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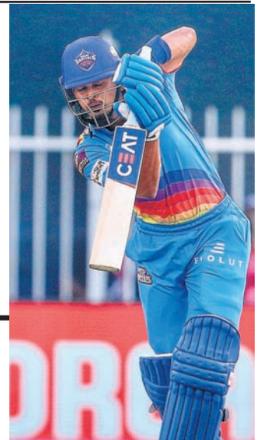
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Guterres warns the world leaders on Climate Change

ACT OR PERISH

"We can either save our world or condemn humanity to a hellish future," is how the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres warned the Ministers at the PreCOP26 held at Milan in Italy. With the UN's annual climate change talks less than a month away, Ministers from about 50-60 countries have gathered at Milan to develop a better understanding of how to resolve some of the remaining crunch issues ahead of the crucial climate conference in Glasgow in the UK.

Guterres ended with reminding the world how "young people, in particular, continue to lead the growing calls for more ambition. They will hold us accountable" and asserted: "Climate justice demands that we bequeath them a liveable planet."



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Guterres touched upon all aspects of the climate negotiations in his small address at the opening of the PreCOP26, a United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) statement said. It is the UNFCCC that holds the Conference

of Parties (COP) each year. Applauding those nations, especially vulnerable developing countries, that have come forward with

more ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) -- actions at country-level that would total to combined actions helping to restrict global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial era -- despite the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, Guterres said, "But we can only meet the 1.5-degree goal if all G20 countries, which are responsible for 80 per cent of global emissions, pledge more decisive action in new or updated NDCs."

Coming down heavily on the missing finance for adaptation and mitigation, he said, six years since the Paris Agreement, 2015, "we are nowhere close."

"Adaptation remains the neglected half of the climate equation, accounting for only 25 per cent of climate finance in support of developing countries. Even worse, adaptation represents only 0.1 per cent of private funding." He then repeated his call to donors and multilateral development banks to allocate at least 50 per cent of their climate support towards adaptation and resilience.

"The principle of common but differentiated responsibilities in the light of national circumstances is a pillar of the Paris Agreement. That is why, I am asking all nations to enhance NDCs and domestic policies as often as necessary and without delay until we are collectively on the right track."

Monumental national flag unfurled in Leh

"The flag which was unfurled is the largest hand woven and hand spun cotton Khadi Flag ever manufactured in India, measuring 225 ft by 150 ft and weighing 1,000 kg. The flag is made by Khadi Dyers and Printers based in Mumbai which is affiliated to Khadi Village and Industries Commission."



SRINAGAR | Agencies

Army's Fire and Fury Corps organised a historic event on Saturday at Leh Garrison, where a monumental national flag was unfurled by R.K. Mathur, LG of Ladakh, on the hill overlooking Leh valley. General M.M. Naravane,

Chief of the Army Staff and Lieutenant General Y.K. Joshi, GOC-in-C Northern Command also attended the event. Lieutenant General PGKA Menon, GOC, Fire and Fury Corps and senior military and civil officials were also present.

The grand ceremony was held to celebrate the 152nd birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi along with 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', commemorating 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

Sura-Soi Engineer Regiment was entrusted with the responsibility to bring the national flag from

Mumbai to Leh and also with the daunting task of installing the National Flag at the top of the high mountains overlooking Leh for the unveiling ceremony. "The ceremony included a series of events to mark the momentous occasion. The event commenced with the Brass Band of Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre along with students of Ladakh Ignited Minds, performing the National Anthem when the flag was unveiled," army said. Advanced Light Helicopters of the Army Aviation Squadron carried out a fly past and showered flower petals over the national flag.

Dengue vaccine important, working closely with trials: ICMR chief

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Indian Council of Medical Research Director General, Dr Balram Bhargava said that dengue vaccine has become an "important agenda" and the government is working on detailed trials.

Replied to a question at a press briefing on the ongoing Covid-19 situation, he said: "Dengue vaccine is a very important agenda. We are looking at it very carefully. There are certain dengue strains which have been licensed to some companies in India. Many of these companies have done their phase one trials abroad. "We are planning more rigorous trail with dengue vaccines."

About the current Covid situation in the country, Health Secretary Rajesh



Bhushan said that India continues to show declining trends in daily Covid caseload as around 23,000 cases have been reported in the last 24 hours, out of which almost 60 per cent have been reported from Kerala. He noted that Kerala also

has started showing a declining trend in number of cases, but still contributes a substantial number to the total caseload.

"Active cases are also on declining trend and recovery rate is improving day by day. There is one state only, Kerala, which has over 1 lakh Covid cases. A total of five states in the country have over 10,000 to 50,000 active cases while others have less than 5,000 active cases," Bhushan said.

He also said that this is 13th week in a row that positivity rate has been less than 3 per cent, and there are 48 districts which need special attention as 18 districts have a positivity rate between 5 to 10 per cent, and 30 districts have positivity rate over 10 per cent.

RAJ HC MOVED AGAINST AMENDMENT ALLOWING REGISTERING OF CHILD MARRIAGES

Jaipur: A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petition has been filed by Jodhpur-based Saarthi Trusts managing trustee Dr Kriti Bharti in the Rajasthan High Court's Jaipur Bench challenging the constitutional validity of Rajasthan Compulsory Registration of Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021 which has the provision of registering child marriages in the state. The Assembly on September 17 passed the Rajasthan Compulsory Registration of Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which has provisions for registration of marriage of a girl below 18 years of age and marriage of a boy below 21 years of age. In her PIL, Bharti, a rehabilitation psychologist who is internationally renowned for her efforts for annulment and prevention of child marriages, has made the state government, the departments concerned, and the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights parties and pleaded for an early hearing. Bharti, who has annulled 43 child marriages and has stopped more than 1,500 child marriages so far, in her PIL, filed through Supreme Court advocate and Delhi Child Rights Protection Commission former member Shashank Shekhar, argued that through this amendment, the government has tried to give registered recognition to the malpractice of child marriage which is a cognisable offence. She also contended that the state government has also misinterpreted the Supreme Court's 2006 judgment as a reason for passing the amendment.



Mahesh Manjrekar's film 'Godse' announced on Gandhi Jayanti

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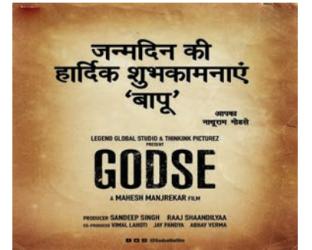
Filmmaker Mahesh Manjrekar will direct an upcoming film titled 'Godse'. The announcement was made on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on Saturday.

The film will narrate the story of Nathuram Godse, the man who shot Mahatma Gandhi.

Talking about the film, Manjrekar said: "The story of Nathuram Godse has always been close to my heart. People do not know much about Godse other than he's the man who fired at Gandhi. While telling his story, we neither want to patronise nor speak against anyone. We'll leave it to the audience as to who is right or wrong."

The film will be produced by Sandeep Singh and 'Dream Girl' (2019) director Raaj Shaandilyaa.

Producer Raaj Shaandilyaa said: "Over the last few years, there's been a renewed interest in knowing about Nathuram Godse. Also, we are living in times where freedom of expression and



different viewpoints and opinions are encouraged. Hence, we feel this is the right time to bring a film on Nathuram Godse." "This is an untold tale that deserves to be presented to the cinemagoers. There are various versions of the stories about Godse and Gandhiji. Mahesh, Raaj and I intend to bring out the factual story for today's generation," Sandeep Singh added. Co-produced by Vimal Lahoti, Jay Pandya and Abhay Verma, 'Godse' is expected to go on floors in 2022.

Commonwealth award for Indian to invent low-cost housing for quarantine

- Kaif's design has been recognised by the UN under the top 11 emerging innovation start-ups solving climate challenges.
- Each winner of the award received a trophy, 3,000 pounds in prize money and the opportunity to scale up their innovations in collaboration with partners and mentors across the Commonwealth.
- During the pandemic, Kaif, an architecture student, researched how architecture could prevent the spread of disease.

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Emerging Indian innovator Kaif Ali, 20, is one of the 15 winners this year of the prestigious Secretary-General's Commonwealth Innovation for Sustainable Development Awards. He has invented low-cost portable housing for Covid-19 quarantine and shelter from extreme weather such as earthquakes and flooding.

He designed a prefabricated sustainable shelter, SpaceEra, that would not only help reduce transmission of the virus but could also house refugees worldwide in the future. He is now known for motivating his fellow youth trying to imitate his approach to start their own sustainability projects and initiatives. He has plans to conduct mentorship programs for grass-route innovators to enrich their knowledge and motivate them to work towards social and environmental

"Winning the Commonwealth Innovation Award lifts my confidence to a greater level and motivates me to work even harder than yesterday and innovate unprecedented solutions to achieve a sustainable future. I pledge to become the voice of the youth transforming the Commonwealth and to Be the Change! In the upcoming year, I wish to pursue a Masters in Architecture and harness my future career towards STEM innovations and youth leadership in the multilateral domain. I aim to devote my career towards the well-being of the mass."

issues. The other winners are Marie-Claire N. Kuja, who founded KujaEcoPads to fight period poverty and help improve the lives of women and girls in Cameroon.

She said: "This award will boost the morale of my employees and improve motivation. It will increase our visibility and help to boost the company profile. It will open pathways for partnerships at a global level and bring new connections and networking opportunities." Askwar Hilonga invented a

low-cost and sustainable water purification system particularly suited to the needs of local people in Tanzania. Growing up in rural Tanzania, Hilonga suffered from waterborne diseases throughout his childhood. He used his scientific expertise in nanotechnology and his local knowledge to develop a filter based on nanomaterials. Richard Ochieng Arwa's background in biochemistry propelled his interest into bio-ethanol fuel manufacturing in Kenya. It began as a classroom experiment and transformed into a business centred on providing low-income households with affordable clean cooking energy by converting invasive water hyacinth into ethanol fuel. Joshua Forte of Barbados is a sustainable environmental management practitioner and the founder and CEO of Red Diamond Compost Inc, a biotech social enterprise that focuses on research, development, and commercialization of clean and green agrochemical solutions. Made primarily from organic waste materials and invasive plant species, the solutions support fragile organisms responsible for building soil structure, storing organic soil carbon, cycling nutrients to plants, and protecting pollinating insects.

TN cop got his last service wish fulfilled on retirement day

Chennai | Agencies

Former Director General of Police (DGP)-Training Prateep V. Philip had one wish prior to his retirement - to sport the name badge and the cap that he had worn on May 21, 1991, his advocate Sanjay Pinto said.

It was on that fateful day that former Prime Minister and Congress leader Rajiv Gandhi was killed by a female suicide bomber belonging to Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in Sriperumbudur. Philip, a 1987 batch officer was then an Assistant Superintendent of Police (SP) at Kancheepuram District was on security duty at Sriperumbudur when the blast occurred.

He was thrown away and was hospitalised. His name badge and the blood stained cap were found at the site.

"Philip wanted to file a petition to get back that name badge and the cap. We had asked for permanent

custody as they were just case exhibits and all avenues for appeal in that assassination case has been exhausted," Pinto told reporter.

However the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) counsel said the agency is agreeable for interim custody of those for two items and not for permanent custody.

Philip retired on Sep 30, 2021 with his wish granted by a City Court on Sep 28, 2021. He had to execute a bond for Rs 100,000. As per the court order, Philip can be in the possession of the name badge and the cap till Sep 28, 2021 and has to hand them back to the court on or before that date.

The court had agreed that the two items are of sentimental value for Philip, "a reminder of the call of duty during his formative years in the service of nation and quite literally symbolize his blood, sweat and tears over 34 years of his professional career as accentuated by his counsel."



