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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

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

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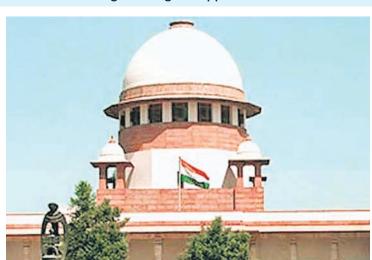
he bench said even though the CEC heads an institution, with his truncated tenure, he cannot do anything substantial and said this is a disturbing trend.

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 government.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

The bench told the AG that CECs 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



VIEWS

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

MINORITIES Solicitor General **IDENTIFICATION** K.M. Nataraj, rep-ISSUE: 14 STATES 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 thoroughly. 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,

Additional

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

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 communities in India, as "manifestly arbitrary, irrational, and offending". After hearing

arguments in the matter, the bench asked 19 states and UTs to communicate their stand to the Centre within

four weeks of receipt of the court's order. It scheduled the matter for further hearing in

The top court was hearing the petitions which sought directions for framing guidelines for identification of minorities at the state level, contending that Hindus are

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.

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**

Hyderabad: With BJP General Secretary B.L. Santhosh and two others not appearing before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Telangana Police probing MLAs' poaching case despite the summons, the SIT approached the Telangana High Court on Tuesday.

The SIT informed the court that Santhosh was served notice through Delhi Police but he did not appear before it. The court was told that the top BJP functionary is not cooperating in the investigation.

Tushar Vellapally, President of Kerala's Bharath Dharma Jana Sena (BDJS) and Jaggu Swami have also not appeared before SIT, which has reportedly issued a lookout notice for them.

The trio, along with Bhusarapu Srinivas, a lawyer from Karimnagar, was issued notices by the SIT last week asking them to appear for questioning in Hyderabad on November 21.

The Telangana High Court had on November 19 turned down the request of BJP state unit to stay the notice issued to Santhosh.

Santhosh's name figured in the conversation between three alleged BJP agents arrested by the police last month while trying to lure four MLAs of the TRS to the BJP fold with an offer of huge money.

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: Kalvan 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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7ith senior BJP leaders throwing their hats into the ring, the race for the top post in $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ 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

6 KILLED IN MEGHALAYA-ASSAM BORD

est guards.

Shillong | Agencies

n SUV with an Assam number was set afire by unidentified people in Maghalaya'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 report

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 intercent a truck allegedly carrying smuggled 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 for-

India ranks 8th in climate change performance index

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ndia 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 awarded 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 revolutions will govern Indias 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 unimagined. 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

7arious 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 comment 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

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

of residence certificate to Chakmas, Hajongs 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 cancellation of the RPCs and booking the officials 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 environmental honour. To date, the award has recognized 111 laureates: 26 world leaders, 69 individuals and 16 organi-
- ▶ This year a record 2,200 nominations from around the world were received.

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Purnima Devi Barman, conservaing all-female grassroots conservation 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 grassroots conservation movement dedicated to protecting the greater adjutant 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), honoured in the Science and Innovation category, is an eminent economist whose landmark review on the economics of biodiversity calls for a fundamental rethink of humanity's relationship with the natural world to prevent critical ecosystems from reaching 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 collar after a school was inaugurated before his

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 conducting 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.



NEARLY 15,000 INDIAN STUDENTS TAKING ONLINE CLASSES IN UKRAINIAN UNIVERSITIES: CENTRE TO SC

he Centre on Tuesday informed the Supreme Court that out of a total 15,783 Indian students who had enrolled in Ukrainian medical universities, 14,973 are undergoing online classes, which have been conducted by the universities

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in an affidavit, said: "It is submitted that information has been obtained from Ministry of External Affairs that a total 15.783 Indian students are enrolled in various medical universities of Ukraine, out of which 14,973 students are undergoing online classes conducted by concerned medical universities of Ukraine, and 640 students are undergoing offline mode of education in Ukraine. 170 students enrolled with Ukrainian universities are pursuing their education at partner universities in other countries under academic mobility programme."

It added that though 382 students applied for academic mobility, their



applications were not accepted either by the Ukrainian university or the receiving partner university, because of various reasons, which included non-payment of fee, poor academic record, or non-availability of free seats.On November 11, the Supreme

Court had asked the Centre to file an affidavit to inform it about the number of medical students who were pursuing their studies in Ukraine who have been accommodated in other countries.

On Tuesday, a bench of Justices

uled the petition filed by Archita and others for further hearing on November 29.

On September 16, the top court suggested that the Central government could develop a web portal providing details of foreign universities for the Ukraine-returned students to complete their studies, as per the government's academic mobility pro-

The top court noted that the government has a problem in admitting 20,000 students in Indian colleges and added that students will have to go to foreign countries to avail alternate 'academic mobility programme', and the government must coordinate with them and extend all help.

