

SILENCES OF THE CONSTITUTION BEING EXPLOITED BY ALL': SC ON APPOINTMENT OF CECs, ECS

LAW IS ABSENT

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) heads an institution, though with his truncated tenure, he cannot do anything substantial and added that "silences of the Constitution" is being exploited by all as it expressed concern at the absence of a law governing the appointments of CECs and Election Commissioners (ECs).

► A FIVE-JUDGE CONSTITUTION BENCH, HEAD-ED BY JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH POINTED OUT THAT SINCE 2004, NO CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER HAS COM- PLETED THE SIX-YEAR TENURE.

► DURING THE UPA GOVERN- MENT THERE WERE SIX CECs AND BETWEEN 2015-2022, IN EIGHT YEARS OF THE NDA GOVERNMENT, THERE HAVE BEEN EIGHT CECs



“There are no checks and balances in the Constitution. This is how the silence of the Constitution is being exploited by all.... There is no law and legally, they are correct. Nothing could be done in the absence of a law.”

Telangana MLAs' poaching case SANTHOSH NOT COOPERATING, SIT TO TELANGANA HC

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The bench said even though the CEC heads an institution, with his truncated tenure, he cannot do any- thing substantial and said this is a disturbing trend. The bench flagged Article 324 of the Constitution, which talks about the appointment of Election Commissioners. It said the article does not provide the procedure for such appointments, though it had envisaged the enactment of a law by Parliament, however it has not been done in the last 72 years, leading to exploitation by the Central govern- ment. The bench told Attorney General R. Venkataramani, representing the Centre, that as per law, the CEC has a fixed a tenure of six years or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier and the government knows about their date of birth, as most of them were former bureaucrats. It added that the government ensures that the one who is appointed does not get his full 6 years and the independence gets thwarted here. The bench told the AG that CECs are not getting their full terms and asked, how will they carry out their tasks? Venkataramani replied that the present process, where the President appoints the CECs and ECs cannot be said to be unconstitutional and the court cannot strike it down. Citing the truncated tenure of the CECs and ECs, the bench added that it

New Delhi: The Central govern- ment on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that on the issue of identification of minorities at the state level, it has held con- sultative meetings with all states and other stakeholders, and 14 states have furnished their views so far.

Additional Solicitor General K.M. Nataraj, rep- resenting the Centre, said a status report has been filed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs on October 31. The bench noted that the issue cannot be decided suddenly and it is required to be examined thor- oughly. The report said that the 14 state governments, namely Punjab, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Goa, West Bengal, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and 3 Union Territories,

namely Ladakh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, and Chandigarh have furnished their comments/views.

The plea termed section 2(f) of the Act, which empowers the Centre to identify and notify minority commu- nities in India, as "manifestly arbi- trary, irrational, and offending".

After hearing arguments in the matter, the bench asked 19 states and UTs to commu- nicate their stand to the Centre within four weeks of receipt of the court's order. It scheduled the matter for further hearing in January. The top court was hearing the petitions which sought directions for framing guidelines for identi- fication of minorities at the state level, contending that Hindus are in minority in 10 states.

is not concerned with this or that polit- ical party but this percolates down to the fundamental right of the individ- ual. The bench asked Venkataramani to inform it by Wednesday about the government's method, if there is one,

for the appointment of ECs and CECs. The top court is hearing a batch of pleas seeking a collegium-like system for the appointment of the CEC and the hearing in the matter will continue on Wednesday.

MINORITIES IDENTIFICATION ISSUE: 14 STATES SUBMITTED VIEWS

INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION POLLS

With big BJP leaders in fray, race for top post heats up

While Assam Chief Minister and Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma is one of the potential candidates for the IOA President's post, there are other BJP leaders in the electoral college as well, including Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, President of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI); Arjun Munda of the Archery Association; Kalyan Chaubey, President of All India Football Federation (AIFF); and Anil Jain, President of All India Tennis Association (AITA), to name a few.

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With senior BJP lead- ers throwing their hats into the ring, the race for the top post in the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has heated up ahead of the elections scheduled on December 10. It is believed that there could be a contest between Sarma and Munda for the top post. However, there are still some days left and things could change overnight, as has been seen in the history of IOA.

There is another big name doing the rounds -- Olympian and Athletics Federation of India President, Adille Sumariwalla, whom most members of the IOA selected as acting President after



Narinder Batra stepped down. Sumariwalla is expected to get the same backing this time also.

On Monday, the Returning Officer for the IOA elections, Umesh Sinha, released the names of 33 national sports federations and their 66 valid members (one male and one female from each), eight Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOM),

one International Olympic Committee member and two athletes' commission representatives. The number of persons eligible to cast their vote is 77 (39 females and 38 males) and they can file nominations for various posts in the Executive Council, including that of the President. The nominations have to be filed between November 25 and 27.

6 KILLED IN MEGHALAYA-ASSAM BORDER FIGHT

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An SUV with an Assam number was set afire by unidentified people in Meghalaya's capital city Shillong on Tuesday night, hours after a clash over a state border dispute in the West Jaintia Hills claimed six lives. A fire brigade put out the blaze that left the SUV completely burnt, but no casualties were reported. Police sources said the incident near Mahavir Park in Jhalupara locality is "believed to have been an aftermath of the firing incident at Mukroh village in West Jaintia Hills". In the morning, a forest guard from Assam and five people from Meghalaya

were killed in a firing incident at Mukroh village, leading to tension in the inter-state border region. Meghalaya suspended mobile internet services in seven districts of the state for 48 hours as flare-ups on the two state's border can escalate quickly, as seen not too long ago. The incident took place when a team from the Assam forest department tried to intercept a truck allegedly carrying smug- gled timber, around 7 am. The vehicle sped away, leading to a chase that ended in Meghalaya territory after the forest guards managed to puncture one of the truck's tyres. Local villagers saw this as trespass and surrounded the Assam police and forest guards.

India ranks 8th in climate change performance index

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India is now ranked eighth, after jumping up two spots, as per the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI, 2023) published by German Watch, New Climate Institute and Climate Action Network International based in Germany. The latest report of CCPI, released at COP27 on Tuesday, shows Denmark, Sweden, Chile and Morocco as the only four small countries that were ranked above India. The first, second



and third ranks were not award- ed to any country. In effect therefore, India's rank is the best amongst all large economies, an official statement said. India has also been ranked amongst top 5 countries in the world and the best among the G20 countries, based on its Climate Change performance.

INDIA WILL BE \$40 TRILLION ECONOMY BY 2047: MUKESH AMBANI

New Delhi: Three game-changing revolu- tions will govern India's growth in the decades ahead -- Clean Energy Revolution, Bio-Energy Revolution and Digital Revolution -- said Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries. Speaking at the 10th convocation of Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), Ambani said, "Together, they will transform lives in ways unimaginable. While the Clean Energy Revolution and the Bio-Energy Revolution will produce energy sustainably, the Digital Revolution will enable us to consume energy efficiently. All three revolutions will together help India and the world save our beautiful planet from the climate crisis." "From a \$3 trillion economy, India will grow to become a \$40 trillion economy by 2047, ranking among the top three economies of the world in your working life," he added.

Tribal bodies in Arunachal slams cancellation of residence certificate to Chakmas, Hajongs

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Various tribal organisations in Arunachal Pradesh on Tuesday strongly protested the cancellation of the Residential Proof Certificates (RPCs) issued to the Chakmas and Hajongs tribals by the state government. Government officials refused to com- ment on the issue. Chakma Development Foundation of India (CDFI) founder and writer Suhas Chakma said that the Deputy Commissioner of Changlang district in an order on November 14, directed the local officials to cancel the RPCs and instead issue Temporary Settlement Certificates (TSCs). Many leaders of Chakma and Hajong tribal communities severely condemned the district administration's decision.