CENTRE ASSURED TO CLEAR HC JUDGES' APPOINTMENTS IN A DAY OR TWO: CJI

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The Chief Justice of India (CJI), N.V. Ramana, said on Saturday that the top court collegium, which is headed by him, is targeting to fill the vacancies in various high courts at the earliest, and it does not want to cut down the pace of the process, rather it seeks Centre's support to enable access to justice and to strengthen the democracy.

Addressing an event organised by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), in which Law Minister Kiren Rijiju was also present, Ramana said: "Since May onwards, my team so far has recommended appointments of 106 judges and 9 chief justices to various high courts. The government has cleared 7 names out of the 106 judges and 1 out of the 9 chief justices so far."

He added that the Law Minister has informed that the rest of the names will be cleared within one or two days. In total, there are 465 vacancies against a sanctioned strength of 1,098 judges in various high courts across the country.

The CJI said that these appointments will take care of pendency of cases to some extent.

"I seek the cooperation and support of the government to enable access to justice and to strengthen democracy," said Ramana, while speaking at the launch of the six-week 'Pan India



Legal Awareness and Outreach Campaign' of NALSA.

He emphasised that the quality of democracy rests on the quality of justice, and for a healthy democracy, a vibrant judiciary is essential.

Ramana added that loss of daily wage, prospect of eviction, lack of healthcare and uncertainty about the next meal -- all these flow from the absence of justice. "The social costs of this are unimaginable. Socio-economic justice would be impossible to achieve without providing equal

access to justice. Only when the vulnerable classes are aware about their rights can they shape their own future," he said. Ramana added, "We need people to feel that law and the institutions are for everyone. In a democratic country, it is the faith and trust of the people that sustains institutions." Citing that every person comes across legal issues in their lifetime, he said suppression of unmet legal needs results in the suppression of the full potential of an individual.

He emphasised that inclusive and sustainable growth would be impossible to attain without providing inclusive access to justice.

"Equality and 'access to justice' complement each other. In countries with major socio-economic gaps, unequal access to justice leads to widening of these divides," he added.

Reiterating that the Law Minister is dynamic, the CJI said: "I was told that he (Rijiju) set Twitter on fire with his high energy dance. His connect with the common people defines his commitment to society."

On his part, Rijiju said: "I would like to remind us all that speedy and affordable delivery of justice is the legitimate expectation of the people and is the collective responsibility of the different organs of the state."

He added that it is important that all the stakeholders work together to "deliver this mandate".

Cong govt will complete its 5-year tenure: Gehlot

Jaipur: Amid the crisis the Congress is facing in Punjab and Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Saturday said the Congress government in his state will complete its five year tenure, and also form the next government.

"Our bureaucrats are the first ones to remain tense on the issue discussing if the government shall continue or not. This is a burning topic in the secretariat too. But our government will continue in Rajasthan for the next five years. Also, we will form the government in the next tenure too," he added.

Gehlot said this while addressing a programme organised on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. He launched the campaign Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang and Prashasan Shaharon Ke Sang.

"Nothing will go wrong for me for the next 15-20 years now... if someone wants to be sad, let him be.



"After the blockage in my artery, treatment has been done. The prayers of the people of the entire state have yielded fruits. Nothing is going to happen to me now," he added.

Slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Sachin Pilot camp, he said the

Opposition keeps saying that Chief Minister has locked himself in a room.

"We did shut ourselves in a hotel room for around 34 days due to 'courtesy' of Amit Shah, Dharmendra Pradhan and others. With the 'blessings' of our MLAs, that time also passed," he said.

Theatres to open in Kerala from Oct 25; more relaxations announced

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The Kerala government on Saturday during a Covid analysis meeting chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan decided to announce more relaxations including opening the cinema halls from October 25.

It was also decided during the meeting that from next Monday, all colleges will open for final year students while the regular classes for all students will start from October 18.

Those who will come to attend the classes should be vaccinated with both the doses. Theatres will, however, be allowed to function with 50 per cent seating capacity and all employees, and those coming to watch the movies



should be vaccinated with the two doses. With regards to marriages, it has been decided to increase the number of guests from 20 to 50, and grama sabhas also can be convened, but will have to

follow the Covid protocols. On Saturday, 13,217 people tested Covid positive after 96,835 samples were tested in the past 24 hours and the test positivity rate was 13.64 per cent, said a statement.

CIVILIANS ATTACKED BY SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN SRINAGAR



Srinagar: Suspected terrorists fired upon a civilian at Batmalloo in Srinagar on Saturday evening, officials said. This is the second incident of a civilian being targeted and shot by terrorists in Srinagar on Saturday. Earlier in the day, Majid Ahmad Gojri was shot dead by terrorists near Madina Complex Karan Nagar area of Srinagar.

Sources said Mohammad Shafi Dar, 45, a resident of SD Colony, Batmalloo was shot at a close range near his residence. He received gunshot injuries and was moved to the hospital.

100 Delhi-NCR schools to be included in pilot project on road safety

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Around 100 schools from Delhi-NCR will be included in a pilot project aimed at developing evidence-based interventions for preventing road traffic injuries among the adolescent and youth.

Three cities have been included in the pilot project - Delhi, Jaipur and Bhopal -- an official told reporter.

The 'Programme for Risky Behaviour, Attitude in Trauma Prevention' (PRAT-AP) is a joint initiative of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), World Health Organization (WHO) and AIIMS Delhi, which focuses on road traffic injuries among school chil-



dren. PRATAP will identify the risk factors in various categories such as factors that influence risky behaviour, factors that contribute to road injuries' severity, risk factors that influence post-crash outcome of injuries etc.

The findings from the study will explore knowledge, attitude and practices among school children that contribute to road traffic injuries

and accordingly risk communication strategies will be developed to prevent road traffic injuries.

According to the World Bank, road safety is a critical development priority for South Asia, which impacts people's health, well-being and economic growth.

Of the 13.5 lakh road traffic deaths every year, over 30 per cent are under the age of 25.

UP govt recommends CBI probe into Manish Gupta murder case

Lucknow | Agencies

The Uttar Pradesh government has recommended probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the alleged murder case of Kanpur businessman Manish Gupta who died in a police raid at his hotel in Gorakhpur on September 28.

As per Union Home Ministry, on the request of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a recommendation has been sent to the CBI to take up the investigation of Manish Gupta's death.

The Chief Minister has also ordered the appointment of Manish Gupta's wife



Meenakshi Gupta as an officer on special duty (OSD) in the Kanpur Development Authority. Yogi Adityanath has also directed to give a financial compensation of Rs 40 lakh to the family of the deceased businessman.

Yogi Adityanath has directed to transfer the murder case from Gorakhpur to Kanpur. Till the time the case is not transferred to Kanpur and the CBI does not take up the case, probe will be carried out by a Special Investigative Team (SIT) in Kanpur. Manish Gupta's wife Meenakshi had demanded a

FLOOD SITUATION IN BENGAL SNOWBALLING INTO POLITICAL ROW

Bengaluru | Agencies

The flood situation in seven south Bengal districts is snowballing into a political controversy.

On Saturday, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee increased pressure on the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), asking it not to release water without informing the state else the state will be forced to demand compensation. The BJP, however, held Banerjee responsible for the flood situation in the state. Speaking to the media, the Chief Minister said, "In the last three days, they (DVC) have released more than 10 lakh cusec of water, most of which has been released without informing the state. This is a crime and the state is not going to sit and watch. If they do it again, the state will be forced to demand compensation."



Asking the Jharkhand government to work out a comprehensive plan,

Banerjee said, "We have evacuated more than five lakh people and have

made arrangements for their food and rehabilitation. We have faced so many cyclones, but we didn't receive a single penny from the Central government. This cannot continue.

"The Centre should start dredging the canals so that the additional rain in Jharkhand doesn't come down as a curse on Bengal. I shall write to the Prime Minister and will ask the Chief Secretary to take the matter up with the Agriculture Ministry."

Reacting to the Chief Minister's remarks, Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari said, "The embankments are not repaired properly and it is because the Chief Minister asked them not to do that. She needs Rs 18,000 crore for her 'Lakshmir Bhandar' project and so the money has been diverted, endangering the lives of the people.

All barriers for authorisation of Sputnik V vax removed: Russia

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All barriers preventing the authorisation of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine against coronavirus by the World Health Organisation have been removed, Russia's health minister said in a tweet on Saturday.

"All barriers for SputnikV authorisation by WHO have been removed, only minor administrative procedures need to be sorted. It has been confirmed by @WHO Director-General @DrTedros," Russia's Health Minister Mikhail Murashko tweeted.

Developed by Russia's Gamaleya National Center, the Sputnik V jab is currently registered in 70 countries with a population of over 4 billion people. Sputnik V received an emergency use authorisation in India in April. The vaccine uses two different vectors for the two shots in a course of vaccination. Its efficacy was determined to be 91.6 per cent.

"The position of the Russian Federation on promoting and registering the Russian Sputnik V vaccine was heard. We have completely resolved all issues to date," Murashko said at a briefing in Geneva to TASS news agency.

The health minister said that he discussed the procedure of including Sputnik V in the list of vaccines recommended by the WHO for the emergency use listing against Covid infection with Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.



"The applicant company involved in certifying the Sputnik V vaccine with the WHO has to sign a number of documents, submit some additional paperwork -- this is an administrative procedure after all -- and this will be reviewed," he explained. "As of today, all the barriers have been removed. So we do not see today any obstacles for further work. And this was confirmed to us

by the WHO Director General," the minister added.

Ghebreyesus in a tweet thanked the Russian health minister for the visit, saying the meeting was "constructive" and shared that they discussed efforts to fight Tuberculosis and non-communicable diseases.

Russia first applied for approval from the WHO for their vaccine in February but has not yet received an emergency use listing.

Last week, the WHO had suspended the approval process for Russia's Sputnik V Covid vaccine. According to a regional WHO official, the manufacturing process of the jab had not met the necessary standards, the Euronews reported.

The WHO said it has delayed approving the jab until a new inspection can be carried out at one of the plants where Sputnik V was manufactured.

Earlier this year, the WHO had inspected four Russian production sites within the framework of the preliminary evaluation of Sputnik V, publishing remarks on one of them. Another inspection will be possible after the production site makes appropriate adjustments.

The WHO has, so far, recommended seven vaccines against coronavirus for the Emergency Use Listing. Additionally, 13 other applications are at the various stages of the review process, including the Russian Sputnik V and EpiVacCorona vaccines.

Rally on wheels 'India for Tigers' launched

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Environment Minister Bhopendra Yadav on Saturday flagged off a rally on wheels 'India for Tigers' from three tiger reserves on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti to mark the Iconic Week of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav of the ministry.

He flagged off the Tiger rallies in three tiger reserves - Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra, Biligiri Ranganatha Temple Tiger Reserve, Karnataka and Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh.

"We are trustees, not owners," said the Union Environment Minister while launching 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-Iconic week' of the ministry.

He said that an intensive countrywide campaign with active citizen participation will be converted into a 'Janandolan' at the local level which will add up to significant national gains and help

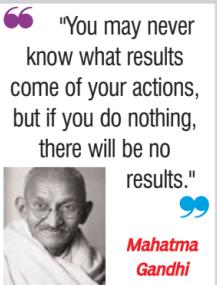


reinforce the trusteeship concept and living in harmony with nature during the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Iconic week' and after the week.

The pan-India outreach activity has the twin objectives of celebrating India's 75 years of Independence and spreading the message of biodiversity conservation under the ambit of Project Tiger and Integrated Development

of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH) programme of Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change.

The rallies will culminate at Ranthambore, Kanha, Melghat, Bandipur, Simlipal, Sunderbans, Manas, Palamau and Corbett tiger reserves, representing the country's initial nine tiger reserves designated under the Project Tiger in 1973.



