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NIA says outfit trained youth to carry out terror acts CRACKDOWN ON PFI

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In a major crackdown on the Popular Front of India (PFI), the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday raided premises linked to PFI in 15 states across the country and arrested several top PFI leaders and functionaries. Sharing a list of 45 arrested persons, an NIA official said that the agency carried out searches at 93 locations across 15 states, including Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, West Bengal, Bihar and Manipur.



Sources said that as many as 300 NIA officers were pressed into service to carry out the raids across India. The entire operation was supervised by NIA DG Dinkar Gupta. The NIA has learnt that many of the PFI functionaries arrested on Thursday were convicted in earlier cases. Around 355 PFI members have already been chargesheeted by the agency. The searches were conducted at the houses and offices of top PFI leaders and members in connection with five cases registered by the NIA, which received credible inputs that PFI cadres were involved in terror funding and terrorist activities, including organising camps for imparting training to the youth to commit terrorist acts, and radicalising them to join banned organisations," the official said. One such case was registered on July 4, 2022 at Nizamabad police station in

Telangana against over 25 PFI cadres after the state police found that the accused were organising camps to impart training to commit violent and terrorist acts with the objective of promoting enmity between different groups on the basis of religion. Based on the FIR, the NIA had lodged a fresh case in this matter. The official said that several criminal cases have been registered by different states over the

last few years against the PFI and its leaders for their involvement in violent acts, including chopping off the hand of a college professor, cold-blooded killing of people belonging to other faiths, collecting explosives to target prominent people and places, supporting the Islamic State and destroying public property, among others. "During the searches conducted on Thursday, incriminating documents, cash, sharp-edged weapons and a large number of digital devices have been seized. The NIA has made 45 arrests -- 19 from Kerala, 11 from Tamil Nadu, seven from Karnataka, four from Andhra Pradesh, two from Rajasthan, and one each from Uttar Pradesh and Telangana," the official said. The NIA is investigating a total of 19 cases cases related to the PFI.

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Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday visited Madrasa Tajweedul Quran in the old Delhi area, and interacted with the children there. Madrasa director Mahmudul Hasan told IANS that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat reached the madrasa around 10 a.m. "You have the responsibility of the country... so you have to work for the country by reading and writing," Bhagwat told the students.



to strengthen the communal harmony, also met Umer Ahmed Ilyasi, the chief of All India Imam Organisation, at Kasturba Gandhi Marg mosque on Thursday.

He stayed at the madrasa for about an hour and met the teachers besides the children. Bhagwat also reviewed the education infrastructure and sought some details such as the number of children enrolled there. The RSS chief who has been holding discussions with the Muslim intellectuals

Mohan Bhagwat is 'Rashtra Pita, Rashtra Rishi': Imam Ilyasi

"Mohan Bhagwat visiting us is a privilege. Bhagwat came to Imam House for a meeting and he is our Rashtra Pita and Rashtra Rishi. The unity and integrity of the country should be maintained. We may all worship in a different way, but before that we all are human. We live in India and are Indians. India is on the verge of becoming Vishwa Guru and we all should strive for it."

The complete list of arrested PFI members:

Kerala (19) - O.M.A. Salam alias O.M. Abdul Salam, Jaseer K.P., V.P. Nazarudheen Elamaram alias Nazaruddin Elamaram, Mohammed Basheer, Shafer K.P., E. Abubacker, P. Koya alias Kalem Koya, E.M. Abdul Rahiman alias E.M., Najumudeen, Sainuddeen T.S., Yahiya Koya Thangal, K. Muhammedali alias Kunhappo, C.T. Sulaiman, P.K. Usman alias Usman Perumpilavu, Karamana Ashraf Moulavi, Sadiq Ahmed, Shihas, Ansari PA, M.M. Mujeeb
Tamil Nadu (11) - Syed Ishaq, Advocate Khalid Mohammed, A.M. Idris alias Ahmed Idris, Mohamed Abuthahir, S. Khaja Maideen, Yasar Arafat,

Barakathullah, Fayaz Ahamed, M. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Mohammed Yousof, A.S. Ismail alias Appamma Ismail
Karnataka (7) - Anis Ahmed, Afsar Pasha, Abdul Wahid Sait, Yasar Arafath Hasan, Mohammed Shakib alias Shakif, Muhammed Farooq Ur Rahman, Shahid Nasir
Andhra Pradesh (4) - Abdul Rahim, Abdul Wahid Ali, Shaik Zafrulla, Riyaz Ahmed
Rajasthan (2) - Mohammed Asif alias Asif, Sadiq Sarraf Talabpada
Uttar Pradesh (1) - Waseem Ahmad
Telangana (1) - Abdul Waris

JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER NIA, ED RAIDS ON PFI

New Delhi: The Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH) deplored the Wednesday raids on PFI offices and crackdown on its leadership and offices by the NIA and ED. In a statement to the media, JIH President Sadaatullah Hussaini said: "Jamaat-e-Islami Hind is highly concerned over the raids conducted by the NIA and ED on the Popular Front of India (PFI) offices and their leaders. Agencies like NIA can investigate people against whom they have clear evidence, but such actions should appear unbiased and free from political motivation. Asking if the NIA and ED had followed standard operating procedure in the raids, he said that the way the NIA and the ED have made simultaneous raids across the country, targeting PFI, raises many questions for our society to answer."

MINOR GANG-RAPE VICTIM WALKS HOME NAKED IN UP

Moradabad | Agencies

In a shocking incident, a video has gone viral on social media wherein a 15-year-old girl, who was allegedly kidnapped and gang-raped by five men here, is seen walking naked for about two kilometres on the Moradabad-Thakurdwara Road to reach home.

Instead of helping the girl, some passers-by are seen standing as mute spectators, while others filmed her and shared the disturbing videos on social media platforms.

According to reports, the incident took place a fortnight ago but the viral video has emerged now.

The girl's uncle said, "She was bleeding profusely when she returned home and nar-

rated the ordeal to us."

He then approached the police to file a complaint but no action was initiated until he raised the matter before the district police head SSP Hemant Kutiya.

Thereafter, the police swung into action and nabbed an accused after lodging an FIR on September 7.

The complainant also stated in the FIR that family members of the accused have threatened to kill him.

As per Moradabad police, the girl had gone to attend a fair in a neighbouring village when she was kidnapped by five men who took turns to rape her. Hearing her screams, a villager rushed to the spot but by then the five accused had fled the scene, taking away her clothes and other belongings.

Rahul Gandhi bats for opposition strategy to tackle 'divisive forces'

Kochi | Agencies

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is leading the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', on Thursday called on opposition parties to chalk out a strategy to tackle the present divisive forces in the country.



as they know inside their hearts what I have raised about hatred is right," he said. Gandhi, however, side-stepped numerous questions on if he will contest for the Congress President's post. "I have answered this question in detail in my last press conference and it can be checked up... hence I will not say again," he said.

'ONE MAN ONE POST'

Ernakulam: Rahul Gandhi on Thursday hinted that the Congress will adhere to the 'one man one post' as per the Udaipur declaration.

When asked, "I think we have made a commitment in Udaipur and hope that it will be fulfilled," he said.

The statement comes as a big relief for Sachin Pilot, who is pitching for the Chief Ministership of Rajasthan. Gehlot is tipped to file nomination for the party president and it is likely that the party will appoint a new chief minister in Rajasthan if Gehlot gets elected.

Iran witnesses worst unrest in years as anti-hijab protests spread

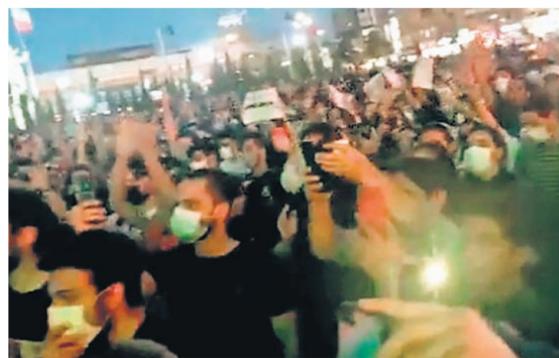
Tehran | Agencies

There have been running battles between Iranian police and anti-government protesters in Tehran, reports say, in the worst unrest there for years, BBC reported. One person told BBC Persian that her neighbourhood resembled a battlefield.

Protests, now in their seventh day, are also continuing in many other cities. Activists say eight protesters were shot dead overnight, while news outlets said two paramilitary personnel were killed.

The unrest was sparked by the death of a woman detained by morality police.

There are conflicting reports about the number of people who have been killed since the protests began.



State media have reported the deaths of 11 people, including security personnel and protesters, but

Kurdish human rights groups have said that 15 protesters have died in western Iran alone, BBC reported.

SC RESERVES VERDICT ON KARNATAKA HIJAB ROW

New Delhi: After 10 days of marathon hearing, the Supreme Court on Thursday reserved the judgment on a clutch of pleas challenging the Karnataka High Court verdict which refused to lift the ban on hijab in educational institutions of the state.

A bench comprising Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia reserved the judgment after hearing the arguments from the counsel representing the state government, teachers, and the petitioners, who moved the apex court challenging the high court judgment.

GUJARAT SCHOOLS GIRLS COMPLAINT AGAINST COOK FILMING THEM DURING BATH.

Valsad: In Eklavya Kanya Saksharta Nivasi Shala, a government-run residential school in Valsad district of South Gujarat, girls have alleged that the cook filmed them while they were taking bath.

The allegations are serious so a Deputy Superintendent of Police, local Crime Branch Police Inspector, local Sub Inspector and even Deputy Collector are looking into it. "If any one is found indulging in such act, they will be booked under the law," assured Rajdeepsinh Zala, Valsad District Superintendent of Police.

At the same time, the officer addressed local media: "Girl students in their written application to the school Principal or to the police, do not mention about video recording or taking photos. There are four male cooks and only one cook has an android phone, which is now in police possession and investigated." School Principal Nita Chaudhary told local media that the initial complaint was about poor quality of food and they had demanded for a women cook.

Narmada project: SC refuses to entertain plea seeking compensation modification

► The top court said the final settlement package has been determined as Rs 60 lakh for each family, adding that it is difficult to modify the order, as it will be a substantive review of the order of this court.

► The top court said the directions issued by it under Article 142 of the Constitution are not susceptible to clarification or modification in this application. It added: "We find no merit in this application... the application is dismissed."

► The top court also directed that an undertaking would have to be taken from the families to vacate the land within one month, and if they fail to vacate, then authorities would evict them.

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The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to entertain a plea seeking a direction to modify its 2017 order, for payment of final compensation of Rs 60 lakh to each of the families affected by the Sardar Sarovar project on the river Narmada.

