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Team Absolute | New Delhi

Air India on Wednesday announced that it has signed agreements to complete the acquisition of 100 per cent shareholding in AirAsia India (AAI) and to subsidise it under Air India.

An operational review process is underway with a view to ultimately integrating AAI fully with Air India Express (AIXL). Consolidation of these two airlines, both of which operate as low-cost carriers, will be undertaken as part of the restructuring roadmap that is being envisioned for the Tata Group's airline business and is expected to bring customer, revenue, cost and operational benefits through broader adoption of each airlines' best practices, systems and routes, and the combined entity's greater scale.

Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson said: "We are excited to initiate the creation of a single Air India Group low-cost carrier. This is a key step in the rationalisation and transformation of the Group, and we will be working closely with the management teams and staff throughout the process. We also look forward to the many new opportunities a stronger AI



Group low-cost carrier will bring for customers and staff alike."

A working group has been formed to evaluate and execute the integration of the AI Group's low-cost operations, which will be co-led by Sunil Bhaskaran, CEO & MD, AirAsia India and Alok Singh, CEO, Air India Express. The working group will report to a committee chaired by Wilson. The assessment and implementation of full integration process of AAI and AIXL, through a possible scheme of merger or otherwise and subject to necessary corporate approvals, is expected to take approximately 12 months, with network and other synergies to be realised progressively during that period.

Upon Tata Sons acquisition of full ownership, the Bengaluru-based company was subsidised under Tata Sons' 100 per cent-owned Air India.

Twitter may allow users to paywall their video content: Report

San Francisco | Agencies

Twitter under new CEO Elon Musk is reportedly exploring an option to allow users to put video content behind a paywall, the media reported on Wednesday.

According to a report in The Washington Post, users would be able to enable the "Paywalled Video" feature after adding video content to a tweet.

They can then choose from preset prices, such as \$1, \$2, \$5, or \$10.

Other Twitter users would be able to like or retweet the content regardless of whether they've paid to view it, the report mentioned.

The feature could launch in the next one to two weeks.

It is, however, unclear whether this option was conceived after Tesla CEO Elon Musk took over the platform.

"But the accelerated timeline gives the company's internal review teams just three days to provide feedback on the potential risks," the report mentioned.

The paid video feature would mark a significant shift for the platform known as a place to publicly share short thoughts, memes and links.



NOBODY WILL BE BACK ON PLATFORM WITHOUT DILIGENT PROCESS: MUSK

San Francisco: Elon Musk on Wednesday said Twitter will not allow anyone who was de-platformed for violating its rules "back on platform until we have a clear process for doing so, which will take at least a few more weeks". Amid calls to bring back on Twitter former US President Donald Trump, who was banned for instigating Capital Hill riots in January last year that left five people dead, Musk said that Twitter's content moderation council "will include representatives with widely divergent views, which will certainly include the civil rights community and groups who face hate-fueled violence. Twitter speaks to the inner masochist in all of us. To all complainers, please continue complaining, but it will cost \$8," he posted.

No way state can prohibit inter-faith marriages, says Delhi HC

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday observed that there is no way that the state can prohibit an interfaith couple to marry while dealing with a plea of two inter-faith foreign nationals seeking registration of their marriage under Indian law.

Justice Yashwant Varma was hearing the plea moved by the couple seeking to solemnise and register their marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 as they want to retain their faith.

The woman is a Canadian citizen and Hindu by religion while the man is an American citizen and Christian.

As advocate Rishabh Kapur, representing the couple, submitted that only under the Special Marriage Act that a foreign inter-faith couple can seek solemnisa-



tion and registration of their marriage to retain their faith, expressing his apprehension that other domestic laws prohibit their marriage, Justice Varma orally remarked: "There is no way that the State can prohibit an interfaith couple to marry."

Further directing the responses of the parties, including the state in the matter, the court posted the further hearing for December 15.

ED SUMMONS JHARKHAND CM HEMANT SOREN IN ILLEGAL MINING CASE

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren for questioning in connection with the Prevention of Money Laundering case pertaining to illegal mining and extortion, sources said on Wednesday.

"Hemant Soren has been called to join the investigation for Thursday. He will have to appear at our Ranchi office by 11 a.m. tomorrow," the source said. The ED had recently filed a charge sheet before a Special Ranchi court against Pankaj Mishra, a close aide of Soren, and Bachhu Yadav and Prem Prakash who are also said to be close to the Jharkhand CM. The ED has also written a letter to Jharkhand Police Commissioner to make appropriate security arrangements ahead of his questioning. The court has already taken the cognizance of the charge sheet. The ED said that during the investigation of the case searches were conducted 47 times throughout India on several dates resulting into the seizure of cash amounting to Rs 5.34 crore, freezing of bank balances amounting to Rs 13.32 crore, freezing of an inland vessel MV Infralink-III, registration No.- WB 1809, five stone crushers, two Hyva trucks besides the seizure of incriminating documents along with two AK 47 Assault Rifles.

NK fires 23 Missiles, 1 lands near SKorean coast for 1st time

SEOUL | Agencies

North Korea fired at least 23 missiles into the sea on Wednesday, including one that landed less than 60 km (40 miles) off South Korea's coast, which the South's President Yoon Suk-yeol described as "territorial encroachment."

It was the first time a ballistic missile had landed near the South's waters since the peninsula was divided in 1945, and the most missiles fired by the North in a single day. South Korea issued rare air raid warnings and launched its own missiles in response. The missile landed outside South Korea's territorial waters, but south of the Northern Limit Line (NLL), a disputed inter-Korean maritime border.

South Korean warplanes fired three air-to-ground missiles into the sea north across the NLL in response, the South's military said. An official said the weapons used included an AGM-84H/K SLAM-ER, which is a U.S.-made



"stand-off" precision attack weapon that can fly for up to 270 km (170 miles) with a 360-kg (800-lb) warhead.

The United States condemned the North's missile launches and "its reckless decision to fire a missile below the de facto maritime boundary with the Republic of Korea," a State Department spokesperson said on Wednesday, using the South's official name.

The missile that crossed the NLL was one of three short-range ballistic missiles fired from the North Korean coastal area of Wonsan into the sea, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said. The JCS later said as many as 14 other missiles of various types had been fired from North Korea's east and west coasts.

North and South Korea are technically still at war because their 1950-53 conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty.

MAIDEN FLIGHT-TEST OF PHASE-II BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENCE INTERCEPTOR CONDUCTED

New Delhi: The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) on Wednesday successfully conducted the maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor AD-1 missile, with large kill altitude bracket, from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

The flight-test was carried out with participation of all BMD weapon system elements located at different geographical locations. The AD-1 is a long-range interceptor missile designed for both low exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.

During the flight-test, all the sub-systems performed as per expectations and were validated by the data captured by a number of range sensors including Radar, Telemetry and Electro Optical Tracking stations deployed to capture the flight data, said Ministry of Defence in a statement.

Terming it as a unique type of interceptor with advanced technologies available with a very few nations in the world, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO and other teams associated with successful flight trial of AD-1.

Rusted ropes of Morbi bridge not replaced, only repainted: Public prosecutor

WON'T REPRESENT BRIDGE COLLAPSE ACCUSED, SAYS LAWYERS' BODY

Morbi: Two lawyers' bodies in Gujarat have decided that they will not represent the nine accused arrested over the bridge collapse in Morbi that killed 135 people. The British-era suspension bridge in Morbi, which had been closed since March for renovation, collapsed on Sunday night - just four days after it reopened to the public.

The Morbi Bar Association and Rajkot Bar Association this morning passed a resolution saying they will not represent the nine men who were arrested on Monday. Among them are managers of Oreva - the company that renovated the bridge - ticket collectors, bridge repair contractors and three security guards whose job was to control the crowds.

Gujarat-based Oreva is facing allegations of violating multiple safety rules, leading to the huge tragedy. But none of its top bosses have been arrested.

MORBI (GUJARAT) | Agencies

Public Prosecutor here Harsendu Panchal on Wednesday made some startling revelations in the Morbi bridge collapse case. Citing the FSL's preliminary report, he has said the cables were not changed by the contractor, rusted ropes were only painted and the flooring was changed.

Panchal filed a detailed report of the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in a sealed cover on Tuesday late evening

MORE BODIES IN RIVER: RESCUE OFFICER

Morbi: There are at least two persons missing since the collapse of a suspension bridge over a river in Gujarat's Morbi on October 30, the state fire services chief today said.

"There may be more. There is no exact figure yet," said the officer, NK Bishnoi, "There are many people saying their relatives are missing." The rescuers are now deploying more scuba divers and sonar technology to track any electronic devices inside the river Machchu, he added.



before the First Class Judicial Magistrate here. Giving some details from the FSL finding,

Panchal told the local media on Wednesday, "The FSL report has revealed that the cables were not replaced. The contract was given to the company's manager and not to the Oreva company. He had given the repair and renovation work to unqualified workers. There was no discussion about Oreva company's owner Jaysukh Patel and investigation was going on. The FSL report was submitted in a sealed cover to the court."

"WILL OF GOD": ARRESTED MANAGER TO COURT ON BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Morbi: One of the accused in the Gujarat bridge collapse tragedy in which 135 people were killed told a court that it was "the will of God" that the incident took place.

The comment was by Deepak Parekh, a manager of the Oreva company that was responsible for the maintenance of the 150-year-old bridge. He is one of the nine people arrested after the bridge crashed on Sunday.

"It was bhagwan ki ichha (the will of God) that such an unfortunate event happened," he told Chief Judicial Magistrate MJ Khan.

PILOT DUBS PM PRAISING RAJ CM 'INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT'

Jaipur: A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi bailed Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot during his Mangarh visit, Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Wednesday termed it an "interesting development", saying the former had once heaped praises on Ghulam Nabi Azad and everyone knows what followed.

It should not be taken lightly, he added.

Days after the incident, Azad had quit the Congress to float his own party.

He also demanded action against the three leaders slapped with notices for calling an unofficial meeting of MLAs parallel to an official meeting called by the party high command.

