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MAJORITY IN INDIA WANTS COUNTRY TO LEAD FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE TO STOP

GLOBAL WARMING

More than half of people in India (55 per cent) say India should reduce its own emissions of the gases that cause global warming immediately without waiting for other countries. In contrast, only 6 per cent say India should reduce its own emissions only if rich countries go first, and 17 per cent say India should reduce its own emissions only if all the other countries of the world reduce their emissions at the same time. Additionally, 8 per cent say India should not reduce its emissions under any circumstances, while 15 per cent say they don't know or did not provide a response.

► MOST PEOPLE IN INDIA ARE WILLING TO JOIN A CITIZENS' CAMPAIGN TO CONVINC LEADERS IN INDIA TO TAKE ACTION ON GLOBAL WARMING. A LARGE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN INDIA (76 PER CENT) SAY THEY ARE EITHER "ALREADY PARTICIPATING" (6 PER CENT) OR ARE "DEFINITELY" (57 PER CENT) OR "PROBABLY" (14 PER CENT) WILLING TO JOIN A CAMPAIGN TO CONVINC ELECTED OFFICIALS TO TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING. IN CONTRAST, FEW PEOPLE IN INDIA (8 PER CENT) SAY THEY EITHER "PROBABLY" (3 PER CENT) OR "DEFINITELY" (5 PER CENT) WOULD NOT JOIN SUCH A CAMPAIGN.



Team Absolute | New Delhi

A significant number of Indians are of the opinion that policy makers and the leadership in the country should not wait for other countries and institutions before taking concrete steps to mitigate the impact of climate change and global warming. This is perhaps because a majority of Indians are now convinced that global warming presents a clear danger to their lives and livelihoods, apart from endangering the prospects of future generations. This was revealed by a nationwide survey conducted of Climate Change Communication. The survey was conducted between October 2021 and January 2022 and covered a scientifically designed random sample size of 4619 adult Indians who were above 18 years of age.

The percentage of people in India who say India should reduce its emissions immediately is 19 percentage points higher than in 2011, while the percentage who say India should reduce its own emissions only if rich countries go first (-11 percentage points), and the percentage who say India should not reduce its emissions under any circumstances (-5) are both lower than in 2011. Speaking on the subject, Dr. Anthony Leiserowitz of Yale University said, "A majority of people in India (59 per cent) say that in the future India should use either "much more" (42 per cent) or "more" (16 per cent) renewable sources of energy, like solar panels and wind turbines, than it does today. Relatively few respondents (12 per cent) say India should use either "much less" (3 per cent) or "less" (9 per cent) renewable energy, and 13 per cent say India should use the same amount of renewable energy as it does today. Dr. Jagdish Thaker of the University of Auckland, said, "Most respondents (54 per cent) also say India should use "much less" (23 per cent) or "less" (31 per cent) fossil fuels, like coal, oil, and gas, than it does today. Few respondents (13 per cent) say India should use "much more" (8 per cent) or "more" (5 per cent) fossil fuels, and 18 per cent say India should use the same amount of fossil fuels as it does today."

The survey further reveals that 83 per cent of Indians want formal training for citizens about global warming. This is up 13 per cent since late 2011 when a similar survey was conducted. Besides, while 6 per cent stated they already do, another 57 per cent was definitely willing to join a citizen's campaign against global warming. India has been an active participant and supporter of the Paris Agreement and policy makers claim that the country will control, curb and reduce its carbon footprint before the target years set by global agreements.

CM Shinde camp breaks in Maha

Ex-minister's 'ghar-wapasi' to Shiv Sena (UBT) boosts party's strength in Vidarbha



Team Absolute | Mumbai

Boosting the party's prospects in Vidarbha region, former Maharashtra minister Sanjay Deshmukh rejoined the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) along with another Thane leader, Sanjay Ghadigonkar, party officials said here on Thursday. The duo joined the party in the presence of ex-Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, who tied the 'Shiv-Bandhan' on their wrists on Thursday afternoon in the presence of many others who have joined the party in the recent weeks. Deshmukh was a two-time MLA from Digras in Yavatmal, from where the erstwhile party strongman Sanjay Rathod had joined the rebel group led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, which is now known as

Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena. Rathod, currently the FDA Minister, represents the Digras seat and seasoned politician Deshmukh's entry into Sena (UBT) could pose a tough challenge to him in the next elections and also in the Vidarbha region, now under the Bharatiya Janata Party's influence. Welcoming them into the party fold, Thackeray urged them to strengthen the party in the eastern Maharashtra region and said that he would soon visit the famed Pohradevi Temple, an important pilgrimage centre for the Banjara community. Speaking on the occasion, Thackeray said that people from different backgrounds, caste and religion are joining his party as they are unhappy with what happened in June (the toppling of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government).

OCTOBER'S SALARY WILL BE CREDITED IN ACCOUNT BEFORE DIWALI IN MP

Bhopal: This is good news for the government officers and employees of Madhya Pradesh, because they will get their salary for the month of October before Diwali. In a tweet, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while giving information about the salary being given to the employees before Diwali, said, the holy festival of Diwali is coming. Celebrate Diwali with gaiety by all our employees and friends, so we are issuing an order to pay this month's salary before Diwali. Many many congratulations and best wishes of Diwali to all the staff colleagues. This time Diwali is on October 24 and employees will get their salary before that. Usually the salary is received closer to a date, this time the salary will be received about a week in advance.

UK Prime Minister Truss quits, another chance for Sunak

Ashis Ray | London

The ruling Conservatives will race to find a new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in a week, after Liz Truss dramatically, though not unexpectedly, resigned as head of government on Thursday after only 45 days in office - the shortest period for any British Premier in history. "I cannot deliver the mandate on which I was elected by the Conservative party," Truss declared standing in front of the door of her office cum residence - 10 Downing Street. In effect, Britain will have an incredible and unprecedented third Prime Minister in three and a half months. Truss added she had agreed with Sir Graham Brady, chairman of the 1922 Committee - the body that conducts internal elections in the Conservative party - that the leadership election will be completed within a week. Speculation was swirling in Westminster and Whitehall about the Indian origin former Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak - who



lost the contest to Truss in the summer - once again throwing his hat into the ring. There was, however, no confirmation of this from him. Apart from Sunak, the names of Ben Wallace, the Secretary of State for Defence, Penny Mordaunt, Leader of the House of Commons, and even Johnson are doing the round. Wallace refused to bid for the leadership in the summer, but could be a unifying figure and thereby a frontrunner, if he stands. BBC reported Jeremy Hunt, the current Chancellor, will not fight an election for the Prime Ministership.

"MUSLIMS DON'T WORSHIP LAKSHMI. AREN'T THEY RICH?" BJP MLA SPARKS ROW

Patna: Courting controversy, a BJP MLA in Bihar said Muslims do not worship the Hindu goddess of wealth, and still they are millionaires and billionaires, and the US is a superpower though people don't worship Lord Hanuman. "Maa Saraswati is a goddess of education but Muslims do not worship her. Are they not scholars? Similarly, they do not worship Maa Lakshmi who is a goddess of wealth and money, are they not wealthy? Hanuman Ji is a god of power but he is not worshipped in America, still it is a superpower in the world," Lalan Paswan, the BJP MLA from Pipaiti assembly constituency in Bhagalpur district, said. "The entire thing is related to religious belief. If you believe, it is a goddess and if not, then it is just a statue of stone," he said. "It's up to us to have belief in god and goddess. We have to think scientifically on the basis of rationality to reach a logical conclusion," Paswan said.

Google fined Rs 1,337 cr for anti-competitive practices

Team Absolute | New Delhi

In a significant decision, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Thursday imposed a penalty of Rs 1,337.76 crore on Google for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets in the Android mobile device ecosystem, apart from issuing a cease and desist order against the tech giant. Google has been given 30 days' time to submit the requisite financial details and supporting documents. The antitrust watchdog, which began investigating Google several years ago after receiving complaints from homegrown companies, also ordered the company not to offer any incentives to smartphone makers to exclusively carry its search services. The Commission examined various practices of Google with regard to licensing of Android mobile operating system and various proprietary mobile applications of Google (Play Store, Google Search, Google Chrome, YouTube, etc). During the course of inquiry, Google argued about the competitive constraints it faced from Apple. Apple's business is primarily based on a vertically integrated smart device ecosystem which focuses on sale of high-end smart devices with state-of-the-art software components. Whereas Google's business was found to be driven by the ultimate intent of increasing users on its platforms so that they interact with its revenue earning service, i.e., online search which directly affects sale of online advertising services by Google.

AFSPA extended in 8 districts, 1 sub-division of Assam

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Assam government Thursday said it has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) in eight districts and one sub-division for six months after a review of the law and order situation. The government, however, withdrew the controversial law from West Karbi Anglong district as the situation there has "considerably improved". The six-month extension of AFSPA is effective from October 1, Home and Political Department Principal Secretary Niraj Verma said in an order. The order dated October 15 and released on Thursday stated that nine districts and one sub-division were kept under the AFSPA since April 1 as a "disturbed area" after withdrawing the legislation from the rest of the state.



Districts which continue to be disturbed areas are Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Charaideo, Sivasagar, Jorhat, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao besides Lakhimpur sub-division of Cachar in the Barak Valley. The act was imposed in Assam in November 1990 and has been extended every six months since then after a review of the situation by the state government. AFSPA allows security forces to conduct operations anywhere and arrest anyone without any prior warrant. It also gives a certain level of immunity to the security forces in case of an operation going wrong.

Pilots Flying Over Pacific Ocean Spot Several UFOs: Report

NEW YORK | Agencies

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are being sighted in the sky over the Pacific Ocean for the last two months, according to a UFO researcher. Ben Hansen, former FBI agent and host of the Discovery+ show, 'UFO Witness', procured footage and air traffic control recordings of mid-air UFO sightings by the pilots, reported New York Post. Pilots from Southwest Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines and several others spotted multiple aircraft in the region. A former military pilot said that he witnessed several aircraft flying above him. While flying a charter jet off the Los Angeles coast, Pilot Mark Hulsey radioed the air traffic control on



August 18, asking, "We've got a few aircraft to our north here and he's going around in circles, much higher altitude than us. Any idea what they are?" The controller said that he

was not sure. In just 23 minutes, Hulsey reported that he spotted seven such aircraft, flying above him between 5,000 to 10,000 feet, which was initially three.

In the recording, Hulsey says, "They just keep going in circles. I was an F-18 pilot in the Marine Corps, and I'm telling you, I've done many intercepts, I've never seen anything like this."

Hansen said that the pilot who has claimed that he spotted strange lights was "seen by upwards of 15 different commercial flights. And at least six pilots are willing to go on record with their names and everything if asked to do so by any investigative agencies," he said. An FAA spokesperson told a leading publication that whenever a pilot reports strange sightings to an air traffic control facility, it documents it, NDTV reports. Last year, the Department of Defense launched a new outfit tasked with finding and identifying UFOs in restricted airspace after Washington officials admitted they could not explain the phenomena of UFO sightings, reported the New York Post.