Senior advocate Sanjay Parikh, representing one of the ousted, contended before a bench headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud in terms of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal, the applicant's entitlement should have been for 4.293 hectares of land. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre, submitted that the 2017 order was passed under Article 142. Parikh contended that a careful reading of the apex court order would establish that the actual compensation would come to be Rs 1.28 crore, as the compensation would have to be Rs



30 lakh per hectare. Bhati said a modification or clarification of the apex court order cannot be passed as it would lead to a substantive review of its decision. In February 2017, the top court passed directions for compensation to the oustees of the Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) on river Narmada in Madhya Pradesh. Then, it had ordered compensation of Rs 60 lakh for each of the families, which would be displaced.

10 Killed, 11 injured in UP rain fury

Lucknow | Agencies

At least 10 people were killed, seven of them in Etawah, and 11 injured in incidents of lightning, and wall and house collapses as heavy rains in parts of Uttar Pradesh affected normal life in Firozabad and forced the closure of schools in Aligarh.

Apart from Etawah -- where the seven dead included four children of a family -- deaths have also been reported from Firozabad (2) and Balrampur (1) districts since Wednesday, officials said.

According to the India Meteorological Department, rainfall or thundershowers have been observed at most places over West Uttar Pradesh since Wednesday morning. It said Etawah observatory recorded 140

mm rainfall in 24 hours till 8.30 am Thursday. Rainfall was reported from Agra also. Etawah district witnessed three fatal incidents of wall or house collapses late on Wednesday night, killing seven people in total.

Four children -- Sinku (10), Abhi (8), Sonu (7) and Aarti (5) -- died in their sleep after a wall of their house collapsed in Chandra Pura village. More than six hours of rainfall on Thursday led to heavy water logging and a flood-like situation on multiple stretches and areas in Gurugram. According to the district administration, Gurugram district recorded 395 mm of rainfall till 5 p.m. The residents were seen helpless while multiple stretches across Gurugram resembled river.



SC directs NOIDA to provide flats to 844 members of group housing society

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Thursday, giving rest to an over three-decade old legal dispute over land allotment, directed NOIDA to provide flats to 844 members of a group housing society of Central government employees.

The flats, which measure 1800 sq. ft, are located in Sector 43 of the city.

A three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit, said: "We exercise our jurisdiction and power to do complete justice in the matter and direct NOIDA to extend to said 844 persons the benefit, as indicated in the affidavit filed on behalf of NOIDA."

The bench, also comprising Justices Indira Banerjee and K M Joseph, added: "Needless to say that the price of said apartments shall be fixed by NOIDA purely in accordance with its extant policy and the applicable norms. The list of said 844 persons shall be furnished by Respondent-Society within two weeks



from today under an authenticated certificate by Respondent-Society."

The bench said New Okhla Industrial Authority (NOIDA) is agreeable to re-lay part of Sector 43 and to make allotments of multi-storied flats in favour of 844 persons, with each of those flats measuring about 1,800 square feet.

"The entire controversy can be set at rest on the understanding that 844 members of the Respondent-Society shall be provided with apartments, admeasuring about 1,800 square feet, as stated by NOIDA in its affidavit filed pursuant to the order dated 23.8.2021 passed by this Court. This direction will not only give quietus to

the pending litigation between the parties but will also provide homes to said 844 persons and satisfy their long-standing needs," it said.

The Kendriya Karamchhari Sehkari Grih Nirman Samiti had contended that claim was restricted to 977 members out of which 133 persons had sold away their interest without NOIDA's permission, and the transferees of the 133 persons, as per NOIDA, cannot lay any claim.

"At this stage we must also deal with the claim of 133 persons who have acquired by transfer, the interest of the erstwhile members. NOIDA shall look into their claims and if satisfied, may grant them similar benefits as would be extended to 844 members," said the bench.

The apex court judgment came on appeal filed by NOIDA challenging an interim order of the Allahabad High Court on petitions filed by the society. The society had challenged orders passed in ceiling proceedings, holding that there were excess lands in the hands of society which vested in the state.

Defence Ministry inks Rs 1,700 cr deal for surface-to-surface BrahMos missile



Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Defence Ministry on Thursday signed a Rs 1,700 crore deal for acquisition of additional dual-role capable surface to surface BrahMos missiles.

"Providing further impetus to Aatmanirbharta in defence production, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract today with BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd (BAPL) for

acquisition of additional dual-role capable surface to surface BrahMos missiles at an overall approximate cost of Rs 1,700 crore under Buy-Indian Category," the ministry said in a statement.

The induction of these dual-role capable missiles is supposed to significantly enhance the operational capability of Indian Navy.

The BAPL is a joint venture between India and

Russia making crucial contribution to augment the new generation surface-to-surface Missiles (SSMs) with enhanced range and dual role capability for land as well as anti-ship attacks.

This contract is going to give further boost to indigenous production of critical weapon system and ammunition with active participation of indigenous industry, said the ministry.

TN's Namakkal tense after fight between SC students, caste Hindu shopkeeper

Team Absolute | Chennai

Shop keepers in Periya Manal town in Tamil Nadu's Namakkal district downed their shutters on Thursday after a recent clash between two Scheduled Caste students and the local traders association chief led to action against the latter.

Local AIADMK leader and Periya Manal traders association chief Thangamani, 58, had a verbal spat with a truck driver over road rage. Thangamani, according to the police, used abusive words against the truck driver and the two Class 12 students intervened.

As they asked Thangamani not to use abusive words, it led to a spat between them and Thangamani's son Bhoobalan and relative Sekhar reached the spot and attacked the students. Bhoobalan asked the boys to kneel down before Thangamani and to apologise.



Coming to know of this, a few activists of a local Dalit outfit reached the spot and admitted the children to a hospital. Thangamani was also admitted to the hospital.

On receiving the complaint from the two boys, local police charged Thangamani, his son, and relative under the SC/ST

Prevention of Atrocities Act. Police also filed a case against the two boys on a complaint from Thangamani, Bhoobalan, and Sekhar.

The trader, his son, and the relative are absconding and Elachipalayam police told IANS that an investigation is on. The Periya Manal local traders shut their shops to protest the attack on Thangamani.

Certain areas of Tamil Nadu have seen bloody clashes between caste Hindus and Dalits leading to the loss of lives and social disharmony.

UP cop who raised issue of poor-quality food, gets transfer punishment

Team Absolute | Firozabad

As an apparent punishment for highlighting the issue of sub-standard food being served to the men in khaki, the police constable who had posted a video in this connection has been transferred to Ghazipur district, which is 600 kilometres away from Firozabad.

Earlier, the 26-year-old constable, Manoj Kumar was sent on a 'long leave' after videos of him highlighting his plight outside the Police Lines with tears in his eyes and a plate of food in his hand had gone viral. He was captured on video saying that policemen were being served substandard food after 12 hours of duty. "Even a dog won't eat this. How can we work if we do not have anything in our stomachs?" he had stated.

Manoj Kumar, a resident of



Aligarh district, said, "There are a total of six members in my family, including two younger brothers and an unmarried sister. My parents are old and undergoing treatment. It will be very difficult for me to take care of them by staying on duty over 600 kilometres away from them. I am the only earning member in my family." A friend of Kumar, who is also in the police force, said, "It is disheartening to see that an honest man like him is made to suffer for raising a genuine issue. He comes from a humble background and his two brothers still work as daily wagers. In fact, Manoj worked as a child labourer as well to pursue his education." After the video went viral, Firozabad Senior Superintendent of Police issued a roster for circle officers to check the quality of food served in the mess. Similar orders were issued in other districts as well.

7 UNDERTRIALS ATTEMPT MASS SUICIDE IN VADODARA CENTRAL JAIL

Vadodara: Seven undertrials attempted mass suicide by drinking phenyl and detergent liquid in Vadodara Central Jail, police said on Thursday. They were rushed to the SSG hospital, where their condition is stated to be stable.

According to Deputy Commissioner of Police Abhay Soni, on Wednesday evening, seven undertrials attempted to end their lives by consuming phenyl or detergent liquid as they had some grievances against the jail authorities.

The real motive behind this is yet to be ascertained, he added.

One of the jail inmates Harsh Limbachiya alleged that the jail authorities have stopped their tiffin services and are demanding bribes to restore it. They are not allowed to go out of the barracks and food is not served to jail inmates on time.

11-YEAR-OLD RAPE SURVIVOR DELIVERS BABY IN UP'S UNNAO

Unnao | Agencies

An 11-year-old rape survivor has given birth to a baby boy at the district hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Unnao district. The health of the new born is being monitored in the NICU of the hospital, said doctors.

Initially, the police and medical staff at the CHC (Maurawan) did not believe that the girl could be pregnant and thought that her belly was swollen.

District child protection officer Sanjay Mishra said that the rape survivor was brought to the district hospital after acute labour pain. "She had a normal delivery and the baby weighs 2.60 kg. Both the mother and child are healthy," he said.

CWC chairperson Preeti Singh, who has been in regular touch with the family, said initially the child had



breathing issues. "He has been shifted to the NICU of the hospital, where his condition is being monitored closely," she said.

The victim was kidnapped in January when she was at a local shop to buy sugar. Three men allegedly covered her face and took her away

to a graveyard where she was allegedly gang-raped. Three accused were arrested after the complaint lodged by the police.

SP (Unnao) Dinesh Tripathi said the family had approached the police in February with a complaint against unidentified persons. During the statement recorded before the magistrate, the girl's father had stated that he would reveal the names later. On the basis of the names he revealed, three persons were arrested for rape and under the provisions of POCSO. The police also invoked Gangster Act against the accused.

"The family has given names of two other persons, saying they were also involved in the crime," he said.

"We will put these names before the court and seek permission to investigate them. The case is already on trial in POCSO court," added the SP.

Patna | Agencies

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD national President Lalu Prasad Yadav will meet Congress chief Sonia Gandhi in Delhi on September 25.

Both the leaders of Bihar will go to New Delhi for the meeting.

Nitish Kumar is currently flexing his muscles to unite opposition parties in the country. He went to Delhi for the three days and met several leaders including Rahul Gandhi, Sitaram Yechury, D. Raja, Arvind Kejriwal, Mulayam Singh Yadav, Akhilesh Yadav and others. As Sonia Gandhi was not present at that time, he did not meet her.

Following the meeting with Sonia Gandhi, Nitish Kumar will go to Haryana's Fatehabad for former Deputy Prime Minister Chaudhary



Devi Lal's birth anniversary. It is expected that leaders of opposition parties of the country will assemble there during the rally.

The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), headed by Om Prakash Chautala, used to organise a rally every year on the occasion of the birth anniversary of "Tau" Devi Lal.

False documents to avail EWS reservation will lead to termination: Government

Team Absolute | New Delhi

If a person avails the benefit of 10 per cent reservation under EWS category for a job on the basis of wrong information or documents, his services will be terminated, the government has warned.

Issuing clarifications on the issue of the EWS reservation, the Centre said that the term family will include the parents even if the beneficiary is separated from parents.