"Our's is a disciplined party where the same set of rules and regulations are applicable to all. Quick decisions should be taken even on notices. Kharge ji has taken over as the new party chief. It's not possible that an incident of violation of rules is left unheeded," he further said.

Party leader K.C. Venugopal had said that soon a decision will be taken on the fate of the three leaders, he said, adding "We all are busy in elections, soon the announcement of Gujarat polls will also be made."





NON-REPORTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CHILDREN SERIOUS CRIME, SAYS SC

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said non-reporting of sexual assault against a minor child, despite having knowledge of it is a serious crime and also an attempt to shield the offenders.

A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and C.T. Ravikumar made the ruling as it set aside a judgment passed by Bombay High Court in April last year quashing an FIR and the charge sheet against a medical practitioner in Maharashtra's Chandrapur.

It was alleged that the medical practitioner did not inform the authority about sexual assault against several minor girls at a hostel despite having knowledge about it. Criminal proceedings were initiated against the doctor for failure to report sexual exploitation of 17 minor girls of tribal origin at a Chandrapur school in 2019. Allowing the appeal by the Maharashtra government against the high court judgment, the apex court said: "Non-reporting of sexual assault against a minor child despite knowledge is a serious crime and more often than not, it is an attempt to shield the offenders of the crime of sexual assault."

Criticising the high court judgment, the bench said: "In the case on hand, the high court arrived at the finding of absence of evidence to implicate the respondent in the crime in question upon going through the



statements of the victims and also the statement of the teacher of the victims, which recourse is absolutely impermissible."

It said in the light of Section 59 of the Evidence Act, the high court was not justified in bringing abrupt termination of the proceedings qua the respondent. The sexual exploitation came to light after girls studying in classes 3 and 5 fell ill and were taken to general hospital.

The bench said the very case of the Maharashtra government is that some among the 17 victims have given statements under Section 161, Cr.P.C. and some others under Section 164 Cr.P.C., specifically stating that the respondent was informed of the sexual assault on them.

Justice Ravikumar, who authored the judgment on behalf of the bench, said prompt and proper reporting of

the commission of offence under the POCSO Act is of utmost importance and they have no hesitation to state that its failure on coming to know about the commission of any offence thereunder would defeat the very purpose and object of the Act.

In the case, the Superintendent of the hostel and four others were arrested and arraigned as accused in the crime. During the investigation, it was found that 17 minor girls were abused by the accused and a medical practitioner appointed for treatment of girls admitted to the girls' hostel and the victim girls were taken to him.

The investigation revealed that the doctor had knowledge about the incidents that occurred, from the victims themselves as the victim girls revealed in their statements, recorded under Section 161 of Cr.P.C..

GIRL RAPED ON THE PRETEXT OF MARRIAGE, PARADED IN BIHAR

Patna: In a shocking incident, a man allegedly raped a teenage girl multiple times on the pretext of marriage before his family members led by his mother paraded the victim in front of the entire village by putting a cotton towel around her neck in Bihar's Samastipur district.

Three persons, including the main accused, were arrested on Wednesday, while the mother is still at large.

The incident took place at a village under Angarghat police station in Samastipur district on October 26. Pushpalata Kumari, the SHO of the women's police station in the area, said: "The accused, Vipin Paswan, had an affair with the girl in the past. He brought her to his house on the pretext of marriage and raped her for three days. When the villagers came to know of it, they objected to Vipin's act."

"However, Vipin, his father Nanki Paswan, brother Sunil Paswan along with his mother raised questions over the girl's character and paraded her in the entire village by putting a cotton towel around her neck," Kumari said.

Central government aims to make Delhi a grand city with all amenities: PM

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The aim of the Central government is to turn Delhi into a grand city complete with all amenities in accordance with its status as the capital of the country, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday.

PM inaugurated 3,024 newly constructed EWS flats at Kalkaji area, built for rehabilitating slum dwellers under the 'In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation Project' and handed over keys to eligible beneficiaries at Bhoomiheer Camp in a programme at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The Prime Minister informed that more than 3,000 homes have already been prepared in the first phase of Kalkaji Extension alone. Very soon, other families living in the area will get the opportunity to enter their new homes. "I am sure that these efforts of the Central government will play a big role in making Delhi an ideal city," he said. "Our government is leaving no stone unturned to fulfil the aspirations of citizens in Delhi. The aim of the Central government is to turn Delhi into a grand city complete with all amenities in accordance with its status as the capital of the



country," the PM said. Referring to his talk of 'aspirational society' from the ramparts of Red Fort, the Prime Minister said that Delhi's poor and middle class are both aspirational and talented. Speaking on the topic of unauthorised colonies in Delhi, the Prime Minister acknowledged the constant worry of the people about the status of their houses. "The Central government has also done the work of reducing this concern of the people of Delhi. Work is going on to regularise the houses built in unauthorised colonies of Delhi through the PM-UDAY scheme. Till now thousands of people have taken

advantage of this scheme", he said. He also mentioned that 700 crore rupees have been spent in providing interest subsidies to poor and middle-class families for constructing their own houses.

The Prime Minister said that there were 50 lakh people in Delhi, who did not even have a bank account. That deprived them of any benefit of the banking system. "They were in Delhi but Delhi was very far from them," he said. This situation was changed by the government and a campaign for financial inclusion via opening accounts. This resulted in direct benefits to the poor people of Delhi, including street vendors.

Water, electricity connections snapped at ex-Assam CM Mahanta's quarters

Guwahati | Agencies

Water and electricity connections were snapped on Wednesday at the assembly quarters of former Assam chief minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta as he was overstaying there despite receiving notice several times to vacate it, officials said.

Currently, Mahanta is not an MLA and he has not been entitled to have quarters there, a government official said.

The General Administration Department of the state government looks after providing accommodation to lawmakers.

A senior official said the Assam secretariat is building new residential complexes for the accommodation of MLAs and notice was sent to all the MLAs to vacate the old Assam-type quarters. "By August 15, all MLAs vacated their houses except former CM Mahanta who is not even an MLA now kept on requesting for a seven-day extension for the last two and half months," he added. Since 1985, when Mahanta became the Chief Minister of Assam for the first time, he has been living in a house at the Assembly house complex which was designed by joining three quarters.



The officer said that the former Chief Minister was allowed to stay there on request. But since they were not vacating the quarters after several notices, the department had to snap the water and electricity connection there.

However, Mahanta's wife Joyasree Goswami Mahanta claimed that they have already moved to a new house.

Mumbai's SNTD varsity, New York varsity sign MoU for academics, students exchange

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Mumbai's Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey (SNTD) Women's University on Wednesday signed an agreement of academic collaboration and exchange of students and faculty with the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), New York.

The initiative was signed by BMCC-City University of New York President Dr Anthony Munroe and SNTD Women's University Vice-Chancellor Prof Ujjwala Chakradeo in the presence of Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

SNTD is India's and South-Asia's first ever all-women university, founded in 1916 by legendary academician, Maharishi Dr. Dhondu Keshav Karve, to give a fillip to higher education for women in the pre-Independence era. "We live in an era of collaboration and cooperation, not confrontation.



This partnership will bring new light in the students' work-life," said Koshyari on the occasion.

He said that the collaborative venture of exchange of students and faculty will produce goodwill and good results for both the academic institutions in Mumbai and New York.

Dr. Munroe said that the BMCC is the largest community college in the

US offering affordable education to students from 140 countries, and has 60 percent women students on its rolls, with the fees charged being around 1/6th of private colleges.

Ranked among the Top 5 Community Colleges in the US, it also has collaborations with renowned financial institutions like Goldman Sachs, Zurich, CitiBank,

Moody's and others, while the students can pursue higher education in the best of Ivy League institutions like New York, Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, UC Berkeley and MIT, he added.

Chakradeo said that MoU was signed at an appropriate time when India is on the verge of implementing the New Education Policy-2020, and the diverse courses offered by the two institutions would open up many avenues of academic collaboration for the students on both sides.

The two institutions have identified areas like internship, joint degrees, entrepreneurship and girls from India can get the best of higher education opportunities in the US through the BMCC, she pointed out.

The signing ceremony also saw a conclave on 'Internationalisation of Higher Education: Opportunities & Challenges' with discussions on a wide range of topics.

Heavy rain lashes TN areas, holiday declared for schools in 7 districts

Chennai | Agencies

With the northeast monsoon in full fury and rain lashing the state, the Tamil Nadu government has declared an Orange alert for seven districts and holiday for schools and colleges, said officials on Wednesday.

The orange alert has been issued for Chennai, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Ranipet, Villupuram and Vellore districts.

While Chennai and Tiruvallur have declared holidays for both schools and colleges, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Ranipet, Villupuram, and Vellore districts have declared holi-



days for schools only. Since the northeast monsoon hit Tamil Nadu on October 29, rain has been lashing many parts of the state with the capital city Chennai and adjacent districts facing heavy to very

heavy fall. Two people have already lost their lives in Chennai -- a 47-year-old woman, Shanathi died after the balcony of her house fell on her, and Devendran, a 52-year-old autorickshaw driver

died due to an electric shock after he got stuck in a waterlogged area. The weathermen have predicted heavy to very heavy rain in Tamil Nadu till November 5 with thunder and lightning.

SIX WOMEN FARM WORKERS ELECTROCUTED IN ANDHRA

Amaravati: Six women agriculture labourers were electrocuted to death in Andhra Pradesh's Anantapur district on Wednesday.

The incident occurred when a high tension wire fell on the agriculture workers who were harvesting in the field in Dargah Honnur village in Bommanahal mandal.

Some other workers were also injured in the accident. On receipt of the information, the police rushed to the scene. The electricity department has disconnected the power supply in the area. It was immediately not known how the incident occurred. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday announced an ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh each to the families of four agriculture labourers who were electrocuted in Anantapur district. The Electricity department disconnected the power supply in the area. It was immediately not known how the incident occurred. Further details were awaited.