Chakma Hajong Rights Alliance (CHRA) Convenor Pritimoy Chakma said that the people belonging to Chakma and Hajong communities born in Arunachal Pradesh being issued TSCs is completely illegal and smacks of vindictiveness of the state based on racial grounds. Arunachal Pradesh Chakma Students Union President Rup Singh Chakma said

that the entire process started with illegality and ended with illegality. He said that on July 18, the AAPSU submitted a charter of demands to Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu including on can- cellation of the RPCs and booking the offi- cials and local MLA under the National Security Act. Committee for Citizens' Rights of the Chakmas and Hajongs of Arunachal Pradesh President Santosh Chakma said that the entire process of cancellation of the RPCs shows that Arunachal Pradesh is not governed by the rule of law of the country. There are about 65,000 tribals belonging to Chakma and Hajong community in Arunachal Pradesh who fled from then East Pakistan and were settled by the Central government in the then North East Frontier Agency (NEFA) in 1964 to beef up security following the 1962 Indo-China war.

Indian biologist gets UN's highest honour for saving world's rarest storks

► Since its inception in 2005, the annual Champions of the Earth award has been awarded to trailblazers at the forefront of efforts to protect the natural world.

► It is the UN's highest envi- ronmental honour. To date, the award has recognized 111 laureates: 26 world leaders, 69 individuals and 16 organi- zations.

► This year a record 2,200 nominations from around the world were received.

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Purnima Devi Barman, conserva- tion biologist known for initiat- ing all-female grassroots conserva- tion movement from Assam for saving the greater adjutant, one of the world's rarest storks, is among the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) 2022 Champions of the Earth award announced on Tuesday. UNEP's 2022 Champions of the Earth are Barman honoured in the Entrepreneurial Vision category, is a wildlife biologist who leads the "Hargila Army", an all-female grass- roots conservation movement dedi- cated to protecting the greater adju- tant stork from extinction.



The women create and sell textiles with motifs of the bird, helping to raise awareness about the species while building their own financial independence. Arcenciel (Lebanon), honoured in

the Inspiration and Action category, is a leading environmental enterprise whose work to create a cleaner, healthier environment has laid the foundation for the country's national waste management strategy. Constantino (Tino) Aucca Chutas (Peru), also honoured in the Inspiration and Action category, has pioneered a community reforestation model driven by local and Indigenous communities, which has led to three million trees being planted in the country. Partha Dasgupta (Britain), hon- oured in the Science and Innovation category, is an eminent economist whose landmark review on the eco- nomics of biodiversity calls for a fun-

damental rethink of humanity's rela- tionship with the natural world to pre- vent critical ecosystems from reach- ing dangerous tipping points. Cecile Bibiane Ndjebet (Cameroon), honoured in the Inspiration and Action category, is a tireless advocate for the rights of women in Africa to secure land tenure, which is essential if they are to play a role in restoring ecosystems, fighting poverty and mitigating cli- mate change. Following the launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), this year's awards shine a spotlight on efforts to prevent, halt and reverse ecosystem degradation globally.

TRS LEGISLATOR GRABS GOVT OFFICIAL BY COLLAR

Hyderabad: An MLA of Telangana's ruling party TRS grabbed a government official by col- lar after a school was inaugurated before his arrival. Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, a member of Legislative Assembly from Gadwal, was angry over Zilla Parishad chairperson inaugurating a newly-constructed Gurukul of social welfare department. The incident occurred on Tuesday in Gadwal in Jogulamba Gadwal district. The video of the incident went viral on social media. The MLA was expressing his unhappiness with Zilla Parishad chairperson Sarita for con- ducting the inauguration ceremony without his presence. Angry over some remark made by an official, the MLA suddenly advanced towards him, held him by his collar and pushed him.

Chaos in RJD's Janata Darbar after favouritism complaints



EMPLOYMENT IS THE BIGGEST NEED FOR THE YOUTH: CHIEF MINISTER

For the first time, recruitment is being done on a large scale in the government and private sector, the work of appointments to one lakh posts has been reviewed.

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that employment of the youth is the biggest need of the day. Whether employment is in government sector or in private sector, it is very important to get work according to qualification. There is a natural communication of enthusiasm in the youth by coming to the services. With adequate staff, the functioning of institutions and departments also becomes smooth and easy.

Chief Minister Chouhan was reviewing the filling of one lakh posts in various government departments in Mantralaya. Chief Minister said that as a result of employment day every month, a large number of youths are getting employment. Importance is being given to take the services of local youth in industrial institutions. The state government is determined to fill the vacant posts in government departments. To fulfill this resolution, a campaign is being launched to fill vacant posts in government departments.

Chief Minister said that an initiative has been taken to appoint 6,000 constable posts in the home department alone in the government departments. The effort is to provide appointment letters to all in a ceremonial manner on some day. Along with the action to fill the posts of the departments by the General Administration Department, action is also being taken to fill the posts in the public sector undertakings of the state. The present ministers described the work being done in the field of employment and self-employment as important.



1 LAKH 12 THOUSAND POSTS WILL BE FILLED BY AUGUST 2023

It was informed that the campaign to fill the vacant posts started from August 15 will continue for 12 months. The process has been started to fill 01 lakh 12 thousand 724 government vacancies in the state. The work has been done at a rapid pace in the month of November. Necessary process is being followed to fill about 60 thousand posts. All departments are active in this work. First class 1,271, second class 20 thousand 728, 82 thousand 879 posts of class III and 9091 posts of class IV are vacant. Necessary action is being taken after permission from the Finance Department to fill these posts. From August 15 to October 31, 36 thousand 235 posts have been advertised. In the month of November, 3 thousand 926 posts have been advertised. About 19 thousand posts will be advertised by the end of this month. 1595 appointments have been made in eight departments in the last three months. In the last quarter, 722 appointments have been made in the Tribal Affairs Department and 852 in the Health Department. 15 thousand 196 posts have been advertised in the School Education Department and 15 thousand 618 in the Tribal Affairs Department. Recruitment is being done continuously in all the departments.

LAND WILL NOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE FARMER

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the names of those farmers will also be included in the Pradhan Mantri Samman Kisan Nidhi and Mukhyamantri Kisan-Kalyan Yojana, who could not get their names added due to any reason despite being eligible. Camps will be organized to redress the problems related to revenue and electricity bills of the farmers. The state government will reimburse the interest amount to the defaulter farmers. Chief Minister made several announcements in the interest of the farmers. Gratitude was also expressed by the farmers towards Chief Minister Chouhan. Chouhan was addressing farmers from the grounds of Motilal Nehru Science College, Bhopal. He said that I have a feeling of love and respect for the farmers. Whatever legitimate problems the farmers are facing, they will leave no stone unturned to solve them. Initially, a suggestion letter was given to the Chief Minister by the farmers' organization.

Chouhan said that many farmers of the state are eligible for Samman Nidhi. If the names of eligible farmers have not been registered in the list, then work will be done to provide annual assistance of Rs 10,000 by registering them.

Cong ready to welcome Rahul's BJJ, Priyanka to join



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After winding up its Maharashtra leg, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra is all set to enter its first Hindi heartland state of Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday.

