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PEOPLE HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE MUST IMPOSE SELF-RESTRICTION NOT TO MAKE DISPARAGING REMARKS, SAYS SC

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The bench remarked, is there no constitutional culture in our country that is inherently applicable to those in public office? There is an unwritten rule that we impose a self-restriction towards making disparaging remarks, when he holds such posts. It further added that this must be inculcated in our political and civic life.

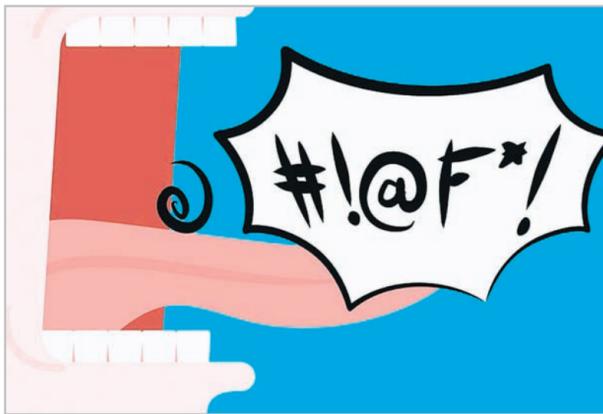
Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Tuesday observed that there is an unwritten rule that people holding public office must impose self-restriction and ensure they do not make disparaging remarks, and this must be inculcated in our political and civic life.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Justice S A Nazeer and comprising justices B R Gavai, A S Bopanna, V Ramasubramanian, and B V Nagarathna said, "How can we frame a code of conduct for legislators? We would be encroaching onto the powers of the legislature and the executive..."

A counsel, representing a petitioner in the matter, contended that there is significant increase in hate speech by public functionaries. The bench queried, "Is there no provision under IPC to prosecute in such cases?" The counsel replied, "yes! They can be booked under offence for hurting the dignity of others, but for public functionaries..."

At this juncture, the Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani submitted that



the counsel may have academic interest to address all these abstract propositions, but there is a positive law on this and there is an existing roadmap available, putting vicarious liability for speeches by a minister.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta contended that the issue is more of an academic question, whether a writ can be filed citing Article 21 for action against a particular statement.

The AG cited the top court's judgments in Tehseen Poonawalla and Amish Devgan cases and emphasised that sufficient guidelines exist. He added that as a matter of constitutional principle, any additions or modifications of restrictions to fundamental rights have to come from the Parliament.

Justice Nagarathna remarked, the reason why there is no law all this while is because there has always been an inherent self-imposed code on those in public life. She added that now the impression is that such restrictions are being relaxed, leading to hurtful speeches being made and no checks are being made, allowing them to get away, especially those in high office including public servants.

After hearing detailed arguments, the top court reserved the order on whether restrictions can be imposed on a public functionary's right to freedom of speech and expression. In October 2017, a three-judge bench referred the matter to the constitution bench to decide various issues, which included whether a public functionary or a minister can claim freedom of speech while expressing views on sensitive matters.

Indore-based industrialist trying to lure Cong MLAs into BJP: Digvijaya Singh

Team Absolute | Indore

Congress MP Digvijaya Singh claimed on Tuesday that an Indore-based industrialist is actively involved in the process of making some Congress legislators switch to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The Congress Rajya Sabha member's statement came amid speculations suggesting that some Congress legislators are planning to switch sides.

Singh said this while interacting with mediapersons here while reviewing the preparations for the Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) being led by former party President Rahul Gandhi.

The BJP is set to enter Madhya Pradesh on November 20.

Responding to questions on doubts raised over some Congress MLAs' plans to switch to BJP, Singh said: "Those who were 'saleable' got sold, those who had to stay (with the party) have remained with us."

"I have received information that an Indore-based industrialist had met Jay Shah (Home Minister Amit Shah's son). The industrialist reportedly told



him that he can manage some MLAs for the BJP," he said.

Meanwhile, Congress' Madhya Pradesh unit chief Kamal Nath, while responding to questions on claims that some BJP legislators are in touch with the Congress, said: "Everyone remains connected with us."

Two years ago, in 2020, the then Kamal Nath-led Congress government in Madhya Pradesh had suffered a collapse after 22 party MLAs jumped ship to the BJP, giving the saffron party an opportunity to form the government in the state under Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Fresh speculations suggest that the grand old party may face another setback. The Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh is scheduled to be held in the latter part of next year.

ARREST WARRANT ISSUED AGAINST WB HOME MINISTER



Team Absolute | Kolkata

A court in West Bengal's Alipurduar district on Tuesday evening issued an arrest warrant against Union Minister of State for Home Nisith Pramanik.

The Alipurduar Judicial Third Court has issued the warrant against Pramanik, the BJP MP from Cooch Behar, in connection with his alleged involvement in a burglary case in two jewellery shops in Alipurduar in 2009.

Public Prosecutor in the matter, Prasanta Narayan Majumdar informed media persons that initially the matter was heard by a court at

Barasat in North 24 Parganas district. "However, later the case came before the Alipurduar Judicial Third Court. On November 11, 2022, the other accused in the case moved bail petitions. But there was no such move on part of Nisith Pramanik."

Majumdar said that after Pramanik became an MP in 2019, the case was transferred to the special court for MP/MLAs at Barasat. However, later the case was transferred to the Alipurduar Judicial Third Court following a directive of the Calcutta High Court.

Till the time the report was filed there was no reaction from Pramanik on this court.



PM MODI SHAKES HANDS, EXCHANGES PLEASANTRIES WITH CHINESE PRESIDENT XI IN BALI

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday met Chinese President Xi Jinping and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at a G20 dinner hosted by Indonesian President Joko Widodo in Indonesia's Bali.

In a video uploaded on social media, both Modi and Xi could be seen smiling and shaking hands and later the Prime Minister is also seen interacting with Blinken during the dinner.

The Prime Minister is in Indonesia to attend the G20 summit, where earlier in the day, he called for creating a new world order during his address.

On the Ukraine conflict, Modi urged world leaders to ensure ceasefire and return to diplomacy. On the sidelines of the summit, the Prime Minister met a gamut of world leaders including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and French President Emmanuel Macron.

Advanced Traffic Management Systems to streamline traffic on Madurai-Kanyakumari highway

Team Absolute | New Delhi

THE VIDEO INCIDENT DETECTION SYSTEM (VIDS), ONE OF THE CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF ATMS, HAS SMART NETWORK CAMERAS INSTALLED EVERY 250 METERS, MAKING THE 52.3-KM STRETCH THE DENSEST ONE IN THE COUNTRY.

IN ADDITION, THE NETWORK'S PAN-TILT ZOOM (PTZ) CAMERAS ARE ALSO EQUIPPED WITH NIGHT VISION AND ZOOM-IN ZOOM-OUT CAPABILITIES TO PATROL THE HIGHWAY STRETCHES.

THE COMBINATION OF VIDS AND PTZ INSTALLED ON BOTH STRETCHES TRACKS SPEED VIOLATIONS, LANE CLOSURES, AND OTHER INCIDENTS ON THE ROAD.

THIS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE ROAD USERS' EASE AND EXPERIENCE WITH SMOOTH AND UNINTERRUPTED TRAFFIC FLOW, AND ENHANCED ROAD SAFETY.

THE VEHICLE ACTUATED SPEED DISPLAYS (VASDS) ARE PLACED AT LOCATIONS WITH RESTRICTED HIGHWAY GEOMETRY, AND STRAIGHT SECTIONS TO MONITOR THE SPEED OF THE VEHICLES.

Aiming to enhance operational efficiency and road safety, advanced traffic management systems (ATMS) have been installed at a highway stretch connecting Madurai to Kanyakumari.

Madurai Kanyakumari Tollway and Kanyakumari Etturvattum Tollway, the first two parts of four contiguous stretches of NH-7 connecting Madurai to Kanyakumari operated by Cube Highways, inaugurated ATMS at Sattur.

The ATMS will cover two consecutive stretches of a total of 116.5 km of NH-7, connecting major cities like Madurai and Tirunelveli. ATMS commissioned on the stretch is integrated with the densest installation of intelligent network cameras -- a Video Incident Detection System (VIDS).

The Control Center of ATMS was inaugurated by Vibhav Mittal, Regional Officer, NHAI, Madurai.

With variable message sign boards (VMS), ATMS provides real-time information and



guidance to road users about vehicle speed, wind speed, road temperature, weather

conditions such as precipitation and visibility on the road, said officials.

'87% of Indians worried about how organisations use their personal data'

Mumbai | Agencies

About 87 per cent of Indians have new concerns about how organisations use their personal data since the pandemic began, a research said on Tuesday.

According to new OpenText research, Indians have grown increasingly concerned about their privacy and the protection of their personal data since the start of the pandemic.

About one-fifth (21 per cent) of people say they would no longer buy from or use a company if it failed to protect their information.

In addition, more than four in five (83 per cent) would be willing to pay more to use or buy from an organisation that was expressly committed to protecting personal data.

"While the need to protect personal information has become mission-critical



across all industry sectors and brings multiple compliance challenges, it also presents an opportunity. In protecting customers' data, organisations can safeguard customer trust, ensure continued brand loyalty, and in so doing deliver an information advantage," said Sandy Ono, Executive Vice President, and Chief Marketing Officer at

OpenText.

Nearly nine out of ten employees (93 per cent) worry about their personal data now that they work in distributed teams, and almost four in ten employees (38 per cent) expect their company to ensure their data is secure no matter where they are located, according to the research. Moreover, now that Arogya

Setu is not mandatory, two out of five Indians (40 per cent) are concerned that their data won't be deleted even when it's not needed to combat Covid-19.

In contrast to this growing awareness and lack of trust in organisations, (87 per cent) of consumers know how to maintain their privacy on apps, email accounts, and social media accounts, the research added.

"In light of the growing data landscape, it is clear that we need to rethink the way we architect and construct data environments. Ultimately, the goal of every organisation should be to give the right people the right access and the right data from anywhere. A comprehensive legal framework is a need that will help in protecting personal data," said Manish Dangwal, Regional Vice President, India at Open text.

Mehrauli Murder: Aftab visited doctor to treat knife wound in May



Team Absolute | New Delhi

Doctor at the Apex Hospital in South Delhi's Chattapur area has revealed that Aftab Ameen Poonawalla (28), who has been arrested for allegedly killing his live-in partner and chopping her body into 35 pieces, had visited him for the treatment of a wound on his right forearm in May, the same month the woman was killed.

Police officers privy to the investigation suspect that he might have suffered a knife wound on his arm while chopping

the body of his girlfriend, Shraddha Walker (27). The hospital is within walking distance from the accused's house.

Dr Anil Kumar said that in May, Aftab had come to the hospital in the morning with an injury on his right forearm.

Being a trained chef, the accused was adept at using a knife, according to the sources. However, the murder weapon is yet to be recovered.

Meanwhile, the forensic team of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday went to Delhi's Mehrauli police station to examine 10 sus-

pected human parts that were collected from the Mehrauli forest area, in connection with the case of murder of a 26-year-old woman by her live-in partner who chopped her body into multiple parts after killing her.

Sources said if remains are confirmed to be of a human, they would be matched with the DNA of the father of the victim -- Shraddha Walker.