CENTRE NOTIFIES RULES TO SCRAP RETROSPECTIVE TAX CLAUSE

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The Central government has notified rules for implementing the 'Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021'.

Accordingly, the amendment bill notified on October 1, 2021, will enable the scrapping of the contentious retrospective tax demand provisions. It was passed by the Parliament in the Monsoon Session.

Significantly, the notification of the bill is expected to end the much stretched tax disputes with UK's Cairn Energy, and Vodafone Plc.

This Bill would give Cairn Energy and Vodafone Plc a window to do away with the arbitrations and settle their long-drawn tax disputes with the government. An arbitration tribunal in The Hague had pronounced its award on December 21, 2020 in favour of Cairn Energy Plc and Cairn UK Holdings Ltd (CUHL), making the Indian government liable to pay an arbitration award of \$1.2 billion to it.

Recently, the government confirmed in the Parliament that a French court has directed the freezing of certain properties of the Indian government in the matter pertaining to the Cairn arbitration award.

Further, in the Vodafone arbitration case, the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague ruled in



favour of the company last year.

The court ruled that the conduct of India's Tax Department is in breach of 'fair and equitable' treatment, thereby

rendering Vodafone not liable to pay a retrospective tax demand of more than Rs 20,000 crore raised by Indian authorities.

The Amendment

The Bill has amended the Income Tax Act, 1961 so as to provide that no tax demand shall be raised in future on the basis of the said retrospective amendment for any indirect transfer of Indian assets if the transaction was undertaken before May 28, 2012 - when the finance bill was passed by the Parliament in 2012. "The 2021 Act also provides that the demand raised for offshore indirect transfer of Indian assets made before May 28, 2012 shall be nullified on fulfillment of specified conditions," the Ministry of Finance said in a statement on Saturday. "Such as withdrawal or furnishing of undertaking for withdrawal of pending litigation and furnishing of an undertaking to the effect that no claim for cost, damages, interest, etc, shall be filed and such other conditions are fulfilled as may be prescribed." Besides, the amount paid or collected in these cases shall be refunded, without any interest.

INDIA, CHINA TO HOLD MILITARY TALKS IN MID-OCT: ARMY CHIEF



New Delhi/Leh: India and China are to hold 13th round of military talks for disengagement at the Line of Actual Control in mid-October, said Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane in Leh on Saturday. The Army chief visited forward locations in Ladakh and reviewed operational and logistic preparedness of the force as winter sets in. Talking to media persons, General Naravane said that the huge deployment of Chinese People's Liberation Army deployment across Line of Actual control is a matter of concern. He however expressed the disengagement would happen through dialogue. General Naravane, who is on a two-day visit to Ladakh, along with several senior Army officials attended the unveiling of 'Khadi national flag' that has been installed in Leh on the occasion of the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Those tweeting Godse Zindabad should be publicly shamed: Varun Gandhi

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Bharatiya Janata Party Lok Sabha MP Varun Gandhi has launched a scathing attack on those who raise slogans of Godse Zindabad and said that such people should be publicly shamed.

"Let me tell you today on Gandhi Jayanti, the whole country is remembering the Father of the Nation. From President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, national president of the main opposition Congress party, Sonia Gandhi, leaders of all political parties, chief ministers of all the states and the common man of the country also bowed down to Babu and paid tributes. Mahatma Gandhi was remembered today in many countries of the world. But sadly, on this day, Nathuram Godse Zindabad is also trending on Twitter," he said.

Attacking those who get such slogans trending on Twitter, Varun Gandhi wrote,



"India has always been a spiritual superpower, but it is the Mahatma who laid the spiritual foundation of our country through his existence and gave a moral right which is our greatest strength even today. Those tweeting Godse

Zindabad are embarrassing the nation." Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate also condemned the Twitter trend, saying that the glorification of Godse is the result of the hatred that is being sown in the society.

We should not forget the respect India has got at the international level is due to Mahatma Gandhi and the ideals on which Mahatma Gandhi treaded. Those who are tweeting 'Godse Zindabad' should be publicly shamed. Such people should not be allowed to come into the mainstream of Indian politics at all.

Varun Gandhi, MP, Pilibhit

Chhattisgarh MLAs seek appointment with Rahul; Baghel named observer for UP polls

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Congress MLAs from Chhattisgarh are reaching Delhi in batches, strengthening the buzz of having a rotational Chief Minister in the mineral-rich state.

Going by the recent political developments, the Congress in Chhattisgarh seems to be split into two camps, one led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, and the other by Health Minister T.S. Singh Deo, who is demanding a change of guard at the top. Both the leaders are presently in Raipur though.

In another big development on Saturday, interim Congress President Sonia Gandhi appointed Baghel as the senior observer for the ensuing Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh with immediate effect. The BJP-ruled state goes to the polls next year.

Sources in the Congress



said that while the suspense prevails, no final decision on change of guard has been taken by the party leadership, even as both the camps are pulling their strings to showcase their strength to the party high command.

The MLAs, most of them belonging to the Baghel camp, have come to Delhi to meet the party high command ahead of Rahul Gandhi's visit to the state.

Both the camps are saying that they will abide by the party high command's decision. The Congress recently changed its Chief Minister in Punjab, and the buzz is that it may go for a similar change in

Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. However, unlike Amarinder Singh in Punjab, both Baghel and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot have the support of majority of the MLAs.

When Baghel was called to Delhi, more than 50 MLAs reached the national capital in his support.

Though the dates of Rahul Gandhi's visit to Chhattisgarh have not been finalised yet, he may go there in the second week of October.

The supporters of Singhdeo have been pushing for a change of guard since Baghel has completed 2.5 years in the office.

Post or no post, will stand by Rahul, Priyanka: Sidhu

Chandigarh: Days after resigning as Punjab Congress President after being upset over some new faces in the state Cabinet, Navjot Singh Sidhu said on Saturday that whether he holds any post in the Congress or not, he will always stand by party leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi.

In a tweet on Gandhi Jayanti, Sidhu said, "Will uphold principles of Gandhi Ji & Shastri Ji.."

"Post or No Post will stand by Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi! Let all negative forces try to defeat me, but with every ounce of positive energy will make Punjab win, Punjabiyat (Universal Brotherhood) win & every Punjabi win!"

Children can't wait forever to get justice: Delhi child rights body chief

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) Chairman Anurag Kundu has welcomed the recent Delhi High Court's order on the squashing of petty crime cases against minors and said these children can't wait forever to get justice.

Recently, the Delhi HC junked 1,108 criminal cases against minors for non-completion of trial by the Juvenile Justice Board (Children's Court) related to petty offences committed by minors. After the court's decision, criminal cases against 1,108 children have ended.

Criminal cases against 795 children will be decided in the next hearing by the High Court. All these cases are pending between six months to one year.



The court has sought a response from the DCPCR and will pronounce an order soon on this matter.

According to the DCPCR, a total of 2,773 children are being tried for minor offences, 1,282 children for serious crimes and 1,683 children are facing trial in

heinous crime cases. According to the Delhi child rights body, as many as 1,320 cases were pending in the six juvenile courts of the national capital till December 31, 2020 which increased to 1,903 cases till June 30, 2021. This should not have taken place.

MP FIRST IN THE COUNTRY BY VACCINATING MORE THAN 88% CITIZENS

Bhopal: The country is fighting an effective fight against Covid under the leadership of the Prime Minister: Chief Minister Chouhan Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Madhya Pradesh ranks first in the country by vaccinating more than 88 percent of citizens in the first dose under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chouhan has said that the country is fighting an effective fight against Covid 19 under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. The Chief Minister said that so far more than 90 crore vaccine doses have been given to the countrymen. This is another strong step towards building a healthy India. Chouhan has expressed his gratitude to all the health workers, citizens, social service organizations and corona volunteers who contributed in achieving the target of 88 percent of the first dose vaccine in the state.

Muslim Brotherhood launches campaign against India

The report said India was not the only country targeted for this economic boycott. The campaign in also targeted France, asking to boycott French products. It is not merely a geo-strategic move. There is a solid economic logic behind it. Turkey holds annual Halal Exhibition, which is trying to build itself as key arbiter on the matter. By creating the subaltern culture of boycott through social media, they would also create a potent weapon.

A hashtag on Twitter #BoycottIndianProducts was launched a few days ago, and has been going on since. While the nexus tried to give it a colour that it was triggered by the unfortunate incident in Assam, which was deplorable, and the guilty should be brought to justice, be as it may, the trigger was mere excuse. This was not the first time the trend was attempted. It was started in 2018, and since then it's an annual ritual. The objective is to give it momentum gradually, the DisinfoLab report said.

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Qatar-Turkey-Pakistan (QTPi) nexus with the blessings of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) is becoming the new hub for radical Islamists. A new report by DisinfoLab says the MB,



laced with fake news and two media weapons, Al Jazeera and TRT World, launched a campaign against India -- targeting New Delhi's economic interests.

What was novel this time was a number of 'news articles' also promoted this trend, albeit in their own style, mostly connected with the MB, including the Al Jazeera.

The target seemed India, but the actual target was Saudi Arabia. The campaign was essentially targeting Saudi and the UAE, and particularly Crown Prince Mohammed bin

Salman, for keeping a good relation with India.

This was not one off campaign, and the QTPi Nexus has been targeting Saudi and UAE, questioning their 'right' to be the leader of Islamic world. The idea is obvious - by discrediting Mohammed bin Salman, the new 'Prince' of Turkey, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan would be crowned as the rightful leader of Ummah. The Ertugrul Ghazi was prelude. The Ottoman Empire is in remaking, the report said.

Moreover, once the Nexus takes centre stage in deciding some arbitrage over Halal certification, this would create an exclusionary economy of gigantic proportions. The economic power this nexus could build will not only affect Muslim world but would dictate terms all over the world - in the name of selling this huge market.

The petro-dollars of Qatar (gas-dollars to be precise), may not last forever to sustain the radical Islamists of Muslim Brotherhood, it added.

Pune's Yerawada Jail inmates to get sports training soon



Team Absolute | Pune:

The historic Yerawada Central Jail (YCJ) here will soon impart training in indoor and outdoor sports to its inmates as part of a national public-private initiative, 'Parivartan - Prison to Pride', officials said here on Saturday.

Additional Director General (Prisons), Atul C. Kulkarni, along with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd Chairman Shrikant M. Vaidya inaugurated the initiative at the YCJ in a ceremony coinciding with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi,

who spent three stints at this prison during the Independence movement.

The IOCL will soon appoint special coaches to impart professional training to the interested prisoners in three sporting disciplines -- volleyball, carrom and chess.

Initially, at least 60 inmates, including a few women, have expressed their interest to get training in these sports, and as the numbers increase, IOCL will increase the facilities and possibly the number of sports as per the demands.

Kulkarni said that this is a fitting tribute to Mahatma

Gandhi on his birth anniversary since he served terms here during the country's freedom struggle.

Mahatma Gandhi was sent to serve terms here by the British rulers in 1920, 1932 and 1933.

The other prominent personalities who were jailed here included Motilal Nehru, Jawaharlal Nehru and Sarojini Naidu, among others. In the post-Independence era, some of the well-known people who spent time here were Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Pramila Dandavate and Balasaheb Thackeray, among others.



Maharashtra Schools Reopening: VARSHA GAIKWAD MEETS OFFICIALS AHEAD OF REOPENING

The schools in Maharashtra are set to reopen on Monday, October 4 and the School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad wanted to access the preparedness across the state.

