the tanker, identified as Brijesh Sarol, sustained injuries in the accident and was promptly hospitalised. He did not suffer any burn injuries from the spilled acid though, the local authorities confirmed.

The nullah where the incident occurred flows on the outskirts of Thane city and eventually leads to the Mumbra creek. The mishap prompted response from the disaster management team, which arrived at the site to conduct a rescue operation lasting approximately two hours.

While the strong smell of the corrosive liquid permeated the vicinity, authorities assured that the affected area was not densely populated, thus minimising the potential harm to people.



As of now, there have been no reports of health-related complaints resulting from the incident, according to officials.

Punjab CM dares Majithia, Warring to clear Punjabi test with 45% marks

Jalandhar | Agencies

Slamming for misleading the people by distorting facts, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday said Opposition leaders are upset because they can't digest the smile on faces of those youth who have got the jobs.

Addressing the gathering during a function to distribute job letters to 560 Sub-Inspectors in Punjab Police, the Chief Minister slammed those who are unnecessarily making hue and cry over the issue of recruitment.

Mann said he always yearns and dream for making Punjab a number one state in the country.

He said he does not require any certificate from anyone regarding his love for Punjab and Punjabis.

The Chief Minister dared Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia and Congress leader Amarinder Singh Raja Warring to clear the test of



Punjabi language with 45 per cent marks within one month.

He said these leaders who had taken education from Sanawar and

Doon school can't clear this exam.

Mann said he had remained with former finance minister Manpreet Badal and he used to read Punjabi

newspapers for him as he was not well versed with it.

Training his guns against the Opposition, the Chief Minister said those leaders whose ancestors had felicitated the perpetrators of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre have no moral right to question him.

He said these leaders have backstabbed the state and its people during their days of power. Mann said these leaders never bothered about giving jobs to the youth due to which they are now peeved over the smile on the face of newly recruited youth.

The Chief Minister said Raja Warring had "minted money illegally" by installing bodies of buses from Rajasthan. The details regarding this scam will be shared in the coming days to prove how the state's money was plundered.

Mann said this despite the fact the bodies of buses could have been installed from within the state.

No discussion on seat sharing as of yet, Kumaraswamy on BJP-JD (S) alliance in K'taka

Bengaluru | Agencies

Karnataka former chief minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday said that former chief minister B.S. Yediyurappa's statements in connection with the BJP-JD (S) alliance are personal.

"Until now there is no discussion about seat sharing. But people do need parallel force in the state and there is internal bickering within the Congress," he said.

He said that we met a few times "cordially" and we will see what will happen in the coming days.

On the charge of Congress that two desperate parties who can't win elections are joining hands, he said that discussions are going on between the two parties. "We are coming together to go before the people," he said.

"People need it. They require the alternative in the backdrop of mis-



deeds by the Congress government in the last three months. People are watching all developments," he underlined.

When asked about many JD (S) leaders quitting the party, Kumaraswamy said that there is no

problem. "I joined hands with BJP in 2006 and the entire state appreciated my stint as the Chief Minister for 20 months," he said.

Kumaraswamy said that there is still time for the merger. Speaking to reporters after attend-

ing a special worship and homa (fire ritual), Kumaraswamy maintained that he won't talk about the alliance between BJP and his party (JD (S)) for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections at this juncture.

Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Friday had said that an alliance with JD(S) for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections will strengthen BJP in Karnataka.

Yediyurappa had also welcomed the alliance of BJP and JD(S). "With the alliance, it is possible to win more seats. Talks are on in New Delhi in this regard. JD(S) top leader and former prime minister H.D. Deve Gowda had held talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. The leaders of both the parties have agreed. Amit Shah has agreed to give four MP seats to JD(S). We will contest in the rest of the seats," Yediyurappa had said.

No need to hide India's reality from guests' amid G20: Rahul

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday took a swipe at the Centre saying that there was no need to hide the reality from the visiting dignitaries and guests amid the ongoing G20 Summit in the national capital.

In a post on X, he said: "Government of India is hiding our poor people and animals. There is no need to hide India's reality from our guests."

His remarks came after the Congress on Saturday shared on the micro-blogging platform a video of coolie camp, a slum in Delhi's Vasant Vihar, which has been hidden from the public view ahead of the G20 Summit.

"The government considers us insects. Are we not human? - Rani, a resident of Delhi, says this. Before G20, Modi government has covered their houses with curtains to hide its failure. Because the king hates the poor."

On Friday, the Congress had shared another video claiming that the many street dogs were cruelly dragged by their necks and thrown into cages as Delhi got all decked up



for hosting the international leaders.

On Friday night, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh claimed that India did not allow media to ask questions to US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi after their bilateral meeting.

No more free treatment for foreign patients in Bengal state-run hospitals

Kolkata | Agencies

The West Bengal government has now taken an official decision not to offer free treatment facilities to foreign patients in state-run hospitals.

A formal notification on this count was issued by the state health department on Saturday.

The notification says that while any foreign patient coming to a state-run hospital for treatment on an emergency basis will have to pay a certain amount of fees.

In case of treatments covered under the state government's health insurance schemes, the fees that the foreign patients will have to pay will be equivalent to the amount fixed for the treatments.

However, in case of non-specified treatments, the hospitals will have the liberty to fix the rates for foreign



patients. Department sources said that recently it came to the audit officers that huge amounts of money were draining out of the state exchequer because of the free-treatment of thousands of overseas patients every year, majority of whom are from neighbouring

Bangladesh. The state government had recently formed a detailed policy about the treatment of overseas patients in state-run hospitals. A four-member committee was also constituted which also opined against the free treatment facilities.

IMD predicts increase in rainfall activity over Odisha, Andhra, Telangana from Sep 12

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday said that there will be an increase in rainfall activity over Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from September 12 due to the development of a fresh cyclonic circulation over northwest & adjoining West Central Bay of Bengal.

The weatherman also said that heavy rainfall activity is likely over Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra on Saturday and Sunday and over the northeast during the next three days and decrease thereafter.

In East India, there is a forecast of light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning.

Additionally, isolated heavy rainfall is expected over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Bihar on Saturday.

"The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are likely to experience these weather conditions till September 12, while Odisha can expect them on September 12 and 13," the IMD said in its bulletin.

South India anticipates light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall, with isolated



heavy rainfall particularly in the ghat areas of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Karaikal on Saturday and Sunday.

"Kerala and Mahe should brace for similar conditions till September 11. Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are expected to experience these weather patterns on September 12 and 13," the IMD predicted.

In Central India, there is a prediction of light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall, thunderstorms, and lightning, with isolated heavy rainfall mainly in Madhya Pradesh during the period till September 11.

"Madhya Pradesh may also see isolated very

heavy rainfall on Saturday," said the IMD.

The weather agency further said that West India can expect light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall, thunderstorms, and lightning, with isolated heavy rainfall over Marathwada and Gujarat Region on Saturday.

"Additionally, Konkan, Goa and Madhya Maharashtra are likely to experience these conditions on Saturday and Sunday. Isolated very heavy rainfall is anticipated over Konkan, Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, and Gujarat Region on Saturday. "In the northeast, light to moderate scattered to fairly widespread rainfall and thunderstorms are expected, with isolated heavy rainfall activity over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura till September 12.

"Arunachal Pradesh should prepare for similar weather conditions on Sunday and September 11," said the IMD.

There is a forecast for isolated very heavy rainfall over Assam and Meghalaya on September 12. In Northwest India, light to moderate isolated to scattered rainfall and thunderstorms are likely, with isolated heavy rainfall activity expected over East Rajasthan on Saturday; Uttar Pradesh on Saturday and Sunday; and Uttarakhand on Saturday and September 13.

Lies don't end relationships the truth does.



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G20 NATIONS COMMIT TO FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE TAX SYSTEM

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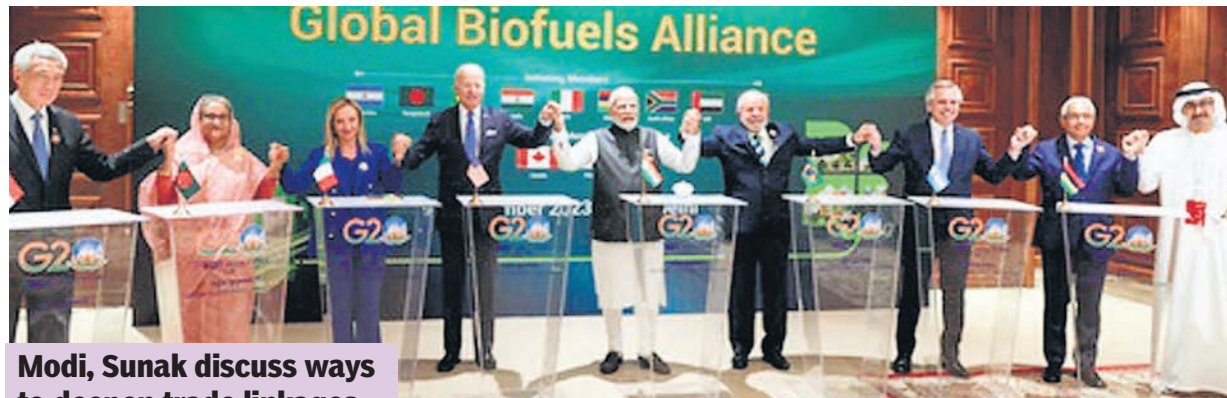
Team Absolute | New Delhi

The G20 leaders in the Delhi Declaration on Saturday reaffirmed their commitment to pursue cooperation towards a globally fair, sustainable, and modern international tax system appropriate to the needs of the 21st century.