India's first voter casts vote at 105 in Himachal



Shimla | Agencies

Shyam Saran Negi, believed to be India's first voter at 105 years of age, cast his vote on Wednesday in the Kinnaur assembly constituency in Himachal Pradesh.

As per official record, Negi had also participated in the 1951-52 general elections, the country's first. "I have never missed an opportunity to cast my vote since India got its Independence in 1947 and I am happy to vote this time too," Negi said in Kalpa,

some 275 km from the state capital, after exercising his franchise. Last year also, he cast his vote for the Mandi parliamentary by-poll. Election officials said on earlier occasions Negi went to the nearest polling station to cast the vote.

MGNREGA funds: Manipur body calls for economic blockade on two National Highways

Imphal | Agencies

Demanding release of adequate funds under the MGNREGA scheme to all the 16 districts of the state, the All Manipur Tribals Development Grievances Forum (AMTDGF) on Wednesday called for an indefinite economic blockade on two vital National Highways, which are life lines of Manipur, from Thursday onwards.

National Highway-2 (Dimapur-Imphal) and National Highway-37 (Jiribam-Imphal) connect

Manipur with the rest of the country by road through Nagaland and Assam.

AMTDGF President Hesho Lorho and General Secretary Gangonglung Khumba said in a joint statement that the state government's "adamant stand" of not releasing sufficient funds to all the districts led to a serious economic crisis among the people living in the interior and tribal dominated areas of Manipur.

The tribal forum urged people, truck and transport associations and civil

society groups to cooperate with AMTDGF to make its agitation successful. It also cautioned the people to remain alert of "vested organisations masquerading as service messengers of tribals and trying to mislead and confuse the people of the state through social media". "The forum had submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on October 10 demanding the release of adequate funds sanctioned under MGNREGA by the Union Rural Development Ministry.

KEJRIWAL INAUGURATES MAHILA MOHALLA CLINICS FOR WOMEN

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday inaugurated four Mahila Mohalla Clinics, developed as special primary healthcare facilities exclusively for women.

The Chief Minister inaugurated the clinics at a ceremony held at the Mahila Mohalla Clinic developed at DIZ Staff Quarters, Kali Mandir.

The first four clinics have been opened at Basti Vikas Kendra J.J. Camp Moti Lal Nehru Camp, Munirka; Sector - 4 DIZ Area; Sapera Basti, Kondli and DJB Sewage Pumping Station Batla House, Okhla.

CM Kejriwal and his Deputy Manish Sisodia took stock of all the facilities provided at the clinic, and



interacted with the doctors and staff present there.

While inaugurating the Mohalla Clinics in the city, Kejriwal said that the need was felt to have some facilities that are exclusively for women. "Therefore, based on the needs of the women in Delhi, such facilities are being opened on a large scale. He informed that soon 100 such facilities will be available for the women of Delhi.

"This Mahila Mohalla Clinic Model is the first of its kind innovation in our country. Only women and children aged under 12 will be treated at Mahila Mohalla Clinics. All employees in Mahila Mohalla Clinics will be females and like normal Mohalla Clinics, all the treatment will be free here," he said.



IMPLEMENTATION OF LADLI LAXMI YOJANA 2.0 STARTED IN THE STATE

Team Absolute | Bhopal

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the daughters of the state will be enabled for development in various fields and social leadership along with support in education. The implementation of Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0 has been started for this purpose. CM was addressing 1477 Ladli Laxmi daughters by transferring an amount of Rs. 1 crore 85 lakh for higher education under the scheme at Ravindra Bhavan, Bhopal on November 2. He said that today is a historic day. I can't imagine the happiness. Today those daughters are starting college, whom I reared in lap. These little daughters were given certificates with their own hands. I am fortunate that today I have got the opportunity to give their daughters assistance for education. Saluting all the daughters, he said that this day will be remembered in the history of Madhya Pradesh. All obstacles have been removed for the development of daughters. Read and move on, daughters, let them fly high up to the high skies. These daughters will also work with them to make the future of the state and the country.

CM said that many steps have been taken to ensure that girls get educational and economic empowerment



in the state. Daughters and sisters have got an opportunity to move forward with the provision of reservation of 50 percent in the recruitment of teachers, 30 percent in the police recruitment and in local bodies including panchayats. Madhya Pradesh government will continue this effort continuously. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan called upon the Lakli Laxmis to live life not only for themselves but also for the country and society. Therein lays the meaning

of life. Ladli Laxmis should work for women awareness and drug de-addiction campaign in villages. Apart from this, daughters have to do big things going forward. CM wished that these daughters would also run the state. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan reminded the statement of Swami Vivekananda in which he had said that there is no such work in the world which cannot be done. You get up, awake and work till the goal is achieved. CM said that the state gov-

ernment is with the daughters, they will be given full encouragement for work in various fields including education. He said that Ladli Laxmi daughters, do not consider yourself weak. Daughters have such ability that they will work to give direction to the society. Daughters will create new history. They will make the future and fortune of Madhya Pradesh and the country golden along with her life. The Chief Minister greeted all Ladli Laxmi daughters and blessed them.

Arrogance of rank is the cause for downfall: Governor Patel

Team Absolute | Bhopal

Governor Mangubhai Patel has said that pride of the rank is the cause of downfall. The post is God's gift, which is available for the solution of the problems of the backward and deprived sections and for extending cooperation to them. He said that as Governor, he is making efforts to solve their problems by visiting remote areas of the state and making an intimate dialogue with the deprived sections. So far he has visited 39 districts of the state.

Governor Patel was addressing the Sapre Museum decoration ceremony today. The ceremony was held at Pt. Jhabramal Sharma Auditorium of Madhavrao Sapre Memorial Newspaper Museum and Research Institute, Bhopal.

Governor Patel said that material happiness is momentary satisfaction. True happiness is the feeling of spiritual bliss. Obtaining material pleasure from immortality can only give momentary pleasure. A sense of self-guilt is created in the conscience permanently. This feeling remains in the mind of a person throughout



life and gives pain from time to time. The Governor said that resources are not a means of progress. Referring to the background of his life, he said that thinking dedicated to the nation and society is the only way to progress. No one has a monopoly on any place and area. Virtuous efforts and righteousness always find the way to move forward. The Governor greeted the decorated personalities. He said that the creation of literature is a miracle of heart, mind and hands. Respect for such accomplished persons is an attempt to build a healthy society. For this the Sapre Museum deserves congratulations. Former Chief Election Commissioner O.P. Rawat said that he has been associated with the institute since its inception. He said that the

efforts to highlight the heritage of the society should be expanded. By honouring the personalities of the society, people get inspiration to contribute to the society from their authentic works and the pride of the society gets a boost. Decorated scholar Dr. Shailendra Kumar Kulshrestha introduced his life-story. The founder of the museum Vijay Dutt Shridhar told that this is a unique place in the world as a museum of newspapers, where there is a huge collection of 5 crore pages, which has been used by more than 12 thousand researchers. He said that in the memory of 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha, these decoration awards have been instituted in memory of the literary contribution of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Harikrishna Dutt.

Imprisonment and fine for electricity theft in Bhopal

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In Bhopal, the court has imposed a fine of about Rs. one lakh 73 thousand 831 rupees. According to the information given officially, the District Court imposed a civil liability of one lakh 73 thousand 831 rupees to Piyush Kumar Gautam, the owner of the Vehicle Service Center in Karond area of the capital, for unauthorized use of electricity for six months. Sentenced to fine including imprisonment.



It has been told that the inspection team led by Madhya Pradesh Vidyut Vitran Company's Superintending Engineer Sanjay Nihalani, on 30 May 2014, bypassed the meter and was caught stealing electricity at the Vehicle Service Center located at Karond intersection, under Section 135 (a) of the Electricity Act 2003. A) Case was registered and the matter was presented before the District Court Special Judge Electricity Act. In the case, Additional Sessions Judge and Special Judge Electricity Act number-two A.K. Taylor convicted the accused and sentenced him. If the

amount of civil liability is not deposited in two months, interest at the rate of six percent per annum has also been given by the special judge. In the context of this decision, the company's Managing Director Ganesh Shankar Mishra has urged the electricity consumers to use electricity only after taking a valid connection. Unauthorized or illegal electricity theft is a punishable offence. It also provides for fine and imprisonment.

NEW BEGINNING OF MP, NAMING OF ROADS AFTER DAUGHTERS

A NEW INITIATIVE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM BHOPAL, THE CAPITAL OF MADHYA PRADESH, TO INCREASE THE RESPECT OF DAUGHTERS. A ROAD HERE HAS BEEN NAMED LADLI LAXMI PATH. SIMILARLY, ROADS WILL BE NAMED AFTER DAUGHTERS IN 52 DISTRICTS OF THE ENTIRE STATE.



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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said in the Hyaladli Laxmi Pathahya inauguration program at Bharat Mata Crossroads in the capital that the tradition of naming roads after big people is old. Today, for the first time in the country, a road is being named in the name of daughters. The road from

Bharat Mata Square to Polytechnic Crossroads in Bhopal, which is now known as 'Ladli Laxmi Path'. Chief Minister Chouhan said that there is no greater honor than the respect of daughters. We have decided that 'Ladli Laxmi Path' will be developed in all 52 districts of the state. Information related to women empowerment, schemes run for the welfare and advancement of

girls and women will be displayed on both sides of these paths. This will make mothers, sisters, daughters and society aware. Chief Minister Chouhan said that implementation of Ladli Laxmi Yojana has been the most important work of my life. Daughters should be able, happy and achieve achievements in their life, this is my wish. Chief Minister Chouhan greeted the Ladli Laxmis involved in the pro-

gram by showering them with flowers and blessed them. Ladli Laxmis also took selfies with Chief Minister Chouhan. Ladli Laxmi Avni Srivastava, who came from Shahdol, told that the amount received from the scheme has helped her in getting higher education. Avni is currently pursuing BCA course. Avni thanked Chief Minister Chouhan for taking care of the nutrition, education and career of Ladli Laxmis.