Team Absolute | Mumbai

School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad held a meeting on Saturday with the senior education department officials, education officers regarding Maharashtra Schools Reopening. The schools in the state will reopen on Monday, October 4 and the Minister wanted to access the preparedness across the state. In the meeting the officials gave suggestions that will be helpful for the administration for smooth conduct of physical classes. Also, State Council of Educational Research Maharashtra will prepare



an action taken plan & help ground level officials overcome any practical hurdles to resumption of physical classes. The School Education Minister took her official Twitter handle to share the information in the series of tweets. She has further instructed the education officers of the state to personally visit schools and monitor the reopenings.

"For a smooth transition to physical classes, effective coordination with health department, local administration will have to be maintained. We are committed to providing a conducive atmosphere to students, many among whom will be returning to class after a year and a half," the last tweet reads.

Maharashtra schools will reopen on October 4 onwards for classes 5 to 12. In rural areas the physical classes for class 5 to 12 will resume while in urban areas physical classes from class 8 to 12 will resume. The schools will be reopened in phased manner.

Maharashtra cumulative vaccination tally crosses 8.27 crore

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In the ongoing vaccination drive, Maharashtra on October 1 has vaccinated 8,47,755 people in 4,792 sessions.

According to data released by the government, as of 7 am on October 2 Maharashtra inoculated 8,27,43,317 people. As per the state government data, 3,01,85,943 individuals aged between 18 and 44 years received their first vaccine dose and 74,63,497 received their second dose since the inoculation drive for this age group began on May 1. So far, 12,93,514 health care workers have been administered the first dose of the vaccine, while 10,82,304 of them have got their second dose. Similarly, 21,44,168 frontline workers in the state have till now received their first vaccine dose and of them, 17,57,840 got their second dose. Meanwhile, Maharashtra reported 3,105 new



coronavirus infections and 50 fatalities on Friday, the state health department said. The caseload in the state rose to 65,53,961 and death toll reached 1,39,117. With 3,164 patients discharged from hospitals, the number of recovered cases rose to 63,74,892. Maharashtra now has

36,371 active cases. There are 2,42,110 people in home quarantine and 1,355 in institutional quarantine.

Maharashtra's COVID-19 recovery rate is 97.27 per cent, while the fatality rate is 2.12 per cent.

The cumulative number of tests conducted in the state rose to

5,89,10,564 with 1,70,590 swab samples examined since Thursday evening. Rural parts of Ahmednagar district reported the highest 586 new infections in the state.

Among the eight regions of Maharashtra, the Mumbai region reported 904 new COVID-19 cases, Nashik region 718, Pune region 1,100, Kolhapur 233, Aurangabad 30, Latur 103, Akola 13 and Nagpur 14

Mumbai and Nashik regions reported nine deaths each, Pune 19, Kolhapur eight, Latur three and Aurangabad and Nagpur regions one death each. Mumbai witnessed 425 new COVID-19 cases and six deaths, while Pune city reported 161 infections and two deaths, as per the state government's data. Coronavirus figures of Maharashtra are as follows: Total cases 65,53,961; new cases 3,105; death toll 1,39,117; recoveries 63,74,892; active cases 36,371; total tests 5,89,10,564

Results of recruitment to 5,000 posts in MSEDCL declared

The results of 4,534 candidates have been announced, while those of 466 EWS candidates have been withheld due to ongoing litigation on reservation

Team Absolute | Mumbai

State Minister for Energy Nitin Raut has announced the much-awaited results of the mega recruitment drive to 5,000 posts of Vidut Sahayyak at the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL) on Saturday. The results of 4,534 candidates have been uploaded on the MSEDCL website, while those of 466 candidates belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) have been withheld due to the ongoing litigation on

reservation at the high court.

"I tried to declare the results earlier, but was unable to do so due to litigations," said Raut, who consulted legal experts before announcing the same.

The selected candidates will soon be called for document verification and posting. The 4,534 posts for which results have been announced include 1,984 in the open category, 375 in SC category, 236 in ST, 109 in Vimukta Jati, 109 in Nomadic Tribe (B) category, 80 in Nomadic Tribe (C), 44 in Nomadic Tribe (D), 81 for Special Backward Classes and 1,507 for Other Backward Classes.

The results of EWS candidates will be announced only when the court resolves the matter. The Energy Department had announced the recruitment drive on July 9, 2019. The Maharashtra government and the MSEDCL are making all out efforts to lift the moratorium imposed by the court on the recruitment of EWS and other categories. Senior lawyers have been appointed to repre-

sent MSEDCL in this case, the minister reassured.

Explaining the delay Raut said, "The recruitment process for the post of Vidut Sahayyak could not get completed in due time because of the Covid pandemic and court cases after the Mahavikas Aghadi government came to power." While the process was underway, the Supreme Court stayed SEBC (Socially and Educationally Backward Classes) reservations on September 9 last year. In December, SEBC candidates were given an option to choose between EWS or open category. This was challenged by EWS candidates in the Mumbai High Court. On March 15 this year, the high court ordered that the process should not be finalised. Subsequently on May 5, the Supreme Court cancelled the SEBC reservation and on May 31 the state government issued a resolution for SEBC candidates to mandatorily choose between EWS or open category.

FAMED WHITE ONION GETS GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION TAG

Alibag: The famed white onion of Alibag in Maharashtra's Raigad district has earned itself a 'Geographical Indication', giving the crop a unique identity and wider markets, agriculture department officials said on Saturday.

They pointed out that Alibag's white onion, which has medicinal qualities and is used for the treatment of heart ailments, controlling cholesterol and creation of insulin, has been mentioned in the official gazette as long back as 1883.

"The agriculture department here and Konkarn Agriculture University had jointly submitted the GI application on January 15, 2019. On September 29 this year, the proposal was scrutinised in the Mumbai office of the Registrar of Patents and it was decided to confer GI tag on Alibag's white onion," an official said. He said the average income per acre from the crop is around Rs 2 lakh.

Nagpur Police nab 3 women for trying to 'sell' 12-yr-old's virginity

Team Absolute | Nagpur

In a shocking incident, the Nagpur Police have arrested at least three women pimps who allegedly tried to 'sell the virginity' of a 12-year-old girl to a customer for Rs 40,000, police said here on Saturday.

"We have arrested three accused so far and further investigations in the case are underway," Nagpur Police Commissioner Amitesh Kumar told IANS.

The Nagpur Crime Branch's Social Service Branch managed to rescue the minor girl safely before she became a victim to the pimps' evil designs to push her into the flesh trade, police said. The sinister incident happened when one of the accused lured the girl

to her home in Omnagar, Koradi locality on the pretext of a birthday party, and the two other accomplices contacted a customer with the Rs 40,000 deal.

Following a timely tip-off by a local NGO, the SSB sleuths sent in a decoy customer who confirmed the goings-on and alerted the police.

A crack police team comprising women officials raided the premises to save the girl and nab the three main culprits present there.

The accused have been identified as Archana Vaishampayan, 38, Ranjana Meshram, 45 and Kavita Nikhare, 30 and they have been remanded to police custody. According to police, the prime accused,

Vaishampayan is said to have lured the little girl on the promise of giving her Rs 5000 to help for her mother's cancer treatment.

The accused also convinced the girl's mother to send her to work as a caretaker for Vaishampayan's two-year old son, without revealing her actual motives.

After the girl reached the party spot, Nikhare was tasked with finding a customer, and made the promise of the girl's virginity in return for Rs 40,000. Following the rescue, the minor girl has been shifted to a government shelter home and police are trying to trace the other accomplices of the accused trio to know since how long they are in the racket, etc.

Cop sexually assaults woman on promise of marriage; booked

The accused developed a physical relationship with the woman who was employed as a beautician after he allegedly promised to marry her.

Team Absolute | Pune

In yet another shocking incident of crime reported from Maharashtra's Pune, a police Sub-Inspector has been booked on charges of allegedly raping a 25-year-old woman. The man committed this heinous offence by promising to marry the victim, who was employed as a beautician.

It was on Thursday night when the woman registered a complaint against him at Maharashtra's Kothrud police station. An FIR was lodged after the woman approached the cops and the SI, who was attached to the traffic control branch (Yerwada) of Pune city police was also booked. A thorough probe revealed that the duo met in the year 2018 and the couple later developed a physical relationship after he promised to marry her. However, the accused later denied marrying her and even warned her of dire consequences if she forced him to marry her.

In another incident reported from Maharashtra, a 27-year-

old man who allegedly sexually harassed and stalked his ex-wife on social media was arrested.

The victim, who worked as a costume designer approached the cops and lodged a complaint against her ex-husband. The woman, while narrating the entire episode stated that they got divorced in 2020 as the man assaulted her and often fought over petty issues.

He later started posting obscene comments about her on her social media profile to seek revenge. However, when this activity didn't stop, the woman lodged an FIR and he was booked under various sections of the IPC and IT Act.

First ever electric cars rally held in Mumbai to combat pollution

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a first initiative of its kind, an all-electric cars rally was held in Mumbai on Saturday as part of the 'Green Mumbai Drive-2021', to reduce pollution in the country's commercial capital, officials said.

The 110-km long rally saw the participation of over 30 electric cars manufactured by various Indian and international companies and was flagged off by Environment Minister Aditya Thackeray, who himself drove an electric car.

Organised by Adani Electricity Mumbai Ltd. (AEML), and Autocar India, the rally was intended to create awareness among people about motoring with zero tail-pipe emissions and supported the Maharashtra government's new Electric Vehicles Policy announced in July.

Speaking on the occasion, Thackeray said that in the last few years, there has been a huge development in the field of electric vehicles.

"The state government is taking various measures through the new EV



Policy to ensure more citizens use these vehicles with emphasis on reducing pollution," Thackeray urged.

He said there has been a good response for electric vehicles from all the cities and efforts are now underway to increase the number of charging stations. AEML Managing Director and CEO Kandarp Patel said

that nearly 30 per cent of our carbon footprint comes from transportation.

"As Mumbai's electric utility, we aim to lead the way in powering Mumbai's transition to electric mobility with a goal to drastically reduce the carbon emissions," Patel said.

The AEML owns and operates a fleet of 15 EVs and is committed to

procuring only EVs for all future requirements wherever feasible, he added. Autocar Editor & Publisher Hormazd Sorabjee said carbon dioxide is the root cause of global warming and the only way to reduce it is by getting rid of hydrocarbons on which internal combustion engines run. "EV are becoming popular globally because there are targets to reduce carbon dioxide and the best way is through alternative sources of energy. The goal of Green Mumbai Drive 2021 is to raise awareness about the role EVs can play in reducing CO2 emissions and combating climate change," said Sorabjee.

The unique EV rally started with the vehicles zooming off from Mahalakshmi Racecourse and ended in Vikhroli via the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai's main green lung, turning heads en route. It saw participation of around 30 EVs, manufactured by Indian and foreign companies including Tata, Tesla, Volvo, Audi, Jaguar, Mercedes, MG, Hyundai and others.

GANDHI, SHASTRI CONTINUE TO BE GUIDING LIGHTS: UDDHAV THACKREY



Mumbai: Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversaries, saying that their lives and works continue to be the guiding light in the present times. He garlanded the portraits of Gandhi and Shastri here on the occasion. Thackeray said, "Gandhiji's life gives a message of self-sufficiency, dignity of labour, cleanliness and rural development. He has been a great ambassador of peace and non-violence." Talking about Shastri, the chief minister said he gave a strong leadership to the nation and his slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' continues to inspire.

Maharashtra records 2,696 new cases, 49 deaths, 3,062

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Maharashtra on Saturday, October 2, recorded 2,696 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the number of active cases to 35,955. Besides, 49 COVID-19 deaths were reported in the day, taking the number of total fatalities to 1,39,166.