The Centre had said that the medical students who returned from Ukraine cannot be accommodated in Indian universities due to the absence of any statutory provision as well as a possibility of damage to standards of medical education in the

Chaos in RJD's Janata Darbar after favouritism complaints



Patna | Agencies

he Janata Darbar of the RJD witnessed chaos on day one as the complainants alleged that party leaders only listened to the grievances of selective per-

Following the direction of Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, two ministers under RJD quota have to listen to the complaints of common people every

On Tuesday, Land Reforms and Sugarcane Minister Alok Mehta and Information Technology Minister Mohammad Israil Mansoori were present in the RID office in Patna. The complainants, from across the state, assembled here outside RJD office and stood in the queues for hours. When Janata Darbar started, many of the complainants claimed that their turn did not come

as they were not allowed to meet the ministers. "This is bizarre that we have come here with a huge expectation from the new government. I am sorry to say that RJD leaders who talked about equality and justice do not listen to the common people," said complainant Rajesh Mandal who came from Banka district. The Janata Darbar was started by Nitish Kumar and he is continuously doing it every Monday in Patna.

400 kg ganja seized along the Assam-Tripura border

Karimganj (Assam) | Agencies

n a major operation, Assam Police seized a consignment of over 400 kg of ganja from a truck at the Churaibari area of Karimganj district along the state's border with Tripura, an official said on Tuesday.

A senior police officer of Karimganj said that a vehicle was intercepted before it tried to enter the district from Tripura late Monday night. When the police team stopped the vehicle, the driver and his assistant managed to flee from the spot.

According to police, a total of 410 kg ganja, valued at Rs 41 lakh, was seized from a hidden chamber in the vehi-

Police are continuing an



after registering an FIR under relevant sections of the

Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) Act, the police officer

EIGHT FROM CHHATTISGARH KILLED IN ANDHRA ROAD

Amaravati: Eight persons were killed in a collision between a truck and a car in Andhra Pradesh's Alluri Sitharamaraju district on

The accident occurred near Boddagudem village in Chintur mandal. Six persons travelling in the car were killed on the spot while two others succumbed at a hospital at Bhadrachalam. According to police, the deceased were from Chhattisgarh. They were returning to their home state after a visit to Sitaramachandra Swamy temple at Bhadrachalam in Telangana. Two injured were undergoing treatment at Bhadrachalam hospital.

Over speed is believed to have caused the accident. Police registered a case and took up further investigation.

CBI files chargesheet against two in Sonali Phogat murder case

he Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against Sudhir Sangwan and Sukhwinder Singh in connection with the murder case of Haryana BJP leader Sonali Phogat

The CBI has filed the chargesheet before the Judicial Magistrate First Class in Mapusa.

Sources said that the chargesheet has recommended section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code read with section 34 (common intention) and section 36 (death caused partly by act and partly by omission).

Phogat had come to Goa on August 22 and was staying at a hotel in Anjuna.

She felt uneasy that night and the next morning, she was taken to St. Anthony hospital in Anjuna where she was declared brought dead.

Goa Police on August 26, had arrested Sudhir Sangwan (Phogat's personal assistant) along with Sukwinder Singh in connection with her murder. Police had said that methamphetamine drugs

were allegedly given to Phogat while she was par-

tying in Curlies restaurant in Anjuna

Gujarat Polls: 50-odd unrecognised parties throw their hats into the ring

Gandhinagar | Agencies

he SVPP, PPP, NMP, JDP are abbreviations of registered but unrecognized parties, Some 50odd such parties' candidates contest the Gujarat assembly elections.

SVPP stands for Sardar VAllabhbhai Patel Party, PPP- Pachasi Parivartan Party, NMP - National Mahasabha Party, JDP- Janseva Driver Party, and there is even a one

In 2017, 54 such registered but unrecognized parties' 367 candidates contested the elections and polled 1.71% votes, meaning 5,13,030 votes.

Political analyst Naresh Variya told reporter, "because we are in the profession connected with general knowledge, or politics and elections, we get a chance to read the names either in the election commission's list or when the candidates' list is released, the common man gets a



chance to know on the day of voting, that too if they read the entire ballot paper or the candidate's list on the EVM machine."None of these parties

are otherwise active for the rest of the years, nor for any social cause. Such a small party can get some name and fame only if some leader joins the

party, but that too has not happened at least with these parties in Gujarat,

Even senior journalist Suresh Vanol has hardly heard of these political parties in non-election days. But he has come across an interesting fact about such a party or individual in elections. In the 2022 elections, one Manu Patel tried to stand from the Unjha seat from the BJP, Congress, AAP and as well as an Independent. When Vanol inquired from him, the retired government officer said he wants to bring change in the system and so wants to contest the election. As the three leading parties did not give him the ticket, finally on Monday he withdrew his form.