In the Delhi Declaration, the G20 leaders said, "We reaffirm our commitment to continue cooperation towards a globally fair, sustainable and modern international tax system appropriate to the needs of the 21st century."

It said that it remains committed to the swift implementation of the two-pillar international tax package. "Significant progress has been made on Pillar One including the delivery of a text of a Multilateral Convention (MLC), and work on Amount B (framework for simplified and streamlined application of the arm's length principle to in-country baseline marketing and distribution activities) as well as the completion of the work on the development of the Subject to Tax Rule (STR) under Pillar Two," it said.

"We call on the Inclusive Framework to resolve swiftly the few pending issues relating to the MLC with a view to preparing the MLC for signature in the second half of 2023 and completing the work on Amount B by the end of 2023. We welcome the steps taken by various countries to implement the Global Anti-Base Erosion (GloBE) Rules as a common approach," it said. It also said that we recognise the need for coordinated efforts towards capacity building to implement the two-pillar international tax package effectively and, in particular, welcome a plan for additional support and technical assistance for developing countries. It also said that we note the OECD Report on Enhancing International Tax Transparency on Real Estate and the Global Forum Report on Facilitating the



Modi, Sunak discuss ways to deepen trade linkages

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held a bilateral meeting with his UK counterpart Rishi Sunak on the sidelines of the G20 Summit here. This is Sunak's first visit to India since becoming the Prime Minister in October last year, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said on Saturday. In a post on X (formerly Twitter) after the meeting, Modi said, "Great to have met PM Rishi Sunak on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Delhi. We discussed ways to deepen trade linkages and boost investment."

The PMO said that Prime Minister Modi conveyed his appreciation for UK's support during India's G20 Presidency, marked by high-level participation at various G20 meetings and events. The two leaders noted with satisfaction the progress in diverse areas of bilateral cooperation as per the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership as well as the Roadmap 2030, particularly in economy, defence and security, technology, green technology and climate change, health and mobility sectors.

Use of Tax-Treaty-Exchanged Information for Non-Tax Purposes. In a major break-

India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor to be launched soon

New Delhi: An India-Middle East-Europe' economic corridor including shipping and railway links will be launched soon, sources said on Saturday.

The first-of-its-kind economic corridor will be a historic initiative on cooperation, connectivity and infrastructure involving India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, EU, France, Italy, Germany, and the US.

US President Joe Biden, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced the project during the annual Group of 20 summit of the world's top economies.

Modi wrote on X: "Charting a journey of shared aspirations and dreams, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor promises to be a beacon of cooperation, innovation, and shared progress. As history unfolds, may this corridor be a testament to human endeavour and unity across continents."

The project is part of an initiative called the Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment (PGII).

Ursula von der Leyen at the Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment (PGII) and India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor programme at Bharat Mandapam said: "Since we launched the PGII, a joint vision by the world leaders, leading economies, to invest in the infrastructure that low and middle income countries need. And two years on more large-scale projects are seeing the light. And we are presenting two of them today.

Meanwhile, Biden said, "This is a real big deal. I want to thank the Prime Minister. One Earth, One Family, One Future that's the focus of this G20 Summit. And in many ways, it's also the focus of this partnership that we are talking about today."

through, the New Delhi Leaders' Summit Declaration was adopted on Saturday after consensus was reached among member states during the G20 Summit.

Unbearable Screams

Over 1000 Killed In Morocco Earthquake. It's as if it was hit by a bomb, said a survivor. The old city, or medina, of Marrakesh, is on the UNESCO World Heritage list, drawing tourists who help account for about seven per cent of Morocco's economy.

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The death toll from a strong earthquake that struck Morocco on Friday night has risen to 1,037, the country's Interior Ministry said on Saturday. The earthquake has also injured at least 1,204 people, according to the latest update from the ministry. A 6.8-magnitude earthquake hit Morocco on Friday at 11:11 p.m. local time at a depth of 18.5 km, said the US Geological Survey.

The epicentre of the earthquake was near the town of Ighil in Al Haouz Province, some 70 km southwest of Marrakesh, Xinhua news agency reported.

The earthquake was felt in many cities across Morocco, including Rabat and Casablanca. Many houses collapsed in the cities of Taroudant and Marrakesh, local media reported. The earthquake damaged many buildings in the old city of Marrakesh, the nearest big city to the epicenter, and many residents had to spend the night in the open space for fear of potential aftershocks, said Zhang Kai, an overseas Chinese living in Marrakesh.

Xinhua correspondents at Ouarzazate, about 190 km southeast of Marrakesh, saw residents taking shelter in an open space after the earthquake.

"There have been earthquakes before, but none of them were as strong as this one," said a resident in Ouarzazate who requires anonymity.

On the way from Ouarzazate to the epicenter, rocks and rubbles



from the mountains and buildings were seen scattered along the road. Rescuers have been sent to the quake-hit areas to search for survivors, local media reported.

The Red Cross Society of China (RCS) announced on Saturday that it would provide the Moroccan Red Crescent with 200,000 U.S. dollars in cash as emergency humanitarian assistance to assist in its rescue operations.

The RCS said it would keep abreast of the relief needs in Morocco and pledged to offer assistance to the best of its ability.

Arab countries and organizations, including Arab League (AL), Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Tunisia, Algeria and Lebanon, on Saturday sent condolences to Morocco over the devastating earthquake.

Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, secretary-general of the Cairo-based AL, said he hoped Morocco would quickly overcome the crisis.

Hours after the strong earthquake hit the North African country, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday instructed his government to prepare assistance for Morocco, including planning to send an aid delegation to the area.

Ex-Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu arrested in corruption case

Team Absolute | Amaravati

In a major development, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief N. Chandrababu Naidu was arrested on Saturday in Nandyal district by the state police's Crime Investigation Department (CID) in connection with the Skill Development Corporation corruption case.

The TDP chief was arrested at around 6 a.m. in the morning by the CID team headed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police M. Dhananjayudu.

As party workers assembled in protest against Naidu's arrest, heavy police force has been deployed in the area.

A notice served to the TDP chief reads: "It is to inform you that you have been arrested...U/s (under section) 120(B), 166, 167, 418, 420, 465, 468, 471, 409, 201, 109 r/w 34 & 37 IPC and Sec 12, 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (c) and (d) of



Prevention of Corruption Act, 1998 of CID."

According to the notice, Naidu cannot be released on bail as "it is a non-bailable offence". However, the notice added that he can seek bail through court only.

The former TDP government led by Chandrababu Naidu in 2014 in Andhra Pradesh had signed an MoU worth Rs 3,300 crore with a consortium involving corporate giants. A Government Order was also issued for setting up six centers of excellence for skill development. In 2017, the tax investigation

wing of GST- Intelligence Pune unearthed the scam. Also during the probe, CID officials found that no tenders were called for the project, and corporate giants who had agreed to establish skill centers had not spent a single rupee from their own resources on the project and instead it was siphoned off a major portion contributed by the government of Andhra Pradesh as its share for the 10 per cent of the project cost, amounting to Rs 371 crore. The money was allegedly diverted to major shell companies.

No civil traffic will be stopped on national highway during VVIPs movement in Kashmir

Srinagar: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Kashmir Vijay Kumar on Saturday chaired a high-level meeting with the officers of Police, security forces and other intelligence agencies in south Kashmir's Anantnag district to review the security of National Highway and SOPs being followed by security forces during convoy movement.

The ADGP advised all the participating officers to conduct a joint survey of NHW viz a viz Convoy movement in their Area of Responsibility (AOR) and recommend some changes where and if possible, to modify the SOPs in order to maintain a smooth flow of civilian traffic during Convoy movements without unnecessary hindrance.

"During the meeting, ADGP Kashmir advised the SSSP and CAPFs/Army Officers to identify the spots on National Highway where engineering intervention is required in raising heights of dividers, direct lateral entries and U-turn on National Highway.

