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Hyderabad wins World Green City Award

HYDERABAD HAS WON THE OVERALL 'WORLD GREEN CITY AWARD 2022' AND ANOTHER AWARD IN THE CATEGORY 'LIVING GREEN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH' AT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HORTICULTURE PRODUCERS (AIPH) 2022 WORLD GREEN CITY AWARDS 2022 HELD IN JEJU, SOUTH KOREA ON FRIDAY.

AIPH INVITED ENTRIES FOR 'WORLD GREEN CITIES AWARDS 2022' ACROSS SIX CATEGORIES. A TOTAL OF 18 FINALISTS ACROSS SIX CATEGORIES WERE SELECTED AND FINAL CATEGORY WISE WINNERS WERE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY.

THE 6 CATEGORIES AND SHORTLISTED COUNTRIES ARE LIVING GREEN FOR BIODIVERSITY (COLUMBIA, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE), LIVING GREEN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE (TURKEY, AUSTRALIA, MEXICO), LIVING GREEN FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING (BRAZIL, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA), LIVING GREEN FOR WATER (CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA), LIVING GREEN FOR SOCIAL COHESION (ARGENTINA, SOUTH KOREA, FRANCE) AND LIVING GREEN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY & INCLUSIVE GROWTH (CANADA, IRAN, INDIA).

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Hyderabad is the only Indian city that was selected and it is a matter of pride that Hyderabad has won not only the category award but the overall 'World Green City 2022' award that is the best across all six categories, the state government said.

In the category 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth', the greening of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) was submitted as Hyderabad's entry. The category focuses on creating systems and solutions that allow all city residents to overcome economic distress and thrive and the ORR greenery called as

'Green Necklace to the State of Telangana' was adjudged the best in this category.

Minister for municipal administration K.T. Rama Rao congratulated entire Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) team and Special Chief Secretary, MA&UD, Arvind Kumar, for this achievement.

Rama Rao has been emphasising on ensuring greenery along the ORR and under the guidance of Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu, massive greenery efforts have been undertaken. This award is a testimony to the continued efforts and focus of the government of Telangana on increasing the green cover in the state through its flagship programme 'Telangana ku Haridra Haram' (TKHH), the government said.

GLOBAL ECONOMY DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO A RECESSION, SAYS WORLD BANK

IT'S SMELLING

The global economy is "dangerously close" to a recession, as inflation remains elevated, interest rates rise, and growing debt burden hits the developing world, World Bank President David Malpass said at a press conference during the IMF and World Bank annual meetings on Thursday.

MORE THAN A QUARTER OF EMERGING ECONOMIES HAVE EITHER DEFAULTED OR HAD BONDS TRADING AT DISTRESSED LEVELS, AND OVER 60 PER CENT OF LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES ARE IN, OR AT HIGH RISK OF, DEBT DISTRESS, ACCORDING TO THE IMF.

THE IMF CHIEF ALSO CALLED FOR STRONGER EFFORTS TO CONFRONT FOOD INSECURITY, NOTING THAT 345 MILLION PEOPLE ARE ACUTELY FOOD INSECURE.

SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN, THE IMF HAS PROVIDED \$260 BILLION IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO 93 COUNTRIES.

WASHINGTON | Agencies

In a study published in mid-September, the World Bank warned that as central banks across the world simultaneously hike interest rates in response to inflation, the world may be edging toward a global recession in 2023, with a growth forecast of only 0.5 per cent, reports Xinhua news agency. The World Bank chief noted at the press conference that world population growth is estimated at 1.1 per cent per year. Citing a recent World Bank report, Malpass said that the Covid-19 pandemic dealt the biggest setback to global poverty-reduction efforts since 1990, pushing about 70 million people into extreme poverty in 2020, and the war in Ukraine threatens to make matters worse.

According to the Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report, global median income



"We've lowered our 2023 growth forecast from 3 per cent to 1.9 per cent for the global growth, that's dangerously close to a world recession. All of the problems that people have taken note of, the inflation problem, the interest rate rises, and the cutoff of capital flow to developing world hit the poor hard. That's a world recession could happen under certain circumstances. My deep concern is that these conditions and trends might persist into 2023 and 2024."

David Malpass, President, World Bank

declined by 4 per cent in 2020, the first decline since its measurements of median

income began in 1990.

"So if we have a world recession now, that would also depress median income, meaning that the people in the lower half of the income scale are going down," Malpass said.

The World Bank chief also noted that he has been concerned about the concentration of capital in the world in the top end of the advanced economies.

"So that's, I think, one of the issues that the world has to deal with to allow capital to flow to new businesses and to developing countries, that would take a change in the direction of fiscal and monetary policies in the advanced economies," said Malpass. The world is facing very challenging environment from the advanced economies, and that has serious implications,

EMERGING MARKETS, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BEING HIT BY TRIPLE BLOW: IMF CHIEF

Washington: Emerging markets and developing countries are being hit by a stronger dollar, high borrowing costs, and capital outflows -- a triple blow particularly heavy for countries that are under a high level of debt, International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Kristalina Georgieva said.

Georgieva said repeated shocks and growth setbacks raise a bigger question. The IMF chief urged policymakers to bring inflation down, to put in place responsible fiscal policy, and to safeguard financial stability.

Since the Russia-Ukraine war, it has supported 18 new and augmented programs with close to \$90 billion. Some 48 countries are severely impacted by food insecurity, a large number of which are in sub-Saharan Africa. The IMF recently announced a new food shock window, a mechanism that provides emergency loans to help vulnerable countries cope with food shortages and rising costs due to the Russia-Ukraine war.

tions, dangers for the developing countries, he said.



'Polluting minds of young generation'

SUPREME COURT SLAMS EKTA KAPOOR ON WEB SERIES 'XXX'



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The Supreme Court on Friday slammed producer Ekta Kapoor over objectionable content in her web series 'XXX'. The bench made these observations after senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing Kapoor, contended a plea was moved before the Patna High Court but chances are slim that the matter will be taken up soon.

At this, the bench said: "You are polluting the minds of youngsters."

Rohatgi, however, submitted that the apex court had earlier granted protection to Kapoor in a similar matter and there is freedom of choice in the country. He further added that content is subscription based.

The bench said it does not appreciate that every time, a plea is moved before the apex court and added that a cost will be imposed for filing such a petition. It asked Rohatgi to convey this to his client and emphasised that the apex court works for those who don't have voices.

The top court was hearing a plea by Kapoor against the arrest

"Something has to be done. You are polluting the minds of the young generation of this country... what kind of choice are you providing to the people?"

warrants issued against her for allegedly insulting soldiers and hurting the sentiments of their families in the web series on her OTT platform ALTBalaji.

The bench observed: "We have seen the order and we have our reservations."

The apex court has also kept the matter pending before it and recommended a local lawyer should be engaged to inform about the status of hearing in the high court.

A trial court in Bihar's Begusarai had issued the warrant on a 2020 complaint lodged by Shambhu Kumar, an ex-serviceman, who alleged that "XXX" (season-2) featured several objectionable scenes in connection with the soldier's wife.

LIZ TRUSS IN DANGER OF BECOMING SHORTEST-SERVING UK PM

London: The shortest-serving British Prime Minister was George Canning, who, in 1827, was in office for a mere 119 days. His term though was cut short not by political events, but by his premature death at the age of 57.

The current incumbent of 10 Downing Street Liz Truss, who has been in post for only 39 days, appears to be increasingly in danger of being ousted by her Conservative party MPs, unless there's a dramatic turnaround in her fortunes over the next few days.

Nicholas Watt, political editor of the in-depth current affairs programme on TV, BBC Newsnight, tweeted: "The PM will find it difficult to survive". According to him, a group of Conservative lawmakers are planning to call on Truss to resign next week.

India fires Ballistic Missile from Nuke Submarine successfully

India operates three home-made ballistic missile submarines, and has developed two submarine-launched surface-to-surface missiles-the K-15 and the K-4. The latter has a range of 3,500 km, which acts as a nuclear deterrent against China.

India is the 6th country in the world to have nuclear-powered submarines armed with ballistic missiles after the US, Russia, the UK, France and China.

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INS Arihant carried out a successful launch of a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) on Friday, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The missile was tested to a pre-determined range and impacted the target area in the Bay of Bengal with very high accuracy, it said, adding that all operational and technological parameters of the weapon system have been validated. The successful user training launch of the SLBM by INS Arihant is significant to prove crew competency and validate the SSBN programme, a key element of India's nuclear deterrence capability, it said. A robust, survivable and assured retaliatory capability is in



keeping with India's policy to have 'credible minimum deterrence' that underpins its 'No First Use' commitment, the Defence Ministry said. The submarine-launched ballistic missile test proves the credibility of India's naval nuclear deterrent. Indian ballistic missile submarines may now be able to target China and Pakistan from underwater locations when deployed.

Varanasi court rejects plea for carbon dating of 'Shivling'

VARANASI | Agencies

In a jolt to Hindu petitioners, a Varanasi court, on Friday, rejected the petition seeking carbon dating of the purported 'Shivling' found in the Gyanvapi mosque complex. Hindu petitioners said that they would study the verdict and then decide whether to approach the high court.

The petitioners had claimed that the 'Shivling' found in the 'wuzu khana' or reservoir of the mosque during survey work on May 16 was part of the property. The Hindu side demanded carbon dating and other scientific tests of the Shivling-like structure. Carbon dating is a scientific process that ascertains the age of an archaeological object or archaeological finds. The Gyanvapi Masjid committee had opposed the carbon dating plea filed by the Hindu side. Last month, four of the five Hindu women petitioners filed a plea seeking 'scientific investigation' on the 'Shivling'. They contended that it was necessary to



determine its age. The mosque committee objected to scientific investigation, arguing that the case was about worshipping at a shrine inside the mosque and had nothing to do with its structure. The object being called a 'Shivling' is actually a 'fountain', they argued.

Last week, the court asked if the purported 'Shivling' can be made a part of the case and whether a scientific investigation can actually be ordered. On September 12, the Varanasi district judge dismissed a

challenge by the mosque committee that argued that the case by the Hindu women seeking permission for year-long worship inside the mosque complex has no legal standing. Their challenge was rejected on all three counts they cited. The most important of these is the 1991 law, which freezes the status of a place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947. The petitioners do not want ownership, just the right to worship, the court ruled.

Ahead of panchayat polls in Haryana, Ram Rahim gets 40-day parole

Chandigarh: Just weeks ahead of the statewide panchayat polls and bypoll in the Adampur assembly in Haryana, self-styled jailed godman and Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, who is undergoing a 20-year sentence for raping his two disciples, has been released on a 40-day parole - the third time this year. His family had sought the parole for him.

"The decision of parole has been taken in accordance with the law," state Jails Minister Ranjit Singh told the media.

During the parole, he will be staying on the Dera's premises in Rajasthan. He has been lodged in Sunaria jail since 2017 after being convicted in rape and murder cases.

Last year he was also released from the jail thrice for various reasons, including his plea to meet the ailing mother.