3,062 patients were discharged in the day, taking the tally to 63,77,954. The recovery rate in the state is 97.27%. The case fatality rate in the state is 2.12%.

Currently, 2,47,006 people are in home quarantine and 1,370 people are in institutional quarantine.

The Mumbai circle--which consists of MCGM, Thane, TMC, Navi Mumbai, KDMC, Ulhasnagar MC, Bhivandi Nijampur MC, Mira Bhayandar MC, Palghar, Vasai Virar MC, Raigad, Panvel MC--recorded 890 new cases.

The Nashik circle--which consists of Nashik, Nashik MC, Molegaon MC, Ahmednagar, Ahmednagar MC, Dhule, Dhule

MC, Jalgaon, Jalgaon MC, Nandurbar--reported 563 fresh COVID-19 cases.

The Pune circle--which includes Pune, PMC, PCMC, Solapur, Solapur MC, Satara--recorded 895 new cases.

The Kolhapur circle--which includes Kolhapur, Kolhapur MC, Sangli, Sangli MC, Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri-- reported 200 new cases.

The Aurangabad circle--which consists of Aurangabad, Aurangabad MC, Jalna, Hingoli, Parbhani, Parbhani MC--reported 34 fresh cases.

The Latur circle--which consists of Latur, Latur MC, Osmanabad, Beed, Nanded, Nanded MC--recorded 97 fresh cases. The Akola circle--which includes Akola, Akola MC, Amaravati, Amaravati MC, Yawatmal, Buldhana, Washim--recorded 5 fresh cases.

Nagpur circle--which includes Nagpur, Nagpur MC, Wardha, Bhandara, Gondia, Chandrapur, Chandrapur MC, Gadchiroli--reported 12 fresh cases.

Water-Starved Marathwada Region Records Excess Rainfall

At least 91 people died and over 25 lakh hectares of farmland were destroyed due to excess rainfall in Marathwada in the last four months, said officials.

Team Absolute | Aurangabad

Marathwada, which is considered a drought-prone region in Maharashtra, has received 1,041.5 mm rainfall during the monsoon season this year as against its average of 679.5 mm, while parts of it continue to get pounded by heavy rains, an official said on Saturday.

The region has received 153.27 per cent rainfall so far, he said.

Officials earlier said that at least 91 people have died, while over 25 lakh hectares of farmland were destroyed due to excess rainfall in Marathwada in the last four months. Marathwada comprises eight districts - Aurangabad, Latur, Osmanabad, Parbhani, Nanded, Beed, Jalna and Hingoli.

"Isolated parts of four districts in Marathwada received heavy rainfall



between Friday and Saturday. The highest rainfall of 107.25 mm was recorded at Vihmandwa circle of Paithan tehsil in Aurangabad district in 24 hours ending 12 pm on Saturday," a revenue department official said. The official said that above-65 mm rainfall was recorded in 12 circles in Aurangabad, Beed, Jalna and Parbhani districts starting Friday. Apart from Vihmandwa, heavy rains lashed Aurangabad, Balanagar (Aurangabad district), Ramnagar, Jamkhed, Talani (Jalna district), Beed circle and Sirsala (Beed district). In Parbhani, Takli-Kumbhakarna, Kupta and Sonpeth received showers.

Water-logging and flooding occurred in Naregaon area of Aurangabad due to heavy rains, he added. The water level of Jayakwadi dam, the biggest in the region, reached 99.06 per cent on Saturday morning. Eighteen gates of the dam were lifted to a height of 1.5 feet and the water discharge has been increased by 9,432 cubic with a total discharge of 28,296 into Godavari river, an irrigation official said. Aurangabad guardian minister Subhash Desai on Friday took stock of the rain situation in the district via video-conferencing.

Talking about the review meeting, collector Sunil Chavan later said in a video message, "63,000 farmers in the district have faced losses due to heavy rains in the last week of September. Fourteen deaths were reported (in the district) since June 1 in rain-related incidents. Aid of ? 4 lakh each has been provided to the family members of seven victims so far."



CM PAYS TRIBUTE TO GANDHI AND SHASTRI



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi and the second Prime Minister of the country, Lal Bahadur Shastri on their Birth anniversary. Chief Minister garlanded their portraits in the auditorium at his residence. On this occasion Jagriti Awasthi of Bhopal, who secured the second position in UPSC,

was also present.

Remembering Mahatma Gandhi, Chief Minister said profound respect to the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi, the priest of non-violence, on his Jayanti. Gandhi Ji's philosophy was the use of truth, which made non-violence a weapon and gave a new philosophy and principle to the world. Let us all assimilate the thoughts of Gandhiji and take a pledge

to follow the path shown by him.

Chouhan paid respectful homage to former Prime Minister Late Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji, the epitome of simplicity and affability, synonymous with humility, on his birth anniversary. Chief Minister Chouhan said that by proclaiming "Jai Jawan-Jai Kisan," Shastriji had infused new consciousness and energy in the country.

Bhopal central jail's 92 inmates to learn sports

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The inmates of central jail here will be trained in selected sports to help them lead a better life and overcome their criminal past with the motto - Prison to Pride.

Indian Oil has launched Parivartan, an initiative to train inmates at selected prisons from across the country and Bhopal's central jail is one among them. Indian Oil chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidya announced the programme through video conferencing on Gandhi Jayanti on Saturday.

Parivartan was inaugurated in Madhya Pradesh at central jail in state capital by Arvind Kumar, Director General, prisons and correctional services, in presence of K Bissa, CGM of Indian Oil. GR Meena, ADG, prisons and correctional services, Sanjay Panday, MR Patel, UP Singh and other senior officials of prison department were also present.

Dinesh Nargawe, the incharge of Bhopal jail said,

"The programme will help inmates to overcome stigma associated with imprisonment and aid in their smooth reintegration into the society after their release."

IOCIan M Ghufan, an international carom player, along with other coaches, presented skills to the inmates during the event. The tagline, Prison to Pride, is complete in itself, said Kumar. He also praised the efforts of Indian Oil for conducting the event.

Under this initiative, Indian Oil, in association with state prison department, will offer coaching in badminton, chess, volleyball and carrom to help improve the physical and mental well-being of prison inmates, especially during this pandemic period. During the four-week-long training, 92 inmates will be coached in basics of the sport, enabling them to participate in local competitions besides recreation. This initiative will also boost the participants' self-esteem and confidence.

PM Modi is running the government following the path of Gandhi ji: CM

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Minto Hall on Saturday

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Gandhi ji is the soul of India, his thoughts are the thoughts of India, which show peace to humanity scorched in the fire of materialism. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is running the government following the path of Gandhiji. Babu always urged for cleanliness. Prime Minister Modi has made cleanliness a people's movement.

Chouhan said that the last person of the society can be served by following Gandhiji's ideas. On his thoughts, schemes for the welfare of those who are behind, the poor and the poor, have been made. Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, let us resolve that the schemes made by the



Center and the State for the welfare of the last person should be taken to them with full authenticity. Chouhan garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Minto Hall on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Tax addressed to the people present.

The Chief Minister said that Gandhiji is not among us but he is present in our thoughts, deeds and conduct. They live on in our works of

service and dedication. The path shown by him is relevant for the country and the world even today. It will keep showing us the direction.

Khajuraho MP VD Sharma said that due to the efforts of Prime Minister Modi, the sense of cleanliness has developed among the people. As a result now people themselves have become active for cleanliness.

CM Chouhan participated virtually

PM Modi addresses Gram Sabhas on Drinking Water and Sanitation

Gram Sabha organised at national level focused on drinking water and sanitation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Village Water and Sanitation Committees in the nationwide Gram Sabha on Gandhi Jayanti and also had a virtual dialogue with the villagers.

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan participated virtually from residence in the Gram Sabha organised at the national level on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Village Water and Sanitation Committees in the nationwide Gram Sabha on Gandhi Jayanti and also had a



virtual dialogue with the villagers. Issues related to drinking water and sanitation were discussed in the Gram Sabha.

On Gandhi Jayanti October 2, Water and Sanitation Committee meetings were organised in the state. The topic of Jal Jeevan Mission and drinking water and sanitation was discussed in the gram sabhas. It is noteworthy that out of

51 thousand 585 villages of the state, 3395 villages have become "Har Ghar Jal" villages. Water from taps has been provided to cent percent of the families of these villages. Out of 122 lakh families of the state, till date 41 lakh 76 thousand families i.e. more than 34% families have been provided drinking water through tap connections.

So far, schemes worth more than 32 thousand crores have been approved under Jal Jeevan Mission. About 75 lakh 70 thousand tap connections will be given from them. Out of these approved tap connections, about 25 lakh tap connections have been given. 30 lakh works of tap connections are in progress. Out of total 93 thousand schools in the state, water has been provided from tap in 55 thousand i.e. 60% schools and out of 67 thousand anganwadis in 33 thousand i.e. more than 50% anganwadis. Additional Chief Secretary Public Health Engineering I Malay Shrivastava also participated in the Gram Sabha.

Capable society must to promote Hindi

Country's Hindi base should be strengthened for global reputation: Governor Patel honors non-Hindi Workers

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Governor Mangubhai Patel has said that to increase the global reputation of Hindi, its base will have to be strengthened in the country. He said that any society with a strong language is also strong. The power of language is based on the behaviour, feelings and emotions of its speaker. To make Hindi stronger, efforts are necessary to make the society strong, capable and prosperous.

Patel was addressing a non-Hindi language service award ceremony organized by the Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti at Hindi Bhawan. The Governor remembered Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversary and garlanded their portraits. He honoured 11 persons with



Hindi Sevi Samman and three with Vishisht Samman. Former MP, Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti Vice-Chairman Raghunandan Sharma was also present.

Patel said that the service of Hindi is the service of the nation. Honouring individuals and institutions engaged in service to Hindi is honouring of the nation. He said that the global form of Hindi is continuously improving. Today Hindi is taught in universities of all countries of the

world. Representatives from 45 countries participate in the World Hindi Conference. He said that the present era is the age of technology. Hindi has to be made the language of modern, advanced science. It is the responsibility of the government and society to provide new opportunities for knowledge and business to Hindi speaking people. Appreciating the Hindi song presented in the programme while Surendra Bihari Goswami proposed the vote of thanks.

also wished the respected non-Hindi servants a bright future. Chairman of the committee, Sukhdev Prasad said that the use of Hindi in commercial work is increasing rapidly. He said that efforts are being made to strengthen the overall Indian culture through the development of Hindi. Committee Director KC Pant said that organizing the function is an opportunity for introspection. The committee is constantly contemplating on the issues of Hindi. In an initiative of harmony and co-ordination in the nation through Hindi, non-Hindi workers are being honored and discussion series on various subjects are being held. Jawahar Kanawat, Director, Hindi Bhawan Nyas, read the commendation in the programme while Surendra Bihari Goswami proposed the vote of thanks.

CM plants Jamun sapling

Jagriti Awasthi, who got second place in UPSC examination, was also present on the occasion. Candidates selected in UPSC from Madhya Pradesh will be honoured on October 13. Shukla and Ramesh Mendola.

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted Jamun sapling in Smart Garden today. On this occasion Jagriti Awasthi of Bhopal, who got second place at the national level in UPSC examination, and her family members were also present.

Chouhan said in a discussion with the media after the plantation that Jagriti Awasthi of Bhopal has enhanced the honour of the state along with her family by getting the second rank at the national level in



the UPSC examination. This achievement is the result of Jagriti's right direction, dedication, hard work and determination. Chouhan congratulated Jagriti and her family.