OPINION DIVIDED OVER REMOVING 'INDIA' FROM CONSTITUTION; BLAMES 'STATE' INACTION FOR GROWING HATE SPEECH

Team Absolute | New Delhi

An exclusive nationwide survey conducted by CVoter reveals that the respondents are split wide open on the Bharat versus India controversy that has surfaced recently.

The survey had a sample size of 3,350. While 42 per cent respondents are of the opinion that the term India should not be removed from the Constitution, about 44 per cent feel the term India should be removed.

The Constitution of India that was adopted in January 1950 refers to the country as "India that is Bharat..."

A little more than half the respondents who identify themselves as supporters of the opposition INDIA bloc are of the opinion that the term India used in the original Constitution should be retained.

In contrast, close to 56 per cent of the respondents who identify themselves as NDA supporters want the term India to be removed.

The controversy over the issue was first sparked when the President of India used the term Bharat in an invitation sent for a banquet and dinner to mark the G20 Summit being organised in Delhi.



An overwhelming 70 per cent of the respondents are of the opinion that inaction by governments is responsible for growing instances of hate speech despite categorical orders of the Supreme Court on this count.

Interestingly, there is not much difference between the opinions of NDA and INDIA bloc supporters. While 68 per cent of INDIA bloc

supporters blame inaction by governments for the rising trend of hate speech, close to 74 per cent of ruling NDA supporters share the same viewpoint.

The controversy over hate speech was triggered recently when young DMK leader and Tamil Nadu Sports Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin had made disparaging remarks against Sanatan Dharma.

EX-RAJ MINISTER GUDHA JOINS SHIV SENA'S SHINDE FACTION

Jaipur: Former minister and Congress MLA from Rajasthan's Udaipur constituency Rajendra Gudha, who had launched a front against the state government over the Lal Diary, on Saturday joined the Shinde faction of Shiv Sena. He joined the party in his native village Gudha (Neemkathana) in the presence of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. He has been given the responsibility of coordinator. Shinde welcomed Gudha into the party by presenting him a Shiv Sena scarf. Gudha had earlier also worked in the BSP and Congress. Shinde said that the public will answer for what Gholot did.

50% of world's glaciers will vanish with 1.5 degrees of warming

- ❑ The study found that with 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming, half the world's glaciers would disappear and contribute 3.5 inches to sea level rise by 2100.
- ❑ If the world reaches 2.7 degrees of warming -- the estimated temperature increase based on climate pledges made at the Conference of Parties (COP26) of the UN Framework Convention for Climate Change -- nearly all glaciers in Central Europe, western Canada, and the US (including Alaska) will have melted.
- ❑ If warming reaches 4 degrees Celsius, 80 per cent of the world's glaciers will disappear and contribute 15 centimetres of sea level rise.

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If the world reaches 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming, 50 per cent of the glaciers would disappear and contribute 9 cm to sea level rise by 2100, finds an alarming study. The study, published in the journal Science, projects that the world's glaciers could lose as much as 40 per cent of their mass by 2100. Researchers from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, US, modelled glaciers around the world -- not counting the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets -- to predict how they will be affected by global temperature increases of 1.5 to 4 degrees Celsius (2.7 to 5 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels. The study by Rounce and team marks the first modelling



study that uses satellite-derived mass change data describing all the world's 215,000 glaciers. The team's sophisticated model used "new satellite derived datasets that were not available on a global level before", said Regine Hock, a glaciology professor at the University of Alaska and the University of Oslo. It included data from Japan's Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) on NASA's Terra satellite, as well as the USGS-NASA Landsat 8 and ESA's Sentinel satellites. The model accounted for glacial debris cover, which includes rocks, sediment, soot, dust and volcanic ash found on the glacier surface. Rapidly melting glaciers impact freshwater availability, landscapes, tourism, ecosystems, the frequency and severity of hazards, and sea level rise.



G20 SUMMIT: IIT-B, CHICAGO QUANTUM EXCHANGE FORGE NEW SCIENCE-TECH PARTNERSHIP

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B) has joined the Chicago Quantum Exchange at the University of Chicago as an international partner - among only five globally - for a new collaborative science and technology initiative between the two renowned academic institutions.

The partnership was announced at the G20 Summit between visiting US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and will promote cooperation in the fields of quantum information science, climate and energy, advanced micro-electronics, artificial intelligence and data science.

"It reaffirms the goals of the US-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET), to elevate and expand our strategic technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation between the governments, businesses, and academic institutions of our two countries," said an official here.

IIT-B Director, Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri, termed it as a strong bond being built between India and US academia, as evident from the joint declaration by Biden-Modi.



"It will also be a great opportunity for IIT-B to work with the University of Chicago on some of the most critical and evolving technologies our nations are facing today. Our collective strength will help bring forth impactful breakthrough innovations benefiting the society," said Prof. Chaudhuri. A key component of the partnership is that IIT Bombay has joined CQE as one of only five world-wide academic partners, he added.

The CQE, an intellectual hub for advancing the science and engineering of quantum information, is anchored by the US Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, the University of Illinois Urbana-

Champaign, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Northwestern University.

This follows recent University of Chicago quantum-focused announcements in Japan, the first at the G7 regarding a partnership between the University of Chicago, the University of Tokyo, IBM and Google to build the world's first quantum supercomputer, and the second with Tohoku University to accelerate quantum research.

The IIT Bombay anchors the Quantum Information Computing Science & Technology (QuICST) Hub, one of the leading centers for quantum research in India.

"Strong global partnerships provide the expertise and resources to

advance breakthrough innovation and are an essential part of developing a robust quantum ecosystem," said CQE Director David Awschalom, and the Liew Family Professor in Molecular Engineering at the University of Chicago, and senior scientist at Argonne.

In addition to quantum, UChicago and IIT Bombay will collaborate and conduct joint research in fields such as climate, energy, advanced micro-electronics, artificial intelligence and data science, with a host of joint research activities, conferences, exchanges of information as well as faculty and scholar visits.

For joint conferences and researchers visiting India, the University of Chicago's Delhi Center, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2024, will be a resource for these and similar collaborations.

"Our goal at the University of Chicago is to strengthen collaborations with our Indian counterparts in science, technology, and engineering, where the US and India are increasingly aligned in research and development, and this partnership is an outstanding opportunity to build shared US-India scientific knowledge," said UChicago Delhi Center Faculty Director Supratik Guha.

Marathas no longer want mere promises on reservation: Top BJP leader

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BJP national secretary Pankaja Munde on Saturday said the Maratha community wants concrete action over reservation and not mere promises, and urged the Maharashtra government to hold positive talks with the quota protesters to resolve the stalemate. The former Maharashtra minister was talking to reporters here on the sidelines of her 'Shivshakti Parikrama Yatra'.

"The Maharashtra government can take a decision on Maratha reservation. It has a plan about how much reservation can be allotted to which community. It should hold discussions with protesters with confidence and courage and try to provide reservation to the Maratha community," she said.

"If they don't want to go above the 50 per cent quota cap, then a major decision will have to be taken at the national level. The central government's problems on this front are different. It faces a similar situation in many states. It will do what it can as per the Constitution," Munde said.

The Maratha community no longer wants mere promises, they don't want to be misled, they want concrete action in the form of reservation, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader added.

She urged the state government not to make the Maratha and Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities quarrel between themselves.

The state does not want to see the two communities fighting, she said.



She asked the Maratha community members to exert pressure on the government for reservation by holding protests, and said they should not think about ending their lives over the issue.

"...Your fight is useful for the coming generations," Munde added.

The Maratha quota issue returned to centre stage when the police last week baton-charged a violent mob at Antarwali Sarati village in Jalna district after protesters allegedly refused to let authorities shift Manoj Jarange, an activist on hunger strike over the quota issue, to a hospital.

Jarange on Friday warned that he would intensify his ongoing hunger strike from the weekend. He has asked the government to drop the requirement to provide evidence of genealogy for the Marathas from the Marathwada area if they want to obtain the Kumbi caste certificates and avail of reservation under the OBC category.

2 infants, 31 trapped in burning building rescued safely

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a laudable effort, the Mumbai Fire Brigade rescued 33 persons, including two newborn infants, from a five-storeyed building here which was engulfed in a major fire on Saturday, the BMC Disaster Control said.

The blaze was reported from the Saki Society in Sakinaka, Andheri East, at around 9 a.m. which left the residents trapped on various floors, even as anxious people in the neighbourhood gathered and attempted to help out. The fire apparently broke out in an electric meter box cabin located on the ground floor, caught the wiring, installations, electrical panel boards and other items, and quickly spread to the upper



floors of the residential building. The scared and screaming residents were stuck on different floors as the dense and blinding toxic smoke blocked the staircase while the terrace was locked. A Mumbai Fire Brigade team, equipped with sophisticated equipment and ladders rushed to the building and launched the evacuation operations while fighting the conflagration. Within an hour,

they brought down 7 people from the first floor, 14 plus 2 newborn infants from the second floor, and 10 more from the third and fourth floors using angus ladders and the staircase. Finally, around 10.45 am, the blaze was also extinguished and now the cooling operations are underway, and there were no injuries in the tragedy, said the BMC Disaster Control.