One Dr P C Patel is contesting from the Bharatiya Rashtravadi Paksh for the Becharaji seat this time. Very few would be knowing that Patel was the first person to demand reservation for the Patidars in the 2012 elections.

I-T dept detects unaccounted transactions exceeding Rs 100 cr across country

he Income Tax Department on Tuesday said that it has unearthed unaccounted transactions exceeding Rs 100 crore during searches on a few groups engaged in jewellery and real estate business across the country in connection with alleged tax evasion.

According to an official, on November 17, the searches were carried out in more than 30 locations spread across Patna, Bhagalpur, Dehri-on-Sone, Lucknow and Delhi.

During the searches, a large number of incriminating documents and digital evidence indicating evasion of income tax were found.

In one of the raids, analysis of seized evidence revealed that the group engaged in the business of gold and diamond

Mangaluru blast: Cooker bomb had

capacity to blow up bus, reveals probe



unaccounted income in cash purchase of jewellery, renovation of shops and immovable properties. It had unaccounted money

of over Rs 12 crore in its books of account, in the garb of advance from customers.

Upon physical verification of stock, during the search action, unaccounted stock of more than Rs 12 crore were

found. In the case of another group engaged in real estate business, evidence of unaccounted cash transactions in purchase of land, construction of buildings and sale of

of a prominent land broker has further corroborated the above unaccounted transactions. The quantum of such unaccounted cash transactions is more than Rs 80 crore The unaccounted income so earned by the key persons of the group has been invested in acquisition of many immovable properties, including large parcels of land.

"During the search operations, unaccounted cash and jewellery worth more than Rs 5 crore have been seized. A total of 14 bank lockers have been put under restraint. So far, the search action has led to detection of unaccounted transactions exceeding Rs 100 crore," said the official.

Further investigations in

'I was provoked, I hit her', Aftab says in court

ftab Ameen Poonawalla, accused of murdering his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar, on Tuesday told a metropolitan magistrate in Saket court that he was provoked because of which he hit her.

"I was provoked because of which I hit," said Poonawalla in Saket court where he was produced before a metropolitan magistrate through video conferencing as his police custody ends on Tuesday, claimed his lawyer.

The court extended his police custody by four more days. During the hearing, the judge asked Aftab if he was mistreated during questioning or had any issues. "Aftab told the court that he was cooperating but he can't recall everything at once and will inform as and when he does. He also told the judge that he was provoked because of which he hit." said his lawyer, Avinash Kumar,

"Police will probably take him for a site visit for evidence collection. The Narco test will be conducted soon. Aftab has requested to meet his family to which the court has granted permission," said Kumar. Saket court has granted permission to police for a polygraph test before

Narco analysis. Meanwhile, in Delhi High Court, the police



told that the investigation into the murder of Shraddha by Aftab is 80 per cent complete.

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) plea seeking a transfer of the probe in the Shraddha murder case, by the Delhi Police to the Central Bureau of Investigation, was filed on Monday but however, the plea was rejected by the court on Tuesday.In the plea, Petitioner Advocate Joshini Tuli argued for the transfer of the case "due to the sensitive nature of the case and the hampering of Investigation and tampering of witnesses and evidence of the present case by the Delhi Police/ Respondent No.1 and Respondent No.4".It also alleged that investigation of Mehrauli Police "cannot be carried out efficiently due to administrative/staff paucity as well as lack of sufficient technical and scientific equipment to find out the evidence and the witnesses as the incident had

taken place about 6 months back in May 2022."

Bengaluru | Agencies

he cooker bomb which exploded in an auto rickshaw on the outskirts of Mangaluru city on November 19, had the capacity to explode a bus, investigations revealed on Tuesday.

According to sources, the cooker was filled with extremely powerful

The device had a detonator along with a plus and minus connecting unit. While it went off, the power connection to the detonator failed. The gel had caught fire and thick smoke emanated from the auto following the low-intensity blast.

Had the bomb exploded to its full capacity, the auto would have turned into a mangled heap damaging other vehicles on the road leading to loss of lives, as per the preliminary investigation of the Forensic Science

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the



National Investigation Agency (NIA) is already working on unearthing connection with the national or international terror groups.

"No doubt they had targeted us. We have taken it seriously. Karnataka police had caught 18 sleeper cells and sent terror suspects to the Tihar

Jail. In spite of that they are trying to have control. They are carrying out activities with the cooperation of neighbouring states. This is an issue of national security. The original name of the arrested suspected terrorist, his connections, identity was tracked within 24 hours, CM Bommai

Mangaluru Police Commissioner N. Shashikumar stated that the health condition of the auto driver Purushottam Poojari has improved. He also visited suspected terrorist Mohammad Shariq who is being treated in Kankanady hospital.