DELHI HC SAYS LOOKOUT CIRCULAR IS A COERCIVE MEASURE

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Delhi High Court has observed that Lookout Circular (LOC) is a coercive measure and is to be issued to ensure surrender of a person evading summons or arrest.

"An LOC is a coercive measure to ensure that a person surrenders and interferes with petitioner's right of personal liberty and free movement. LOC is to be issued in cases where the accused is deliberately evading summons/arrest or where accused fails to appear in the court despite issuance of Non-Bailable Warrants," Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta noted in a recent order while quashing an LOC against a petitioner.

In an earlier order on July 11, 2010, also, the Delhi high court had held that the LOC could be issued only against an accused who is deliberately evading his arrest or is not appearing before the Trial Court despite NBWs issued against him in cognizable offences under IPC or other penal laws. Justice Mendiratta was dealing with a plea against the LOC



issued to one Mohd Kashif in connection with a Customs case.

The petitioner urged that the LOC appears to have been wrongly opened since the investigation is already over and he is no more required for the purpose of any

probe. Kashif's counsel pointed out that the petitioner was required to return to Dubai, failing which he will lose his job and his NRI VISA is liable to be cancelled. Additional Commissioner of Customs submitted that the case of

smuggling of 7.790 kgs Gold through baggage was booked at the IGI Airport by the Customs Department. During the investigation, it appeared that the petitioner had smuggled 6 kg gold in the past, aided and assisted by two passengers, namely Syed Salman and Shazeb.

The petitioner did not join the investigation in spite of repeated summons issued against him, it was submitted. Later LOC was issued against the petitioner by the competent authority after due diligence and consideration.

However, it was further submitted that the LOC issued against the petitioner was reviewed by the competent authority and recommended for withdrawal to the issuing authority, i.e., Deputy Director (Bureau of Immigration) last month.

After the submissions of the parties, the court said: "In the facts and circumstances, the LOC issued against the petitioner is hereby quashed and the order dated 17.08.2022 passed by learned CMM is set aside," while allowing the petitioner to leave for abroad (Dubai).

No fine for not wearing mask, Delhi govt issues orders

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Delhi government on Thursday issued an order stating that the provision to impose a penalty of Rs 500 on the general public for not wearing a face mask in public places stands withdrawn.

This comes after the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) in a meeting on September 30 decided to stop levying the penalty on not wearing a mask at public places.

However, "in crowded public places, all public are advised to wear masks", the government stressed, says the order from the Health and Family Welfare department of Delhi Government.

"Though wearing of masks was useful in maintaining the Covid Appropriate Behavior yet it was agreed that the order of compulsory wearing of masks under the Epidemic Act may not be extended



beyond 30.09.2022. Hence a Fine of Rs 500/- for not wearing masks in public places would also stand withdrawn after 30.09.2022," the DDMA had said in the meeting. The decision was taken amid the declining trajectory of fresh Covid cases on a daily basis in the city. The national capital recorded 107

fresh Covid cases with a positivity rate of 1.64 per cent on Wednesday, according to the data shared by the health department. No Covid-related fatality was reported in the city.

On Tuesday, Delhi had reported 141 new Covid-19 cases with a positivity rate of 2.04 per cent.

CHINESE WOMAN CLAIMING TO BE BUDDHIST MONK NABBED IN DELHI ON SUSPICION OF SPYING

Atul Krishan | New Delhi

A 50-year-old Chinese woman who was allegedly involved in anti-India activities, has been apprehended by the police in the national capital. Cai Ruo, who claimed to be a 'Buddhist monk', is being suspected to be a Chinese spy, sources said.

A source told correspondent that Cai Ruo is a "well-trained and cunning individual who tried to mislead the investigators by claiming that Chinese Communist leaders wanted to kill her and therefore, she fled to India".

She had been living in India as "Dola Lama, a Nepalese national". She had also managed to procure a "Nepalese Identity Card" to claim that she was a resident of Kathmandu.

Even as she spoke with the Delhi Police personnel fluently in English, she did not know the Nepali language.

The police also learned that she speaks fluent Chinese. Later, on cross-checking and verification, the police came to know that she had a Chinese passport issued in her name, and she had been residing in India on the basis of that passport.

In 2020, she entered Nepal through the Raniganj border area in the Indian state of West Bengal. Later, she again entered India after managing to procure Nepalese IDs.

According to the source, she is a resident of Hainan Province in China, as per her records available with the Indian authorities. She had allegedly been trying to create unrest across the country. "She told us that as she was

Buddhist, the Communist leaders wanted to kill her. She had no other option but to flee China. However, we have found that she had been spying and was involved in anti-national activities," the source said.

The source said that officials had received a tip-off that a woman Chinese spy had been staying in the national capital.

After assessing the input, it was learnt that Cai Ruo was promoting anti-national activities.

The police then lodged an FIR in this regard under sections 120-B, 419, 420, 467, 474 of the Indian Penal Code against her.

A police team was then formed, and a raid conducted. Cai Ruo was eventually nabbed from her hideout in a north Delhi area.

Maha PG medical admissions SC UPHOLDS 20% QUOTA FOR IN-SERVICE CANDIDATES

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to interfere with a Bombay High Court judgment, which upheld the Maharashtra government's decision to provide 20 per cent reservation for in-service candidates in postgraduate medical admissions in the state.

A bench, headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and comprising Justice Hima Kohli, said the court is of the view that the high court judgment does not call for interference, and it is not possible to accept petitioners' contention that the government's decision should not be applicable in the current academic year due to change in rules midway.

Counsel, representing the petitioners, submitted that the government resolution was issued after the admis-



sion process had commenced, and cited an apex court judgment, which

had observed that rules of the game cannot be altered once the admission

process has been initiated.

Advocate Abhay Dharmadhikari, the standing counsel for the Maharashtra government, submitted that there was no change in rules governing the admission and the brochure issued by the state government specifically stated the in-service reservation.

"From the academic year 2022-23, government approval is being given to reserve 20 per cent seats for in-service candidates for admissions to PG medical and diploma courses in government and civic-run medical colleges in the state," the Maharashtra government resolution had said.

The top court passed the order on a plea by some persons challenging the high court judgment, which declined to grant them any relief.

Over 13,000 kg firecrackers seized in 19 days: Delhi Police

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Despite blanket ban on sale of firecrackers, the Delhi Police, in the last 19 days, have seized more than 13,000 kgs of firecrackers being stored and sold across the national capital.

According to data shared by the police, from October 1 to 19, a total of 13,767.719 kg firecrackers were seized which were kept for storage or sale and a total of 75 firecrackers sales were registered.

Since, the ban on sale of firecrackers was imposed in the national capital, the police team in separate operations across the city have arrested many people for selling, storing and supplying illegal firecrackers.

A senior police officer said that police teams are continuously working to crack down on the sale of firecrackers and police teams across the city are also conducting surprise



checks. "Police teams are also taking strict action against those found selling, storing and supplying the firecrackers," he said. Amid rising air pollution and

ahead of Diwali, the Delhi government on Wednesday had announced that the bursting of firecrackers on Diwali will attract jail term up to six months and a fine of Rs 200 in the city.

NCW SENDS 2-MEMBER TEAM TO PROBE GHAZIABAD GANG RAPE

New Delhi: A case of alleged gang rape of a woman has come to light in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. On October 18, a 40-year-old woman had accused five people of raping her.

However, the Ghaziabad police said that the victim and the accused are acquainted. The police is investigating the matter and has registered a case.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has formed a 2-member fact-finding team to probe the case. "@NCWIndia is taking cognizance of the matter and sending a two-member fact finding team to meet the family of the victim and the concerned authorities," tweeted NCW.

The tweet was followed by, "@NCWIndia has sent a fact finding team to GTB Hospital to meet the victim & her family. The team will also meet concerned police authorities. Chairperson @sharmarekha has written to @dgpup to file FIR and to arrest all the accused at the earliest."

Only 10% sewage water being treated in Lucknow, rest flows into Gomti

Lucknow | Agencies

In a shocking admission, Minister of State for Health Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh said that only 10 per cent of the sewage water is getting treated at sewage treatment plants (STPs) in Lucknow which is the main cause of pollution in the Gomti river.

The Minister also raised concern over continuous dumping of untreated sewage water into the river.

Meanwhile, municipal commissioner Indrajit Singh claimed that 27 drains are being tapped with the help of STPs and efforts are being made to tap the remaining seven nullahs.

The Minister, however, said that those drains are still filled with untreated water which is being



dumped directly into Gomti. He also alleged that during the inspection of the under construction STP, it was found that the company

involved in the project had chopped off two trees at the construction site. It also failed to plant saplings as assured.

Bihar: Acquitted in 26-yr-old case, elderly man dies of heart attack

Patna | Agencies

An elderly person died due to heart attack soon after he was acquitted in a 26-year-old case in Bihar's Banka district.

The deceased has been identified as Nago Singh (76), a native of Jhunka village under Belhar police station in the district.

Nago Singh, along with four others, were booked in a crop destruction case in 1996. The court's decision came on Wednesday evening.

His advocate Devendra Prasad Singh said: "Nago Singh was on bail and he believed that he was innocent and was wrongly framed in the case. When the court's decision came in favour of him and the other accused persons, they were all

relieved and expressed their satisfaction. But Nago Singh, after hearing the news of his acquittal, collapsed on the ground. His family members took him to the health centre inside the court premises where he succumbed."

"The court acquitted Nago Singh and others in the absence of evidence," he added.

The family members of the deceased said that for Nago Singh, it was a case of justice delayed is justice denied. "He always said that he was innocent. Still he went to jail and was currently out on bail. He fought this case for 26 years to prove that he was not guilty, and eventually the court ruled in his favour," a family member of Nago Singh told local reporters.

The hearing was held in the court of Additional

Session Judge Piyush Kumar, who directed all the accused persons to be physically present in the court. After the final hearing, Kumar acquitted all the accused persons in this case.

This is not the first case where a person was acquitted after so many years. On October 11, a person was acquitted after 43 years in Buxar district.

The case goes back to 1979, when a group of people was booked for their alleged involvement in physical assault, firing and attempt to murder of a local trader in Chaugai village under Murar police station in Buxar district. The acquitted person named Munna Singh was just 10-year-old at that time, and the trader had named him in his complaint. Munna Singh (53) was acquitted in the

Mamata calls Sourav Ganguly victim of political vendetta

Kolkata | Agencies

Miffed over the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) decision to not endorse the name of its immediate past president Sourav Ganguly for the chairmanship of International Cricket Council (ICC), West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday launched a scathing attack against the BJP-led Centre, claiming that Ganguly has been made a victim of political vendetta.