Reliance contributes Rs 25 cr to Uttarakhand for post-flood recovery & development

Team Absolute | Mumbai

To help rebuild lives affected by floods this year in Uttarakhand and in continuation of its sustained social development efforts in the state, Reliance through Anant Ambani contributed Rs 25 crore to the state's Chief Minister's Relief Fund on Thursday.

"We share a deep bond with the people of Uttarakhand, through joys and sorrows over the past decade. The phenomenal resilience of the state and its people in the face of crisis has been inspiring for all of us at Reliance. As we mark a decade of our association with Uttarakhand, to further strengthen this journey we are contributing in a meaningful manner to the state's well-being," said Anant Ambani.

Floods and landslides following heavy rains in Uttarakhand during July and August this year resulted in widespread loss of life and property. Reliance has stood with Uttarakhand during difficult times since the 2013 floods that caused extensive damage.

Among the first organisations to reach the far-flung areas, Reliance Foundation rescued stranded



people, provided relief and shelter, and initiated efforts to rebuild lives. It reconstructed institutions, including two schools that catered to children from 30 villages, while training communities for greater resilience. Reliance had also supported the people of the state following floods in 2021 and during the Covid-19 pandemic. In collaboration with the government of Uttarakhand and other organisations, Reliance has taken various social initiatives. Rural communities were supported in creating about five

lakh cubic metres of water harvesting capacity, which helped improve water availability for agriculture and consumption in 90 villages. Various community healthcare initiatives took medical care to the last mile.

Many of the 1,500 women and 1,200 representatives of gram panchayats trained in community development went on to be grassroots leaders. A strong proponent of sports for development, Reliance supported over 3.8 lakh children and youth in the state for football, basketball and athletics through its Education and Sports for All initiatives. The unique Chirbatiya Luthiyag marathon in 2018 and 2019 helped bring communities together, showcasing talent and creating awareness on ecological conservation.

The outcomes of Reliance's efforts to strengthen livelihoods in Uttarakhand have inspired transformation in other parts of India. In the spirit of 'We Care' that it espouses, Reliance is committed to the inclusive development and well-being of people everywhere in India.

This contribution is aimed at further supporting the people of Uttarakhand on their journey towards well-being and prosperity.

BMC plans toilets at beaches, but none for transgenders

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The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) ambitious project to construct toilets on seven city beaches, has no space for this facility for transgenders. Out of the 27 bio-toilets planned, none are dedicated to transgenders, drawing criticism from the community.

The National Green Tribunal had ordered the BMC to install bio-toilets on beaches in 2021. The civic body finally invited a tender for the installation of bio-toilets at Juhu, Dadar-Mahim sea shore, Girgaon, Madh-Marve, Manori Gorai Beach and Versova on September 6. The project will cost Rs 3.20 crore. The date for



submitting the tender is September 25. But BMC officials claim that due to the shortage of space, they can't

construct separate toilets for transgenders. Sharing the details of the project, a civic official said, "We will

set up 27 bio-toilets at seven beaches so there is no need for a sewage network." According to a source, initially, BMC had decided to have separate toilets for transgenders and for males and females. But the plan was later dropped citing space constraint.

The source added, "Each cabin will have three seats each for men and women and one for divyang persons (differently abled). As the beaches are in the coastal regulatory zone, we faced space constraints.

So we were unable to create separate toilets for transgenders." When contacted, Deputy Municipal Commissioner Chanda Jadhav said she will get information about the issue and look into the matter.

People have rejected 'dictatorial' govt at Centre: Supriya Sule

Team Absolute | Mumbai

People have rejected the "dictatorial" government in Delhi (at the Centre), Nationalist Congress Party working president Supriya Sule said on Saturday in connection with the results of bypolls to seven seats across the country.

In results declared on Friday, four parties that are part of the opposition bloc I-N-D-I-A won an equal number of seats, while the Bharatiya Janata Party was victorious in three constituencies.

The people have rejected unemployment and inflation, she said. "The dictatorial government in Delhi has been



rejected," Sule asserted. The BJP won two seats in Tripura and one in Uttarakhand, while the Congress, Jharkhand Mukti

Morcha, Trinamool Congress and Samajwadi Party won a seat each in Kerala, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, respectively.

Woman found hanging at her house in Mumbai slum

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a suspected case of suicide, a 20-year-old woman was found hanging at her residence in Mumbai's suburban Oshiwara, police said on Saturday.

She was found dead on Friday afternoon in Behrambaugh slum, she said.

"The victim, identified as Shaheen Parveen, resided alone in a small room in the slum. The incident came to light when people living nearby broke open the door of her house as there was no response from inside despite repeated calls. They were shocked to see her hanging from the ceiling," an official of Oshiwara police station said.

They immediately informed the police, who came to the spot and rushed her to a nearby hospital, where she was declared



dead, he said. The woman hailed from Bihar, he said, adding that no suicide note was recovered from the spot.

On the basis of primary information, an accidental death report (ADR) was filed and further investigation is underway, the official added.

Young boy loses control of lower body after Dahi Handi pyramid crashes on top of him

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Dahi Handi celebrations took a tragic turn for several Govindas who sustained serious injuries while performing daring feats on Thursday. As per the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), 107 injured Govindas visited various civic-run hospitals on Thursday out of which 14 had to be admitted. In total, 11 wounded revellers from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) have been admitted to KEM hospital. On Friday, some of their relatives could be seen waiting anxiously outside the operation theatre. While three patients have already undergone surgery and will take six months to a year to recover, two others will take longer time to heal.

A 24-year-old bystander from Nalasoara fractured his neck after a human pyramid collapsed on him on the premises of his building on



Thursday. He cannot move the lower half of his body and while he will undergo surgery at KEM hospital on Saturday, he may never improve neurologically. Doctors are hoping for a miracle. "My brother works at a printing press. On Thursday, while he was cheering on an attempt to break the dahi handi, the pyramid came crashing down on him, damaging the bones of his neck," said his

sister. A 16-year-old boy, Vedant More, fractured his leg after he fell from the sixth level of a pyramid. An operation was carried out in KEM on Friday afternoon.

Vedant passed the SSC exam this year and just joined an Industrial Training Institute. "College started last week. He went with a local Pathak (group) near Joshi High School in Dombivali East to break

the dahi handi. He fell down around 10.30 pm," said Vinayak More, the boy's father.

One of Vedant's friends said that they initially admitted him to a private hospital in Dombivli and then shifted him to KEM. Vinayak said that doctors assured him that he would recover after the operation.

The wife of an injured Govinda, Rajendra Kasurde, 40, said, "He attends the Dahi Handi event every year with the Kalachowkie Pathak. He was standing on the ground but could not bear the weight of the Govindas who fell on him. He cannot move his leg at the moment but doctors say there isn't any need for an operation."

Soham Pednekar, a Virar resident, was also injured while supporting climbers. "His spine got injured and he fractured his leg. The doctors sent him for an MRI. They will decide what to do after the report," said one of his relatives.



"MUKHYAMANTRI LADLI BAHNA AWAS YOJANA" APPROVED

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Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Awas Yojana will now be known as "Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Awas Yojana". This will encompass the houseless eligible families of all categories.

Two-fold hike in monthly honorarium of cooks. The Cabinet has decided to increase the current monthly honorarium of cooks engaged in the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Yojana.

Extension of special recruitment drive for backlog/carry forward posts. The time limit of the special



recruitment drive to fill the backlog/carry forward posts of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Persons with Disabilities has been extended by one year from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Approval of hike in monthly honorarium of guest teachers

The Cabinet has approved doubling of the monthly honorarium given to guest teachers. The honorarium currently received by Class-1 has been increased from Rs 9,000 to Rs 18,000.

Decision to implement M.P. Mob Lynching Victim Compensation Scheme 2023

The Cabinet has decided to implement Mob Lynching Victim

Compensation Scheme 2023 Madhya Pradesh for relief and rehabilitation of the victims of mob lynching and their dependents in the state. Under this scheme, the crime of mob lynching involves causing harm to any person or persons by a mob of five or more persons on grounds of religion, caste, sex, place of birth, language, food habits, sexual orientation, political affiliation, ethnicity or other such ground or grounds or involves any act or series of acts of violence intended to cause injury.