SC REFUSES TO ENTERTAIN WHATSAPP-META PLEAS AGAINST CCI PROBE INTO PRIVACY POLICY

The Supreme Court on Friday upheld the Delhi High Court order, which dismissed the appeals filed by

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The Supreme Court on Friday upheld the Delhi High Court order, which dismissed the appeals filed by WhatsApp and Facebook (now Meta) challenging a single judge bench order refusing to stay the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) probe into alleged abuse of dominant position practices by WhatsApp in connection with its 2021 privacy policy.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing WhatsApp, submitted that the Personal Data Protection Bill is coming and the Solicitor General told the Constitution bench to hear privacy policy matter in January. He said, "if a constitutional court finds that my policy is okay and consistent with the law, this cannot go on."

Sibal contended before a bench comprising Justices M.R. Shah and Sudhanshu Dhulia that how can they probe in the meantime, while the issue of the privacy policy is pending? He added, "We're saying don't let the CCI pass final orders till this



court's order comes".

The bench said the CCI is an independent body and the question is if your conduct is contrary to the Competition Act, correct? It added, "We can observe that contentions be kept open by CCI".

Additional Solicitor General N. Venkatraman submitted that data qua the 2021 policy is with

WhatsApp, and it is being used in a dominant way for their ads, resulting in possible abuse. The concentration of data with a particular company results in abuse, he added.

Sibal said WhatsApp has a privacy policy, individual's data is not shared and if I want to book a ticket, I use a business app, and the person I book with can share it. "WhatsApp is not

sharing", he said, adding that this is applicable to every platform in the country and also the Indian apps.

After hearing arguments, the top court said the CCI is an independent authority to consider any violation of the provisions of the Competition Act of 2002, and no interference is required by this court in the high court order.

The bench added that when proceedings are initiated by CCI, it cannot be said that it's without jurisdiction, and the CCI cannot be dissuaded from investigation and alleged violation of Competition Act, 2002.

Dismissing the petitions, the top court said any observations of the high court in proceedings are to be treated as tentative and prima facie, and the matter is to be considered on its own merits.

In August this year, the Delhi High Court dismissed the appeals filed by WhatsApp and Facebook (now Meta) challenging the single judge bench's order which had refused to stay the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) last year's order.

Will never go with BJP again for entire life: Nitish Kumar

Patna | Agencies

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday asserted that he will not go with the BJP again for his entire life.

"I will never go with them (BJP) for my entire life. The previous leaders of BJP like Atal ji (Atal Bihari Vajpayee), Advani ji, (L.K. Advani), Joshi ji (Murli Manohar Joshi) were the real leaders who believe in work. The present leaders of the BJP are only talking and have nothing to do with working," he said during the inauguration of an engineering college at Samastipur.

"Bihar Engineering College, Patna is the oldest institute in the country and I was a student of it. When I became the minister in the Centre, I requested Joshi ji (the Human Resource Development Minister in the Vajpayee government) to recognise it as a National Institute of Technology and he immediately did so. Those leaders think for the common people while the leaders of today's BJP only talk," he added.



"I went with the BJP in 2017, expecting that they would be the successors of Atal ji, Advani ji, Joshi ji and work for the people. As they have nothing to do with the common people, I separated from them. Now, we have a socialist government in Bihar. All socialist leaders came together and we will work for the common people. We

bring Bihar as well as the country on the development path," he said.

"When I was with the BJP, they were silent. When I went with Mahagathbandhan, they reopened the case against Lalu ji (BJD chief Lalu Prasad) despite him having no role in scam (IRCTC scam)," Nitish Kumar said.

Manipur: No govt benefits for families having over 4 children

Imphal | Agencies

The Manipur government has restricted the number of children to four in a family to be eligible for government jobs or benefits in various schemes.

Manipur's Information and Public Relations Minister S. Ranjan on Friday said that the council of ministers in its meeting on Thursday decided that any person or family having more than four children would be excluded from various government schemes besides jobs.

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh presided over the cabinet meeting which took the decision and approved



establishing the Manipur State Population Commission. Ranjan said that the state Assembly had earlier adopted a private member resolution to establish the population commission in Manipur. BJP legislator, Khumukcham Joykisan had moved the resolution

over the alleged infiltration of outsiders into the state affecting the demographic pattern in the state. Referring to the official statistics, the MLA had told the house that the population growth of 153.3 per cent in Manipur's hill districts from 1971-2001 increased drastically to 250 per cent from 2001-2011.

Naga, Kuki and Zomi and other tribals mostly reside in the hill districts.

The Assam government had also, more than a year ago, adopted a two-child policy which would be a criteria to get government jobs and to avail benefits from state-sponsored welfare schemes.

ANTI-INCUMBENCY WEIGHS HEAVY ON HIMACHAL GOVERNMENT

New Delhi: Anti-incumbency weighs heavily on the poll-bound BJP-ruled Himachal Pradesh government.

According to an opinion poll, conducted by C-Voter for ABP News, 45.5 per cent respondents are not happy with the Jai Ram Thakur government's performance and want to change it. The survey, which was conducted with a sample size of 100 respondents in September as well as October, has revealed that only 22.1 per cent of them were satisfied with the state government's performance and did not want to change it. Those respondents who were angry with the state government but did not want to change it were 32.4 per cent. The hill state goes for assembly polls on November 12 while results would be declared on December 8.

All Raj MLAs with high command, claims Cong MLA Divya Maderna

Jaipur | Agencies

Amid the present uncertainty over the leadership in the Congress in Rajasthan, party MLA from Osian constituency, Divya Maderna, took a jibe at the leaders of the legislature party who had boycotted a meeting and said that all were with the party high command.

Divya Maderna tweeted and claimed that all MLAs were with the high command. On her Twitter handle, she said, "Not many but all MLAs have changed their mood. Every Congress MLA is with the high command and will remain so. Every MLA is identified with the Congress party and no one exists without the party's symbol," she added.

Maderna has been vocal since the



beginning against those who boycotted the Congress Legislature Party meeting on September 25. Targeting these leaders, Maderna had called the boycott of the legislature party meeting by a few Congress MLAs as being against the party's discipline. Divya had said, "I am neither in the Ashok Gehlot camp nor in the Sachin

Pilot camp, I have my own camp, I am with the high command."

It needs to be mentioned here that many MLAs boycotted the CLP meeting called by high command at the Chief Ministers residence on September 25. The Congress Disciplinary Committee soon after issued notices to UDH Minister Shanti Dharwal, Water Minister Mahesh Joshi and RTDC President Dharmendra Rathod for boycotting the Legislature Party meeting.

All these leaders have replied to the notice. Now the disciplinary committee has to decide against these leaders.

Meanwhile, all eyes are set on the October 19 election for the Congress president. Sources said that all decisions regarding Rajasthan will be taken after these elections.

'Bar owners will suffer if told to arrange cab for drunk customers'

Panaji | Agencies

A day after All Goa Bar and Restaurant Owners Association (AGBROA) said that arranging cabs for drunk customers is not possible, BJP's Agriculture Minister Ravi Naik on Friday said that bar owners will suffer if the norm is implemented.

"Goans drink alcohol, but they do not fall over, neither do they sway. So there is no problem," former Home Minister Naik said, when he was asked whether implementation of this norm would be easy or not.

He said that if it is made mandatory that bar owners should arrange a cab for drunk persons, then they will suffer.

"Arranging a taxi? Bar owners will suffer. There are many tourists who come to Goa from Karnataka, Maharashtra and other places. They drink and get drunk. They drink



(alcohol) worth Rs 5 or Rs 10 or Rs 100. Will they hire a taxi by paying Rs 1,000?" Naik questioned.

All Goa Bar and Restaurant Owners Association (AGBROA) has opposed the government move to arrange cabs for inebriated customers to drop them home or hotels

in case of tourists.

Transport Minister Mauvin Godinho on Monday had said that arranging cabs for inebriated customers will be a new norm in the coastal state. Michael Carrasco, president of AGBROA, on Wednesday had said that their association does not

accept it. "Minister says that accidents occur because people drink and drive. But drinking is not the only cause of accidents. There are various other reasons," Carrasco said.

According to him the roads are not in good condition, there are potholes due to which accidents occur.

He said the faulty design of some roads leads to accidents. "Speed breakers are not properly painted, there are no indicators on roads," he lamented. According to Carrasco, if they try to convince their customers in that situation, then they might even fight with them saying when they have their own vehicle, why should they opt for a cab.

Last year too, Godinho had announced this initiative but it had not fruited. Recently, the police have intensified checks at night and had fined drunken drivers.

13 killed in K'taka due to heavy rain

Bengaluru | Agencies

At least 13 people have died due to heavy rain in Karnataka, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicting more downpours in the state on Friday and Saturday.

Besides the casualties, the rain has also led to heavy loss of crops and livestock. As per official data, 28 cattle have died, 3,309 houses damaged, and 6,279 hectares of crops have been destroyed since October 1.

According to the IMD, Bengaluru will receive average to heavy rain on Friday.

Meanwhile, a yellow alert has been issued for the coastal districts, as well as the north and south interior parts of the state.

Dakshina Kannada, Udipi, Uttara Kannada, Belagavi, Bidar, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Raichur,



Yadgir, Ballary, Chamaraajanagar, Chikkamagaluru, Bengaluru City, Bengaluru Rural, Chitradurga, Davangere, Hassan, Kodagu and Shivamogga districts will witness heavy rainfall on Saturday.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has asked District Collectors to visit the rain affected areas and take up relief measures.

'If one side is not willing then no divorce under Article 142, marriage not casual in India'

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court has said that it would not use its power under Article 142 to annul a marriage, when the wife is willing to give the marriage one more "try", however the husband claimed an irretrievable breakdown of marriage.

A bench comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Abhay S. Oka was informed that the couple stayed together only for 40 days and they have been living separately for almost two years now. Emphasizing that marriage is not a casual event in India, the bench said, "we have not reached western standards of marriage today and divorce tomorrow".

Declining to annul the marriage on husband's plea, the bench said the powers under Article 142 cannot be exercised to annul the marriage when one party is unwilling. The bench noted that the couple were highly educated -- husband ran an NGO and the wife had permanent residence permission in Canada, and added the



couple should make efforts to resolve the differences. The wife informed the top court she left everything in Canada to marry the man, however the husband insisted on a direction to annul the marriage. The top court was hearing a transfer petition filed by a wife seeking to save her

marriage. The husband sought to quash the transfer petition citing irretrievable breakdown of marriage and insisted that marriage is not working. The wife said she had been working in Canada and came to India during the Covid-19 lockdown for her husband.

The husband submitted that he intends to live with his elderly parents but his wife is having a Canadian perspective and insisted on not living with the parents. The bench told the husband that he married somebody who is living in Canada, and then he asked her to wind up everything and come here. The bench said this is not a case where it can suo motu exercise 142 and it is very difficult to record a satisfaction that there's a total breakdown of marriage unless both parties say there's a breakdown of marriage. The top court urged the couple to go for mediation proceedings. It appointed a former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge as mediator and allowed him to take assistance of a marriage counsellor and sought a report in three months.

STUCK IN TRAFFIC, WOMAN DELIVERS BABY INSIDE CAR IN GURUGRAM

Gurugram: A woman gave birth to a boy inside a car on the way to Civil Hospital in Sector-10 of Gurugram.

Meenakshi, mother-in-law of the woman, said her daughter-in-law Hemlata had experienced labour pain and had left the house located in Jacobpura in Gurugram around noon on Thursday along with her and a neighbour named Raja.