He clarified that the CCTV footage in which two persons are found to be roaming is not connected with the case and the persons seen in the footage are passengers.

Meanwhile, SDPI, considered the political wing of the PFI, has ruled out any link with the blast.

SDPI State General Secretary Bhaskara Prasad clarified that there is no connection with the cooker blast case and the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI). "Some time ago an incident of explosion had taken place in Mangaluru. First it was claimed to be an act of terror. When the suspect's name turned out to be Aditya Rao, the case was projected as an act of a mentally unstable man," he said.



madhya pradesh

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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hief 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



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 depart-

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' organi-

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 BJY, Priyanka to join



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fter 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

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh **Chouhan plants saplings**

Bamboo craftsman Dharmendra Rohar and social workers also planted saplings

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



CBI ARRESTS INCOME TAX OFFICER IN **BRIBERY CASE** REAU OF IN

ed 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 bri he would ensure heavy penalty is imposed by the department along with

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

MP Fisheries Federation got national level award for excellent work

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n the national program organ ized in the Union Territory Daman in the category of special work and achievements of Madhya Pradesh Fisheries Federation, Jitendra Nath Sai, Secretary Fisheries of the Central Government, MD of the Federation Purushottam Dhiman and OSD of the State Fisheries Minister Ieevan Rajak was honored with a national level excellence award of Rs.5 lakh and a citation. The works and innovations of the Madhya Pradesh praised by the National Fisheries Development Board Hyderabad for better management of fish production and continuous increase in production in dams, rivers and ponds of more than one thousand

Principal Secretary Fishermen Welfare and Fisheries Development Kalpana Srivastava told that better work is being done continuously by the department. For this, along with continuous communication with the fishermen society, many welfare schemes are being run to help the fishermen families. In the last 3 years, good work has been done by the department even in adverse circumstances and the members of fishermen societies have been given the benefit of the state government's scheme Along with this nets, boats, assistance in diseases, health, financial assistance in the field of higher education and Meenakshi scheme for marriage of girls are also being provided to the fishermen community.

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

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

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hey 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

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he 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 photographs. 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 Khel.

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

GOVERNMENT IS WORKING FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY: GOVERNOR PATEL

Meeting with children, women and villagers in Narsinghpur

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overnor 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

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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n 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

EDITOR'S SPECS

'VOTE KATWA' POLITICS TAKES CENTRE STAGE IN BIHAR

The politics of cutting votes has emerged as a major strategy for winning polls in Bihar with both the ruling and the opposition parties focusing on how to cut votes of their opponents. This 'vote katwa' politics has significantly elevated the importance of smaller parties in the state, especially after the Gopalganj bypoll, and the same strategy would likely to be replicated in Kurhani Assembly bypoll and probably in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections as well. On the hand, JD-U leaders are claiming that the AIMIM candidate Gulam Murtaza will help BJP candidate Kedar Gupta by cutting the JD-U's Muslim vote bank. The political situation in Kurhani is getting intense now with focus being shifted to who would turn stronger 'vote katwa'. In the 2020 assembly election, Kedar Gupta of BJP lost the election with just 712 votes to RJD candidate Anil Sahani. At that time, Ram Babu Singh of then Upendra Kushwaha-led Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) turned out to be a 'vote katwa' for him. Singh obtained 10,000 odd votes with majority of the voters who supported him from Kushwaha community. BJP was then with Nitish Kumar but the former did not get advantage of it and its candidate lost the election with a thin margin of just 712 votes. In the recently concluded Gopalganj bypoll, the RJD candidate Mohan Gupta lost the contest with a margin of just 1,794 votes to BJP's Kusum Devi. *In the byelection, AIMIM candidate Abdul* Salam and BSP candidate Indira Yadav turned out to be the 'vote katwas' for Gupta by obtaining 12,000 and 8,800 odd votes respectively. They allgedly cut the votes of Muslims and Yadavs - the core vote bank of RJD in Bihar.

The Afghan conundrum

Asad Mirza

fter a relatively silent phase on Afghan situation, which was overtaken by the global geopolitical concerns after the start of the Russia-Ukraine war, it was once again on top of the agenda of regional and global powers in Moscow, last week.

At the Moscow Conference on Afghanistan, representatives and officials from more than 14 countries exchanged views on the current situation in Afghanistan. The meeting was hosted by Russia and participants discussed the political, economic and humanitarian situation in Afghanistan.

The 10 countries, none of which was involved in military occupation of Afghanistan, were meeting after over a year in Moscow. The participants included representatives from India, Pakistan, Russia, China, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Representatives of Qatar, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Turkey were also present.

