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RUSSIA BACKS INDIA FOR PERMANENT SEAT ON UNSC CALLING IT

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 PERMANENT SEATS, DON'T HAVE

Arul Louis | United Nations

ussia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has endorsed India for a permanent seat on the Security Council calling it a key international actor. "The Council and UN have to be aligned to contemporary realities," he said on Saturday at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly.

Lavrov criticised the US Indo-Pacific strategy as an attempt to "subjugate" Asian countries and to undermine ASEAN. India figures in the Indo-Pacific strategy as a member of the Quad, the four-nation group that also includes Japan and Australia.

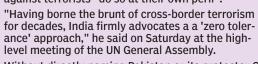
"Under the slogan of Indo-Pacific strategies, closed formats are being created and they undermine what has been built on the ASEAN for decades," he said.

NATO has now declared as "indivisible" the security of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific, he said (although the interpretation said India and Pacific). The US was trying to make the whole world "its backyard", he asserted, and the West "is introducing dividing lines everywhere along the



THOSE POLITICISING TERRORISM 'DO SO AT THEIR OWN PERIL': JAISHANKAR

United Nations: India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar called for 'zero tolerance' for terrorism and warned that those who prevent UN sanctions against terrorists "do so at their own peril".



Without directly naming Pakistan or its protector China, he added, 'Those who politicise the UNSC 1267 Sanctions regime, sometimes to the extent of defending proclaimed terrorists, do so at their own peril." The UNSC 1267 Sanctions regime is the procedure for imposing sanctions based on the Security Council resolution with that number. China has been blocking sanctions against Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) leader Sajid Mir, involved in the 2008 Mumbai attacks, Jaish-e Mohammed (JEM) leader Abdul Rauf Azhar, and Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD) leader Abdul Rehman Makki.

lines of a confrontation between blocs: You're either with us or against us," he said "There is no third option possible, there are no compromises, he added. He reiterated President Vladimir Putin's uncompromising

hardline position against Ukraine. After it dissolved the Warsaw Pact,

the Soviet bloc's equivalent of NATO, he asserted that there was no need for the Western military alliance, much less for it to encircle his country, he added. Lavrov spoke shortly before India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who appeared to distance New Delhi from Moscow over the

We see the prospect of making the Security Council more democratic exclusively, through broadening the representation of the countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America.We know to add India and Brazil, in particular, as key international actors and worthy candidates for permanent membership within the council."

> Sergey Lavrov, Foreign Minister, Russia

CHINA TAKES AIM AT QUAD

United Nations: China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi took aim at the Quad and other such initiatives, saying, "We should jointly oppose group politics and block confrontation." "Pursuing one's own absolute security can only undermine global strategic stability," he said on Saturday at the high-level UN General Assembly meeting. The Quad, made up of India, the US,

DHAKA | Agencies Japan and Australia, is committed to security in the Indo-Pacific region and cooperation on development and has been criticised by China, and India is entering into boat capsized in the similar arrangements elsewhere Karatoya river in also. Wang did not name the Quad or India in making the criticism that was implied. the capital Dhaka, on

invasion saying that India was on "the side that respects the UN Charter and its founding principles".

Chandigarh airport to be named after Bhagat Singh: PM



Team Absolute New Delhi

s a tribute to the great freedom fighter Bhagat Singh, the Chandigarh airport will now be named after the iconic martyr, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday during his monthly radio broadcast 'Mann Ki Baat'.

"It has been decided that the Chandigarh airport will now be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh. It had been waiting for a long time. I congratulate the people of Chandigarh, Punjab, and Haryana and the entire country for this decision," he said in his half-hour address.

Touching upon various subjects, Modi also spoke about the translocation of Cheetahs from Namibia to Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park earlier this month.

"People from many corners of the country expressed happiness over the return of

Cheetahs. 130 crore Indians are elated and filled with pride. A task force will monitor Cheetahs, on the basis of which we will decide when you can visit the Cheetahs,' Modi said.

The Prime Minister invited suggestions for naming the wild cats.

"I request people to share their views on the naming of the campaign and Cheetahs. It will be great if the naming of Cheetahs is in tune with our traditions. Also, suggest how humans should treat animals. Participate in this contest and maybe you could be the first one to witness the Cheetahs," he added.

Modi asked the people of India to break all previous records of buying khadi, handloom or handicraft products. Plastic bags are extensively used during festivals, he said.

However, the harmful waste of polythene during the festivals of cleanliness is against the spirit of the festivals, he said.

16 KILLED, 30 MISSING AFTER BOAT CAPSIZES IN BANGLADESH

t least 16 people were killed and 30 others still missing after a Bangladesh's Panchagarh district, 468 km away from Sunday afternoon.

"The bodies of 16 people including women and children have so far been



retrieved," Sujoy Kumar Roy, an officer of Panchagarh's Boda Police station, told Xinhua news

agency.According to the officer, the boat carrying some 100 people capsized at about 1:30 p.m. local time. Most of the passengers managed to swim ashore after the incident.Some 30 passengers of the vessel were still missing, said the officer, adding that a rescue operation was underway and the cause of the accident was not immediately known.

'Why alertness is important during driving'

DELHI POLICE REFERS TO IND-ENG 'MANKAD' DISMISSAL ROW

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lertness is important" -- this is what Delhi Police wishes to convey to the people driving a vehicle, but, using the reference of Saturday's India-England cricket match's famous 'mankad' dismissal.

Sharing the video of the England's Charlie Dean runout by the Indian allrounder Deepti Sharma at the non-strik er's end, with the background meme music of Capone - Oh No song, the Delhi Police captioned it -- 'Why alertness is important during driving.. "The Twitter users burst into laughter after the Delhi Police's tweet that went viral on social media within no time.

The match had almost slipped out of India's hand with Charlie Dean's impressive knock of 47 that helped England recover from a despondent 65/7 in the run chase, till that dramatic run-out hap-

Delhi Police's innovative way of dis-



couraging people from breaking the law and simultaneously educating them has several times received praises from the

DELHI: MINOR BOY GANG-RAPED; ROD **INSERTED IN PRIVATE PARTS**

was allegedly thrashed and gangraped by four persons in the Seelampur area of the national capital, Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chairperson Swati Maliwal informed through the social media on Sunday. "In Delhi, not even boys are safe. A 12-year-old boy was brutally raped by four people and left in a half-dead condition after being beaten with sticks," Maliwal wrote on Twitter. She further said the DCW team has registered an FIR in the matter. Of the four accused persons, Maliwal said that the police have arrested one person while

three are still at large In a notice issued to the Delhi Police, Maliwal said the complainant has submitted that their child was gang-raped on September 18 by 4 men who even "inserted a rod" in his private parts.

LAST RITES HELD FINALLY, NH 58 BLOCKED IN PROTEST Team Absolute | Srinagar

(Uttarakhand) eople's anger over the murder of Ankita Bhandari, who worked as a receptionist at a resort in Uttarakhand's Pauri district and was reportedly being forced to provide "special services" to guests, continued

Sunday evening. Her body was brought to the NIT Ghat here and consigned to flames amid the presence of a large number

with the National Highway

(NH) 58 being blocked in

protest, even as her last rites

were finally conducted on

of people. A large crowd, comprising students, political activists and common people, had earlier gathered in large numbers at the mortuary of the base hospital where her body was kept. Then, they



held a sit-in protest on the Badrinath National Highway in front of the mortuary, demanding the hanging of Ankita's killers, stranding vehicles on both sides of the highway.Earlier in the day, the family of Ankita, in whose killing Pulkit Arya, the son of now expelled BJP leader Vinod Arya is allegedly involved, refused to perform

the last rites, saying they will wait till the final post-

mortem report comes. The provisional postmortem report had confirmed assault before death and the cause of death as

drowning. Ankita's father Virendra Bhandari has refused to perform the last rites of his

"The government has tam pered with the evidence by running a bulldozer on resort at midnight. Ankita's last rites will be performed only when the final post-mortem report is received. I am not satisfied with the post-mortem report that has come at the moment. The culprits should be given capital punishment using fast track court in this case," he said.

The family finally relented after appeals from Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and the local administration. Dhami, who saluted Ankita's father, assured that the trial would be held in a fast-track court and all possible help to the family.

"In such times it is natural for people to be angry. The government will provide whatever assistance required for the victim's family," he

Inter-state drug cartel busted in Delhi, 45 kg opium seized

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n interstate drug cartel was busted by the Delhi Police and one of its key members was arrested with 45 kg opium, worth more than Rs 30 crore in the international market, an official said Sunday.

The accused, identified as Jasvir Singh (54), a resident of Punjab's Moga, used to hide opium between rice packets to mislead police.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Cell, Rajiv Ranjan Singh said that they were working on information that an interstate narcotic drug cartel is active in states of Manipur, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Delhi-NCR.

"We received information that members of this cartel are involved in supply of opium in Delhi-NCR, and UP, after procuring it from suppliers of Manipur, who further collect raw material from hilly areas around the state's border with

Myanmar," he said. The Special Cell took around 3-4 months to develop the information and during the process, members of the cartel were identified and their activities were kept under discreet surveillance.

"The trend revealed during recent cases shows that the Golden Triangle Area (Lhasa, Thailand and Myanmar),

via the north-eastern states, has started showing its presence on the drug map of the Indian subcontinent," the DCP said.

On September 24, the Special Cell received a tip-off about Jasvir Singh, who used to supply opium on the directions of Dilbag, a resident of Uttarakhand's Bazpur, after procuring it from Limanthang of Manipur. It was learnt that he would come near the

Raighat DTC depot here to supply hero-

in to Surender, a resident of Delhi. A raiding party was set up and apprehended Jasvir Singh from the specified location."On checking 45 kg of opium concealed between 566 gunny bags containing rice was recovered from his truck," the DCP said. Police arrested the accused registered and filed a case under relevant sections of law

WILL DEPORT ALL BANGLADESHIS STAYING ILLEGALLY, SAYS GOA CM

Panaji | Agencies

Tarning house owners of strict action for failing police verification of tenants, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Sunday said that a number of Bangladeshis found staying illegally in the coastal state will be deported. During the tenant and foreigners verification drive in the last two months, the Goa Police's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) identified 22 Bangladeshi nationals staying illegally in the state, and are looking out for more such illegal migrants. "While doing tenant verification, police found many staying here without proper address from our country. They are into illegal scrap business and into other illegal businesses. They are staying in rented rooms and carrying out business,"

"I appeal to people to have verification done of their tenants. Those who avoid giving their identity are involved in various crimes. Hence people who rent out rooms should do police verification," he said. "More than 20 Bangladeshi are

arrested (identified) and police are identifying many more staying here illegally. People should cooperate with police. We will take action against them (Bangladeshis) and deport them to Bangladesh," Sawant said. He said that government will not allow illegal stay in Goa. "We have sent report of these Bangladeshis to Home Ministry," he said. Superintendent of Police, ATS, Shobhit Saxena on Friday told reporters here that 22 Bangladeshi nationals were staying illegally using fake documents. "They have been staying here for the last 4 to 5 years.