"We got stuck in traffic on way to a government hospital for about half an hour. I asked Raja to park the car in a street located near Prem Mandir and around 12.30 p.m. Hemlata delivered the baby boy after I helped her inside a car," Meenakshi said. Both the mother and the child are in healthy condition, and were admitted to the government hospital after delivery. The distance of the government hospital from the Jacobpura area is around 3 km. The woman took 45 minutes to reach the hospital. The family said they were stuck for around 30 minutes in traffic and the baby was delivered inside the car. "The doctor at the hospital told us anything could have happened, had we been late in reaching the hospital, and advised us not to take any risk in such a situation in future," Hemlata said.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I No. 4585341F L/Nk KRISHNA MONI BORAH s/o BANAMALI BORUAH presently residing at Vill Jagial Gaon Post- Baligaon P.S. Raha District- Nagaon Assam Pin-782144 have changed my name from KRISHNA MONI BORAH to KRISHNA MONI BORUAH vide affidavit No. H 406736.



MADHYA PRADESH'S 67TH FOUNDATION DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AS JAN-UTSAV- CM CHOUHAN

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the 67th foundation days of Madhya Pradesh will be celebrated as Jan-Utsav. Together with the people of the state, we will all resolve to achieve them by setting goals till the upcoming foundation day. Many achievements have been made in the field of development in the state.

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Along with this, many programmes focused on our tradition, life values and values have also been organized. Narmada Seva Yatra, Ekam Yatra, construction of memorials of immortal revolutionary martyrs are prominent among them. In this sequence, the amazing Mahakal Lok was created. On the 67th foundation day of the state, creative activities will be conducted from November 1 to 7th. These activities will focus on Narmada and Mahakal Mahalok. The activities have been determined by incorporating the suggestions of the Group of Ministers constituted on the Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day celebrations. Chief Minister Chouhan was addressing a meeting regarding Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day celebrations at his residence office. Chief Minister said that programmes would be organized in all the districts for distribution of acceptance letters and other benefits to the eligible beneficiaries identified in the Janseva Abhiyan on the foundation



day. About 50 lakh eligible beneficiaries will join the programme in 52 districts of the state. Along with this, officers and employees doing excellent work will be rewarded and honoured. Chief Minister Chouhan said that a series of programmes on the foundation day would be taken out on November 1st in all the districts with the help of Jan Abhiyan Parishad. There will be a programme for distribution of Janseva Abhiyan acceptance letters and other benefits in all the districts at 1st pm. In the evening,

playback singer Zubin Nautiyal will perform at Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal. In this sequence, on November 2, Ladli Laxmi Yojana Sammelans will be held in all the districts for Ladlis and their parents. On November 3, cleanliness activities will be carried out in all the districts and 67 lamps will be lit at important places. Rural sports competitions and Vyanjan competition will also be organized from November 3rd. On November 4, activities on 'One District-One

Product' will be conducted in all the districts of the state. On November 5, drama centered on the pride of the state, folk dance and competitions centered on Jannayak will be held. On November 6, activities focused on tree plantation, water conservation, energy saving and environment will be held in all the districts. In the series of programmes, prize distribution programme will be held at all district headquarters and state level on 7th November. In this, the winners of competitions and sports activities held in the context of Foundation Day will be rewarded. Honor and prize distribution of officers and employees who have done excellent work in Janseva Abhiyan will also be conducted at all district headquarters. There will also be cultural activities, in which cultural activities of the local environment will be specially included. Chief Minister Chouhan said that all these programmes would be held in an atmosphere of celebration and joy, expressing the spirit of Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh.

Scindia's power show during Amit Shah's Gwalior visit on Oct 16

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The political gallery in Madhya Pradesh is set to witness a power show of Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia when Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrives in Gwalior on October 16. Shah will lay the foundation stone for the expansion of terminal at the Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia Airport. During the visit, Shah will release Hindi texts of three subjects taught in MBBS first year. It is a part of the Madhya Pradesh government's initiative to start a Hindi instruction option for the medical course in the state. The Hindi instruction will be introduced as a pilot project in the Gandhi Medical College (GMC), Bhopal from the current academic session (2022-23) and it would be extended to 12 other medical colleges in the state later. Books on three subjects -- Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry for MBBS first year -- have been prepared by a task force of 16 doctors with inputs for 97 subject experts. Though the matter in the translated books is in Hindi, the technical terms have been retained in English but published in Devnagari script to prevent confusion on technicalities, Medical Education Minister Vishvas Sarang said. Also, to watch out for is Shah's visit to Scindia's Jai Vilas Palace in Gwalior, where he will spend around one-and-a-half-hours and also will have the 'shahi' lunch there. Special arrangements are being made inside the palace to welcome Shah. Several Scindia loy-



alist leaders have been assigned to prepare the mega event to be held in Gwalior. Scindia personally is monitoring the preparations. Shah's visit to Gwalior's Jai Vilas Palace is a subject of interest in the political gallery in Madhya Pradesh, especially in the BJP, as that would give a clear indication of the increasing graph of Scindia at the Centre and state both. Scindia, whose name often crops up as replacement of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. His supporters have prepared to exhibit power strength in his hometown, Gwalior. The Scindia family is making special food arrangements for Shah and the whole family would be present to welcome him at the palace. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, state Home Minister Narettam Mishra will also be present at this occasion, sources told IANS.

Whoever becomes president will work with Gandhi family: Tharoor

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All India Congress Committee Presidential candidate Shashi Tharoor reached Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh on Friday. Here he expressed his allegiance to the Gandhi family in gestures, as well as said that whoever becomes the president will work with the Gandhi family. Talking to reporters, Shashi Tharoor, who came to seek votes for himself as a candidate for the post of President, said that the role of the President in Congress is clear. According to the Congress constitution, the role of the president of the party is clear, yes, as far as opinion is concerned, whoever becomes the president, if I become the president, then the big leaders of our party are the biggest of the Gandhi family, all the party parts are with them. Will work and I also don't see any difference in it. To a question about some leaders openly speaking in support of other candidate Mallikarjun Kharge,



Tharoor said, "Not only the Chief Minister, whoever is the office bearer, whether it is General Secretary, State Presidents, Leader of Opposition, all of them, neither should anyone." "Should be with the candidate and should not campaign for any candidate, should vote with inner soul, says the constitution of the party. Shashi Tharoor is confident that a large number of people will support him. At the same time, he said that what we have heard so far,

people are ready to give a lot of support, there are some people who cannot say openly, but secret ballot is privately saying we are with you. It is to be known that earlier Mallikarjun Kharge had also visited Madhya Pradesh and met the delegates. Similarly, on Friday, Shashi Tharoor also met delegates and leaders. At the time of Kharge's stay in Bhopal, there was no such activity in the party office at the time of Tharoor's stay.

Hindi dominated the DP of social media site of other leaders including Shivraj

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A new beginning is about to start in the education world in Madhya Pradesh. Medical education will now be in Hindi in the state. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah is going to release MBBS first year Hindi books on 16 October. Before the start of medical studies in Hindi, the picture of Hindi is visible on the DP of many leaders including Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, BJP State President Vishnu Dutt Sharma. It is to be known that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country where the medical education is going to be started in Hindi. Three books of MBBS first year Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry are prepared in Hindi. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will release all three Hindi books on October 16 at Lal Parade Ground. Due to this initiative to promote Hindi in medical education, the official site of BJP leaders is also seen colored in Hindi. The picture on the main page and DP of the



social site of CM Chouhan and State President Sharma has changed. In the middle of the stethoscope at both the places, it was written 'Madhya Pradesh, the first state in the country to start medical studies in Hindi'. Similarly, there are similar pictures on

the DP and main page of Organization General Secretary Hitanand, Medical Education Minister Vishvas Sarang. Both the state government and the BJP organization are preparing to make this event to be held in the capital historic and grand.

CM Chouhan plants saplings with the members of Kisan Morcha

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted Amla, Gulmohar and Pithodia saplings in the Smart City Garden. Along with CM Chouhan, Kisan Morcha General Secretary Purushottam Sharma planted saplings on his birthday. Darshan Choudhary of Kisan Morcha and his companions participated in the plantation. Capital's journalist Sanjeev Srivastava joined the plantation along with his family on the birthday of his son Aryan.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL GET A BOOST FROM SATNARI RESERVOIR OF BALAGHAT

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Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Ramkishore 'Nano' Kawre has said that with the formation of Satnari reservoir, employment opportunities will get a boost in Paraswada, the Scheduled Tribe dominated region of Balaghat district and the economic condition of the farmers will be further strengthened. Minister of State Kawre was addressing the Bhoomi-Poojan ceremony of Satnari reservoir on Thursday. Water Resources Department is constructing the reservoir to be built at a cost of Rs. 10 crore 29 lakh. Minister of State Kawre said that the work of Satnari reservoir had



been lying incomplete for the last 40 years. But with his initiative, the construction of the reservoir will now be completed by the rescheduled deadline of June-2023. On completion of the scheme, 500 farmers of tribal dominated area will get the benefit of irrigation and 320 hectares of land will be irrigated. He said that maximum employment opportunities would also be given to the fish farmers in the reservoir. Besides, tourism opportunities will also be increased. He said that farmers of village Budhiyagaon, Takabarra, Alitola, Khursoda and Kharrakona would get benefit of irrigation facility due to the formation of the reservoir.

No more liquor, MP tribal women switch to mahua ladoos to double their income

Team Absolute | Naudhia (Madhya Pradesh)

Ladoos from mahua? Yes, you heard it right. Mahua flowers, used generally for brewing liquor in the Adivasi culture, are now the main ingredient of nutritious ladoos and biscuits that tribal women of Naudhia village in Madhya Pradesh make. The forest department officials suggested the idea to the women, who were then trained to dish out these delicacies by the Sidhi Samanya Van Mandal, a women's self-help group (SHG) in Naudhia of Sidhi district. The women collect flowers from the forest, clean them and roast them in ghee, before combining them with jaggery, cashew and raisins to make mouth-watering ladoos. "Mahua flowers have turned the tide in our favour. We sell ladoos and biscuits to Naudhia Van Dhan Kendra run by the forest department for Rs 450 to 500 per kg. Initially, we were just 10 women. Now, around 300 have shown interest, including many from adjoining villages," Manoj Kumari Singh of Sidhi Samanya Van Mandal told 101Reporters. This is a welcome shift for many women who



have suffered the consequences of alcoholism among men in their households. A large cross-section of tribals brew and sell liquor than the flowers as middlemen fleece villagers by quoting very low prices for the latter. The same cannot be done with liquor as the tribals themselves add value to the flowers by brewing liquor. However, things are changing for the better. Kalavati currently earns Rs 20,000 to 25,000 annually from mahua products she makes under the aegis of Sidhi Samanya Van Mandal. Similarly, Rani Singh earns Rs 20,000 annually. Naudhia falls under Majhauili forest range. Its ranger in-charge Manish Pandey has been devising ways to improve local livelihood by putting forest produce to best use. The Van Dhan Kendra markets the sweets purchased from women

SHGs in cities like Bhopal and Delhi. "The main problem is products do not last long enough. We need to work on that aspect. After reducing the subsidiary costs, the women get paid about Rs 250 to Rs 300 per kg of ladoos. The price fluctuates because many times the product is sold at a bargained rate due to their limited shelf life," said Van Dhan Kendra manager Rajeshwar Yadav. "Recipes made out of mahua flower keep tribals healthy and warm in winters, and boosts immunity. They are roasted and consumed, and also used to make rotis," explained K.V.S. Parihar, in-charge of the herbal nursery run by Vanopaj Sangh. Owing to its natural sweetness, mahua is widely used in tribal cuisine to make kheer and other delicacies. Explaining the change, Kalavati Adivasi said: "We never knew ladoos could be made out of mahua; nobody told us either. Right now, we are not earning much. The Covid-19 pandemic was a big setback. If this enterprise succeeds, it will usher in a big change in our lives."