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi will also join the march on the very first day of the yatra in Madhya Pradesh, a senior Congress leader told reporter.

Notably, it would be the first time that Priyanka Gandhi will be joining the yatra. "Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will join the Bharat Jodo Yatra on Wednesday when it enters Madhya Pradesh, senior party leader Jairam Ramesh said.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra started from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu on September 7. So far, it has traversed through the states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra.

The Congress' pan-India foot march will enter its first Hindi heartland state of Madhya Pradesh on the morning of November 23 after winding up its Maharashtra leg. In the next 13 days, Gandhi will visit Ujjain's Mahakaleshwar Temple, offer puja to the holy Narmada

river, and go to the birthplaces of tribal leader Tantya Bhil in Khandwa and B.R. Ambedkar in Indore's Mhow besides attending many other programmes, according to the information received from the Congress leaders.

Meanwhile, the Madhya Pradesh Congress on Tuesday flagged off its 18th sub-yatra from Bhopal, which will march around 200 km to reach Susner in Agar-Malwa region on Thursday. As many as 17 sub-yatras organised by Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) are already on their way, some of them have already reached their earmarked areas, which will merge with Bharat Jodo Yatra later. Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Suresh Pachouri, who along with former leader of opposition in the state assembly Ajay Singh (Rahul), flagged off the 18th sub-yatra from Bhopal, told reporter, "There are talks on how Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra will have an impact, so I would like to clarify that this yatra has nothing to do with politics. Its only purpose is to save the harmony, brotherhood, and protect the rich constitution of India. It is to raise the voice of farmers, poor people."

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan plants saplings

Bamboo craftsman Dharmendra Rohar and social workers also planted saplings

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan planted saplings of Ashoka and Cassia in Smart Garden today. Along with Chief Minister, bamboo craftsman Dharmendra Rohar, social workers Vivek Singh Chouhan, Prateek Tiwari, Akhil Singh Chouhan and artist Mohit Shevani also planted saplings. CM Chouhan was presented an artifact of bamboo craft by craftsman Rohar.



Voters of Gujarat residing in the state will get paid holiday for voting

Voters of Gujarat residing in the state will get the facility to vote in the assembly elections in Gujarat.

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They will be given paid leave when they go to Gujarat for voting. On the instructions of the Election Commission of India, the Labor Commissioner, Madhya Pradesh has issued an order in this regard.

Chief Electoral Officer, Madhya Pradesh Anupam Rajan told that assembly elections will be held in

Gujarat in two phases. There are 182 assembly seats. The first phase of polling will be held on December 1 and the second phase will be held on December 5 and the counting of votes will take place on December 8. In such a situation, the citizens of Gujarat living in Madhya Pradesh should not be deprived of voting, instructions have been given to give paid holiday on the day of polling.

CBI ARRESTS INCOME TAX OFFICER IN BRIBERY CASE

Bhopal: The CBI on Tuesday arrested an Income Tax officer in Madhya Pradesh, for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5 lakh from a businessman, threatening him with heavy penalty and raid on his firm.

A case has been registered against accused Ramgopal Prajapati in Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh, a senior CBI official said. The complainant alleged that his firm was engaged in manufacturing electric switches in Maharashtra, however, its Income Tax assessment was being done at the Income Tax office at Mandsaur.

The accused demanded a bribe of Rs 5 lakh with a threat that if not paid, he would ensure heavy penalty is imposed by the department along with raids on his firm.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the accused demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5 lakh from the complainant. Searches are being conducted at the premises of the accused. The accused will be produced before the Special Judge for CBI cases at Indore on Wednesday.



THE ENTHUSIASTIC LIFE OF THE VILLAGE WAS DISPLAYED IN THE PICTURES CLICKED BY THE CHILDREN

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The world is changing, everyone is eager to join the blind race of modernity, there is no need, yet there is mobile in every hand. Despite this, rural areas are still the choice of children in rural areas, the children of tribal-dominated Alirajpur have taken pictures related to these rural areas with their cameras. An exhibition of these photographs has also been organized in the capital which is thrilling. In this children's photography exhibition organized at the Swaraj Bhawan of the capital, one can get a glimpse of children becoming great photographers. In this exhibition, the pictures taken by the children include information about rural sports, as well as the lifestyle there.

The pictures displayed in the exhibition include archery picture taken by class X student Govind, weather and sports picture taken by class IX student Sunita, class IX student Dharmendra's photo of Satolia, class X poem Picture of horse eating almonds, Class X Kiran's picture of marble, Class IX Deepak's picture of making mud houses, Salim's picture of



Ashtchang, Class X Mahesh's picture of Gulel and Bhanwari village life Introduces you to style.

On the one hand, where the lifestyle of the village has been displayed in the exhibition, the children from there also demonstrated the rural games Kanche, Bhanwari Chalana, Asht Chang Khele.

Prashant Pathwe, Additional Director General, Press Information Bureau, says that in today's time photojournalism is also a good medium to share news and information. These children can also be prepared as photojournalists, so that the sports and lifestyle of rural areas can be taken to everyone.

Senior journalist Mr. Girish Upadhyay says that there is no worldliness in the eyes of these children, there is only love and simplicity, which is also visible in the pictures taken by them. BJP state spokesperson Neha Bagga believes that today all sports have been limited to mobile. These rural games promote team work, etc., along with increasing physical ability in children. I am very happy to connect with my childhood through this exhibition. In today's time, photos and videos are instantly shared with the whole world through Instagram. Children can be taken further by connecting them with social media.

GOVERNMENT IS WORKING FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY: GOVERNOR PATEL

Meeting with children, women and villagers in Narsinghpur

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Governor Mangu Bhai Patel visited rural areas in Narsinghpur on Tuesday. He said that the central and state governments have understood the small needs of the poor and the needy, have taken care of them and have made a plan accordingly and implemented it at the field level. In his address, he gave detailed information about the government-run sickle cell anemia eradication program, Ayushman Bharat Yojana and other schemes including the Livelihood Mission. Governor Patel met villagers, women and children in village Gorakhpur and Kodraskalan.

Governor Patel appealed to the youth to participate in better implementation of public welfare schemes at the field level. He said that the youth of the village should come forward and con-



tribute in the implementation of the schemes. Make sure that every family of the village gets the benefits of the schemes according to their eligibility. He also discussed in detail with the villagers the importance of education. Governor Patel talked to the villagers of the tribal-dominated area to compulsorily educate their children.

Governor Shri Patel distributed certificates and

acceptance letters to the beneficiaries of various schemes in village Gorakhpur. He gave a certificate to the beneficiary of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Devi Singh, old age pension scheme to Mr. Roopram, BPL card to Purushottam distributed the benefit of Rs 1.5 lakh to the Mahima self-help group of Pala Mudrai. Also provided a tricycle to Divyang Raju. Governor Patel interacted with the beneficiaries in the Gram Chaupal program organized in Gorakhpur. He discussed with Dhanobai of Maa Bhavani Women's Self-Help Group and got information about the benefits received by the group from the livelihood mission, the economic activities being done by the women of the group and the dividend of each member. Shared the experiences of Shubham of Gorakhpur along with Basant Kumar and Jairam of village Khamaria of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Inter-sectoral symposium on Medical system, veterinary, soil and environmental issues conducted at AIIMS Bhopal

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An inter-sectoral symposium on medical system, veterinary, soil science and environmental issues related to anti-microbial resistance was conducted today at AIIMS Bhopal. The symposium was conducted as a collaboration between Departments of medicine and translational medicine Centre. Guest speakers included eminent experts in the fields of veterinary sciences, Soil sciences, and environmental health. Dr. Jayant Tapase, Deputy Director from State animal disease laboratory, Dr. Jyoti kumar Thakur from Indian Institute of soil research, and Dr. Yogesh Sabde from



national Institute of research in environmental health were key speakers.