AT MEETING WITH LALU YADAV, NITISH KUMAR, SONIA **GANDHI'S BIG SUGGESTION**

New Delhi: Congress chief Sonia Gandhi today asked Biha allies -- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and

Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Yadav -- to take forward the opposition unity project after the internal elections of the Congress. The two leaders, she suggested, must meet the new Congress

president and decide. "We met Sonia Gandhi and talked about opposition unity to defeat the BJP in 2024. She said we will meet with us again after the Congress presidential polls," Lalu Yadav told

reporters after the meet. Without the Congress, there is no alliance and they have been in the forefront of fighting the BJP," Yadav said.

porting former Deputy Chief

Minister Sachin Pilot, met at

his house to negotiating their

Congress President, is likely

Minister and the CLP meet-

ing was to decide his succes-

sor. Earlier, the meeting was

scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

but was postponed till 7.30

pm. State in-charge Ajay

Maken and senior leader

Gehlot, who will file nomi-

next strategy.

nation for the post of

to step down as Chief

Gehlot vs Pilot: Pro-CM MLAs' gathering before CLP meek exposes rift in Congress

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head of the Congress Legislature Party meeting scheduled for taking decisions on the next Chief Minister, a rift is clearly visible among the Congress MLAs as MLAs from Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's faction gathered at the bungalow of Urban Development Minister Shanti Dhariwal.

Around 50 MLAs are present in this meeting and were to go to the CLP meeting together in a luxury bus.

Independent MLA Sanyam Lodha, who reached Dhariwal's bungalow, said Gehlot, who is set to contest the Congress President's election, should remain the Chief Minuster. If someone other than Gehlot is made the CM, then independent



MLAs will withdraw their support, he said.

Minister Mahendrajit Singh Malviya said that Gehlot should remain the Chief Minister, and should not be replaced.

Minister Govindram Meghwal said: "We want Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to remain, Sanyam Lodha is a seasoned person, whatever he has said, and he has said it after thinking.'

Meanwhile, MLAs, sup-

Mallikarjun Kharge had reached Jaipur to serve as observers in the meeting.

Meanwhile, Gehlot said in Jaisalmer this afternoon that the next Chief Minister should be the leader who can get the government repeated He said that it has been a

tradition to call a meeting of the legislature party for the selection of the Chief Minister and leave the decision to the high command. "This has been the strength of Congress. I have held many positions, now the new generation should get a chance. Even today you will get to see glimpses of the same faith. You will not need to think much here and there "Further, in the CLP meeting, pro-Congress independent MLAs have also been called in for a consulta-

CBI CONDUCTS RAIDS IN ASSAM IN CHILD **PORN CONTENT CRACKDOWN**

Guwahati: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Sunday carried out raids in Assam's Guwahati and Dhemaji in search of a few people who are allegedly involved in uploading child pornographic content, a police officer said. As per the police, a number of child porn movies were uploaded using IP addresses located in those areas. Inputs were received by the CBI that miscreants used mobile phones and other electronic gadgets in Guwahati and Dhemaji to upload child pornographic content. The CBI has also launched raids in few locations of Agartala and Itanagar.

However, it could not be known if any arrests were made. Notably, the CBI has launched operation "Megh Chakra" across the country to mitigate crimes against children. The premier investigation agency has raided 59 locations in the country in 21 states including Assam.

Palaniswami opposes Andhra move to raise Pullur dam capacity



Chennai | Agencies

IADMK's interim General Secretary and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, K. Palaniswami on Sunday came out strongly against the Andhra Pradesh government's move to raise the capacity of Pullur check dam near the interstate border. The AIADMK leader, in a statement, called upon the Tamil Nadu government under M.K. Stalin to "wake up from its slumber" and to take appropriate action to prevent the move of Andhra Pradesh to raise the capacity of the Pullur check dam by 2 TMC.He said that the agreement

between Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu is to get 20 TMC, 20 TMC, and 40 TMC, respectively from the inter-state river, and the move of the Andhra Pradesh government to raise the capacity by 2 TMC would adversely affect the farmers of Tamil Nadu. Coming out heavily against the Stalin government and the Tamil Nadu water resources department, in particular, the AIADMK leader called upon the government to stop diverting people in the name

Palaniswami also called upon the Tamil Nadu government to approach the courts to

'MOTHER DAIRY' STICKER USED ON TRUCK TO SUPPLY **ILLICIT LIQUOR IN DELHI**

New Delhi: An illicit liquor supplier, smuggling country-made liquor in Delhi in a truck bearing dairy product company Mother Dairy's insignia, has been arrested, police said on

The accused, identified as Nishan Singh, 45, was a member of the interstate 'Yogi Gang'.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Southwest, Manoj C., said secret information was received that a huge quantity of illicit liquor will be supplied in Delhi-NCR in a truck.

A police team laid a trap at NH-8, near Nikunj Garden, intercepted a truck, and apprehended the driver.

"On search, 500 cartons of illicit desi liquor, meant for sale in Haryana only, having 50 quarters each, 50 cartons of illicit desi liquor, for sale in Haryana only, having 12 bottles each, and 50 cartons of illicit beer, having 12 bottles each, were recovered," the DCP said.

The truck bore a Mother Dairy company sticker on its front side and even the number plate was fake. Police registered a case and arrested Nishan Singh.

Corruption made its way even to Kerala CM's office: Nadda

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

haratiya Janata Party (BJP) president J.P. Nadda who is a two-day visit to Kerala on Sunday said "corruption has made its way even to the office of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan".

Nadda was referring to the gold smuggling scam that had

Speaking at the Kottayam district committee office of the BJP in Nagambadam, he said that the CPI-M government in Kerala was creating a debt trap, claiming the debt has almost doubled

Nadda during the speech also said that he "salutes the BJP workers of Kerala who have been murdered"; adding lawlessness has been rampant in the state."There is no place for



violence in politics," the senior

He also said the drug menace is on a high in Kerala, and called

upon the people of the state to support the programmes and policies of the BJP for the alleral programmes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have benefited the people of the

"The people of Kerala must support the BJP for a total change," he said.

Earlier on Sunday, Nadda arrived in Kochi to a rousing welcome. BJP's Kerala unit president K. Surendran, and state in-charge and former Union Minister Prakash Javadekar received him at the airport.

Nadda is scheduled to travel to Thiruvananthapuram on Monday to attend various party programmes.

Rumours are making the rounds regarding a change in the state leadership and according to sources; Nadda's arrival has increased the possibilities of

Mukul Rohatgi declines to return as government's top law officer

of the Dravidian Model.

New Delhi: Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi has declined to accept Centre's offer to return as the Attorney General.

Rohatgi said that it is correct that he has withdrawn his consent to become the AG.

The term of incumbent Attorney General

K.K. Venugopal is ending on September 30, and he has refused to continue beyond his term, citing his advanced age. Venugopal, 91, was appointed as the country's top law officer on June 30, 2017, and he was given several extensions.

Rohatgi, who is one of the top court lawyers in the country, withdrew his consent for assuming the top post. He was first appointed as the AG in 2014 for a three-year term.

Venugopal, while arguing in a matter recently, indicated that he may not continue as the top law officer, after the completion of his present term.

According to Article 76 of the Constitution, the President appoints a person, qualified to be appointed a judge of the Supreme Court to be Attorney General for India. The AG also enjoys a right of audience in all courts in the country.

Haryana to recruit 18,000 school teachers

Chandigarh | Agencies

arvana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday said 18,000 teachers will soon be recruited in schools. Out of them, 11,000 regular

teachers will be recruited and the remaining through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar At a programme organised

on the campus of Maharshi Dayanand University in Rohtak, the Chief Minister said the government is continuously working to ensure quality school education. Five lakh tablets have been distributed to the students of Class

provided soon. "Harvana is the first state in the country to take this initiative. Now, people not only from other states but also from abroad are commending this initiative and are moving forward to draft such schemes and implement them," he said. The Chief Minister said

10, 11, and 12, while 2.5 lakh tablets will be

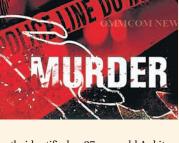


the government is strenuously working to ensure smart classrooms and improving school buildings. For this, work is being done by the government in a phased manner.

"In the first phase, two blocks of each district are selected. This work is being carried out by the School Management Committees."The Chief Minister said the government has made an online transfer policy for teachers so that any teacher can take transfer according to their seniority.

6 IAF OFFICERS BOOKED FOR MURDER OVER CADET DEATH IN RENGALLIBIL

Bengaluru: Six Indian Air Force officials have been booked for murder following the suspicious death of a trainee cadet at the Air Force Technical College (AFTC) here, police said.



The deceased youth, identified as 27-year-old Ankit Kumar Jha, was training at the AFTC in Jalahalli campus for one and half years, according to police. He had allegedly committed suicide by hanging after being discharged from service following a court of inquiry. However, the youth's family have claimed that their son had been killed.

In his suicide note, the deceased had mentioned the names of six IAF officers - including an Air Commodore, a Group Captain and two Wing Commanders - among others, police sources said.

Aman, brother of the deceased, has alleged that training officer had killed his brother and sought to make the death look like a suicide.Gangammamgudi police have taken up the case and are investigating both the angles.

Two infiltrating terrorists killed in J&K's Kupwara

Srinagar Agencies

wo infiltrating terrorists were killed by the security forces in J&K's Kupwara district on Sunday, a defence statement said."Based on specific intelligence inputs received from AJ&K police and other intel ligence agencies about likely infiltration attempt in Macchal Sector of Kupwara district,

troops were put on high alert and joint ambushes of J&K Police and army were laid on likely routes of infiltration," a defence spokesman said in a statement.

It said that at around 7.30 a.m. in prevailing poor weather conditions, alert troops observed two armed infiltrators crossing the LoC near Tekri Nar, Macchal, and engaged them. A firefight ensued, resulting in both terrorists getting



neutralised, it said.

It said that weapons and other items recovered from the slain terrorists include 2 AK-47 rifles, six AK magazines, 53 AK rounds, four hand grenades, two pistols, 35 pistol rounds, Pakistan currency, comprising three notes of Rs 1,000 two notes of Rs 500, seven Rs 50 notes, and food items.

Kaziranga 'evening safari': Activists slams Assam CM, Sadhguru for breaking law



nvironment and animal rights activists on Sunday alleged that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, state Tourism Minister Jayanata Malla Baruah, and spiritual guru Jaggi Vasudev aka Sadhguru violated the Wildlife (Protection) Act by driving a safari vehicle inside the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve beyond the scheduled time.