CM Chouhan pays homage to Late Dattopant Thengadi & Lala Hardayal

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CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has paid homage to Late Dattopant Thenagdi on his death anniversary. CM Chouhan paid floral tribute by garlanding his picture in the auditorium at his residence. Dattopant was a trade union leader of nationalist ideology and founder of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Swadeshi Jagran Manch and Bharatiya Kisan Sangh. He was born on 10 November 1920 in Arvi village of Wardha district of Maharashtra. His thoughts will continue to guide the countrymen. His articles were published in newspapers and magazines. Dattopant Ji visited Madhya Pradesh and especially Bhopal on many occasions. The Thengadi Bhawan near the Depot chouraha in Bhopal is a symbol of his memory. He passed away on



14 October 2004 in Pune. CM Chouhan paid homage to freedom fighter Lala Hardayal on his birth anniversary. Chief Minister Chouhan paid floral tribute by garlanding his picture in the auditorium at his residence office. Lala Hardayal was one of the leading revolutionaries of the Indian freedom struggle, who inspired and encouraged Indians living abroad to contribute to the country's freedom struggle. He was born on 14 October 1884 in Delhi. He remained active in America and London. American intellectuals used to call him a Hindu saint, sage and freedom fighter. In 1912, he was appointed Honorary Professor of Hindu Philosophy and Sanskrit at Stanford University. He also published Gadar magazine. Lala Hardayal passed away on 4 March 1939 in Philadelphia, USA.



EDITOR'S SPECS

SYL canal issue not resolved

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and his Haryana counterpart Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday failed to reach a consensus over the contentious Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal issue. A crucial meeting over the issue was held between the two CMs in Chandigarh. Mann clearly said that Punjab has no surplus water to share with Haryana. He sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention to provide additional water to Haryana either from the Ganga or the Yamuna river basins to overcome its shortage. Haryana Chief Minister Khattar categorically ruled out that any initiative to hold next round of talks between the Chief Ministers will be taken. Khattar said no consensus was reached at the meeting and they would now meet Union Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to apprise him of the meeting. The meeting was held after the Supreme Court recently asked them to meet and find an amicable solution. Instead of implementing the decisions of the apex court, Punjab tried to obstruct their implementation by enacting the Cancellation of Agreements Act in 2004. Under the provision of Punjab Reorganization Act, 1966, according to the order of the government of India dated March 24, 1976, 3.5 MAF of water was allocated to Haryana out of the surplus water of the Ravi-Beas. Due to non-completion of the SYL canal, Haryana is using only 1.62 MAF of water. Punjab is illegally using about 1.9 MAF of water from Haryana's share by not completing the SYL canal in its region. Due to non-formation of SYL in Punjab region, the irrigation potential created to irrigate 10 lakh acres in Haryana is lying idle. Additionally, the state also bears the loss of 42 lakh tonnes of foodgrains every year. Haryana would have generated an additional 130 lakh tonnes of foodgrains and other crops, had the SYL been established in 1983 in accordance with the 1981 agreement.

WILL BHARATA JODO YATRA MAKE GROUND FOR 2024 LS POLLS FOR CONGRESS?

Vinod Kumar Shukla

Bharat Jodo Yatra of the Congress party appears to be an attempt to regain its lost ground all across the country to challenge the BJP in 2024 Lok Sabha elections in a big way. Testimony to this is that the party is focusing on Yatra only despite the fact that the presidential election of the Congress is in the process and Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh elections are getting closer by the day. The Congress seems to have its plans to answer Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections but in a democracy every election matters.

The way Bharat Jodo Yatra is getting responses en route to its final destination in Kashmir, the Congress party workers are very upbeat and opposition political parties are upset at least this what planners of the Bharat Jodo Yatra feel. Opposition parties especially the BJP is so rattled that they are unsuccessfully trying a misinformation campaign against the Bharat Jodo Yatra which was started by former Congress President Rahul Gandhi on September 7, 2022 from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. The Bharat Jodo Yatra will cover about 3,500 km in around five months covering 12 States and two Union Territories. The Yatra has already covered more than 800 kilometres covering states like Tamil Nadu and Kerala and now the Yatra is in Karnataka. These are the states where the Congress still has some support base and it reflected in the crowd cheering Rahul Gandhi.

Padyatra is part of India's civilizational tradition but Mahatma Gandhi used it as a political tool when he started the Salt March to Dandi in 1930 to break Salt law. It was very late when the British could realize this tool of Mahatma Gandhi. He again started a country-wide Padyatra against untouchability in 1933-34 with huge support. Vinoba Bhave's Padyatra for the



Bhoothan movement post-independence in 1951 starting from Telangana to Both Gaya left a mark in the minds of people of the country. Former Prime Minister Chandrashekhar's Padayatra starting on January 6, 1983 from Kanyakumari to Rajghat covering 4,260 kilometres reached Raj Ghat on June 25, 1983 was an attempt to understand the problems of the masses. Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S. Rajasekhara Reddy also undertook a three-month-long padayatra covering 1,475 km meeting people across several districts of the state. That had made him immensely popular among people of Andhra Pradesh which reflected in his electoral success. He led his party to victory in the following Assembly elections held in 2004 to become the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, which included the present day Telangana as well. The YSRCP chief YS Jaganmohan Reddy launched his Padayatra named 'Praja Sankalpa Yatra' at RK Valley in his native Kadapa district after paying homage at the grave of his father. Narmada Yatra by former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh and also a Padyatra by Sunil Dutt has made him a leader. These Padyatras have their success stories. During the Yatra, Rahul Gandhi

is taking the Modi government head on by speaking against the policies of the government including inflation, unemployment and economic disparity but the complaint of the Congress remains that so called mainstream national media is not giving proper coverage to the Yatra to keep the ruling dispensation in good humor. Some Congress leaders walking along Rahul Gandhi are drawing parallel to say that even the Dandi march of Mahatma Gandhi was ignored by the then mainstream media. Lots of water has flown down the Sabarmati since the Dandi march of Mahatma Gandhi or for that matter various other Yatras by various leaders of different political parties. But this is certainly an attempt that might catapult Rahul Gandhi to a position from where a new Congress will emerge and also the risk of the Congress meeting the same fate as what BJP wants for it. The ruling BJP too has its share of taking out Yatras when Murali Manohar Joshi took a Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and Lal Krishna Advani's Ram Rath Yatra from Somnath to Ayodhya but they were Rathayatri and not Padyatri. There was another 7600 km long yatra by L K Advani in 2011 called Jan Chetna Yatra which was planned from the birthplace of Jay

Prakash Narayan but due to flood shifted to Chhapra and was flagged by Nitish Kumar. Advani's Janadesh Yatra, Bharat Suraksha Yatra, Swarna Jayanti Rath Yatra and Bharat Uday Yatra were certainly aimed at rejuvenating the BJP, while increasing awareness of both the opportunities and tasks before the party. But he failed miserably and Narendra Modi took over reins of the party as Prime Ministerial candidate in Goa in 2013. Coming back to Bharat Jodo Yatra, its planners must be convinced of the fact that it was a wise decision to first strengthen the Congress down south before working for the revival of the party in north India which were considered to be the pocket borough of the party. The BJP and Samajwadi movements have swept away the support base of the Congress with Mandal and Mandir movements. Rahul Gandhi has been trying hard to revive the Congress in Hindi heartland but the downward spiral of the Congress base remained seamless. But this time round the Congress has better planning and is unmindful of its negative impacts. There is another plan to organize a Yatra from West to East before 2024 LS

elections are announced. Enthusiastic Congress workers are sensing ouster of the BJP government and a section of political analysts feel that the Yatra might stir the complacency and hopelessness in the Congress workers across the country. Not only the Gandhi family but other senior leaders of the Congress appear to be buoyant about the response that the Yatra is getting at least in the southern part of the country. The real challenge is north, west and central India while the Congress appears a bit comfortable in South India. So much so that the name of Priyanka Gandhi has started doing rounds to be made candidate from Bellary which indicates that the party still needs to work hard in North India. Both the brother and sister may contest Lok Sabha elections on two seats each. Before the Bharat Jodo Yatra is over, the Congress will get a new party president. Whosoever becomes the president of the Congress - Mallikarjuna Kharge or Shashi Tharoor, none will have any impact beyond his own state. The new president will have a dual challenge to keep the flock of the Congress together besides dealing with the politics of the BJP. The Mahakal Corridor is inaugurated while the Bharat Jodo Yatra is still going on, the BJP will try to make the contest secular versus Hindutva in 2024 Lok Sabha elections of which the Congress is very susceptible. However, a couple of surveys indicated that there is an increase in the popularity of Rahul Gandhi by 5 per cent from where the Yatra is passing through. But it is too early to make any predictions as Yatra still has a long distance to cover but one thing is sure that every such Yatra has always been benefitting. The Gandhis especially brother-sister duo need consistency. So the big question always remains: Will the Yatra reach the winning magnitude?

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SIKH TRIO FIGHTS TO KEEP TURBAN, BEARD AT US MARINE BOOT CAMP

New York | Washington

Three Sikh recruits, working to join the US Marine Corps, fought for an emergency appeal in District of Columbia's federal court to get an immediate exemption to the Corps' boot camp rule of cutting their hair and shaving their beards. The three plaintiffs -- Aekash Singh, Milaap Singh Chahal and Jaskirat Singh -- want to attend Marine Corps basic training without having to shave their beards or forgo their traditional turbans during boot camp. A three-judge panel expressed skepticism that the Marine Corps had a good reason to deny religious exemptions to its grooming standards but questioned why the plaintiffs required emergency relief, the Marine Corps Times reported.

No decision on the motion was made by the judges.



The trio had appealed to the US Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in September after a lower-court judge denied their request for a preliminary injunction that would have allowed the men to enter boot camp with their articles of faith, the Marine Times reported.

In Sikh faith, men wear turbans and they do not shave off their beards or cut hair.

The Marine Corps previously denied all these requests, due to which the trio for years have remained poolies -- an individual who has already signed up to become a Marine but has not yet left for the recruit training at boot camp.

"We continue to believe that the Marine Corps is doing a disservice to both our clients and itself in denying basic

rights that are recognised by other branches of our military and under the US law," said Giselle Klapper, Sikh Coalition Senior Staff Attorney. In April 2022, the Sikh Coalition -- a New York-based advocacy group, Winston & Strawn, the Becket Fund and BakerHostetler, with support from the Sikh American Veterans Alliance had filed suit against the US Department of Defence on behalf of the trio.

"Time and again, Sikhs in the US Army and Air Force -- along with military forces around the world -- have proven that their articles of faith pose no barrier whatsoever to capable military service," said Amandeep S. Sidhu, partner at Winston & Strawn LLP. "Prohibiting Sikhs from joining the Marine Corps is out of step with the rest of our military, as well as the most basic values that our country holds dear," Sidhu added.