For the second time on Tuesday morning, the police team took the accused Aftab Ameen Poonawalla to the Mehrauli forest area to recover the remains of the body of Shraddha Walker which the accused chopped into 35 pieces. He was first taken to the area on Monday.

After his arrest on Saturday, the police teams have recovered 10 suspected human body parts since then after multiple searches.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY OF NON-LOCAL FOUND IN SRINAGAR



Srinagar: The body of a man, who appeared to be from outside J&K, was found in Srinagar district on Tuesday, police said.

"One unidentified dead body seemingly of a non-local was found lying on road in Soura area of Srinagar. 'Prima facie seems unnatural death. Inquest proceedings started under CrPC 174. Body sent for post mortem. Public is requested to inform Soura Police station for identification of the deceased", police said in a tweet. Sources said the body had a bullet mark but police was yet to confirm this.



MODI, BIDEN MEET IN BALI, REVIEW TIES

Team Absolute | New Delhi

On the sidelines of the ongoing G20 Summit in Bali, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden on Tuesday reviewed deepening of ties between the two countries, including cooperation in several sectors like critical and emerging technologies. They expressed satisfaction about close cooperation between India and US in new groupings such as Quad and I2U2, sources from the Ministry of External Affairs said.

Both Modi and Biden discussed topical global and regional developments, the sources added.

The Prime Minister thanked Biden for his constant support for strengthening India-US partnership. In his meeting with Biden,



Modi expresses confidence that both sides would maintain close coordination during India's forthcoming G20 Presidency, the sources said. India is all set to assume presidency of G20 from December 1 till November 20, 2023.

Modi had on Monday reached Bali to participate in the G20 summit.

WHATSAPP INDIA HEAD, META INDIA PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR RESIGN

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Amid the heightened insecurity and mass layoffs, two top Meta India officials -- Abhijit Bose, Head of India, WhatsApp and Rajiv Aggarwal, Director of Public Policy, Meta India -- have resigned, the company confirmed on Tuesday.

Shivnath Thukral, Director of WhatsApp Public Policy, India has been appointed as Director, Public Policy, Meta India (across Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp in India), replacing Aggarwal who joined Meta last year from Uber.

"I want to thank Abhijit Bose for his tremendous contributions as our first Head of WhatsApp in India. His entrepreneurial drive helped our team deliver new services that have benefited millions of people and businesses," Will Cathcart, Head of WhatsApp, said in a statement.

"There is so much more WhatsApp can do for India and we're excited to continue helping advance India's digital transformation," Cathcart added.

In a LinkedIn post, Bose said that it "has been a tough week for all of our team at WhatsApp as we had to say Goodbyes to



many amazing teammates last week." "It's been 4 years since I joined as WhatsApp's first Country Head in India, after a small break, I plan to rejoin the entrepreneurial world; you'll see announcements on that shortly," Bose wrote.



Earlier this month, Ajit Mohan, head of Meta in India, left the social network to join rival Snap, the parent company of Snapchat, as lead of the company's Asia-Pacific business. Cathcart said that Aggarwal has decided to

step down from his role at Meta to pursue another opportunity.

"Over the last year, he has played an important role in leading our policy-led initiatives in areas such as user-safety, privacy and scaling up programs like GOAL to drive digital inclusion in the country," he added.

Thukral, the new Director, Public Policy for Meta in India, has been with the Public Policy team since 2017.

In his new role, Thukral will define and lead important policy development initiatives across apps -- Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp -- in India, the company confirmed.

"We remain committed to our users in India and will continue to contribute meaningfully to the regulatory process that will enable everyone to harness the full potential of India's digital economy," said Manish Chopra, Director, Partnerships, India - Meta.

The company said these top-level resignations in India "are completely unrelated to the recent news cycles".

Meta last week sacked more than 11,000 employees, or 13 per cent of its workforce, in one of the worst tech lay-offs that hit various teams in India.

Fake medicines of intl' brand valued at Rs 8 cr seized, seven held

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Fake medicines of international brands valued at Rs eight crore were seized and seven people have been arrested in this connection from the national capital, police said on Tuesday.

With the arrests, the Delhi Police's Crime Branch claimed to have busted an international syndicate which was manufacturing fake life-saving drugs.

"We have also seized huge quantity of loose medicines, packets, packaging material and machinery equipment," a senior official said.

The accused were identified as Pabitra Narayan Pardhan, Shubham Manna, Pankaj Singh Bohra, Ankit Sharma alias Anku alias Bhajji, Ram Kumar alias Harbir, Aekansh Verma and Parbhat Kumar.

Crime Branch DCP Ravindra Yadav said: "There were some vital inputs at ISC Crime Branch, Delhi regarding involvements of an international gang in manufacturing-cum supplying spurious life saving cancer drugs. These individuals were indulged in inter-state dealings and pan-India involvement in



supplying counterfeit life saving drugs, since long. "The accused were making profit out of the illness and misery of cancer patients, selling them false hopes by providing fake drugs, with no active ingredients and playing with the precious lives of innocent persons who were already suffering from life-threatening diseases like cancer."

The police learnt that accused Pradhan and Subham were operating their godown from Ghaziabad from where the fake medicines were

delivered across the country. The first arrest in the case was made from outside area of Pragati Maidan where Bohra came to deliver medicine on a two-wheeler. At his instance, Pradhan and other accused were held from Noida.

"During interrogation, we learnt that Pradhan completed his MBBS from China in 2012. During the MBBS course, his batch-mate, Rasel (native of Bangladesh) intimated that he can provide API (Actual Pharmaceutical Ingredients) required to manufacture spurious medicines used in the treatment of cancer. He further told him that the aforesaid medicines have a very heavy demand in the markets of India and China and are highly expensive. From the selling of these spurious medicines, they can earn huge amounts of money.

"Anil, who is his friend and who also completed MBBS from China, agreed to supply such spurious medicines through his contact in India and China. Thereafter, Pradhan involved his cousin Shubham Manna and other associates and started manufacturing the spurious medicines meant for the treatment of cancer," the official said.

Will I have to touch feet of PM to get MGNREGA funds: Mamata

Kolkata | Agencies

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday questioned whether she will have to touch the feet of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to get the dues of the state government on account of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme.

"To get the Central funds for the 100-day job scheme under MGNREGA scheme is our right. I personally met the Prime Minister and spoke to him in the matter. Will I have to touch his feet now? The Union government will have to pay our dues at any cost. Else the positions of power have to be vacated," the Chief Minister said while addressing the birth anniversary celebration of iconic tribal freedom fighter, Birsu Munda at Jhargram on Tuesday afternoon.

Incidentally, Leader of the Opposition in West Bengal assembly, Suwendu Adhikari has filed a public interest litigation seeking a CBI probe and an audit by the CAG in the implementation of MGNREGA scheme in the state.



Without directly referring to that development, the Chief Minister said that some leaders from West Bengal are constantly appealing to the Union government so that the Central funds to the state government are blocked.

"What do they want? Do they want to conspire with the Union government to keep the people of West Bengal starved? I would request the people of the tribal community to hit the streets with bows, arrows and traditional musical instruments in protest," the Chief Minister said. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that besides MGNREGA, the Union government is also not providing the funds for the housing schemes.

Now, chopped, headless body of woman found in well in UP

Azamgarh | Agencies

A body of a woman, with its limbs chopped off and head missing, was found inside a well on Durvasa-Gahaji Road in Uttar Pradesh's Azamgarh district on Tuesday, police said.

Police fished out the chopped hands and legs dumped into the well with the body while head was missing.

Superintendent of Police, Azamgarh, Anurag Arya said: "The identity of woman has not been ascertained so far. Efforts are being made to ascertain her identity after which details of age and her whereabouts would become clear."

Forensic experts and dog squads had also been called to the spot and senior officers are investigating the matter.

After recovering the mutilated body, other evidence is being collected from the spot. According to reports, some locals noticed



the body in a well about 150 metres away from Pashchim ka Pura village on Tuesday after which they alerted the police.

During initial investigation, only an undergarment was found on the body while legs and hands were also floating near it inside the well. The head was missing.

Kerala Congress President's faux pas leaves many fuming

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President K. Sudhakaran has come under attack from not just the CPI-M but even his party men after he purportedly made 'pro-RSS' comments.

On occasion of Children's Day on Monday, Sudhakaran said that Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had struck a truce with "communal fascists" for democracy's sake by agreeing to accommodate Jan Sangh founder and RSS leader Shyama Prasad Mukherjee in the Cabinet.

A few days before on November 9, he said Congress workers had protected the RSS offices during his heydays at his home town-Kannur, when it came under duress from the Left forces.

Soon realising that it may spell trouble, he corrected and said it was a slip of his tongue, but a trail of emails from his party men by then had reached the



AICC office in Delhi.

On Tuesday, senior leader Tariq Anwar, AICC general secretary in charge of Kerala, said that he spoke to Sudhakaran and he explained in detail what had happened and things have now settled down. However Leader of Opposition and Congress leader V.D. Satheesan said this is of a serious nature and discussions will take place with party seniors. Meanwhile, Indian Union Muslim League,

second biggest ally of the Congress, is also upset and is meeting on Wednesday to discuss the remarks made by Sudhakaran. CPI-M including Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had a field day in slamming Sudhakaran as the two are known rivals for the past several decades and both hail from Kannur.

But State BJP President K. Surendran said he knows that Sudhakaran's mind and thoughts are with the BJP and there are quite a few Congressmen who have such a thought and the truth is they have no other option left.

BJP WILL SWEEP GUJARAT ASSEMBLY POLLS, SAYS AMIT SHAH

Ahmedabad | Agencies

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday exuded confidence that BJP will once again romp to power with a thumping majority breaking all records in next month's Assembly polls.

Till now, Congress holds the record of winning the maximum number of seats ever. In 1985, under Chief Minister Madhavsinh Solanki's leadership, it bagged as many as 149 seats in the 182-member Assembly.

Home Minister Shah, accompanied party's



Naranpura candidate Jitendra Patel, Ellisbridge candidate Amit Shah and Sanand candidate Kanu Patel while they filed their candidature forms

before the election officer.

In a veiled attack on AAP, he said people of Gujarat have never voted for a third party and this party's candidates will lose its deposits. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel the state has continued to grow on a development path, achieving new heights in development, said Shah. According to party sources, the Union Minister is busy clearing hurdles on complicated seats. Still the party is yet to finalise four candidates for Manjalpur and Raopura of Vadodara city, Mansa (Gandhinagar) and Kheralu of Mehsana district.

He is also busy placating workers and local leaders who are upset over selection of candidates.

Jacqueline Fernandez granted pre-arrest bail in money-laundering case

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Delhi court on Tuesday granted pre-arrest bail to actress Jacqueline Fernandez in the Rs 200 crore money-laundering case involving multimillionaire conman Suresh Chandrashekar, which is being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Additional Sessions Judge Shailender Malik delivered the order which had been reserved last week. A detailed copy of the order will be made available later in the day. The ED had recently filed its second supplementary charge sheet naming Jacqueline as an accused. On September 26, the court had granted interim protection from arrest to Jacqueline. Jacqueline and another Bollywood personality, Nora Fatehi, have recorded their statements as witnesses in the



case. Earlier, fixed deposits worth Rs 7.2 crore belonging to Jacqueline were attached by the ED. The probe agency termed these gifts and properties as "proceeds" of crime received by the Jacqueline and Nora.