Speakers enlightened the audience on misuse of antibiotics in animals, impact of antibiotics that are contaminating the soil, and remedies to reduce their use. We need to protect our entire ecosystem from antibiotic

misuse. The programme was followed by an open discussion with all the experts. Professor Dr. Ajai Singh Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Bhopal enlightened the audience about potential impact on entire ecosystem. Winners of various antibiotic awareness related programmes were awarded.



PROTESTS ERUPT IN MAHA AGAINST GUV'S REMARKS ON CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ

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Protests continued for the second day on Monday against Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari for certain remarks and comparisons he made about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj last weekend.

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Shiv Sena (UBT), Maharashtra Navnirman Sena staged full-throated demonstrations in different parts of the state while the Congress has demanded Koshyari's recall though the ruling alliance Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena raised objections and the Bharatiya Janata Party defended him.

At a function in Aurangabad, the Governor referred to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as 'an icon of the old era' and then termed the late Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the current Union Minister Nitin Gadkari as 'modern-day icons', sparking a furore in the state political circles.

In his speech, the Governor said: "In the past, when you are asked who is your icon, the answer used to be Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chandra



Bose or Mahatma Gandhi. But in Maharashtra, you don't need to look far... there are many icons here. While Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was (an icon) of the olden times, in modern times there are Ambedkar and Nitin Gadkari." In Mumbai, NCP staged a demonstration near Raj Bhavan, while in Pune, a 'duplicate' masquerading as the 80-year-old Koshyari was 'targetted' with his

'dhoti' symbolically torn off in protest.

Others have carried out protests beating Koshyari's poster's with chappals, defacing it black paint/ink, demanding that he should be sent back to his home-state or to an old-age home.

Similar actions were witnessed in other cities in the state while top leaders like Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar, Uddhav Thackeray, Nana

Patole, Supriya Sule, Bhai Jagtap, etc. have slammed the Governor for his remarks. Patole, NCP's National Spokesperson Clyde Crasto and Sena (UBT) leaders like Sanjay Raut or Arvind Sawant, MNS' Gajanan Kale, have criticised the Governor, and several demanded his immediate recall pointing out that even in the past, he had made controversial statements that hurt sentiments of the people of this state. Other organisations like Sambhaji Brigade, Maratha Kranti Morcha, Jijau Brigade, the direct descendants of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj - Chhatrapati Udayanraje Bhosale and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Raje - have strongly castigated the Governor for his utterances.

Caught in an embarrassing situation, BJP's Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis sought to defend the Governor saying as long as there is the Sun and Moon, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj will be the idol of Maharashtra and there are no arguments over this."Even the Governor has no doubts on this and his remarks can be interpreted in different ways," claimed Fadnavis.

'Governor third-class': Chhatrapati's irate descendent hits out at Koshyari

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In a sharp attack, Chhatrapati Udayanraje Bhosale on Monday labelled Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari as "third class" and said he should be shunted to an old-age home.

Bhosale, who is the 13th direct descendent of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, also slammed Bharatiya Janata Party spokesperson and MP Sudhanshu Trivedi for his remarks on the great Maratha warrior king.

While the Governor had called Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj an 'icon of the old era', Trivedi has reportedly claimed that the Maratha king had apologised to Emperor Aurangzeb five times.

Targeting both, Bhosale said that "perversion has no party or caste, and such perverted persons should be thrown out of their parties".

"The Governor should be thrown out of Raj Bhavan and then dumped away somewhere... He has been sitting there for a long time, and doesn't deserve to continue there. He is 'third-class' and should be sacked forthwith and sent to an old-age home," said a fuming Bhosale. Hinting at a further course of agitation, the Chhatrapati scion said that the Governor is old and doesn't realise what he's talking about. Other organisations like Sambhaji Brigade, Maratha Kranti Morcha, Jijau Brigade, the direct descendants of



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Maha Govt fell in a day, future unpredictable: Union Minister

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Union minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Raosaheb Danve has invoked the mid-term collapse of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government to say no one knows what will happen after two months if "such politics" continues.

Addressing a gathering in Kannad town in Aurangabad district on Monday night, the BJP MP also spoke about the changed political position of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena post the results of the 2019 Assembly polls.

"No one thought the MVA

government, which had completed two-and-a-half years in office, will fall. But such magic happened that the government fell in a night. If such politics is going on who can guess what will happen after two months?" he asked.

The Uddhav Thackeray-led MVA government, comprising Shiv Sena (UBT), Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), and Congress, fell in June this year following the rebellion by Eknath Shinde and 39 MLAs of Sena against the leadership of Thackeray.

Subsequently, Shinde took oath as the Chief

Minister with the support of the BJP and Devendra Fadnavis became Deputy Chief Minister.

Danve said when the results of the 2019 Assembly elections came, the Shiv Sena realised the next government cannot be formed without them. "They said all options were open for the party and broke ties with their old ally BJP," he added.

After breaking off with BJP over sharing the post of the chief minister, Shiv Sena joined hands with NCP and Congress and the MVA government was formed with Thackeray becoming the chief minister.

(Congress) Alliance for Country's sake: Shiv Sena (UBT) on Savarkar row

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Sanjay Raut, a key leader of the Uddhav Thackeray faction of the Shiv Sena, said today that his party's alliance with the Congress "had to survive despite differences" for the sake of the country, amid bitterness over Rahul Gandhi's comments criticizing Hindutva ideologue Veer Savarkar. "An alliance is always a compromise," Sanjay Raut told NDTV when asked about the survival of his party's Maharashtra alliance with the Congress and Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) with fundamental differences in ideology.

"There is no difference in our ideology. We left the BJP, not our Hindutva ideology. We may not be in agreement with the Congress on every issue. There are some issues on which the Shiv Sena cannot compromise, and our party is clear on it," he said, asserting that his party would never compromise on Hindutva or Veer Savarkar.



"Savarkar spent over 10 years in the Andaman jail. Only those who have experienced jail can know what it is like. Many agree with Savarkar's ideology, many don't. But those who are no longer alive to defend themselves... whether Savarkar or Nehru or Sardar Patel or Netaji Subhash Bose... it is not right to go back in time and twist history," Sanjay Raut said. He admitted that his party would always differ with the Congress over its Hindutva ideology and

Savarkar. At the same time, he pointed out that Rahul Gandhi, at a big rally in Maharashtra after this row, had been silent on Savarkar. "We won't discuss anything about Rahul Gandhi. We do not agree with them. While forming the Maharashtra alliance, we had held discussions with Sonia Gandhi on Savarkar and we had decided that some issues cannot be touched. An alliance runs on compromise. An alliance is always a compromise," Raut said. "We have to continue in the alliance (with the Congress) for the sake of the country. If we have to save democracy, we should forget our differences and come together." Raut spoke a day after his public praise for Rahul Gandhi on Twitter after the Congress leader called him to ask after his health. "Rahul called me at night even though he was busy with the Bharat Jodo Yatra. He asked about my health, said 'we were worried about you'. It is only human to feel sad that a political ally was framed in a false case and tortured for 110 days in jail," Raut tweeted.