Nancy Pelosi 'wanted to punch Trump' if he came to Capitol Hill

Washington | Agencies

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reportedly wanted to "punch (Donald) Trump in the face and go to jail if he came to Capitol Hill on January 6, 2021, when supporters of the former President invaded the Congress building.

A new footage of the Speaker on the day of the riot shot by her daughter Alexandra Pelosi, a documentary filmmaker, showed an enraged Nancy Pelosi at the invasion on Capitol Hill's saying: "If he (Trump) comes, I'm going to punch him out".

"I've been waiting for this. For trespassing on the Capitol grounds. I'm going to punch him out and I'm going to go to jail and I'm going to be happy," she said.

In the footage released by CNN on Thursday evening, Nancy Pelosi and others are seen scrambling to request help to secure the Capitol.

She was furious with the for-

mer President over his plans to march to the Capitol.

The footage showed Nancy Pelosi watching Trump's speech at the "Save America" rally that preceded the riot, during which he said they were all going to march to the Capitol in protest of the 2020 presidential election results, media reports said.

A staffer informs the Speaker that the secret service told Trump not to join the march to the Capitol because it would not be safe, adding, "so at the moment he is not coming but that could change".

Trump ultimately did not march to the Capitol with his supporters, but that march devolved into the mob that broke into the building, forcing lawmakers to flee, CNN reported.

The footage followed Nancy Pelosi as she evacuated from the building, constantly making phone calls to request help to secure the Capitol and continue the election certification process.



PAK GOVT WILL HANG IMRAN UPSIDE DOWN IF HE LAUNCHES LONG MARCH: MINISTER

Islamabad | Agencies

The Pakistan government will hang former Prime Minister Imran Khan upside down if he launches his long march in Islamabad, warned Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan.

"Imran Khan doesn't know what the government is planning to do with him this time around," Geo News quoted the Interior Minister as saying.

Hestressed that the government cannot guarantee the safety of anyone's life in the face of a charged mob. "How will the government be able to guarantee the safety of anyone's life when an armed and charged mob attacks the federal capital?"

Rana Sanaullah warned that someone from the crowd could do anything, triggering a response from the police, Geo News reported.

The Minister said that the government has not revealed the strategy to cope with the PTI's long march.

Rana Sanaullah's remarks come as Imran Khan throws the gauntlet to the minister, saying the PTI will surprise him with its next move.

Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab on Interior Omar Sarfraz Cheema said that the Interior Minister will be arrested if he enters Punjab.

He said the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab has obtained the non-bailable warrant for the federal minister.

The arrest warrant is effective till October 19.

Cheema directed the IGP to provide assistance to the ACE Punjab for the arrest of Rana Sanaullah in a land acquisition case.

He directed Rana's arrest to be carried out in accordance with the law.

Iraqi parliament elects Abdul Latif Rashid as new Iraqi Prez

Baghdad | Agencies

Iraqi lawmakers have elected Abdul Latif Rashid as the new President of Iraq, marking a crucial step toward forming a new government for the country, the parliament said.

Rashid received 162 votes in the second round of voting, defeating Barham Salih who gained 99 votes, while eight votes were considered invalid, according to the media office of the parliament on Thursday.

In the first round of voting, none of the 39 presidential candidates garnered two-thirds of the votes of the total 329 parliament members, but Rashid got 156 votes and Salih came in second with 99 votes, Xinhua news agency reported.

According to the Iraqi constitution, the President-elect needs to gather at



least two-thirds of the votes of the 329 parliament members. Failing that, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will compete with each other in a second round, and the one receiving the majority of votes will be declared the President of Iraq.

The newly-elected Rashid was later sworn in as the President of Iraq, the fifth President of the country since 2003.

After the parliament session, Rashid tasked Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani with forming a new government as al-Sudani was nominated by the Coordination Framework (CF), the largest parliamentary alliance and an umbrella group of Shia parliamentary parties. Al-Sudani, now as the Prime Minister-designate, will have 30 days to form the new government, according to the constitution.

N.Korea fires 1 short-range ballistic missile, 170 artillery shots

Seoul | Agencies

North Korea on Friday fired a short-range ballistic missile (SRBM) and about 170 artillery shots into maritime "buffer zones" set under a 2018 inter-Korean military tension reduction accord, the Seoul military said.

The provocative move came after more than 10 North Korean warplanes staged menacing flights close to the inter-Korean border, prompting the South Korean Air Force to scramble its F-35A stealth fighters and other assets to the scene, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS).

The JCS said it detected the SRBM launch from the Sunan area in Pyongyang at 1.49 a.m., and that the missile flew some 700 km at an apogee of 50 km at a top speed of about Mach 6, reports Yonhap news agency.

It also detected the North's firing of some 130 artillery shots into the Yellow



Sea from Majang-dong, Hwanghae province, between 1.20 a.m. and 1.25 a.m., and of some 40 artillery shots into the East Sea from Gueup-ri, Gangwon province, between 2.57 a.m. and 3.07 a.m.



Team Absolute | Mumbai

A Mumbai-based leading cardiac surgeon Dr. Ramakanta Panda has been shortlisted for the prestigious Sony-BBC Earth Photography Contest-2022, an official said here on Friday. The theme for this year's contest was 'Thrill of

Life' and photographers worldwide were invited to send their entries in categories like landscape, adventure and wildlife. After a detailed shortlisting process, the voting for the finalists started last week, with Dr. Panda - who pursues photography as a passionate hobby - figuring among the finalists. "It's a privilege to be shortlisted for the

TOP CARDIAC SURGEON DR. PANDA SHORTLISTED FOR BBC EARTH PHOTO CONTEST



An avid wildlife photographer, who easily sheds his sterile surgical gloves, gown and scrubs for coarse jungle outfits, sophisticated cameras, zoom lenses and prowls around in the jungles for birds, animals, reptiles or other fascinating things to 'shoot' on film. Besides, he is also a philanthropist in the wildlife sector and had announced setting up an

eco-friendly holiday resort for tourists the proceeds of which would benefit around 2,000 poor forest workers in Bandhavgarh National Park in Madhya Pradesh. As he awaits the final announcement of the photography contest, Dr. Panda is also preparing for an exhibition of his photographs at the Nehru Centre, London in July 2023.

SEAT BELTS MUST FOR ALL DRIVERS, PASSENGERS IN MUMBAI FROM NOV 1

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a significant move, the Mumbai Traffic Police on Friday made it compulsory for all drivers and passengers of motor vehicles to wear seat-belts from November 1. The decision has been taken in view of the amendment to the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act's Section 194(b)(1), which has mandated that any person driving without a seat belt or carries passengers not wearing the same shall be liable for punishment. However, the Mumbai Traffic Police has given time to all vehicle owners who do not have seat-belt facility for all to install them by



October 31. From November 1, all motor vehicle drivers and commuters in such vehicles on Mumbai roads will compulsorily have to wear seatbelts or face punitive action under the laws. The diktat is considered relevant from the safety viewpoint, and comes five weeks after the death of eminent industrialist Cyrus P. Mistry in a road accident on September 4 ostensibly in a speeding vehicle while travelling from Gujarat to Mumbai. Prior to that, on August 14, prominent Maharashtra politician Vinayak Mete had been killed in a road accident on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway near Raigad, en route to Mumbai.

Govt moves SC against Bombay HC's acquittal of Prof G.N. Saibaba

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Maharashtra government has moved the Supreme Court challenging the Bombay High Court's Nagpur bench order, acquitting former Delhi University professor G.N. Saibaba in an alleged Maoist links case. As Solicitor General Tushar Mehta mentioned the appeal before a bench comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Hima Kohli and sought urgent listing of the case, it directed the case to be listed before an appropriate bench after the Chief Justice provides his administrative approval. The bench said the state government could move an application seeking an earlier hear-



ing on Saturday. Earlier in the day, the Bombay High Court Nagpur bench acquitted former Delhi University professor Saibaba and five others in an alleged Maoist links and conspiracy case. A division bench of Justices Rohit Deo and Anil Pansare acquitted Mahesh K. Tirkki, Hem Keshawdatt Mishra, Prashant Rahi, Vijay Nan Tirkki and Pandur Pora Narote who died in August this year. Earlier, the court had allowed their appeals against conviction and

life sentences awarded under the UAPA provisions. Saibaba, who suffers from a polio-related paralysis and is bound to a wheelchair, had previously filed a plea seeking suspension of his sentence on medical grounds, saying he is also suffering from multiple ailments, but it was rejected. Currently in Nagpur Central Jail, Saibaba is likely to be freed soon unless required in any other case. All the accused, arrested in 2014, were tried under various sections of IPC and UAPA and sentenced to life imprisonment by the Gadchiroli Sessions Court in March 2017, for links with the banned Maoist groups, charges of waging war against the nation, conspiracy, among others.

RSS Founder KB Hedgewar to get a trilingual biopic

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A biopic on the RSS Founder Dr K.B. Hedgewar is in early works. The first of its kind film, it will trace the journey of Dr Hedgewar and will be made in three languages - Hindi, Marathi and English. Padma Shri recipient Anup Jalota along with Jasveer Singh, Dr Rahul Joshi, L. Nitesh Kumar and Jayanand Shetty will lend their vocals to the song 'Tufan Hai Tera Rakt Aab' from the film. The music of the song has been directed by Dr Sanjayraj Gaurinandan and has been written by Shiv Pujan Patwa and Sorabh Bharat. Commenting on the occasion, Anup Jalota said in a statement: "I am honoured to be associated with the film. It



is an amazing subject. People, especially our youth, should be aware of our freedom fighters. 'Tufan Hai Tera Rakt Aab' signifies his ideologies." The film will be produced by Jayanand Shetty and Akshay Shetty Memorial Foundation, and will be directed by Sunny Mandavarr. Producer of the film

Jayanand Shetty, said in a statement: "Our film is a tribute to his journey, his struggles & his movements. His foresight and capability is established by the fact that the RSS today is one of the world's largest social organizations. Even today, Dr Hedgewar is a much revered figure in the Nationalist Movement of India."

Bugle sounded for Mumbai bypolls, BJP vs. Shiv Sena (UBT)

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On anticipated lines, the battle for the Andheri East Assembly constituency will be fought between the ruling ally Bharatiya Janata Party and the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) united candidate Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) nominees, here on Friday. The BJP's contender Murji Patel will lock horns with the Sena (UBT)'s nominee Rutuja Latke for what has become a prestige fight between the Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena and the MVA. Both candidates are filing their nominations in the day -- the last date for submitting the election papers -- for the seat, which fell vacant after the sitting erstwhile two-time Shiv Sena MLA Ramesh Latke passed away in Dubai on May 11. The Sena (UBT) has now fielded his widow and a former employee of



the BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation, Latke -- whose resignation was finally accepted by the civic body on Friday (today) after a rap from the Bombay High Court on Thursday. Incidentally, the late Latke had earlier defeated Patel, a BJP rebel who

stood as an independent in 2019 by a wide margin in Andheri East, which was a Congress bastion till 2014. While Sena (UBT)'s Rutuja Latke has the support of Congress, Nationalist Congress Party, CPI and other groups and civil society activists, BJP's Patel is backed by

Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena, Republican Party of India (A). Both candidates displayed a massive show of strength with top leaders of their respective sides attending the nomination filing this morning. MVA's leaders Aditya Thackeray, Subhash Desai, Dilip Walse-Patil, Bhai Jagtap, Suresh Shetty, Anil Parab, Anil Desai and others accompanied Latke. Patel was escorted by Ashish Shelar, Deepak Kesarkar, Ameet Satam, Prakash Jadhav and others to the Election Office in the constituency. The Andheri East seat falls under the Mumbai North-West Lok Sabha constituency currently represented by veteran Sena (UBT)'s two-time MP Gajanan Kirtikar, and of the six assembly segments, three have elected BJP members, two Shiv Sena, and the fight for the vacant seat will be fought on November 3.