MORBI CIVIC BODY 'ACTING SMART' BY NOT BEING REPRESENTED DESPITE NOTICE: GUJ HC

Ahmedabad | Agencies

The Gujarat High Court on Tuesday pulled up the Morbi Civic Body for not being represented by an official despite a notice and raised a question on the contract awarded for the maintenance of the 150-year-old bridge which collapsed on October 30 killing over 140 people.

"Despite being served a notice, Morbi nagar palika is not represented before the court, they are acting smart," a first bench headed by Chief Justice Arvind Kumar and Justice A.J. Shastri asserted.

The court is of the view that "Why did the state not use its power under the section 263 of the Gujarat Municipalities Act as prima facie the munic-

ipality has defaulted, which led to an unfortunate incident that resulted in the deaths of 135 innocent persons," it said.

It is considering various aspects like, "Under the MOU of 2008 or the agreement of 2022 whether there was any condition put for certifying of the fitness of the bridge and who was the responsible person to certify the bridge. Whether the largesse of the state was given to Ajanta Company without any tender being floated? On what basis, the bridge was permitted to be operated by the Ajanta after June 2017, even when the MOU expired and no further agreement was signed after 2017? whether there was compliance with section 65 of the Gujarat Municipal Act." The bench orally observed, "The state took

steps that are expected from it but agreement signed between Morbi civic body and private contractor for the bridge renovation is just 1.5 pages. No tender was invited. Why was the contract granted without inviting any tender?" In an interim order the court has observed, "An MOU came to be executed on June 16, 2008 between the Rajkot Collector (then Morbi was part of Rajkot district) and one Ajanta to operate, maintain, manage and collect rent in respect of the suspension bridge. This MOU expired in 2017. The moot question is under the MOU, it is not forthcoming who has the responsibility to certify that the bridge is fit for usage. When the MOU expired in 2017, What steps were taken to call for expression of interest or float a tender for a further

period." The bench also noted, "From June 15, 2017, for a period of 2 years, without there being an MOU or agreement or entrustment, the bridge in question was continued to be maintained by Ajanta Company. There is correspondence from Ajanta informing the collector that until and unless an agreement is signed they would not commence the work of renovation of the bridge."

The matter has been posted for Wednesday, where the Morbi civic body is expected to give a detailed explanation.

The court also sought to know the action the state government has taken against Morbi Chief Officer S.V. Zala. PIL's next hearing will take place on November 24.

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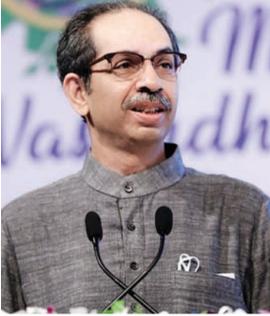
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Shiv Sena symbol row

DELHI HC JUNKS UDDHAV THACKERAY'S PLEA AGAINST EC FREEZE ORDER

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday dismissed the plea of Shiv Sena-UBT leader and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to stay the Election Commission's order freezing the party's bow and arrow symbol.



Team Absolute | New Delhi/Mumbai

After hearing the submissions of the parties, Justice Sanjeev Narula also directed the poll panel to adjudicate the pending dispute as expeditiously as possible and dismissed the plea. A detailed order along with reasons for dismissing the plea will be made available later, the court said. The Election Commission froze the party's bow and arrow symbol on October 8 amid the tussle between the two factions of Shiv Sena led by

Thackeray and Eknath Shinde. In an interim order on October 8, the poll panel said: "The Commission hereby makes the following Interim Order, to cover the purpose of the current by-elections and to continue till the final determination of the dispute into the matter." It said that neither of the two groups led by Shinde and other led by Thackeray be permitted to use the name 'Shiv Sena' and neither of the two groups shall also be permitted to use the symbol, reserved for the party. "Both the groups shall be known by

such names as they may choose for their respective groups, including, if they so desire, linkage with their parent party 'Shiv Sena'; and both the groups shall also be allotted such different symbols as they may choose from the list of free symbols notified by the Election Commission for the purpose of the current by-elections," the poll panel said. Thackeray then approached the high court seeking to allot his candidates the symbol chosen by them for the upcoming bypolls rather than restricting it to three choices that the EC had given.

NCP leader gets pre-arrest bail in molestation case

Team Absolute | Thane

Spelling relief, a Thane court on Tuesday granted pre-arrest bail of Rs 15,000 to senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and former Maharashtra minister Jitendra Awhad in an alleged molestation case filed by a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha activist.



The Mumbai Police in Thane had lodged a first information report against Awhad late on Sunday (November 13) based on a complaint filed by BJPMM vice-president Rida A. Rashid alleging molestation. "I am not at all pleased with all this. The police should have viewed the videos of the incident before taking any cognisance of such a complaint. It is a systematic effort to finish me off politically with such low-level

threats," said Awhad. He also claimed that the police were 'under pressure' from above to frame him in a false case but he was a fighter and would not be cowed down by such machinations. Soon after the case was filed on Monday, Awhad had threatened to resign as a MLA in protest against what he termed as 'murder of democracy' in Maharashtra, and later said he would abide by NCP President Sharad Pawar's decision, even as top

party leaders appealed not to take such a step. This is the second case filed within 72 hours against the outspoken Awhad who is a vocal critic of the ruling Balasahebchandra Shiv Sena Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. Previously, he and 11 others were booked for creating a ruckus in a mall multiplex during the screening of a Marathi film, 'Har Har Mahavev' on November 7 but was granted bail by a Thane Court on Saturday.

Shiv Sena (UBT)-NCP MPs predict mid-term Assembly polls in Maha

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The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Shiv Sena (UBT) and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Tuesday predicted the possibility of mid-term Assembly elections in Maharashtra "within the next six months".



NCP MP Sunil Tatkare and Sena (UBT) MPs Sanjay Raut and Vinayak Raut have expressed the likelihood of early elections in view of the "unstable" political situation in the state. Sanjay Raut said that "politics of vendetta" is being pursued in the state by the ruling alliance of Balasahebchandra Shiv Sena (BSS) and the BJP which has vitiated the political atmosphere. "There is distrust all around. Vindictive politics is being practiced in the state. It's against the political culture and traditions of the state and cannot go on for long," said Sanjay Raut. Tatkare said that premature polls in the state are

inevitable in the next few months and things will escalate once the Supreme Court verdict is delivered later this month. "After the apex court ruling, the state may go under President's Rule and then mid-term elections," said Tatkare. Echoing a similar viewpoint, Vinayak Raut said there may be no options left but to go to the hustings again. Sanjay Raut said that the state regime is flustered and resorting to using "police and money power" against the opposition political leaders, including himself and NCP leader Jitendra

Awhad. "I may be outside or put inside (jail), but I assert that after the next Assembly polls, an MVA Chief Minister will assume power," declared Sanjay Raut. Last week, former Chief Minister and Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray had cracked the whip on his party activists asking them to prepare for mid-term polls. Similarly, NCP President Sharad Pawar and Congress state President Nana Patole have also voiced the possibility of early Assembly elections in the state.

JMB Group wins bid to manage JNPA's Mumbai berth terminal for 30 years

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) has signed a concession agreement of 30 years with JM Baxi Ports & Logistics Ltd for the port's shallow water berth and new coastal berth terminals, an official said here on Tuesday.



The deal was signed in the presence of JNPA Chairman Sanjay Sethi, Deputy Chairman U.S. Wagh, JMB Group Managing Director D.K. Kotak and other senior officials from both sides. Under this, the JMBPLL will upgrade, equip and maintain both terminals through the public-private-partnership mode, through a special purpose vehicle, 'Nhava Sheva Distribution Terminal Pvt Ltd' formed by the private company. "SWB and CB shall now be a PPP terminal with the successful bidder being JMB Group. The concessionaire will upgrade, equip, operate, maintain and transfer this terminal at the end of the 30-year period. The terminal shall be developed in one single phase of 3 years," said Sethi. He said that many major global

ports are today landlord facilities with key responsibilities like marketing, which JNPA - a 100 percent landlord port - will take up in a more streamlined manner for common port business development, while continuing to develop and provide other supporting infrastructure facilities. The shallow water berth is 445 metres long with a 4 million metric tonnes per annum capacity of which

125 metres has been developed as a 'roll on-roll off' (Ro-Ro) terminal. It can accommodate vessels upto 30,000 DT making it the most preferred facility for coastal as well as international cargo, and being a multi-cargo terminal can manage containers, cement, general cargo, liquid cargo, etc. The coastal berth, developed in November 2020 can handle around 2.80 million metric tonnes of coastal

cargo per year including steel, cement, containers, fertilisers, food-grains and a variety other of clean cargoes. It has a backup area of 9 hectares for cargo storage and handling and as part of the project, JMB Group will provide an automated mechanised cement handling system and connected conveying and silos for the storage of cement which will enable faster turnaround of vessels.

Aftab's family left home near Mumbai 15 days ago with help of accused

The family of Aftab Ameen Poonawala, accused of murdering his live-in partner Shraddha Walker, left their home near Mumbai about a fortnight ago. Aftab was home to help the family move, neighbours said.

Team Absolute | Vasai

The 28-year-old allegedly murdered his live-in partner at their Delhi home after a fight over her wish to marry him. He then chopped off her body into 35 pieces and disposed them off over 18 days. He was arrested Saturday, and police said he had admitted to the grisly murder. The neighbours of Aftab's family said he appeared "quite normal" during his recent visit home. They also said they knew Shraddha who had visited his home several times. "Aftab's family has been staying in

this society for nearly 20 years. He grew up here," said the housing society chairman Ramdas Kewat, adding, "We are in deep shock." Aftab's father works in Mumbai. The neighbours say that when they asked him why they were vacating the house, his father said they were moving to Mumbai. "Aftab's younger brother recently got a job in Mumbai. When I asked his father why they were moving, they said since both he and his younger son work in Mumbai, it made sense to shift to the city," said the society's secretary Abdulla Khan.

Shraddha, 26, and Aftab connected over dating app Bumble. They later started working together at a call centre. When Shraddha's family objected to the relationship, they moved to Delhi and started living in Mehrauli. "The duo fell in love while working in Mumbai and came to Delhi by April-end or May first week after facing opposition from their families. While they were living in the national capital, they had an argument in mid-May over marriage, which escalated, and he strangled her," Ankit Chauhan, Additional DCP-I, South district, said.

40 BJP, CONGRESS WORKERS JOIN SHINDE'S SENA CAMP

Latur: Forty functionaries of the BJP and Congress from Latur in Maharashtra have joined the Balasahebchandra Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, a district office-bearer from the faction led by the Chief Minister, said on Tuesday.

Shinde was present at the event in Mumbai on Sunday when they joined his party. Among those inducted are former BJP Latur tehsil president Balaji Adsul, former zilla parishad member Rajkumar Kalame and former corporator Prakash Patil Wanjarkhedkar. "We worked against Congress leader and former Maharashtra chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh to strengthen the BJP, but today the scene is different," Adsul told news agency.

Mehrauli Murder Case, Maha BJP labels it 'love-jihad'

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) here on Tuesday demanded justice for Shraddha Walker, the 27-year-old woman from Palghar who was killed and chopped into pieces by her live-in partner in New Delhi.

Alleging it to be an instance of 'love-jihad', BJP leader Ram Kadam led a protest demonstration here seeking justice for the victim and her family.