Will take strict steps for prevention of drugs: Home Minister Dr Mishra

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Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra has directed to take strict action to make the state drug free. In a high level meeting held in Mantralaya, Dr. Mishra also directed to take action to hand over the responsibility of investigation on the involvement of criminals of other states to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). He said that better coordination should be established between Police, NCB, CBN and other central institutions. 'One Nation-One Uniform' was approved for the police in the meeting. Director General of Police Sudhir Kumar Saxena, Additional Chief Secretary Home Dr. Rajesh Rajoura and officers of the level of Additional Director General of Police were present.



Minister Dr. Mishra instructed to intensify the action being taken by the police against illegal drug trade to check drug addiction. He said that work will have to be done on the lines of 'Bin Bhay Hoye Na Preet'. There is a need for fear to be instilled in criminals involved in drug trafficking. Instructions were given

to hand over the case to the NCB after taking necessary action for investigation and action against the criminals of Manipur and Guwahati caught in drug trafficking. Minister Dr. Mishra also stressed on running public awareness programmes through social media for the prevention of drug abuse. Along with this, instructions were given to make a short film and broadcast it on social media. Home Minister Dr. Mishra directed to hold meetings of Narco Co-ordination Center (N-CORD) at district level soon. Instructions were also given to call the District Excise Officer in these meetings under the chairmanship of the Collector. Dr. Mishra said that maximum use of digital technical means like diagnosis portal should be made in crime investigation.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RURAL PLANNING ON NOVEMBER 3 AND 4

Bhopal] A two-day National Conference on Swamitva and Rural Planning will be organised on November 3 and 4 at Kushabhau Thakre International Convention Centre, Bhopal. Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Mahendra Singh Sisodia will inaugurate it on November 3 at 10 am. More than 150 delegates from different states of the country will participate in the conference.

The conference will be held in two sessions, in which there will be lectures on the subject of Swamitva scheme and rural planning, recommendations of expert committee, group discussion, question and answer session, open discussion etc. Concluding session will be held on November 4 from 3.30 pm to 4 pm.

MP to implement PESA Act on Birsa Munda's birth anniv: Shivraj

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With less than a year left for the assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, the BJP-led state government is set to take yet another step to woo the tribal voters.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday said that his government will implement Panchayat (extension to scheduled areas) Act (PESA) on the occasion of birth anniversary of Birsa Munda on November 15.

While addressing the Gaurav Gatha programme of Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan, Chouhan said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda on

November 15 as Tribal Pride Day. "On this occasion in Madhya Pradesh, the PESA Act is going to be implemented for the welfare of tribal brothers and sisters. Many development activities and welfare schemes are being run for the tribal brothers and sisters so that they may live with self-respect," Chouhan added.

Meanwhile, Chouhan also said that the memorials of tribal heroes like Bhima Nayak, Tantiya Mama, Raghunath Shah-Shankar Shah have been built in Madhya Pradesh.

According to political analysts, as the Assembly elections are scheduled at the end of 2023, both the Congress and the BJP are eyeing to win the support of tribals that account for 21.1 per cent of the state's 7.26 crore population.

Woman raped by man she tied Rakhi

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A 38-year-old woman was allegedly threatened and raped by an acquaintance in Ratibad locality around one-and-a-half-years ago. When the survivor protested, the accused promised to marry her but later went back on his word, she told police.



Acting on her complaint, Ratibad police registered a case of rape.

Investigating officer SI Saloni Singh said that the survivor lost her first husband to an illness, and married again. Seven months after her second marriage she separated from husband over some issues.

She said that she came in contact with a neighbor at her workplace. He befriended

her and celebrated 'Raksha Bandhan' with her as her 'rakhi brother', she says. The SI said that in August 2021, when the survivor was alone at her home, the neighbor went to meet her and molested her. When she protested, he threatened her

and then began repeatedly raping her, promising marriage, says her complaint. A few days ago, when she pressurized him to marry her, he refused and blocked all contact. She woman approached cops.

5 killed, 3 injured after Bolero and dumper collide in Morena

On Wednesday, police officials said that as many as five people were killed and three sustained injuries after a Bolero and a dumper collided on NH 44 near Ghuraiya Hotel under Noorabad police station limits, in Madhya Pradesh's Morena.

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All the people who died and the injured are residents of Tikotli village. The villagers were returning from Gwalior to Morena. They had gone to visit a patient admitted in Gwalior. Morena CSP Atul Singh said that the accident occurred around 1 am. The people were returning from Gwalior. Two deceased are in a mortuary room in Morena, two deceased are in Noorabad and one more died in Gwalior. The injured are undergoing treatment and police have registered a case into the matter and further investigation was on, he added.





EDITOR'S SPECS

Russia and India opens a new era for Silk Road

According to the Observatory of Economic Complexity, a global trade statistics platform, India increased monthly imports from Russia by 430 per cent compared to the five-year average. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of India reported that trade turnover between Russia and India exceeded \$18.2 billion in the first five months of the fiscal year. The surge in trade between the two countries made Russia the country's seventh largest trade partner, rising from 25th place with a total trade turnover of \$13.1 billion in 2021. Of the total bilateral trade from April to August, India's imports from Russia totalled \$17.2 billion, while Indian exports to Russia totalled \$992.73 million. The start of transportation along the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the partnership relations established between the countries in recent years have largely contributed to bilateral trade growth. Increased energy exports from Russia have already allowed India to pursue its energy relief plan, while trade growth has enabled the country to increase its GDP and become a leader among the world's economies. The development of international economic and transport corridors, such as the INSTC, is crucial to these efforts. INSTC could potentially strengthen India's geostrategic position in the region manifold, increasing its chances to counteract China's expansionism, while cooperation with Iran and Central Asian countries would allow Indian cargoes to bypass Pakistan. The growing role of the INSTC in trade between the two countries is driven not only by the sanctions against Russia, but also by the change in economic hubs. According to the expert, India is currently the leader in economic growth and has the potential to become the world's largest economy, as it regularly outpaces even China's development. Once the INSTC is fully operational, India will be in a position to fully meet its demand for energy, metals, and military equipment, cutting delivery time and cost.

Sunak versus Obama: Different Strokes

Yashwant Raj

Barack Obama became a historical figure when he took office in January 2009 as the first African-American President of the United States. Rishi Sunak put his own stamp on history last week when he became the first coloured Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Add a few more firsts here in the same vein: The first person of Indian origin to hold the same post, and the first South Asian descent person to do the same. Both Obama and Sunak's elevation to the their respective country's top positions created waves across the world. Sunak's elevation was especially sweet for the former colonies of the British empire, whose response was aptly captured in a headline that was commonly used there: 'The Empire Strikes Back'. The two leaders also share their relative youth for the age -- Sunk is 42 and Obama was 47 when he was elected as US President, and both have two daughters. But there are crucial differences



between the two. In fact, too many to list out here. Most critically -- and one that escaped notice among Sunak's fans in the Indian diaspora around the world, and the Hindu Diaspora -- while Obama kept his ethnic background as an African-American up front even as he tried to be a unifying figure, Sunak cut himself a starkly different path. There was no mention of his Indian-descent or Hindu faith in Sunak's first speech from 10 Downing Street upon being invited to form the next government to replace Liz Truss'. He spoke of economy as being the main challenge, integrity - in a nod to Boris Johnson's scandal-ridden premiership - and professionalism, which was sorely lacking from Truss' 44 days in office. But there was no mention, once again, of his Indian-descent or Hindu faith, neither of which he has been shy to acknowledge in the past. Sunak's father and mother were born in Kenya and Tanzania to parents from Punjab (Pakistanis have claimed some ownership as Sunak's paternal grandfather was born in

Gujranwala, which is in Pakistan now) and Delhi, respectively. Sunak himself was born in England. He also wears, as has been noted by the Hindu diaspora, a thick band of 'mooli' (the red Hindu ritualistic thread) around his wrist. But he did not wear it specially for his inaugural speech, as has been wrongly portrayed in some reports. In his victory speech on November 5, 2008, Obama had harped on the transformational nature of his election. "This election had many firsts and many stories that will be told for generations. But one that's on my mind tonight is about a woman who cast her ballot in Atlanta. She's a lot like the millions of others who stood in line to make their voice heard in this election, except for one thing: Ann Nixon Cooper is 106 years old," he had said and gone on to devote several paragraphs to an African-American who was born into a slave family who could not vote in the pre-civil rights days because of the color of her skin. "And tonight, I think about all that she's seen throughout her century in America - the heartache and the hope; the struggle and the progress; the times we were told that we can't, and the people who pressed on with that American creed: Yes, we can." The last three words of his campaign slogan have become iconic since. In his inaugural speech on January 21, 2009, Obama focused largely on the economy - the US was going through a recession at the time - and the challenges were similar but more dire than to those in Sunak's United Kingdom now, but the first African-American President made sure to remind the listeners of his background. "And so, to all the other people and governments who are watching today, from the grandest capitals to the small village where my father was born (Barack Obama Sr was from Kenya), know that America is a friend of each nation, and every man, woman and child who seek a future of peace and dignity. And we are ready to lead once more." Sunak, by contrast, has presented himself as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from the start, who intends to extricate the economy from its present crisis and lead a government that governs with integrity, unlike Johnson, and with professionalism, unlike Truss.



Canada to welcome record 500,000 new immigrants in 2025

In order to address acute labour shortage, Canada plans to welcome a record 500,000 new permanent residents in 2025, the government said while announcing the Immigration Levels Plan for 2023-2025 on Tuesday. The North American nation increased its 2023 immigration target to 465,000 and its 2024 target to

485,000, up 4 per cent and 7.5 per cent, respectively. Canada's immigration goals include growing the economy, reuniting families, and offering asylum to refugees fleeing hardship abroad, CIC News reported. In 2021, Canada broke its all-time immigration record by welcoming over 405,000 immigrants.