Approval to provide Ladli Bahnas Rs 450 for cooking gas

In compliance with the announcement made by the Chief Minister Chouhan on 27 August 2023, a decision has been taken to provide cooking gas for Rs 450 to all women hav-

ing gas connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and Ladli Bahnas having gas connections under non-PMUY in the month of Shrawan (04.07.2023 to 31.08.2023). Subsidy will be payable on refills done in the month of Shrawan on gas connections issued in the name of Ladli Bahanas.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Allotment of land for educational purpose to NFSU Bhopal
Approval for creation of 240 new posts for government colleges
Obtaining rank in JEE Mains examination under Medhavi Vidyarthi Yojana no longer mandatory
Approval to upgrade Civil Hospital Kailash Nath Katju into 300 bedded Civil Hospital
Approval of attractive time scale/selection pay scale of doctors
Special rehabilitation package approved for affected people of Ken-Betwa Link Project

Make the young generation aware of the relevance and significance of astrological knowledge

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Governor Mangubhai Patel said that the knowledge of astrology is a gift of the practice and research of our ancestors. He said that the young generation should be made aware of the relevance and importance of astrology knowledge in the contemporary world.

Governor Patel was addressing the inaugural session of the first Maharishi Parashar International Astrology Conference in the auditorium of Central Sanskrit University. The two-day conference has been organised under the joint aegis of Central Sanskrit University, Bhopal campus, Astroverse and Jeevan Vaibhav Group.

Referring to the traditional parable of Satyavan-Savitri, Governor Shri Patel said that destiny is made through hard work. He said that Satyavan's destiny of death was changed by his wife with her intelligence and sharpness and along with saving husband's life it resulted in happy life for the entire family.



Om has been made by the trees. Appreciating the organisation of the conference, he described it as a commendable initiative to provide globally to Indian knowledge traditions. He hoped that the deliberations of the conference would inspire the youth to take inspiration from Indian cultural traditions, ethical life values and scientism of ancient Indian knowledge.

At the outset of the programme, the Governor was welcomed with a bunch of flowers and felicitated with shawl and shawl. Governor Patel inaugurated the conference by lighting the lamp. In the programme, the first copy of Jeevan Vaibhav Group's souvenir special issue, mementos and insignia were presented to the Governor.

Handicrafts and Tribal Arts of Madhya Pradesh on display at G20 Crafts Bazaar at Bharat Mandapam

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A wide range of fascinating handicrafts and tribal artifacts of Madhya Pradesh are on display at the Crafts Bazaar of Bharat Mandapam for the foreign delegates and others attending the G20 Summit.



pavilion has national and international card swipe facilities for digital payments. The purchased products will be packed in eco-friendly paper bags. A Forex counter has also been set up in the craft market, courtesy of State Bank of India.

who was awarded the National Award for the year 2017. Gond paintings, Maheshwari Saris and Bhil jewellery of Madhya Pradesh are also being displayed in TRIFED's Tribes India Pavilion in the crafts market.

Man pulling girl's clothes, putting hand on her shoulder shows his sexual intent: MP HC

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Madhya Pradesh High Court has upheld a district court's order of prosecuting a man under the POCSO Act, asserting that a man pulling the clothes of a girl and putting his hand on her shoulder shows his sexual intent.

The court made this assertion while hearing a plea challenging Mandsaur district court's order to sentence a 22-year-old man to three years' imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 4,000.

A bench headed by Justice Prem Narayan Singh said that as per law, any prosecution for any offence under the POCSO Act requires a culpable mental state on the part of the accused and the same shall be presumed by the special court in such type of offences.

It was the prosecution case that when the victim, a 9th-grade student, was returning from her rela-



tive's house, the accused grabbed her hand with malicious intent and pulled her clothes in 2021. Local police had filed a charge sheet and on the basis of that Mandur district court found the man guilty. The trial court had then imposed a sentence of three years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 4,000 for the offence under the POCSO Act.

The appellant moved the High Court challenging the trial court's order. The HC not only upheld the trial court decision but also made a strong observation that "a man pulling the clothes of a girl and putting his hand on her shoulder shows his sexual intent." The court said that the victim's statement was corroborated by the statement of a witness, one Manish (victim's uncle). It was also consistent with the details provided in the first information report (FIR), the court added. Additionally, the court took into account the fact that during the medical examination of the victim, a medical officer had identified an abrasion on the upper part of the prosecutrix's left hand.

AAP Releases First List Of 10 Candidates For Madhya Pradesh Election

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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Friday announced the first list of 10 candidates, including nominees for two seats in Bhopal district currently held by the ruling BJP, for the upcoming Madhya Pradesh assembly polls.



it will field candidates in all the 230 assembly seats in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled state. The list includes candidates from Bhopal district's Govindpura seat, Sajjan Singh Parmar, and Dr Ravikant Dwivedi from Huzur in the state capital, a party release said here.

Huzur segments are currently represented by BJP MLAs Krishna Gaur and Rameshwar Sharma, respectively. The list also includes the names of candidates from Sewda (Sanjay Dubey), Dimani (Surenra Singh) Tomar, Morena (Ramesh Upadhyay), Petlawad-ST (Komal Damor), Sirmour (Sarita Pandey), Sironji (IS Morya), Churhat (Anendra Govind Mishra "Rajan") and Maharajpur (Ram Ji Patel). Last month, the BJP had named its candidates for 39 assembly seats in Madhya Pradesh, while the BSP's first list contained seven nominees.

News Journalists Express Gratitude To CM Chouhan

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A delegation of journalists called on Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday at CM's residence Samatva Bhawan and expressed gratitude for the announcements for the welfare of the journalist class. On this occasion, senior journalists Chandrabas Shukla, Prem Narayan Premi, Virendra Sinha, Suresh Sharma, Rambhuvan Singh Kushwaha, Arun Patel, Anand Shukla, Dinesh Sharma, Sandeep Gaharwar and others were present. CM Chouhan made important announcements regarding

Embarrassment for Erstwhile Panna royal family as 'Maharani' dragged out from temple, booked for hurting religious sentiments

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Maharani Jiteshwari Devi of erstwhile Panna royal family was dragged out from a temple's sanctum sanctorum during Janmashtami celebrations and prevented from performing a ritual. A video showing Devi attempting to perform the ritual on Thursday before getting dragged out and the priests accusing her of misbehaving in an inebriated state, has gone viral on social media.

by entering a temple's sanctum sanctorum during Janmashtami celebrations. As per the police, Devi has been booked under the Indian Penal Code's Sections 295A (hurting religious sentiments) and 353 (assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty). The priests of the temple maintained that only men of the royal family are allowed to perform this ritual, but she broke the rule. "Jiteshwari's son was invited to perform it but he did not show up. Jiteshwari Devi entered the temple and started creating a nuisance,"

Santosh Tiwari, a temple administrator said, adding that "only men of the royal family have been performing the ritual on Janmashtami for the past 300 years." Police said Devi came to the temple and tried to create a ruckus. The temple administration allowed her to perform the ritual during midnight 'aarti' but when she tried to enter the sanctum sanctorum, the devotees protested. "Devi started creating a nuisance. She fell down and the policewomen, who were deployed to take care of the crowd, had to take her away," police said.

'Poll Survey Video Shared By Digvijay Is Doctored,' SHIVRAJ TAKES TO SOCIAL MEDIA, ACCUSES CONGRESS OF SPREADING LIES

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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday accused Congress Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh of spreading lies through a doctored video. "Congress has the support of lies. But this time false and fake support will not help. That's why Congress has to face public anger," Chouhan said on X, sharing screenshots of a post by Singh related to a video showing an "opinion poll" claiming it to be from a news channel. The CM also posted screenshots of the tweets of the news channel's officials terming the "survey" shared by Singh and other Congress leaders fake and doctored. The video shared by Digvijaya Singh claims to be revealing the findings of an opinion poll, in which the Congress is apparently poised to get an overwhelming majority in BJP-governed Madhya Pradesh. The assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh are due in November. Digvijaya Singh is showing the



distorted shape of politics' Meanwhile, state home minister Narottam Mishra told reporters that legal steps would be taken if the channel authorities filed a complaint in this regard. "Digvijaya Singh is showing the distorted shape of politics by using social media. They ran a fake poll survey attributing it to ABP while the news channel's managing editor termed it fake. This is

not the first time he has done it," Mishra said. According to Mishra, Digvijaya Singh had earlier said that there could be Nuh-like violence in MP and had shared a picture of a "saffron flag on a mosque" claiming it to be from Khargone. Nuh in Haryana was recently hit by communal violence. BJP state chief VD Sharma said that such kind of acts show the frustration of Congress leaders. MP Congress media department chairman KK Mishra, who also allegedly shared the clip on Saturday morning and later deleted it, said that the video regarding the "opinion poll" was doing rounds on social media for the past two days. Instead of blaming Congress leaders, they should file a case against such persons who have been circulating the clip for the past two days, he said. Earlier last month, the state police registered a case against Digvijaya Singh after a tweet by his official X account claimed that some alleged "anti-social elements of Bajrang Dal" ransacked the Jain temple complex at Kundalpur in Damoh district and kept a "Shiv Pindi" there.