A large number of BJP women activists also joined the action raising slogans in favour of the victim and asking for stringent punishment to the accused, Aftab Ameen Poonawala. Poonawala was arrested by the Delhi Police on November 12.

The couple was in a relationship since 2019, but after her family objected to their liaison, Shraddha left home and started living with Poonawala in Naigaon town in Palghar. It was sometime in April that the duo had gone to live in Delhi where their relations soured after Shraddha insisted on marrying



Poonawala. According to Palghar and Delhi Police, he strangled and killed her, chopped her body into 35 pieces, then stuffed them into plastic bags in a freezer and quietly disposed of them over a period of 18 days. Meanwhile, a distraught Vikas Walkar has demanded the hangman's noose for Poonawala who has confessed to the crime of killing his daughter, as the incident numbed the people of Vasai industrial town in Palghar, an hour's drive north of Mumbai.

CLASH BETWEEN TWO SENA FACTIONS IN THANE

Thane: A clash broke out between two Shiv Sena factions in Maharashtra's Thane late on Monday night. The incident took place in Kisan Nagar where newly-appointed office bearers from Uddhav Thackeray's Sena faction were being felicitated. MP Rajan Vichare was also present at the gathering to congratulate the new office bearers. During the event, some Sena workers from chief minister Eknath Shinde's faction heckled Team Thackeray members. The sloganeering from both sides snowballed into a full-blown fight.

TRINITY OBJECTS TO ARCELOR MITTAL'S INCLUSION IN BIDDING FOR SREI ASSETS

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Payash Capital Singapore, a 49 per cent stakeholder in Trinity Alternative Investment Managers Ltd (TAIAML), has challenged the decision to include Arcelor Mittal in the race to acquire SREI's assets.

TAIAML is an investment manager managing AIF funds that is jointly promoted by SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd (SIFL), with 51 per cent stake, and balance 49 per cent is held by Payash Capital Singapore PTE Ltd. TAIAML has filed claims worth Rs 10,000 crore from Arcelor Mittal entities and Payash has challenged their inclusion in the SREI bid process will "hinder" TAIAML's recovery.

Payash Capital, in a letter to the SREI administrator, has objected to the inclusion of Arcelor Mittal in bidding for SREI assets as it would "hinder and disrupt the ongoing recovery proceedings by TAIAML against Arcelor Mittal".

TAIAML and Arcelor Mittal companies have been engaged in a legal battle over payments of dues in Odisha Slurry Pipeline. Arcelor Mittal had acquired 100 percent stake on Odisha Slurry through its acquisition of Essar Steel in 2019 through IBC wherein 70 per cent were initially held by IGOF-SMAIT managed by TAIAML.



TAIAML has contended that Arcelor Mittal entity, though emerging successful bidder for Odisha Slurry in 2020 with a proposal to infuse Rs 2,400 crore capital in company and pay for usage, continued to use the pipeline by neither infusing capital nor paying for usage, resulting in huge loss to lenders. TAIAML has instituted several legal proceedings

against ArcelorMittal entity (Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Ltd) on account of TAIAML's huge monetary claim to the tune of about Rs 10,000 crore. Payash Capital, has expressed concerns that if Arcelor Mittal entity bids are accepted, and SREI data rooms are made available to them, it will compromise numerous confidential documents pertaining to

TAIAML litigation with the Arcelor Mittal entity and create a situation wherein they may be pressurised into withdrawing all litigations.

"TAIAML has a fiduciary duty towards the investors to protect and maximise their investments." Payash contends that Arcelor Mittal is ineligible to bid for SREI as per provisions of IBC Section 29A(c) wherein person who at the time of submission of the resolution plan has an account of the corporate debtor shall not be eligible to submit a Resolution Plan and also from the fact that they have no NBFC experience.

Notably, till date the administrator has received interest from 5 bidders to acquire SREI assets - the Shon Randhawa and Rajesh Shah combine, the consortium of Varde partners and Arena Investors, Capri Global, the Arcelor Mittal-promoted AM Mining India, and Edelweiss ARC.

The last date of completion of the Resolution process was recently extended to January 5, while that of submitting the final bids with a resolution plan to November 25.

The RBI superseded the boards of 2 SREI companies in October last year and began the insolvency process by appointing the administrator.

It is estimated that SREI has total liabilities of around Rs 18,000 crore in bank loans, and another nearly Rs 10,000 crore of external commercial borrowings and bonds.



EDITOR'S SPECS

UP politicians are least concerned about nature's vagaries

In Uttar Pradesh, there is politics in the air but no air in politics. Even as the world struggles with issues related to climate change and its impact, the most populous state of the country remains completely cold to rising temperatures, melting glaciers in neighbouring Uttarakhand that will directly impact Uttar Pradesh and other vagaries of weather that included erratic and out-of-season excessive monsoon. However, the poll manifestoes of all major political parties did not mention a word about these issues. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is currently in power in Uttar Pradesh, believes so. BJP spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi said, "This is not a state assembly election issue; hence it does not find mention in the Lok Kalyan Sankalp Patra 2022." For the Aam Aadmi Party, the last page of its manifesto refers to generic issues pertaining to the environment and pollution control, but does not mention climate change. The Samajwadi Party poll manifesto came up with 22 resolutions and none of them focus specifically on climate change. The Rashtriya Lok Dal fares relatively better. Its manifesto discusses environmental issues and sustainability - but still falls short of specifying any climate-centric priorities. The Congress manifesto did list climate change as a priority issue but the subject was missing from the party's overall campaign. The Bahujan Samaj Party refuses to even comment on the subject. In the absence of any political will on climate change, it is not surprising that the issue has not been raised even once in the state assembly and no political party has demanded an in-depth debate on the subject. Rapid warming in the Himalayas is melting glaciers faster and this also has a significant impact on the state, which lies in the Ganga basin.

INDIA FOOD INFLATION - MODERATION IN SIGHT?

Sreejith Balasubramanian

Food inflation has always been a wild card. In October, food and beverages component of Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 7 per cent y/y. It had averaged 7.6 per cent during April-October vs. headline CPI of 7.1 per cent.

From early this year, various food components have been volatile. Starting with concerns of a spike in edible oil and wheat prices (and in general from higher fertiliser prices) after the onset of the Russia-Ukraine war, this was followed by heatwave like conditions in March-April impacting wheat output, lower Kharif crop season (June-September) sowing in rice and pulses, and now the crop damage from very heavy October rainfall in some states.

Several government measures taken include higher fertiliser subsidy, cut of import duties on edible oils, ban on wheat and broken rice exports, export duty on non-basmati rice and compensation to farmers for crop damage from recent rains (announced by some states).

A repeat of 2019?

In 2019, food inflation had risen strongly to 12.2 per cent y/y in December. Its total sequential momentum during July-October then was 4.8 per cent vs. 2.6 per cent this year.

It was a case of very high vegetable inflation then, driven by a spike in onion prices which had increased 171 per cent during July to December. Inflation in other components like rice and pulses was not a major driver.

This year, cereals have relatively been a bigger driver due to impact of geopolitical events on global prices, reduced domestic output, etc. but overall food inflation didn't pick up the way it did in 2019.

This is also likely because government intervention this year has been much stronger, given the nature of food inflation drivers has controllable aspects unlike inflation in perishables (in 2019) which is more difficult to tackle in the near-term.

Respite ahead?

Wheat: After procurement of 43 million tonnes in FY22 Rabi Marketing Season, 19 million tonnes procured in FY23 was 57 per cent lower year-on-year and vs. the FY23 government target.

Wheat price has risen by 11.6 per cent during April-October this year vs. 3.2 per cent in 2019. Stock with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has ranged from 0.9-1.1 times the mandated level during July-November this year vs. 1.5-1.9 in 2019 (Figure 2).

Although this potentially restrains the quantity of wheat FCI can sell in the open market to



control prices, if it rises beyond comfort, FCI estimates wheat stock as on April 1, 2023 (after meeting all requirements under various government welfare schemes) to be 50 per cent higher than the mandated level.

Rabi season wheat sowing too, as per data on November 11, is up 10 per cent y/y. This could be further aided by the current healthy soil moisture and reservoir water levels (latter 9 per cent above last year and 19 per cent above normal with all regions reporting a higher y/y level as on November 10). Thus, FCI expects procurement which begins in April to be normal.

Rice: Kharif season sowing of rice was 4.8 per cent below 2021 but 1.5 per cent above the normal area. Latest official kharif production estimate is for a 6 per cent y/y drop. Thus, rice price has risen by 8.3 per cent during April-October this year (lesser than wheat) vs. 2.4 per cent in 2019, also because rice export is still permitted (only broken rice export has been banned unlike the complete ban on wheat export). However, rice and paddy stock are still very comfortable and has ranged from 2.6-3.5 times the mandated levels during July-November this year vs. 2.2-3.5 in 2019.

Procurement of kharif output has started and there could be some hit from excess rainfall in the major producer states like Uttar Pradesh in early October but the extent of damage caused, specifically to paddy across states, is not fully clear. However, FCI estimates rice stock alone, as on April 1, 2023, to be 74 per cent higher than the mandated level. Further, real-time data suggests average price till date in November has fallen slightly below

the October level, the first m/m drop in seven months.

Pulses: Kharif sowing of pulses was 4 per cent down y/y but the government estimate of production is flat from 2021, although the hit from last month's excess rain is to be ascertained. Although rabi sowing of pulses is down y/y, that too only marginally by 1.4 per cent as on November 11, sowing for the main sub-categories of gram and lentil is in fact up. Again, current healthy soil moisture and reservoir level should help here. Prices have risen only by 3.6 per cent during April-October this year (vs. 8.5 per cent in 2019) and price growth in the latest CPI print for October has moderated. Oils and fats: The import duty cut by the government has benefited this category and prices of edible oils have sequentially fallen from June to October. The import duty cut has now been extended till March 2023.

Vegetables: Tomato price has been very volatile but data suggests it has been falling in November after rising sharply in the previous two months. Growth in potato price, already moderate, has been easing a bit in November and the new crop harvest could hit the market by next month. Onion price has picked up (13.3 per cent in November at the time of writing) but this is nowhere close to that in 2019.

Vegetable prices are typically volatile but if moderation in sequential growth from the start of this month is followed by the seasonal winter deflation, or even if it happens after a consolidation phase in prices, it could help drive food inflation lower.

Other food items: Price

growth in protein food sources such as meat and fish, eggs and milk have remained moderate. In recent months, price momentum has been below that suggested by historical seasonal trends. Prices of fruits have also fallen in the last three months and in five out of the last six months. Growth in farm input cost has begun to moderate in line with oil price growth. This, as calculated by RBI, is a weighted average of y/y growth in five relevant WPI components. Among these, high speed diesel and electricity are two major inputs and both have moderated. This augurs well, ceteris paribus, for softer incremental food price growth. Food prices have been volatile this year due to geopolitical developments and domestic production issues. However, this is totally different from 2019 when spike in onion prices had dominated food inflation for several months. Government intervention is also much stronger this time. Prices of cereals, particularly of wheat, have been of concern in 2022 but there is potential for some incremental moderation in growth. Rice stocks remain quite comfortable too.

Prices of certain pulses, vegetables, etc. have also eased a bit from early November, although it remains above October levels.