At the start of the conference special Russian envoy Zamir Kabulov stated that we have to provide a comprehensive solution to the Afghan economic issue. To achieve this, the main responsibility lies with the collective West. Those who drove the country for 20 years to the current deplorable state, as well as shamelessly continued economically suffocating the country by holding the frozen national assets of Afghanistan, are not ready to step in, an obvious reference to the US, which was not present at the conference.

Regional views

At the conference, the MEA's Joint Secretary J.P. Singh, who called for joint work to ensure that the "voice" of the Afghans is not lost, represented India. We all need to work together to ensure that the voice and aspiration of Afghans is not lost and reassure them that we are standing with them at this difficult time, he said.

The Chinese special envo on Afghan affairs, Yue Xiaoyong said that the US has shamelessly seized the \$7 billion assets of Afghan Central Bank and suspended all development aid, unilaterally.

The Iran special envoy for Afghanistan, Hassan Kazimi Qomi, said that there will be a meeting of the regional foreign ministers in Tehran very soon to discuss Afghanistan's economic woes.

Right from the beginning India's view has been that of engaging with the Taliban. Though after making an initial foray by engaging in dialogue with the leadership in Doha, before the formation of the Islamic Emirate, it acted rather slowly afterwards. Yet, it remains firm that development and reconstruction of Afghanistan should be dealt with its regional neighbours and those countries, which in the past have played a factitious role in Afghanistan politics, should be kept away from it.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Emirate has made clear that meetings in which there is no representative from Kabul are not effective. The Afghan Foreign Ministry in a statement said that. "We want to underscore that Islamic Emirate, just as it fought against the 20-year occupation posing a direct threat to the security and stability of Afghanistan and the region, as an independent government will not allow any third country to place military facilities in Afghanistan. Similarly, we strongly urge other countries to not put their land and airspace at the disposal of other countries against Afghanistan.

It also said that the interim Taliban regime is an "accountable government" and has taken "serious steps against antagonistic groups".

Pakistan's criticism

However, in an unusual move, Pakistan gave a damning assessment of the Afghan Taliban regime's 16 months in power, saying the interim government has done little to form inclusive government, protect the rights of women and eradi-

Afghanistan, Sadiq Khan, called for support for Afghans. The lack of progress, he noted, means that the critical support needed by Afghanistan to deal with the

Pakistan's special envoy for

cate terrorist groups.

humanitarian and economic crises and other challenges has faltered.

Sadiq said the progress report of the last 16 months was mixed, while some of the worst fears, including a rapidly deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan, mass exodus of refugees and a prolonged period of instability and violence did not materialise, the interim Afghan government had also not made the kind of progress that the international community would ideally expected.

Despite assurances by the interim Afghan government, the rights of women and girls also appeared to have regressed, not progressed, according to the Pakistani envoy. He added that the footprint of terrorist organisations in Afghanistan, had yet to be fully eradicated.

He said that Pakistan has been the advocate of engaging with the Afghan Taliban government after the withdrawal of foreign forces. But the latest assessment suggests Islamabad is not happy with the interim government. Pakistan is increasingly frustrated over the Taliban's lack of intent to eradicate threat posed by certain terror outfits to Pakistan.

But despite expressing strong reservations, Ambassador Sadiq made a passionate appeal for help to millions of Afghans, who he said, were in desperate need of urgent humanitarian support, including food, medicine and essential life supplies, before the advent of winter.On top, he said, Afghanistan remained cut off from the international banking system and faces serious liquidity challenges. Billions of Afghan assets are frozen, thus deprived of being gainfully used for the benefit of the people of

Afghanistan.

Though Pakistan wants to be a seen as an important and sincere player for the reconstruction of Afghanistan, yet there is a lot of bad blood

Pakistan

During the last 16 months, their forces have acted against each other on the border issue several times. Moreover, even the international comity does not seem ready to entrust Pakistan with any meaningful role in Afghanistan, which might be a replay of its earlier roles during the Soviet and American interference in the country.

In the given scenario, the Indian government should step up its diplomatic and outreach activities with the IEA and international players. India's past role in Afghan affairs can't be erased easily and now as the G20's chair, India can definitely move forward in a resolute manner to start a meaningful and result-oriented outreach for Afghanistan.

Further IEA should be made a part of the consultative process of any future action on Afghanistan, as without their presence no one can guarantee the actions and provide legitimacy to any sincere intervention.

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PAK ARMY CHIEF'S FAMILY BECAME BILLIONAIRES IN LAST SIX YEARS

Sanjeev Sharma | New Delhi

hen Qamar Javed Bajwa became a Lieutenant General, his wife was not even a tax filer. His closest friend in Lahore, Sabir 'Mithu' Hameed, was a good businessman but not a billionaire. Everything changed for both families as they moved ahead and became one family, Fact Focus reported in what is being called 'BajwaLeaks'.