Earlier, the Department of Personnel and Training had issued guidelines providing for 10 per cent reservation to Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs), who are not covered under the reservation scheme for SCs/STs/OBCs in respect of direct recruitment in civil posts and services in the Central government.

However, it received a number of references from various Ministries, Departments and individuals for clarification of certain issues. The Central Information Commission in a hearing held on April 27, also directed it to take necessary action to place in the public domain FAQs on EWS reservation to assist the information seekers in future.

Subsequently, the DoPT issued detailed FAQs. It said that the appointment is provisional and is subject to the income and asset certificates being verified through the proper channels and if the verification reveals that the claim to belong to EWS is fake, the services will be terminated forthwith without assigning any further reasons.

It also said that the appointing authority should



verify the veracity of the income and asset certificate submitted by the candidate through the certificate issuing authority. "If the income & asset certificate is found to be fake, the services of the temporarily appointed per-

son shall be done away with." Clarifying on whether in case of applicants(s) not living with parents or separated by parents, property or income of parents shall be taken into account for computation of family income,

the DoPT said that term "family" for this purpose will include the person who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18

years.

"To make it clear, it is stated that whether the children are not living with parents or separated from parents, property/income of parents shall be taken into account for computation of family income."

It said that the threshold income of Rs 8 lakh for the purpose shall include income from all sources including salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc. for the financial year prior to the year of application. The income for this purpose will be gross income taken into account for the purpose of Income Tax.

The property held by a "Family" in different locations or different places/cities would be clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status, it said.

ODISHA EXCISE OFFICIALS SEIZE 47 SILVER BRICKS, RS 14 LAKH CASH

Bhubaneswar | Agencies

Excise officials on Thursday seized 47 silver bricks, weighing over 139 kg, silver ornaments packed in 19 packets, and Rs 14 lakh cash from a car near Tangi toll gate in Odisha's Cuttack district. Excise officials said that, acting on a tip-off on illegal transportation of ganja from Ganjam district, they searched West Bengal-registered four-wheelers. During the search of one vehicle, they found the silver bricks, 37 kg silver ornaments and cash kept in several secret chambers of the vehicle. The silver bricks were packed in paper and stored inside a secret chamber in the back seat of the vehicle. Officials suspected that the car was designed to smuggle gold and silver items. The Excise officials also detained two persons including the driver of the vehicle and interrogated them. The driv-

er said the vehicle was on its way from Aska to Kharagpur. Earlier, he had transported 50 kg silver ornaments and bricks to West Bengal. Excise officials informed the GST and Income Tax officials for further investigation in this case.



CHANGE OF NAME
I JASPAL SINGH S/o JOGENDER SINGH R/o Joshi Colony, V V Girl, Pipariya, Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh - 461775. have changed my name and shall hear after be known as JASPAL SINGH SAVANI.



IT IS A MOMENT OF GREAT HAPPINESS AND PRIDE FOR MADHYA PRADESH: CM CHOUHAN

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that these are moments of great happiness and pride for Madhya Pradesh. Our Madhya Pradesh has become the top state in the West Zone in 2022 in Swachh Survekshan Gramin (Cleanliness Survey Rural). Expressing gratitude to all the citizens, organisations and social institutions, CM Chouhan has greeted them for this success.

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Madhya Pradesh has been selected for many awards for its excellent works in Swachh Bharat Mission. These awards will be given to the team of Madhya Pradesh by the President on the occasion of Swachh Bharat Diwas to be held at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi on October 2.

CM Chouhan said that the residents of rural India are contributing enthusiastically in the Mahayagya of Prime Minister Modi National Cleanliness Campaign. Cleanliness is beauty. With the combined efforts of all of us, a clean, beautiful and pollution free nation will be made. A new picture of villages has emerged. In the Swachh Bharat



Mission, in the Swachh Survekshan Gramin Varsh 2022, Madhya Pradesh has got the first place among the states doing excellent work in the West Zone, Bhopal has got the first and Indore has got the third place in the

districts doing excellent work. Similarly, Madhya Pradesh has got the first prize for the best work in Sujalam Abhiyan-1 and Madhya Pradesh has got the fourth prize in Sujalam Abhiyan-2.

At 75, Digvijaya Singh walks 24 km daily for 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Congress veteran and Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh is probably the oldest leader covering 24 km on foot daily along with former party president Rahul Gandhi and thousands of others as part of the ongoing 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

Singh, who is one of the planners of this 3,500 km march from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, has been accompanying Rahul Gandhi since the yatra started on September 7.

In a picture going viral in the media, the veteran leader -- who often makes headlines with his comments particularly on RSS and BJP or even the issues related with his own party -- can be seen sleeping on a mattress on the floor without a pillow with just a thin towel wrapped around his forehead.

The picture is being extensively shared by Congress leaders on social media highlighting his simplicity and calling his dedication an example for youth party workers. A young Congress leader from Rewa, Siddharth Tiwari (Raj), who is the grandson of former Madhya Pradesh assembly speaker (late) Srinivas Tiwari and the son of former Lok Sabha MP (late) Sundarlal Tiwari, wrote in his twitter handle,



"Karma yogi don't say anything, make noise! Keep this journey going, towards new horizons. Showing the spirit of sacrifice, penance and dedication for the nation, this picture is respected. This dedication inspires all of us to sacrifice everything for the service of the country and society." Digvijaya Singh had exhibited the same simplicity during his 192-day long "Narmada Yatra" before the 2018 Assembly elections.

Then also, he used to sleep on the floor, said one of his associates, who had accompanied him during the entire 'Narmada Parikrama'.

The current photograph was captured when Digvijaya, along with some other party workers, went to rest after a day-long foot-march - "Bharat Jodo Yatra," said a MP Congress leader.

Meanwhile, alongside the "Bharat Jodo Yatra", the grand-old-party is

gearing up for its president's election. The senior leader had also hinted at joining the race with Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Lok Sabha MP from Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) Shashi Tharoor.

Though Digvijaya Singh has hinted at the party's presidential race for the first time, it has been doing rounds here in Madhya Pradesh for the past few weeks.

Mob attacks Muslim family after man elopes with Hindu girl in Chhindwara

Team Absolute | Bhopal

The members of a Muslim family have been brutally beaten up by a mob in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara district allegedly in what is being considered as "an act of revenge".

Wajid Ali and his family members were attacked as he had eloped with a 23-year-old Hindu woman almost a month ago. The incident which happened on September 15 came to light after a video surfaced on the social media late on Tuesday.

In the video, several people including women could be seen beating a Muslim man and his parents mercilessly. Those attacked have been identified as Wajid Ali, 35; his father Sayed Ali, 52, and mother Sameena Ali, 48 -- all residents of Lalgaon village named located around 35



km from Chhindwara.

On September 15, when Wajid and his parents were on their way to meet a relative in Auriya village, they were noticed by the villagers and were attacked. The Chhindwara police claimed to have registered a case against the Hindu family, and also arrested four persons. "The act came as revenge after Wajid Ali had eloped with a Hindu woman of the same village. The girl, how-

ever, was brought to her family later. When the Muslim family was noticed, some people cornered them and later attacked. An FIR has been registered and at least four persons have been arrested so far. Further investigation is underway," a police officer said.

The police further said that Hindu woman who was brought from Hyderabad few days ago was reunited with her parents in Chhindwara.

HARDCORE CRIMINALS SERVING LIFE TERM WILL REMAIN IN JAIL TILL THEIR LAST BREATH: JAIL MINISTER

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Bhopal: Jail and Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra has said that the jailed prisoners, who are serving life imprisonment, will now have to serve the jail term till their last breath. The Jail Department has issued new revised guidelines regarding premature release and remission of sentence. The new guidelines have been issued on the recommendation report prepared after detailed study of the guidelines of 10 states by a 4-member committee constituted under the chairmanship of ACS Home.



Jail and Home Minister Dr. Mishra apprised that terrorists, rapists, drug smugglers, manufacturers and sellers of poisonous liquor, who are serving life imprisonment, will have to remain in jail till their last breath. Such hard-core criminals in jail will no longer be eligible for remission in punishment.

MP Minister demands survey on madrasas

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The minister of Cultural and Religious Trusts in the BJP-led Madhya Pradesh government, Usha Thakur has demanded a survey of madrasas operating across the state. The minister has written a letter to the school education department for this purpose, mentioning that unregistered madrasas should be closed.

The development comes after Uttar Pradesh has ordered an investigation on Waqf Board's properties. "I have written to the school education department and have recommended a survey of all madrasas operating across Madhya Pradesh," Thakur said. However, before Thakur wrote a letter to the school education department



for the survey, the same had been recommended by the National Commission for Minorities (MCM). During a visit to Bhopal in May this year, MCM member Syed Shahzadi had recommended a survey of madrasas to ascertain if they have proper infrastructures and facilities. According to the Madhya Pradesh government's

record, there are around 2,650 registered madrasas in the state and each of them receives a yearly grant of Rs 25,000 from the state government.

The official sources said the registration of new madrasas in Madhya Pradesh has been stopped since 2019. Registration of madrasas is renewed every three years, which is being done only for the registered ones.

Though there is no official data on the number of unregistered madrasas in Madhya Pradesh, the officials believe that there may be around 500-550 madrasas operating illegally. Madhya Pradesh Child Rights Protection Committee has claimed that it has found at least four unregistered madrasas in Bhopal.

Governor Patel inaugurates Vishwarang Pustak Yatra

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Governor Mangubhai Patel today flagged off the "Vishwarang Pustak Yatra" from Raj Bhavan. The purpose of "Vishwarang Pustak Yatra" organised by the AISECT Group of Universities on the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence is to acquaint the public with the contribution of India's freedom movement.

It was told that along with freedom fighters, the journey will recognise the contribution of writers, historians and scientists who have presented the country's culture and heritage on the world map. There will be a



total of 11 yatras in "Vishwarang Pustak Yatra". University Chairman Santosh Choubey, Chancellor Prof. Siddharth Chaturvedi, Vice Chancellor

Dr. Brahmaprakash Pethia, Registrar Dr. Vijay Singh, Director of Tagore World Centre for Arts and Culture Vinay Upadhyay were also present.

LADLI LAXMI YOJANA CHANGED SEX RATIO AND THINKING OF PEOPLE: DR. MISHRA

Bhopal: Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra honored 47 Ladli Laxmi in the Ladli Laxmi Sammelan organized in the Mukhy Mantri Janseva Abhiyan. He said that Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while propounding the Indian culture, has realized the mantra 'Yatra Naryastu Pujyate, Ramante Yatra Devta' by introducing the Ladli Laxmi Yojana. Not only has there been a change in the mindset of the people, but the sex ratio has also progressively improved. Indore excels in the implementation of Ladli Laxmi Yojana. In Indore, one lakh 81 thousand girls are getting the benefit of Ladli Laxmi Yojana.