The majority of new permanent residents immigrate through economic class programs such as those within the Express Entry system or through Provincial Nomination Programs (PNPs). According to the new plan, there will be 82,880 Express Entry landings in 2023, 109,020 in 2024 and 114,000 in 2025. The PNP will remain Canada's leading admissions program for economic class immigrants with 105,500 PNP landings in 2023, 110,000 in 2024 and 117,500 in 2025. According to CIC News, Canada will continue to look to welcome some 80,000 new immigrants per

year under the Spouses, Partners and Children program. Targets for the Parents and Grandparents Program will rise to 28,500 in 2023, followed by 34,000 in 2024, and 36,000 in 2025. The most recent job vacancy data showed there were 958,500 open roles in Canada in August and 1 million unemployed people. The economy lost almost \$13 billion over the past year due to a nationwide labour and skill shortage in the manufacturing sector, the Canadian

Manufacturers and Exporters' labour survey of 563 manufacturers in 17 industries across the country found. Labour shortages are further impacted by Canada's low birth rate of 1.4 children per woman, one of the lowest globally, according to media reports. According to a CIC News report, nine million people, or nearly a quarter of Canada's population, will reach retirement age by 2030, which will create an urgent shortage of workers throughout all sectors of the economy.

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SUNAK MAKES U-TURN, SAYS WILL ATTEND COP27 CLIMATE SUMMIT

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak confirmed he will attend the Cop27 environmental conference in Egypt next week, the media reported. The UK PM had initially indicated he would not travel to North Africa despite the UK hosting the previous event in Glasgow last year, Daily Mail reported. The change came after Sunak's predecessor Boris Johnson confirmed he would attend, having made the environment a key plank of his premiership. Writing on Twitter, Sunak said: "There is no long-term prosperity without action on climate change. There is no energy security without investing in renewables. That is why I will attend Cop27 next week: to deliver



on Glasgow's legacy of building a secure and sustainable future." He had previously said he had to focus on Britain's 'depressing domestic challenges' but faced

growing pressure to join other world leaders at the conference next week. Labour's climate change secretary Ed Miliband said: "The Prime Minister has

been shamed into going to Cop27 by the torrent of disbelief that he would fail to turn up." He is going to avoid embarrassment, not to provide leadership. Labour had called Sunak's decision to skip Cop27 a 'massive failure of leadership'. Britain hosted Cop26 last year and holds its presidency until the start of the next summit, Daily Mail reported. The Prime Minister's own climate adviser Alok Sharma had said he was 'disappointed' that Sunak was not planning to attend. But today he praised the Prime Minister's U-turn. The outgoing Cop26 president tweeted: "Delighted that @RishiSunak is attending Cop27 -- completely agree with his comment that 'there is no long-term prosperity without action on climate change'."

LANDMINE EXPLOSIONS KILL FOUR IN YEMEN

Sanaa: Two separate landmine explosions killed four civilians in Yemen, a security official said. "Three people, including two children, were killed in Hodeidah's southern district of Durayhimi by an explosion caused by a landmine that the Houthis had earlier planted," the official told Xinhua news agency on Tuesday. "The victims were riding their motorcycle and heading to their residential area in Hodeidah when they were hit by the explosion," he said. In the northeastern oil-rich province of Marib, another landmine explosion killed one person and injured two others. Last month, the Yemen Landmine Observatory Centre, an independent organization tasked with documenting and monitoring casualties of landmines, said that 81 people were killed and 192 others wounded in blasts caused by mines and explosive devices during the UN-brokered truce that began in April and expired in early October without being extended. According to pro-government demining experts in Yemen, more than 1 million landmines have been laid since the outbreak of the civil war in late 2014.

Hong Kong issues 3rd highest warning as tropical cyclone Nalgae nears

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The Hong Kong Observatory on Wednesday issued the third highest warning signal as tropical cyclone Nalgae is expected to move closest to the region in the evening, skirting within 150 km to the south. Due to the tropical cyclone, many public services and activities in Hong Kong have been suspended, with all schools in Hong Kong closed, reports Xinhua news agency. The Social Welfare Department announced that all its affiliated welfare service units, child care centres, and elderly service centres have suspended their operation. All hearings of the courts and tribunals on Wednesday has been adjourned. Community vaccination centres, stations, and the home inoculation

service under the Covid-19 Vaccination Program have also suspended their services. Trading in the securities market, including Stock Connect trading, and derivatives markets was suspended at 1.55 p.m., and there will be no after-hours trading session on Wednesday, according to Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. The Home Affairs Department will open temporary shelters for people in need.

S.Korea closes some air routes after N.Korean missile launches

Seoul | Agencies



South Korea on Wednesday closed some of its air routes in the East Sea after one of multiple missiles fired by North Korea landed near the South's Ulleung Island. Earlier in the day, the North fired various types of about 10 missiles, including three short-range ballistic missiles (SRBMs), off its west and east coasts, reports Yonhap News Agency. One of the SRBMs fell into high seas 26 km south of the Northern Limit Line (NLL) in the East Sea, marking the first missile launched by the North that flew past the de facto maritime inter-Korean border since the end of the

1950-53 Korean War. The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport said some air routes in the East Sea would be closed from 10.58 a.m. on Wednesday to 11.05 a.m. on Thursday. The Ministry has advised local airlines to take a detour to ensure passenger safety in the routes to the US and Japan. Currently, airlines offer 33 flights via the East Sea -- 32 bound for the US and one for Japan.

OLD SIKH TEMPLE IN KENT TO BE TURNED INTO FLATS

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A derelict building, which once served as a place of worship for the Sikh community in Kent and was saved from demolition in 2020, will be turned into residential apartments. The Gurdwara in Clarence Place, Gravesend, was used as a place of worship in the early 1960s until 2008, when the community moved to new premises in Saddington Street. The old building, vacant since 2010, was saved from demolition in 2020 when councillors voted against plans to flatten it and build 19 flats. The new application submitted to Gravesend council in July outlined adjusted plans to instead convert the temple into flats as opposed to demolishing it. "We are pleased to announce that GBC (Green Building Council) has

approved the Gurdwara's application for conversion of the existing building. This has been a long process, with applications and appeals being submitted over the last 10 years," a spokesman from the

Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara management team told Kent Online. The Gurdwara will be converted into 14 residential apartments, a library, cycle and bin storage facilities.

The building was originally built as the Milton Congregational Church and lecture hall in 1873 before becoming a place of worship for Sikhs in 1968. It was also a target of vandalism in 2016 when a group of youngsters were seen throwing objects, breaking glass and causing damage to the shrine. According to the 2011 census, there were 420,196 Sikhs in the UK with some of the largest communities in London, Gravesend, Birmingham, Bedford, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Bradford, Leeds, Derby and Nottingham. More than 15,000 Sikhs are believed to be living in Gravesend and the surrounding suburbs, making up more than 15% of the total population of Gravesend, which now includes Gravesend. The arrival of Sikhs in Kent can be traced back to the 1950s when a

shortage of cheap labour fuelled demand for workers from abroad. A number of Sikhs from Punjab came to post-war Britain and took up work in the riverside town's paper mill industry and later major construction projects such as the Dartford Tunnel, Kent Online reported. Most Sikh lodgings were in Pier Road, which was affectionately dubbed 'Sikh Street', according to a 2002 Channel 4 documentary on the first Sikhs to arrive in Kent. Up to the late 1960s, Sikhs gathered in a house in Edwin Street for religious services, and then moved to the Gurdwara in Clarence Place. The new Sikh temple in Saddington Street claims to be one of the biggest Gurdwaras in Europe. It was opened in November 2010 and constructed at a cost of 18 million pounds, which was funded entirely by the local community.



Money laundering case

MUMBAI COURT TO PRONOUNCE ORDER ON SANJAY RAUT'S BAIL PLEA ON NOV 9

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A special court in Mumbai on Wednesday reserved its order on the bail plea filed by Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut, arrested in money laundering case, and said it would pronounce the order on November 9. Raut was produced before the court which extended his judicial custody till November 9. Special Judge M G Deshpande, designated to hear cases pertaining to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), said it would also pass an order on November 9 on the bail plea filed by Pravin Raut, a co-accused in the case. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had arrested Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut in July this year for his alleged role in financial irregularities in connection with the redevelopment of the Patra Chawl (row tenement) in suburban



Goregaon area. Raut is presently in judicial custody and lodged at the Arthur Road Jail in central Mumbai. He had last month sought bail in the case, which the ED opposed. The ED probe pertains to alleged financial irregularities in the redevelopment of the Patra Chawl and related financial transactions involving his wife and

associates. Siddharth Nagar, popularly known as the Patra Chawl, in Goregaon is spread over 47 acres and houses 672 tenant families. In 2008, the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA), a government agency, assigned a redevelopment contract for the Chawl to Guru Ashish Construction Private Limited (GACPL), a sister company of the Housing Development and Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL). The GACPL was supposed to build 672 flats for the tenants and also give some flats to MHADA. It was free to sell the remaining land to private developers. But the tenants did not get a single flat in the last 14 years as the company did not redevelop the Patra Chawl and sold land parcels and Floor Space Index (FSI) to other builders for Rs 1,034 crore, as per the ED.

Government plans to set up new prison in Mumbai

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The Maharashtra government is planning to set up a new prison and seven new police stations in Mumbai, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has said. A discussion on the requirement of new jails in state capital Mumbai, Nagpur and Pune was held with officials of the police department on Tuesday, Fadnavis tweeted after the meeting. At present, there is only one Arthur Road Jail in Mumbai. "Best quality work in stipulated time is expected," Fadnavis, who also holds charge of the state home department, told the police brass. He assured that there will be no shortage of funds from the government for police housing. Fadnavis said there was also a discussion on expediting the redevelopment project of police hous-



ing in Worli area of Mumbai. Fifteen projects of new police stations and police housing are almost ready and 10 more will be ready in six months, he said. "Work for 457 police housing projects across Maharashtra with 53,860 houses for police personnel in progress. 87 new police stations in Maharashtra, 7 in Mumbai are planned," Fadnavis tweeted. He directed the officials to prioritise the works, initially take up the urgently needed projects, finish them speedily and then go ahead phase-wise. "Wherever feasible, police housing should be built near police station itself. Optimum utilisation of space be kept in mind while preparing the plan," the deputy CM said.