"I have a few questions. For whom a position was kept in reserve in the ICC? For whose self-interest Sourav was made the victim? Why did he become a victim of political vendetta? Will not the Indian cricket suffer for this? This is a shameful political vendetta," Banerjee said while interacting with mediapersons here on Thursday. Her comments came after the BCCI made it clear that it will back current ICC chairman Greg Barclay to retain the post. However, she avoided naming Union Home Minister Amit Shah and his son and BCCI secretary Jay Shah on this count, even after mediapersons specifically asked whether she was hinting at the



father-son duo. "You all are journalists. You surely have some information... You will understand this better," the Chief Minister said. Immediately after it was made clear that Ganguly will not get another term as BCCI president, Banerjee had said that she would talk to Prime Minister Narendra Modi so that the former India captain is nominated for ICC chairmanship. On Thursday, the Chief Minister said that she had talked to several Union ministers on this matter. "I also sent out a clear message on this count. But even after all these, Sourav has been humiliated in such a manner. He is an extremely

polite person. Probably he will not make a public expression of his anguish. But surely he is hurt," Banerjee said. The Chief Minister also said that she would have extended her support if Sachin Tendulkar or Mohammad Azharuddin had been in place of Ganguly. Meanwhile, Ganguly has already said that

The would contest for the president's post in the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) for a second term on October 31, when the association's annual general meeting is scheduled to be held. Ganguly is expected to file his nomination on October 22.

CHANGE OF NAME

I OMPRAKAS B/O Army No.15709531X, Rank-LtJk(DTMM) Name SHYAM SUNDAR Residing at Village & Post Sanghar Tehsil Suratgarh District Sri Ganganagar State Rajasthan pin code-335803 have changed my name from OMPRAKAS & Date of birth 18/03/1992 TO OMPRAKASH & date of birth 17/10/1990 vide affidavit dated 19/10/2022 at Bhopal Court Madhya Pradesh.



5TH KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES 2022 TO BE HELD IN STATE



Team Absolute | Bhopal

The Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Thakur announced the 5th Khelo India Youth Games-2022 in New Delhi today. Union Minister Thakur handed over the torch of Khelo India Youth Games-2022 to CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the announcement program held at Ashok Hotel Delhi today. Madhya Pradesh will host Khelo India Youth Games.

CM Chouhan thanked PM Modi and Union Minister Anurag Thakur for giving the opportunity to host the Khelo India Games in Madhya Pradesh and

said that a new revolution will come in the direction of sports in Madhya Pradesh. CM Chouhan said that the determination with which PM Modi has entrusted the responsibility of Khelo India Youth Games to Madhya Pradesh, we will fulfill it with full dedication. This event will be organised in 8 cities of the state Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Mandla, Maheshwar and Balaghat from January 31 to February 11, 2023.

Union Minister Thakur said that the environment of sports has been created in Madhya Pradesh, due to which many sports talents have brought laurels to India by showcasing their talent

at national and international level. Thakur said that Mallakhamb was once a part of the history of India, today it has been included in Khelo India game. Everywhere this game has been lauded and promoted. It was the vision of PM Modi that we should not only promote the Olympic Games, but also take forward the traditional sports. He greeted CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Sports Minister Yashodhara Rajesh Scindia for making Mallakhamb a state sport.

CM Chouhan said that Khelo India Youth Games would be organised in Madhya Pradesh in such a way that not only the whole of India but the world would also see it. The CM said that we will try to fully live up to the trust shown by PM Modi. He said that under his guidance, due to Khelo India, budding sports talents are coming from villages. India is now doing wonders in the field of sports.

Chief Minister Chouhan said that I welcome everyone in the heart of the country, Madhya Pradesh. We will organise Khelo India Youth Games with heart. The tradition of India is "Atithi Devo Bhava", the guest who is ours is more dear to us than life. We will take care of our players more than our lives. Chief Minister Chouhan said that the biggest work that PM has done is to change the psyche of the country.

3 KILLED, SEVEN INJURED AFTER EXPLOSION IN FIRECRACKER GODOWN



Bhopal | At least three people were killed and seven others injured after an explosion occurred in a firecracker warehouse in Morena district on Thursday. Local police and the official of district administration have reached the spot on Jaitpur road in Banmore Nagar and rescue operation is underway. Confirming the deaths, IG Chambal range, Rakesh Chawla said: "At least seven persons have been rescued so far, while one is missing. At least five-six people are suspected to be buried under debris." Those rescued have been rushed to a nearby hospital.

Baby shower took place in City police station



Team Absolute | Bhopal

The view of the Mahila Thana of Bhopal, was different today, as this police station turned into a maternal home for her colleague and the baby shower ceremony was also held here. Police personnel celebrated the festival with great enthusiasm. Sub Inspector Karishma Rajawat posted in

Mahila police station is a resident of Gwalior and is pregnant. She is not able to travel and wanted to go on child leave. The occasion was turned into a celebration by the station in-charge, Anjana Dhurve. The police station was specially decorated; the decoration with flowers and balloons changed the look of the police station. On the occasion of the baby shower

ceremony, the entire staff celebrated and the baby shower ceremony was performed. The colleagues of the staff became relatives of Karishma. This station became the maternal home for Sub Inspector Karishma and Anjana Raghuvanshi played the role of her mother, constable Pradeep Sharma played the role of brother in the baby shower ceremony.

CM plants Gulmohar, Tikoma and Amla saplings

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Along with Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Naira Aqueel, Abhishek Mishra of Raisen, Dipansh Tripathi and Kumari Rushali Mehta planted Gulmohar, Tikoma and Amla saplings along with family members and family friends on their birthday. Aqueel Ansari, Nazli Tabassum, Noya Firdous, Sant Kumar Mishra, Rashmi Pandey, Umashankar Tripathi, Ravikant Tripathi, Arunkant Tripathi, Deeptri Tripathi, Neeta Mehta and Rajeev Mehta also planted saplings.



BODY ON SHOULDER, MAN WALKS ON BUSY ROAD IN CHHATARPUR

Team Absolute | Bhopal

A man carried the body of his four-year-old niece, who died in a freak accident, and took a bus to his village because he could not get a hearse from a hospital in Madhya Pradesh. A video of the man walking on a busy road towards the bus stop and boarding a crowded bus with the body has gone viral.

The little girl had died in her village and her body was sent for post-mortem to the district hospital in Chhatarpur. But returning to their village with her body turned out to be a horrific experience for her uncle, who was already grieving.

With her body in his arms, he wandered in search of a hearse. He could not find a government hearse and couldn't afford a private vehicle, so he walked to the bus stand and boarded a bus to his village. He didn't even



have enough money for the bus ticket. Another passenger paid his fare. Denying the role of doctors in such

cases, Chief Medical Health Officer Lakhan Tiwari said it is the job of the Urban Development department to

make arrangements for the transport of dead bodies. "I request people not to drag the hospital and its doctors into this," he said.

The disturbing video has emerged nearly four months after a four-year-old girl's body was carried by his family on their shoulders. Both the incidents took place in Chhatarpur, which raises questions about the appalling lack of emergency facilities in the district. Yesterday, in a similar incident, at Singrauli district in the state, a couple had to carry their still-born in the side box of their bike after being allegedly denied an ambulance by the hospital. They rode to the District Collector's to plead for help. Asked to show the baby, they opened the side box and carefully pulled out the tiny body from a bag, exposing the callousness of the authorities.

An inquiry is being conducted into the couple's allegations of neglect.

Vaishali Takkar suicide case: Main accused arrested from Indore

Team Absolute | Indore

The Indore police have arrested Rahul Navlani, the main accused in the alleged suicide of noted TV actor Vaishali Takkar, officials said. Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra told reporters on Thursday that mobile phones and other devices which the accused was using were also seized after he was nabbed on Wednesday.

Earlier, a reward of Rs 5,000 was announced by the Indore police commissioner for information about Rahul Navlani and his wife Disha, accused of abetting the suicide of Takkar. A lookout circular was also issued in the couple's name. The accused couple lived in the neighbourhood of Takkar, who was found hanging from a ceiling fan in her house in Saibag Colony of Madhya Pradesh's Indore city on Sunday. A five-page suicide note was found at the spot in which Takkar named Rahul Navlani for harassing her, officials earlier said. "Police teams were looking for the couple and one such team was able to arrest Rahul Navlani on Wednesday," Tejaji Nagar police station in-charge R D Kanwa said. "Rahul was trying to escape from Indore



but was nabbed before he could do so," the official said, adding that he was being questioned over suspicion that rose during the investigation into the case.

Asked whether his wife was also nabbed, Kanwa said he was not aware of it. State Home Minister Mishra said police were retrieving data from the gadgets seized from the arrested accused.

The data will be analysed and action will be taken into the matter accordingly, he added. The actor's family members had earlier alleged that Navlani was troubling her since he came to know about her plans to get married, officials said. A case was registered against Navlani and his wife under Indian Penal Code Section 306 (abetment of suicide), police said.

CM CHOUHAN WILL HOLD A MEETING WITH BIG INVESTORS IN PUNE

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will hold a round table meeting with important representatives of various institutions and investors in Pune today. Deliberations will also take place in the round table meeting of Chief Minister Chouhan with the representatives of Confederation of Indian Industry including CEOs of various industrial institutions.

The Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion has prepared a special presentation for the Pune meeting. Information about the industrial scenario of Madhya Pradesh will also be given to the investors and representatives through short film screening.

State to recruit TET qualified candidates



Team Absolute | Bhopal

Government has decided to recruit Primary Teachers in the state. The recruitment process will be conducted to hire candidates who have qualified the Primary Teacher Eligibility Test held in 2020.

The information was shared by School Education

Department of Madhya Pradesh on its official Twitter handle. The tweet reads, "Online recruitment for primary teacher will start from November 17." The registration process to hire primary teachers will begin from November 17, 2022 onwards on the official website. The official website to apply for the teaching posts is

trc.mponline.gov.in. However, candidates can access details of the recruitment drive from October 31, 2022 onwards on the website. Through this recruitment drive a total of 18527 teaching posts will be filled out of which 7429 posts will be filled in School Education Department of the state and 11098 posts will be filled in Tribal Affairs

PMAY (Urban) awards: MP second in 'best performing state' category

Team Absolute | Bhopal

MP has achieved second rank in the country under the 'Best Performing State' category in the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban scheme, an official said on Thursday. He also said the state has received awards in eight categories in the 'PMAY Awards-2021: 150 Days Challenge', the official said. State Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra received the award on behalf of the state from PM Modi at the 'Indian Urban Housing Conclave' in Rajkot in Gujarat on Wednesday.

Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister Hardeep Puri, MP principal secretary (urban development and housing) Manish Singh, commissioner

Bharat Yadav and state mission director Satendra Singh were also present at the event, the official informed. Dedicating the award to the people of the state and chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's leadership, Singh hailed the efforts of employees and officials of the concerned department, adding that MP will remain a pioneer in implementing urban development scheme. "Madhya Pradesh shared the special category award with Gujarat in Best State for Convergence, with Jharkhand and Arunachal Pradesh in Best State for Conducting Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Activity and with Uttar Pradesh and in Best Performing State Level Technical Cell (SLIC)," the official said.

CM Chouhan invites textile and apparel entrepreneurs to Indore GIS

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan held discussions with leading entrepreneurs of the country at the 'Textile Round Table Conference in New Delhi' today regarding investment in Madhya Pradesh. Chief Minister Chouhan invited entrepreneurs for the upcoming Global Investors' Summit to be held in Indore on January 11-12, 2023 and discussed in detail the investment opportunities in the textile and apparel sector in the state.

Abundance of natural resources in Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh has rich water, forest, mineral and agricultural wealth.

With strong will-power, there has been an excellent development of transport and energy infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh. He said that the contribution of Madhya Pradesh in the country's GDP has increased from 3.6 percent to 4.6 percent. This year the growth rate of Madhya Pradesh at present price has been 19.76 percent, which is the highest in the country. The irrigated area in the state has increased from 7.50 lakh hectares to 45 lakh hectare.

Chief Minister Chouhan informed that Madhya Pradesh is an investor friendly state, where all the basic facilities for setting up industrial units are available. There is enough land bank for setting up the industry. Electricity is available 24x7, with more importance being given to

renewable power generation like wind and solar power. The largest solar power plant of 750 MW capacity is installed in Rewa. Now a floating solar power plant of 600 MW capacity is being set up at Omkareshwar Dam. Skilled Manpower

To provide skilled manpower to the industries, a Global Skill Park has been established in the state with assistance from Singapore. 10 new ITIs have been opened at the divisional level, so that skilled manpower can be easily made available to the industries as per their requirement. Easy Paper Work in 'Ease of Doing'

In 'Ease of Doing' all the permissions for setting up industries are easily given through single window

system, besides investment policies have been simplified, which has made setting up industries easier. Changes are being made in the policies related to establishment of industries from time to time after discussing with the industrialists.

Efforts of 'Survey Bhavantu Sukhinaha' through investment promotion Chief Minister Chouhan said that efforts are being made for 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinaha' through investment promotion in the state. Industries will be established in the state with investment promotion, due to which more and more people will get employment opportunities. If the means of livelihood are easily available, everyone's life will be easy and happy.

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Aadhar card, Voter ID card her
name is Mrs. Kiran Singh
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daughter Sanskriti is Sanskriti
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Sikarwar and my daughter
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be entered in my Service record,
which is appropriate.
-Rajendra Pal Singh Sikarwar



EDITOR'S SPECS

TUSSLE FOR MUSLIM VOTES

The BJP and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in Uttar Pradesh are now locked in a tussle for the Muslim votes, ahead of the Lok Sabha elections in 2024. In an unprecedented move, BSP president Mayawati appointed former MLA Imran Masood as party's coordinator for western UP, within an hour of his quitting the Samajwadi Party (SP) to join the BSP on Wednesday. The BSP, which does not have any Muslim leader worth his name left in the party, is now banking solely on Imran Masood to woo Muslims in western UP. Masood, who belongs to an influential Muslim family in Saharanpur, has hopped from the Congress to SP and now BSP within the past one year, eroding his own credibility. Mayawati's declared dependence on Imran Masood, especially for the upcoming municipal polls, shows the BSP's desperation to win back Muslims and regain its relevance in UP politics before the general elections. The BJP, on the other hand, is going full throttle to win over the Pasmanda community among Muslims, which reportedly accounts for around 70 per cent of the Muslim population and are socially and economically backward. The party is preparing to give a substantial number of tickets to Pasmanda Muslims in the upcoming municipal polls. The mood in the BJP is upbeat, especially after the party won the bypolls in Azamgarh and Rampur, both dominated by Muslims. UP chief of All India Pasmanda Muslim Mahaz, Waseem Raean, said that results are a clear indication that Muslims are no longer averse to the BJP. The group is now focussed on projecting "the right picture" to the marginalised sections of Muslims. If the BJP succeeds in wooing Pasmanda Muslims, there would be no stopping the party from returning to power in 2024 -- a fact that is making the BSP work doubly hard towards regaining lost ground among Muslims now.

POJK LOCAL BODY POLLS: A FARCE UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF MILITARY

Amjad Ayub Mirza

After a lapse of 31 years, Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK) is going to hold local body elections on November 27. According to the schedule released by the Azad Jammu Kashmir Election Commission, candidates have been asked to submit their nomination papers between October 14 and 22. On October 22, the approved list of the nomination papers of the candidates will be published. Election symbols will be allotted on October 31. For 31 years, Pakistan has purposefully deprived the people of PoJK from local representation. Therefore, creating space for local politics to be dominated by tribe and cast affiliations. Since 1990s, Pakistan has focused more on cross-border terrorism with catastrophic results for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. In 1990, the genocide of Kashmiri Pandits as well as the targeted assassinations of Hindu and pro-Indian Muslim politicians and provocative acts of stone pelting by paid goons destroyed the social and cultural fabric of my people. It is only after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution that peace and development has returned to the Valley and once again our social and cultural fabric has begun to repair itself. The local body elections due on November 27 are not going to be able to establish a tranquil grass root level democratic system in PoJK. The reason is simple. The nomination form to apply to become a candidate in the forthcoming elections demands one to sign an oath of allegiance to Islam, Pakistan and PoJK's accession to Pakistan. I present to you with the text of the oath for you to judge the hypocrisy of the Pakistani government's claim to support the move-



ment for the right of self-determination of my people. It states: "I solemnly declare that I believe in the theology of Pakistan, the ideology of State's accession to Pakistan and the integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan." I am sure that the regular reader of my work would by now understand the nature of the conflict of Kashmir. It began when in October 1947 Pakistan attacked and occupied the western parts of Jammu and Kashmir. For 75 years, Pakistan has refused to withdraw its troops from our lands despite the fact that the UN resolutions have named Pakistan an aggressor and asks Pakistan to withdraw from PoJK to facilitate a referendum to decide the fate of this part of the world. However, Pakistan calls for our allegiance as a condition to represent our own people. By asking our people to believe in the theology of

Pakistan simply means that other religious groups have been made out cast. What is the theology of Pakistan? It is based on the communal hate ideology of Jinnah's two nation theory that divides citizens of a nation state on the basis of Islam. What is meant by the ideology of State's (PoJK's) accession to Pakistan? It means to divide my people on the basis of communal hate between Hindus and Muslims, which implies that since the majority population of the so-called Azad Jammu and Kashmir is Muslim, we would support our accession to Pakistan. This is a serious breach from even the resolutions of the United Nations that have given us the right to choose between India and Pakistan. Therefore, someone like myself, who advocates PoJK's accession to India, cannot become a local councillor in PoJK. Someone who is of

Hindu or Sikh or even Christian faith cannot become a local councillor. Here is the text of the nomination form that demands of the candidate to declare: "I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammed (Peace be upon Him), that I do not recognise such a claimant to be a Prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani Group or the Lahori Group or call myself Ahmadi." Lahori Group is an offshoot of the Qadiani movement and split shortly after the death of the founder of Ahmadiya Movement, Mirza Ghulam Ahmed, in 1903. With so many restrictions in place, how can one expect a broad-based local body government to come into being in PoJK? The

local bodies election due on November 27 are taking place as an attempt to keep the people glued together in the name of conservative jihadi Islamic narrative of two-nation theory. No wonder, as I write, 33,000 military and security personal have begun to pack their bags to be stationed on each and every polling station in PoJK. Local body elections under the watchful eye of the Pakistan military itself speaks volumes about the credibility and transparency of this farce that is taking place after 31 years.

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international

Indonesia bans all syrup and liquid medicines after death of 99 children

Jakarta | Agencies

The deaths of nearly 100 children in Indonesia have prompted the country to suspend sales of all syrup and liquid medication, the media reported. It comes just weeks after a cough syrup in The Gambia was linked to the deaths of nearly 70 children, the BBC reported. Indonesia said some syrup medicine was found to contain ingredients linked to acute kidney injuries (AKI), which have killed 99 young children this year. It is not clear if the medicine were imported or locally produced. On Thursday, Indonesian health officials said they had reported around 200 cases of AKI in children, most of who were aged under five. Earlier this month, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a global alert over four cough syrups



that were linked to the deaths of almost 70 children in The Gambia. The WHO found the syrups used there -- made by an Indian pharmaceutical company -- contained "unacceptable amounts" of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol. The syrups have been "potentially linked with acute kidney injuries", said the organisation.

Indonesia's Health Minister on Thursday said the same chemical compounds were also found in some medicines used locally. "Some syrups that were used by AKI child patients under five were proven to contain ethylene glycol and diethylene glycol that were not supposed to be there, or of very little amount," said Budi Gunadi Sadikin, BBC reported. However, he did not disclose how many cases involved the toxic medicines. Indonesian authorities said the cough syrups used in The Gambia were not sold locally. One epidemiologist said the true death toll could be even higher than reported. "When cases like these happen, (what we know is) the tip of the iceberg, which means there could be far more victims," Dicky Budiman, an epidemiologist from Griffith University told BBC Indonesia.

Ukrainians asked to 'charge everything' as missile strikes hit power plants

Kiev | Agencies

Ukrenergo, the national energy company of Ukraine, has asked civilians to "charge everything" by Thursday morning because of expected electricity cuts as power plants were hit by Russian missiles. In a statement on Wednesday night, the company said that there had been more attacks on power facilities in the past 10 days than in the whole preceding period since Russia waged its war on February 24, reports the BBC. "Tomorrow (Thursday) we will apply controlled, calculated consumption restrictions, which we have to do, to ensure the system functions in a balanced way," the statement added. Outages of up to four hours at a time will affect the whole country on Thursday, the grid operator said, adding



that phones, power banks, torches and batteries must be charged. The company also appealed to Ukrainians to stock up with water and ensure they have "warm socks and blankets and hugs for family and friends". Ukrenergo further said that restrictions "may be applied throughout Ukraine from 7

a.m. to 10 p.m." and advised citizens to check the regional network operators' websites to see where and when exactly. The warning comes after Russian missiles hit energy plants across the country earlier in the day which were part of a wave of series of strikes that began on October 10.

TURKISH TEAMS DEFUSE ANOTHER MINE IN BLACK SEA

Ankara: The Turkish Defence Ministry said that underwater demolition teams disabled another mine in the Black Sea -- the fourth such incident since the start of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war on February 24. The mine was detected off the coast of the Kiyikoy district in the northwestern province of Kizilirmak and teams from the Underwater Defence were dispatched to the scene, Xinhua news agency quoted the Ministry as saying on Wednesday. "The mine has been secured and defused by the teams," it noted. In April, Turkey detected three mines in the waters of the Bosphorus Strait, which connects the Black Sea with the Marmara Sea. The Turkish navy and its mine-hunting vessels are monitoring the Black Sea for stray mines, according to the Ministry. The Ukrainian navy had deployed mines near the ports of Odesa, Ochakov, Chernomorsk and Yuzhny since the start of the war, Russia had said in March. However, Ukraine has refuted the claim.