CBI OPPOSES DESHMUKH'S BAIL IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

Mumbai: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday filed its reply opposing the bail plea of former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh in a corruption case registered against him. The 71-year-old NCP leader was arrested in November last year in a money laundering case being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and is currently lodged in Arthur Road Jail. The Bombay High Court had last week granted bail to the former minister in the money laundering case, following which he approached the special CBI court for bail in the corruption case. The former minister, in his plea, claimed that former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh and dismissed cop Sachin Waze had acted "in cahoots" and passed the buck to him to save their skin. The plea also raised questions about the credibility of the statements on which the CBI's case was based. Appearing for the probe agency, additional public prosecutor Ashish Chavan said, "We are opposing his bail tooth and nail. We have opposed all the contentions made in the bail plea." Earlier, Param Bir Singh had alleged that Anil Deshmukh, the then state home minister, had directed police personnel to collect Rs 100 crore per month from restaurants and bars in the city. Anil Deshmukh refuted the allegations, but had to step down from his post after the Bombay High Court directed the CBI to register a case against him. According to the probe agency, a preliminary inquiry had revealed that the accused and others had allegedly attempted to take undue advantage of their public duties. The other accused in the case are Anil Deshmukh's aides Sanjeev Palande and Kundan Shinde. The next hearing on the plea will be held on October 18.

Panasonic launches next-gen live video processing platform in India



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Japanese tech giant Panasonic on Friday unveiled a live video-production platform called 'Kairos' that allows new-age requirements of broadcasters and production houses to adopt new technologies to create a better experience for video production. The latest video processing platform provides an open architecture system and supports live video switching with flexibility and transmission speed. "Panasonic's Kairos, the integrated live system has been designed for all evolving, futuristic needs pertaining to both, hardware and software. It gives complete creative and operational freedom to broadcasters helping them fast-track to the digital ecosystem," said Manish Sharma, Chairman of Panasonic

Life Solutions India and South Asia. It also comes with features like complete input and output flexibility, resolution and format independence, maximum CPU/GPU processor utilisation and virtually unlimited ME (Mixed Effect) scalability. "Panasonic's Kairos takes the various components of a broadcast program and virtualizes them, so productions are flexible, dynamic and powerful. The intuitive Graphical User Interface (GUI) further enables users to manage unlimited layers and effects with ease," said Vijay Wadhawan, Director of Systems Solutions Division, Panasonic Life Solutions India. "Kairos not only helps bring down the operational costs significantly but also can deliver a superior production and an efficient management for smart live production," he added.

Vistara ramps up ops, announces connectivity between Pune and Singapore

Vistara airline on Friday announced the addition of a new route to its international network with four weekly flights between Pune and Singapore, starting December.

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The airline will operate its state-of-the-art A321neo aircraft with a three-class configuration on the route as it strengthens its existing connectivity between India and the 'Lion City'. The airline also recently announced that it will fly daily between Mumbai and Kathmandu starting November 15, enabling convenient onward connections to popular international destinations like Dubai, Jeddah, Abu Dhabi and more. Vinod Kannan, Chief Executive Officer, Vistara, said, "We are very excited to be able to launch the long-awaited connection between Pune and Singapore. Singapore is a key market for business and leisure travel from various points in India and we are glad that the new route will offer enhanced connectivity to our customers. We are also delighted to introduce another international route between Mumbai and Kathmandu



thereby offering the customers the option to avail seamless connections beyond Mumbai across our domestic as well as international network. We continue to densify our network for the convenience of our customers and offer them the experience of flying with India's best airline." TATA SIA Airlines Limited, known by the brand name Vistara, is a 51:49 joint venture between Tata Sons Private Limited and Singapore

Airlines Limited (SIA). Vistara commenced its commercial operations on January 9, 2015, with an aim to set new standards in the aviation industry in India and currently it connects destinations across India and abroad. The airline has a fleet of 53 aircraft, including 41 Airbus A320, five Airbus A321neo, five Boeing 737-800NG and two Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft and has flown more than 35 million customers since starting operations.

"ANGER AMONG PEOPLE": TEAM THACKERAY SLAMS SHINDE CAMP

Mumbai: Aadiya Thackeray, leader of the Uddhav Thackeray-led camp of the Shiv Sena, on Friday slammed the Eknath Shinde-helmed Maharashtra government, saying that there is anger among people the way his party candidate Rutuja Latke was troubled. Latke is the candidate of the 'Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray' for the next month's by-election to the Andheri East Assembly constituency. Thackeray said he is 100 per cent confident that Latke will get the votes of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) constituents. The MVA comprises the Thackeray-led faction of the Sena, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), and Congress. Latke, a Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) employee, had tendered her resignation earlier this month, but the civic body was not accepting it. She later had approached the Bombay High Court, which on Thursday gave a relief to her as it directed the BMC to accept her resignation. Thackeray alleged that there was pressure on the BMC not to accept Latke's resignation. "There is anger about the way a woman (Latke) was troubled. Be it BMC or the state government, the attempt was that she doesn't contest (the bypoll)...," he said. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has fielded Murji Patel for the by-election. He is the joint candidate of the BJP and the Eknath Shinde-led faction of the Sena. The by-election for the Andheri East seat will be held on November 3. It was necessitated due to the death of Rutuja Latke's husband Ramesh Latke, who was the sitting MLA from that constituency.



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Actress Scarlett Johansson revealed on a podcast that her orgasm recordings for the movie 'Her' resulted in actor Joaquin Phoenix fleeing the set.

Phoenix starred in the Spike Jonze-directed drama as a man who falls in love with his phone's operating system, a Siri-like female voice named Samantha, played by Johansson. The two have a sexual relationship in the form of phone sex, which required Johansson to record herself fake orgasming.

"We tried to get through one take, and he was, like, losing it," Johansson said. "He left the studio. He needed a break."

Johansson added, "You don't want to hear your voice ever. You definitely don't want to hear what you sound like having an orgasm. You definitely don't want to hear what you sound like having a fake orgasm -- ew. It's so gross. It was so bizarre."

"Her" released to critical acclaim in December 2013, won Jonze the Oscar for original screenplay. The film was also nominated for best picture.

Joaquin fled 'Her' set amid my fake orgasm recordings: Scarlett



Kim shares 'intimate' details of sex life with Pete Davidson

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Reality TV star Kim Kardashian got into the intimate details of her sex life with her grandmother, Mary Jo "MJ" Campbell, in the latest episode of 'The Kardashians'. Although they split over the summer, Kardashian is still dating Pete Davidson in the newest season of her Hulu show, and the reality star did not hold back on sharing sex details with her extended family.

"Pete and I were staying at the Beverly Hills Hotel last weekend and we were sitting in front of the fireplace just talking for hours and I was like, 'My grandma told me that you really live life when you have sex in front of the fireplace,'" she shared with her mother, Kris Jenner, sister Khloe Kardashian and her grandmother.

"And so we had sex in front of the fireplace in honour of you," Kardashian shared with Campbell. After realising she had just shared very private details to her family and the cameras, Kim said: "I know that's really creepy."

Campbell, 88, asked, "Not in the lobby?" Kim clarified that she and Davidson did not get down to business in the lobby before saying, "But how creepy to think about your grandma before you have sex?" Campbell said: "I know, but I was younger once."

In the same episode, Kardashian had Davidson on the phone for her family to speak with as he was relaying his excitement for travelling to space.

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British adventurer and television presenter Bear Grylls, who is known for his show 'Man vs. Wild', has a word of advice for the UK's schooling system.

He wants to improve the school system in the UK when it comes to helping students deal with mental health issues.

He believes that while things are getting better, schools are still "woefully ill-equipped" and are failing to teach children a number of important life lessons. Speaking to a daily newspaper, Bear opened up on how the state must continue



UK SCHOOLS ARE ILL-EQUIPPED TO TACKLE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

In life, we have to be our own doctor: Bear Grylls

to get better if it is to help the latest generation through what he has called labelled an anxiety pandemic. "I think the UK's school system is woefully ill-equipped," he claimed. "None of this stuff [mental health] is taught and I certainly wasn't taught this stuff at school." He further stated that he told how he believes one of the main reasons we are seeing a "staggeringly high" number of suicides in people in their 40s and 50s is because that generation simply wasn't well equipped from a younger age. And that is something he is determined to see change in today's society. "It wasn't something people spoke about 20 or 30 years ago," he admitted. "When you lack the tools and the framework to understand the battles you're going through, people often don't know which way to turn." He added: "I think we're beginning to get a little better but ultimately all of us in life have to be our own doctors." The former British Special Forces soldier continued: "We've got to find things in our lives that help us be physically strong, mentally strong and emotionally strong, and learn life skills; all this stuff that schools fail to teach people. In life, we have to be our own doctor." Bear, who is dad to three teenage sons, was speaking ahead of the launch of his new book titled 'Mind Fuel', which offers readers a number of daily strategies to build emotional health and resilience.

Hollywood is worst when it comes to punishing people for misdeeds: Issa Rae

Los Angeles | Agencies

'The Photograph' actress Issa Rae is less optimistic about support for women in Hollywood now than she was in the immediate wake of #MeToo. She pointed to the controversy surrounding Ezra Miller and said that powerful forces behind Miller are trying to save him.

"It feels like we're regressing, depressingly so," Rae told a magazine. "There are just too many enablers for there to be real change. People have to be held accountable. There have to be legitimate consequences. Hollywood is very bad about conse-

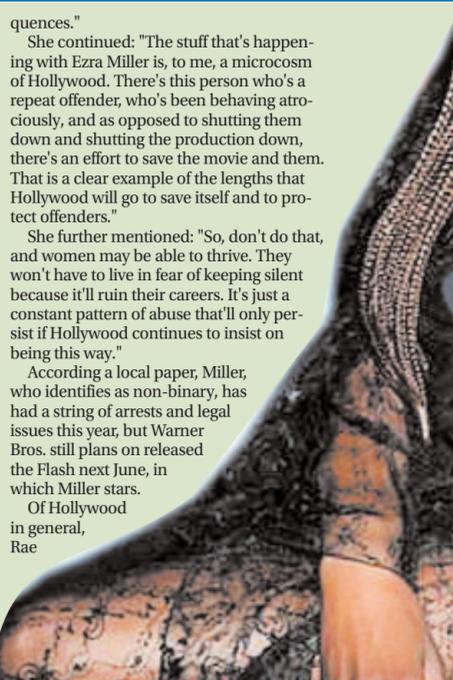
quences." She continued: "The stuff that's happening with Ezra Miller is, to me, a microcosm of Hollywood. There's this person who's a repeat offender, who's been behaving atrociously, and as opposed to shutting them down and shutting the production down, there's an effort to save the movie and them. That is a clear example of the lengths that Hollywood will go to save itself and to protect offenders."