Activists Soneswar Narah and Prabin Pegu lodged a police complaint at the Bokakhat police station in Golaghat district against the Chief Minister, spiritual guru, and the Tourism Minister, demanding action against them under the act."Villagers around the Kaziranga have sacrificed a lot to protect the world-famous park. Wild tigers, elephants and other animals killed many domestic animals of the people living alongside the park," Narah told the media. Forest and other law enforcing

agencies took action against many people for "violating" the Wildlife Protection Act and many people were

sentenced to imprisonment, he said. The activist said that if the law is equal for everyone, then action must be taken against the Chief Minister, Sadhguru, and Tourism Minister for conducting the vehicle safari inside the national park much beyond the scheduled time. A fleet of vehicles carrying Sarma, Sadhguru, and the minister covered around two km inside Kaziranga after the inauguration of a rhino memorial about two hours much behind the scheduled time on

Saturday. Sadhguru was driving one of the safari vehicles with the Chief Minister in the passenger seat while the Minister sat in the back along with officials and guards. Environment and wild animal expert Rohit Choudhury said that vehicle safari after sunset in Kaziranga is a violation of Section 27 of the Wildlife

(Protection) Act, which restricts the entry in a wildlife sanctuary of anyone other than a public servant on duty.

Another environment and animal rights activist Apurba Ballave Goswami said that it is most unfortunate that an important person like Sadhguru, "whom we expect to practice what we preach, has no sensitivity towards animals".Goswami said that it is known that wild animals in their protected homes and forest feel disturbed by lights, sounds and noises of vehicles at

The Chief Minister, Sadhguru and Tourism Minister formally re-opened Kaziranga for tourists for the forthcoming season on Saturday.

Elephant safari and jeep safari in the park, India's seventh Unesco world heritage site, remains closed during the monsoon and reopens in October but this year, the park opend early to attract the tourists who could not visit there during the Covid-19 pandemic.



madhya pradesh

'Mukhya Mantri Janseva Abhiyan is based on Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's concept of "Nar Seva Hi Narayan Seva' - CM Chouhan

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay believed that public is God, Daridra is Narayan and service to them is service to God. Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, the state government is realizing this resolve of public service with effective implementation of public welfare schemes. No eligible person should be deprived of the benefits of public welfare schemes, to ensure this, special camps are being organized in every ward in t urban areas and all gram panchayats of the state under 'Mukhyamantri Jan Seva' campaign. Public representatives are also actively participating in the camps along with government officials and employees. Approvals are being provided to every eligible person promptly and being linked to the schemes. "Mukhya Mantri Jan Seva" campaign is the medium to implement Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's idea of "Nar Seva Hi Narayan Seva".

CM Chouhan expressed this view at the site of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay stat-



ue located at Lal Ghati in Bhopal. He garlanded the statue of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary, and paid floral tributes. CM Chouhan said that Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay was the pioneer of the idea of Integral Humanism. Under the leadership of PM Modi, activities are being conducted to ensure "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" as per

the ideas of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay. India is emerging on the global stage as a powerful, prosperous, enriched and proud nation. We are committed for the upliftment of the nation and society as per Pt. Upadhyay ideas.CM Chouhan also distributed saplings to the workers in the 'Hara-Bhara Madhya Pradesh'

CM CHOUHAN PLANTS SAPLINGS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF PT. **DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY**

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Moulshree in Smart City Garden, Shyamla Hills in memory of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his anniversary. Saplings of Banyan, Gulmohar and Saptaparni were also planted in the context of the foundation day of National Service Scheme, along with the volunteers of the Scheme. Rishabh Sharma of National Service Scheme, who led the state in the parade organised in Delhi on the last Republic Day, Keshav Mishra, who led the state in Youth Festival Lucknow, Rahul Sen, who received the State Level National Service Scheme Award, Ritvij Sharma, who led the state at National Integration Camp, Jaipur and Nupur Sondhia, who led the state at National Integration Camp Agartala, Tripura, took part in the plantation. Rahul Lodhi, who returned from Hussainiwal, the international border of the country under the "Maa Tujhe Pranam" scheme, presented the soil of that place to Chief Minister Chouhan. Nupur Sondhia thanked Chief Minister Chouhan for the treatment of her mother under Ayushman Yojana.

PM MODI DISCUSSES LEOPARDS OF KUNO WITH COUNTRYMEN IN 'MANN KI BAAT

Absolute Bhopal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said that cheetahs have attracted the most attention of the countrymen in the recent past. People from all corners of the country expressed happiness on the arrival of cheetahs. One hundred and thirty crore Indians are happy, full of pride,

this is a symbol of the love of nature of the people of India. A common question people have in their minds as to when they would get to see the cheetahs. In his man ki baat programme, Prime Minister Modi discussed about the cheetahs with the countrymen for whom the cheetahs of Kuno are a subject of curiosity.

It may be noted that the Kuno National Park located in Sheopur district was chosen on the initiative of PM Modi for the restoration of cheetahs in the country.

The PM said that a task force has been formed to see how cheetahs have been able to mingle in the new environment. On this basis, a decision will be taken a few months later on when the cheetahs will be made open to the public. PM Modi said that I am assigning some work to all of you. For this a competition will be

organized on the platform of 'MyGov', in which I urge people to share something. You have to tell what the name of the campaign being run with cheetahs should be named. The PM said that can we think of naming cheetahs also. You can decide what name to call each of these cheetahs. A somewhat traditional name would be good, because anything related to our society, culture, tradition and heritage attracts us easily.

PM Modi said that you should also tell how humans should treat animals. In our fundamental duties also, emphasis has been laid on respect for animals. Appealing to all the people to participate in this competition, Prime Minister Modi said that it is possible that you could get a chance to see cheetahs as a prize in the

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he 36th National Games are being held in Gujarat after a long gap of seven years. Madhya Pradesh is participating in 25 sports, involving 298 players and 86 officials. Last time in the National Games held in Kerala, Madhya Pradesh stood sixth with 91 medals. This time the goal is to be in the top five. The National Games to be held in Gujarat from September 29 to October 12 will be held in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat and Bhavnagar.

Director Sports Ravikumar Gupta said that Madhya Pradesh is well prepared for the National Games, the results are expected to be the same as we expect. Last time we were in sixth place. This time we will cross the 100 medal mark and also



improve our rank. He said that all the players participating in the national games are enhancing the state's honour. Winners of the first three positions will be awarded cash prizes

and winners of the fourth and fifth place will be awarded with certificates. Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Olympic Association Digvijay Singh said that the M.P. team has been

selected on the basis of qualification. We have organized all the sports camps in collaboration with the association. On allowing players from outside MP to play he said that as per rules, all the states give opportunities to outside players, we have also selected Madhya Pradesh team by the same rule. Joint Director BS Yadav said that we have ensured all the preparations and arrangements. This time our team will do better. For all sports, the department has given responsibility to its officers Prize money

The state government provides cash prize of Rs.5 lakh to the gold medalist of the national sport, Rs.3 lakh 20 thousand to the silver medalist and Rs.3 lakh 20 thousand to the bronze medalist. This time the players placing fourth and fifth place will also be given certificates as an incen-

The upper jaw was removed due to black fungus, revived by the dental department of AIIMS

n March 2021, Suresh (name changed), a resident of Bhopal, was diagnosed with black fungus. Due to which his upper jaw (maxillary bone on both sides) got rotten, and all the upper teeth became mobile. He was very nervous with this disease. He contacted Dr. Anshul Rai at AIIMS Hospital, where he was operated. Due to this surgery his upper jaw was removed along with all the teeth. Also, several injections were given to treat the black fungus and only then his life could be saved. But after that due to lack of teeth, he had difficulty in eating food. Dr. Anshul Rai advised the placement of upper jaw and teeth with zygomatic implants. He also informed him about all possible risks. However, the expenses in AIIMS were



comparatively very less than other hospitals. After that Dr. Anshul Rai performed the surgery of zygomatic implants, which lasted for about two hours. A few days later, the work of

implanting the prosthesis of the teeth over the zygomatic implants was done, which was completed in about

The patient got the good fortune of

chewing and eating food after about one and a half years. The patient is very happy after regaining his teeth. This is the first case of Bhopal district and the state, in which teeth damaged due to black fungus were successfully implanted with zygomatic implants and prosthesis.

Dr Anshul Rai said that last year many people were operated for black fungus at AIIMS Bhopal. Now, they are coming for teeth replacement. Dental surgery with zygomatic implants is very complex procedure which involves the risk of damage to the eve. He informed that he has asked for funding from the Indian Council of Medical Research for the zygomatic implants prosthesis surger ies. After getting the funding, it will be possible to treat such patients free of

RETINA 2022-DAY 4



■ Vivek Singh melodious voice filled every corner of the arena as the crowd sung along with their favourite hits. It was the second last day of the Retina 2022 at AIIMS Bhopal

The Governor of Sikkim, **Gangaram Prasad calls** on the Governor **Mangubhai Patel**



Bhopal: The Governor of Sikkim, Gangaram Prasad, received a courtesy call on the Governor Mangubhai Patel at Raj Bhavan today Governor Mangubhai

Patel welcomed the Governor of Sikkim, Prasad by presenting him a bouquet of flowers, a shawl, a quince and a symbol of Sanchi Stupa. Governor Patel was greeted by the Governor of Sikkim by wearing a shawl. Book memorabilia, photo album, state handicrafts and flower bouquets were presented to him.

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he memory of the corona pandemic makes me shudder. This was even more affecting for the children, because their life was imprisoned in a cage like a bird. At such a time, daughters in Sehore dis trict of Madhya Pradesh not only gave flight to the aspirations and imaginations of these children, but also kept alive the urge to study in their minds. Schools were closed during the Corona epidemic. Lock down was imposed, due to which all activities came to a halt, normal life came to a complete halt. In such a situation, everyone was concerned about the physical and mental development of the children. Then the Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti made a plan to open a community learning center in Sehore district. In this, UNICEF, an organization working for children, was also supported.

Asha Mishra of Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti says that a survey was



During the Corona period, college girls

conducted among more than 12 thousand children in the district and realizing their need, communities were interacted with. The representatives of the community agreed to this and the daughters came forward for this work. For this those areas were selected which used to be on the margins of the society. For example Adivasis, Dalits and other weaker sections. It got the support of the society and after that these centers were started. More than five hundred community education centers are running in Sehore district, out of which 687 volunteers are engaged in studies according to the interest of

the children. Special emphasis is on language and mathematics. Children from class I to V come in these centres.In the Community Learning Center, the responsibility of teaching the children at most of the centers is handled by the girl students studying in the college. Those who are engaged in giving the knowledge of language and mathematics to the children through play and games.

Pinky Dangotia herself is studying MA in Political Science, but teaches 20 children at home. Another village is Chakaldi, where two sisters Abhilasha and Priyanshi Dhurve run the centre.Suman Upadhyay, the

teacher of Chakaldi's Government Primary School, believes that the number of students enrolled in the school has increased due to the education of children in the community education center started during the Corona period and the contact campaign carried out after that.

In the year 2020, where the number of students was 70, now the number has increased to 116.