Chouhan said that selection of Jagriti is a message that children can achieve extraordinary achievements if families cooperate and provide suitable environment to the children. Chief Minister said that the selected candidates in UPSC from Madhya Pradesh will be honoured on October

13. The purpose of this programme is that the selected candidates in UPSC and other competitive examinations should become a source of inspiration for other candidates and provide guidance. Children of Madhya Pradesh are getting selected in competitive examinations, it is a matter of pride for all of us. The selected candidates in these examinations should provide the right direction and guidance to the candidates appearing in the examinations, for this suitable

arrangements will be made in the state.

JAGRITI MEETS CM



Bhopal: Jagriti Awasthi, who got second position in UPSC at the national level, met Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday at the Chief Minister's residence. Jagriti's mother Madhulata and father Suresh Chandra Awasthi were present. Chouhan congratulated Jagriti by presenting her a bunch of flowers and offering her sweets and wished her a happy and bright future. Jagriti greeted Chief Minister Chouhan by presenting a sapling to him.

IFS Officer Turns Plastic Waste Into Employment Opportunity

During plantation, saplings are being taken out of plastic bags and then they are planted in the soil. The plastic waste ends up in landfills.

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Planting saplings is considered one of the easiest ways to save the environment. The environmentalists also appeal to people not to use plastic bags to keep the environment clean. However, it is observed that huge plastic bags are used by workers in nurseries to grow saplings, which further pollutes nature. Anupam Sharma, Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer in Madhya Pradesh cadre, posted in the Maihar region saw



low-density polyethylene (LDPE) plastic bags thrown around during a plantation drive in the region. This incident prompted him to take any action that reduces environmental pollution and generates employment for three villages. Maihar forest sub-division in Madhya Pradesh, in June and July 2021, planted 4.7 lakh tree saplings under its annual plantation drive. Sharma visited the area for inspection and saw LDPE plastic bags that wrapped saplings. He estimated that about 5,000 kilos of plastic waste had accumulated during the

plantation activity. Anupam, who is posted as trainee sub-divisional officer said that plastic waste if left unchecked pollutes the environment and damages it for years, reported Better India. During plantation, saplings are being taken out of plastic bags and then they are planted in the soil. The plastic waste ends up in landfills.

According to The Better India report, Anupam failed to get support from the local civic bodies to buy or treat the waste but he did not give up on his plastic waste mitigation plan. With his help, the forest department earned Rs 59,000 by selling the plastic waste to a scrap dealer at Rs 12 per kg. The scrap dealer sent the plastic to recycling plants in Indore and Jabalpur. Anupam sought help from his wife Bhavna, a solid waste management expert to know how the money could be utilised for a social cause.

EOW registers case after 9-yr probe

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Economic Offences Wing has registered a case pertaining to a mining scam after nine years of investigation. Now, almost a week has passed but mining department has not taken action against the officers.

On September 27, 2021, the EOW in Jabalpur registered a case against former officials including five of mining department and four from Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL) in Chhindwara district under whose jurisdiction coal mines operated without permission. An FIR has been registered against 10 officials in the case. From 2004 to 2011, 42,864 metric ton coal was produced in WCL Bhajipani and was transported without permission. A no objection certificate was also not taken from MP

Pollution Control Bhopal regional office in Jabalpur.

Following the irregularities, the EOW registered case against the then mining officers Anil Kumar, Prakash Pandre, Shashank Shukla, SN Patil and Arvind Tiwari. The officials ignored violations of mining department and MP Pollution Control Board (MPPCB) by the contractor of mines. As per directives of state government and MPPCB Jabalpur office, mines cannot be operated without their permission. To take permission from board, fees of Rs 1 lakh was to be charged and the annual renewal fee was Rs 80,000. In Chhindwara district, the MPPCB and mining department ignored the directives and operated the mines. Not only this, they did not make efforts to stop mining that was carried out without permission.

CM will lay the foundation stone of water supply schemes in Singrauli

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will give many gifts to the people of Singrauli district under Jan-Kalyan and Suraj Abhiyan. Chouhan will lay the foundation stone and dedicate water supply schemes and various works of Public Works Department from Chitrangi in Singrauli district on October 4. In Jal Jeevan Mission, foundation stone for water supply schemes costing more than Rs 1566 crore 49 lakh will be laid. With these water-supply schemes, more than 3 lakh families of Singrauli, Chitrangi, Devar of Singrauli district and Dhauni in Sidhi district and areas of Sinhawal assembly constituencies will be provided water through tap connections. In this sequence, foundation stone of water supply schemes costing Rs 197 crore 6 lakh will also be



laid in 200 villages of Rewa division. From these, drinking water will be provided to 94 thousand 214 families through domestic tap connections. Work is being started on these water supply schemes by surveying and estimating on the basis of the population projection for the next 30 years. In order to provide tap water to the entire rural population of the state, the

implementation of water supply schemes in Jal Jeevan Mission is going on continuously. In the foundation stone laying programme of these water supply schemes, works costing Rs 33 crore 98 lakh have been included for providing water through tap connections to 1428 schools and 960 Anganwadi centers. About 11 lakh population will be benefited from these water supply schemes for about 700 villages of Singrauli and Sidhi districts. 183 villages of Baidhan and 100 villages of Chitrangi have been included in Baidhan-ek-water supply scheme built from water source of Rihand dam, 184 villages in Baidhan-two water supply scheme from water source of Son river and 206 villages have been included in the Gond Devar water supply scheme from water source of Gond dam.

BU holds lecture on Future of Humanity, discuss Gandhi, his ideas

Barkatullah University vice chancellor Professor RJ Rao inaugurated the programme.

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A special lecture on Future of Humanity was organised under the joint aegis of department of continuing education and human resource development centre of Barkatullah University on Gandhi Jayanti on Saturday.

Barkatullah University vice chancellor Professor RJ Rao inaugurated the programme. Keynote speaker Professor Girishwar Mishra, the former vice chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, said, "Gandhiji was not a prisoner of circumstances. He used to say that we are near to God

and one who serves man can easily reach God. Gandhiji believed in truth and practised it in his life."

"Gandhiji wanted political, educational, cultural and economic freedom in the country. Gandhiji had said hate the sin, not the sinner," he added. Professor KB Panda from the language department spoke on times and life of Gandhi and Shastri.

Rao said, "It is necessary to implement Gandhiji's ideas in our life. Not every man can become Gandhiji, but even if we adopt even 10 per cent of his ideas, then the country will become as before."



Vogue Exhibition

Paris | Agencies

Naomi Campbell and Alessandra Ambrosio turned heads in stylish ensembles as they led the glamour at the Vogue Exhibition at the Palais Galliera on Friday amid Paris Fashion Week. Supermodel Naomi Campbell, 51, took centre stage, looking effortlessly chic in a stunning black dress with lace sleeves and a Chanel silver chain belt. While Brazilian model Alessandra, 40, sent temperatures soaring as she displayed her washboard abs in a tint black bralette. Naomi was the epitome of sophistication as she posed for cameras outside the exhibition which celebrates the iconic fashion magazine's 100th anniversary.



New York | Agencies

Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett's 'Love for Sale' album has been released. Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett pay homage to Cole Porter on their 'Love for Sale' tribute album, reports Billboard.com. Their second collaborative project

was released via Columbia Records/Interscope Records and comes almost seven years to the date after their 2014 album 'Cheek to Cheek', which went No. 1 on the Billboard 200 and Billboard's Top Jazz Albums charts and won a Grammy Award for best traditional pop vocal album in 2015. 'Love for Sale' was preceded by the

singles 'I Get a Kick Out of You', which kicked off the twosome's pair of 'One Last Time: An Evening With Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga' performances at NYC's Radio City Music Hall in August, and its titular track. It's been announced as the legendary 95-year-old singer's final studio recording, following Bennett's Alzheimer's diagnosis.



Chris Martin: Gwyneth Paltrow taught me to stop being 'grumpy'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Coldplay frontman Chris Martin was married to actress Gwyneth between 2003 and 2016. He has said he used to battle with his own "sensitivity" shortly after their daughter Apple was born, which would cause him to become "grumpy" and "sulky". He said: "I think sensitivity can be a superpower, especially if you're in the business of songs or comedy where you're trying to relate your heart to someone else's heart. "But I realised that my

sensitivity was coming out in really bad ways with the rest of the band. I would get really stroppy in the studio or grumpy or sulky. Or if someone wasn't playing it the way I wanted them to play, I would be a real d***." Martin added: "When it really hit me was with my daughter. I became aware that she was so attuned to me being a little bit unpredictable that it was making her have to navigate that. I am still trying to work on that because I don't want her to feel like she can't be her in case her dad gets upset.

"I had to be shown that, but I'm really grateful." He also admitted it was Paltrow who helped him process his emotions in a healthier way and got him to change his ways, reports femalefirst.co.uk. Asked who pointed out his bad moods during an appearance on the aYou Made It Weird! podcast, Chris added: "Her mum." "At this point she is like my big sister and there are a few people in my life who I am grateful for saying, 'You might want to work on that a bit and it might improve the whole of your life!'"

Peter Andre keen to play James Bond



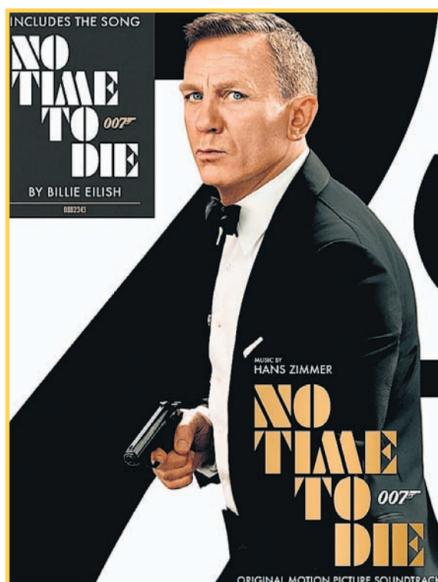
Los Angeles | Agencies

Singer Peter Andre said while he would like to see actor Idris Elba in the 007 role, he himself would also love to try his hand playing the iconic suave spy one day. He said, "There's a lot of speculation over who the next James Bond is going to be. I personally think Idris Elba would do a great job. It would be anyone's dream to play an iconic role like that. Would I do it if asked? Hell yeah!" However, Andre feels he would probably be a flop if he ever landed the iconic role, reports femalefirst.co.uk. He said, "Although I'd probably be more James Bond than James Bond!" The 'Mysterious Girl' hitmaker said he loves the idea that broadcaster Piers Morgan has put his name forward for the role. Speaking to new! magazine, he added, "I know Piers Morgan has put his name in the hat, which I love. I see what he's doing there, he's probably thinking as Pierce Brosnan has already played James Bond, they might want someone with a very similar name. Very clever, Piers!" Hollywood star Daniel Craig makes his final outing as Bond in the current movie 'No Time To Die'.

Daniel Craig to get star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

Los Angeles | Agencies

Ahead of the US release of 'No Time to Die', actor Daniel Craig will be honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The 007 actor will get his star in a ceremony on October 6. His will be the 2,704th star on the Walk of Fame, and the fourth James Bond actor to receive the honour after David Niven, Roger Moore and Pierce Brosnan. Barry Nelson also played Bond in a TV movie and received a star during his career. Craig's star will be placed next to Moore's, located at 7007 Hollywood Boulevard. Rami Malek, who plays the villain Lyutsifer Safin in 'No Time to Die', Craig's fifth and final outing as Bond, will speak at the Walk of Fame ceremony. Bond franchise producers Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli will also serve as guest speakers. The Walk of Fame event will be emceed by Nicole Mihalka, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce chair. "Daniel Craig is a British cultural icon, as is James Bond, the man he has portrayed in five 007 films. We are thrilled to place his terrazzo Walk of Fame star next to the star of another famed actor who also portrayed James Bond, Roger Moore," said Ana Martinez, producer of the Hollywood Walk of Fame, in a statement. "Fans will be thrilled when they see that their stars are appropriately located at 7007 Hollywood Boulevard," Martinez added. Craig has previously played the suave spy 007 in 'Casino Royale', 'Quantum of Solace', 'Skyfall' and 'Spectre'. He received a Golden Globe nomination for Rian Johnson's whodunnit mystery 'Knives Out'.