Within six years, both families became billionaires, started an international business, purchased multiple foreign properties, started transferring capital abroad, became owners of commercial plazas and plots, huge farmhouses in Islamabad and Karachi, an immense real estate portfolio in Lahore, and so on.

The current market value of the known assets and businesses within Pakistan and outside accumulated by the Bajwa family during the last six years is more than Rs 12.7 billion.

Members of Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Ahmed Bajwa, immediate and extended family, started a new international business, shifted capital abroad, and bought foreign properties, according to the report by Fact Focus.

In this process, a young woman from Lahore became a billionaire nine days prior to becom-



ing the daughter-in-law of the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), while her other three sisters remained as they were, the report said.

This young woman, Mahnoor Sabir, got back-dated allocations of eight DHA plots in Gujranwala on October 23, 2018, nine days before her marriage on November 2, something only possible if one has ownership of land acquired by DHA.

On the same day in 2018, the girl also became the owner of a Constitution One Grand Hyatt apartment again in the back dates of 2015.

This was the same time when many politicians were given Constitution One apartments

sometime before Saqib Nisar legalised this

The General's family also started joint business ventures with Sabir 'Mithu' Hameed of Lahore (father to Mahnoor and father-in-law of Bajwa's son) and the same year the Hameeds started transferring capital outside Pakistan and purchasing properties abroad, Fact Focus reported.

The General's wife, Ayesha, became a multibillionaire with large farmhouses in Gulberg Greens in Islamabad and Karachi, multiple residential plots in Lahore, and commercial plots and plazas in DHA schemes.

Bajwa's wife became the owner of two commercial plazas in Phase IV and Phase VI of DHA Lahore while he was COAS. The General's wife used to hold money (some half a million dollars) in her US dollar (USD) accounts, the report said.

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) records show that the General's wife was warned multiple times for concealing assets, and Fact Focus will release the details of these records in a follow-up report.

The General's family also started an oil business in 2018, Taxx Pakistan headquartered in Dubai, and expanded all over Pakistan within a four months.

36 KILLED, 2 MISSING IN CHINA PLANT FIRE



Beijing: Thirty-six people were killed and two others remain missing after a fire occurred at a plant in China's Henan province, local

authorities said on Tuesday.

The fire broke out at 4.22 p.m. on Monday at the plant of a commerce and trade company in Wenfeng district of Anyang city, Xinhua news agency reported. Firefighters put out the fire at around 11 p.m. Monday, according to the city's publicity department. Two people who sustained minor injuries have been sent to hospital and are in stable condition.

Biden approves emergency declaration for NY after historic snowfall

Washington | Agencies

The White House said that US President Joe Biden had approved an emergency declaration for the state of New York after historic snowfall.

Biden had also ordered federal assistance to supplement state and local response efforts to address the aftermath of a severe winter storm and snowstorm, the White House said in a statement on Monday.

Additionally, the federal government named a coordinating officer for federal recovery operations in areas affected by the storm.

According to a statement issued by New York Governor Kathy Hochul's office, the emergency declaration is for the counties of Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Jefferson, Lewis, Niagara, Oneida, Oswego, St. Lawrence and Wyoming.

"I thank President Biden for immediately granting our emergency declaration request and for our ongoing strong partnership as well as Senator Schumer for his assistance in securing relief for New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said on Monday. "My team and I will continue working around the clock to keep everyone safe, help communi-

shattering historic winter storm."

The storm set a state record for the most snowfall within a 24-hour period, with some parts of Erie County getting more than 6 feet of

ties dig out, and secure every last

dollar to help rebuild and recover

from this unprecedented, record-

In Orchard Park, a village in Erie County, 80 inches of snow fell between November 17-20, according to the US National Weather Service.

Sri Lanka lawmaker files motion seeking study on Ravana

Susitha Fernando | Colombo

Sri Lanka's opposition lawmaker has filed a motion in the Parliament seeking an in depth study on Ravana, the mythical demon king referred in the Ramayana - the oldest Sanskrit epic written in the 5th century BCE.

In a private member motion, main opposition -Samagi Jana Balawegaya's MP Buddhika Pathirana has

urged for initiating a systematic study on Ravana, on whom there are no specific historical information.

MP Pathirana has said that a study would help to know about the hidden period of Sri Lanka's history and such study would enable to find the knowledge that king Ravana possessed."... study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables



to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him is not available," the lawmaker stated in the private member motion titled Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana' which is listed to for the presentation in the House

on December 9.

Even though there are many locations related to Ravana in Sri Lanka and also other characters like Seeta in Ramayana, there is no specific study or available historical data.