She further mentioned: "So, don't do that, and women may be able to thrive. They won't have to live in fear of keeping silent because it'll ruin their careers. It's just a constant pattern of abuse that'll only persist if Hollywood continues to insist on being this way."

According a local paper, Miller, who identifies as non-binary, has had a string of arrests and legal issues this year, but Warner Bros. still plans on releasing the Flash next June, in which Miller stars.

Of Hollywood in general, Rae

Ezra Miller an example of how Hollywood elite protects offenders



How Melissa McCarthy messed up sex talk with daughter



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Actress Melissa McCarthy messed up a sex talk with her daughter as she did it while picking up dog poo. The actress revealed that she is aiming to do "better" next time she tackles the subject, which she initially tried the day before her 15-year-old girl Vivian's school covered the topic in health class.

McCarthy said that she didn't want to let "someone else initiate that conversation with my child," but she said on the "We Can Do Hard Things" podcast "I did (it) incredibly awkwardly." The actress, who also shares daughter Georgette with husband Ben Falcone, additionally joked trying to talk to Vivian about sex while bending over to pick up dog mess was a "really wonderful time" to chat.

She added: "Vivi just goes, 'Oh dear God, is this happening?' And I was like, 'There are different parts of bodies... uh... I was just like, 'Let me be awkward and get through it'. There is still a midwestern former Catholic person (inside of me) that's like, 'Talk about sex and a lightning bolt comes down.'"

McCarthy insisted that she has had better chats with her kids about dating, with her and her husband urging their girls to pick partners who are "incredibly kind and respectful" and only "lift" them up. She added: "That person has to be incredibly happy when you succeed and incredibly supportive when you fail. And if those are ever switched, that's the biggest red flag on earth. And nothing should make you feel uncomfortable."



Helen Flanagan



ICC LAUNCHES GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP WITH UNICEF TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS

All 16 competing nations will also hold Cricket 4 Good coaching clinics at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup venues during the tournament with up to 40 school children taking part in each one.

THE ICC EVENTS THE PARTNERSHIP WILL BE ACTIVATED AT INCLUDE:

ICC Men's T20 World Cup, Australia, Oct-Nov 2022; ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup, South Africa, Jan 2023; ICC Women's T20 World Cup, South Africa, Feb 2023; ICC World Test Championship Final, England, June 2023; ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, India, Oct-Nov 2023.

Dubai | Agencies

The International Cricket Council (ICC) and UNICEF have launched a global partnership to empower women and girls and promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket.

An ICC statement said the initiatives to drive greater gender equity along with advocacy campaigns involving some of the world's best



players will form the basis of the partnership, which aims to mobilise the "power of cricket to drive positive social change".

UNICEF and ICC will also launch 'Cricket 4 Good', a cricket for development curriculum giving girls and boys the opportunity to have a fun first experience of the game whilst learning gender-based life-skills

essential for gender equity.

The Cricket 4 Good programme will be an eight-week lesson plan on the fundamentals of batting, bowling and fielding. Each lesson plan has a life-skill module attached to teach participants core life skills that will promote greater gender equity. These skills include leadership, problem-solving, self-esteem, nego-

tiation, empathy, decision-making, teamwork and goal setting.

The ICC will also use its global platform to drive greater awareness of the importance of empowering women and girls and gender equity, giving some of the world's best players the opportunity to get involved in driving greater social change.

Australia men's T20I captain Aaron Finch is leading the call for every cricket fan to #BeAChampion. He said, "I am so proud, as the dad of a daughter, to #BeAChampion for girls and support the partnership between the ICC and UNICEF to promote gender equity through cricket."

The partnership will continue throughout the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 in South Africa and South Africa captain, Dane van Niekerk, said, "What an amazing initiative by the ICC in collaboration with UNICEF, aimed at fostering an equal future for women and girls from all walks of life through the shared passion for the game of cricket."



SHAMI REPLACES BUMRAH IN T20 WORLD CUP SQUAD

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The national selectors have picked seasoned pacer Mohammed Shami as a replacement for Jasprit Bumrah, who had to pull out of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia starting on Sunday. India will open their campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan on October 23.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Mohammed Shami as Jasprit Bumrah's replacement in India's ICC Men's T20 World Cup squad. Shami has reached Australia and will link up with the squad in Brisbane ahead of the warm-up matches," the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) honorary secretary Jay Shah informed in a release on Friday.

Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur have been named as backups and will travel to Australia shortly, the release added. Bumrah was initially ruled out from the

recent three-match T20I series against South Africa due to a back injury.

The 28-year-old Bumrah had picked up a back injury earlier last month, which had ruled him out of the Asia Cup. He returned for the three-match T20I series against Australia, which India won 2-1, and picked up a wicket in two matches.

The BCCI Medical team later ruled out the fast bowler from the ICC Men's T20 World Cup squad. The decision was taken following a detailed assessment and in consultation with the specialists.

India squad for ICC T20 World Cup: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Mohammed Shami.

Sabalenka tops Stephens; Keys, Badosa advance in San Diego



San Diego (California) | Agencies

Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus defeated American Sloane Stephens 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals of the San Diego Open here on Thursday.

Also on Thursday Madison Keys reached the San Diego quarterfinals by taking down No.8 seed Daria Kasatkina 6-4, 6-3 and notching the 250th tour-level win of her career while No.2 seed Paula Badosa eased

into the quarterfinals with a 6-0, 6-3 dismissal of qualifier Louisa Chirico. Badosa required only 53 minutes to eliminate World No.196 Chirico.

No.3 seed Sabalenka stormed back from a first-set rout to win the match in 2 hours and maintain her undefeated record against Stephens. Sabalenka is now 3-0 over 2017 US Open champion Stephens, with all of those wins going to a decisive third set.

Keys, No.13 in the Race to the Finals coming into this week, battled back from 4-0 down in the opening set before clinching victory in 1 hour and 27 minutes. Kasatkina is No.6 in the Race to the Finals but will have to wait a bit longer before her fate is determined.

Keys will face her fellow American Jessica Pegula in the quarterfinals. It will be the first meeting on tour between Keys and No.4 seed Pegula.

In another match No.2 seed, Paula Badosa eased into the quarterfinals with a 6-0, 6-3 dismissal of qualifier Louisa Chirico. Badosa required only 53 minutes to eliminate World No.196 Chirico.

UNION BERLIN SNATCH LATE WIN OVER MALMO IN UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

Berlin | Agencies

Robin Knoche's late winner secured Bundesliga leaders Union Berlin a vital 1-0 victory over Sweden's Malmo FF in UEFA Europa League Group D on Thursday. After an unspectacular first half, Union started the second half brightly and produced the first chance of the game after Rani Khedira rattled the post with a hammer from 20 meters in the 63rd minute.

Union increased the pressure and had another chance on target moments later when Ismael Diawara had to save Jordan Siebatcheu's backheeled attempt from very close range, reports Xinhua.

The hosts eventually broke the deadlock through Knoche after Malmo's Emmanuel Lomotey brought down Kevin Behrens inside the box. Things went from bad to worse a couple of minutes later for Malmo as the visitors had to conclude the match with ten men after Lomotey saw a straight red card for a



reckless challenge against Sheraldo Becker.

"We didn't play well in the first half. The second half was better. We stayed calm and rewarded ourselves in the end. We knew we wouldn't get many chances, but we kept trying," said Union captain Christopher Trimmel.

Meanwhile in the UEFA Conference League, Israeli club Hapoel Beer Sheva and Polish champions Lech Poznan drew 1-1 on the fourth matchday of Group C on Thursday evening.

Following the draw, Poznan have five points and remain in second place, while Beer Sheva stay third

with three points.

Villarreal, who achieved an away 1-0 win over Austria Wien earlier in the evening, have reached full 12 points, securing first place in the group and a spot in the round of 16 to be played in March. The Austrians remain in fourth place with one point.

11,654 fans at the Toto Turner Stadium saw home striker Tomer Hemed score from the penalty spot in the ninth minute after Poznan's Joel Pereira had brought down Shay Elias.

Hemed almost doubled the lead in the 37th minute with a header, but the ball hit the crossbar.

Poznan evened the scores in the 44th minute thanks to striker Filip Szymczak, after a headed pass by Filip Dagerstal.

The score remained the same until the end, after a calm second half without serious scoring chances. Beer Sheva will next play against Villarreal in Spain, while Poznan will play in Austria, with both matches to be played on October 27.

Two-time 5000m world champion Muktar Edris eyes course record at Delhi Half Marathon

New Delhi | Agencies

Ethiopia's two-time 5000m world champion Muktar Edris is looking to bounce back after a summer derailed by an untimely calf injury and is aiming for not just a win but the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon course record on Sunday (October 16). Edris, now 28, made an impressive half marathon debut in Delhi in 2020 and finished fourth on that occasion in 59:04. He improved his personal best in the Spanish city of Valencia 12 months ago to 58:40 to make him the fastest runner in the 17th edition of the World Athletics Elite Label Race, which is one of the world's most prestigious races over the distance. "Sunday will be only



my third half marathon but I will certainly try for the course record. I am now back in good shape," Edris said.

"I ran well (over 5000m on the track) at the Diamond League in Rome in the summer but had some calf problems after another race in Paris. When I went

to Eugene (to defend his world title) I didn't get a good result but now everything is much better," he added at the pre-race press conference.

Just two weeks ago, Edris had his first race since the World Athletics Championships in July and got a morale-boosting win over 10km on the roads in Trento, Italy over a high-quality field. Now his target is producing the fastest half marathon ever seen in India and beating the course record of 58:53 set by his compatriot Amedework Walegn in 2020. Among Edris' challengers on Sunday will be Kenya's Felix Kipkoech and Ethiopia's Chala Regasa, the second and third fastest men in the field with personal bests of 58:57 and 59:10.

AUS-NZ T20 WC SUPER 12 OPENER AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND SOLD OUT

Sydney | Agencies

The Australia-New Zealand match at the Sydney Cricket Ground, which will open the Men's T20 World Cup Super 12 round, on Friday was officially declared a sell-out by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Hosts Australia, led by Aaron Finch, will begin their title defence of the T20 World Cup in front of a capacity crowd at the Sydney Cricket Ground in a re-match of the

2021 final against Kane Williamson-led New Zealand on Saturday.

ICC also said that over 600,000 tickets have already been snapped up by fans to watch the first ever Men's T20 World Cup played in Australia.

Apart from this, the India-Pakistan fixture, to be played the following night at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on October 23, will also be played in front of a full house after additional standing room tickets



released two months ago were sold within 10 minutes.

Current ticket allocations are also all sold for the double-header at the SCG on October 27 featuring South Africa facing Bangladesh and India up against Group A runner-up. There are also a very limited number of tickets remaining to the opening

match-day of the event, which begins with Sri Lanka taking on Namibia at Kardinia Park Stadium in Geelong on Sunday.

ICC added that tickets are still available for most matches, but fans are encouraged to act now to secure their seats at family-friendly prices.

Playing for team is important than winning: Neha Goyal

New Delhi | Agencies

India women's hockey team midfielder Neha Goyal is looking forward to tough matches against some big teams in the FIH Nations Cup 2022 in Valencia, Spain from December 11-17, as game time against them invariably leads to huge improvement in the side.