Farm input cost growth has been falling since July. Excess rainfall in October will have its impact but the above early signs are encouraging and needs to be watched closely.

international

INDIAN STUDENTS IN US SURGE BY 19% IN 2021-22: REPORT

New York | Agencies

The presence of Indian students in American universities has increased by 19 per cent compared to the last year, and nearly 21 per cent of over one million foreign students are Indian students, a US government report said.

In 2021-22, 1,99,182 students with India as their place of origin were pursuing higher education in the US, as against 1,67,582 in 2020-21, according to the Open Doors Report, an annual survey on international students released Monday. In 2012-13, there were 96,654 Indian students in higher education in the US.

The rise in Indian students moving to the US is likely to overtake China in 2022-23, with 82,000 visas issued between June and August - the highest number among all countries.

The year 2021-22 saw 62,000 student visas being issued, said Don Hefflin, Minister Counsellor for Consular Affairs at the US embassy in New Delhi.

In contrast, China fell behind India as strict quarantine norms and travel



restrictions due to Covid made it harder for Chinese students to acquire visas. Hefflin said that around 110,000-120,000 visas are issued to Chinese students, which fell to around 50,000.

In 2021-22, China and India collectively accounted for 52 per cent of all international students in the US, the report, which is sponsored by the US Department of State and implemented by the non-profit Institute of

International Education (IIE), said.

China showed a drop of nine per cent in the latest round, with the number of Chinese students pursuing higher education in the US going down from 3,17,299 in 2020-21 to 2,90,086 in 2021-22.

A decade ago, there were 2,35,597 Chinese higher education students in the US. The rise in Indian numbers came after the slump caused by pandemic years.

Between 2018-19 and 2019-20, as well as 2019-20 and 2020-21, the number of Indian students enrolled in US universities had fallen by 4.4 per cent and 13.2 per cent respectively.

The 19 per cent increase in Indian students studying in America was largely driven by graduate students, Hefflin said. A majority of Indian students chose Math and Computer Science, Engineering and Business, and Management, according to a US embassy official.

Overall, the total number of international students pursuing higher education in the US went up from 9.14 lakh in 2020-21 to 9.48 lakh in 2021-22. "It is clear that Indian students and their parents recognize the value of US education, one that prepares them to leverage their newly gained know-how to tackle the world's challenges and readies them for future opportunities, whether that's in Artificial Intelligence, emerging technologies or entrepreneurship and innovation," Gloria Berbera, minister counselor for Public Diplomacy, said.

T.N. Ashok | Washington

Even as Democrats celebrate retaining control of the US Senate by winning 50 seats and reducing the margin in the House, US President Joe Biden faces innumerable challenges in the remaining two years of his term with which the Senate coincides and over 1400 key appointments of his hand in the balance to courts, cabinet, legislatures and ambassadors.

The US Media, which predicted largely a 'Red Wave' under former President Donald Trump against inflation, is now changing its tune and calling Biden's retention of the Senate and narrowing losses in the House of Representatives, as a 'Blue Tsunami' that was not a referendum on the President's governance or economic policies, but more about Trump and his choice of "racist and extreme right wing" candidates.

"Democrats are celebrating their retention of the



Senate as their singular victory and rejection of GOP's right wing extremism," the Washington Post said in a report.

Democrats on Sunday celebrated retaining their majority in the Senate after Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) was reelected, even as they were not sure they could retain control of the House having won just 204 seats against 212 of the Republicans. Catherine's victory got the vital 50th Senate seat for Democrats and quashed Republican hopes of retaking control of both chambers of Congress, as

many had predicted in the weeks leading up to Election Day, media reports said.

"When far-right Republicans said they knew better, I knew we would prove them wrong," Cortez Masto said in a victory speech Sunday after winning the vital Nevada seat. With the Senate runoff in Georgia next month between Sen. Raphael G. Warnock (D) and Republican Herschel Walker, Democrats have a chance to pick up a 51st seat, a stunning feat in a midterm election year that typically does not favour the party in power.

After FATF, UK removes Pak from high risk list

Islamabad | Agencies

In recognition of the effective measures taken by Pakistan against money laundering and terror financing, the US has now officially removed the nation from its list of 'High Risk Third Countries'. Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari announced the "good news" while sharing a letter of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on Twitter, Geo News reported.

"Some good news. The UK has officially removed Pakistan from its list of 'High Risk Third Countries' following our early completion of FATF action plans," he tweeted. "His Majesty's Treasury issued an

amendment to the UK's High-Risk Third Countries' list ON November 14, 2022, through a Statutory Instrument. The amendment removes Pakistan from the list in accordance with the decision taken by the FATF on October 21, 2022," the official document read.

"The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office recognizes the progress Pakistan has made to improve money laundering and terrorist financing controls."

In April 2021, the UK government added Pakistan to the list of undesirable 21 high-risk countries with unsatisfactory money laundering and terrorist financing controls, Geo News reported.

Ukraine eyes \$7.8bn in foreign aid by year-end

Kiev | Agencies

Amid the ongoing war, Ukraine is aiming to attract \$7.8 billion in foreign aid by the end of the year, Finance Minister Serhiy Marchenko said.

Marchenko told reporters in Kiev that Ukraine is counting on receiving \$4.8 billion from international partners this month, and the rest of the sum in December, reports Xinhua news agency. "December is the last month of the year and usually December expenses are the highest and above the monthly average. Therefore, of course, we are now looking for all the possi-



bilities to pass through both November and December painlessly," the Minister said. While commenting on the financing in January-March 2023, Marchenko said that Ukraine is going to send part of the announced assistance of 18 billion euros from the European Union to cover the

budget gap. According to the government, Ukraine needs about \$5 billion per month to offset its budget deficit. Last month, the Finance Ministry said that Ukraine had received \$24.1 billion in international aid since the start of the war with on February 24.

Taliban leader orders Sharia law punishments

Kabul | Agencies

Taliban supreme leader Haibatullah Akhundzada has ordered judges across Afghanistan to order punishments for offences such as robbery, kidnapping and sedition in line with the group's interpretation of Islamic Sharia law.

According to the Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, the "obligatory" order came after Akhundzada had a meeting with a group of judges on Sunday, the BBC reported.

"Carefully examine the



files of thieves, kidnappers and seditionists," Mujahid quoted the Taliban leader as saying. The exact crimes and punishments have not been defined by the Taliban, but one religious leader in Afghanistan told the BBC on Monday that under Sharia law, penalties could include amputa-

tions, public lashings and stoning. The latest development is in line with a series of tougher measures taken by the Taliban-led administration in Afghanistan. Last week, the Taliban banned women from visiting all public parks in Kabul, as well as gyms. Women are also barred from going on longer distance journeys without a male chaperone, while teenage girls are yet to return to schools, the BBC reported. In May women were ordered to wear the Islamic face veil in public.



MP HAS CONTRIBUTED A LOT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF TRIBAL SOCIETY AND DEPRIVED SECTIONS: PRESIDENT MURMU



Team Absolute | Bhopal

President Draupadi Murmu has said that the development of tribal society is linked to the development of the entire country. Madhya Pradesh has an important contribution in the development and empowerment of tribal society and deprived sections.

of national importance. The new rules made for the scheduled areas will be effective in empowering the tribal areas and giving the tribals their rights.

President Murmu said that in view of the challenges of climate change and global warming today, we need to take lessons from the tribal way of life.

justice. In the sixteenth century, Rani Durgavati sacrificed herself for self-pride and after 300 years, her own descendants Shankar Shah and Raghunath Shah laid down their lives for the country.

President Murmu said that all the projects which have been started in Madhya Pradesh for the welfare of tribals are

extremely useful in tribal empowerment. President Murmu was addressing the State Level Tribal Pride Day Conference at Lalpur, Shahdol today.

President Murmu said that Madhya Pradesh has rich tribal heritage. Out of the total 10 crore tribal population of the country, maximum 1.5 crore tribal populations reside here.

Governor Shri Mangubhai Patel said that the new rules of the PESA Act implemented in Madhya Pradesh from today will prove important in the social and economic empowerment of the tribal class.

Cong, BJP claim MLAs willing to shift to secure ticket for 2023 polls

Shivraj may spring a surprise with Cabinet reshuffle in MP

Team Absolute | Bhopal

As the political parties in Madhya Pradesh get into election mode for the 2023 Assembly elections, both the BJP and Congress claim that they are being approached by the MLAs of other parties to secure tickets for the polls.



However, he also mentioned that his party workers will be given priority.

The Congress, the sources say, is preparing a list of candidates on the basis of surveys conducted in individual Assembly seats and backing its leaders.

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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is likely to spring a surprise with a major Cabinet reshuffle.



Around 10 sitting ministers can be replaced with new faces, and the third reshuffle and expansion of the Cabinet is likely to take place by the second week of December, sources said.

According to sources, top leadership from both sides have started a series of meetings with different sections of party's units and the social organisations.

Several sitting BJP MLAs, who were denied ticket in 2018 and have slim chances of getting it in 2023 also, may approach the Congress, they said.

So far, the BJP has been claiming that Congress MLAs are in touch with them, but now the opposition too is making similar claims.

Madhya Pradesh Congress president Kamal Nath

on Monday said, "Several BJP leaders are in touch with him." Though such claims were made by several party leaders in the past also, it is probably the first time it has come from a senior leader like him.

"The Congress seems to be in a panic mode that is why Kamal Nath is making statements which have no relevance with the truth. Several Congress MLAs have switched sides as they were unhappy with group politics with the party. It is nothing unusual but the people know how many Congress MLAs have joined the saffron party," he added.

The sources claimed that Chouhan has expressed his disappointment at the performance of several ministers of his Cabinet and they may be replaced with new faces.

A series of discussions has been held in the core committee meetings on this count, and a possible list of ministers has been prepared. The final decision will be taken after obtaining consent from the Centre. It would be interesting to see if Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalists will be

replaced or not. At present, there are 31 ministers in the state Cabinet, while four posts are vacant. Sources said that at least four to five ministers from Scindia's camp may be replaced. There are six Cabinet ministers and three MoS from the Scindia faction in the Cabinet. The expansion and reshuffle was supposed to be take place in November, but it was delayed for the Gujarat elections scheduled in the first week of December.

BUS ON WAY TO PREZ EVENT OVERTURNS 1 DEAD

Bhopal: One person was killed and several others were injured after a bus carrying tribal people to attend the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' event overturned in Katni area under Jabalpur district on Tuesday morning.

As per police, the tribals were going to attend the mega event organised to mark the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsu Munda in Madhya Pradesh's Shahdol district. Police said the bus was carrying at least 30 people and the incident occurred around 10.30 a.m. While one person died on the spot, around one dozen others were injured. The deceased has been identified as 22-year-old Ashushu Kol. Expressing grief over the incident, state Congress president Kamal Nath said, "Several people were reportedly injured after a bus going to attend Janjatiya Gaurav Divas programme over. My God bless the departed soul. I wish speedy recovery for injured persons."

"PM will start wearing Topi"

Digvijaya Singh on Bharat Jodo Yatra's impact

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on Tuesday said RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat was "compelled" to visit a madrasa and a mosque due to the impact of Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' and soon Prime Minister Narendra Modi will start wearing a "topi" (cap).

Bhagwat started visiting madrasa and masjid within a month of the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'. PM Modi will also start wearing a topi in a few days," Singh told reporters.