Reena Dhurve and Mamta Vishwakarma, the mothers of children studying in the Community Learning Center, say that in the recent past of Corona, the children were the most worried because the children could not go to play and it was challenging to save them from the disease. In such a situation, if the urge to study remains, then the main reason for that is because the schools were closed and it was not easy to teach tuition. In this situation, these centres have been very helpful in creating new enthusiasm among the

EDITOR'S SPECS

Every fifth person in **UP** is overweight

Very fifth person in the 15-49 years dage group in Uttar Pradesh is overweight or obese. A gender wise assessment shows that 21.3 per cent women and 18.5 per cent men belong to overweight/obese category. The data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) four and five indicates a five-percentage point rise on the count. According to the health experts, against 16.5 per cent of the people falling in the category in NFHS-4, the number has gone up to 19 per cent for women and 6 per cent for men in NFHS-5. Nearly 23 per cent of men and 24 per cent of women were found to have a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or more -- which is a 4 per cent increase for both genders over 2015-16. Healthy body weight is calculated on the basis of body mass index (BMI) formula. Anyone with a BMI of more than 30 is considered obese and a person with a BMI between 25 and 29.9 is deemed overweight. Stating that once obesity was considered a problem of the wealthy countries, experts admitted that it was shifting towards countries where a majority of the population falls in low- and middleincome groups. Overall, the worldwide prevalence of obesity has nearly tripled over the past four decades. Dubbing it as a rising nutrition concern, doctors said that excessive body weight was an open invitation to diseases. A WHO report noted that too much body fat increases the risk of noncommunicable diseases, including 13 types of cancer, type-2 diabetes, heart problems and lung conditions. Blaming unhealthy eating habits, poor stress management and lack of exercise for the trend, experts urged people to be mindful of risks to their health.

India's rise as a global counsel at Samarkand summit

D.C. Pathak

he post-Cold War world - no more divided in rival camps created by two competing superpowers confronting each other for military and ideological reasons - ironically witnessed the rise of a new global terror primarily targeting the US, from the same 'geographical pivot of history' called Afghanistan that had earlier caused the demise of USSR, the other superpower. Success of the anti-Soviet armed campaign in Afghanistan that was conducted on the slogan of Jehad, resulted in the establishment of the first Emirate of Taliban in Kabul in 1996. The latter carrying the historical legacy of the anti-West 'Wahhabi revolt', soon bared its fangs against the US, compelling the latter to work for its ouster.

This in turn laid the turf for 9/11 - the trans-Atlantic attack on the Twin Towers carried out by Al Qaeda that had worked in close collaboration with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The 'war on terror' that followed first in Afghanistan and then in Iraq, saw India firmly coming on board with the US in its offensive against the Islamic radicals and consistently supporting the US at all fora in the call for global action against Islamic extremists and radicals.Pakistan was a reluctant partner of US in the 'war on terror' playing a duplicitous role there and it later pretended to use its outreach to Taliban for mediating for peace at Doha talks to facilitate withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan.

The US put up with the reinstallation of Taliban Emirate in Kabul in August 2021 on a flimsy assurance from Taliban that it will not permit Afghan territory to be used for another 9/11 type of terror act.

India was left to deal largely on its own with the increased danger of cross-border terror from the Pak-Afghan belt in Kashmir and elsewhere and the added threat to national security arising from the Sino-Pak axis that entailed military liaison between the two hostile neighbours of India.

The geopolitical scenario was also soon affected by a contentious relationship between the US and Russia that cropped up on the advent of Joe Biden Presidency putting India's foreign policy on test.

Russia's military operation against Ukraine added to the challenge for India, of steering its national strategy. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, however, this nation has successfully tackled the new demands on security and economic fronts facing the country with consistency, clarity and a new-found political will - and enabled India to steadily emerge as a global power and in particular establish itself as an Asian giant.

mulated, with the able assistance of his NSA, revolved around a firm declaration that there will be no talks with Pakistan until the latter renounces use of terror as an instrument of state policy in respect of India, bilateral relations with all based on mutuality of security and economic interests and special emphasis on India-US friendship as an expression of natural bonding between the two largest democracies of the world without prejudice to the valuable India-Russia relationship that has been built over years to serve, among other things, the need for India to have a dependable source of modern military equipment-Russia, in fact, has been the biggest supplier of arms to India in recent years. Besides, India has proved its total commitment to economic development of all in the interest of world peace. What is remarkable about this national strategy is that it rests on Prime Minister Modi's personal equation with both US President Biden as well as Russian President Vladimir Putin. This has enabled India to play the role of a global counsel in the sensitive geopolitical situation created by the prolonged Ukraine-Russia conflict, in which the US and Europe have both got deeply involved in support of Ukraine. It is in this context, Prime Minister Modi's participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit at Samarkand in Uzbekistan where Iran joined in the group of Russia, China, India, Pakistan and the four CARs established the stature of India as a world power and as a major influence on global geopolitics. This happened since India kept Pakistan and China in their place, used the bilateral meeting between Putin and Modi to further strengthen their mutual ties while maintaining the stand that the Ukraine-Russia military conflict should end and peace negotiations should resume, pushing economic cooperation in the region on top of the agen da. The Samarkand summit has enhanced the international standing of India and added to the stature of Prime Minister Modi as a world leader.At the summit, Modi projected India as a great supporter of SCO, reminding the participants that the group accounted for 40 per

among the member countries. He informed the summit that India has established more than 70,000 startups, including over a hundred unicorns, and announced the formation of a special working group on startups and innovation to share

cent of the world population and 30 per cent

of the global GDP, and focused primarily on

India's potential as a resurgent economy for

contributing to the economic cooperation

India's experience with others. The Prime Minister talked of India being on

the way to becoming the manufacturing hub

of the world with a strong and young workforce that made India competitive and disclosed that India has already become the most appealing destination for medical and health tourism and a globally acknowledged centre for traditional medicine.

Speaking of the food and energy security, he referred to the disruption of global supply chains due to the Covid pandemic as also the Ukraine-Russia military conflict and highlighted the need for establishing connectivity among the member nations through grant of transit facility - drawing attention indirectly to the impediment caused by Pakistan to the efforts of India to rush food supplies and humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan.

Modi also gave a call for enhancing food security by promoting production of millets following the example of India.

In short, India came off as a lead player in SCO for boosting all-round economic development - this goes squarely to the credit of Prime Minister Modi.

A great outcome of the SCO summit was the in-person bilateral meeting between Putin and Modi that further cemented Indo-Russian bonds. This happened even as Modi maintained that 'this is not an era of war' and repeated his call for peace negotiations between Ukraine and Moscow to end the conflict since, according to him, the world favoured 'democracy, diplomacy and dialogue'.Putin's reasonable response was to tell Modi that he understood India's concerns and conveyed Russia's willingness to hold talks. It may be mentioned here that Putin had called Russian action in Ukraine a military 'operation', not 'war'.Prime Minister Modi's stand on Ukraine-Russia conflict remains consistent with the view that concerns of both sides have to be addressed - it establishes India's wise counsel, retains the trust of the conflicting sides in India's Prime Minister and does not adversely affect Indo-US friendship.

The handling of Indo-Russian relations has a bearing on India's strategy of tackling a hostile China. India is prepared to deal with PLA on the borders, is actively engaging with Quad to check Chinese aggressive designs in the Indo-Pacific and thus safeguard Indian Ocean too, and is fully supportive of the US-led efforts to promote economic cooperation to counter the Chinese Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) - a project designed by China to extend its influence in Asia and elsewhere.

Chinese President Xi Jinping would not like India to move totally to the US side, particularly after the eruption of American hostility against China on the issue of Taiwan, and at the same time would like to strengthen the China-Russia

axis in the context of developments pertaining to Ukraine.

India's approach to the Ukraine-Russia conflict helps to ensure that China-Russia bonds do not affect India's national security

India does not mind omission of any reference to the relevance of the application of UN Charter in the context of Ukraine-Russia conflict in the joint statement of the summit, since a direct negotiation between the two sides, possibly with the informal help from a mutually acceptable friend like India, would be better than a formal third-party intervention there. Although India did not show any keenness for a bilateral meeting between China and India at Samarkand, President Xi for his own reasons publicly welcomed India as the host of next year's SCO summit.

India has a lot to feel satisfied about the ioint statement of the summit called Samarkand Declaration.

The statement advocated respect for the rights of people to independently and democratically choose political and socio-economic development and reaffirmed the principles of mutual respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of states, non-interference in internal affairs and nonuse of threat of force, as the basis for sustainable development of international relations.

Importantly for India, the summit expressed deep concerns over the security threats posed by terrorism, separatism and extremism in all its forms and manifestations and strongly condemned terrorist acts around the world. It called for implementation of the programme of cooperation among SCO countries for countering terrorism. It held that the most important factor for improving and strengthening security and stability in the SCO region is the speedy settlement of the situation in Afghanistan by way of providing an inclusive government there and making it free of terrorism and drugs.

Considering the known fact that the return of the Taliban Emirate in Kabul was made possible because of the total support of Pakistan, the Samarkand Declaration was meant to identify the Pak-Afghan belt as the breeding ground of Islamic radicals, notwithstanding the familiar plea of Pakistan - repeated by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the summit - that Pakistan is itself a victim of terrorism.India has every reason to feel happy that its stand on both economic development of the world and international security was fully vindicated at the SCO summit.

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DEMONSTRATIONS IN IRAN POSE BIGGEST THREAT TO HARDLINE REGIME IN 13 YEARS

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emonstrations have spread to most of Iran's 31 provinces and almost all urban centres, pitting anti-government demonstrators against regime forces, including the military, and posing the most serious test to the hardline state's authority in more than 13 years, local media reported. The demonstrations have evoked images of an anti-government protest in 2009, known as the green revolution, that followed contentious presidential elections and marked the last time citizens faced off against security forces on a large scale."The main difference between the current protest compared to the green movement in 2009 is that now people are fighting back; they are not afraid of the brutal regime," said Sima Sabet, an Iranian journalist and presenter on the Iran International TV station, The Guardian reported."Demonstrators are now burning ambulances because the government is using ambulances to move their security forces not to rescue people. The protesters are now using different tactics; they move between all cities and



make it hard for security forces to control all locations.'

Firuzeh Mahmoudi, executive director of human rights NGO United for Iran, said the recent unrest followed months of Iranians being prepared to hold smaller protests on an array of issues. "The uprising in 2009 in some ways was more expansive in certain cities," she said.

"We had millions of people protesting in certain cities during the biggest day of that protest. It was the biggest thing since the [1979] revolution. They did not see it coming and were very surprised."Now we're seeing not only big cities, but smaller cities that

we've never seen before. We're now also seeing unprecedented ways in which people are showing up, in the messaging and the boldness. Things are a lot more unified."Mahmoudi said chants heard at rallies, such as "We'll support our sisters and women, life, liberty", had been heard

around the country."This is unprecedented for us. We have never seen women take their hijab off in mass like this. Burning down the police centres, running after their cars, burning down the pictures of [supreme leader Ayatollah Ali] Khamenei," she said, The Guardian reported.Drawing on lessons learned over the past decade in anti-govern-Middle East, smartphones have been used as organising tools, with messages and places of demonstrations widely circulated, despite widespread cuts to the country's internet.