In the Ladli Laxmi Sammelan, Home Minister Dr. Mishra said that the beneficiaries who were deprived of the benefits of various schemes would be provided benefits as per their eligibility. He said that we are witnessing positive changes in the economic and social condition of the common man by the schemes run under the leadership of PM Modi and under the guidance of CM Chouhan through the Mukhya Mantri Janseva Abhiyan, it has been resolved to provide benefits of the schemes to every needy eligible person. In the campaign, a lot of work is being done to benefit people to fulfil their resolve.

Small elections of Madhya Pradesh will give big message

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Usually, political parties do not give much importance to the election of Municipality and Municipal Council, but these days the elections of Municipal Council and Municipality in Madhya Pradesh are very important because these politically big elections before the assembly elections to be held next year are being considered. Big messages are hidden behind the victory and defeat of these elections. Polling is to be held on September 27 in 46 urban bodies in 18 districts in the state. This election is considered crucial for both the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress, due to the fact that most of these areas are tribal-dominated.

Both the major political parties are fully alert about the elections of these 46 urban bodies and they are also working by making an effective strategy. The BJP has also taken over the front at the grassroots level and the round of meetings is going on. Party's state president



Vishnu Dutt Sharma is on a tour of the areas where elections to the urban bodies are going to be held. BJP has made up its mind to bet on capable candidates in these areas, for this the process of selection of candidates is also in the final stages. On the other hand, if we see the strategy of Congress has not been disclosed yet, but meeting of leaders and district in-charges has been held in Bhopal. The party's regional leaders are getting active in these elections and they are ready to give full force to win in these elections.

MP TO DOUBLE INCOME OF FARMERS THROUGH ORGANIC FARMING

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The MP government will increase from one lakh registered organic farmers to two lakh soon and double exports from Rs 2500cr to enhance income of farmers in the State. Inaugurating the Organic and Ayurvedic Aahar summit organised by the Confederation of Organic Food Producers and Marketing Agencies Kamal Patel, Agriculture Minister said.



He said MP has already attained number one position in the country and passing on the monetary benefits to the farmers. He also said the State is working hard to develop MP organic brand and will popularize them in the highest organic produce consuming countries. He advised COII to be the developing partner of the state.

The NABARD General Manager Nidhi Sharma said the apex Bank will soon launch in the state one-district-one-product to ensure adequate quantity to be viable. NABARD shall extend help for promotion of the scheme.

Dr DS Rawat, chairman of COII said the confederation and its knowledge partner

BillMart Fintech will adopt two districts in the state for providing handholding in one district to creating agro-based enterprises and in another district MSMEs. He said once these districts become successful Pilot projects, with the support of state government will be implemented all over the State.

Grievance Redressal camps are becoming a Yagya for public welfare

On the initiative of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, 'Mukhya Mantri Jan Seva Abhiyan' has been started for the welfare of public in Madhya Pradesh.

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CM Chouhan also gave necessary instructions to senior officers of capital, district, divisions through video conference and meetings before the commencement of the campaign. In the last 5 days, continuous action is being taken to benefit the general public from these camps which are being made for public welfare. Citizens will get direct benefit of important public welfare schemes of the Center and the state. By the end of October, all eligible citizens will be given the benefit of the schemes.

Camps are being organized in different districts of the state under the Mukhya Mantri Janseva Abhiyan,

which started for the welfare of the people from, the birthday of PM Narendra Modi. Many problems are also being solved in these camps. CM Chouhan has also observed the operation of the camps by attending them in the districts. 23 thousand 500 camps are to be set up in the state. In the first 5 days, more than 6 thousand camps have been organized. One lakh 33 thousand applications received in five days, process of redressal started.

One lakh 33 thousand 475 applications have been received so far in the campaign. From the first day of September 17 to the fifth day of September 21, proceedings have been started by accepting 30 thousand 514 applications. Out of 33 schemes that

have been identified, maximum 39 thousand 384 applications have been received in Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Masses are connecting with blood donation and plantation

On the first day of the campaign, on the birthday of the Prime Minister, maximum number of 28 thousand 998 people in Madhya Pradesh performed blood donation service. This is a big step in the interest of patients in the state. More than 10 times more blood was collected than on normal days. Street vendors also came forward, want to be self-dependent Madhya Pradesh is first in the country in the welfare of street vendors. During the Corona period in the state,

under the leadership of CM Chouhan, the state presented evidence of better implementation of schemes of the Central and state governments for the welfare of street vendors. Most camps set up in these districts The districts in which maximum numbers of camps have been held include Rewa 329, Satna 328, Dhar 276, Ashoknagar 254, Dewas 240 and Anuppur with 214 camps are in the top 5 districts. Equipment distribution to the differently-abled

On the first day of Mukhyamantri Jan Seva Abhiyan, 4969 devices and Ayushman cards were distributed to the differently-abled people in the camps organised in different urban and rural areas of the state.



EDITOR'S SPECS

India wins UN award for initiative against hypertension

In a significant achievement and recognition to country's efforts against hypertension, India on Wednesday won a UN award for its India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI).

A collaborative initiative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), State Governments and World Health Organization-India, IHCI has won the '2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' at the UN General Assembly side event held on September 21 in New York.

The IHCI is a large-scale hypertension intervention under National Health Mission which has been recognized for its exceptional work within India's existing primary healthcare system, Health Ministry said in a statement.

The award recognizes outstanding commitment and action of India to: (i) prevent and control Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and (ii) deliver integrated people-centric primary care. The UN Task Force has identified organisation which has multisectoral approach in prevention and control of NCDs and multisectoral action with demonstrated results at primary care for prevention and control of NCDs and related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). IHCI has been able to leverage and strengthen the existing healthcare delivery system, hypertension control interventions under National Health Mission and improve the linkages between populations-based screening initiative with health care. The initiative was launched in 2017 and expanded in a phased manner to cover more than 130 districts across 23 states. The strategies include a simple drug-dose-specific standard treatment protocol, ensuring adequate quantity of protocol medications, decentralization of care with follow-up and refills of medicines at Health Wellness Centres, task sharing involving all health staff and a powerful real-time information system which can track every patient for follow-up and blood pressure control.

The frog, the scorpion and Pakistan

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is in New York to attend the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) 77th session. On September 23 he will address the UNGA. Talking to Pakistan media in New York, Sharif said that his aim would be to make the world community aware of the devastation that monsoon rain has caused in his country, one-third of which remains submerged under floodwater.

Amjad Ayub Mirza

The devastation caused by the recent floods in Pakistan is no doubt catastrophic. Nearly 40 million have become homeless, thousands of kilometres of roads and scores of bridges have swept away, millions of rupees' worth of livestock is dead, crops have gone and thousands are suffering from diseases such as dengue, dysentery, cholera, malaria and typhoid.

But the Pakistani Prime Minister mentioned to the press something that was totally out of context. He said that the 'Kashmir issue' will also be mentioned during his address to the UNGA.

This reminded me of a story in which a scorpion approaches a frog and asks it to carry him on its back across the river. The frog hesitates and tells the scorpion that he does not trust it since he might sting the frog. The scorpion begs the frog to take him across and promises that he will cause no harm to the frog. As the frog carries the scorpion on its back, gets to the middle of the river, the scorpion stings the frog releasing his poison in under the skin of the frog.

The frog asks the scorpion why did it sting him despite promising that the scorpion would not sting him. To this the scorpion said apologetically, "I just couldn't help it, you see to sting is my nature."

Pakistan shares the same nature. No matter how many times one trusts Pakistan it always stings it benefactor. At the time of partition of Indian sub-continent in August 1947, Pakistan



had signed a stand-still agreement with the Maharaja of the state of Jammu and Kashmir promising to accept the sovereignty of the state. Yet on October 22, 1947, Pakistan attacked the state of Jammu and Kashmir!

In 1999 when Nawaz Sharif was Pakistan's Prime Minister and was expressing his profound desire to trade with India, his Army Chief attacked our territory in Kargil.

Pakistan was created in the name of religion and communal division. Something that

nurtures even to this day. In order to remain relevant, the Pakistan military establishment has to keep the threat of an Indian attack and an imaginary suppression of Muslims in Kashmir and wider India alive.

Shehbaz Sharif's coalition government has been allegedly propped up by the anti-Imran Khan section of the Pakistan military establishment led by its chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, is only dedicatedly following the

official foreign policy line designed for nearly seven decades by the Pakistan military establishment.

On September 29, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman, Imran Khan is due to address a public rally in Muzaffarabad, the capital city of Pakistan-Occupied-Jammu Kashmir. He will very subtly be portraying India as a hurdle in achieving regional peace by using the Kashmir card and will use the Islamic communal hate card to garner support and prove himself to be a great Islamic warrior who could turn Pakistan into a great fort of Islam, thus laying the ground for future generation to carry the Ghazwa-e-Hind across the India sub-continent.

On September 23, the Pakistani Prime Minister will be asking for the Kashmir issue to be resolved and continually forgetting that it is Pakistan and not India which remains the root cause of the break-up of the state of Jammu and Kashmir and must withdraw its military from Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan. To talk about Kashmir at a forum extended to Pakistan by the world community to make an appeal to help it with the cost of the damages caused by flood is akin to the story of the frog and the scorpion. To mention anti-Indian communal hate narrative in the backdrop of Kashmir is in Pakistan's nature.

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international

US FED DELIVERS ANOTHER BIG INTEREST RATE HIKE



Yashwant Raj | Washington

The US Federal Reserve announced another interest rate hike to fight inflation amidst growing concerns that the central bank could end up slowing down the economy.

The 0.75 hike was the fourth in 2022. "We have got to get inflation behind us. I wish there were a painless way to do that," Fed Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said. "There isn't".

He added: "We want to act aggressively now, and get this job done, and keep at it until its done." A further increase is expected later in the year, of three-fourth, which would take the benchmark rate to 4.4 per cent, including a three-fourth hike in November and by a half-point in December. More rate hikes will follow next year.

Trump, three of his children sued for business fraud by New York AG

Ashe O | New York

Former US President Donald Trump and three of his grown-up children and executives at his company have been sued by the New York Attorney General Letitia James on Wednesday for "flagrantly manipulating property valuations to deceive lenders, insurance brokers and tax authorities into giving them better rates on bank loans and insurance policies and to reduce their tax liability."

In a 222-page civil law suit, James sought the New York Supreme Court to bar Trump, as well as Donald Trump Jr., Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump, from serving as executives at any company in New York, and to bar the Trump Organization from acquiring any commercial real estate or receiving loans from any New York-registered financial institution for five years, the Washington Post reported.

It seeks to recover more than \$250 million in what James's office says are ill-gotten gains received through the alleged deceptive practices. While the lawsuit itself is not a criminal prosecution, James (D) said she



has referred possible violations of federal law to the Justice Department and the IRS, the report said. Trump lawyer Alina Habba dismissed the allegations as politically motivated, saying in a statement that the attorney general's claims are "meritless".