Narendra Modi had refused to put on a skull cap offered by a Muslim cleric during his sadbhavna fast in Ahmedabad in September 2011 when he was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Bhagwat visited a mosque and a madrasa (Islamic seminary) in Delhi in September and held discussions with All India Imam Organisation chief Umer Ahmed Ilyasi.

Within two months of the Yatra, which started from Kanyakumari on September 7, a senior Sangh leader had to say the poor of the country

are becoming poorer and the rich are getting richer, Digvijaya Singh said. "You will see what happens when this yatra reaches its final destination, Srinagar," he said. On President Droupadi Murmu attending the state government's 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' event in Shahdol district, Singh alleged the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party relied only on gimmickry in the name of the welfare of people belonging to SC and ST communities. "We are proud that Droupadi Murmu is the President of our country. We hope she will speak about atrocities committed on tribals in Madhya Pradesh. If she does not want to speak on this subject, she can give some time to our delegation to discuss this issue with her," the Raja Sabha

MP said. He said earlier Ramnath Kovind, who belongs to a Scheduled Caste, became the President. "The Prime Minister should say what benefit his government provided to crores of Dalits of the country during President Kovind's tenure," he said. On the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and All India Majlis-e-Ittehad ul Muslimeen (AIMIM) canvassing for the next month's Gujarat assembly elections, the Congress veteran reiterated these parties are parts of the "Sangh's vision of 'Congress-mukt Bharat'." "They are the B team of BJP," he alleged. He claimed AAP and AIMIM, led by Asaduddin Owaisi, contested elections only to cut the votes of other parties in a bid to help the BJP.

Arbaaz Khan starts shooting for his film in Bhopal

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Bollywood actor Arbaaz Khan, who turned producer with Salman Khan-starrer 'Dabangg', has started the shoot for his film 'Patna Shukla' in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

elaborates about the movie and his expectations from it. "Patna Shukla is a very interesting story, about a common woman's, uncommon fight. Her grit. The film is just a perfect fit. I am looking forward to working with the whole powerhouse cast," he adds. 'Patna Shukla' is a social drama featuring Raveena Tandon, Chandan Roy Sanyal, Satish Kaushik, Manav Vij, Jatin Goswami, and Anushka Kaushik. On the work front, Arbaaz Khan was last seen in 'Tanaav' web series, which is currently streaming on Sony LIV.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE / CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2022										
Particulars	STANDALONE					CONSOLIDATED				
	For the quarter ended on	For the quarter ended on	For the Half year ended on	For the Half year ended on	For the year ended	For the quarter ended on	For the quarter ended on	For the Half year ended on	For the Half year ended on	For the year ended
	30.09.2022	30.06.2022	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022	30.09.2022	30.06.2022	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022
	(UnAudited)	(UnAudited)	(UnAudited)	(UnAudited)	(Audited)	(UnAudited)	(UnAudited)	(UnAudited)	(UnAudited)	(Audited)
Total Income	1,145.76	1,158.79	2,304.55	2,066.06	4,227.03	1,145.76	1,158.79	2,304.55	2,066.06	4,227.03
Net Profit Before Tax	60.83	104.33	165.16	196.25	323.22	60.83	104.33	165.16	196.25	323.22
Net Profit After Tax	44.43	77.06	121.49	131.16	209.97	44.43	77.06	121.49	131.16	209.97
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/Loss for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	60.54	84.28	144.83	131.16	225.41	60.15	83.80	143.95	134.20	229.33
Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Re.10 Each)	1,016.10	1,016.10	1,016.10	338.70	1,016.10	1,016.10	1,016.10	1,016.10	338.70	1,016.10
Reserve (excluding Revaluation Reserves as per balance sheet of previous accounting year)	1,226.73	1,169.43	1,226.73	992.34	1,086.59	1,235.54	1,178.63	1,235.54	1,001.14	1,096.28
Earnings per share (before and after extraordinary items) (Face Value of Re.10/Share)										
(a) Basic	0.60	0.83	1.43	1.29	2.22	0.59	0.83	1.42	1.29	2.26
(b) Diluted	0.60	0.83	1.43	1.29	2.22	0.59	0.83	1.42	1.29	2.26
NOTE:										

1. The above unaudited financial results are prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS") prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules thereunder and in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended. The same were, as reviewed by the Audit Committee, considered and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 14.11.2022.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarter ended unaudited financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format are available on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and also on the website of the company at www.wewinlimited.com.

3. Corresponding previous period's figures have been reworked, regrouped, rearranged and reclassified wherever necessary to confirm with current period's figures.

For & on behalf of Board of Directors of We Win Limited
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Abhishek Gupta
(Managing Director)
(DIN: 01260263)
Place: Bhopal
Date: 14.11.2022



Christine Quinn oozes old Hollywood glamour in backless silk gown in Swarovski party

Los Angeles | Agencies

Christine Quinn was the picture of elegance as she attended a Swarovski event in New York City on Monday evening. The *Selling Sunset* star, dazzled in a cream silk gown that clung to her lithe figure and was backless, to flash an extra glimpse of skin.

She was dripping in jewels for the event, wearing a diamond choker, matching dangly earrings and several chunky gem encrusted bracelets. Christine added a few extra inches to her already impressive height in a pair of clear bejeweled high heels. She toted her essential belongings in a glittery clutch purse, for an added dose of sparkle. Her blonde tresses were slicked to her face in delicate Hollywood curls and twisted up in an elegant top knot. She finished off her look with a full face of glamorous makeup, including a dusting of blush and a slick of pink lipgloss to enhance her plump pout.

Christine rose to fame after starring as one of the main cast members on *Selling Sunset*, but she has now departed from the hit Netflix series. In August 2022, it was reported that she would not be returning for seasons 6 and 7.

Selling Sunset first debuted in 2019 and follows the exclusive real estate firm Oppenheim Group as the brokers and agents sell some of the most lavish homes in Los Angeles, California.

Throughout the first five seasons, viewers watched as the Texas-native sold luxurious and exclusive homes and properties as well as getting involved in drama with her costars.



MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN ARE 'ON THE CARDS' WITH BOYFRIEND TRISTAN : OLIVIA

Los Angeles | Agencies

Olivia Bentley has revealed she's discussed marriage and children with her boyfriend Tristan Phipps, promising both are 'on the cards' for their future.

The star admitted that while she's not ready to get pregnant just yet, she'd 'love' for her co-star, to put a ring on her finger very soon. But despite the exciting prospects in their relationship, she confessed the pair nearly split when he moved into her flat this summer.

Olivia, who previously dated Tristan between 2020 and 2021, said of their liv-

ing arrangement: 'It's actually been really good, shockingly. I mean... the day we moved in, there was nearly a break up! 'But no, it's been really nice. I think he's a hoarder. He had boxes and boxes of just rubbish and I was like, "I need to put my foot down about this." He just needs things from his... like he's trying to move all his tinfoil and his cling film. And I was like, "We don't need that!"

'But then he does hold onto very sweet things. Like if I've ever written him a little note. He'll hold on to it.' She elaborated: 'I write little notes just saying I'm sorry because I've probably done something. I'm trying to think... finishing the

milk.' Though, things are clearly working out better - with the influencer revealing wedding bells could be just around the corner.

She gushed: 'I'd love a ring on my finger. We do speak about it. I don't know if I'm in a rush to have kids yet. I do want them, but probably not in the next year. But I mean, I'd love to get engaged. 'I think some guys get a bit nervous talking about that sort of thing but we've very much discussed our future. We'll be together and marriage and kids will be on the cards.'



Regina Hall jokes Jimmy Kimmel needs protection at Oscars

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Regina Hall hopes Jimmy Kimmel can avoid a repeat of the Will Smith and Chris Rock incident at the Oscars. The late night talk show star will be at the helm of the 2023 Academy Awards in February, and Regina - who hosted earlier this year alongside Amy Schumer and Wanda Sykes - joked about the precautions that need to be taken after Will went on stage and struck comedian Chris after a quip about his wife Jada Pinkett Smith, reports.

Speaking about Jimmy hosting next year, Regina quipped to 'Entertainment Tonight': 'I think it's a really bad idea. No, I'm joking. We'll make sure Jimmy's got something on so he doesn't get injured onstage and nobody comes up out the audience.

"But I think it's gonna be a fun show and he's tried and true, so I'm excited to see what he's gonna do."

Over summer, Hall thanked Will for apologising in a video message.

She said: "Life happens. I always say any time I feel like someone genuinely, like you know, offering an apology - I mean, what can you say to that but thank you? I mean, it's great."

Last month, Will blamed being "fogged out" and "fuzzy" for not saying sorry to Chris at the time.

The Hollywood star resigned from the Academy in the wake of the row and was subsequently banned from the Oscars and all of the organisation's events for the next decade.

MR. BDE GETS LUCKY AGAIN! PETE DAVIDSON 'DATING' EMILY RATAJKOWSKI AMID HER DIVORCE

Los Angeles | Agencies

Hollywood lothario Pete Davidson is continuing his lucky streak with A-list ladies after catching the eye of newly-single bombshell Emily Ratajkowski. The former SNL comedian, and the model, are said to be 'in the very early stages' of dating and 'really like each other'. They 'have been talking for a couple months now' after being set up by mutual friends, a source said. The insider further divulged that Pete - who was once praised for his 'big d**k energy' by ex Ariana Grande, and most recently had a whirlwind romance with Kim Kardashian, 'loves how intelligent [Emily] is.' The source also added that the funnyman's humor is a big plus for the runway star:

'Pete makes Emily laugh.' Reporters have contacted representatives for Pete Davidson and Emily Ratajkowski for comment. It comes after a recent internet rumor claiming the pair were seen 'all over each other' went viral. An anonymous tipster claimed to a gossip site that they saw Emily and Pete on a date on Brooklyn on Sunday, writing: 'his hands were all over her and they're clearly hooking up.' Emily was last known to be dating DJ Orazio Rispo, who she was seen passionately kissing in NYC last month, following her split from husband Sebastian Bear-McClard.



I'm bored of 'strong female lead' label: Emily Blunt

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Emily Blunt during a recent interview rejected the term strong female character and said she's "bored" of getting scripts where her character is labeled a "strong female lead." "It's the worst thing ever when you open a script and read the words 'strong female lead,'" Blunt said. "That makes me roll my eyes. I'm already out. I'm bored. Those roles are written as incredibly stoic, you spend the whole time acting tough and saying tough things." Blunt said that her latest character, Cornelia on the western revenge series 'The English', is far "more surprising" than what the simplified "strong female lead" label describes. "She's innocent without being naive and that makes her a force to be reckoned with," the actor added. Blunt as a frontier woman hellbent on avenging the death of her son. Cornelia partners with an indigenous farmer named Eli (Chaske Spencer), who is also on a mission of revenge in order to reclaim his land. "I love a character with a secret," Blunt said. "And I loved Cornelia's buoyancy, her hopefulness, her guilelessness... She startles Eli out of his silence and their differences become irrelevant because they need each other to survive. I thought that was very cool." Blunt joins a growing list of female actors who have spoken out against the "strong female lead" label. "She-Hulk: Attorney at Law" actor Tatiana Maslany told The Guardian in August that it's "frustrating" for roles to be reduced to that one "strong" trait.