In the recent past there is an interest in studying about Ravana; and groups and organisations related to Sinhala nationalism has used the name of Ravana to identify

6 PROMINENT IS MEMBERS ARRESTED IN IRAQ

Baghdad | Agencies

Traq has arrested six "prominent members" of the Islamic State (IS) terror group, with at least two of them captured in the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan, and eradicated four militant hideouts in the country's northern province of Kirkuk, official sources said.

The IS members, active in the north of Baghdad and Anbar province, were arrested in a joint operation by the Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service and security service Asayish from the Kurdish region , Iraqi forces commanderin-chief's spokesperson Yahia Rasoul said in a statement on Monday.

Rasoul didn't share details about the location and time for the arrest, while the statement identified two of the IS militants as "Ahmed Saleh" and "Bahauddin Zubar",



reports Xinhua news agency.
Also on Monday, the regional counter-terrorism service from

Iraq's Kurdistan said in a statement that Kurdistan Regional Government on Sunday had handed over IS terrorists arrested in Erbil province in Kurdistan, including "Ahmed Saleh" and "Bahauddin Zubar", to Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service.

Separately, acting on intelligence reports from the Interior Ministry, the Iraqi Air Force on Monday launched airstrikes targeting the IS, destroying four of their hideouts in Kirkuk, tweeted the Security Media Cell affiliated with Iraq's armed forces. Over the past months, Iraqi security forces have conducted operations against extremist militants to crack down on their intensified activities.

The security situation in Iraq has been improving since the defeat of the IS in 2017.

However, its remnants have since sneaked into urban centres, deserts and rugged areas, carrying out frequent guerilla attacks against security forces and civil-









maharashtra



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

Team Absolute | Mumbai

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 'modernday 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 Maharajs 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 oldage 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 descendents 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

Team Absolute Mumba

n 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 descendents of



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

Aurangabad Agencies

nion minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Raosaheb Danve has invoked the midterm 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 MV

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 Thackerayled 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

Subsequently, Shinde bok oath as the Chief

Thackeray.

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

New Delhi/Mumbai | Agencies

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

Pune Agencies

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.

The truck, from Tamil Nadu, was heavily loaded, said police.

It had first rammed into some vehicles that went further hitting other vehicles on their way, leading to the pile-up, said a man whose car was damaged.

Meanwhile, police and civic officials, and officials from the National Highway Authority of India met yesterday to chalk out measures to prevent such accidents in the future.

City police commissioner Amitabh Gupta said accident figures had dipped in the last six months, but after Sunday's incident, the officials discussed whether to implement more measures on the spot, such as reducing road gradient on the stretch and putting rumblers (grooves or indents). Since 2018, at least 31 people have died in 108 accidents on two adjacent patches on the Navale Road, according to Pune Police data.

Ayushmann Khurrana joins global icon David Beckham for raising child rights awareness

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yushmann Khurrana has joined hands with global icons like David Beckham, Robert Lewandowski, Sergio Ramos, Andriy Shevchenko and Cafu to raise awareness about child rights across the world.

"We must all make sure that discrimination based on gender becomes a thing of the past and that every girl is treated with the same value and worth by her family and community as any boy. We can begin by disrupting gender stereotypes in our own lives. Small changes add up over time to make things bet-

ter," he said.
"We must ensure that we look at boys and girls in the same light and provide equal access to everything for the



girls. Today, our girls are making our country proud in

every field, they are shattering glass ceilings. So, let's provide them with everything that they need to excel and in turn, change the narrative."

prevalence of violence against children is widely recognised. We need to raise awareness about this problem by bringing the issue of violence against children into the open.""As the face of UNICEF's global campaign, EVAC - ending violence against children - I have been working for the past two years to raise awareness on child rights.

It is amazing to see these huge global icons join this initiative to bring to light how gender discrimination must be put an end to have a better society across countries," he

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



Team Absolute New Delhi/Mumbai

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

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 chargsheet 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, Sherlyn Chopra, 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

hollywood



GARY OLDMAN SIGNALS RETIREMENT

Los Angeles | Agencies

C 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

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

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

"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.

Katie Price and Carl Woods split amid cheating claims

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arl 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.

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.

GIVING UP juana began a year later and did cocaine aged 12, before **ALCOHOL** going to rehab twice by the age of 13.

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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harli 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-vear-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 dailymail.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 Windey, 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 Shangela 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.

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monthly 'Drew' magazine, reports aceshowbiz.com.

DREW

BARRYMORE

DETAILS HOW SHE

WAS FREED FROM

AWFUL CYCLE' AFTER

ctress Drew Barrymore said that giving up alcohol let her

ut being three-and-a-half years sober in an lished in 'Take Care of Yourself', the December edition of her

escape an "awful cycle". The 47-year-old E.T.' actress opened

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

to celebrate.

can do is slay those dragons and

guilt and dysfunction.

finally change an awful cycle in which you've found yourself

"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

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

Drew has said she first drank aged nine, smoking mari-

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.