The lawsuit, filed in New York Supreme Court, is the result of a more than two-year investigation by James and names 23 properties in the Trump Organization portfolio,

including his Mar-a-Lago Club in Florida, his Seven Springs estate in Westchester County, New York, and the D.C. hotel he leased from the federal government until he sold it in May.

"The inflated asset valuations in the Statements cannot be brushed aside or excused as merely the result of exaggeration or good faith estimation about which reasonable real estate professionals may differ," it says.

Yemen's Houthi militia displays 'home-made long-range' missiles

Sanaa | Agencies

Yemen's Houthi militia displayed "home made long-range" ballistic missiles during a military parade here.

According to the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV, the militia held the parade on Wednesday to celebrate the eighth anniversary of its capture of Sanaa on September 21, 2014, reports Xinhua news agency.

Air and sea missiles, which the TV claimed to be Houthi-made, were displayed.

Top leader Mehdi al-Mashat delivered a speech, calling for the Yemeni government and the Saudi-led military coalition to engage in peace, and lift the blockade on the Sanaa airport and Hodeidah seaport.

In January, the group claimed it launched several rounds of missile and drone attacks against targets in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which is more than



2,000 km away from Yemen. The attacks prompted fears that the militia owns more powerful missiles that can reach further targets.

Yemen has been mired in a civil war since late 2014 when the Iran-backed Houthi militia stormed several northern provinces and forced the Saudi-backed government out of the capital Sanaa. The Saudi-led Arab coalition intervened in

the conflict in the following year to support the Yemeni government.

The UN successfully mediated a two-month truce for the first time since the civil war erupted eight years ago.

The truce initially took effect on April 2, then renewed on June 2, and then extended for an additional two months on August 2.

Leicester unrest culmination of growing tension between Hindu, Muslim communities

Leicester | Agencies

The unrest in Leicester, which erupted last weekend, was the culmination of several weeks of growing tension between parts of the Hindu and Muslim communities in the English city, the media reported.

It reportedly began after a cricket match between India and Pakistan, at the end of August, reports the BBC.

Whether the match inflamed existing tensions or served as an opportunity for outside instigators is now the subject of intense speculation.

A total of 47 people have been arrested, 20 over the weekend and some have been sentenced for possession of weapons. The fight has spilled online as well, says the BBC. Claims of attacks on people because of their religion have gone viral, though many are unverified and, in one case, confirmed by police not to have happened. On Wednesday, officers urged people not to share unverified claims on social media. Leicester



Magistrates' Court heard one man sentenced for carrying a knife had been influenced by social media, the BBC reported. Footage shared by both Hindus and Muslims on social media, allegedly taken during the unrest in the past few weeks, shows groups from both sides, masked men banging on people's windows in Hindu-majority areas and pulling down religious decorations, and others marching down predominantly Muslim-populated streets, chanting 'Jai

Shri Ram', the BBC reported.

One video posted online shows a man climbing on to the roof of a Hindu temple, on Belgrave Road, and pulling down a religious flag.

In another video, shared by the temple itself, on its Facebook page, a group of men set one of the temple's flags alight. According to Leicestershire Police, a significant number of those arrested in the disorder were not from the city.

On Monday, Temporary Chief Constable Rob Nixon said they had seen "a group of people from other cities come to our city to disrupt and cause harm". Some activists speculate Hindu nationalist groups from India are also involved, BBC reported. Violence between Hindus and Muslims is extremely rare in the UK, especially in Leicester, which is known for its particularly strong sense of cohesion. There's long been solidarity between Hindus and Muslims in the UK, as two diasporic minority communities that, in Britain, face similar problems of racism and discrimination.

BEER SPILL BLOCKS FLORIDA HIGHWAY

Miami: A highway in the US state of Florida was blocked with thousands of beer cans that spilled on to the road after a pile-up involving five semi-trailers trucks, the media reported on Thursday.

On Wednesday morning, two semi-trailers crashed on the busy highway and pulled over, the BBC reported citing the Tampa Bay Times newspaper as saying.

After a short while, two more semi-trailers and a pick-up truck stopped to help.

But the fifth semi-trailer, which was carrying the beer cans, failed to stop in time and crashed into the parked vehicles, the newspaper said.

Besides the beer cans, concrete being transported by one of the trailers also spilled all over the road.

All lanes were closed following the accident. The highway opened to normal traffic few hours later.

Guterres warns against continued global warming, 1.5-degree limit 'on life support'

United Nations | Agencies

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned that global warming continues and the most ambitious goal of the 2015 Paris accord -- to limit Earth's warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels -- is "on life support".

"The 1.5-degree limit is on life support, and it is fading fast," the top UN official told reporters late Wednesday after he concluded two meetings with many heads of state and government to talk about the climate emergency and the triple global crisis of food, energy and finance.

"You have all seen the appalling images from Pakistan. This is happening at just 1.2 degrees of global warming... We are headed for over 3 degrees," Xinhua news agency quoted the UN chief as saying.

Guterres said that he told the assembled leaders that "we need their action, their leadership, now".

"First, more ambition on mitigation to keep 1.5 alive. Emissions must decline by

45 per cent before 2030. Current commitments will see them rise by 14 per cent." The Secretary-General said that he particularly called on G20 leadership "to end our fossil fuel addiction".

On financing, the top UN official called for efforts to "deliver in full" commitments to the developing countries.

"The world needs clarity on how developed countries will deliver the \$100 billion dollars a year. I emphasized the need to double adaptation support to 40 billion dollars a year by 2025," he added.

Turning to food security, Guterres said "without enough fertilizers, next year's harvest may not be enough to feed the world".

"We need international cooperation and solidarity to bring down prices, increase support to developing countries, including through social protection floors, and to prevent a larger crisis next year," he said. Guterres called on international financial institutions to step up support for developing countries.



YOUNGEST INDIAN ENTREPRENEUR RS 1,000 CRORE CLUB, AGE JUST 19

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Kaivalya Vohra and Aadit Palicha, the co-founders of the quick delivery startup Zepto, have become the youngest entrepreneurs to feature in the IIFL Wealth-Hurun India Rich List 2022. At the age of 19, Kaivalya is the youngest among the richest Indians. Kaivalya is ranked 1036 with a net worth of Rs 1,000 crore on the Hurun list. Aadit Palicha is ranked 950 and has a net worth of Rs 1,200 crore. They had earlier featured in Forbes magazine's influential "30 under 30 (Asia list)" in the e-commerce category. Both the young entrepreneurs are also the youngest start-up founders in the Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022. The inclusion of Vohra and Palicha in the list of India's richest indicates the growing influence of the country's startups. "A teenager debuts the list! The youngest on the list is 19-year-old Kaivalya Vohra who founded Zepto. The youngest, ten years ago, was 37 and today, is 19, indicating the



impact of the startup revolution," Hurun India Rich List mentioned. Vohra and Palicha were students of Stanford University, who later dropped out of their computer science course and pursued entrepreneurship. Both friends started Zepto in 2021 to fulfil the growing demand for quick and contactless delivery of essential items in the days of the pandemic. Palicha started his entrepreneurial journey at the age of 17 when he founded a car-pool service for students named GoPool in 2018. Before launching his startup, he was a project lead with PrvvaSee, an Artificial

Intelligence (AI) based project on privacy policies. The two childhood friends, who grew up in Dubai, initially launched the startup Kiranarkat, an online platform that delivered grocery items from local stores in Mumbai. It was operational from June 2020 to March 2021. Then they launched Zepto in April 2021 and raised \$60 million in the initial funding round in November. The quick grocery delivery platform also raised \$100 million at a valuation of \$570 million in December. In its latest round of funding, Zepto raised \$200 million at a valuation of \$900 million in May this year.

"No" to both Sena camps for Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Both feuding factions of the Shiv Sena have been denied venue permission for the party's annual Dussehra Rally on October 5 at Mumbai's Shivaji Park, but Uddhav Thackeray's camp says it'll go ahead "no matter what". "We will use guerrilla warfare tactics," Ajay Choudhary, leader of the Thackeray faction in the Maharashtra assembly. "The rally has been taking place at the Shivaji Park for 56 years. It could not happen for the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic... It is a matter of loyalty and tradition," said former Mumbai mayor Kishori Pednekar, a spokesperson of the Thackeray-led Sena, terming the denial "a bad script by the BJP". The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), currently run by an administrator, cited fears of "a law and order situation" at the venue if permission was given to any one camp. While the rebel group led by



Chief Minister Eknath Shinde hasn't yet reacted, the camp led by Uddhav Thackeray, who technically remains Shiv Sena chief, was already in the High Court for permission to hold the October 5 rally at Shivaji Park. The hearing is set for

tomorrow. Unseated as Chief Minister in a coup four months ago, Uddhav Thackeray has been asserting that the rally will "certainly" be held at the venue that's synonymous with fiery speeches of his late father,

party founder Bal Thackeray. But Mr Shinde's faction wanted the same venue as it also claims Bal Thackeray's "original" legacy of "Hindutva and Marathi pride". The BMC, which appears to have skirted a row, was controlled by the Shiv Sena from 1997 to March this year, when the tenure of corporators ended and polls could not take place. And then the Sena split in June. The civic body is currently governed by an officer as administrator. Eknath Shinde's camp does have a backup plan - it has permission for a ground in Bandra Kurla Complex - but Team Thackeray is all-in on Shivaji Park. This is the first Dussehra since the split, when the Shinde faction partnered with the BJP to form a new government, replacing Uddhav Thackeray's Sena-Congress-NCP setup. Shinde said this was only a resumption of the partnership with "natural ally" BJP. Thackeray had junked ideological differences while dumping the BJP despite winning the last elections together, the Shinde faction has underlined.

MAHA ATS ARRESTS 20 PFI ACTIVISTS FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad on Thursday arrested 20 activists of the Popular Front of India (PFI) from the state during a multi-nodal agency operation for allegedly indulging in unlawful activities promoting enmity among communities and waging a war against the country, an official said. In near simultaneous raids across the length and breadth of the country, a multi-agency operation spearheaded by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday led to the arrest of 106 PFI activists in 11 states for allegedly supporting terror activities in the country, officials said. According to the officials, the arrests were made during the raids which have been termed as the "largest-ever investigation process till date". In Maharashtra, raids were con-



ducted by various ATS teams in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Aurangabad, Pune, Kolhapur, Beed, Parbhani, Nanded, Malegaon (in

Nashik district) and Jalgaon, an official said. The ATS teams arrested at least 20 people from various places and

seized important documents, he said. The ATS has registered four offences in Mumbai, Nashik, Aurangabad and Nanded under various Indian Penal Code Sections including 153-A (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot), 121A (conspiring to commit certain offences against the State) and 120B (criminal conspiracy), and provisions of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), he said. The ATS officials were also making enquiries with some people in connection with these cases, he said. The PFI was formed in 2006 in Kerala and is headquartered in Delhi. It claims to strive for a neo-social movement ostensibly for the empowerment of marginalised sections of India. It is, however, often accused by law enforcement agencies of promoting radical Islam.