Paul Haggis fined additional \$2.5 million in punitive damages in rape trial

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Oscar-winning filmmaker Paul Haggis has been ordered to pay \$2.5 million in punitive damages by a New York jury unanimously after finding him liable for raping a film publicist.

A civil rape lawsuit was filed against the filmmaker by former film publicist Haleigh Brest, who alleges the filmmaker forced her to perform oral sex on him and then raped her after they attended a movie premiere in 2013. On Friday, the jury unanimously found Haggis liable on all three counts of rape and sexual abuse.

According to a website, they awarded the plaintiff at least \$7.5 million in compensatory damages. That brings Haggis's total damages to \$10 million. Haggis said he planned to appeal the verdict.

"I've spent all the money I have at my disposal," he told reporters. "I've gutted my pension plan. I've lived on loans in order to pay for this case in a very naive belief in justice. Now we'll see what the appeals court will say, because we will absolutely appeal. I can't live with lies like this. I would die clearing my name."

While Haggis did not face criminal charges in the case, defence attorney Priya Chaudhry argued that the filmmaker has been "decimated financially" and will not have the funds to pay off these damages. She contested that Haggis reached his financial peak in 2001 and is "not some Hollywood mogul."

"Paul Haggis will not be able to pay the \$7.5 million in compensatory damages," Chaudhry argued during her closing statement. "No one is going to hire him for the one thing he's done for his whole life besides being a mover."



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY

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IPL 2023

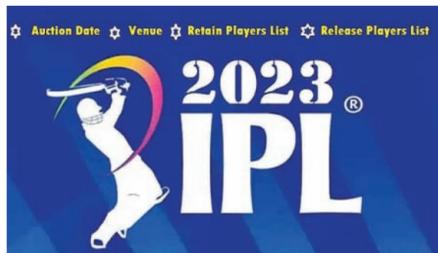
RR RETAIN ASHWIN, BUTTLER; RELEASE JAMES NEESHAM, DARYL MITCHELL

Jaipur | Agencies

Rajasthan Royals on Tuesday revealed their list of retained players ahead of the Indian Premier League 2023 Auction. The franchise has retained a total of 16 players, which includes 12 Indians and four players from overseas, and released nine players in total - comprising four Indians and five overseas players.

The franchise has retained their captain Sanju Samson, England's T20 World Cup-winning skipper Jos Buttler, Indian spin duo of Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal, experienced New Zealand pacer Trent Boult, Indian internationals Navdeep Saini, Prasad Krishna and Devdutt Padikkal, along with West Indies' destructive batter Shimron Hetmyer and bowler Obed McCoy.

Young Indian stars Kuldeep Sen, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Riyan Parag have been retained, as have left-arm fast bowler Kuldeep Yadav, spinner KC Cariappa and wicket-keeper batter



Dhruv Jurel. Director of Cricket, Kumar Sangakkara commented on his team's thinking behind the retention process, while also revealing how tough it was for the franchise to make some decisions after the Royals finished as Runners Up in the last edition.

DELHI CAPITALS RETAIN 19 PLAYERS, RELEASE FOUR

New Delhi: Delhi Capitals on Tuesday shared a list of retained and released players ahead of the Indian Premier League 2023 mini-auction which is set to be held later this year. The Delhi-based franchise has retained a total of 19 players which includes six overseas players.

The players who have been retained by the franchise from their last season's fifth place finish include Indian internationals Rishabh Pant, Prithvi Shaw, Chetan Sakariya, Khaleel Ahmed, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel, along with Rival Patel, Sarfaraz Khan, Yash Dhull, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Pravin Dubey, Vicky Ostwal and Lalit Yadav. Delhi Capitals have also retained six overseas players which include Australian batter David Warner, West Indies batter Rovman Powell, South African fast bowlers Anrich Nortje and Lungi Ngidi, Bangladesh speedster Mustafizur Rahman and Australian all-rounder Mitchell Marsh.

Meanwhile, the franchise has released four players which include Indian players Mandeep Singh, KS Bharat & Ashwin Hebbar and New Zealand wicketkeeper-batter Tim Seifert. The Delhi Capitals have also traded all-rounder Shardul Thakur to Kolkata Knight Riders and brought all-rounder Aman Khan in place of him.

Retained- Indians: Sanju Samson, Ravichandran Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Prasad Krishna, Devdutt Padikkal, Navdeep Saini, Kuldeep Sen, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Riyan Parag, Kuldeep Yadav, KC Cariappa, Dhruv Jurel **Overseas:** Jos Buttler, Trent Boult, Shimron Hetmyer, Obed McCoy **Released- Indians:** Karun Nair, Anunay Singh, Tejas Baroka, Shubham Garhwal, **Overseas:** James Neesham, Daryl Mitchell, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Rassie van der Dussen, Corbin Bosch

SUNRISERS RELEASE KANE WILLIAMSON; CSK RETAIN JADEJA, LET GO BRAVO

Mumbai: Kane Williamson, who led New Zealand to the semifinals of the T20 World Cup in Australia, was on Tuesday not retained by Sunrisers Hyderabad for the 2023 edition of the Indian Premier League.



Fellow Southerners Chennai Super Kings have retained India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja despite an acrimonious relationship with the left-arm spinner over the captaincy issue, along with M.S. Dhoni, and have released West Indies great Dwayne Bravo, the 39-year-old T20 itinerant who now seems struggling towards the end of a chequered career. But the big name to be released is Williamson. Williamson, who captained the Sunrisers in the 2022 edition, had recently recovered from an injury and has been struggling for form in recent times. Thus the Sunrisers expectedly decided to release him from the contract. While releasing Williamson, the Sunrisers have retained Abhishek Sharma, South Africa's Aiden Markram, young pace sensation Umran Malik, Glenn Phillips of New Zealand, veteran pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Rahul Tripathi, Abdul Samad, South African Marco Jansen, Washington Sundar, Karthik Tyagi, T Natarajan and Afghanistan's Faisalzaq Farooqi.

Meanwhile, Chennai Super Kings have released West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo along with New Zealand's Adam Milne, Englishman Chris Jordan and Indians N Jagadeesan, C Hari Nishaanth, K Bhagat Varma, KM Asif and Rohin Uthappa, who had retired from all forms of cricket in September.

Bravo has been with CSK since 2011 and has won the Purple Cap twice (2013 and 2015). He was bought by CSK for Rs 4.40 crore in the 2022 IPL Auction.

Pollard announces retirement from IPL; appointed batting coach of Mumbai Indians



Mumbai: Charismatic West Indies cricketer Kieron Pollard has announced his retirement from playing in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for Mumbai Indians, but will don the role of batting coach for the most successful franchise in the lucrative T20 tournament.

A statement issued by Mumbai Indians said, Pollard is "one of the pillars" of the five-time IPL champions and he would be "hanging up his boots" after playing for franchise for 13 seasons. "Kieron Pollard is hanging up his boots after playing

for MI for 13 seasons but will continue with the MI family in his new role as batting coach. A one-club man, adorning the Blue and Gold, Pollard signed in 2010 for Mumbai Indians and has since become one of the greatest players of this generation, picking up 5 IPL and 2 champions league trophies with Mumbai Indians. "Pollard is and will continue to always be at #MIForever and will use his decades of experience and skill to strengthen Mumbai Indians as a batting coach and as a player with MI Emirates," said the statement.

Asian Airgun Championship FOUR MORE GOLD MEDALS FOR INDIA

Team Absolute | New Delhi

After the Air Rifle shooters, it was the turn of the Air Pistol shooters as India swept all the available gold medals on day six of the 15th Asian Airgun Championship in Daegu, Korea.

Shiva Narwal won the Men's 10m Air Pistol while Sagar Dangi picked up the Junior Men's gold. In addition, both the Men's and Women's Youth teams also won their respective competitions to make it a four-gold day for India. They now have 17 gold medals from the competition so far. Shiva got the better of experienced Korean Park Daehun in the Men's Air Pistol final, taking him down 17-13 in a close encounter. He also had the Korean's number in the ranking round where he topped with 253.7. Park was way behind second with 250.2. India's Vijayveer Sidhu also picked up a bronze in the event, after he finished the ranking round in third place with 248.0.

In the Junior Men's Air



Pistol, it was a 1-2 finish for India, as Sagar Dangi overcame Samrat Rana by a similar 17-13 margin to claim gold. Muhammad Kamalov of Uzbekistan won bronze.

India's third gold came in the Men's 10m Air Pistol Youth event, when the trio of Sandeep Bishnoi, Sahil and Amit Sharma beat a Korean team 16-8 in the gold medal clash. The fourth and final gold of the day came in the Women's 10m Air Pistol Youth event where Kanishka Dagar, Yashasvi Joshi and Harnavdeep Kaur beat yet

another team from hosts Korea 16-10 in the final match.

Early on Monday, Sandeep Bishnoi had also claimed the 10m Air Pistol Men Youth gold when he defeated Uzbek Veniamin Nikitin 16-8 in the title clash.

With three more days of competitions left, India have already amassed 28 medals so far including 18 gold, six silver and four bronze medals in a show of complete dominance at the continental level in the Air events.

Youth World Boxing 2022 VISHWANATH KICKSTARTS INDIA'S CAMPAIGN IN STYLE

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The reigning Asian youth champion Vishwanath Suresh opened India's campaign on a winning note at the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships 2022 after clinching a thrilling opening-round match against Ireland's Patsy Joyce Thady by a split 3-2 decision in La Nucia, Spain on Tuesday.

The 17-year-old Chennai boxer shifted gears impressively in the deciding three minutes after the intensely fought first two rounds of men's 48kg bout which saw equal resistance from both ends. Vishwanath was among the seven Indians to secure gold medals at the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing



Championships, held in Jordan earlier this year. Later on Tuesday, two more Indians, Vanshaj (63.5kg) and Deepak (75kg), will be seen in action. While Vanshaj will take on Uzbekistan's Boltaev Shavkatjon, Deepak will square off against Useid Nika of Albania.

Indian boxers produced a historic show in the last edition of the prestigious event when they clinched 11 medals, including eight gold. This year's 25-member contingent con-

sists of 13 men and 12 women pugilists.

Reigning Asian champions Vishwanath, Vanshaj, Tamanna and Muskan will spearhead India's challenge at the on-going championships which will witness participation of world's top boxing nations. The tournament will go on till November 26. Most of the boxers in the men's category will start in the Round-of-32 while Mohit (86kg) and Rhythm (+92kg) will kickstart their campaigns in the pre-quarterfinals. In the women's category, on the other hand, Muskan (75kg) and Kirti (+81kg) will open their campaigns directly in the quarter-finals whereas others will begin their challenge in the Round-of-16 with only Preeti Dahiya (57kg) starting in the Round-of-32.

NOVAK DJOKOVIC TO BE GRANTED VISA TO PLAY IN AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Sydney: The Australian Government reportedly overturned their previous decision by allowing tennis star Novak Djokovic to play in the 2023 Australian Open.

In January 2022 the then Australian government revoked Djokovic's visa due to his uncertain covid-19 vaccine status. Although Djokovic won a temporary reprieve in the federal circuit court, the then immigration minister, Alex Hawke decided to cancel his visa. Now, Guardian Australia understands the immigration minister, Andrew Giles will give Djokovic a visa, overturning a three-year ban that accompanied the decision by the previous government to cancel his visa on the eve of the 2022 open. Djokovic told reporters after winning his opening match at the ATP Finals in Turin on Monday night that he had heard "nothing official yet" from the Australian government.