Pune's 48-car accident caused by an engine switched off on a slope

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The Pune truck crash on Sunday, which led to a massive pile-up of vehicles on the Mumbai-Bengaluru highway, was caused due to its driver switching off its engine on a bridge slope, said police. Two people, including the truck's driver, were arrested after the incident.

The truck had hit several vehicles on the Navale bridge slope in Pune on Sunday. At least 24 vehicles were damaged as the accident led to a 48-vehicle pile-up on the highway stretch. Besides, at least 30 people were injured and several of them had to be hospitalized.

Truck driver Maniram Yadav and his assistant Lalit Yadav, both from Madhya Pradesh, were arrested from Pimpri Chinchwad near Pune, said Inspector Shailesh Sankhe.

The police have registered a case



under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Motor Vehicles Act, cops said.

A preliminary probe by the transport office indicates that the driver might have switched off the truck's

engine on the slope, said Sunil Pawar, Assistant Commissioner of Police. Switching off the engine affects the braking ability of a vehicle and that's why the truck might have crashed into vehicles on the slope, he added.

SC agrees to examine NIA plea against Bombay HC granting bail to Anand Teltumbde



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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has moved the Supreme Court against a Bombay High Court order, which granted bail to activist Anand Teltumbde, an accused in the Bhima Koregaon case.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta mentioned the matter before a bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud. The top court agreed to hear NIA's appeal on Friday and asked Mehta to serve a copy to advocate Aparna Bhat, who appeared on behalf of Teltumbde on caveat. Last week, the high court

granted conditional bail to Dalit scholar and ex-IIT professor Teltumbde.

A division bench of Justice A.S. Gadkari and Justice Milind Jadhav granted the bail plea of Teltumbde, filed in 2021, challenging an order of the special NIA court rejecting his bail application in July last year.

However, the high court stayed the bail order for a week to allow the NIA appeal against it in the Supreme Court.

Teltumbde (72), the brother-in-law of Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi President Prakash Ambedkar, had surrendered before the NIA in April 2020 following a Supreme Court order.

Raj Kundra's lawyer says, he gets to know about the chargesheet through media reports

The Mumbai Cyber Crime has filed a chargesheet against businessman and Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty's husband Raj Kundra and others in connection with the case of producing and streaming pornographic content.

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In addition to Raj, Sheryl Chhaya, Poonam Pandey, film producer Meeta Jhunjhunwala, and cameraman Raju Dubey have been charged. According to the charge sheet, all four of them distributed obscene content on various OTT platforms for financial gain. Raj's lawyer, Prashant Patil, has now expressed his surprise at the development.

According to Etimes, Raj Kundra's lawyer Prashant Patil stated that they learned from media reports that the Mumbai Cyber Crime has filed a charge sheet in the matter before the Honourable Court. He also stated that they will appear before the



Honorable Court to comply with due process and to obtain a copy of the charge sheet. Patil went on to say that Raj Kundra had no involvement in the creation of pornographic content and that he will keep fighting for justice. He stated, "Whatever allegations we could understand from the FIR and media reports, it can be safely concluded that my client Mr Raj Kundra has nothing to do with the said crime. There is no prima facie case made out against him. We shall follow the due process of law and ensure that he gets justice. Mr Raj Kundra has a right to be heard and he shall approach the Honourable Courts to seek justice and protect his reputation and dignity."



Bold Madonna

The singer flashes bare bust in risqué video after begging trolls to 'stop bullying' her

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Just days after warning social media trolls to "stop bullying" her, 64-year-old Queen of pop Madonna flashed her bare bust in a risqué new video. Making use of her Instagram account on Monday, November 21, the "Vogue" songstress posted a very sexy video with a caption that read: "I'm in the mood for love." In the clip, the Queen of Pop wore a nude corset, matching underwear, a brown fur coat, classic fishnet stockings and gold heels, reports [aceshowbiz.com](#). The footage saw Madonna covering herself with bottles of wine before she showed off her legs in gold heels. The star, who sported colored contact lenses and red hair, revealed her taut visage as she lay across an oak table adorned with candles before the video quickly took a risqué turn. Madonna was later seen cupping her

breast before striking a raunchy pose in the final frame and exposing her nipple. She added a track from Miles Davis' 1958 album, "Ascenseur Pour L'échafaud", to the video. The post will have been in breach of Instagram's strict no-nudity policy, which previously restricted Madonna to go Live. Expressing her disappointment, the mother-of-six slammed the social media platform in May, "Guys we're gonna go Live. What the f*ck? We're blocked from Live? Ew, what's happening? I've never worn so many clothes in my life. I'm speechless!" Back in November 2021, the 'Papa Don't Preach' songstress defiantly reposted images of herself posing suggestively on a bed after Instagram had taken them down "without warning" and was "astounded" that they had been removed because her nipple was on show. Madonna's latest sexy video came a few days after she was bullied by social media trolls following 50 Cent drama.



GARY OLDMAN SIGNALS RETIREMENT

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DC cinematic universe's most loved Commissioner Gordon is hanging his boots and submitting his service gun. Oscar winner Gary Oldman has indicated that he's ready to bring the curtain down on an illustrious career that has seen him bag three Academy Award nominations and become one of the highest-grossing actors in history, reports [Deadline](#). The British star of Christopher Nolan's 'Batman' trilogy and the long-running Harry Potter franchise is returning to TV in the second season of Apple TV+'s 'Slow Horses', and now the actor has said he'll be happy to bow out whenever the show ends. Oldman told the 'Times of London', "I've had an enviable career, but careers wane, and I do have other things that interest me outside of acting. When you're young you think you're going to get round to doing all of them - read that book - then the years go by." "I'm (going to be) 65 next year, 70 is around the corner. I don't want to be active when I'm 80. I'd be very happy and honoured and privileged to go out as Jackson Lamb (his character in 'Slow Horses') - and then hang it up." According to [Deadline](#), However, fans of Oldman will be able to see him for a while yet. He is contracted for two more series of 'Slow Horses', in which he plays wizened spymaster Jackson Lamb, the boss of fictional 'Slough House', a kind of Siberia for disgraced agents, where they're sent in the hope they'll retire - except, of course, they don't.



Got the rid

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Actress Drew Barrymore said that giving up alcohol let her escape an "awful cycle". The 47-year-old 'E.T.' actress opened up about being three-and-a-half years sober in an essay published in 'Take Care of Yourself', the December edition of her monthly 'Drew' magazine, reports [aceshowbiz.com](#). Barrymore, who is a single mother to her two daughters Olive (9) and Frankie (8), after she divorced her husband Will Kopelman, 44, in 2016, said: "One of the bravest things you can do is slay those dragons and finally change an awful cycle in which you've found yourself stuck."

DREW BARRYMORE DETAILS HOW SHE WAS FREED FROM 'AWFUL CYCLE' AFTER GIVING UP ALCOHOL

"For me, it was to stop drinking. Take a moment, take a breath, and give yourself a squeeze. We're all just doing our best out here. And that in and of itself is something to celebrate." She added that giving up drinking was "one of the most liberating things" in her "journey of life", saying it allowed her to "finally become free" of the "torture of guilt and dysfunction." Drew has said she first drank aged nine, smoking marijuana began a year later and did cocaine aged 12, before going to rehab twice by the age of 13.