6 killed in 24 hours on highway where Cyrus Mistry died

Palghar | Agencies

Six people were killed in two separate accidents on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway in Maharashtra's Palghar district within 24 hours. This particular stretch of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway was under the spotlight following industrialist Cyrus Mistry's death on 4 September. On Monday night, a car, on its way to Gujarat from Mumbai, hit a road divider before ramming into a tempo. Three occupants of the car and the tempo driver were killed in the crash. On Tuesday afternoon, on the same spot and in an almost similar fashion, a car hit a tempo resulting in the



deaths of two people. Following the deaths, Palghar Police registered a case against the company responsible for the road's repair work. Mistry, former Chairman of Tata Sons, died in a car accident while on way from Gujarat's Udwada to

Mumbai. He was accompanied by three others family friends, brothers Darius and Jehangir Pandole, and Darius Pandole's wife Anahita Pandole. Jehangir Pandole, who was sitting next to Mr Mistry in the back seat, also died in the accident.

ED attaches property worth Rs 2,747 cr of ABG Shipyard in bank fraud case

Team Absolute | New Delhi/Mumbai

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday attached assets worth Rs 2,747.69 crore of the ABG Shipyard Limited in bank fraud case. The ED said that the attached assets include Shipyards in Gujarat's Surat and Dahej; agricultural lands and plots, various commercial and residential premises in Gujarat and Maharashtra; and bank accounts owned by ABG Shipyard Ltd, its group companies and other related entities. The ED initiated a money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Investigation by ED revealed that ABG Shipyard Ltd and its Chairman and Managing Director Rishi Kamlesh Agarwal availed various credit facilities from consortium of Banks led by ICICI Bank, Mumbai on the pretext of meeting its capital requirements and other business expenses, but ABG Shipyard Ltd misappropriated the credit facilities availed from the consortium and diverted the funds for the purposes other than its actual cause in



the garb of various loans, advances, investments to various related entities incorporated in India and abroad. It caused monetary loss to the tune of Rs 22,842 crore to the consortium. The ED has traced movable and immovable assets totaling Rs 2747.69 crore belonging to ABG Shipyard Ltd, its group companies, Bermaco Energy Systems Ltd., Dhananjay Datar, Savita Dhananjay Datar, Krishna Gopal Toshniwal, Viren Ahuja and attached them under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

INDIAN EQUITIES FALL ON HAWKISH US FED STANCE

Indian equities have fallen on Thursday after the US Fed turned more hawkish than anticipated, increasing its rate forecast, dealers said.

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At close, Sensex closed 337.06 points or 0.57 per cent down at 59,119.72, and Nifty ended 88.55 points or 0.50 per cent at 17,629.80. About 1,814 shares have advanced, 1,628 have declined and 147 shares remained unchanged. HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, HDFC, Bajaj Finance, ICICI Bank were major losers on the Sensex. Nifty Financial Service index fell 1.38 per cent and BSE Private Bank index closed 1.47 per cent down. "Fed turned more hawkish than



anticipated increasing its rate forecast to 4.4 per cent by the end of 2022. The indication is that 125 bps more rate hikes can be expected in the next 2 policy meetings scheduled this year,"

said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. The US Federal Reserve raised rates by 75 basis points as expected and flags more hikes.

The Fed's new projections showed its policy rate rising to 4.4 per cent by the end of the year, before peaking at 4.6 per cent in 2023 to curb uncomfortably high inflation. Rate cuts are not expected until 2024. He added that the Fed's actions are likely to result in slower growth and higher unemployment. Fed Chair Jerome Powell said the bank needed to take much more aggressive measures to combat red-hot inflation, and was prepared to put some pressure on the economy and the job market as a result. After the rate hike, the benchmark 10-year US Treasury yield jumped to 3.64 per cent, its highest level since 2011, while the two-year yield hit a fresh 15-year high of 4.13 per cent on Thursday. Amid all, the broader indices outperformed and gained nearly 0.5 per cent each.

RBI cancels licence of Laxmi Co-operative Bank, Solapur

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday cancelled the licence of The Laxmi Co-operative Bank Ltd in Maharashtra's Solapur. Consequently, the bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on September 22. The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank. On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh only from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) subject to the provisions of DICGC Act, 1961. As per the data submitted by the bank, about 99 per cent of the depositors are



entitled to receive full amount of their deposits from the DICGC. As on September 13, the DICGC has already paid Rs 193.68 crore of the total insured deposits under the provisions of Section 18A of the DICGC Act, 1961 based on the willingness received from the concerned depositors of the bank.

FOLLOWING ARE THE REASON THE CENTRAL BANK STATED FOR CANCELLING THE LICENCE:

- The bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As such, it does not comply with the provisions of Section 11(1) and Section 22 (3) (d) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
The bank has failed to comply with the requirements of Sections 22(3) (a), 22 (3) (b), 22(3)(c), 22(3) (d) and 22(3)(e) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949;
The continuance of the bank is prejudicial to the interests of its depositors;
The bank with its present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full; and
Public interest would be adversely affected if the bank is allowed to carry on its banking business any further.

34th Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacy Graduates Association to be held on 24th

Indian Pharmacy Graduates Association was established in the year 1973. The Association is registered as a society under the registration of Societies Act, 1960.

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The Association is affiliated to Indian Pharmaceutical Congress Association (IPCA), the federal body of the five Associations namely IPGA, IPA, IHPA, APTI and AID-COC. IPGA has vision of Quality pharmacy professionals delivering pharmaceutical

services for the global health care system. Constantly striving to improve the professional status of the pharmacy graduates and to secure their rightful positions in the pharmacy and other allied professions. This year 34th Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacy Graduates Association will be organised on 24th September 2022 followed by 25th September world pharmacist day celebrations by Maharashtra State Chapter of Indian Pharmacy Graduate Association In-Collaboration with School of Pharmacy, D Y Patil University, Navi Mumbai and co-host by Drugs Inspector Welfare Association (DIWA), M.S at HMCT Auditorium, D Y Patil University, Nerul, Navi Mumbai. The theme for 34th Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacy Graduates

Association is "India as pharmacy of the world- Opportunities and Challenges" Conference includes a very informative talk by eminent speakers from the Industry, but also the knowledge that shall be shared and interaction with various stakeholders from Pharma fraternity may act as a valuable source of guidance for the budding Pharmacy Graduates. So maximum Pharmacy Graduates and final year B.Pharm Students shall take benefit of this opportunity by registering themselves for the conference. Registration link for online registration is https://forms.gle/2soVZvAuW625aM358 Registration Fee: IPGA Member: Rs 600, Non-Members: Rs 1200, Students (Non Member) Final year B pharm and above Rs 1000.



I am doing 'RnB album' without rap: Doja Cat

Los Angeles | Agencies

Rapper Doja Cat has revealed that she's doing an 'R&B album' without rap at all. "I'm doing an R&B album," the 26-year-old, whose real name is Amala Ratna Zandile Dlamini, declared on Twitter. "Straight R&B and no rap at all." The post met with positive feedback. Rapper OT Genesis, meanwhile, asked for collaboration by writing, "Put me on there." Doja Cat might have changed her mind about how her next project will be. Back in May, she claimed her upcoming record will be "predominantly rap."

She said, "There's some really cool stuff that I got sent from friends. They're all working on beats, and I'm giving them notes and they know what I want, so I'm excited."

Meanwhile, in a recent interview, she said her next album is inspired by rave culture. "We just have so many ideas and making those ideas consistent is the challenge right now," she shared. "I can't really tell much. I just know there's a lot going on." "I'm very into this '90s German rave kind of vibe right now and it's really fun," the musician elaborated further. "I know that's kind of the trend at the moment but I loved that stuff as a kid and now that I can express it (obviously, I couldn't buzz my head and wear a furry bra and have a belly button piercing back then), I'm sort of embracing that. That's kind of a hint to the album. Rave culture, not house."

Doja's latest album is 'Planet Her', which came out in June last year. With four tracks off the record, she successfully bowed at the top spot on the Billboard Artist 100 chart to become the top musical act in the US for the first time.



LEONARDO DICAPRIO, GIGI HADID 'ARE INTO EACH OTHER'

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio and Gigi Hadid are "very into each other." The actor is reported to have been dating the 27-year-old supermodel since splitting from Camila Morrone back in the summer of 2022 after five years of dating.

Now, an insider has claimed that the pair are "the real deal" and have been seeing a lot of each other. The source said: "Gigi and Leo are the real deal. They've been hanging out a lot and are very into each other." The insider went on to explain that things have been "going very well" between the "Titanic" star and Gigi, just weeks after they were both spotted attending New York Fashion Week together. News that DiCaprio is reportedly dating Hadid, who has two-year-old son Khai with former One Direction star Zayn Malik, comes shortly after it was reported that he has been "hanging out" with his male friends since splitting from Camila. He has also been hanging out with his guy friends since his split from Cami. A source said: "Leo has been out every night partying... he's been hanging with his old crew and some girls. I thought that was a little weird when (Camilla) was in St. Tropez." Just days earlier, an insider confirmed that Leonardo and Camila had ended their relationship after four years of dating. "Leo and Cami broke up. They've been spending a lot of time apart this summer and doing their own things," said the insider.

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood star Brad Pitt has called George Clooney and Paul Newman the "most handsome men". The 'Bullet Train' star joked that he had to pick his 'Ocean's' co-star and close pal, George Clooney, as the hottest male on the planet right now, while late Hollywood icon Newman, who was 83 when he died in 2008, is his choice for the past because of how he "aged so gracefully". Asked by Vogue who the "most handsome men in the world past and present" are, Pitt replied: "You know in the acting world because it's my day job... the immediate go-to is Paul Newman. "Because he aged so gracefully. And by all reports (he was) a really special, giving, warm and truthful human being."

Speaking about silver fox Clooney, he quipped: "If I was gonna name someone present, well I gotta name that George Clooney f**** because why not?" He added: "Because usually, I'm always taking him out, and he's always taking me out. And this time, I'm gonna go the other way, just this once." A source said last week: "Rumours of a film starring George, Brad and Matt have swirled for years but the timing was off and their jam-packed schedules meant that it was just not possible. "Finally the right team for the job has come together in a bid to make it a huge success and the main stars thought it would be good fun to revisit. The franchise is hugely popular and the brilliant storyline was an opportunity that was too good to miss."