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY

Bianca Gascoigne



INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2021

Bowlers, Iyer-Ashwin power Delhi Capitals to 4-wicket win vs MI

Sharjah | Agencies

Sharjah, Oct 2 (IANS) A sensational bowling performance by Avesh Khan, Axar Patel and a crucial stand between R Ashwin and Shreyas Iyer guided Delhi Capitals to a four-wicket win over Mumbai Indians in the match 46 of the IPL 2021, at Sharjah Cricket Stadium, here on Saturday.

Courtesy a top notch performance by Avesh Khan (3/15) and Axar Patel (3/21), Delhi Capitals restricted Mumbai Indians to a paltry total of 129/8 in 20 overs. Suryakumar Yadav with his 33 runs off 26 balls was the top-scorer as no other MI batsmen could cross 20-run mark.

In reply, an important 39-run stand between Shreyas Iyer (33) and Ravichandran Ashwin's (20) helped Delhi chase down the target of 130 with five balls to spare.

Apart from Iyer and Ashwin, skipper Rishabh Pant (26) also played a vital knock for Delhi.

Brief scores

Mumbai Indians: 129/8 in 20 overs (Suryakumar Yadav 33; Avesh Khan 3/15, Axar Patel 3/21) lost to Delhi Capitals 132-6 (19.1 overs) (Shreyas Iyer 33 not out, Rishabh Pant 26; Krunal Pandya 1/18)



AVESH IS THE FIND OF THE SEASON FOR US: PANT

"Avesh is the find of the season for us. But at Delhi Capitals, we learn from our mistakes and pick up. We have to solidify our batting. Stoinis should be fine in a few days, and that will be good for us."

RUTURAJ GAIKWAD, A 'SPECIAL' TALENT SETS IPL 2021 ON FIRE



Abu Dhabi: Ruturaj Gaikwad, a free-stroking but technically sound opener, has set the ongoing IPL 2021 on fire with his blistering knocks. The 24-year old Gaikwad, slammed his maiden IPL ton on Saturday in the match against Rajasthan Royals in Abu Dhabi in a most thrilling way, hitting the final ball of the innings for a maximum. He raced to his hundred in just 60 balls, smashing five huge sixes and nine boundaries. The batsman came into the limelight after his late-season heroics for CSK in IPL 2020. CSK were losing games, but Gaikwad was among the runs and hit three consecutive half-centuries back then. Continuing his superb batting form from IPL 2020, Gaikwad also played some entertaining knocks in the first leg of IPL 2021 in India. However, he is batting at a completely different level in UAE. His scores in the UAE leg of IPL 2021 read: 101*(60), 45(38), 40(28), 38(26), 88*(58), 62*(49), 72(53), 65*(51).

Jaiswal and Dube take Rajasthan to a cruising win over Chennai

Abu Dhabi | Agencies

Mumbai boys Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shivam Dube hit half-centuries in Rajasthan Royals' cruising seven-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in match 47 of IPL 2021 at Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium here on Saturday. Chasing 190, Rajasthan completed a magnificent chase with 15 balls to spare. The win means that Rajasthan now have ten points from 12 matches and leapfrog Mumbai Indians to move to sixth place in the points table.

Rajasthan got off to a flying start, making 81 runs in the power-play. Yashasvi Jaiswal came out swinging, smashing boundaries against every bowler. Josh Hazlewood came under severe punishment from the youngster, taken for seven boundaries, including the last one, a flat six over long-off, taking him to a whirlwind half-century in just 19 balls.

Evin Lewis supported Jaiswal well before pulling to fine-leg off Thakur. But against the run of play, Jaiswal fell on the first ball after powerplay. Against a short ball from KM Asif, Jaiswal tried to paddle late but was caught behind. Despite losing both openers in quick succession, Rajasthan 'didn't lose the run-making assault.

Shivam Dube and Sanju Samson put up a match-



defining partnership of 89 runs in 58 balls. Dube, promoted to number four, was more aggressive of the duo, welcoming Ravindra Jadeja with a six over long-on in ninth over. He extended the thrashing by hitting Moeen Ali for back-to-back sixes in the next over.

Dube brought the half-century of the partnership with a four clubbed over mid-wicket off Sam Curran followed by a six over the same region in the 12th over. The all-rounder then reached his half-century in 31 balls with a single off Thakur. Though Samson fell while

pulling off Thakur in the 16th over, Rajasthan were well on course to chase the target. Debutant Glenn Phillips walloped Curran for a four and six followed by finishing off Moeen Ali.

Brief scores: Chennai Super Kings 189/4 in 20 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 101 not out, Ravindra Jadeja 32 not out, Rahul Tewatia 3/39, Chetan Sakariya 1/31) lost to Rajasthan Royals 190/3 in 17.3 overs (Shivam Dube 64 not out, Yashasvi Jaiswal 50, Shardul Thakur 2/30, KM Asif 1/18) by seven wickets.

Women's skeet team wins gold at Junior Shooting World Championship

Team Absolute | New Delhi

India's Junior women's skeet team, comprising Ganemat Sekhon, Raiza Dhillon and Areeba Khan, struck gold on Day Three of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Championship in Lima, Peru, according to information received here on Saturday.

They blanked out Italy 6-0 in the gold medal match. After winning silver on Thursday -- India's first skeet medal at the world championship level -- in the individual women's skeet, this was Ganemat's second medal of the competition.

Later the Indian junior men's skeet team of Rajveer Gill, Ayush Rudraraju and Abhay Singh Sekhon, also bagged a bronze beating Turkey 6-0 to make it seven medals so far. This includes two gold, three silver and two bronze medals, putting them behind leaders USA in the medal standings.

The women had qualified for the gold medal match by virtue of finishing second to Italy in qualification, shooting a combined 457 out of 525. Each of the three shooters had to



shoot seven rounds of 25-shots each and Ganemat led the effort with a 155 out of 175. Raiza shot 152, while Areeba shot 150. Italy topped the five team field with a total of 460.

In the final, however, it was Raiza and Areeba who led India's charge shooting a perfect 10 out of 10 targets in the first two rounds to give India a commanding 4-0 lead.

Australia finish day three at 143/4, trail India by 234 runs

Pink-ball Test

Gold Coast | Agencies

Jhulan Goswami (2/27) and Pooja Vastrakar (2/31) sparked on day three of the pink-ball Test at Metricon Stadium as Australia finished at 143/4 in 60 overs, trailing India by 234 runs and requiring 85 to avoid the follow-on.

Ellyse Perry (batting on 27) and Ashleigh Gardner (batting on 13) ensured that Australia didn't suffer more damage by batting out the 10.2 overs left in the first full day of play in the Test match.

After India declared their innings at 377/8, Jhulan gave the tourists a great start by hitting the top of Beth Mooney's off-stump as the batter tried to swing through the leg-side. Alyssa Healy and Meg Lanning stitched a 49-run partnership for the second wicket before Jhulan had Alyssa nicking behind to keeper Taniya Bhatia in her second spell. In the final session, Pooja had Meg



dismissed with an lbw with a nip-backer. Replays suggested that there was an inside edge, but with no DRS in the Test, a displeased Meg had to march back to the pavilion. 17 overs later, Pooja had her second wicket of the day with Tahlija McGrath cutting straight to point. Earlier, Deepti Sharma raised her half-century to carry forward the pace of scoring runs for India. She and Taniya Bhatia had an association of

45 runs stand in 170 balls to take India beyond 300. Taniya was the first wicket to fall in the day, becoming teenage pacer Stella Campbell's first Test wicket after an outside edge carried to keeper Alyssa. Pooja joined Deepti to take India past 350. During the 40-run association, Deepti registered yet another half-century, her second in three innings. Ellyse clinched her 300th wicket in international cricket as Pooja

edged to a diving Beth at gully on the stroke of dinner break. Taking Pooja's wicket in the 143rd over of India's innings made Perry the first woman to do the double of 300 wickets and 5,000 runs in international cricket. In the over immediately after dinner break, Deepti hit Stella for back-to-back fours before Stella struck to take her second wicket of the match by trapping the left-hander lbw for 66. The visitors batted for eight more balls before declaring their innings at 377/8 in 145 overs. With just one day left in the Test, the possibility of draw looms high.

Brief scores

India 377/8 declared in 145 overs (Smriti Mandhana 127, Deepti Sharma 66, Sophie Molineux 2/45, Stella Campbell 2/47) against Australia Women 143/4 in 60 overs (Meg Lanning 38, Alyssa Healy 29, Jhulan Goswami 2/27, Pooja Vastrakar 2/31), Australia women trail by 234 runs

Chris Gayle was not being 'treated right', says Pietersen

Dubai | Agencies

Former England cricketer Kevin Pietersen feels one of the main reasons for West Indies icon Chris Gayle leaving the Punjab Kings bio-bubble in the UAE and heading back to "recharge" his batteries for the ICC T20 World Cup was because he was "not being treated right in his environment".

A statement by the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise on September 30 had said that, "Seasoned Caribbean batsman Chris Gayle has left the Punjab Kings team hotel and bio-bubble, owing to bubble fatigue accumulated over the months playing franchise and international cricket. The 42-year-old won't be available now for selection for the remainder of



Punjab Kings' games."

However, Pietersen told Star Sports on Friday that, "He (Gayle) is not being treated right in his environment. He feels like they are using him and getting rid of him, using him and getting rid of him. Didn't play him on

his birthday, cast him aside. If he is not happy, he is 42, let him do what he wants."

This season, Gayle has played 10 matches for PBKS, scoring 193 runs at an unflattering average of 21.44, with his highest being 46.

Former India skipper Sunil Gavaskar also said that the Punjab Kings, who are currently fifth on the table with 10 points from 12 games, will miss Gayle in the remainder of the matches.

"A game-changer like Chris Gayle, if he is not in the team, 100 per cent it's a big loss. I think he is in and out of the team. I don't know what the calculations are. Clearly only four overseas players can play but sometimes when you see the player who has picked in his place, knowing what he has delivered in the past. And sure, he is over 40 and he might not be able to do it at a consistent level that he used to do. But he is a game-changer. Three overs of Gayle storm and the game is gone from the opposition," added Gavaskar.

Women's boxing world championships at Istanbul in early December

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The women's world boxing championships will take place in the city of Istanbul, Turkey in early December, the sports global governing body (AIBA) announced on Saturday.

During the official visit of AIBA president Umar Kremlev to Istanbul, an agreement was signed between AIBA and the Turkish Boxing Federation.

"I am glad to announce that the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships will be held here in Istanbul. Turkey is a big boxing country and has a rich history. I would like to thank all Turkish authorities as President of the country, Prime Minister, Minister of Sports, Deputy Minister of Sports of Turkey, Head of the Istanbul Sports Department, the Turkish Boxing Federation and others for support," Kremlev said in a



statement. "AIBA is rapidly changing, we are on the way to big reform. We are doing a lot of work for the sake of National Federations; a large program of assistance and financial support is implemented. We allocate budget and sports equipment, communicate with NFs directly. We will protect our boxers and coaches in every country of the world, AIBA is their home," he said.

Double for Bengaluru rider Mohd Rafiq; Soundari tops in Girls category

Chennai | Agencies

Bengaluru's Mohd Rafiq dominated the opening days proceedings in the second round of Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship 2021 at the Madras Motor Sports Club, here on Saturday, with a grand double while local challenger, Soundari Sindy topped the Girls category.