Katie Price and Carl Woods split amid cheating claims

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Carl Woods has revealed he has split from fiancé Katie Price after claiming he found out she had allegedly slept with someone else - and admitted to it. The car dealer, took to Instagram Stories on Tuesday morning to make the claims and said their rocky relationship of two years is now done. He said: 'There is no easy way to say this and it's quite embarrassing to be honest. I found out yesterday Katie cheated on me, reports [dailymail.co.uk](#). 'She's admitted cheating on me. So yeah, that's the end of that I guess. I'm just going to have to focus on rebuilding myself and get my life back on track and concentrate on me. But that's done.' A spokesperson for Katie Price declined to comment to [MailOnline](#). It is not known who Carl is accusing Katie of cheating on him with. Katie, and Carl got engaged in April 2021 following a whirlwind 10-month romance and had openly been trying for a baby.

Dancing With The Stars

Queen of TikTok Charli D'Amelio wins Mirrorball Trophy with pro partner Mark Ballas after earning perfect scores on season 31 finale

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Charli D'Amelio and her pro partner Mark Ballas won season 31 of Dancing With The Stars on Monday during a two-hour live finale on Disney+. The 18-year-old TikTok star earned perfect scores for both her Jive redemption dance and Freestyle dance routine with Mark, before she won the coveted Mirrorball Trophy, reports [daily-mail.co.uk](#).



'Thank you guys, all thanks to you,' Charli said to her supporters who voted for her after winning. 'Your votes. Each of the judges. Thank you so much for the opportunity. Thanks Mark for becoming my new best friend. The Bachelorette star Gabby Winfrey, finished in second place with her pro partner Val Chmerkovskiy, after they also

received perfect scores for their Cha-cha-cha redemption routine and Freestyle dance. Drag queen dancer Shangelia and her pro partner Gleb Savchenko, finished in fourth place after receiving a 36 for their redemption Quickste dance and a perfect 40 for their Freestyle that featured Gleb in drag as Natasha.

Bruce Lee may have died from a specific kidney dysfunction: research

Los Angeles: Martial art legend and actor Bruce Lee may have died from drinking too much water, a research claims. Doctors are making the claim almost 50 years after the icon died aged 32 in the summer of 1973 in Hong Kong, reports [aceshowbiz.com](#).

An autopsy report from the time showed that the 'Enter the Dragon' star had been killed by brain swelling, which medics said was due to taking a painkiller. Researchers have now reviewed the evidence and concluded that Bruce is more likely to have died from hyponatremia.

A team of experts wrote in the Clinical Kidney Journal: "This may lead to hyponatremia, cerebral edema (brain swelling) and death within hours if excess water intake is not matched by water excretion in urine, which is in line with the timeline of Lee's demise... ironically, Lee made famous the quote, 'Be water, my friend,' but excess water appears to have ultimately killed him." The study claimed Bruce had multiple risk factors for hyponatremia, including drinking high quantities of liquid and using cannabis, which increases thirst. Hyponatremia is when sodium level in blood, which people need for fluid balance, is abnormally low.



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Demy Rose

FIFA World Cup

SAUDI ARABIA SHOCK ARGENTINA 2-1 IN GROUP C OPENER

Doha | Agencies

The 2022 FIFA World Cup is billed as Lionel Messi's last one and arguably his best shot to win the one trophy missing from his collection. But on Tuesday his ambition to lay hands on the glittering trophy suffered a huge blow as the South American giants crashed to a shocking 2-1 loss at the hand of minnows Saudi Arabia in the Group C opener.

On Tuesday, none of the 88,012 spectators at the Losail stadium, the arena which will host the final on December 18, had the faintest of thoughts of the Asian minnows upstaging their famous rivals when the match kicked off. But in the end, an upset result did happen, with Saudi Arabia walking away with full points thanks to goals from Saleh Al and Salem Al Dawdari.

The match had everything you could have asked for which kept everyone on their toes. A goal within the first ten minutes of the match, VAR coming into play twice in the opening half -- first time Argentina earned a penalty and the second going in Favour of Saudi Arabia, with a goal ruled as offside.

A lot happened in the first half of the opening match of Group C between reigning Copa America champions and the Asian giants.

Argentina struck to a game plan of putting up loads of men upfront, well-spaced, with one on each touchline.

Argentina's attacking play yielded results. Messi, who was entrusted with a free-kick on the left flank set up Rodrigo De Paul on the edge, who shot into a defender. Messi stepped in to take the kick from the penalty spot, pigeon steps then hop and with the keeper committing early went down the right, rolled left sending the keeper the wrong way giving Argentina the start they wanted.

The Saudis came into their own and combined to make a few forays into the rival half. They were committing men forward which shaped into an enjoyable contest.

At the other end, Messi scored for the sec-



ond time in the match in the 22nd minute but was pulled offside.

In the second half, Saudi Arabia came back strongly and scored within three minutes after the start. Saleh Al Shehri's left-footed shot from the left side of the box ended in the bot-

tom right corner, giving a finishing touch to a move by Feras Al Brikan.

And the players did not let them down with the Middle-East giants scoring a second goal in the 53rd minute with Salem Al Dawdari's right-footed shot from the left side of the box

finishing in the top right corner. Thereafter Argentina pressed home for the equaliser but could not beat the last line of defense.

NETHERLANDS BEAT SENEGAL 2-0

Doha: The Netherlands surprised with two quick goals in the second half in their opening match against Senegal in Doha on Monday.The Dutch managed to emerge victorious in a tightly contested match as their African counterparts showed resilience through 90 minutes.Cody Gakpo scored towards the end of play time while substitute Davy Klaassen netted home the second one in injury time to beat Senegal 2-0 in their World Cup Group A opening match at Al Thumama Stadium.The two sides had struggled to break the impasse until late in the match with the Dutch failing to score with several attempts at the goal.The Netherlands will meet Ecuador in their second match on November 25, while Senegal will play against Qatar on the same day.

3rd T20I

India win series 1-0 against New Zealand after rain forces tie



Napier | Agencies

India won the three-match series 1-0 against New Zealand after the rain-affected third T20I between the two teams ended in a tie via DLS method at the McClean Park, here on Tuesday.

The Hardik Pandya-led India had won the second T20I by 65 runs against New Zealand in Mount Maunganui after the first game between the two sides at Wellington was washed out without a ball bowled.

After New Zealand won the toss and opted to bat first, Indian pacers Mohammed Siraj (4/17) and Arshdeep Singh (4/37) produced the sensational bowling performances and scalped four wickets each to bowl out Black Caps for 160 despite fighting half-centuries by Devon Conway and Glenn Phillips

Black Caps were in a comfortable position with Conway (59 off 49) and Phillips (54 off 33) going strong but as soon as that partnership was broken it

was a procession as both Siraj and Arshdeep had excellent outings with the ball especially at death overs.

Chasing a par total, India were 75/4 in 9 overs with Hardik Pandya (30 not out off 18) and Deepak Hooda (9 not out off 9) when rain stopped play. According to DLS, 76 would have been the winning score after 9 overs but they were 75 -- the par score -- so that game ended in a tie.

Siraj and Arshdeep fired in tandem to lead India's comeback as New Zealand didn't get the momentum and suffered a collapse in the last few overs. From a well-placed at 130/2 in 15.4 overs, Kiwis managed to add only 30 runs and lost 8 wickets in the last 24 balls to get bowled out for 160 in 19.4 overs.

Brief scores

New Zealand 160 all-out in 19.4 overs (Devon Conway 59, Glenn Phillips 54; Mohammed Siraj 4/17, Arshdeep Singh 4/37) vs India 75-4 in 9 Overs (Hardik Pandya 30 not out, Tim Southee 2/27)

I-League 2022-23

Goalkeepers steal show as Gokulam Kerala hold Real Kashmir

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Real Kashmir FC and Gokulam Kerala FC played out a goalless draw in their Hero I-League 2022-23 match at the TRC Stadium here on Tuesday.