IRAN IMPOSES SANCTIONS ON BRITISH OFFICIALS, INSTITUTES FOR 'BACKING TERRORISM'

Tehran | Agencies

The Iranian Foreign Ministry has imposed sanctions on a number of British institutes and individuals for "supporting terrorism and terrorist groups, promoting and instigating terrorism, violence and hate-mongering and violation of human rights". The ministry issued a statement on its website saying the move was made within the framework of the related legal regulations and sanction mechanisms as well as a "response in kind", Xinhua news agency reported. "Iran holds the British government responsible and accountable for supporting terrorists and violators of human rights who organise and instigate rioting and acts of terrorism in Iran from UK soil," said the statement. The listed entities included the National Cyber Security Center of Britain, the British Government Communications Headquarters, as well as Volant Media, Global Media, DMA Media and anti-Iranian TV channels they support, namely BBC Persian and Iran International, according to the statement. Iran's sanctions have also targeted several

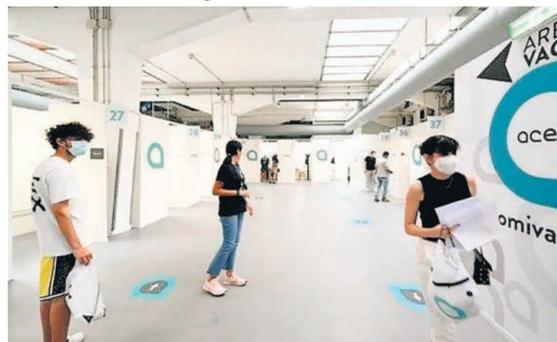


individuals, including British Minister of State for Security Tom Tugendhat, and British military commander in the Gulf Don MacKinnon. The sanctions will prohibit the targeted individuals from obtaining visas and entering Iran and will freeze their assets and bank accounts inside Iran. Earlier in the day, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said they will target people and institutes that have played a role in imposing medical sanctions on Iran and promoting "violence and extremism" which have caused insecurity in the country following the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini.

Authorities call for continued Covid measures in Europe amid renewed surge

Brussels | Agencies

A fresh autumn wave of Covid-19 infections has started in many European countries, and experts are calling for strengthened vaccination efforts and tighter health measures as cases are set to keep rising this winter. Greece confirmed 55,242 cases in the week of October 10-16, an increase of 8 per cent compared to the previous week. Of the new weekly infections, 21 per cent are reinfections, Xinhua news agency quoted the National Public Health Organisation as saying in a report. The report also said that during the week, 1,351 Covid-19 patients were admitted to hospitals, up 23 per cent compared to the previous week. In the Netherlands, the number of people hospitalised with Covid-19 has continued to rise, reaching its highest level since April 15. The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment said that new infections may rise sharply



in the near future. Finnish National radio Yle reported earlier this week that the current rate of deaths caused by Covid-19 in the country was five times the EU average. So far in October, the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare has reported 261 deaths. "Although we are not where we

were one year ago, it is clear that the Covid-19 pandemic is still not over. We are unfortunately seeing indicators rising again in Europe," said a joint statement released by European health agencies on October 12. "Preparedness measures need to continue in the European region, we should not let our guard down," said a statement by World Health Organization (WHO) European Regional Director Hans Kluge, European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Director Andrea Ammon and European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides. "The potential co-circulation of Covid-19 and seasonal influenza will put vulnerable people at increased risk of severe illness and death. Together with public health measures, vaccination remains one of our most effective tools against both viruses," they said, urging countries to "prioritise protecting the most vulnerable groups by co-administering influenza and Covid-19 vaccines whenever feasible". On Monday, the Italian health ministry recommended the use of new bivalent Covid-19 vaccines for the third booster shot for vulnerable people, which should be administered 120 days after the second booster.



NOT JUST SHIV SENA'S FUTURE, INDIA'S DEMOCRACY AT STAKE: UDDHAV THACKERAY

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray, who is fighting a legal battle to claim the legacy of the Shiv Sena founded by his father late Bal Thackeray, on Thursday claimed that not just the future of party but democracy in the country was at stake.



arrow' in the November 3 Andheri East Assembly bypoll.

It allotted 'Shiv Sena - Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray' as the party name for the Thackeray faction, and 'Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena' (Balasaheb's Shiv Sena) as the name for the Shinde group. The EC also allotted new poll symbols to the rival groups. Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday said, "The common man and especially civilised people of the state are not agreeing with what has happened and are extending their support. They tell me I don't give up, fight, we are with you. We don't agree with what's happening."

"People whom I thought would never be politically close are coming out in sup-

port. Similarly, people of different religions and regions are extending support. It is not just the future of Shiv Sena but the democracy of the country is at stake," the former chief minister added.

He said people need to ask themselves whether democracy will stay alive or they would go back to slavery. "My future and that of my party will be decided by the people and the party cadre," he said.

Sanjay Deshmukh, who joined the Thackeray faction on Thursday, was an MLA for two terms from Digras in Yavatmal. He had earlier been with the Shiv Sena and also served as a minister in the Congress-led Democratic Front government between 2002 and 2004. He was also with the BJP for a brief while.

L&T's sacked contract workers start sit-in agitation

Team Absolute | Pune

Ahead of Diwali, hundreds of contract workers sacked by the Larsen & Toubro's defence production plant in Maharashtra's Talegaon last year, have started a 'sit-in' agitation outside the Pune Labour Commissionerate for reinstatement, salaries and other demands, officials said here on Thursday.

The contractual labourers, number over 250, whose services were terminated abruptly in October, 2021, are members of the Bharatiya Kamgar Sena (BKS) and are on a warpath accusing the L&T-appointed contractors of harassment at work-place, unfair labour practices like transfers and terminations, denial of salaries or Diwali bonus.

"The problems started after they decided to join the BKS last year... Attempting to break their unity, the contractor and the company connived to transfer many workers to far-off places outside Maharashtra, which we have strongly opposed," BKS General Secretary Dr. Raghunath Kuchik said.

Since the past one year, they have been denied their salaries, bonus and other emoluments promised to them, by both the contractors and L&T, which is the 'principal employer', said Dr. Kuchik, who is also a Deputy Leader of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) party.

On Thursday, the BKS representatives met the Labour Commissionerate officials who have summoned the



L&T top executives from Mumbai on October 31 to resolve the issue.

When contacted, Assistant Labour Commissioner Pravin Jadhav said that the company, L&T through its contractors had indulged in certain "unfair labour practices" including indiscriminate transfers of contract workers to far-off locations, besides other issues which are being investigated in detail.

"Moreover, the L&T and its contractors have not fully implemented the interim orders of the Pune Labour Court in March-April owing to some miscommunication, but the Labour Commissionerate is taking all steps to resolve the issue amicably," Jadhav

added. Among the sacked contract workers' demands are reinstatement at their original workplaces, payment of full back-wages and other benefits for the past 12 months, full implementation of the Labour Court's directives in March 14 and April 12 (2022). An internal probe report of the Labour Commissionerate has pointed a needle of suspicion at the L&T allegedly for failing to comply with the court's directives, not sticking to the commitments made in at least 8 joint meetings conducted by the Commissionerate officials which has vitiated the industrial atmosphere here. Despite several attempts by reporter, the company officials were

not available to give their version in the matter. On his part, Kuchik pointed out that the L&T unit is engaged in defence production for which is making huge profits and not doing charitable work, so it is their duty to ensure that the contract workers are properly compensated for their labour.

The BKS leader slammed the L&T for being 'insensitive' towards the plight of its own poor contract labourers, trying to crush their rights to unionise by transfers or sackings, denying them their rightful payments due for one year, and called upon the company to give justice on priority or the sit-in agitation will be carried out indefinitely.

ADANI TO INSTALL 1.80 MN SMART METERS FOR BEST POWER CONSUMERS

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Adani Group has bagged a bid to install 10.80 lakh (1.80 million) "Smart Meters" for electricity consumers of the Bombay Electric Supply & Transport (BEST), which will 'empower' the distributor to cut-off the power supply of bill defaulters automatically, officials said here on Thursday.



BEST on a design-build-finance-own-operate-transfer basis, he added.

This project -- billed as the biggest of its kind in the country -- will cover end-to-end Smart Metering for distribution infrastructure and end

consumers of BEST, with complete energy accounting and zero manual intervention.

It will also empower BEST power consumers -- all located in south Mumbai -- to monitor online consumption patterns and take prompt corrective action if needed, in addition to options like pre-paid billing, net-metering facilities for housing complexes and commercial buildings with roof-top solar energy plants, etc.

Simultaneously, the BEST will be able to carry out 'remote connection and disconnection' for bill defaulters, while the power regulators could offer consumers 'friendly time of day tariffs' and increase overall efficiency in electricity distribution, said officials. Patel said the project is in line with the company's long-term goals "to deliver customer value through the potential of technology and digitalisation" and achieving power for all by 2022.

Prominent Mumbai realtor jumps to death from 23rd floor flat

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Prominent realtor, Paras S. Porwal, jumped to his death from his 23rd floor flat at Chinchpokli tower in south Mumbai on Thursday, the police said.

According to Kalachowki Police Station Senior Police Inspector Anand D. Mule, the incident occurred at 6 a.m. at his residence in Shantikamal Cooperative Housing Society.

Porwal, 57, jumped off the balcony of his home-gym

and died on the spot.

The Kalachowki Police team which rushed to the spot, has recovered a purported suicide note from the deceased developer's home gym in which he has said nobody should be blamed for his death and no probe should be conducted.

Porwal was associated with various companies, including Rajyog Developers Ltd. He had completed several commercial and residential projects in the city and

suburbs in the past three decades.

Realty circles claimed that he was reportedly undergoing certain financial problems that may have prompted him to take the extreme step.

Coming just ahead of Diwali, in which the realty sector experiences a boom, the Porwal incident sent shockwaves in the building construction industry even as the police initiated their probe.

Man climbed onto Mumbai Skywalk roof, then dramatic rescue

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A 24-year-old man climbed on the roof of a skywalk in Mumbai allegedly under the influence of drugs on Wednesday, said police. In dramatic footage from Wednesday morning, the man was seen being persuaded by officials to climb down the skywalk at Nana Chowk.



The man identified as Shakil Ahiya now faces a police case under the drugs law, added officials.