BWF WORLD TOUR FINALS 2022 RELOCATED FROM CHINA TO BANGKOK



Kuala Lumpur: The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has relocated the season-ending World Tour Finals 2022 from Guangzhou, China to Bangkok, Thailand due to the complications arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event has also been moved forward and will be held a week earlier than originally scheduled.

"The tournament has been relocated to Nimibutr Arena in Bangkok, Thailand and will run from December 7-11 -- one week earlier than the scheduled dates for Guangzhou. This is due to stadium availability and a consequence of the change in location," the BWF informed in a release on Tuesday.

The BWF took this decision in consultation with the Chinese Badminton Association (CBA) and agreed to relocate the BWF World Tour Finals 2022 "due to the various challenges brought about by the current pandemic situation", the release. The BWF also informed that the final list of athletes qualified for the World Tour Finals will be confirmed on November 22 after the completion of the Australian Open 2022.

Dhoni likely to get role in Team India for 2024 T20 World Cup: Report

Team Absolute | New Delhi

After the team's disappointing exit at the semi-finals stage from the recently-concluded Men's T20 World Cup, the Indian cricket board will initiate measures to put the T20 team back on track. One of the steps reportedly under consideration is to use the experience and skills of M.S. Dhoni, in some capacity, to prepare and plan for the 2024 T20 World Cup.

India suffered a humiliating 10-wicket loss to England in the semifinals as the Men in Blue failed to bring home a T20 World Cup title once again. A lot of criticism followed, where experts and fans slammed India's 'old-school' approach to T20 cricket. There have been calls to split the coaches' roles too and the issue could come up for discussion during the BCCI's Apex Council meeting later this month.

According to a report in The



Telegraph, former India skipper M.S. Dhoni could be in for a stint with the Indian T20 side. The 41-year-old is likely to hang up his boots after IPL 2023 and post that, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) are keen to use his experience and skills in grooming the T20 side. The former captain, who was incidentally the last Indian skipper to win an ICC title, had worked as a mentor for India at the last year's T20 World Cup in the UAE but that was in an interim capacity. However, the BCCI could give him a bigger role with the squad in the shortest format as he could help them play the fearless brand of cricket needed for the modern-day T20 format.

Ridhima set to face strong challenge in the 15th Leg of WPGT

Chandigarh | Agencies

Ridhima Dilawari, who won last week with a brilliant 6-under 66, will be looking for another solid finish in the 15th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Chandigarh Golf Club.

Ridhima, who ran away with a five-shot win at Panchkula last week, will once again face a strong challenge from the likes of Afshan Fatima and Gaurika Bishnoi. Afshan after a long time was in contention and finished second last week while Gaurika, a Top-10 finisher at the Women's Indian Open on the Ladies European Tour, was third despite a second-round 78 which she improved upon by 10 shots on the final day to rise to third.

Coming back after a gap to the WPGT after some time is Avani Prashanth, India's much-travelled and top-ranked amateur star, who has in the past



tasted success while playing with the pros.

Sneha Singh, who is still in search of her first pro title, will be looking to make up for a disappointing finish last week

when she was 10th. Another player hoping to make up for last week will be the hugely talented teen Hitaashee Bakshi, who had an up-and-down 14th Leg, where she was tied for fifth.

The man representing India at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar

Team Absolute | New Delhi

India is very much being represented at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Perhaps not on the rectangular plot of land that we all call home, but in certain activities surrounding it.

Meet Vinay Menon, the Wellness Coach of the Belgian National Team, who will be looking into various aspects like the physical and mental well-being of the team's players during the FIFA World Cup. "I feel proud to have gotten this opportunity to with the Belgian National Team in the World Cup," said Menon.

"It makes me really happy that I can represent India and make my country proud in my own way."

As a wellness coach of the team, Vinay is responsible for mental strategy



and actively recovering of the body and the mind which help players perform at the optimal level.

The 48-year-old has previously also worked with Chelsea Football Club, one of the top clubs

in England and in Europe; he has also played an important role in fine-tuning the Chelsea squads that won the UEFA Champions League in 2011-12 and 2020-21 seasons.



Radhika Madan channels her inner boss lady in 'Sanaa' poster



Mumbai | Ahead of its World Premiere at the 26th Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival, the first look of filmmaker Sudhanshu Saria's much-awaited introspective drama 'Sanaa' has been dropped.

The intriguing poster introduces Radhika Madan in and as Sanaa, an ambitious and headstrong woman who is fighting an internal battle due to unresolved trauma. The actress looks commanding in a sharp corporate getup, shiny black heels and a slick side-parted hairdo. With her piercing gaze, she exudes grit and determination as she sits against an imposing backdrop.

Radhika: "Inhabiting the myriad dimensions of a character like Sanaa was one of the most thrilling experiences of my acting life. She is smart, unflinching, conflicted and emotional all at the same time. I also thoroughly enjoyed donning the girlboss look for this film. Viewers will witness a completely new side of me in Sanaa and I cannot wait for them to experience it."

Director Sudhanshu Saria says, "I'm thrilled to finally present the first look poster of Sanaa to the world. It is a film about a feisty and powerful woman who is in complete control of her world, until something unfolds to upset that balance."

"We wanted the poster to reflect Sanaa's personality and unmatched dominion over her terrain. She is an unprecedented protagonist in our cinema and Radhika has portrayed her with utmost honesty and perfection."

OTT has given many opportunities to theatre actors, writers:

Kumud Mishra

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Bollywood actor Kumud Mishra, who was in Jaipur on Monday to attend the AWWA Lit Festival 'Abhivyakti' Season 2, said that OTT has given many opportunities to theatre actors and writers.

When asked if OTT has limited the cinema space, he said, "It's just a matter of time (Samay samay ki baat hai). You never know what trends at which moment but everything has its own charm and space."

He further said that he loves theatre and the fragrance of the stage and the audience sitting in front appeals a lot to him. "Theatres can never and will never die," he further added. When asked why he did not join the Army despite being from Rashtriya Military School, he said, "I was always inclined to join the Army and I miss it a lot. Most of my batchmates are in the army. I see them in uniform, sit with them and this is how I recreate those missing moments."

Elaborating his answer, he said, "I cleared my SSB but was talking about theatre in my interview. When interviewers asked me why I still want to get into the Army when I am so keen for theatre world, I answered that I am here because I don't want to upset my parents." However, now I am doing Army characters, he quipped and said that he will come back to Jaipur with his play 'Dhumrapaan'.



When asked about the Bollywood boycott trend, he said, "If there are good films, people will come and watch and if those are not good, there is no need for a boycott as people will stop going to cinema halls."



Arryaman Seth didn't eat for 2 days, spilled piping hot tea on face

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Actor Arryaman Seth, who plays a young Kashmiri, deeply affected by the socio-political shifts around him in the recently released streaming show 'Tanaav', shares that he didn't eat anything for straight two days to lend authenticity to a particular scene in the show where his character was kept without food. "Tanaav", is a remake of the hit Israeli show 'Fauda', and bases its physical setting in Kashmir.

Sharing the anecdote, the actor, who "didn't even know how to work a gun", says, "The physical aspects of the performance could all be learnt but what was key was nailing the psyche of the character. There was a key scene of mine where I got captured and am brutally tortured. It was a major scene in which they plant a bomb in my stomach and that sequence required a particular mood. This guy was kept without food and sleep, so as preparation I did not eat food for two days."

Narrating another incident which shows his emotional attachment to the character and how invested he was in ensuring he does it right, he shares, "There was a scene in which there was hot tea spilled on me. Now, on set, they obviously use lukewarm tea so the reaction was far from the kind I would have wanted to give for this moment. I insisted that the tea be warmed so the reaction of pain and wincing looks more natural. I wanted tea to be hot and Sudhir sir wasn't sure."

"He showed his concern but then he caved. He let me heat the tea to my satisfaction and then that hot tea was splashed on my face. The shot came out perfectly, me not so much (laughs). But now that I see the scene in the show, I think I am happy with my decision. I am so grateful to Sudhir sir for allowing me such antics. It's his ability to give me a fair playing field that gave me the confidence to build the character the way I wanted."



I AM A FUNNY GUY FOR AUDIENCE: JASON THAM

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Actor Jason Tham is part of Bosco Martis' directorial film 'Rocket Gang' and the actor says he is happy with all the positive responses and comments that he is getting for his role in the movie.

"The feedback is all positive, especially from children. They loved my character. I was their funny guy," he shares.

Looking back at the journey of making the film and the most challenging part for him as a performer in this project, Jason adds: "Being a dancer and actor I thought it would be my role as there is no particular colour or shade to my character. But to my surprise, it was the dancing that was very challenging as every now and again our director used to change the choreography for the betterment of the film."

"So it was hard for me to cope up, but I somehow

managed. I even thought initially that working with kids would be challenging, but they were all a surprise package. I must say that they were all mature and really natural in front of the camera."

'Rocket Gang' is a kids drama, according to Jason, as the age bracket for whom this story has been made is between 7 years to 18 years.

"Not only us, there are also these five kids in the film who are the lead characters as well. This film has a nice blend of comedy, dance, horror, romance, and a beautiful heartwarming aspect about mothers. There was never a dull moment during the shoot as most of the cast and crew members were young and fun. I completely agree with the song Dil Toh Baccha Hai Ji (Smiles again). No matter where you reach in life, there will always be the kid inside you who would always want to do or try crazy things, and trust me you should always listen," he says.



Every artist wants such a time: Anuradha Singh on balancing two shows

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Actress Anuradha Singh is currently part of two TV shows including 'Pushpa Impossible' and 'Imlie'.

The actress says that while it is challenging to balance both, she is loving it.

"It was very difficult for me in the beginning because both the show timings used to clash and all the sequences during that time were important. It was very difficult to handle these issues. But I guess every artist wants to see a time in their career where they don't have time as they are working continuously. I am blessed with such great work and characters," she says.

While the content on TV has evolved, it needs to continue to grow, says Anuradha, adding: "Television should be upgraded a little more to keep the audience engrossed. It's important for the audience to stay loyal to us and support us. Our shows should be better than the best because it is going to help us and our audience."

She adds: "I think we try to keep things realistic but we cannot be too realistic all the time. But yes, the story has to touch people's hearts; whether it is realistic or not, they need to be able to relate to it at some level. And we all know and accept that stories are always changing according to the TRP."

NITHYA MENEN: ANJALI MENON KEEPS SHARING ALL HER IDEAS WITH ME

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Actress Nithya Menen, who is currently awaiting the release of her upcoming streaming movie 'Wonder Women', has shared that filmmaker Anjali Menon keeps bouncing off ideas to her. 'Wonder Women' too came Nithya's way because of this practice

between the two, who share a long standing bond since Anjali's first film 'Kerala Cafe'.

Talking to reporter, Nithya said, "Our association goes back a long way. It's been 13 years of 'Kerala Cafe', and our friendship is stronger than ever.

Anjali keeps sharing her ideas with me on a very preliminary level of story crafting process. We discuss over it and add our respective inputs."

"Wonder Women' too happened because of this practice. It was a very generalised idea of pregnant women coming together under one roof. She shared the idea and I was quite invested in it from the start", she added.



Asha Bhat