"They have tactics about how to send their videos outside of Iran despite the cut-off f the internet," said Sabet."For the first time now in Iran, women are burning their hijabs with the support of men," The Guardian reported. Substantial numbers of Iranians have long been opposed to unflinching societal rules and the reach of the state's security forces, which have enforced one of the region's most formidable theocratic

states over more than four decades. As long as the protesters continue agitation on the streets and wear out the security forces, they will sustain and maybe expand the momentum. In at least one small city, Oshnavieh, in north-west Iran, the regime has lost effective control and retreated to the outskirts.Internet provider Starlink has announced that it will activate its satellite so the internet can be accessed inside Iran, The Guardian reported.

NKorea fires one short-range ballistic missile into East Sea: SKorean military

Torth Korea fired a orth Korea fired a short-range ballistic missile into the East Korea's military said, two days after a nuclear-powered US aircraft carrier arrived here for allied drills.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said it detected the launch from an area in or around Taechon, North Pyongan Province, at 6:53

a.m., and that it flew some 600 kilometers at an apogee of around 60 km at a top speed of Mach 5.

The intelligence authorities of the South and the United States are conducting a detailed analysis for other details, Yonhap news agency reported quoting the JCS.

The launch came as US Vice President Kamala Harris plans to visit Seoul later this week and the allies are set to hold a joint maritime exercise in the East Sea, involving the USS Ronald Reagan carrier strike group.

Soon after the launch, JCS Chairman Gen. Kim Seung-kyum and Gen. Paul LaCamera, the commander of the South Korea-US Combined Forces Command, had discussions on security coordination.

"They reaffirmed that through the planned South Korea-US maritime exercise and other efforts, they would further solidify a combined defense posture against any North Korean threats and provocations," the JCS said in a text message sent to reporters.

It strongly urged the North to immediately stop all ballistic missile tests, saying such a launch is an act of "significant provocation that undermines peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula as well as in the international community," and a "clear" breach of UN Security Council resolutions.

"While monitoring and tracking North Korean movements to prepare against any additional provocation in close cooperation with the US, our military will maintain a firm readiness posture based on the capability to respond overwhelmingly to any North Korean provocation," the JCS said.

The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command stressed Washington's security commitment to South Korea and Japan.

24 al-Qaida members killed in anti-terror operations in Yemen

Aden (Yemen) Agencies

Temen's pro-government forces continued anti-terror military operations in the southern province of Abyan, a security official told Xinhua.

The troops raided the al-Qaida terrorist group's strongholds in various areas of the province in recent days, killing 24 armed al-Qaida members, the local security source said on condition of anonymity on Saturday."The troops launched on Saturday the fourth phase of the anti-terror campaign aimed at pushing their elements out of the whole province," the source added.He said al-Qaida militants were evicted in four districts following weeks of deadly fighting, adding that 32 soldiers were killed and 40 others wounded in operations in the past sever-

al days, Xinhua news agency reported. The pro-government forces backed by Saudi Arabia also continued their opera-



southern areas, according to the official. On Tuesday, military units of the Southern Transitional Council (STC), which are part of Yemen's government, attacked al-Qaida hideouts and positions in various mountainous areas of turbulent Abyan, making headway on the ground. In August, the STC troops launched a major anti-terror operation code-named "Arrows of the East" in

Abyan to combat terrorist groups.

In leaked audio, Shehbaz Sharif being told that Maryam's son-in-law wants to import a power plant from India

Lahore Agencies

leaked audio that has gone viral on social media allegedly featuring Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif contains a discussion regarding PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz asking for import of machinery for a power plant from India for her son-in-law, local media reported.

"He is our son-in-law, inform him about the issues in importing a plant from India," Prime Minister Shehbaz allegedly said, to an unidentified man.

The unidentified man can be heard briefing the person, alleged to be the premier, about the consequences of taking the decision, to which the Prime Minister allegedly asks him to convey all reservations to Maryam's son-in-law and that he will personally meet him once he returns from



At this, the other person allegedly advises Shehbaz Sharif to get this work

done from former finance minister Ishaq Dar, to which he agrees, Geo News reported.

An audio recording of an alleged conversation, purportedly between the Prime Minister and a government official, was leaked on social media on Saturday, with Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) leaders claiming that it shows the PM putting his family's business interests before those of the

In the over two-minute-long audio clip, shared by PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry on his Twitter account on Saturday, a voice - said to be that of PM Sharif - can be heard saying that Maryam Nawaz Sharif had asked him to facilitate her son-in-law Raheel with the import of machinery for a power plant, from India, Dawn

CHINA LAUNCHES TWO NEW EXPERIMENTAL SATELLITES

China on Sunday launched a Kuaizhou-1A carrier rocket

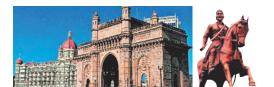


to place two satellites in space.

The pair of satellites, Shiyan-14 and Shiyan-15, were lifted at 6:55 a.m. (Beijing Time) from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the northern province of Shanxi and soon entered the preset orbit, Xinhua news agency reported.

The Shiyan-14 will mainly be used to conduct scientific experiments and verify new technologies, while the Shiyan-15 will provide data in the fields of land survey, urban planning, and disaster prevention and mitigation.

It was the 18th flight mission of the Kuaizhou-1A series rockets, according to the launch center



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RISING COUNT: ANIMAL ATTACKS KILLED NSE phone tapping 86 PEOPLE IN MAHARASHTRA IN 2021-22 case: CBI arrests ex-

Quaid Najmi | Mumbai

t a time when the entire nation's attention is fixed on the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, where eight cheetahs from Namibia were released on September

17, 70 years after they went extinct in the country, latest data show a worrying surge in the number of human casualties due to animal attacks in neighbouring Maharashtra.

Citing the latest data, Maharashtra Forest Minister Sudhir Mugantiwar recently revealed that in 2019-20 at least 47 people lost their lives in wild animal attacks, 80 were killed in 2020-21, and 86 persons died in 2021-22, showing an upward trajectory.

Speaking on the incidents of mananimal conflict in the state, Maharashtra's Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Sunil Limaye, said that "it is not so good but not so bad either", even though he did sound a cautionary note on how it is more for humans to be understanding rather than for animals.

"Humans continually enter or encroach on wildlife territories despite specific 'dos and donts' to the effect, especially in the regions adjoining sanctuaries/reserves. Humans are grabbing more and more space from wildlife, and don't allow



wild animals to use their corridors or even chase them off when they are seen, resulting in conflicts," Limaye

He said the government has deployed Primary Response Teams to warn people from straying into forests especially when wildlife movements, particularly the big cats are noticed after dusk, and even Rapid Rescue Teams in case of such tragedies as "the objective is to save both humans and animals".

Nevertheless, Maharashtra is plagued by various forms of man-animal conflict across the state, said wildlife conservationist and Secretary of the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) Kishore Rithe.

"People here face maximum attacks from tigers, sloth bears, leopards, wild boars and gaurs, largely due to humans entering their domain or the animals straying out of their

territories for food," Rithe explained. Rithe said in the past few years, the state is concerned over the growing elephant menace stomping here from neighbouring Karnataka and Odisha states, causing widespread havoc on

fertile agriculture land and crops.
"Elephants are now virtually 'residents' in the coastal Konkan and 'migratory' in parts of Vidarbha forests, spending three-four months a year, with the duration increasing

gradually, adding to complications for humans and other wild creatures," added a worried Rithe, founder of the Satpuda Foundation. Both Limaye and Rithe called for an all-round strategy to reduce mancreature skirmishes on a long-term

basis, with the humans first under-

standing and responding to the needs of the animals to avoid conflicts. Hoping to give more 'breathing space' and 'elbow room' to the big and small wild animals, Maharashtra has so far declared 52 wildlife sanctuaries/reserves across the state, and

proposes to add seven more soon. This has taken the physical area of protected regions up to 13,000 sq. km to secure the flora and fauna, especially in the territories adjacent to national parks/sanctuaries/reserves or the critical 'jungle corridors' linking them, said Mungantiwar.

Additionally, in a welcome step last month, the state government decided to hike the compensation amount given to victims of injuries or fatalities in wildlife attacks, humans as well as their cattle or farm animals and fowl which are a source of livelihood.

Mumbai Police Chief

Team Absolute New Delhi

he Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have arrested former Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey in connection with a case pertaining to alleged phone tapping of National Stock Exchange (NSE) employees between 2009 and 2017.

Pandey was already in judicial custody and was lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail. He was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate, who also have filed the charge-sheet in the

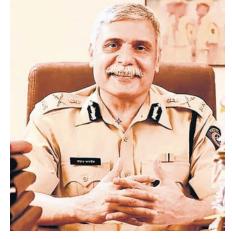
Now, the CBI have arrested him and also moved a remand plea before the Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court which sent Pandey to a five-day CBI custody.

The central probe agency will now will confront Pandey with certain documents. On the directions of Union Ministry of Home Affairs, the CBI had registered a new case against former NSE Chief Chitra

Ramkrishna in phone tapping case. Nearly two months ago, a statement of Pandey was recorded at CBI's Mumbaibased headquarters. After the CBI question-

ning, he was let off. The CBI had also conducted raids in Mumbai, Pune and several other parts of the country in connection with this case.

A CBI source said that during 2009 and 2017, the phones of the employees of NSE



were illegally tapped by Ramkrishna and Pandey.

"Pandey ran iSec Securities Pvt. Ltd. It has been alleged that Ramkrishna used this firm to tap the phone of NSE's employees. The phone calls made by NSE employees between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. were tapped and recorded by iSec Securities Pvt. Ltd. It has been alleged that Pandey helped in tapping the phone calls illegally," the source

Further investigation in the matter is

Piramal Financial, Zurich Insurance to form partnership for Reliance **General Insurance Company**

Team Absolute | Mumbai

iramal Financial and Zurich Insurance, who have submitted separate bids for the general insurance business of Reliance Capital, have decided to form an equal partnership to bid for the Reliance General Insurance

According to sources, both Piramal and Zurich will hold 50 per cent each in the proposed joint venture compa-

If this proposed JV succeeds in emerging as the successful resolution applicant for RGIC, then it will mark the entry of Zurich Insurance in India's general insurance busi-

In the independent bids submitted at the end of August, Piramal had valued Reliance Capital's general insurance business at Rs 3,600 crore, while Zurich had quoted Rs 3,700 crore for the same. The third bidder, Advent had submitted a Rs 7,000 crore resolution plan for RGIC.