Gamevi police, on being alerted about the incident, reached the spot with fire brigade personnel to rescue the man. Seen sitting on the edge of the roof, he stood up when the officials approached him, trying to convince him to get down from there. One of the officials slowly approached him and got hold of him. They

dragged him towards another side and pinned him to the roof. The rescue operation took around two hours. Under the skywalk, some stood holding a large cloth to act as a cushion if the man jumps. Vehicular movement was disrupted due to the rescue efforts at the junction.

The man was allegedly under the influence of drugs at the time of the incident, according to Mumbai Zone-2

DCP Neelotpal. A case has been filed against him under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, he added.

Earlier this year, a young man had climbed on the roof of a train engine at Bihar's Danapur railway station in a suicide attempt. It appeared that he wanted to touch the high-voltage, overhead electric wire but was rescued by railway officials.

Security stepped up in Mumbai after police receives bomb threat call

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Mumbai police on Wednesday received a 'suspicious' call from an unidentified caller informing that bombs are planted at several key places across Mumbai.

Mumbai Police got vigilant after bomb threats at several places were received from the unidentified caller. The suspicious phone call was received on the helpline number 112, officials said.

According to the police, a call was received by a caller claiming that three bombs have been planted in the city at Infinity Mall Andheri, PVR Mall Juhu, and Sahara Hotel Airport. The Mumbai police have beefed security in the targeted places. Attempts are underway to nab the unidentified caller.

Earlier, in April this year, a Karnataka school received a bomb threat amid the ongoing hijab row. Hours after a few schools in



Bengaluru received bomb threats, Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj

Bommai on Friday said he has asked top police officials to probe the mat-

ter adding that a conspiracy is on to disturb peace in the state.

"A conspiracy is on to disturb peace in the state. Karnataka is a progressive State and some elements are repeatedly trying to tarnish this image. Police officials have been instructed to consider these cases seriously," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said to reporters.

Reacting to bomb threat calls to schools in the city, Bommai said, that Police have been asked to conduct a thorough check. Those who made the bomb threat calls would be traced and arrested. Effective security and investigation measures would be taken, he said.

"Parents need not worry," the Chief Minister said while assuring that there is no cause for worry as far as security at schools is concerned. "Necessary precautionary measures are being taken. The parents need have any anxiety," Bommai said.

MARATHA OUTFIT CHIEF ATTEMPTS SUICIDE BY CONSUMING POISON, CASE FILED

Mumbai: Maratha Kranti Morcha (MKM) chief Ramesh Shekhnath Kere allegedly consumed poison in an attempt to suicide. MRA Marg Police has filed a case under the same.

Three days earlier, Ramesh Kere attempted a suicide during a Facebook Live session. Soon after which he was taken to and admitted to JJ hospital in a critical situation. MRA Marg Police has filed a case against Vivekanand Babar, Anirudh Shailar, Yogesh Kedar, Sandeep Poll Balasaheb Sarate, Vishal Pawar, Nitin Kadam, Pradeep Kanse along with few others under IPS section 306, 500, 501, 511. All of them are accused of defaming Ramesh Kere by leaking an audio (recorded three years back). The audio clip was related to fund accumulated for Maratha Morcha. In which Ramesh Kere was accused of misusing the policy for fund management. After audio clip going viral Ramesh Kere accused people of defaming them on baseless reasons. He also said, "He is not a part of it". And later in a Facebook live session he consumed rat poison.

HCL'S SHIV NADAR DONATED RS 3 CRORE PER DAY: REPORT

Team Absolute | Mumbai

HCL founder Shiv Nadar topped as the most generous person in the country with an annual donation of Rs 1,161 crore, the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022 revealed on Thursday.

According to the report, Nadar, 77, has reclaimed the 'India's most generous' title with a donation of Rs 3 crore per day.

Wipro's Azim Premji, 77, moved to the second position with an annual donation of Rs 484 crore after ruling at the top position for the last two consecutive years, it said.

India's richest man Gautam Adani, 60, ranked seventh in EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022, with a donation of Rs 190 crore.

The report further revealed that in India a total of 15 individuals made an annual donation of over Rs 100 crore, 20 donated over Rs 50 crore, and 43 over Rs 20 crore.

A M Naik, 80, group chairman of Larsen and Toubro, who donated Rs 142 crore, is the country's most generous professional manager, the report stated.

It further said that Nithin Kamath and



Nikhil Kamath of Zerodha increased their donation by 300 per cent to Rs 100 crore. With donations of Rs 213 crore each, Subroto Bagchi and N S

Parthasarathy, co-founders of Mindtree, entered into the top 10 of the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022. Ranked as the 12th most generous

Indian, Quesq Corp chairman Ajit Isaac debuted in the list with a donation of Rs 105 crore to the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

Rakesh Gangwal, co-promoter of Indigo Airlines, also debuted in EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022 with Rs 100 crore personal donation to the School of Medical Sciences and Technology at IIT, Kanpur.

Based on the place of residence, Mumbai led with 33 per cent of the list of most generous people in the country, followed by New Delhi accounting for 16 per cent, and Bengaluru at 13 per cent.

The pharmaceutical industry has the largest number of philanthropists in the list, accounting for 20 per cent, followed by chemicals and petrochemicals at 11 per cent.

The Hurun Report is based on a survey of India's most successful entrepreneurs, including those from the Hurun India Rich List 2022, meticulously cross-referencing the results with media reports and charitable foundations.

In the course of the research, Hurun Report also attended non-profit related seminars, as well as meeting with scholars, experts, philanthropists, and senior members of charitable foundations.

NAWAB MALIK'S JUDICIAL CUSTODY EXTENDED TILL NOVEMBER 2

Mumbai: A special court in Mumbai on Wednesday extended the judicial custody of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Nawab Malik till November 2 in an alleged money laundering case.

Nawab Malik, a former Maharashtra minister, was arrested on February 23 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) by the Enforcement Directorate in a probe linked to the activities of fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim and his aides. According to a news agency, the ED has also filed an application before the special PMLA court seeking that a medical board should ascertain Nawab Malik's health status. As per the report, the court said it would hear the plea on November 2.

In May, the court had allowed Malik to be admitted to a private hospital for medical treatment while denying him bail on health grounds.



Jennifer Tilly 'loves' to "get naked" & shoot sex scenes

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Jennifer Tilly has been in a relationship with poker player Phil Laak since 2004 and said that while most performers say intimate scenes are "awful", she enjoys them because she has the opportunity to "get naked" with someone other than her partner. She said: "I know actors are meant to say, 'Oh, sex scenes are awful! It's always a terrible day to have to get through...' But I love sex scenes! Who wouldn't love sex scenes? It's an opportunity to get naked and fool around with somebody that's not your partner." "And all the people standing around that make it even more fun!" Meanwhile, the star, who was previously married to late 'Simpsons' producer Sam Simon, reflected on her time starring as Violet in the 1996 noir film 'Bound' and explained that while she would wear "sexy outfits" early on in her career, she is actually a "very prudish" person. She said: "Women are so used to being sexualised in movies, and I felt like I'd played that character before. She's like an iceberg, where you just see the tip of it. Most of the iceberg is underneath the water, and very dangerous to passing ships." "I liked that it was all subterfuge with her, and the sexuality she exhibited was a tool to get what she wanted. I guess if you're an amateur psychiatrist, she's sort of a parallel to the characters that I've played in Hollywood. When I first came here, I would wear sexy outfits and be this other person, but it wasn't who I was in real life. I'm actually very prudish!"

Lana Del learned important lesson: always back up your work after car break-in

Los Angeles | Agencies

Grammy nominee Lana Del Rey has learned an important lesson: always back up your work. Del Rey was the victim earlier this year of a car break-in. Her backpack containing her computer, multiple hard drives, and a camcorder were taken. "A few months ago, I parked my car on Melrose Place (actually Melrose Ave. in Los Angeles) and I stepped away for a minute," she shared in an Instagram Live video today. "And the one time I left my backpack inside my car, someone broke all of the windows and took it." Lost in the theft was a 200-page book she was working on for Simon & Schuster. She also lost family

"I just want to mention that despite all of this happening, I am confident in the record to come despite so many safety factors in so many different levels," Lana said. "I really want to persist and make the best art I can. She also has the song 'Snow on the Beach' on Taylor Swift's upcoming album, 'Midnights' out October 21."

footage

on the cam-corder.

"I had to remotely wipe the computer that had my 200-page book for Simon and Schuster" which I didn't have backed up on the cloud," she continued, "And despite that, people are still able to remotely access my phone and leak our songs and personal photos."

Despite all that, she has a ninth album on the way.



Not afraid of love anymore, the next girl I go out with better watch out: Matthew Perry

Los Angeles | Agencies

'Friends' star Matthew Perry broke up with a string of women over fears they would "annihilate" him. The actor revealed in a new interview that he was "burned" badly in romances by partners who were only after his money. Ahead of the publication of his new autobiography 'Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing' he



told People on Wednesday, about how he was always the person to end a relationship. "That was me afraid. That is what I manifest, something that's wrong with them. And then I break up with them. But there can't be something wrong with everyone. I'm the common denominator. I left first because I thought they were going to annihilate me," he explained. Perry, who has dated Julia Roberts and Neve Campbell and was briefly engaged to literary manager Molly Hurwitz before they broke up in 2021, said he is now looking for a partner who is "self-supporting in every way". He added: "Somebody who has their own wealth is a pretty key component for me. I got burned a few times by women who wanted my money, not really caring about me... it happens more often than you think." Perry said about being on the lookout for a woman with a "sense of humour, beautiful inside and out, caring," adding, "This is really important, somebody who can have a back and forth with me". He added, "The next person I really take seriously is somebody that I'm going to be in love with and not be scared by the things that used to scare me. I'm not afraid of love anymore, so the next girl I go out with better watch out." Speaking about how he thinks he would make a "great" father, he went on, "I really do. I grew up with a lot of little kids around me, and that's probably why, but I can't wait."

Noah Centineo shares his experience growing up with DC comics

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actor Noah Centineo, who plays the role of Atom Smasher in the recently released superhero film 'Black Adam', recently shared his memories of reading and being consumed by DC comics. The actor said: "I grew up pretending to have superpowers in my room. I grew up watching animated DC films. I remember spending hours with those books where you could draw DC characters."

When asked about how life has come full circle for him with 'Black Adam', he said: "To grow up and be able to portray one of my most loved superheroes in such a way working with talents such as Dwayne Johnson and Pierce Brosnan is like a dream come true for that little kid."

Sharing his experience of working with Pierce Brosnan, Noah said: "It was a huge learning opportunity. When you work with an artiste of Pierce Brosnan's stature, you really get into giving 100 per cent to the character. He is such a fine artiste and has a huge aura and you must respect that whenever you work with a legend. I'm very grateful to have worked with him in the film."