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Farah Khan recounts train travel with SRK for 'Chaiyya Chaiyya' shoot

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Director-choreographer Farah Khan, who is known for 'Main Hoon Na', 'Om Shanti Om', 'Happy New Year' and others, is set to grace the upcoming episode of the talent reality show 'India's Got Talent' season 10. In the course of the episode, Farah reminisced about travelling with the Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan in a train for the shoot of the song 'Chaiyya Chaiyya'.

Farah, who is a close friend of SRK, choreographed 'Chaiyya Chaiyya', and has directed him in 'Main Hoon Na', 'Om Shanti Om' and 'Happy New Year'.

The upcoming episode pays tribute to the incredible legacy of the Indian Railways as Farah Khan joins the judges' panel, alongside Badshah and Kirron Kher, as a guest judge. The Top 13 contestants will honour the contribution of the Indian Railways.

Amidst the performances, guest Farah Khan and judges Badshah and Kirron Kher take a nostalgic trip down memory lane as they fondly reminisce about their own rail adventures.

Farah Khan shared: "I have travelled my entire youth in trains. It used to be quite crowded, and I used to travel second class due to our limited financial resources. You learn self-defence while travelling in Mumbai locals (laughs). When we were travelling for the shoot of 'Chaiyya Chaiyya', we took Shah Rukh Khan on a train overnight, along with Manisha and Mani Ratnam sir".

She further mentioned: "We covered ourselves completely with

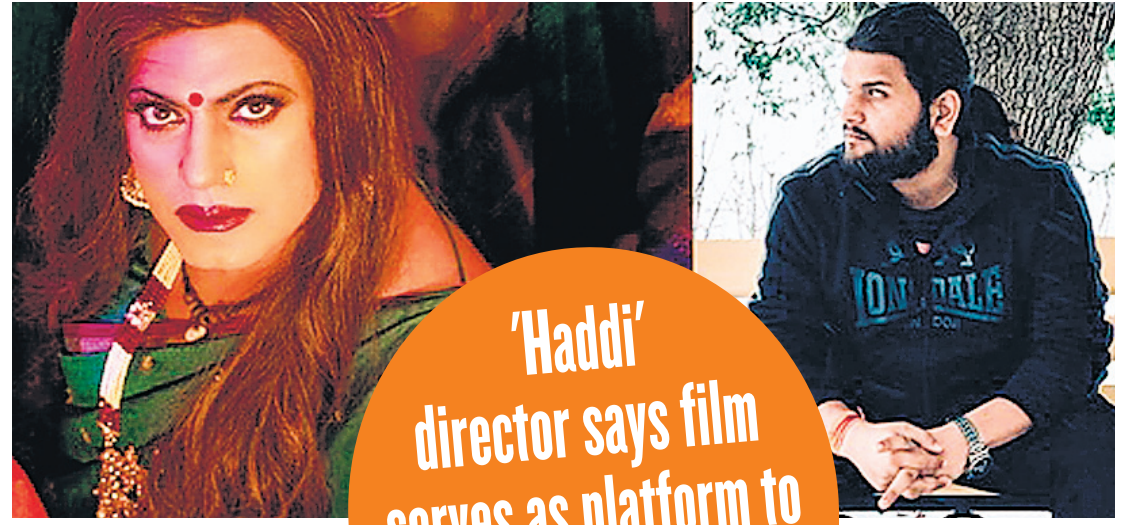


scarves so that people wouldn't recognise us. But by the time we reached there, it seemed like everyone already knew that Shah Rukh Khan was on the train. On every platform, there were thousands of people waiting to see him, and it was very scary."

Kirron Kher fondly shares her own experiences: "I had beautiful experiences too. My father was in the army, so when he was posted in different places, we would travel by train. The first-class carriages had spacious berths. The beds were quite large and comfortable. We used to peek out of the window, and my mother would say, 'Don't put your head outside; something might fly into your eye'. These trains

weren't diesel engines; they were steam engines. We had such beautiful memories."

Badshah reveals how he got introduced to A. R. Rahman courtesy the Indian Railways. He said: "My dad and I were on an LTC (Leave Travel Concession) tour of South India, and we were travelling with another couple who were newly married. I was quite young at the time, and it was the first time I saw a Walkman. They put the Walkman on my ears, and there was a cassette playing, perhaps Tamil music. The movie's name was 'Kadhalan.' That was the first time I was introduced to A.R. Rahman. I heard the song 'Ooravasi Ooravasi' then and fell in love with Rahman Sir from that moment on."



'Haddi' director says film serves as platform to voices of transgender community

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Akshat Ajay Sharma, the director of the recently released film 'Haddi', has shared that the film is a statement of his team's commitment for providing a platform to voices of the transgender community.

The film explores the dark and complex world of transgender individuals who become entangled in Delhi's criminal underworld. For the film, over 100 transgender individuals were roped in.

Talking about the same, Akshat said that the inclusion of more than 100 transgender individuals in the making of 'Haddi' was a conscious choice to enhance authentic storytelling.

The director said: "Each of these remarkable individuals brought different perspectives of their life and experiences/struggles that they have faced in real life which helped us portray the Kinser Community in the most profound ways. Haddi is not just a film, it's a statement of our commitment

to celebrating diversity and providing a platform for voices that have long been marginalised."

He further mentioned, "We need to normalise this beautiful community and its people. I hope this film will inspire others in the industry to embrace inclusivity and open doors to countless untapped talents."

The film stars an ensemble starcast of Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Ila Arun, Zeeshan Ayub, Saurabh Sachdeva, Shridhar Dubey, Rajesh Kumar, Saharsh Shukla and Anurag Kashyap.

URVASHI RAUTELA SAYS BOLLYWOOD NEEDS HEROES LIKE ELVISH YADAV

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Urvashi Rautela and popular YouTuber and now 'Bigg Boss OTT 2' winner Elvish Yadav have paired up for a new music video titled 'Hum To Deewane'. Talking about working with Elvish, Urvashi is greatly pleased and said that Bollywood needs more heroes like him.

She said: "Elvish Yadav has truly delivered an incredible performance in 'Hum To Deewane', leaving everyone pleasantly surprised. I strongly feel that Bollywood is in dire need of tall heroes like Elvish."

"This song is a sincere ode to romance, catering to all the passionate couples out there, and it's undeniably a beautiful composition."

She also added: "Throughout the entire shoot, my focus was solely on him because I believe that when my hero looks his best, as an onscreen couple, we can deliver our very best. Please shower us with your love and blessings."

The song has currently come out with a poster, ahead of its release, featuring their distinct looks. Urvashi Rautela looks dazzling, donning a vibrant red anarkali dress.

In contrast, Elvish Yadav gives off a more casual look, exuding cool and confident vibes, dressed in a stylish combination of a checked shirt, black pants, and a leather jacket. The contrast between their looks is no mere aesthetic difference, but also a hint, pointing to an intriguing chemistry which will be part of the track.

The tagline hints at a story of passionate love, and the poster only fuels the curiosity about what lies in store for the audience.

Fans are already buzzing with excitement who took the internet by storm looking at the poster, and have created an online frenzy, particularly due to Elvish's own popularity and his ardent fan base.

One fan wrote: "Syttummm Hang hone wala hai bhain". Another wrote: "Waiting for the big Blast On 14 September . Ek King, to dusri queen."



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Kristal Silva

RISHABH JAISWAL FINDS A SISTER IN GANG LEADER RHEA CHAKRABORTY

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Rishabh Jaiswal, who is currently seen in TV youth-based reality show 'Roadies Karm Ya Kaand' reveals finding a sister in Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty.

Rishabh said: "I'm enjoying my journey in Roadies and since the beginning of the show I'm in the gang lead by Rhea Chakraborty. I'm sharing a good bond with her."

"She motivates me to perform well. She reminds me that it's a once in a lifetime opportunity. The season will be known for us. She's kind and humble. I found a sister in her and refer her as... Didi, off camera," he added.

Rishabh came into the spotlight after he participated in 'MTV Splitsvilla Season 14' and later acted in TV shows 'Anupamaa' and 'Kundali Bhagya' is keen on contesting more reality TV shows. He added: "I find them very exciting, promising and at the same time challenging too. I'm waiting for more opportunities to experience a new reality show."

'Roadies', which premiered its first season in 2003, has come a long way since then and has remained a popular show among youth.

The current 19th season featuring Prince Narula and Gautam Gulati as two gang leaders promised to be an action-packed season, with a thrilling theme based on 'Karm Ya Kaand'.