George Clooney is most handsome man: Brad Pitt



TAX FRAUD ALLEGATIONS ARE FALSE: SHAKIRA

Los Angeles | Agencies

Pop singer Shakira says the tax fraud allegations made against her are "false" and shared that she has paid "everything" that was owed. The pop star is being accused of fraud and faces up to eight years in prison after allegedly racking up six separate counts of tax fraud totalling over \$13 million, but has decided to fight the allegations and insisted that she did not spend more than 183 days in the country, which would lead the Spanish government to count her as an official citizen.

She said: "I have to fight for what I believe; because these are false accusations. First of all, I didn't spend 183 days per year at that time at all. I was busy fulfilling my professional commitments around the world."

"Second, I've paid everything they claimed I owed, even before they filed a lawsuit. So as of today, I owe zero to them. And finally, I was advised by one of the four biggest tax specialist firms in the world, PricewaterhouseCoopers, so I was confident that I was doing things correctly and transparently from day one." She added, "It is well known that the Spanish tax authorities do this often not only with celebrities like me (or (Cristiano) Ronaldo, Neymar, (Xabi) Alonso, and many more), but it also happens unjustly to the regular taxpayer. It's just their style. But I'm confident that I have enough proof to support my case and that justice will prevail in my favour." The Grammy Award-winning star is accused of pretending to live abroad to avoid paying tax despite moving to Barcelona in 2011 to be with her ex, 35-year-old Spanish footballer Gerard Pique, with whom she has sons Milan, nine and seven-year-old Sasha.

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actor Tom Hardy has gained a lot of traction on the Internet after it's unveiled that he recently participated in a martial arts competition that he ultimately won. The star entered the 2022 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Open Championship, a competition held by Ultimate Martial Arts Championships at Oakgrove school in Milton Keynes. Dressed in a blue gi, he competed under his real name Edward Hardy. Tom won all his matches and walked away with a gold medal.

A spokesperson for the championships described him as a "really nice guy" who was a "real pleasure" to host at their tournament.

The spokesperson said, "Everyone recognised him but he was very humble and was happy to take time out for people to take photographs with him. It was a real pleasure to have him compete at our event."

While Hardy was easily recognisable at the event, his participation in the competition shocked his opponent, who also dubbed him "genuinely a really nice guy." As the actor showed up at the tournament's semi-final, veteran Danny Appleby said, "I was shell-shocked. (Tom) said, 'Just forget it's me and do what you would normally do.'"

Appleby went on gushing about the actor's strength, Comparing the 'Venom' actor to his 'The Dark Knight Rises' character, Appleby added, "I've done about six tournaments and I've been on the podium in every one. But he's probably the toughest competitor I've had - he certainly lived up to his Bane character, that's for sure." This isn't the first time for Tom to join a martial arts competition.

Tom Hardy was compared to his 'Dark Knight Rises' villain role



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INDIA SEEK ANSWERS TO NEW QUESTIONS AFTER MOHALI DEBACLE

B Shrikant | Nagpur

Both India and Australia had started the current three-match T20I series with the intention of finding the right combination for the upcoming T20 World Cup. But after the first match at Mohali, the Indians reached Nagpur for the second T20 encounter with more headaches and unanswered questions rather than solutions.

Going into the opening match, the Indian team management wanted some more inputs on the opening and middle order batting and the quick bowling options as senior pacer Jasprit Bumrah is still not ready to play while senior bowler Mohd Shami had to withdraw from the series due to a Covid positive test before the start of the series.

Though former India skipper Virat Kohli struck his 71st international century in the match against Afghanistan in Asia Cup Super Fours, the batting still did not have a settled look as opener K.L. Rahul had just returned from a lengthy injury break. The question of the all-rounder in the absence of Ravindra Jadeja too was looking.

The first T20I match against



Australia was to provide some answers to these conundrums. But that did not happen in the end as India lost the match by four wickets to concede a 0-1 lead in the three-match series.

The Indian batters -- especially opener Rahul and all-rounder Hardik Pandya -- played brilliantly and sensibly to help the team post 207/6 in 20 overs with K.L. Rahul anchoring the innings with 55 and Hardik Pandya giving it a late impetus with a brilliant unbeaten 71. Suryakumar Yadav propelled the team ahead with a 25-ball 46 as India posted a big total for the Aussies to chase. The Indian bowlers were totally ineffective in death

overs and the team did not help its cause much with some atrocious efforts on the field, dropping four catches in all. The result is that the team think tank involving skipper Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid along with senior players is left with the massive problem of putting right the bowling department.

After being expensive in back-to-back matches against Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup, Bhuvneshwar Kumar finished his campaign with a superb performance against Afghanistan. Though Umesh Yadav claimed two wickets in an over, his two overs cost the team 27 runs at an economy rate of 13.50. But then Umesh was playing

T20I cricket after a substantial gap and should be given another chance. He could be a good replacement for Bhuvneshwar in the death overs. On the batting front, India should be expecting more from skipper Rohit Sharma and his predecessor Virat Kohli, both of whom got out cheaply at Mohali. The focus in Mohali was on Kohli as he was playing his first match after hitting his 71st century but the former India captain perished early trying to hit out Nathan Ellis.

Meanwhile, the Aaron Finch-led Australia will be bolstered by the win at Mohali and hoping to continue in the same vein here at Nagpur. They started aggressively and finished in a blaze of glory doing better than India in all sections of the game. Finch, who will be retiring after the T20 World Cup, gave glimpses of good form as he opened with a 13-ball 22, while Cameron Green hogged the limelight for his majestic knock in his first outing as an opener. This is the first time that Australia will be playing at the new Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Jamtha. The Stadium, constructed in 2008, will be hosting its first international in three years following the Covid-19 pandemic.

FC Bengaluru United record strong 5-0 win over Young Challengers

Bangalore | Agencies

Defending champions FC Bengaluru United kept up their winnings ways in the ongoing BIFA Super Division Championship with a sparkling 5-0 win over Young Challengers. Under sunny skies at the Bangalore Football Stadium, FCBU kept up the pressure from the start; the goalscorers for FCBU were Irfan Yarwad (5, 25), Jairo Rodrigues (7), Chesterpaul Lyngdoh (66) and Shajan Franklin (77).

Much like their earlier games, FCBU started creating chances from the get-go and were soon rewarded with a goal within the first five minutes. Aenam Jyrwa crossed the ball in from a short corner to set it up for Irfan to head it in and get the defending champions on the scoreboard. Irfan nearly had another goal in the next minute, only to see his shot hit the goalpost. In the seventh minute it was Aenam in the middle of the action once again - this time his cross-in



was put away by Jairo to get FCBU up 2-0.

FCBU continued to dominate and control most of the possession, creating half chances. In the 25th minute, a beautiful shot from Shajan Franklin cleanly split the YC defence to set up an easy finish for Yarwad.

It was a similar script in the second half with FCBU dominating possession and control. There was an early chance for Aenam as he went one on one with the YC keeper, but was unable to finish it off. Soon after Jairo tried to lob the ball over the YC keeper in the 59th minute only to

see the ball sail over the bar.

A good run by Selwyn Miranda on the left flank in the 66th minute was followed by a shot on target, only to have it deflected by the YC keeper. The ball landed straight at Lyngdoh's feet and he didn't make any mistake to get FCBU up 4-0. Eleven minutes later, Franklin secured his first goal of the game through a corner as FCBU continued to create a few more chances but were unable to see them through; the scoreline ended with a strong 5-0 win for the defending champions.

Gaurika declared winner of 13th leg of WPGT

Gurugram | Agencies

Gaurika Bishnoi's strong finish in the second round proved crucial as the final round of the 13th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the DLF Golf & Country Club, here was cancelled on account of rain.

Gaurika, who closed her second round with a hat-trick of birdies and carded 3-under 69 finished at 2-over 146 as the tournament was decided on the basis of 36 holes.

This was Gaurika's first title since the seventh leg of the 2019 season. "It was good to get a win even if it was shortened after such a long gap of more than three years," said Gaurika, who won her last title at Clover Greens in June 2019.

Pranavi, who was still an amateur when Gaurika last won, finished second for the fourth time this season.

Gaurika's two rounds this week were 71-69 to Pranavi's 71-75. Tied with Pranavi for the second place was first round leader, Nayanika Sanga, who had 70-76.

This was the final Hero WPGT event ahead of the Women's Indian Open, a US\$ 400,000



event on the Ladies European Tour, which will be held at the DLF Golf and Country Club next month.

Sanil Shetty survives scare, mixed doubles top seeds knocked out

NATIONAL GAMES

Surat | Agencies

Former national champion and third seed Sanil Shetty survived a scare even as men's singles stars including top seed G Sathiyam and second seed A Sharath Kamal registered easy victories to advance to the third round of the table tennis competition in the 36th National Games. The individual competition at the PDDU Indoor Stadium took off with local mixed doubles pair of Manav Thakkar and Filzah Fatema Kadri upsetting top seeds Sanil Shetty and Reethrisha Tennison of Maharashtra to reach the quarter-finals.

In fact, five of the eight seeds in the mixed doubles draw could not make it to the quarter final stage.

Shetty could have suffered a similar fate in the men's singles competition as he was pushed to the brink by Uttar Pradesh's Divyansh Srivastava. The left-hander from Maharashtra

clearly struggled for rhythm but kept his nerves at 9-9 to clinch two quick points in the decider to win 11-5, 7-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9, 7-11, 11-9.

In other matches, Sathiyam packed off Wesley Do Roserio of Haryana 13-11, 11-6, 11-4, 11-5 while Sharath converted his fifth match point to beat Maharashtra's Ravindra Kotiyam 11-9, 11-6, 11-6, 17-15.

Local hopes Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar also began their campaigns with facile victories in the second round. All the seeds enjoyed a bye in the opening round.

The unseeded pair began their campaign with an easy win over Uttar Pradesh's Sridhar Joshi and Mahika Dixit but their real test was going to be against the husband-wife combination of Shetty and Reeth.

Rising to the occasion, Kadri played a solid second foil to Thakkar as she not only did her job of keeping the ball in play effectively but also found opportunities to score



winners as the pair registered a 11-7, 11-8, 11-7 victory.



Lord's ODI to be Jhulan Goswami's last match in international cricket

Canterbury (England) | Agencies

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur confirmed that the third and final match of the ODI series against England will be veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami's last match in international cricket.

Jhulan had made her ODI debut against England in January 2002 at Chennai. In a career spanning two decades, she would be leaving the international arena as the highest wicket-taker in women's cricket, with her tally currently sitting at 352 wickets across all formats.

"Yes, I think so. We're going to miss her. The way she's bowled, and (given to) this sport throughout her cricket career, that was outstanding. The Lord's game is very special for us. I'm really happy, our medi-

um pacers are really learning from her with the way she's been bowling," said Harmanpreet in the post-match presentation ceremony.

Out of those 352 international wickets currently, 252 have come in ODIs, the most by any bowler in women's cricket, apart from featuring in six women's ODI World Cups, where she is the leading wicket-taker with 43 scalps.