By partnering, Zurio compete with each other, and thus for RGIC, it will only be a two horse race between Advent and Zurich-Piramal consortium.

The RCAP Administrator and Committee



of Creditors (COC) had appointed a global expert - Tower Watson, to do the actual valuation of RGIC. This valuation is available to all the bidders and the actuarial valuation for 100 per cent of RGIC is Rs 9,450 crore.

The last date for the submission of binding bids for Reliance Capital and its multiple subsidiaries is October 30. Earlier, it was September 29, but the COC granted a four week extension, as the majority of bidders had sought more time to complete the due diligence process.

Reliance Capital l binding bids for its multiple businesses. Six companies had submitted bids for the entire company, while the rest of the bidders had submitted bids for its multiple subsidiaries.

We've started Metro project stalled for over two years: Eknath Shinde

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aharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Sunday said Metro and other projects stalled in the state in the last twoand-a-half years have been taken up on priority by his government.

"We don't take decisions sitting in Mantralaya (state secretariat), we take decisions on the spot. Our government has removed negativity and brought in positivity in the state. This has brought 'nav chaitanya' (new consciousness) among citizens," Shinde said. He said his government after coming to power in June-end this year had cleared thousands of files. In the wake of the Vedanta-Foxconn multi-billion semiconductor project going in Gujarat, Shinde said, What if one industry has gone out of the state, we will get better ones." One has to see the list the industries which have come up in the state in the past two-and-a-half years he said addressing a rally held in the memory of the Mathadi leader late Annasaheb Patil in Navi Mumbai.

"We are here for satya (truth) and



not for satta (Power)," Shinde said adding that his was a "double engine government" and detractors were afraid of it.

Shinde became chief minister on June 30 this year after a revolt led by him against the Shiv Sena leadership led to the collanse of the Uddhay Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government, which comprised the

Sena, NCP, and Congress. The Chief Minister said he would

not comment on anyone and that the people of Maharashtra have themselves seen the speed of work in the past two-and-a-half years.

"The projects in the state, including Metro, which were stalled in the past two-and-a-half years have been taken up on priority and started now." he said. Shinde said the citizens of the state have now witnessed a change with several decisions being taken by the present government.

"When we sign orders, our intentions are very clear. We take decisions on the spot," the Chief Minister said. He was referring to his visit on

Saturday to meet families affected by the Sewri-Worli elevated road project and his announcement that they would be given transit accommodation."We do not have any personal agenda. We are working for the overall development of all sections of people in the state. We want a balanced development of the state," the Chief Minister said.

The recruitment process which had halted in the past 2.5 years has been restarted. The process of recruitment of 75,000 people has already begun, he said without elaborating."We want to create job givers and not job aspirants," he said, adding that this was also the intention of Shiv Sena supremo late Bal

In the recent Ganesh festival, there this was possible as "we had lifted restrictions on the festivals" (imposed earlier in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic), Shinde pointed out.

BCCI elections result to come out on October 18, the day of AGM: Report

Team Absolute Mumbai

he result of the elections at the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will come out in Mumbai on October 18, the day of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

As per a report in Cricbuzz, AK Joti, a former chief election commissioner of India, is the electoral officer. In a notice to the state associations on September 24, he has announced the official schedule for the elections. As per the report, only a nominated representative of the state unit can contest in the election. "The Electoral Officer, BCCI, hereby invites Full

Members of the BCCI to submit applications to have their respective representatives ('Representatives') included in the Electoral Roll for the Election to be held at the General Meeting of



of the BCCI Constitution: President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer;

B. One (01) Elective post of Member of the Apex Council under Rule 14 of the BCCI Constitution; C. Two (02) Elective posts of Members of the

Governing Council under Rule 28 of the BCCI Constitution," said the notification in the report. As per the detailed timeline of the elections, the

deadline for Members to File Applications to Nominate their Representatives is October 4. It will be followed by release of Draft Electoral Roll on October 5 and submission of objections to names in the draft electoral roll on October 6 and 7.

The report added that the examination of Objections and Decisions; and release of final electoral roll will be on October 10. The window to file nomination application (to Be filed in person) opens on October 11 and 12 while the scrutiny of nomination applications will take place on October

Goa Chief Minister urges NGOs, young professionals to adopt primary schools

Team Absolute Panaji

7ith a view to seek the support from society to upgrade the primary schools, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Sunday said that under the Central government initiative 'Vidyanjali' one can adopt these schools and contribute for a good cause.

"Primary schools can be adopted, but we are not giving it to those who adopt it. Control will remain with the government," Sawant said.

"In case any NGO, young professionals, retired government officers, public private sector institutions wishes to adopt schools and develop infrastructure and provide equipment by giving additional training then they can register themselves on 'Vidyanjali' (portal) platform or contact teachers," Sawant

"Not only that, even religious institutions and banks from the vicinity can adopt government primary schools and support to upgrade," Sawant said.

Sawant said that the government is very serious about primary education. "Only if we impart primary education in a good way, then only its good results would be seen in future," Sawant said.

He said that the government was focusing on National Education Policy 2020. "First five years, from age 3 to 8 are very important for students, hence along with teachers parents also should work towards the progress of students, he said.

Sources informed that in order to provide teachers to the primary schools across the state, the government has decided to recruit around 142 teachers.

EKNATH SHINDE APPOINTS GUARDIAN MINISTERS OF DISTRICTS

Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Saturday appointed guardian ministers of districts in the state, with his deputy and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Devendra Fadnavis getting charge of several areas of Vidarbha.Devendra Fadnavis will be guardian minister of Nagpur, Wardha, Amravati, Akola, Bhandara and Gadchiroli.

School education minister Deepak Kesarkar will be guardian minister of Mumbai city and Kolhapur. while the metropolis' suburban district will be under the charge of tourism minister Mangalprabhat Lodha.

As per the CM's announcement, revenue minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil will be guardian minister of Ahmednagar and Solapur, forest minister Sudhir Mungatiwa of Chandrapur and Gondia, higher and technical education minister Chandrakant Patil of Pune and tribal welfare minister Vijaykumar Gavit of



A. Five (05) posts of Office Bearers under Rule 6

park project, he claimed.

hiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray on Saturday lashed out at the Eknath Shindeled state government for Vedanta-Foxconn's decision to set up its semiconductor plant in

Gujarat instead of Maharashtra. The project went out of Maharashtra after the Shinde-led rebel Shiv Sena MLAs toppled the Maha Vikas Aghadi government headed by

Uddhav Thackeray, he said. The Shiv Sena and its youth wing Yuva Sena on Saturday organized a protest over the loss of the semiconductor project at Talegaon in Pune district, the site where it was supposed to come

up.
"Rebel legislators betrayed not just the party but even the state's youth by enabling the Vedanta-Foxconn project to go out of the state," Aaditya Thackeray said, addressing the protesters.The Shinde government wasn't a 'sarkar' but

a circus, he quipped. Even its industry minister didn't know that the

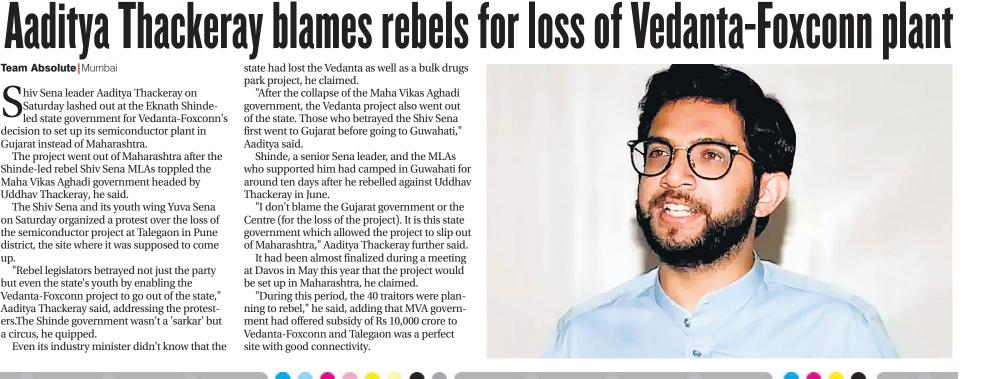
"After the collapse of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government, the Vedanta project also went out of the state. Those who betrayed the Shiv Sena first went to Gujarat before going to Guwahati,"

Shinde, a senior Sena leader, and the MLAs who supported him had camped in Guwahati for around ten days after he rebelled against Uddhav

Thackeray in June. "I don't blame the Gujarat government or the Centre (for the loss of the project). It is this state government which allowed the project to slip out of Maharashtra," Aaditya Thackeray further said. It had been almost finalized during a meeting

be set up in Maharashtra, he claimed. "During this period, the 40 traitors were planning to rebel," he said, adding that MVA government had offered subsidy of Rs 10,000 crore to Vedanta-Foxconn and Talegaon was a perfect site with good connectivity.

at Davos in May this year that the project would



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Leslie Grace releases BTS footage from 'Batgirl'

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he DC Comics film 'Batgirl' has been cancelled but that doesn't stop the film's actress Leslie Grace from sharing more behindthe-scenes (BTS) footage of the production, nearly two months after the project was axed by Warner Bros. Discovery. "I couldn't resist," Grace wrote in the description for a TikTok that she posted on Saturday morning. Set to "Evergreen" by Omar Apollo, the video contains footage of Grace through various stages of production, recording herself with a Gotham hero's signature smokey eye makeup, rehearsing complex fight choreography and taking a wire-assisted tumble in front of a blue screen.

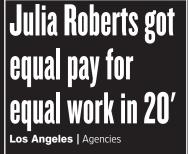
According to a magazine, the video concludes with Grace, grinning, riding a mechanical rocking horse in the full purple Batgirl costume, complete with goggles and a leather jacket.

In early August, Warner Bros. Discovery officially confirmed that it would not release 'Batgirl', despite the production having completed principal photography and a significant fraction of its post-production timeline.

"Querida familia! On the heels of the recent news about our movie 'Batgirl', I am proud of the love, hard work and intention all of our incredible cast and tireless crew put into this film over 7 months in Scotland," Grace wrote on Instagram in her first public reaction to the news of the film's cancel-

Her message was accompanied by more behind-the-scenes footage from the film. "I feel blessed to have worked among absolute greats and forged relationships for a lifetime in the process! To every Batgirl fan -- THANK YOU for the love and belief, allowing me to take on the cape and become, as Babs said best, 'my own damn hero!' Batgirl for life.