RPF jawan saves toddler, woman, from falling under local train

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Displaying alertness and bravery, a Railway Protection Force jawan saved a woman and her toddler from being run over by a local train in Mumbai, Central Railway officials said on Wednesday. The incident occurred around 12.04 p.m. on Tuesday when the woman, with her one-year-old child in her arms, was attempting to board a heavily-crowded local train at Mankhurd which was bound for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. Owing to the overcrowding, the woman lost her balance, slipped and tumbled in the gap between the moving train and the platform, said CR chief spokesperson Shivaji Sutar, sharing a video of the incident.



Noticing this, alert RPF constable Akshay Soye nearby jumped to grab the woman's baby and some other commuters rushed to pull out the shocked woman onto the platform. Both the mother and child were in a state of shock but safe and sound, said Sutar, lauding the efforts of constable Soye to save them from potential injury or death. This year, the CR's vigilant teams of RPF jawans have helped save around 62 persons in different parts of Maharashtra, many a times risking their own lives, with many CCTV or commuter videos on such incidents going viral on social media or traditional media. Of these, the maximum - 24 persons - lives were saved in the congested Mumbai Division alone, 14 in Nagpur Division, 12 in Pune Division, 8 in Bhusaval Division and 4 in Solapur Division, said the officials.

PUSHED BY COPS, DR NITIN RAUT HURT IN BHARAT JODO YATRA

A senior Congress leader from Maharashtra Dr. Nitin Raut sustained a hairline fracture on his forehead and is hospitalised after he was allegedly pushed by an officer of the Telangana Police during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, party leaders and aides said here on Wednesday morning.

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According to his aide Pankaj Borkar, Dr. Raut has sustained a hairline fracture on his forehead above the right eye and medics would advise how long he will remain in hospital. The incident occurred around 7 p.m. on Tuesday when Dr. Raut was marching along with Congress MP Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Hyderabad, Telangana, according to Borkar. As massive crowds thronged there, a local Assistant Commissioner of Police officer there pushed Dr. Raut hard and he fell to the ground, suffering injuries on his head, above the right eyes and bruises on his hands and legs, said the aide. Dr. Raut was admitted to the Vasav Hospital in Hyderabad and his condition was described as stable by the Congress leaders here. A family member said Dr. Raut suffered "a small



injury on his forehead and a little swelling in his eye due to a very minor blood clot" and doctors have assured he will be fine. Later, Rahul Gandhi called up Dr. Raut to enquire after his health and wished him speedy recovery, as the Bharat Jodo Yatra continued ahead, towards Maharashtra. Several top leaders like Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC office-bearers like K.C. Venugopal, K. Raju, Rajesh Lilothia, Imran Pratapgarhi, Kanhaiya Kumar, Telangana Leader of Opposition Hatti Vikramark and others either called up or visited Dr. Raut at the hospital. He, along with his supporters, had gone to take part in the Bharat Jodo Yatra Telangana leg before it enters Maharashtra on November 7 in Nanded, where massive preparations were in place to welcome Rahul Gandhi and the other marchers.

INSTAGRAM DEVELOPER SITS IN COP'S CHAIR, HELD

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Consumed by his craze to show off on Instagram, a developer from Thakurli sat in the chair of a cop during a visit to a police station at Dombivli, and asked an aide to shoot a video of his "bravado". After a Twitter user shared the clip on the microblogging platform, the police promptly arrested the 51-year-old builder, Surendra Patil. On October 25, Patil reached the Manpada police station in connection with a fraud case. Sources said five people had duped Patil of Rs 56 lakh assuring him that they would make Rs 5 crore rain from the sky. While the Manpada cops arrested the scammers and recovered Rs 19.96, a court had asked Patil to collect the money from the police station. "The accused [Patil] was sitting in Assistant Police Inspector Shrikrishna Gore's cabin. When



Gore went to bring the recovered money, Patil sat in his chair and asked one of his associates to shoot a video of him. Later, the video was posted on Instagram," said an officer from Manpada police station. A Twitter user, Mohsin Sheikh, shared on the platform the video of Patil sitting in the policeman's chair along with clips in which Patil, flanked by a group of men, flashes a gun. The police said they found that

the gun videos were shot at Padgha and Anjur phata, both in Bhiwandi, where he had gone with friends to party. The Twitter user also tagged the Thane city police, prompting swift action by the Manpada cops. Sources in the police department said Patil owns a licensed gun. "We took a suo moto case and immediately booked Patil under IPC, the Arms Act and Criminal Law Amendment Act," said Shekhar Bagde, senior inspector of Manpada police station. "During the search of Patil's Mercedes car, we also recovered a kukri [a type of machete] which was illegally possessed. A separate case has been filed in the matter," he said. Patil faces 7 cases, including misbehaving with women, cheating and electricity theft, in Manpada, Kolshewadi and Mahatma Phule Chowk police stations. His Instagram account is filled with his videos flashing weapons and wads of notes.

Fire breaks out in Dadar school kitchen; 3 injured

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A fire broke out in the kitchen of a ground-plus-two-floor school building in Dadar area of Mumbai on Wednesday morning. Three persons were injured. The level 1 blaze erupted at 5.19 am at General Education Institute, Chhabildas CBSE school, Akashikar Path, and was confined to the electric wiring, installations, main valve of the LPG gas cylinder, eatables and clothes in the kitchen of a program hall on the second floor of the school building. "Three persons were reported injured and taken to the Sion Hospital by the public in a private vehicle before the arrival of the fire brigade," the official said. Two fire engines, a jumbo tanker and an ambulance were rushed to the spot, the official said, adding that the cause of the blaze was yet to be ascertained.



TWO MINOR BOYS SODOMISE FRIEND; COPS FILE CASE

Mumbai Police have registered a case against two boys for allegedly sodomising their friend, also a minor, an official said. The victim and the accused are residents of suburban khar and knew each other well, he said. The incident occurred recently wherein the boys performed unnatural sex with the victim while another minor boy shot the incident on his mobile phone and circulated the clip. A case was registered on Monday after the victim's father noticed the clip of his son on the mobile phone and questioned him, the official said. A case was registered under section 377 (unnatural offences) of the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act (POCSO).

Police register FIR against four Muslim clerics for hurting religious sentiments

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Mumbai Police have registered an FIR against four Muslim clerics for allegedly hurting the sentiments of the Shia community. An official said that based on a complaint by a Mumbai-based man, the JJ Marg police on Tuesday registered the case against the four accused hailing from Lucknow, Hyderabad, Chennai and Kashmir. "We have registered the FIR after receiving multiple applications. We have asked the complainant to submit the audio/video evidence. No arrest has been made so far. We are conducting a probe into the case," an official from the JJ Marg police station said. The complainant claimed that one of the accused had in September supported a Pakistan-based cleric as well as hurt the Shia community sentiments, the official said. The complainant also



charged the other three accused with hurting the religious sentiments and speaking against the nation, he said. The FIR has been registered against the accused under Indian Penal Code Sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc), 153-B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration) and 295 (injuring or defiling place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class).

By end of November, SGNP to echo with roar of new lions

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Fans of the captive lion safari at Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP)-and wildlife enthusiasts in general-are in for a treat. By the end of the month, the park will receive a pair of captive lions that are capable of breeding from Gujarat in exchange for two captive royal Bengal tigers. On Monday, Clement Ben, additional principal chief conservator of forest, wildlife (west) and SGNP Field Director G Mallikarjun meet Central Zoo Authority (CZA) authorities following which the move was green-lit. Clement said, "The CZA has given the final nod to bring a breeding pair of captive lions from Gujarat to SGNP in exchange for two captive tigers. The SGNP team along with a veterinarian will be shortly visiting Sakkarbaug Zoological Park at Junagadh to identify the lions between the age group of four and six years, and we expect to get the animals by the end of this month." The 12-hectare captive tiger and lion safari at the SGNP has been a major tourist attraction since the safari was inaugurated in the 1990s.



The death of the big cats of old age and illnesses has been a cause for concern for SGNP authorities and they had been trying for almost four years to bring a pair of lions that can produce offspring from Gujarat. In September, Maharashtra Forest Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar met with his Gujarat counterpart Jagdish Vishwakarma in Ahmedabad and discussed the exchange of two Asiatic lions from Sakkarbaug Zoological Park in Junagadh for a pair of captive tigers from the SGNP. They decided to seek joint approval from the CZA for the same. In September 2020, the SGNP approached the Telangana Forest Department for a pair of lions from Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad. However, the latter wanted lions in exchange for lions. A few days ago, a 17-year-old male lion Ravindra died of old age at SGNP. The park is now left with just one captive lion, 12-year-old Jespa. The main aim behind obtaining the big cat is to increase its numbers through captive breeding.



Katherine Jenkins steals the show at the Tusk Conservation Awards

Los Angeles | Agencies

Singer Katherine Jenkins looked incredible as she graced the red carpet at the 10th annual Tusk Conservation Awards in London. The mezzo-soprano, stunned in a powder blue tulle ball gown as she stepped out at the event with her artist, director husband Andrew Levitas. Katherine joined the likes of journalist Kate Silverton, 52, and Prince William at the event, of which he is patron, which was held at Hampton Court Palace.

After helping to launch the ceremony in 2013, the father-of-three has continued to work with Tusk as it celebrates the work of conservation leaders and wildlife rangers in Africa. This year, awards alumni from across Africa will come together to attend the event in London, including Benson Kanyembo, a Law Enforcement Advisor at Conservation South Luangwa in Zambia. Katherine's frock meanwhile, featured a plunging neckline and an ornate design on the shoulder. It came in at the waist, before billowing out into a flowing skirt. Katherine wore her blonde locks in a neat centre part and neatly straightened down her back, and makeup including a winged eye and a glossy pink lip. Katherine has a connection with the Royal Family, having been selected to record the first version of the new national anthem, God Save the King. The Welsh opera singer, told Good Morning Britain hosts Susanna Reid and Ben Shepherd she had actually been recording something for the Queen after receiving the news Her Majesty had died at the age of 96 when she received the call.