It was an action-packed encounter with chances for both sides but both goalkeepers put in excellent displays to ensure that neither team found the back of the net.

Both teams came into the encounter on the back of two wins each and zero goals conceded as well. With this result, they maintain their respective unbeaten starts and also make it three clean sheets in a row.

The first half began with



both teams going for the attack right from the get-go. Gokulam's Arjun Jayaraj charged into the penalty area with the ball in the sixth minute but was closed down before he could shoot. A couple of minutes later, Real Kashmir had their first shy at goal through Nozim

Babadzhanov, whose shot from distance was narrowly off target. After the breather, the visitors created the first major scoring opportunity in the 50th minute through a free-kick just outside the penalty area. Farshad Noor took the shot but could not beat the defensive wall.

3RD ODI

Melbourne | Agencies

Opens Travis Head and David Warner struck centuries and shared a record 269-run stand while spinner Adam Zampa claimed 4-31 as Australia consigned England to their heaviest defeat, by 221 runs via D/L method, in the third and final ODI match of the series at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here on Tuesday.

Travis Head hammered 152 (130 balls, 16 x4, 4x6) while David Warner slammed 106 off 102 deliveries (8x4, 2x6) as Australia posted a mammoth 355/5 in a match reduced to 48 overs due to rain.

England, chasing a revised target of 364 from 48 overs, never got going and lost wickets at regular intervals as Zampa (4-31), Pat Cummins (2-25), and Sean Abbott (2-45) helped the hosts bowl out England for 142 in 31.4 overs to hand their arch-rivals biggest defeat ever in 50-Over format.

A number of records fell at the MCG on Tuesday



as Head and Warner put England to the sword with a brilliant opening partnership. During their 269-run partnership for the first wicket, the pair came narrowly close to breaking their own record for the highest opening partnership by Australia in Men's ODIs, almost beating the 284 they scored against Pakistan at the Adelaide Oval in 2017.

Brief scores

Australia 355/5 in 40 overs (Travis Head 152, David Warner 106; Olly Stone 4-85) beat England 142 all out in 31.4 overs (Jason Roy 33; Adam Zampa 4-31, Pat Cummins 2-25, Sean Abbot 2-45) by 221 runs via D/L method.

ALYSSA HEALY TO LEAD IN FIVE-MATCH T20I SERIES AGAINST INDIA NEXT MONTH



Melbourne: Alyssa Healy will continue to lead the Australian women's team in the absence of Meg Lanning, while Tahlia McGrath will be her deputy for the five-match T20I series against India in Mumbai next month.

The teams will play two matches at the DY Patil Stadium followed up by three at Brabourne Stadium.Young Phoebe Litchfield and former Ireland international Kim Garth have also secured a place on the tour of India, with all-rounder Heather Graham earning another call-up. McGrath stands in as vice-captain after the retirement of Rachael Haynes in the 15-member squad.

India's Kush Maini to race for Campos Racing in 2023 FIA F2 Championship

London | Agencies

India's young driver Kush Maini will race for Campos Racing in the 2023 FIA Formula 2 Championship season and will be at the helm of their Dallara F2 2018 cars for the 14 race to be held between March and November.

Maini is an upcoming Indian talent who has made excellent progress in recent seasons in the single-seater feeder series. He will become the second driver from his family after his brother Arjun

Maini to participate in F2 Championship. India's Jehan Daruvala represented Prema Racing in F2 Championships in the last two seasons.

Kush becomes the second Maini to take part in the FIA Formula 2 with Campos Racing as his elder brother Arjun joined the Spain-based racing team for selected rounds back in 2019.

Both Boschung and Maini will carry out post-season collective testing for FIA Formula 2 in Abu Dhabi on November 23-25 in preparation for the 2023 season.



Shooting Nationals

Anjum, Mehuli, Lajja Gauswami advance; Manini Kaushik tops qualification round

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Olympian Anjum Moudgil led a quality field of eight shooters, into the second round of women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) on day two of the on-going 65th National Shooting Championship at the Vattiyoorkkavu Shooting Range in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Manini Kaushik of Rajasthan however, topped the 151-strong qualification field with a score of 583.

Anjum representing Punjab came third with 582 while Shriyanka Sadangi of Odisha matched Manini's score but was placed second on account of lesser inner 10s. Other notable names to make the top eight were veteran Rifle shooter Lajja Gauswami of Gujarat and current team India shooter Mehuli Ghosh of West



Bengal, who were seventh and eighth respectively.

Madhya Pradesh's Ashi Chouksey also made it through in fifth place with a score of 581.

She also made the ranking round in the junior event, thereby giving her a shot at two medals.

The 65th NSCC is being

simultaneously held in three cities. While

Thiruvananthapuram is hosting the Rifle events, Bhopal is hosting the Pistol nationals. New Delhi's Dr. Karni Singh Shooting range on the other hand is playing host to the Shotgun events. The 65th NSCC has this year seen a record 10666 entries.

Youth World Boxing

Seven Indians storm into semifinals, confirm medals



Team Absolute | New Delhi

Reigning youth Asian champions Ravina, Vishwanath Suresh and Vanshaj have confirmed themselves medals along with four other Indians by entering the semifinals at the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships 2022 in La Nucia, Spain.

Bhawna Sharma (48kg), Kunjarani Devi Thongam (60kg), Lashu Yadav (70kg) and Ashish (54kg) are the country's other boxers who are also assured of at least bronze medals after securing themselves Last-4 berths.

Extending their spectacular winning show at the pres-

tigious tournament, all four women boxers marched ahead by scoring identical 5-0 victories in their respective quarter-final bouts. While Ravina thrashed Romania's Alexandra Cretu in the 63kg contest, Bhavana and Kunjarani Devi outpunched Venezuela's Evimir Brito and Aigerim Kabdolda of Kazakhstan respectively.

Lashu dominated Mexican boxer Zuzet Hernandez. Griviya Devi Huidrom (54kg) was the lone Indian woman to end up on the losing side as she lost to Kazakhstan's Elna Bazarova by 0-5.Semifinals will take place on November 23 while finals on November 25 and 26.



TRYING TO DO SOMETHING DISRUPTIVE AGAIN: BHUMI

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bhumi Pednekar is reaping praises for her incredible acting and dialogue delivery in her upcoming film 'Govinda Naam Mera', a comic thriller. She said that with her character, she is trying to do something "disruptive" again.

Bhumi said: "I'm actually thrilled that film-makers can feel that I can really work hard and try and pull off any role that they offer me. That to me is the biggest validation for my work and my skill set as an artiste. My character in 'Govinda Naam Mera' is me trying to do something disruptive again, trying to change it up again with each film and hopefully wowing people with my performance."

She added: "I hate to be put into a mould and I constantly look to challenge the status quo and do something subversive. I'm delighted that audiences are loving my character in the trailer. It's just a tease of what to expect in the film. She is a firecracker of a woman, she is grey and I love her because she is just hilariously entertaining."

The film is slated to release on Disney+ Hotstar.

Directed by Shashank Khaitan, 'Govinda Naam Mera', is about a charming Govinda Waghmare who juggles his time and love between his wife and his girlfriend in this dose of chaos, confusion, and laughter.

On the work front, Bhumi has an interesting line up of films - 'Afvaah', 'Bheed', 'Lady Killer' and 'Mere Husband Ki Biwi'.