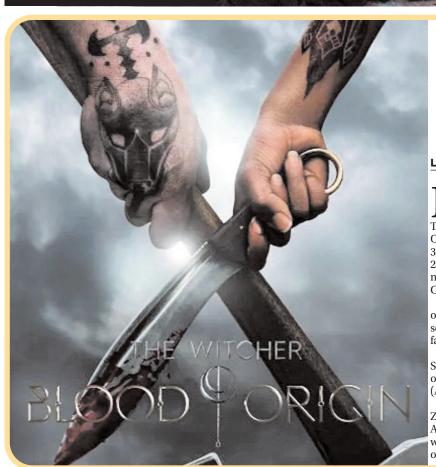
ulia Roberts was able to break the glass ceiling for A-list female movie stars only in 2000 when she commanded \$20 million for the biographical legal drama 'Erin Brockovich'. Until then, no woman actor had been getting as much pay as their male counterparts such as Tom Cruise or Tom Hanks, who ruled the 1990s box office alongside

At Saturday's A+E Networks and History Channel's History Talks in Washington D.C., moderator Gayle King asked Roberts about the negotiation tactics she employed to gain about it, but I felt like, 'Come on'," Roberts said. "Which is my nature, not to be all up-in-arms about some thing, but to say, 'Let's get real. Let's be fair'." Roberts acknowledged, that she'd earned her paycheck, having carried such culture-defining hits as 'Pretty Woman', 'Notting Hill' and 'My Best Friend's Wedding'.

"When I'm working, I work very hard," Roberts said. "I'm ready. I'm on time. I'm prepared. I'm happy. I'm all-in. So, show me the money,' Roberts said.

During their conversation, Roberts and King also discussed the challenges of speaking out. Often for women, King said, "taking the high road" -- in agreements about salary among other things -- means "shutting up". But Roberts maintained she was never worried about getting penalised for standing up for herself.





'The Witcher' spinoff series 'Blood Origin' to debut on Christmas Day

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etflix is making 2023 the year of the popular fantasy drama series, 'The Witcher'. Announced at the streamer's fan event Tudum, its spinoff series, 'The Witcher: Blood Origin', will debut on December 25, and Season 3 of the main show will follow in the summer of 2023. Fans last visited 'The Witcher' universe nearly a year ago, when Season 2 of the Henry Cavill-led series dropped in December 2021.

Since then, it has spawned even more spinoffs. In addition to the 'Blood Origin' limited series, an anime feature is on the way and a family-friendly 'Witcher' series is in the works.

Not much is known about 'The Witcher' Season 3, but it will continue the story of Geralt of Rivia (Cavill), Ciri (Freya Allan) and Yennefer (Anya Chalotra).

Joining the cast are Robbie Amell, Meng'er Zhang, Hugh Skinner and Christelle Elwin. Amell plays an elven fighter named Gallatin, who leads an army of guerrilla Scoia'tael fighting on behalf of Nilfgaard.

Zhang is Milva, a human adopted by the dryads of Brokilon Forest who is a fierce and talented huntress. Skinner plays Prince Radovid, a royal playboy and the younger brother to King Vizimir (Ed Birch). Elwin is Mistle, a member of The Rats, who are a gang of misfit teenagers

stealing from the rich and giving to themselves. Set in an elven world 1,200 years before the events of 'The Witcher', the prequel series 'Blood Origin' will tell a story lost to time, including the creation of the first prototype Witcher and the events that lead to the pivotal Conjunction of the Spheres, when the worlds of monsters, men and elves merged to become one, 'Variety' reports.

It has Malaysian action star Michelle Yeoh as Scian, the last member of a nomadic tribe of sword-elves on a mission to retrieve a blade stolen from her people; Sophia Brown as Eile, a warrior of the Queen's guard who leaves to become a travelling musician; and Laurence O'Fuarain as Fjall, a man born into a clan of warriors sworn to protect a king who instead sets out to seek vengeance.



Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav fifties help India beat Australia by six wickets, win series 2-1

Virat Kohli (63) and Suryakumar Yadav (69) struck brilliant half-centuries and figured in a century partnership as India defeated Australia by six wickets with one ball to spare in the 3rd T20I at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium here on Sunday to clinch the three-match series 2-1.

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Kohli anchored the innings after India lost openers KL Rahul and Rohit Sharma with only 30 runs on the card and figured in two vital partnerships -- a 104 runs stand with Yadav and 48 runs for the fourth with Hardik Pandya (25 not out) as India capitalised on some good work by their bowlers to restrict Australia to 186/7 and then successfully chased the runs to win the match.

Austalia had got off to a blazing start thanks to youngster Cameron Green (52) but were pegged back by the Indian bowlers, who came back strongly in the middle overs, before ending the innings in whirlwind fashion thanks to Tim David (54) to raise 186/7. But thanks to the brilliant efforts by Kohli and Yadav helped India reach 187/4 in 19.5 overs to win the match.

This was Kohli's second century partnership at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium after figuring in a 102-run stand with K.L Rahul against West Indies in 2019.

While hitting a brilliant 69, Survakumar Yadav became the highest scorer in T20 this year as he reached 682 runs in 20 innings to overtake D.S Airee of Nepal who has 626 runs from 17 innings.



Brief scores

Australia 186/7 in 20 overs (Cameron Green 52, Tim David 54, Daniel Sams 28 not out Josh Inglis 24; Axar Patel 3/33) lost to India 187/4 in 19.5 overs (Virat Kohli 63, Suryakumar Yadav 69, Hardik Pandya 25 not out; Daniel Sams 2/33) by six wickets.

India give Jhulan Goswami a fitting farewell with 3-0 series win over England



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ndian women's cricket team gave a fitting farewell Lto legendary fast bowler Jhulan Goswami, on her last international game, with a 16-run victory in a low-scoring third and final T20I and 3-0 series whitewash over England at Lord's on Saturday. With this, India also maintained their winning streak in the ICC Women's Championship 2022-25.

Led by a brilliant bowling display, India defended 169 at the Lord's in dramatic fashion as they got the last England wicket via runout at

With England requiring 17 runs to win, Charlotte Dean, who fought hard with an 80ball 47, backed up too far at the non-striker's end and Deepti removed the bails to leave the batter in tears and those watching in shock.

Earlier, put into bat, India were reduced to 29/4. However, they recovered with Smriti Mandhana (50) and Deepti Sharma (68 not out) stitching together a crucial half-century stand.

Rajeshwari Gayakwad struck twice in her first two overs to further dent England. 53/6 soon turned into 65/7 and the hosts had a huge uphill task on hand, but

(Deepti Sharma 68 not out, Smriti Mandhana 50; Kate Cross 4-26) beat England 153 in 43.4 overs (Charlotte Dean 47, Amy Jones 28; Renuka Singh 4.29. Jhulan Goswami 2-30) by 16 runs.

skipper Amy Jones and Charlotte Dean strung together a brilliant stand to revive England's innings. The series whitewash gave India their first such win over England in an ODI series in 20 years. They had beaten England 5-0 at home in 2002. This is, however, the first time India have whitewashed a non-Asian side in a bilateral ODI series of three or more

Hope I have been successful in inspiring the next generation: Jhulan Goswami

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egendary fast bowler Jhulan Goswami on Sunday hoped she had been success-Iful in inspiring the next generations to play "this beautiful game" while penning a heartfelt farewell note in which she confirmed her retirement from all formats of the game.

On Saturday, Jhulan was given a fitting farewell at Lord's, as India defeated England by 16 runs to seal a 3-0 ODI series sweep. While she was dismissed for a golden duck with the bat in her final match, she clinched figures of 2/30 in her ten overs, which included three maidens and taking the wicket of Kate Cross in her final over.

Considered as one of the bowlers to have ever played the game, Jhulan represented India in 12 Tests, 204 ODIs and 68 T20Is, picking 355 wickets across formats, the most by any bowler in women's international cricket. In ODIs, she picked 255 wickets, a



Jhulan played for India in five Women's ODI World Cups - 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017 and 2022. She remains the leading wicket-taker in the history of the Women's Cricket World Cups with 43 scalps.

INDIA CLAIM BRONZE ON DEBUT AT WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL TENT PEGGING CHAMPIONSHIP

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hining on debut at the Women's International Tent Pegging Championship, the Indian trio of captain Ritika Dahia, Priyanka Bhardwaj and Khushi Singh won a bronze medal for the country at the prestigious event in Jordan.

In all. 14 countries competed and the Indian team made its presence felt on debut, finishing with 136 points behind gold medal winners South Africa (170.5) and the second-place Oman (146). On day one of the competition, Dahiya and Bhardwaj competed in the individual and pairs lance event. The team was lying



tition on Day 1. On day two, the team competed in individual and team sword events and claimed second position with 24 points. In

Singh bagged first position with 18 points. With a good performance on the second day, India jumped to fourth position in the overall table.

Alexandrova defeats Ostapenko to clinch Korea Open 2022 title The 27-year-old had previ-

Seoul (South Korea): No

2 seed Ekaterina Alexandrova clinched Korea Open 2022 title and her third overall, after defeating No 1 seed Jelena Ostapenko 7-6(4), 6-0 in the final, here on Sunday.

The final was the second this year to pit the top two seeds against each other and, just as in St Petersburg in February, where Anett Kontaveit defeated Maria Sakkari, it was the No.2 seed who triimphed Alevandrova came from a break down three times in the first set and saved a set point serving at 5-6, but posted her sixth bagel

ously lifted the trophies at Shenzhen 2020 and 's-Hertogenbosch 2022 and improved to 3-2 in tour-level finals overall The 27-year old also extended her head-to-head lead over Ostapenko

to 5-2. One of those

victories, and the

only previous match in the series on outdoor hard courts, also took place in Seoul. In 2018, Alexandrova scored the first Top 10 victory of her career by upsetting Ostapenko 6-3, 6-2 in the second round. Four years on, Alexandrova reprised that result to score her fifth Top 20 win of the season.

Coimbatore | Agencies

est Zone on Sunday emerged winners of the 2022 Duleep Trophy after thrashing South Zone by 294 runs on the fifth day of the title clash at the SNR College Cricket Ground in Coimbatore on Sunday.

Resuming from 154/6 at stumps on day four in a mammoth chase of 529, South Zone were eventually bowled out for 234 in 71.2 overs, with left-arm spinner Shams Mulani picking up three of the four wickets to fall in the first session of the final day and take his second innings figures to 4/51.

With six of their batters falling on day four, T Ravi Teja and R Sai Kishore put up a defiant show against the West Zone bowling attack for almost two hours. Teja, who made 53 with the help of three fours and a six, added 57 runs off 157 balls with Kishore, who made seven and was intent on not being dislodged from the crease.

West Zone were finally able to break the stub-



born stand when Kishore was caught by Priyank Panchal at slip off Chintan Gaja's bowling. Eight overs later, Teja was trapped plumb in front of stumps by Mulani. Mulani and Tanush Kotian would pick rest of two wickets to make West Zone champions of Duleep Trophy 2022.

After conceding a 57-run first-innings lead to South Zone, West Zone bounced back by amassing 585/4 before declaring their second innings. Young Yashasvi Jaiswal led the batting run-fest with a

Brief scores West Zone 270 & 585/4d beat South Zone 327 & 234 (Rohan Kunnummal 93; Shams Mulani 4/51)

spectacular 265 and was adjudged 'Player of the Match' while middle-order batter Sarfaraz Khan continued to add more to his purple patch with a fine 127. For West Zone, experienced left-arm seamer Jaydev Unadkat finished with a match haul of 6/80 and was adjudged 'Player of the Series'.