'Nargis Fakhri never gave a feeling that she is a star,' says Gagan Anand

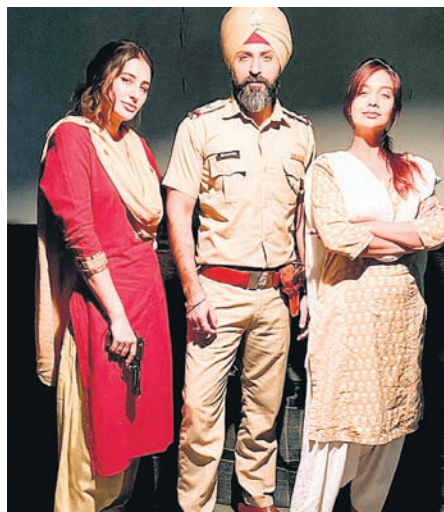
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Actor Gagan Anand, who plays a Sikh cop Dilbagh Singh in the series 'Tatubaa', had an enriching experience shooting with actress Nargis Fakhri.

Gagan is best known for featuring in TV shows like 'Kumkum Bhagya' and 'Lag Ja Gale'.

He said: "It was the most memorable experience as an actor. Nargis spoke only in English and my character had to do comic scenes with her in proper benarasi Hindi language. Since comic timing is a key, it was very challenging since language was a barrier."

"But I rarely in my lifetime had seen an actor who is as prepared so much for a role as Nargis was. We would rehearse in between shots, during lunch breaks and even post pack-ups at times.



Nargis never gave a feeling that she was a star."

He revealed that her down to earth approach made him understand that humility is everything.

"I'm a fiery man in real life and Nargis was a go-getter. This was almost like a dream co-actor for me in my entire career in tv and web till date," Gagan said.

Talking about reality TV star Divya Agarwal, he added: "Divya on the other hand was a friend on set for me. She would have pani-puri, chats and participate in several pranks with the production team. I was also the head of production on this show in addition to his role as an actor. For me, with friendly actor like Divya half of the job is done."

Gagan is best known for featuring in shows like 'Veer Ki Ardaas Veera', 'Yeh Hai Mohabbatein', 'Peshwa Bajirao' among others. He also acted in OTT space in series named 'Bichoo Ka Khel' and 'Hai Taubba'.



Asia Cup

BANGLADESH LOSE TO SRI LANKA BY 21 RUNS

Colombo | Agencies

Sri Lanka continued their dominance of Bangladesh as they beat the Tigers in the Super 4 stage of the tournament by 21 runs, and, for the second time in the Asia Cup 2023 here on Saturday.

This win wasn't easy as Sri Lanka first struggled with the bat before Sadeera Samarawickrama's heroic 93 runs in the first half of the team to 257/9 in 50 overs, a defendable total on the pitch which was a tricky one to bat.

Sadeera Samarawickrama, Kusal Mendis, Matheesha Pathirana, and Maheesh Theekshana were the stars of the show.

Chasing the target Bangladesh started very well as they opened the batting with a 55-run partnership. But soon they tumbled down as they lost the next three wickets within 28 runs. The rescue partnership came



between Towhid Hridoy and Mushfiqur Rahim, added 72 runs on the board, and showed some resilience.

Hridoy went on to play the anchor inning for Bangladesh as he went on to score his third half-century in ODI cricket. However, his inning of 82 runs went in vain as the Tigers tailender completely lost the way in the

end. Skipper Dasun Shanaka gave an early shock to Bangladesh as he removed both the openers and then the young Pathirana marched on with spinner Theekshana. Trio went on to pick three wickets each. Earlier in the inning, Mendis and Sadeera played a handy role for Sri Lanka as

they both took the team to a respectable total. Sadeera went on to hit his highest score in ODI cricket and anchored the team in death overs with some big hits.

For Bangladesh, it was Taskin Ahmed and Taskin Ahmed took three wickets and thus restricted the Lankans to 257/9. Sadeera Samarawickrama was elected 'Player of the Match' for his brilliant 93 runs.

This is Sri Lanka's first win in the Super 4 stage of the tournament and they will next play India on September 12.

Brief scores

Sri Lanka: 257/9 in 50 overs (Sadeera Samarawickrama 93, Kusal Mendis 50; Taskin Ahmed 3-63, Hasan Mahmud 3-57) beat Bangladesh 236 all out in 48.1 overs (Towhid Hridoy 82; Dasun Shanaka 3-28, Matheesha Pathirana 3-58) by 21 runs.

Rain could play spoilsport yet again in India's Super Four showdown against Pakistan

Colombo | Agencies

Since Friday, the Asia Cup was thrown into chaotic scenes as the announcement of a reserve day for the India-Pakistan Super Four clash came into the picture. Now, as the two teams look to renew their rivalry in Colombo on Sunday, the rain threat hasn't subsided.

Just like India's league game at Pallekele was abandoned due to rain and their chase against Nepal affected by similar reason, the threat of a washout looms high in Colombo. As per various weather forecasts, chances of precipitation for Sunday's match are at 90%.

Due to this, there is a reserve day in place for the clash on Monday, but the forecasts also say it has a 100% precipitation chance. If a miracle results in the weather clearing up in Colombo, India would like to seek some answers in finalising their combination for the Men's ODI World Cup.

With Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli looking settled as top three, as well as Shreyas Iyer coming back as number four bat-



ter, India has to find solutions to its predicament of choosing between KL Rahul and Ishan Kishan as their first-choice wicketkeeper-batter.

Since January 2020, Rahul averages 56.53 in his resurgence as a dependable middle-order batter for India, before a right thigh injury which needed surgery kept him out of action since May this year.

Though a niggle unrelated to original injury kept him out of Pallekele leg, he did participate in wicketkeeping drills in Colombo, signalling that he's ready to take up dual roles. On the other hand, Kishan, the left-handed batter, is on a run of four consecutive fifties. Three of those fifties came

as an opener in the West Indies and last of which was a sublime 82 under pressure against Pakistan at number five, a place he never batted before, impressing everyone with his versatility.

India will also be keen to see how pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah fares as a bowler in ODIs. Bumrah did play in the game against Pakistan last week, but hasn't bowled in ODIs since July last year, skipping the game against Nepal to go back home for the birth of his first child. India's batters will undoubtedly be challenged by Pakistan's bowlers, the pace trio of Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf, who took all ten wickets at Pallekele, with

Faheem Ashraf and Shadab Khan to support them.

Though Naseem had a shoulder injury scare against Bangladesh in the Super Four match at Lahore, he did resume bowling. All these ingredients shape up for another tantalising affair, provided rain doesn't come into play.

Squads

India: Rohit Sharma (captain), Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya (vice-captain), Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav and Prasad Krishna. **Pakistan:** Babar Azam (captain), Abdullah Shafique, Fakhar Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq, Salman Ali Agha, Iftikhar Ahmed, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Haris, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Usama Mir, Faheem Ashraf, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Wasim Jr, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Saud Shakeel and Tayyab Tahir (travelling reserve).

Mustafa Hajrulahovic Memorial

Boxers Manish Kaushik, Manju Rani enter finals

Team Absolute | New Delhi

2019 World Championship silver medalist Manju Rani and 2019 World Championship bronze medalist Manish Kaushik stormed into the finals with identical unanimous wins on Friday at the 21st Mustafa Hajrulahovic Memorial tournament in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Manish (63kg) started the day for India against Afghanistan's Mohammad Sarwari. Manish used his



experience and was at his attacking best throughout the three rounds to outplay his opponent enroute the 5-0 victory. Manish will now be up against Palestine's Mohammed Soud in the finals. Manju Rani (50kg) showed similar display of

domination when she stepped in the ring against Petra Mezei of Hungary. Manju, with her quick moment and powerful punches proved to be too strong for the opponent as she sailed through to the finals with a convincing 5-0 win. She will now face Sadia Broomand of Afghanistan in her quest to secure the gold medal.

Manju Rani (50kg), Barun Singh Shagolsheem (51kg), Vinakshi (57kg), Akash Kumar (57kg), Manish Kaushik (63kg), Naveen Kumar (92kg) will be in action later today for their finals bout.

MEDVEDEV BEAT ALCARAZ, SETS DJOKOVIC REMATCH IN 2023 US OPEN FINAL

New York | Agencies

Daniil Medvedev beat defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, 7-6(3), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, to advance to his third US Open final, at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

In a matchup of two superstars, each with their own unique set of preternatural tennis talents, the 2021 New York champion, Medvedev got his calculations just right to neutralize the uber-athletic game of Alcaraz with his own brand of metronomic baseline brilliance. The third seed also leaned on a stellar serving performance that peaked in the second set, when he rattled off three straight love holds.

Medvedev was hanging on at the start, battling through a series of tough holds and saving the only two break points of the first set as Alcaraz flew out of the blocks. But the tide



began to turn when Medvedev won 12 straight points on serve late in the set, including a pair of love holds.

The third seed shook off a double fault that made it 3-3 in the tiebreak by hitting two forehand winners in a four-point blitz to close the set.

Medvedev drove home that advantage with an instant break in set two,

and he did not lose a point on serve in the set until he harmlessly conceded two in serving out the frame.