"They're getting the feedback from her. Having a senior like her is a great pleasure. I'm really happy that we got a chance to play with her. Lord's is a place every cricketer wants to play at. We're really happy that our last game will finish there and that will be special for us because Jhulan is going to retire. It'll be a great match for us," added Harmanpreet.

OSAKA WITHDRAWS FROM TOKYO

Tokyo | Agencies

Reigning champion Naomi Osaka withdrew from the Toray Pan Pacific Open ahead of her second-round match against No.16 Beatriz Haddad Maia due to illness.

Haddad Maia advanced to the quarterfinals by walkover and will face No.4 seed Veronika Kudermetova, who dispatched qualifier Fernanda Contreras Gomez 6-0, 6-1 in just 56 minutes. A champion in 2019 when the tournament was temporarily held in Osaka, the former No.1 advanced to the second round this year after Daria Saville was forced to retire in the first round due to knee injury. Osaka's withdrawal was a tough turn of events for the four-time champion. Prior to the tournament, Osaka told reporters that she felt fit and healthy again after her injury-plagued season.



India A beat New Zealand A by seven wickets in first One-Day game

Chennai | Agencies

Right-arm pacers Shardul Thakur and Kuldeep Sen shared seven wickets between themselves as India A beat New Zealand A by seven wickets in the first unofficial One-Day game at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Thursday.

Electing to bowl first after winning the toss, India A were straightaway on top of the match as Thakur (4/32) and Sen (3/30) wreaked havoc on New Zealand A batting line-up, who were soon bowled out for 167 in 40.2 overs.

In reply, collective contributions with the bat, led by Ruturaj Gaikwad (41) and Rajat Patidar (45 not out), meant India A chased down the total in 31.5 overs to take a 1-0 lead in three-match series. Kuldeep, who was recently a net



bowler for the Indian team in Men's T20 Asia Cup in the UAE, took his first wicket by trapping Joe Carter lbw and two balls later, had Rachin Ravindra caught behind. He increased troubles piling on New Zealand 'A' by having Tom Bruce caught at slip as the visitors became 27/5 in 7.3 overs.

The run-out of Sean Solia, captain Robert O'Donnell falling to Thakur and left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav taking out Logan Van Beek left New Zealand 'A' in danger of being bowled out for a score below 100.

Michael Rippon (61) and Joe Walker (36) added 89 runs for the ninth wicket and rescued New Zealand A from 74/8 to being 167 all out, lending some respectability to the total. Tearaway pacer Umran Malik bowled seven overs for 27 runs and did not have a scalp

against his name. In reply, opener Prithvi Shaw made a 24-ball 17, including hitting a straight six off Van Beek. But in a bid to go big, he pulled hard off a short ball, only to be caught at square leg off Matthew Fisher. Samson, who invited loud cheers from the crowd, hit the winning runs with an fantastic six over long-on to remain unconquered on 29. The second one-day match between the two teams will happen at the same venue on Sunday.

Brief scores
New Zealand A 167 all out in 40.2 overs (Michael Rippon 61, Joe Walker 36, Shardul Thakur 4/32, Kuldeep Sen 3/30) lost to India A 170/3 in 31.5 overs (Rajat Patidar 45 not out, Ruturaj Gaikwad 41, Michael Rippon 1/28, Matthew Fisher 1/32) by seven wickets

Marathi mulgi Madhuri Dixit to portray Gujarati housewife

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood actress Madhuri Dixit, who hails from a Maharashtrian background, is set to be seen in an unprecedented avatar as a Gujarati housewife in the upcoming streaming movie, 'Maja Ma'. The trailer of the film was unveiled before the media on Thursday.

The movie presents Madhuri Dixit in a complex and fearless avatar. Talking about her part in the film, the actress said in a statement that she is "thrilled" to be a part of the movie. She said: "With 'Maja Ma', what I am most excited about is my character. It is a role with complex nuances that I have never played before. Pallavi Patel carries enormous responsibility - as a mother, as a wife and as a contributing member of society with such ease and grace, that it becomes easy to overlook her strength, conviction, and resilience. She goes through a multitude of emotions that could have strong repercussions on her life and the lives of people she loves."

Actress also revealed that, she loves Gujarati culture and has some proficiency in Gujarati language as a lot of her friends were from the community. She also shared that "When I was travelling to US once, I was told by someone that the particular airline has bad food on-board. So I took a pile of theplas and sustained on them enroute the 16 hour flight to the US." This will be the first time when Madhuri will be seen dancing to Garba beats. The film also stars Gajraj Rao, Ritwik Bhowmik, Barkha Singh, Srishti Shrivastava, Rajit Kapur, Simone Singh, Sheeba Chaddha, Malhar Thakar and Ninad Kamat in pivotal roles.

SONAKSHI, HUMA HILARIOUSLY QUESTION BODY WEIGHT STEREOTYPES IN UPCOMING FILM

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The teaser of the Sonakshi Sinha and Huma Qureshi-starrer 'Double XL' was unveiled on Thursday. It makes a remark on body-weight stereotypes that plague the society, in a humorous manner.

In a span of merely 30 seconds, the teaser builds up the inquisitiveness for the film as Sonakshi and Huma can be seen engaging in a fun banter about how size issues are only for women. Plugging in subtle innuendo, Sonakshi questions what would happen if they start rendering the same

treatment to men, where will they go.

The film is a slice-of-life social comedy drama for which both the actresses underwent massive body transformation and had even piled on the extra pounds for their roles in the film, which has been shot extensively in India and the UK.

The film explores the journey of two plus-size women, one from heartland Uttar Pradesh and the other from urban New Delhi, and also stars Zaheer Iqbal and Mahat Raghavendra.

Produced by Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar, Vipul D Shah, Rajesh Bahl & Ashwin Varde, Saqib Saleem, Huma Qureshi & Mudassar Aziz, 'Double XL' is set to arrive in theatres on October 14.

'NOTHING CAN BE WORSE':

GAURI KHAN ON GOING
THROUGH TOUGH TIMES

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Shahrukh Khan's wife and renowned interior designer Gauri Khan recently appeared on Koffee With Karan. She was joined by Maheep Kapoor and Bhavana Panday. During the episode, Gauri Khan was quizzed about their family doing through a tough time personally and emerging strong.

To this, Gauri Khan replied, "Yes, as a family, we have been through. I think nothing can be worse than what we've just been through, obviously as a mother, and as a parent. But today where we stand, where we all stand as a family, I can say that we are in a great space where we feel loved by everyone. And all our friends and so many people who we didn't know. So many messages and so much of love and I just feel blessed. I think today we feel blessed.

And I would say I am grateful to all the people who have helped us through this."

For the unversed, Shahrukh Khan's son Aryan Khan was arrested on October 3 in connection with the Mumbai cruise drugs case. The Bombay High Court granted him bail on October 28.

Gauri Khan recently even appeared in the second season of Fabulous lives of Bollywood Wives.

CHUP: REVENGE OF THE ARTIST MOVIE HOLDS THE POWER TO SPEAK FOR ITSELF



BY SHACHI CHATURVEDI

Cast: Sunny Deol (Arvind Mathur), Dulquer Salmaan (Danny), Shreya Dhanwanthary (Nila Menon), Saranya Ponvannan (Nila's mother) and Pooja Bhatt (Zenobia)

Writer & Director: R Balki

Runtime: 2h 16m

Rating: 3.5/5

Synopsis: A psychopath is murdering film critics one by one in the most heinous way possible. Can the cops catch him before the next film review is published?

Review: The film's plot begins with the first murder, which introduces the world to a serial killer. A serial killer who murders film critics solely for their unfair ratings and sarcastic reviews. The film lacks suspense as the audience learns who the real killer is very quickly. It is typical R. Balki cinema which examines the world around us in a variety of ways. His stories are about the absurdity in the ordinary, as well as the eyes that creates the absurdity in the first place.

The filmmaker, along with his co-writers Raja Sen (a renowned film critic) and Rishi Virmani creates a story that delves into virgin lands and is as delicate as a castle of cards, one wrong step and the entire castle crumbles in an instant.

Technically, this film meets the criteria for a good film. It appeals to the eyes by creating tension with the camera. Perfect close-ups and top shots remind us that the cameraman attempted to



emulate Dutt's style somewhere. To be sure, there are many nostalgic moments in the film and the intentional homage to Guru Dutt by including chartbusters such as 'Jaane kya tune kahi' and 'Yeh Duniya agar mil bhi jaaye' from his classic 'Pyasa' was an incredible attempt. In addition, the film pays homage to Guru Dutt's incredible work, Kaagaz Ke Phool. Balki wins the show when he decides to include a final chapter in the last 10 minutes of the show, bringing two lives full circle.

When it comes to character performances, Sunny Deol has literally acted well in the film, though you can see him pulling an OG Sunny Deol when he jumps out of a window and lands in a studio, crossing an entire corridor of the building.

Dulquer Salmaan's Danny was a visual treat; the boy Danny has several personalities and talks to his own other personality in general. Dulquer's role has a few layers, but he portrays the character of Danny Urf Sebastian Pinto very well.

Amitabh Bachchan's cameo in the film came as a surprise, and it's lovely

to see him as Bachchan Sahab, saying things that only Amitabh Bachchan can say. Shreya Dhanwanthary, who plays Nila Menon, an entertainment reporter and Danny's love interest, has clearly left an impression on the audience. Pooja Bhatt has a limited but notable role as a criminal psychologist.

Speaking of the rest of the cast who contributed to the film's success. Each character in the film has its own significance, and each character has contributed to the film's excellence.

The film has elements of the old school Pehli Najar ka Pyar that can be seen when Danny and Nila fall in love. When it comes to movie soundtracks, the songs are relaxing and scary at the same place. The background music contributes to the suspense. This film makes excellent use of some classics in the most appropriate context.

Conclusion: The film focuses on the extraordinary and never-touched-before issue of how biasedness can turn an artist into a criminal. The movie has a few loopholes but as a whole, it is a decent film. It is definitely time well spent.

DEEPIKA PADUKONE SHARES SNEAK PEEK FROM DUBBING SESSION

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Deepika Padukone has started dubbing for the actioner 'Pathaan'. The Bollywood actress on Thursday shared a glimpse from the session on social media.

Deepika took to Instagram and shared a picture of the script kept on a table. A mic too can be seen placed right above the table. The film, which is directed by Siddharth Anand, also features superstar Shah Rukh Khan and John Abraham in key roles. 'Pathaan' marks the fourth collaboration of Deepika and SRK after 'Om Shanti Om', 'Happy New Year' and 'Chennai Express'. This will be the first time John will be seen sharing screen space with Shah Rukh. The action star has previously worked with Deepika in 'Desi Boyz' and 'Race 2'. According to reports, the upcoming film revolves around a RAW Agent codenamed Pathaan, who takes on an ominous villain who is hell bent on ripping apart India's security apparatus.



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Shweta Gulati