Harry Styles becomes richest UK celebrity

London | Agencies

Singer Harry Styles has topped the list of the richest UK celebrities aged 30 and under for the first time, according to the Heat Rich List. Making his debut on the magazine's annual list back in 2016, the 28-year-old singer has now broken through the 100 million pounds barrier amassing a 116 million pound fortune to replace 31-year-old Ed Sheeran in the top spot, says reports.

Style's fortune increased following the success of his third solo studio album 'Harry's House', which spent six weeks at the top of the UK charts, as well as lead single 'As It Was' which topped the US Billboard chart for 15 weeks. The former One Direction star's acting career continues to go from strength-to-strength with lead roles in 2022 in 'Don't Worry Darling' and 'My Policeman' whilst he has lucrative endorsement deals with Gucci and skincare and nail varnish ranges. Fellow pop star Dua Lipa has also enjoyed a strong rise in this year's Heat rankings jumping from eighth in 2022 to the number two position with 69.1 million pounds banked. This is thanks to her hit second album 'Future Nostalgia', a sold-out world tour and endorsement deals with companies including Versace, Evian, and Puma.

Notable new entries this year include 21st placed singer/songwriter Sam Fender who has amassed 10 million pounds after the success of second album 'Seventeen Going Under' and a mammoth sold-out tour. A trio of former 'Love Island' contestants also make their debuts with couple Molly-Mae Hague and Tommy Fury placing at 26th with a collective 6.5 million pounds while 2019 winner Amber Gill rounds out the top 30 with new 'Love Island' presenter Maya Jama coming in at 29th with 5.3 million pound. Now in its twelfth year, the Heat Rich List delves into the bank accounts of Britain's youngest, richest stars to find out exactly where they make their money.

The Movie is blend of colors & cultures of Mesoamerican culture with African culture: Letitia Wright

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Letitia Wright shares her thoughts on

thwart it, the Wakandans band together with the help of War Dog Nakia and Everett Ross and forge a new path for the kingdom of Wakanda.

Letitia said: "The introduction to Namor is really interesting. In this intimate moment where we think we're having some sort of breakthrough between Shuri and Ramonda, out comes Namor. It's freaky. He's popping out of the water and coming at us. We see Ramonda and Shuri transform from a mother and daughter having a conversation into protective warrior mode. "We learn about Namor and his kingdom early on-

that he is the king of an underwater civilisation. Namor and the Talokanil people are inspired by Mesoamerican history. I think that's beautiful because we have a huge platform for this history to be celebrated, to be acknowledged by the world. This film allowed me to open up a textbook, do my research and discover how beautiful and wonderful this history is. This is shining a light on the culture of a people that may have been hidden. "In the first film, 'Black Panther', Wakanda is definitely expressing the different colours and cultures within the African continent, right? Now we're doing this with Mesoamerican culture and combining it together. So, I'm feeling it. I think it's so dope."



Los Angeles | Agencies

The Witcher fans have launched a petition demanding Henry Cavill return to the series - after he was replaced by Liam Hemsworth in the role. In a new Instagram post, the Australian heartthrob, 32, revealed he was 'over the moon about the opportunity to' play the TV show's monster-hunter protagonist.

But some viewers of the show aren't happy with the new choice and a Change.org petition has since been launched, which has already gathered over 12,000 signatures. It claimed: 'Henry isn't leaving The Witcher because of Superman, Netflix executives have once again made a grave decision against delivering for their fans. "The reason why The Witcher is such a popular show is the fans' love of the source material of books and games, that are hated by and have actively been mocked by the writers and showrunner. Henry Cavill is one of those big fans, he knows all of it inside out and wanted to stay true to Sapkowski's world, which is why Netflix wants to replace him.'

The petition also asked fans to boycott the upcoming season. The petition concluded: 'We already had to suffer through the disaster that was the end of Game of Thrones - NETFLIX don't repeat the exact same mistake of holding onto writers and showrunners that believe themselves to be superior to the actual creator of the stories that made them successful.'

Henry is stepping down after three years of playing the monster-hunting Geralt of Rivia character, with Liam Hemsworth stepping in to replace him. The announcement comes before the third season has even

The Witcher fans launch petition demanding Henry Cavill return to the series

aired, which will see Henry's final scenes before handing over to Liam for the season after.

And it appears the two actors are looking out for one another too, as Henry shared a congratulatory message to Liam via Instagram while announcing his own departure. He wrote: 'My journey as Geralt of Rivia has been filled with both monsters and adventures, and alas, I will be laying down my medallion and my swords for Season 4.'

'In my stead, the fantastic Mr. Liam Hemsworth will be taking up the mantle of the White Wolf. As with the greatest of literary characters, I pass the torch with reverence for the time spent embodying Geralt and enthusiasm to see Liam's take on this most fascinating and nuanced of men.'

one of the biggest enemies Namor that Wakanda has to face in the upcoming film 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'. In Marvel Studios' 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever', Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and Dora Milaje fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death. When Namor, king of a hidden undersea nation, alerts them to a global threat and his disturbing plan to

Migos Rapper shot and killed in Houston

Los Angeles | Agencies

Takeoff, one-third of the hip-hop trio Migos, was shot and killed aged 28 in Houston, a representative for the city's police department has confirmed.

The rapper was shot and killed at a bowling alley in downtown Houston where he and Quavo, his uncle and Migos bandmate, were playing dice at around 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, says reports. Officers told KPRC Houston that a crowd of approximately 40 or 50 people was at the scene when the shooting took place, and there was a man with a gunshot wound to the head or neck.

Takeoff was pronounced dead at the scene, while Quavo was unharmed. Two other people were shot and taken to the hospital. The party reportedly ended at around 1 a.m. but was carrying over when the shooting occurred. Investigators told KPRC they found multiple shell casings outside the bowling and pool hall. Takeoff, whose real name is Kirsnik Khari Ball, was born in Lawrenceville, Georgia, in 1994. In 2008, he began rapping with Quavo (Quavious Keyate Marshall) and his cousin Offset (Kiari Kendrell Cephus).

Originally called Polo Club, the trio changed their name to Migos and released their first mixtape, 'Juug Season', in 2011.

While there was no official word on the group splitting, in recent years, Offset has been working solo while Takeoff and Quavo had been working together as a duo. Last month, the pair released a collaborative album, 'Built for Infinity Links'.

Takeoff released one solo album, 2018's 'The Last Rocket', which debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard 200.



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Scarlett Johansson



T-20 WORLD CUP

INDIA SECURE TENSE FIVE-RUN WIN OVER BANGLADESH



Adelaide | Agencies

Matches between India and Bangladesh always bring out drama and emotions which leaves players and fans on the edge of their seats. On Wednesday, at the Adelaide Oval, rain added another dose of thrill in the Group 2 Super 12 match in Men's T20 World Cup. Eventually, India prevailed over Bangladesh by five runs to go on top of Group 2 and inch closer towards a spot in the semifinals. Fifties from KL Rahul and Virat Kohli (64 not out), along with

Suryakumar Yadav's 16-ball 30, took India to a massive 184/6 in 20 overs. The 50-minute rain changed the equation to 151 in 16 overs. It got the momentum to shift in India's favour as Rahul's brilliant run-out of Das while going for a second run post rain break. Bangladesh could make only 79 runs in the remaining nine overs, losing six wickets and ending up at 145/6 in 16 overs. Earlier, pushed into batting first, Rahul was elegant in his stroke-play, hitting three fours and four sixes at a strike-rate of 156.25 to shrug off his lean run. He also shared a 67-run stand off 37

balls for the second wicket with Kohli, who continued his sizzling touch in the tournament by hitting eight fours and a six at a strike-rate of 145.45. The duo were also supported by wristy strokeplay of Suryakumar and Ravichandran Ashwin hitting a cameo of 13 not out.

Brief Scores: India 184/6 in 20 overs (Virat Kohli 64 not out, KL Rahul 50; Hasan Mahmud 3/47, Shakib Al Hasan 2/33) beat Bangladesh 145/6 in 16 overs (Litton Das 60, Nurul Hasan 25 not out; Hardik Pandya 2/28, Arshdeep Singh 2/38) by 5 runs (via DLS method)

NETHERLANDS' MAX O'DOWD ENDS ZIMBABWE'S SEMIFINAL HOPES

Adelaide: The Netherlands, riding on a fine half-century from opener Max O'Dowd defeated Zimbabwe by five wickets with two overs to spare to end the African nation's hopes of qualifying for the semifinals in the ICC T20 World Cup at the Adelaide Oval on Wednesday. With Craig Ervine's side dismissed for just 117 in 19.2 overs, there was little his bowlers could do when O'Dowd (52 from 47 balls) and Tom Cooper (32 from 29 balls) gave Netherlands a fine start. Though the Dutch were already not in contention for a semifinal berth, they queered the pitch for Zimbabwe, who, had they earned two points on Wednesday, would have made things even more interesting in Group 2. Netherlands had produced several highlights in this tournament, but their



efforts against Zimbabwe came close to being a complete performance thus far. Paul van Meekeren (3/29) and fellow seamer Bas de Leede (2/13) were the pick of the bowlers as Zimbabwe were all out from 117 in their final over, and their run chase was a mere procession as they found the victory target with ease.

KOHLI BECOMES THE HIGHEST RUN-SCORER IN MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP HISTORY



Adelaide | Agencies

Star Indian cricketer Virat Kohli became the all-time leading run-scorer in the men's T20 World Cup history during his team's Super 12 match against Bangladesh. Kohli reached the milestone when he crossed 16 runs in the seventh over of India's innings, going past former Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene's record tally of 1016 runs. The Indian batter now has 1065 runs with an average of 88.75 and a strike rate of more than 132.46 in T20

World Cups. Playing in his fifth T20 World Cup, the 33-year-old became the competition's highest run-getter in only his 23rd innings, having scored 12 half-centuries. In comparison, Jayawardene had played 31 innings to set his record, though he faced fewer balls (754 balls) than Kohli did (773). After Kohli and Jayawardene, Chris Gayle (965), Rohit Sharma (921) and Tillakaratne Dilshan (897) are at the third, fourth and fifth spot on the list of all-time run-scorers in the T20 World Cup history.