Kipchoge breaks own world record to win 2022 Berlin marathon

of 2022 in the second set.

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enyan long-distance runner and double Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge on Sunday shattered his own world record, with a time of 2:01:09 to win the Berlin marathon.

It's the second time that Kipchoge has set the official men's world record at the race in the German capital. His previous best in an official 42.2km race was 2:01:39 set on the same course in 2018.

It was down to Kipchoge and Belihu at the 25km after dropping off the last pacer, at which point the



37-year-old began to gradually pull away from the Ethiopian.

With 15km to go it was down to Kipchoge and his unstoppable mind majestically pounding the streets of Berlin, breaking an occasional smile, chasing his second world record in five years. He crossed the finish line for his fourth win in Berlin, with the official time clocked at 2 hours, 1 minute, and 9 seconds, punching his fists in the air before hugging coach Patrick Sang, as the world celebrated another remark-

HARMANPREET BACKS BOWLER DEEPTI IN 'CONTROVERSIAL' RUN OUT OF ENGLAND'S CHARLIE DEAN

London | Agencies

ndia women's team captain Harmanpreet Kaur has backed her bowler Deepti ■ Sharma for running out England s Charlie Dean at the non-striker's end during her delivery stride in the third and final ODI at Lord's on Saturday, calling it a "part of the game". Freya Davies and Charlie Dean put on 35 runs for the final wicket, helping England from 118/9 to within sniffing distance of India's target of 169 before Deepti ran the England batter out before delivering the ball at the non-striker's end to seal India's win.

While the dismissal garnered attention from all quarters, according to the updated ICC Playing Conditions, "running out of the non-striker" has been moved from the "Unfair Play" section to the "Run out" section.

With 17 runs required, the 10th wicket partnership between Davies and Dean seemed to be helping England edge closer to the winning target. But drama soon unfolded at Lord's with Deepti running Dean out at the



non-striker's end in her delivery stride. Asked about the dismissal at the postmatch presentation ceremony, Harmanpreet played down the controversy surrounding the dismissal, saying Deepti "hasn't done something outside the rules". "It's part of the game I don't think we have done something new. It shows your awareness, what batters are doing. I will back my players; she (Deepti) hasn't done something outside the rules. At the end of the day a win is a win and we will take that." The wicket gave India a 16-run victory with Dean nearly taking the game out of their hands with her knock of 47 that helped England recover from a despondent 65/7 in the run chase.

Portugal cruise past Czechs, Spain stunned by Switzerland

Paris | Agencies

ortugal have boosted their chance to the semifinals of the Nations League after a convincing 4-0 win over the Czech Republic on Saturday, topping the group in which Spain suffered a shocking 2-1 loss to Switzerland on the same day.

Portugal, who won the first edition of the tournament in 2019, moved two points ahead of Spain and will host their neighbours in Braga on Tuesday in the showdown of the group stage.

Diogo Dalot opened his international scoring account by hitting a brace with Bruno Fernandes and Diogo Jota also on target, reports Xinhua. Dalot put Portugal in front after 33 minutes as he carried the ball from the midfield into the attacking third before making a smart run into the box to finish Rafael Leao's cut-



back pass. Fernandes doubled the lead in the first-half injury time before Cristiano Ronaldo committed a penalty for a handball only seconds before the break, but the Czech strik-

er Patrik Schick failed to convert it. Dalot scored his second goal in the match only seven minutes into the

second half as the Manchester United right-back curled brilliantly into the

corner with his left foot. Substitute Jota finished the rout in the 82nd minute by heading in

Ronaldo's header cross In the other match of the group, Luis Enrique's Spain conceded the

first defeat in the group in five games, losing to the Swiss 2-1 at home. The visitors took the lead in the 21st minute when Manchester City defender Manuel Akanji got the better of Cesar Azpilicueta in the air at a corner and nodded past Unai Simon. It was also the 27-year-old's first international goal in 43 caps.

Real Madrid forward Marco Asensio found a hole in Switzerland's defence in the 55th minute when he dribbled past four players before setting up for Jordi Alba's easy equaliser.

But Switzerland regained the lead from a corner only three minutes later as Breel Embolo headed home from close range. With this win, Switzerland surpassed the Czech Republic to take the third place in the group and a draw in their last group match with the latter would see it avoid relegation, however, the Czechs need a win to stay in the League A.

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We live in a time where trends & hashtags are blown out of proportion: Aparshakti Khurana

Shachi Chaturvedi Mumbai

parshakti Khurana recently appeared in the film Dhokha: Round D Corner, directed by Kookie Gulati, in which he played a terrorist named Haq Gul. Aparshakti spoke exclusively with Absolute Indian news about his preparation, the boycott trend, and much more. Aparshakti stated that he was looking for something serious after seeing too much comedy in the past, which is why he agreed to play this character.

Talking about if he has planned something about his future the actor told us, "It all happened very naturally, and I'm taking things one step at a time. When I was planning my life and trying to put things into perspective, nothing went as planned, and just when I stopped planning, I got married that year and had Dangal. Things happen at their own pace in our profession, and you don't choose your own pace; the audience does. So, instead of putting a lot of pressure on vourself just put vou forward." Later he also talked about the

mixed reviews his film is getting and how is he dealing with it, "Touchwood, Films has received a few mixed reviews, but there have been no mixed reviews regarding my performance. I'd like to think that my performance was well received. In general, we as humans never accept and never settle, if you arrive somewhere at 6 p.m., people will still question whether you should come by 5. I usually try to be as normal as possible, but I am no different." While discussing the boycott trend and the north-south debate and if he fears them, "Not at all, these are merely temporary. We live in a time where trends and hashtags are blown out of proportion and die quickly. Similarly, someone recently started talking about south films vs. north films, but when we think about it, they only have three mass films. In addition to RRR, Pushpa, and KGF, we have Brahmastra, Kashmir files, and Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2. Every Friday, three more films fail in the south, but no one talks about it" the actor said. On a parting note, the actor around and showering him with love.

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feel life is all about V actress Eisha Singh made her Bollywood debut with Ratnaa Sinha's latest directorial venture, taking risks: Eisha 'Middle Class Love'. Many small-screen actors often speak about the discrimination they faced when they tried to make the switch to films, but Eisha has a different perspective on this. When asked if the discrimination happens because it is difficult for the audience to accept TV actors on the silver screen, Eisha said: "I believe it is not that difficult for the audience to adjust. In fact, it gives them an advantage since they have a large fan base. We have seen many actors who shifted from TV to films and they went on to do great work." There is also a large segment of the audience that says that new people should be given more opportunities and that they will watch their films but when it comes to watching, they mostly prefer films featuring big stars. Sharing her thoughts on the same, she added: "I don't think it's true that the audience doesn't accept films with new faces. It's the story that works. If the audience doesn't like the story even if it features a big name it won't work. Plus, I feel life is all about taking risks. One has to start some-

Navratri 2022 Special

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avratri has arrived, and today marks the first day of the festival. The festival commemorates the famous battle between Durga and the demon Mahishasura to celebrate the triumph of good over evil. Vishal Kotian of Bigg Boss shared his plans and his way of celebrating it, and much more in an exclusive interview with Absolute India news.

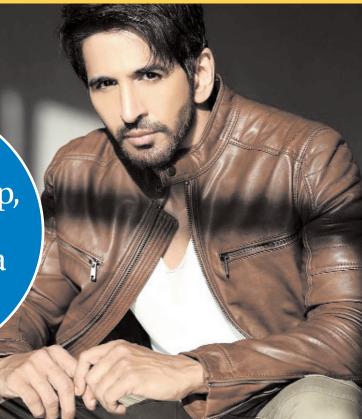
"Navratri is a festival of dance, colours, and all-night Garba. I'm from Lalbagh, and we used to spend the entire night playing Garba. It's a very joyful festival for me" said Vishal

While getting nostalgic the actor shared, "I've been celebrating Navratri since I was a child. We used to hop, skip, and jump to different Garba events to play Garba until the wee hours of the morning. Which is not the same due to time constraints, but the enjoyment is the same. People are just as active as they used to be"

"It will be incredible to celebrate Navratri after a two-year hiatus. For me, it's even more exciting because it's my first Navratri after Bigg Boss, and I'll be going to places as a celebrity guest where I used to play Garba before," the actor said about Navratri after

While sharing his plans the actor said, "I don't fast, but these 10 days are Navratri or Dussehra. On the 10th day, I eat Jalebi-Fafda, which is a tradition I've been following since my childhood."

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ctress Khushali Kumar mentioned how her mom struggled throughout her life and had to take over the whole family business after the demise of ner father, Gulshan Kumar.

Khushali was amazed lookng at the performance by DID Super Moms' contestant Versaha on the track 'Garmi' from the movie 'Street Dancer BD' which was directed by Remo D'Souza.

She called her journey very inspiring and it reminded Khushali of her mother's contribution the children's upbringing.

She said: "Varsha, your ourney has been truly inspirational and the way you started from YouTube videos and reached here, is truly commendable. I still remember, my mom was also a housewife, however, after my dad (Gulshan Kumar) passed away, she had to take on all the responsibilities of our business and the family.'

The actress credited her mother for her and her brother's (Bhushan Kumar) success in the entertainment industry.

"Today, wherever my brother (Bhushan Kumar) and I have reached, it is all because of her honestly. I still remember, she came from a Hindi medium school, and she used to always be stressed about attending meetings. However, she did it anyway and I truly believe that she is also a Super Mom," she added.

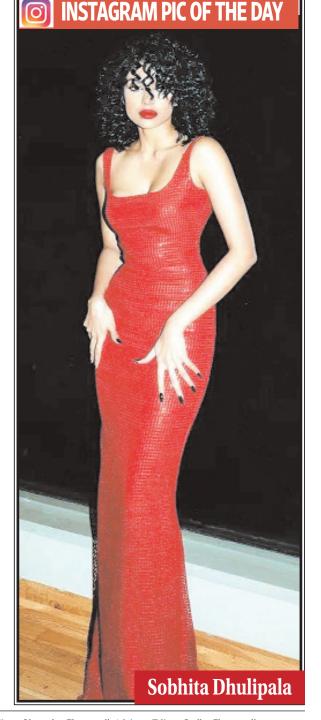


Sudhanshu Pandey shows his singing talent

part of a boy band in 2000s and later, the Rupali Ganguly-starrer show made him talk of the town. Now, the actor expressed his excitement for showing his singing talent for the first time on a TV

He said: "It is always fun to hold the mic and sing because I love to do it, I'm very passionate about music, and I love to sing. Having been

but also became part of Tamil cinema and worked in movies such as 'Meaghamann'. He did TV shows like 'Kanyadaan', 'Ye Meri Life Hain'



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