2020. Because

Minaj is very attached to her 2-year-old, she said she often feels like her "heart is being ripped out" every time she is away from him. "I remember being in the U.K. and just bawling," she said. "And when I try to FaceTime him, I get sadder. So, I try to hold out on FaceTiming him because to then put the phone down is so difficult." According to Minaj, her son - whom she shares with hus-

NICKI MINAJ HAS ANXIETY ISSUES SINCE SHE BECAME A MOTHER

I think moms feel like they have to be perfect

Los Angeles | Agencies

Motherhood has brought anxiety issues for Nicki Minaj. The rapper recently got candid about her experience with motherhood. Minaj expressed that she's had "more anxiety" since becoming a mom. In an interview, the 'Super Freaky Girl' rapper spoke about her experience with anxiety since she welcomed her first child, a son whom she's nicknamed 'Papa Bear', on September 30,

band Kenneth "Zoo" Petty - has never had a nanny. "I'm a Trinidadian woman. Culturally, we're not really used to nannies and strangers taking care of the babies," she said. "It's not a bad thing when moms do it. It's just that I have to get conditioned. I have to get it out of my mind that it's a weird thing, because there are tons of celebrities that are doing it and they're raising amazing children." "I hate that I have more anxiety now because you're like, 'What if the one time I leave my child, I get that phone call?' she said, adding: "I think moms feel like they have to be perfect."

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Lottie Moss



Need govt's clearance to travel to Pakistan, BCCI can't decide on its own: Roger Binny

- Earlier in the day, Sports Minister Anurag Thakur said the Indian team will need clearance from the Home Ministry to travel to Pakistan.
- Notably, Pakistan and India do not play bilateral cricket and only meet in global tournaments or multi-team events since 2013 due to strained political tensions between the two countries.
- India's last trip to Pakistan was for the 2008 Asia Cup, while Pakistan's last visit to India was for the 2016 ICC T20 World Cup. The two teams last played each other at the 2022 Asia Cup in UAE in August-September this year, and are due to face off in the T20 World Cup in Melbourne on October 23.



New Delhi | Agencies

Newly-elected BCCI president Roger Binny on Thursday said the board can't decide on its own whether the Indian cricket team will visit Pakistan for the 2023 Asia Cup or not as the travel-related decisions are taken by the government.

The BCCI president's comment came after he was posed with a question on the recent decision of India to not travel to Pakistan for the 2023 Asia Cup. "That is not the BCCI's call. We can't say where our team has to go. Whether we leave the country or teams coming into the country, we need clearance. Once we get clearance from the government then we go with it. We can't make decisions on our own. We have to rely on the government," Binny said at an event organised by Karnataka State Cricket Association in Bengaluru.

The Asia Cup is scheduled to be played in Pakistan in September next year. However, BCCI secretary Jay Shah, who is also the president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) recently said that the Indian team will not travel to Pakistan for the Continental championship and demanded that the event be moved to a neutral venue.

Shah's comment ruffled some feathers in Pakistan and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) then requested the Asian Cricket Council to convene an emergency meeting.

The PCB in its statement had also mentioned that if India did not travel across the border for the tournament then such a move could jeopardise Pakistan's participation in the ODI World Cup, which is set to be held in India in 2023.

PREMIER LEAGUE

MAN UNITED TURN ON THE STYLE AGAINST SPURS WHILE LIVERPOOL WIN AGAIN

London | Agencies

Manchester United produced arguably their best performance of the season to defeat Tottenham 2-0 at Old Trafford as they remained in the top-five position. Tottenham went into Wednesday night's game in third place in the Premier League but were outclassed by United, who opened the scoring through Fred in the 47th minute and should have been out of sight by the time Bruno Fernandes added their second, with Spurs keeper Hugo Lloris making a string of magnificent saves. Darwin Nunez's 22nd-minute goal was enough for Liverpool to beat West Ham United to build on their weekend victory over Manchester City. The Uruguayan headed home a cross from the left



and was unlucky to see another effort bounce back off the post, although Liverpool also had a let-off when Jarrod Bowen's penalty was well saved by Alisson. Goalkeepers David Raya and Kepa Arrizabalaga were on top form with a string of excellent saves to ensure the southwest London derby between Brentford and Chelsea ended in a 0-0 draw.

Chelsea had more chances than the home side, but a draw was a fair result, with both keepers at their best.

Newcastle United moved to fifth in the table thanks to Miguel Almiron's 31st-minute strike giving them a 1-0 win at home to Everton. Newcastle peppered the Everton goal, while Everton failed to have a shot on target all game.

Wednesday also saw Southampton take a 1-0 win away to Bournemouth thanks to Che Adams' ninth-minute goal. The result is Bournemouth's first defeat under Gary O'Neil but will ease the pressure on Saints coach Ralph Hasenhuttl.

LA LIGA

Real Madrid cruise past Elche; Valladolid beat Celta 4-1

Madrid (Spain) | Agencies

Real Madrid extended their lead at the top of La Liga to six points over FC Barcelona with a comfortable 3-0 win away to bottom side Elche.

Fede Valverde continued his excellent recent form with the opening goal in the 11th minute with a powerful shot.

Madrid had two goals ruled off for offside from Karim Benzema and David Alaba in the first half and another one from Benzema after the break, but Benzema scored Madrid's second in the 75th minute to double the lead. Marco Asensio added the third in the last minute. The win pressures Barcelona ahead of their home game against Villarreal.

Mikel Merino's third-minute header from Brais Mendez's corner was enough to give Real Sociedad a 1-0 win at home to Mallorca and stretch their winning run to eight matches and lift them to third.

Mallorca were unlucky to see an excellent goal from Amath N'Diaye ruled out for a questionable foul called by VAR in the 58th minute.

High-flying Real Betis were held to a 0-0 draw by a struggling but improving Cadiz in an Andalusian derby, reports Xinhua. Cadiz were able to keep Betis' attack at bay, while Betis midfielder Sergio Canales was sent off for seeing two yellow cards for complaining in the closing moments of the match.



Valladolid produced a clinical display to claim a morale-boosting 4-1 win at home to Celta Vigo. Celta had over 60 percent of the ball and over 20 shots in the match but were wasteful, while the home side scored four goals from just nine efforts. Roque Mesa put Valladolid ahead in the 32nd minute and although Oscar Rodriguez leveled before the break, a strike from Joaquin Fernandez and two more from Sergio Leon sealed the win for Valladolid in the second half.

T20 WORLD CUP

UAE defeat Namibia; help Netherlands enter Super 12 stage

Geelong (Victoria) | Agencies

UAE survived a late scare from all-rounder David Wiese's 55 to secure a narrow seven-run win over Namibia in their last Group A match in first round of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup at Kardinia Park on Thursday.

Thursday's win is also UAE's first-ever win in their history of participating in T20 World Cups. After Muhammad Waseem slammed a 41-ball fifty while skipper CP Rizwan hit an unbeaten 43 off 29 deliveries to help UAE make a competitive 148/3, Namibia were down and out at 67/7 in 13 overs.

That's when Wiese stepped up to hit three fours and as many sixes in his 36-ball stay at the crease and shared a 70-run stand with Rubel Trumpelmann with the eighth wicket, a record partnership in T20 World Cup history, as dew started to settle in.

But Wasim took out Wiese in the final over and gave away just six runs in the final over to knock Namibia out of the competition and propel the Netherlands to enter Super 12 stage from Group A alongside 2014 champions Sri Lanka.

Chasing 149, Namibia lost their opening pair of Stephen Baard and Michael van Lingen in the first three overs. Namibia's troubles increased when Nicol Loftie-Eaton was trapped lbw while captain Gerhard Erasmus (castled by Karthik Meiyappan) and JJ Smit (run out at bowler's end) were out in quick succession in the eighth over.



Brief scores

UAE 148/3 in 20 overs (Muhammad Waseem 50, CP Rizwan 43 not out; Ben Shikongo 1/8, Bernard Scholtz 1/22) beat Namibia 141/8 in 20 overs (David Wiese 55, Rubel Trumpelmann 25 not out; Basil Hameed 2/17, Zahoor Khan 2/20) by seven runs

SRI LANKA BEAT NETHERLANDS BY 16 RUNS; CONFIRM SUPER 12 QUALIFICATION

Geelong (Victoria):

Kusal Mendis slammed a fine 79 while Wanindu Hasaranga picked three wickets as Sri Lanka beat the Netherlands by 16 runs in a decisive Group A match of the first round at Kardinia Park, Geelong, to confirm Super 12 qualification in ICC Men's T20 World Cup. After Mendis's knock helped the 2014 T20 World Cup champions post 162/6 in their 20 overs, the Netherlands opener Max O'Dowd made an unbeaten 71 off 53 balls, laced with six fours and three sixes and was the long ranger for his side.



But he didn't have much support from the other end as the Netherlands' ultimately ended up at 146/9 in 20 overs, with leg-spinner Hasaranga taking 3-28 and off-spinner Maheesh Theekshana picking 2-32.

The Netherlands' hopes of reaching Super 12 are now on the Namibia-UAE clash happening later in the day, with a UAE victory giving them the ticket to continue their journey in the tournament.

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 162/6 in 20 overs (Kusal Mendis 79, Charith Asalanka 31; Paul van Meekeren 2-25, Bas de Leede 2-31) beat Netherlands 146/9 in 20 overs (Max O'Dowd 71 not out; Wanindu Hasaranga 3-28, Maheesh Theekshana 2-32) by 16 runs

GUADALAJARA OPEN

Azarenka advances to Round of 16 after Badosa retires

Guadalajara (Mexico): Former No 1 Victoria Azarenka advanced to the Round of 16 at the Guadalajara Open Akron after top seed Paula Badosa was forced to retire due to illness, here. The 33-year-old Azarenka will face No 13 seed Madison Keys next.

Playing flawless tennis from the baseline, Azarenka built a quick 4-0 lead before Badosa got on the board. Struggling physically, Badosa called the trainer at the 4-1 changeover to discuss her options but opted to play on.

After Azarenka closed out the set with an ace at 6-2, Badosa retired due to illness on Wednesday night. Despite the abbreviated match, Azarenka revealed in the notoriously raucous energy of the Guadalajara night sessions. Bidding to make her first WTA 1000 quarterfinal since her run to the 2021 Indian Wells final, Azarenka will face Keys on Thursday. The American advanced to the Round of 16 with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win over Ajla Tomljanovic. The victory kept Keys in contention for one of the three remaining spots at the WTA Finals.

PANT CAN BAT AT NUMBER SIX, DINESH KARTHIK AT SEVEN: SUNIL GAVASKAR

Melbourne | Agencies

India batting legend Sunil Gavaskar feels that wicketkeeper-batters Rishabh Pant and Dinesh Karthik can be slotted into the playing eleven by having the duo batting at number six and seven respectively ahead of their Super 12 opening clash against Pakistan on Sunday. In Asia Cup 2022, India oscillated between picking Karthik, a specialist finisher, and Pant, a left-hander who can bat anywhere from the top to the middle order, during the league stage as well as Super Four matches. "It's just that maybe, if they decide to go with six bowlers, with Hardik Pandya being the sixth bowler, then he (Rishabh



Pant) may not be able to find a place, but if they decide to go with Hardik Pandya as a fifth bowler, then Rishabh Pant has an opportunity to bat at number six and Karthik maybe at number seven, followed by the four bowlers. So, that could well happen, we just have to wait and see," said Gavaskar on the 'Cricket Live' show on Star Sports.