India have been drawn in Pool B with Canada, Japan and South Africa in the Nations Cup 2022, while Pool A comprises Ireland, Italy, Korea and hosts Spain.

"The Women's Nations Cup 2022 will see us play some good teams and it will provide us with game time, for which there is no substitute. We have been doing well against big teams consistently in recent years and in Spain, we will aim to do more of the same," said Neha on Friday.

The team will play Canada, Japan and South Africa once each, before the ranking rounds begin. India begins their campaign against Canada, and then play Japan before the South Africans come calling.



WOMEN'S ASIA CUP

SOLID INDIA START FAVOURITES AGAINST SRI LANKA IN FINAL

Sylhet (Bangladesh) | Agencies

A solid Indian team start as favourites to win their seventh Women's Asia Cup title when they face a confident Sri Lanka in the final of the ongoing tournament at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

With the Women's T20 World Cup set to be held in South Africa next year, India have been on an experimenting spree in the Asia Cup. After winning their opening match co-incidentally against Sri Lanka, India have had experiments in their subsequent matches, though it didn't work out against Pakistan.

Harmanpreet's words about giving middle-order the game time, an aspect which cost them winning big knockout games in pressure situations, has been the major theme of India in the ongoing Asia Cup.



With Harmanpreet and Smriti Mandhana getting runs on their good days with the bat, Jemimah Rodrigues has stood up to be a consistent performer for India.

Currently sitting on top of the run-getters list with 215 runs in seven matches at an average of 71.66 and strike-rate of 137.82, Jemimah is turning out to be a force to reckon

with in the T20I side.

Sabbhineni Meghana has also performed well whenever she got chances, but India would be mighty pleased with how opener Shafali Verma has got back among the runs after going through a lean patch during 2022 Commonwealth Games and tour of England. Her getting runs gives India more confidence in their batting ahead of the title clash.

With the ball, Deepti Sharma has thrived with the bat and ball, especially with her miserly spell of 3/7 in the semi-final against Thailand to be the leading wicket-taker in the competition with 13 scalps. Apart from her, Rajeshwari Gayakwad (seven wickets) and Sneha Rana (five wickets) have been chipping in well in a tournament where spinners have called the shots due to slow nature of the pitches. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, are in a Women's Asia Cup

final after 14 years, thanks to a thrilling one-run win over Pakistan in the second semi-final. The Chamari Athapaththu-led side successfully defended 12 runs off the last two overs to enter the Asia Cup final. Though Chamari hasn't got the big runs, Harshitha Madavi and Nilakshi de Silva, with cameos from other players like Oshadi Ranasinghe have done the bulk of scoring with the bat. With the ball, left-arm spinner Inoka Ranaweera (12 wickets) has been a vital player for Sri Lanka.

With the men's team having stunned everyone to win the Asia Cup Trophy in the UAE in September, Sri Lanka must be heavily motivated to join their counterparts in being champions of the multi-nation event. But with an Indian team who have an eye on the big picture apart from clinching another Asia Cup title, the challenge will be huge.



Manushi does 15 back-to-back night shoots



I want to learn and grow with every project that I get: Manushi Chhillar

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Manushi Chhillar wrapped up her upcoming project 'Tehran' alongside action star John Abraham, with back to back night shoots for 15 consecutive days.

The film that went on-floors a few months ago, was shot exhaustively across Glasgow, Mumbai and Delhi. The third schedule of 'Tehran' began in the last week of September and she shot over a period of 15 days, consisting of rigorous night shoots through the bylanes of Delhi.

Manushi says, "I want to learn and grow with every project that I get an opportunity to do. I want to constantly evolve into becoming an actor who is formidable in her craft and dependable to deliver performances that hopefully touch the hearts and minds of audiences. Tehran is one such film."

She adds, "Shooting for 'Tehran' was an enriching experience. I learnt something new every single day! In the run-up to the film's wrap, I was only shooting nights!"

"So, I might have ended up with 15 sleepless nights but I was satiated as an artiste because I got to understand the craft so differently, primarily because the genre is so exciting. This was my first long night shoot schedule of my career and I enjoyed it every single night."

The actress thanked her director Arun Gopalan and producer Dinesh Vijan for the opportunity to shine in their vision. The action thriller, inspired by true events, marks the feature directorial debut of ad filmmaker Arun Gopalan and is produced by Dinesh Vijan's Maddock Films.



Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actresses Maanvi Gargroo, Sayani Gupta and Bani J revealed an interesting behind-the-scenes moment where they jumped into a freezing lake to get the perfect shot for the third season of 'Four More Shots Please!'

Sharing the incident, Maanvi, who plays Siddhi in the show, said: "When we were shooting in Italy, we had to shoot a lake scene, and it was freezing cold. The water was so cold that our director Joyeeta (Patpati) asked us to skip it. But, Bani was

prepared to do it, leaving Joyeeta surprised. That pumped us up and Sayani and I too decided to go for it." Revealing how she convinced them to live this once in a lifetime moment, Bani shared that she was like: "I got you guys, you have my back, don't worry. But then, something unexpected happened. The scene was shot in a single take, as it was the last shot of our outdoor schedule."

"I was hyping everyone up as I was super excited to go for it. I ran towards the lake and jumped, and then I realised it's deeper than I imagined, my heart went numb. I was like 'Oh Goodness, Breathe

Breathe! But before I could warn Sayani and Maanvi to not take the risk, it was too late."

Bani revealed that she has all the moments captured on her phone, but viewers will have to wait until the season drops on 21 October.

"I have been the unofficial BTS videographer. In every season, whenever we shoot something, I'm always ready with my phone to capture photos and videos. I've created a new season for myself. When the team will see the vlogs, they will get a flashback of all their memories, but this will go only after the season is out."

Maanvi, Bani, Sayani plunge into a freezing lake for upcoming series



'Sajid Khan will not be ousted from the show'

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Ever since filmmaker Sajid Khan stepped into 'Bigg Boss 16', controversies have shrouded the reality show. There were

reports claiming that the #MeToo accused will be shown the exit door in the coming week, however, new reports say that he will remain in the house.

Sajid has been accused of sexual misconduct by many including Mandana Karimi, Aahana Kumra, Kanishka Soni, and Sherlyn Chopra. He has been accused of sexual assault allegations which include flashing his private parts at parties, asking female actors to send him their nude pictures as part of the casting process and watching porn in front of women.

Earlier reports stated that Colors has decided to oust Sajid while Salman Khan

continued to fight as he has a good bond with his sister Farah Khan. The report by Times Of India October 13 claimed that Sajid will have to make his exit from the reality show within a week.

However, reports by "Koimoi.com" stated that these are just rumours.

A source told Koimoi.com: "All these are mere rumours and there's no truth to it. There's no truth in Sajid Khan getting ousted from Bigg Boss 16's house, he's there for the show & will only get out following the rules of it if he gets eliminated at any given time. All these rumours have been spread as personal vendetta against him."



Girl on a bench: Hrithik shares first picture of girlfriend on instagram

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Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan went down memory lane as he shared a throwback picture with his girlfriend Saba Azad from their trip to London.

Hrithik posted the photo from their vacation to the UK

during summer earlier this year on his Instagram. This is the first time he shared a picture of his girlfriend on his account.

Saba looked stunning in a white dress and sneakers. Hrithik donned a red and white outfit.

The actor captioned the image: "Girl on a bench.

Summer 2022. London. The Van Gogh immersive experience."

In the selfie clicked by Hrithik, Saba was seen sitting on a bench looking away from the camera. Hrithik was seen smiling as he looked at Saba. Hrithik posted the photo on the occasion of Karwa Chauth.

Saba commented: "Van Gogh

on a lazy summer afternoon (smiling emoji) best day with the best egg (black heart emoji)."

On the acting front, Hrithik's latest release is 'Vikram Vedha', which also stars Saif Ali Khan and Radhika Apte. He will next be seen in 'Fighter' alongside Deepika Padukone.

MODIJI KI BETI: POOR DRAMA, WITH PARTIAL ENTERTAINMENT

FILM REVIEW

BY AAKRUTI BAGLA

Starring: Avani Modi, Pitabash Tripathi, Vikram Kochchar, Tarun Khanna
Directed by: Eddy Singh
Runtime: 1 hr 44 min
Rating: 1.5/5

STORY

The story revolves around a struggling actress name Avani Modi whose world turn topsy-turvy after an over-smart journalist claims her to be the daughter of India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On the other hand, in order to prove their mettle as terrorists, Bilal and Tauseef kidnap Avani after they get to know that she is shooting in Kashmir. What happens with Avani as she gets lured in this trap? That forms the rest of the story.

REVIEW

A premise like this needs to be convincing while entertaining the audience and keeping them hooked. The concept is genuinely intriguing, but what does not work for this film is poorly-structured



tured drama which makes the film neither entertaining nor engaging.

The first half of film is highly uneven and appears like parts of a puzzle that you keep solving till the end. At places, the film smartly takes a dig at few circumstances like inflation and GST while trying to give out the message of unity and peace over jehaad. But none of the things are conveyed properly as they were half-baked.

Another reason why it makes you wince in your seats is because of the low-brow humour. At places, even stirring dialogues are mouthed in a way that ceases to leave an impact.

When it comes to performance, the actors have failed to put their best foot forward. Their

portrayal felt very overdramatic and forced. Only performance that registered was of Tarun Khanna despite limited screen-time. Speaking of other technicalities, the editing was pathetic, the scenes were not integrating into a flow. The background score was annoying, while the music was passable.

The production value of the film was average and it was palpable from the word 'go'. Even the cinematography department had nothing new to the table barring a few breathtaking landscapes of Himachal captured beautifully.

Overall, Modiji ki beti should be watched if you like political comedy-drama. Otherwise it's a disappointing affair that should be avoided.

DOCTOR G: SHODDY TAKE ON A SENSITIVE CONCEPT



FILM REVIEW

BY SHACHI CHATURVEDI

Directed by: Anubhuti Kashyap
Runtime: 2 hours 6 minutes
Cast: Ayushmann Khurana, Rakul Preet Singh, Shefali Shah, Sheeba Chaddha
Rating: 2/5

Synopsis: Uday Gupta (Ayushmann) is the only male student in the Department of Gynaecology. His reluctance causes chaos, confusion, comedy, and, ultimately, great camaraderie among his classmates.

Review: The film begins with an introduction to the characters, which establishes the tone and plot of the story. The film addresses some serious issues and attempts to break down stereotypes, but this is not how it should be done. The film's dialogues

were poorly written and the editing was poor, resulting in a stretched and boring film. Although the second half of the film was tolerable, the first half was as incomprehensible as a train in the sea. Despite the fact that the film deals with the sensitive issue of pregnancy of minors and the stereotype of being a male Gynaecologist, things were a little disjointed.

Now it's always a pleasure to watch Ayushmann act but unfortunately, he also falls victim to the screenplay and loosely written character.

When it comes to Rakul Preet there is no explanation that can clarify her presence. Despite being the main character she quite simply faded into the background. Sheeba and Shefali deserve special mention because they were the film's only redeeming qualities. Although the camera placement was excellent, the editing could have been tighter. The songs were good and well-placed. Apart from the concept, the film has nothing remarkable to offer. It is definitely a film to watch at your own risk.

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Pooja Hegde