Rafiq was in imperious form as he won in both 2-Stroke 165cc and 130cc categories quite comfortably. After a disappointing practice run, he clocked 12.761 seconds in the Final Run of the 165cc class ahead of Chennai's Prashanth (12.817) and Aiyaz Rem (12.969) for the 400-metre dash. Earlier, Rafiq took the honours in the 130cc category with 12.962 seconds, followed by two others from Bengaluru, Touheed (13.438) and Abdul G

(13.513).

Sindy emerged triumphant in a three-way battle in the Girls' category (4-Stroke 165cc) as she overcame fellow-Chennai competitors Lani Zena Fernandez and Nivetha Jessica, the organisers said in a release.

The two-day event concludes on Sunday when four-stroke bikes, including the superbikes, will be seen in action.

The results:

Girls (4-stroke, up to 165cc): 1. Soundari Sindy (Chennai) (16.462secs); 2. Lani Zena Fernandez (Chennai) (16.522); 3. Nivetha Jessica (Chennai) (17.291). 2-Stroke (up to 165cc): 1. Mohd Rafiq (Bengaluru) (12.761); 2. Prashanth (Chennai) (12.817); 3. Aiyaz Rem (12.969). 3-Up to 130cc: 1. Mohd Rafiq (12.962); 2. Touheed (Bengaluru) (13.438); 3. Abdul G (Bengaluru) (13.513).

Hockey India names 30 members for senior men's national camp

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Hockey India on Saturday named the 30-member core probable group for the senior men's national coaching camp to begin at the Sports Authority of India centre at Bengaluru from October 4.

After a successful campaign at the Tokyo Olympic Games, where India clinched a historic bronze and ended the 41-year year wait, the core group will begin the new Olympic cycle with the intent to improve upon this performance at Paris 2024.

The core group called up for the camp includes a mix of young and experienced player. Chief coach Graham Reid said, "The players are coming off a long and well-deserved break. I believe they will



be excited to be back in the camp and refocus on our goals for next year. We will be going through our performance in the Olympics both from the perspective of individual performances and as a team," said Reid. He added that the players must now leave

behind the Tokyo success and start afresh ahead of a hectic 2022 season. "Experiencing success in the Olympics is great but now I want the players to be mentally and physically ready for a hectic season in 2022 with some very important tournaments starting from

the FIH Hockey Pro League in February. This camp will be more about strength and conditioning and we will look at making a slow start," he added.

National campers:

PR Sreejesh, Krishan Bahadur Pathak, Suraj Karkera, Harmanpreet Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Gurinder Singh, Amit Rohidas, Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Simranjeet Singh, Akashdeep Singh, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Gursahibjit Singh, Shamsheer Singh, Varun Kumar, Jarmanpreet Singh, Dipsan Turkey, Nilam Sanjeev Xess, Jaskaran Singh, Rajkumar Pal, Gurjant Singh, Sumit, Shikhanand Lakra, Suman Beck, Mandeep Mor, Ashis Kumar Topno.

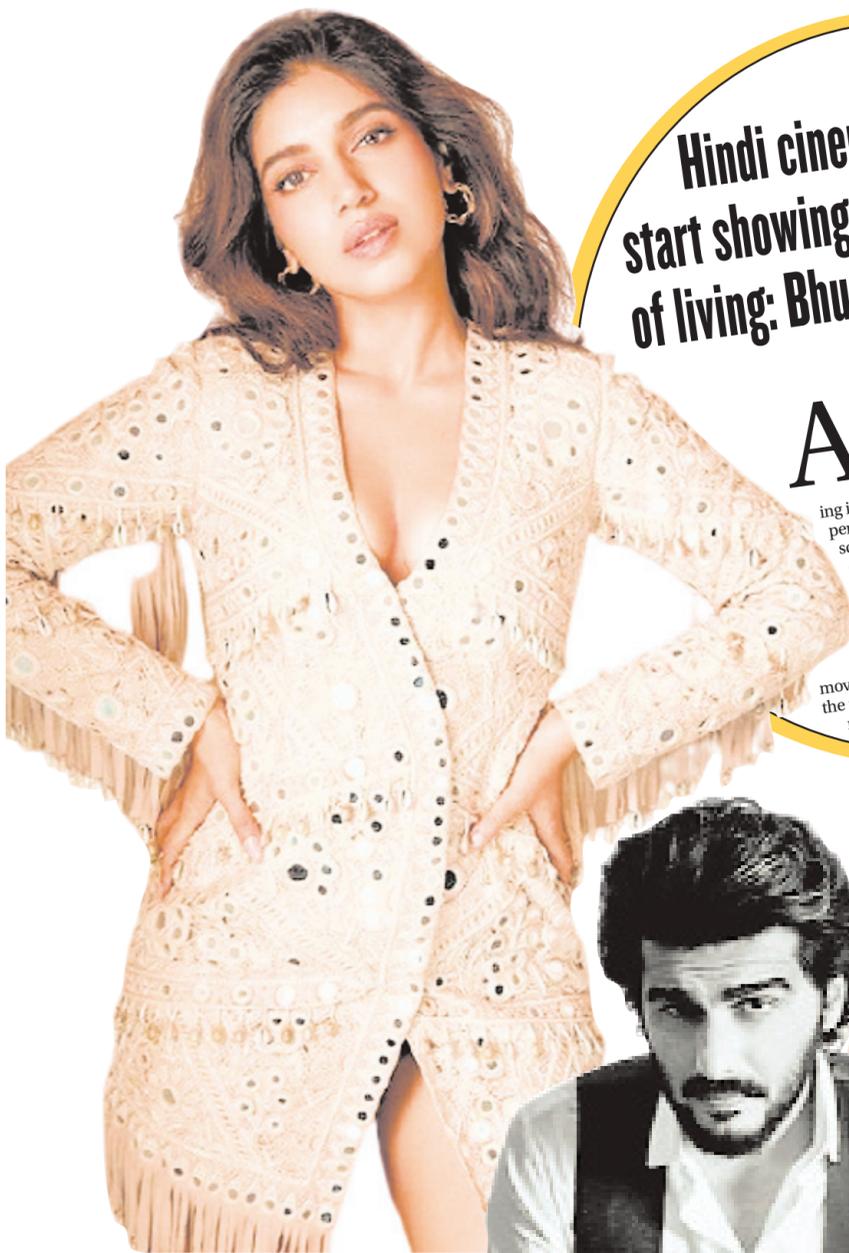
Hindi cinema should start showing sustainable way of living: Bhumi Pednekar

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress and climate activist Bhumi Pednekar feels that it is time for Hindi cinema to start showing a sustainable way of living in their films. Bhumi, in a chat with reporter, said: "I definitely feel that it's high time that Hindi cinema starts showing a sustainable way of living in their films. I feel like as a fraternity we are woke and I personally would like to believe that we are more conscious than other industries, but I still feel like we aren't doing enough."

The actress, who has three films lined up 'Mr. Lele', 'Raksha Bandhan' and 'Badhaai Do', feels that there is a need for narratives in films that provide communication.

"I do feel that we need narratives in films/movies that provide the communication as it's the most powerful medium to get the message across to the masses," she added.



'KKK 11' contestants and their daring fashion statements

SHWETA TIWARI

The versatile actress also knows so well how to carry herself with whatever she wears. With her lovely flowy hair, and comfortable yet chic clothes, she made sure that she's able to do all her stunts in style. Be it fuchsia pinks or just the white, stripes or blocks, she has set some cool trends one can try next time.

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Action-based show 'Khatron KeKhilladi 11' is known for its adventurous stunts with host Rohit Shetty's quirky and witty attitude. Besides this the ladies on the show have also been giving some fashion goals to viewers.

Be it Shweta Tiwari, Divyanka Tripathi or Nikki Tamboli, each one of them have set one or another trend to follow for their fans. Let's take a look at some of the styles which the audience witnessed on the show this season:

NIKKI TAMBOLI

Ex-Bigg Boss contestant and actor Nikki has worn some amazing well-coordinated activewear that looked so awesome and one would love to try it next time for a gym session. And then her wavy, honey almond-coloured hair just also seemed so perfect.

DIVYANKA TRIPATHI

From being the perfect 'bahu' on-screen to doing stunts on the sets of 'Khatron KeKhilladi 11', Divyanka seems like doing everything perfectly and in the same way her wardrobe on the show was commendable. From wearing bold colours like red and black, to pairing it with beautiful and braided hair, her fans correctly named her 'sherni' for her daring looks and stunts.

Arjun Kapoor attends 'two bootcamps'

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Arjun Kapoor attended two bootcamps in the last three months for his physical transformation in Alibaug. The actor says he has no shame in admitting that given his condition, he has to work twice as hard than others. "I'm in a good space right now trying to push my body as much as possible so that I can be the best version of myself. I'm a work in progress and I will always be one."

"It is what makes my resolution even stronger and I'm currently thriving in this feeling. Arjun has shared a video detailing his day at the bootcamp in Alibaug and also talked about his diet. "In the last three months, I have managed to do two bootcamps with my trainer Drew Neal. He has taken me out of the city and we have spent over two weeks, per bootcamp, trying to achieve the best results. I'm only thankful to Drew for believing in me and for motivating me to reach higher," Arjun said.



'ZINDAGIEK SAFAR HAI SUHANA'



Hema Malini recalls picturisation of the song with Rajesh Khanna

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Bollywood star Hema Malini will be on dance reality show 'Super Dancer: Chapter 4' as a special guest for a special episode dedicated to her this weekend. The contestants and their gurus will be seen performing on some of her hit tracks. Among all those performances, it is contestant Florina and her guru Tushar Shetty who amazed Hema Malini most with their dance moves. They perform on 'Zindagiek safarhaisuhana' from the 1971 film 'Andaz' starring Shammi Kapoor and Rajesh Khanna with her. Hema Malini also tries to match Florina's dancing steps. Hema Malini, who seems mesmerised by their performance, praised them saying: "What should I say? I don't understand! This little girl, how does she do all this? I just wonder! And Tushar, you have trained her so well. I like this concept of guru-shishya. I have seen her perform many times and I really love the way you dance. Great! God bless you." Going down memory lane, she also narrates an interesting incident related to the song. She reveals: "One day director Ramesh Sippy Ji informed us that the whole song will be picturised on a motorbike. I was a little shocked and wondered what do we do? The first time I sat behind Rajesh Khanna Ji on the bike, I asked whether he knew how to ride or not? After that, as soon as the song played, he started jumping and all! The only thing he didn't do was stand on the bike, but this is what he was asked to do, and finally he did that exceptionally well." The grand finale of 'Super Dancer: Chapter 4' - 'Nachpan Ka Maha Mahotsav' - will be held on October 9. 'Super Dancer: Chapter 4' airs on Sony Entertainment Television.

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Actress Ihana Dhillon, who met with a serious accident last month and suffered seven fractures, says she is recuperating well and that post her recovery she will be back to work. Ihana met with a very serious accident in August and was in the intensive care unit (ICU) for several days. Ihana said: "I am very grateful to the Almighty for saving me. It was a devastating accident and it could have been a lot worse. The people that I have around me are incredible and each day felt like a blessing." Ihana will be commencing work from October. She added: "I would be resuming work next month. I am recuperating well. There is more work to be done but things should be fine soon. We need to take a moment each day to be grateful to be alive and kicking. This is a wonderful life. Sadly we understand it sometimes after something happens. Love and light to all." Ihana made her Bollywood debut with the movie 'Hate Story 4'. She has also starred in Punjabi movies such as 'Daddy Cool Munde Fool', 'Tiger' and 'Thug Life'.

Ihana Dhillon recuperating well after serious accident



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