The inevitable Alcaraz surge came in set three, which he began with a love hold to signal his intent. Always a fan favorite in New York, Alcaraz enjoyed even more backing in Ashe as he began to launch a comeback bid. The Spaniard was in full flow after scoring his first break of the match to lead 3-1, his balletic movements setting him up to power through the lanky Medvedev's defenses. With the volume turned up, Alcaraz eased through the third set and fashioned an opening at 15-40 early in set four, before Medvedev began to recalibrate his resistance. Medvedev escaped that game and then scored the crucial break on his second break point of a mammoth, seven-deuce game to move to the brink of victory at 4-2. Alcaraz attacked the net with aban-

don down the stretch, serving-and-volleying on the majority of the points late in that marathon game. But Medvedev kept forcing him to hit tough volleys, and Alcaraz was stumped on the last two.

In the end, the puzzle presented by Medvedev was too tough to overcome. It was the third seed's turn to endure a titanic service game in the final game of the match, but he fought off three break points and sealed the deal with a hugely satisfying overhead that bounded high into the stands.

Medvedev's latest stretch of dominance sets him up for a rematch of that 2021 final against Novak Djokovic - a match he won in straight sets to deny the Serbian a calendar-year Grand Slam.

In order to stop Djokovic from claiming a record-tying 24th major singles title, Medvedev knows he will need another otherworldly showing.

Women's T20 World Cup Regional Vanuatu, Thailand, UAE book Global Qualifier spot

Port Vila, Vanuatu | Agencies

Throwing out the form guide in the lead-up to Women's T20 World Cup East Asia-Pacific Qualifier, Vanuatu have claimed the region's solitary spot at the Global Qualifier, brushing aside more fancied rivals over a dramatic week, here.

Despite a late challenge by Papua New Guinea in the concurrent match against Indonesia, who hoped for a Vanuatu slip-up next door, the hosts held their nerve with a 21-run win over Japan to finish unbeaten at the tournament, reports ICC.

Selina Solman's side closed out tournament victory thanks largely with the ball, defending 107 and ending two points clear of Papua



New Guinea, the side they turned over to send the tournament into a spin on day one.

Japan were kept to 86/9 by a strong Vanuatu effort in the field, with four bowlers claiming a pair of wickets. Rachel Andrew put her

Player of the Tournament case above all challenges by taking 2/13 from four overs on top of her 43 with the bat, while skipper Solman (2/11), Vicky Mansale (2/15) and Vanessa Vira (2/19) joined in on the act. Vira, having come into the team as a 16-year-old for the tournament's lead-in series against Japan, finished with a tournament-high 11 wickets.

It means that Vanuatu join Ireland, Sri Lanka, Thailand and United Arab Emirates as the five locked in teams for the Qualifier to be held early next year. One Qualifier through the Americas tournament and two via the Europe and Africa tournaments will join them.

In the Asia Qualifier action in Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates and Thailand have booked their tick-

ets to the T20WC Global Qualifier.

In the first semi-final, the United Arab Emirates emerged as victors against Hong Kong with a 57-run win. Esha Oza stole the show with her all-round brilliance.

In the second semi-final, Thailand beat Nepal by 46 runs in a low-scoring affair. Thailand's Nannapat Koncharenkai led her side to 105/2 with an unbeaten 63-ball 59. In reply, Nepal were bundled out for just 59.

Thipatcha Putthawong and Onnicha Kamchomphu were the pick of the bowlers with three wickets apiece.

The in-form Nattaya Boochatham picked up two scalps, taking her wickets tall to 16 - the highest in this tournament.

Neymar 'grateful' after breaking Pele's Brazil scoring record

Belem | Agencies

Neymar expressed gratitude and humility after surpassing Pele as Brazil's all-time leading scorer.

Neymar struck twice as the five-time world champions romped to a 5-1 win over Bolivia in their opening World Cup qualifier in the northern Brazilian city of Belem, reports Xinhua.

"I'm very happy, lost for words," news outlet Globo Esporte quoted the 31-year-old as saying.

"I never imagined reaching this record and right now I want to say that passing Pele



does not mean that I am better than him, or any player in the national team."

The Al Hilal forward now has 79 goals in 124 appearances since his international debut in 2010. Pele, regarded by many as the greatest player in history, scored 77 times in 92 official matches for his country.

"I always wanted to write my name in the history of Brazilian football and the Brazilian team," Neymar said. "Today I did that. To my family and all my friends who are here, I am very grateful."

Brazil's next qualifier for the 2026 World Cup - to be played in the United States, Canada and Mexico - will be against Peru in Lima on Tuesday.

Bielsa's Uruguay make winning start to World Cup qualifiers

Montevideo | Agencies

Nicolas de la Cruz scored twice as Uruguay began their 2026 World Cup qualifying campaign with a 3-1 home victory over Chile.

De la Cruz put the hosts ahead when he side-footed home from the edge of the six-yard box after Chile's defense was split open by Darwin Nunez's one-touch pass, reports Xinhua.

Real Madrid midfielder Federico Valverde doubled the advantage on the stroke of halftime by rifling a low shot from outside the penalty area into the bottom-left corner. The Celeste continued to dominate after the interval and De La Cruz made it 3-0 when he was again set up by Nunez for an easy tap-in.

Arturo Vidal struck a late consolation goal with a close-

range effort after Diego Valdez's header rebounded off the crossbar.

The fixture marked the Celeste's competitive debut under Argentine manager Marcelo Bielsa, who was appointed in May following the sacking of Diego Alonso.

Bielsa has promised to promote youth in a bid to rebuild a team that failed to reach the knockout stage of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

The 68-year-old former Argentina and Chile manager left strikers Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani - who are first and second on Uruguay's list of all-time leading scorers - out of his squad for the first two rounds of the South American zone qualifiers. The Celeste will meet Ecuador in Quito in their next qualifier on Tuesday, while Chile face Colombia in Santiago the same day.

King's Cup 2023

India leave behind scares of semis loss, face Lebanon in third-place playoff

Chiang Mai (Thailand) | Agencies

After an agonising defeat on penalties to Iraq, the Indian senior men's team is looking forward to overcoming the setback and ready to face Lebanon in the 49th King's Cup on Sunday.

The contest, which will be India's fourth clash in three months against the West Asians, will kick off at the 700th Anniversary Stadium here.

India did not concede a goal in the three meetings against Lebanon. A 0-0 draw in the Intercontinental Cup was followed by a clinical 2-0 win in the final in Bhubaneswar. The two sides met again in the SAFF Championship semi-finals, where Igor Stimac's side came out on top on penalties after 120 goal-less minutes.

In the pre-match press conference, Stimac admitted that both teams know



each other in and out, and another exciting encounter will be on the cards on Sunday.

Lebanon's head coach and Stimac's former club teammate and good friend Aleksandar Ilic stated likewise. His side will be itching for payback against the

Blue Tigers, who got the better of them in both summer tournaments in India.

Lebanon were beaten 1-2 by hosts Thailand in the second semifinals of the King's Cup on Thursday. Trailing by a Jihad Ayoub own goal at half-time, Bassel Jade equalised for the Cedars soon after the break, but Teerasil Dangda's header five minutes from time stole the win for the hosts, said a report on aiff.com. A similar late drama unfolded in India's semi-final defeat as Aymen Hussein's equalising spot-kick took the game into penalties, where Iraq struck all five to clinch their berth in the final. Stimac thought his boys, who took the lead twice and defended valiantly, deserved more from the match.

But the Blue Tigers have put that difficult loss in the past and are fully focused on winning the bronze medal, as they did in 2019 in Stimac's debut tournament.

Junior Boys' NFC

U.P thrash Haryana 6-0; Karnataka beat Mizoram 3-1; Jharkhand stun Maharashtra 1-0

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Niranjan Jung Shahi scored a brace as Uttar Pradesh thrashed Haryana 6-0 in a Tier 1 Group Stage match of the Junior Boys National Football Championship for B.C Roy Trophy 2023-24 on Saturday.

Niranjan scored in the 29th and 52nd minutes while skipper Abhinash Thapa (6th min), Md Kaif Khan (14th), Shahid Ahmad (45+2) and Shivam Patil contributed a goal each as Uttar Pradesh romped to victory.

Uttar Pradesh dominated the match and were 5-0 up by the end of the first half. They seemed to have taken their foot off the pedal and could score only one goal in the second half. In other matches on Saturday, former winners



Karnataka defeated Mizoram 3-1, with substitute P Anil Rakshit scoring a second-half brace (50th, 70th mins) after Mizoram's C

Malsawmtlunga had cancelled out via a penalty the opener scored by Roy Jackson in the 14th minute.

In an upset of sorts, Jharkhand defeated Maharashtra 1-0 at the OFA 7th Battalion ground.

Hosts Odisha prevailed over Chhattisgarh 3-2 in a closely fought encounter at Cuttack Football Association (CFA), Unit 5.



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