Neeharika Roy recreates scene from '3 Idiots'

Mumbai: TV actress Neeharika Roy recreated the scooty scene from the 2009 film '3 Idiots' in the daily soap 'Pyar Ka Pehla Naam Radha Mohan'.

She said: "This is the first time I rode a scooty in my life, I never thought I needed to learn one but because it was the scene's demand, I learned it a little bit. I was extremely scared to shoot for the sequence not because I have never ridden one, I knew that would be taken care of, but I was more scared for Gungun (Reeza Choudhary) because I had to perform the scene with her." Neeharika is seen playing Radha in the show, who is an optimistic girl, and is shown in love with Mohan, played by Shabir Ahluwalia. The actress further shared how she prepared for doing the stunt and learned riding a scooty for a sequence in the show. "However, somehow, I managed to ride the scooty with a day's practice and as soon as I entered the hospital, it just reminded me of the scene where Aamir Khan enters the hospital on a scooter in the film '3 Idiots'."

"I felt great after riding the scooty and now I think I would like to own one," she added.



Veteran Ranjeet chuffed with son Jeeva's Bollywood debut



Team Absolute | Mumbai

Veteran actor Ranjeet, who is known for delivering memorable performances as a villain in the movies of 1970s and 1980s, is happy as his son Jeeva is all set to make his Bollywood debut with the upcoming Vicky Kaushal-starrer 'Govinda Naam Mera'. The actor took to his Instagram handle to share the character poster of his son Jeeva's debut film. He posted the picture with caption: "Ab mera beta, Govinda ke bade problem ka beta." To this, Jeeva had a hilarious response: "@ranjeetthegoli don't ever worry! I promise that I will first and forever be your problem."

Exclusively." Excited about his Bollywood debut, Jeeva said: "It feels surreal. This is actually happening. 'Govinda Naam Mera' is a fantastic entertainer for everyone and it features some of the best talents our industry has to offer. It's an absolute blessing to be part of a Shashank Khaitan directorial in a Dharma Production. This journey gave me the rare opportunity to absorb invaluable experience from the best of our industry for which I will be ever grateful."

"All I can say is that, I never thought of ever having to play a character as such, let alone as my debut. To know more, you will just have to wait for December 16", he added.

The web can be overwhelming, especially when you do a bold scene: Ira Sone

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Ira Sone, who began her acting career in 2007 with the popular show 'Kumkum: Ek Pyara Sa Bandhan', shares her experience of doing web shows and why she is not so keen to do bold scenes.

She says: "The experience was underwhelming because there is a thin line between bold scenes and the content is absolutely bold; this thin line makes a huge difference, and in my case, the bold scene backfired because it took over the story and the content."

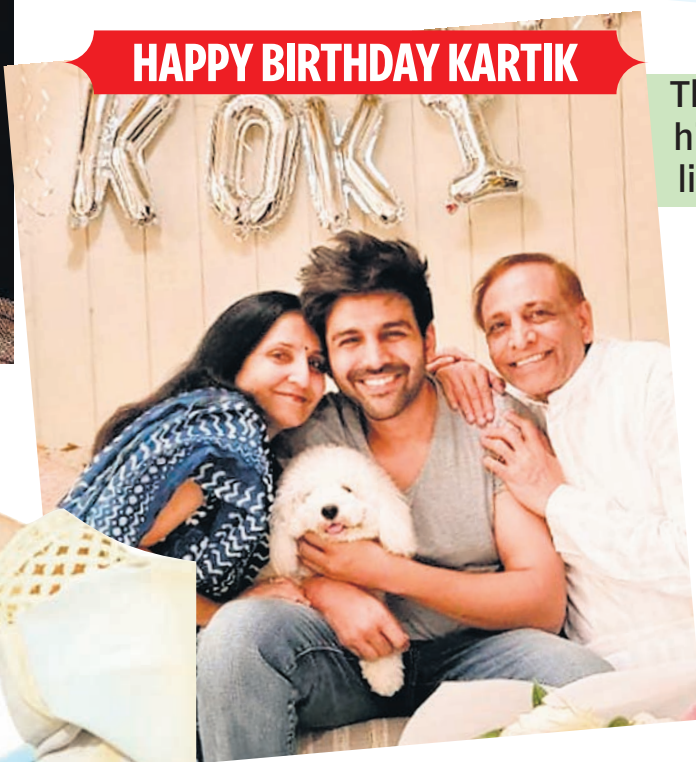
"The content was really good, but the character got overshadowed because of the number of scenes that were in the show. The web can be tricky and overwhelming, especially when you do a bold scene." The actress, who has been part of 'Woh Rehne Wali Mehlon Ki', 'Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat', 'Saat Phere: Saloni Ka Safar', 'Saath Nibhaana Saathiya', and many more says that many of the TV actors are doing OTT projects but her experience is not that great.

As she says: "I believe the web is the bridge between TV and movies, and I see a lot of TV actors doing some quality work; however, I have had a very underwhelming experience."

She adds: "Television has a different audience that certainly can't accept their bahu playing anything beyond a bahu. The format of TV and web scripts is very different, and I'm hopeful that in time we can see things changing."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KARTIK



The actor celebrates his 32nd bday with his family says, "In every birth, I would like to be born as your koki"

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Kartik Aaryan is one of Bollywood's most talented actors, celebrated his 32nd birthday today. To name a few, he has appeared in 'Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety' (2018), 'Luka Chuppi' and 'Pati Patni Aur Woh' (both 2019), and 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' (2022). He chose to celebrate his special day in the presence of his close family and friends as he turned a year older.

Soon after turning a year older, the 'Luka Chuppi' actor shared an Instagram photo with his mother, father, and pet dog. He captioned the collection of photos in the post, "In every birth, I would like to be born as your koki. Thank you for the sweet birthday surprise mummy- papa, Katori n Kiki."

In response, several celebrities sent their best wishes to the birthday boy. Kriti Sanon, Aaryan's co-star in the film 'Luka Chuppi', sent her wish and wrote, "Happiest Birthday Buntooooo. I have the best gift for u.. stay tuned!"

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana wrote, "Happy birthday KA!"

On work front Kartik has 'Freddy', 'Satya Prem ki Katha' among other interesting projects.

GURU RANDHAWA WISHES TO SING FOR AMITABH BACHCHAN

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Punjab singer Guru Randhawa expressed his wish to sing for megastar and host of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 14' Amitabh Bachchan.

In a video message, the pop singer shared for his fan Sonu Bharti Nagda from Chittorgarh, Rajasthan, he said: "It means a lot to me that someone who loves me and is my fan is on your show. The entire world adores you, and we wish you well and happiness. I wish I could sing for you one day."

In a conversation with the host, the 'KBC 14' contestant told him how big a fan she is of the Punjabi pop musician and singer Guru Randhawa. When the host asked about her favourite singers, Sonu said that she is fond of Arijit Singh and Guru Randhawa.

Talking about Guru, she shared: "I am a big fan of his even though I have not done anything crazy for him. I have listened to all of his songs and since the beginning of his music career, when he was still gaining a foothold in the industry, I have been an ardent fan of his and have listened to his songs."

After listening to her, Big B gave her a surprise by sharing a video message from the singer for her.

Guru said in the video message: "Hello Sonu Bharti, this is Guru Randhawa. I thank you that you love my music and listen to my songs. Here wishing you all the best for your KBC episode and I hope that you win a big amount. Thank you once again."



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Janhvi Kapoor