India's tour of Bangladesh to begin with three ODIs, followed by two Tests in December

Dhaka | Agencies

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Thursday announced the schedule for India's tour of Bangladesh, which will begin with three ODIs from December 4, 7 and 10 to be held at the Sher-E-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka.

After the end of the ODIs, India will play two Tests against Bangladesh, firstly at Chattogram from December 14 to 18 at the Zahir Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium, and then the second Test at the Sher-E-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka. After the tour ends, India will depart Bangladesh on December 27.

Both Tests are a part of the ICC World Test Championship cycle, where India are currently placed fourth with 52.08 percentage points. Bangladesh, on the other hand, are in the last position in the championship table with 13.33 percentage points. This will be the first time that India will tour Bangladesh since 2015. In that tour in 2015, the lone Test ended as a draw while Bangladesh emerged victorious in the ODI series 2-1.

In an official statement, BCB President Nazmul Hassan felt thrilled about the prospect of multi-format meetings between the two sides in December. "The Bangladesh-India matches in recent history have given us some epic contests and fans from both countries are eagerly waiting for another memorable series. I thank the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for working closely with the BCB in confirming the schedule. We look forward to welcoming the Indian team to Bangladesh."

BCCI Secretary Jay Shah echoed the same sentiment as expressed by Hassan. "I extend my best wishes to the



Bangladesh Cricket Board for the upcoming bilateral series featuring India. The India-Bangladesh contests generate tremendous interest among the fans thanks to the massive fan following the two teams enjoy.

"We know how passionate the fans in Bangladesh are and I am sure they will be treated to some exhilarating contests both in white-ball and red-ball cricket. With the crucial World Test Championship points at stake, the two Test matches are very important and both teams will go hard for the win."

INDIA TOUR OF BANGLADESH ITINERARY

December 1: Indian team arrives in Bangladesh
December 4: 1st ODI, Dhaka
December 7: 2nd ODI, Dhaka
December 10: 3rd ODI, Dhaka
December 14-18: 1st Test, Chattogram
December 22-26: 2nd Test, Dhaka
December 27: Indian team departs from Bangladesh



Linda Wessberg shows her love for Women's Indian Open

Gurugram | Agencies

Linda Wessberg is no stranger to India. The veteran Swede, who has been playing on the Ladies European Tour since 2004, has been to India no less than eight times for the Hero Women's Indian Open and she has never missed the cut.

Still looking for a first win in India, she opened with a superb 7-under 65 that included an ace and gave her the lead for the opening day.

Just one shot behind Wessberg was Anais Meyssonier of France, who holed eight birdies against two bogeys for a 6-under 66 that put her in second place. India's Amandeep Drall holed a fifth

birdie on the 18th for a bogey-free 67 that put her in tied third place with another India regular, Finland's Noora Komulainen, who has never missed a cut in her previous five starts in the Women's Indian Open. They both shot 5-under 67 to be tied third on a leaderboard that featured four Nordic players in Top-six.

Tied in the fifth spot were Swedish colleagues Caroline Hedwall, the 2011 champion, and Elin Arvidsson, playing her first full season in LET after some years on the Epson Tour in the US.

While Wessberg bagged a tidy cheque for her ace, it was not the only of the day as Scotland's Gabrielle MacDonald also had a hole-in-one on the 145-yard 16th, but shot 76.



Women health and wellness is barely discussed in India: Lara Dutta

She says menopause is not given due importance

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Lara Dutta, who was last seen in the streaming show 'Hiccups and Hookups', feels that women in India particularly don't have proper access to healthcare facilities, especially reproductive health.

Menopause can significantly impact a woman's everyday life. Yet, conversations about this topic are limited. The actress recently attended an event organised to raise awareness around menopause.

She said in a statement, "Being on stage and listening to the panel of doctors has been an eye-opener for me as well. I know this even when I was a goodwill ambassador for the UN - that women's health and wellness is barely discussed in the way that it should. In our country, unfortunately, the majority of women doesn't even have access to proper physical and medical healthcare facilities to even reproductive health, forget about anything else."

The event was organised by a pharma company. The actress added, "Menopause is so back on the burner as a priority that I think it is really fantastic that big Pharma companies like Abbott today are taking these initiatives and making information accessible. As we discussed today - it's about the 'Next Chapter' and not the 'Last Chapter'. Stories are what drive conversations - shows and movies on such topics should definitely be made".



Me and father share same trophy: Rupali Ganguly

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Television actress Rupali Ganguly, who brought home awards for her popular show 'Anupamaa', and her choreographer Vijay Ganguly won the same award, exactly 46 years after their father Anil Ganguly had, for the best story of the year for the movie 'Tapasya'. Lions Gold Awards have been around for decades and are considered distinguished & respected in the entertainment business. Rupali shares: "My father, Anil Ganguly, received this award 46 years ago for his movie Tapasya, for which he'd received a National award too. As his children, we are extremely proud to be able to have two trophies next to his. I'm grateful that Vijay and I have received enough recognition this year but this one is really special." "Moreso because we received it at the same platform considering we belong to television & Bollywood respectively, this award brought us together on the stage. It was a really emotional moment for the two of us. It is like life has come in a full circle now." Both the siblings, took to their social media to share their happiness. Rupali wrote, "This one is special because this is the only trophy we both have in common with our Pappa." While Vijay wrote, "My father got the award in 1976 and 46 years later, we both get the same award. Feels nice."



Team Absolute | Mumbai

Govinda and his wife Sunita Ahuja's love story is quite filmy and the common thing between them was their love for dance which finally made them fall in love with each other.

Well, now after being in a relationship for so long, the 'Dulhe Raja' actor has expressed his grati-

I fell in love with Sunita's innocence: Govinda

tude towards his wife and called her 'innocent' on the sets of a singing reality show.

The actor, who is known for his dance moves and comic roles, has worked in a number of blockbusters like 'Hero No 1', 'Raja Babu', and so on. Govinda revealed what made him fall in love with Sunita and said: "Sunita was my first love and I fell in love with her innocence."

He recalled how he finally decided to settle down with her and expressed his gratitude to the

Almighty for having her as a partner.

"We were shooting for a song in Kashmir and looking at fate's play I did not even know what was happening to me. There were signs but I did not get it, then one day I realised, she is the one. I am thankful to God that I met you," he added.

Govinda along with his wife Sunita and daughter Tina Ahuja are appearing on 'Indian Idol 13' as celebrity guests. The singing reality show is judged by Himesh Reshammiya, Neha Kakkar and Vishal Dadlani.

I am not starstruck when I meet them, but...: Rohit Saraf

Aakruti Bagla | Mumbai

Rohit Saraf started young and was noticed in films like Hichki, The Sky is Pink among others. This year, Rohit had back-to-back releases with Vikram Vedha and Mismatched 2. Absolute India News caught up with the actor for a candid conversation. Excerpts: **On back-to-back releases within 15 days**

Sharing his feeling about adulation coming his way, Rohit shared, "It's a great feeling. At this time I feel that I don't think I have enough bandwidth to let everything sink in. Ideally, I prefer a fine gap between two releases so that there is enough time to enjoy as a lot of hard work goes behind everything."

On Vikram Vedha's poor Box-office performance

While the film was appreciated by the audience, as it entered the second week, it could not make enough money.

Talking about it the actor shared, "Sometimes there are films that do not make the so-called numbers but are good films. For Vikram Vedha, I didn't have to bear the brunt of it as Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan were the main faces. I went, did my job, learnt a lot and came out of it. In the end, I



am happy with the fact that we made a good film."

On the National Crush tag

Touted to be the National Crush, the actor shared personally and professionally what are the pros and cons of it. "Professionally, irrespective of tag, my focus is primarily to give the best.

Personally, it's a very special and incredible feeling that I am cherishing.

About not getting enamored by fame

The actor revealed how he manages not to get enamored by fame and stay grounded. He shared, "The grounding comes organically as I am surrounded by the

kind of people in my life who are constantly giving me reality checks. Also having worked with people like Hrithik Roshan, Priyanka Chopra, and Alia Bhatt among others, I have seen the kind of stardom they enjoy but who are they as people that speaks volumes. I am not starstruck when I meet them, but I am in awe of them when I see who they are. I have always been inspired by that."

On working with seasoned actors

The actor has shared screen space with actors like Priyanka Chopra, Alia Bhatt, Hrithik Roshan, and Rajkumar Rao among others, shares whether he ever had the apprehension of getting overshadowed. He said, "Not really, instead I feel very grateful for the fact that I have that opportunity. It takes a lot of hard work to bag projects like these. Also I believe that most of the characters that I have played have added something to the story. When I am cast for something, it's been after an audition."

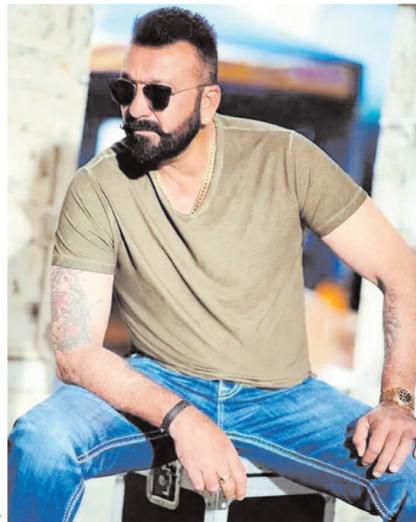
He further added, "I have worked with the best from the business. And whoever I have worked with, are kind of people who look forward to elevating your performance along with theirs because they realise that film is bigger than them. I know how kind they have been to me."

I FEEL I AM GOING TO WORK MORE IN SOUTH FILMS : SANJAY DUTT

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Prem -Dhruva Sarja's upcoming project is creating the entire buzz with the director approaching big stars from different regions for the multilingual film. If reports are to be believed, Sanjay Dutt has been approached to star as the primary antagonist of the project. Recently, the title teaser of the flick was unveiled at a grand event in Bangalore amidst the presence of cast and makers of the film. Present at the event was actor Sanjay Dutt who expressed gratitude and his wish to work in south films. He said, "I worked in KGF and now I am working with director Prem in KD-the devil. I am really looking forward and wish the team all the best. I also feel that I am going to work more in South Indian Films."

He further said, "It's an amazing teaser. I know one thing is that I have done KGF and Rajamouli sir is a dear friend. Movies in south have lot of passion, love, energy and heroism. Bollywood should learn, not to forget their roots from South. On a parting note, the actor said, "I am looking forward to working with Dhruva and Prem Sir and we will make a rocking film again."



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