India win series 1-0 against New

Zealand after rain forces tie

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Glenn Phillips

Australia hand England 221-run thrashing

the toss and opted to bat first,

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out without a ball bowled.

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via DLS method at the

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Zealand in Mount

Tuesday.

SAUDI ARABIA SHOCK ARGENTINA 2-1 IN GROUP C OPENER

Doha | Agencies

he 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

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 Dawsari.

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

Sports

And the players did not let them down with the Middle-East giants scoring a second goal in the 53rd minute with Salem Al Dawsari'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.

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excellent outings with the

Siraj and Arshdeep had

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 come back 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,

Doha: An eventful second day of the World Cup in Qatar wrapped up with the match between US and Wales ending in a 1-1 draw at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium in Al Rayyan, some 20 km from Doha.

While the Americans piled up pressure on the Welsh through the match giving scant ball possession as Timothy Weah scored in the 36th minute, Wales tried to make a comeback into the game in the second half.

Six yellow cards were shown by match referee Abdulrahman Al-Jassim in a match that saw several fouls and exchanges among players.The star player of Wales, Gareth Bale, struck with a penalty in the 82nd minute to score the equaliser. Wales have made it to the World Cup after a gap of 64 years. And it



showed in the eyes of Welsh fans in the stands after Bale's successful shot. Earlier in the day, the Iranian team was under the spotlight as players remained silent as their national anthem was being played ahead of the match against England at the Khalifa

International stadium in Doha. There were also reports in the international media questioning the Iranian team's decision not to evacuate their goalkeeper from the field after he suffered a bloody collision with his teammate. Alireza Beiranvand was substituted subsequently after suffering an injury in the eighth minute of the match. He was carried away from the field on a stretcher after unsuccessfully trying to play on after colliding with Hosseini Majid. Iran lost to England 2-6. In a post-match press conference, Iran's head coach Carlos Queiroz said his side deserved to lose as the players were no match for the pace of the English team members, Qatar news agency reported.

despite fighting half-centuries by Devon Conway and

Tim Southee 2/27)

I-League 2022-23

Goalkeepers steal show as Gokulam Kerala hold Real Kashmir

Srinagar | Agencies

eal Kashmir FC and Gokulam Kerala FC played out a goalless 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

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

ALYSSA HEALY TO LEAD IN FIVE-MATCH T201 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.



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

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

London | Agencies

ndia's young driver Kush Maini will race for Campos Racing in the 2023 FIÂ 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



Melbourne | Agencies

ners Travis Head and David Warner struck centuries and shared a record 269run 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 archri-

vals 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 269run 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.

It was the ninth biggest stand in the history of Men's ODI cricket and easily surpassed the 182 that Desmond Haynes scored against the Aussies way back in 1981 as the largest opening partnership at the iconic Melbourne venue. They also overtook the 252 that Australian leg-

ends Ricky Ponting and Adam Gilchrist managed for the highest partnership for any wicket at the MCG and are now just one of two pairs -- along with India's Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly -- to have combined for more than two partnerships of greater than 250 in ODI cricket.

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.

Shooting Nationals

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

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lympian Anjum Moudgil led a quality field of eight shooters , into the second $\ensuremath{\widetilde{o}}$ 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,

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. cities. While Madhya Pradesh's Ashi Thiruvananthapuram is

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

The 65th NSCC is being

two medals.

simultaneously held in three

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



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eigning 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 Elina Bazarova by 0-5.Semifinals will take place on November 23 while finals on November 25 and





TRYING TO DO **SOMETHING** DISRUPTIVE **AGAIN: BHUMI**

Team Absolute | Mumbai

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

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 oiggest 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 per-

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 - 'Afwaah', 'Bheed', 'Lady Killer' and 'Mere

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

ctress 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

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 bahus 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

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"

Team Absolute Mumbai

artik 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, "Happiesttt Birthday Buntoooo. I have the

besttt gift for u.. stay tuned!.' Actor Ayushmann Khurrana wrote, "Happy birthday KA!." On work from Kartik has Freddy, Satya Pren other interesting projects.

Neeharika Roy recreates scene from '3 diots'

Mumbai: TV actress Neeharika Roy recreated the scooty scene from the 2009 film '3 Idiots' in the daily soap 'Pyaar 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

GURU RANDHAWA WISHES TO SING FOR AMITABH BACHCHAN

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unjabi singer Guru Randhawa expressed his

sing for megastar and host 'Kaun Banega Crorepati

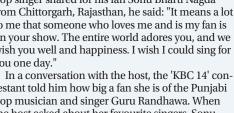
Amitabh Bachchan

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."

testant 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

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."

Veteran Ranjeet chuffed with son Jeeva's Bollywood debut



eteran 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 Kaithan 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



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