India's winning run continues in Asian Elite Boxing Championships

Team Absolute | New Delhi

On the second day of the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan, on Wednesday, Mohammad Hussamuddin displayed his skill and composure to earn a tight victory and advance into the quarter-finals. 2022 CWG bronze medalist Hussamuddin (57kg) was facing Kyrgyzstan's Seitbek Uulu Munarbek in the pre-quarterfinal. The Indian boxer started on a bright note and showed his technical superiority and clean boxing in the first round but his opponent came back strongly in the second round to mount a comeback. Both the boxers had everything to play for in the last round and they started



attacking from the beginning but Hussamuddin kept his cool and landed more accurate punches and dodged his opponent consistently to ensure a 3-2 split verdict in his favour. He will take on Pakistan's Ilyas Hussain in the quarterfinal. Late on Tuesday night, Lakshya Chahar (80kg) blanked Shabbos Nemat of Tajikistan 5-0 in the pre-qua-

terfinal bout to progress to the quarterfinal. Later tonight, Sparsh will square off against Olympic bronze medalist and reigning World Champion Saken Bibossinov in the pre-quarterfinal bout. Two Indian boxers- Savita (50kg) and Kapil (86kg) will be in action tomorrow in the round of 16.

PARA BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pramod Bhagat enters quarterfinals, Sukant Kadam in pre-quarters

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Ace Indian shuttlers Pramod Bhagat SL-3 and Sukant Kadam SL-4 have reached the quarterfinals and pre-quarters respectively at the ongoing Para Badminton World Championships in Tokyo. According to information received here, the Padma Shree Awardee cruised past both his group matches. He defeated Peru's Albert Manuel Puente Perez with a score line of 21-3 and 21-10. He also defeated England's William Smith in 22 minutes with the score line of 21-5 and 21-3. He will now face Ukraine's Oleksandr Chytkov or Indonesia's Maman Nurjaman. In doubles his pairing with Manoj Sarkar Vietnam's Van Thuong Nguyen and Duc Trung Pham in 17 minutes.



The final score read 21-9 and 21-6. Their next group match is against South Korea's Joo Dongjae and Shin Kyung Hwan. On the other hand, World No 3 in SL -4 category, Sukant Kadam defeated Uganda's Hassan Mubiru in straight sets with the score line of 21-2 and 21-4 in just 16 minutes. He also defeated Vietnam's Van Thuong Nguyen with a score line of 21-9 and 21-10.

ISL 2022-23

Jamshedpur FC aim to celebrate their 100th ISL game

Goa | Agencies

After being on the road for the first three games, FC Goa will finally return to the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Fatorda to face Jamshedpur FC in the Hero Indian Super League (ISL) on Thursday. Two points separate these two sides as they sit in the middle of the Hero ISL table. There has been only one draw in ten previous encounters between these two sides. FC Goa have emerged victorious on five occasions while Jamshedpur have beaten them four times. No team has defeated Jamshedpur FC more times than FC Goa. "They [Jamshedpur FC] have changed their coach and lost a few players, but they are still a very competitive and strong team with experienced players," said Pena. "Last season they won the Hero ISL Shield. In my view, winning the shield after 20 games is quite difficult. We will respect them a lot, but at our best, we can beat anyone," he added. This will be Jamshedpur FC's 100th Hero ISL game. Head coach Aidy Boothroyd has



deployed a traditional 4-4-2 in the last two games and may not revert to the 4-3-3 that he deployed in the first game of the season. Peter Hartley recovered from his injury and scored the only goal in the last game that helped Jamshedpur nab their first win of the season. Up front, Daniel Chukwu is one goal away from becoming the joint-highest goal-scorer for Jamshedpur FC in the Hero ISL. Nerijus Valskis and Greg Stewart currently hold the record with ten goals to their names.

Indians all set for Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific golf championship

Thailand | Agencies

Led by Avani, Shifat, Indian team is all set for the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific golf championship at the Siam Country Club. Avani will be the first to tee off in the very first group from the 10th tee at 7.05 am, while the others follow. The experienced Avani, who was T-16 at the event last year in Abu Dhabi, has since played in 10 international events outside India, and in the Ladies European Tour event, the Hero Women's Indian Open in India last month, where she came Tied-12th with the equal best round on the last day of 5-under 67. The six Indians are Avani Prashanth, Sifat Sagoo, who was T-25 last year, Kriti Chowhan, who was T-34 last year, Nishna Patel, who missed cut, and newcomers Mannat Brar and Ceerat Kang (11:55 am; 1st tee). The tournament features 86 top



players from 21 countries. Avani, who turned 16 last month, commenting on the course, said, "The 8th and 9th are super difficult because you're hitting directly into the wind, and then a couple holes on the back nine. I think, if I take care of those maybe four or five holes, I'm really going to end up playing well this week."

SURYAKUMAR YADAV SURGES TO NO. 1 IN LATEST ICC MEN'S T20I PLAYER RANKINGS

Dubai: India middle-order batter Suryakumar Yadav has grabbed the top position for batters in the latest ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings after smashing two half-centuries over the past week in the T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia. Yadav's 51 not out off 25 balls against the Netherlands in Sydney and a gallant 68 off 40 against South Africa in Perth have helped him overtake New Zealand's Devon Conway and Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan, who had held the top spot since September 4 this year. Yadav is the 23rd player to top the T20I batting rankings and only the second Indian to reach No. 1 in T20 cricket after Virat Kohli, who spent 1,013 days at the top in different periods from September 2014 to December 2017. Yadav's tally of 863 rating points is also the second best by an Indian, the highest being Kohli's tally of 897 in September 2014.



Caroline Garcia begins WTA Finals campaign in style

Fort Worth (Texas) | Agencies

French tennis player Caroline Garcia, making a WTA Finals appearance for the first time in five years, made a powerful statement in the year-ending championships with a straight-sets opening-round win over American teenager Coco Gauff in the round-robin tournament. The No.6 seed Garcia needed 1 hour and 18 minutes to defeat No.4 Gauff 6-4, 6-3 on Tuesday night. It was the first round-robin match for each of them in the Tracy Austin Group. "It was definitely a good match, pretty solid on my side," Garcia was quoted as saying by wtatennis.com after the match. "I think I stayed really positive at every moment."



"(Coco) is always impressive to play against, it's always a lot of intensity and she can do so many things. ... It was very important for me to stay calm, stay on my game and what I wanted to do, and I think I did it good."

Garcia joins world No.1 Iga Swiatek of Poland as the first winners in the Austin Group. Swiatek dispatched No.8 seed Daria Kasatkina in straight sets earlier during the day. Garcia's maiden WTA Finals debut came in 2017 following consecutive WTA 1000 titles. She reached the semifinal then but missed out on singles qualification for the next three editions -- the WTA Finals were not held in 2020 due to Covid-19. Garcia securing her second WTA Finals qualification five years after her debut means she becomes only the fourth players to have had longer gaps between their first and second WTA Finals appearances -- Amy Frazier (eight-years), Barbara Paulus (six years) and Judith Wiesner (six years).

Artistic Gymnastics Worlds championship USA WINS SIXTH CONSECUTIVE WOMEN'S TEAM TITLE

Liverpool | Agencies

The US women's team clinched their sixth consecutive world team title at the 51st Artistic Gymnastics World Championships on Tuesday. The U.S. team have also secured their spot in the event at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, along with Britain and Canada who finished second and third respectively. "Just taking it day by day in the gym. We're all capable of doing big things and more," said first-time world champion American Shilese Jones, who also qualified for the all-around and uneven bars finals. "I'm super proud and I know we'll be able to hit something big in 2024." Without legendary Simone Biles and the Olympic all-around champion Sunisa Lee, the U.S. were still hot favourites to win the team event. Led by Jade Carey, Olympic champion in the floor exercise, the American girls collected 167.263 points from Saturday's qualification



and no team managed to earn more after Sunday's competition. In the final on Tuesday, the U.S. team started their campaign from the vault and claimed 43.133 points, the highest of all events from all of the eight teams in the evening. Wang said that China needs new faces for major competitions. "Most athletes in our team have competed in several big events in recent years. We would love to see them to extend their careers as long as possible but we also need new blood to join the squad."

UEFA Champions League

Bayern edge Inter to round off perfect group stage

Berlin | Agencies

For the second time in a row Bayern Munich advanced with a flawless record into the knockout stages of the UEFA Champions League after beating Inter Milan 2-0 in on Group C's final matchday on Tuesday. Inter made a lively start on the road and produced the first chance of the match with seven minutes played when Nicolo Barella tested Bayern goalkeeper Sven Ulreich with a long-range effort.

Despite five changes to the starting 11, Bayern controlled possession but still Inter posed more threat in front of goal, as Lautaro Martinez pulled over from a promising position in the 27th minute. Bayern eventually stunned Inter with the opener in the 35th minute after Benjamin Pavard nodded home Joshua Kimmich's corner. Inter made a lively start on the road and produced the first chance of the match with seven minutes played when Nicolo Barella tested Bayern goalkeeper Sven Ulreich with a long-range effort.

had levelled the scores after the restart, but Francesco Acerbi's header was flagged offside in the 47th minute. Bayern gained momentum as the match progressed after Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting's overhead kick was ruled offside at the hour mark. Choupo-Moting remained in the thick of things and put the result beyond doubt for the German giants as the in-form striker drilled the ball from 18 metres into the top right corner, marking his seventh goals in six games, with 72 minutes played.





SHAH RUKH KHAN'S BIRTHDAY



THE WORLD CAN'T KEEP CALM

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Like every year, thousands of fans gathered outside the 'Don' star's residence Mannat in Bandra area of Mumbai. Several videos of fans flying down from all over the world to greet Shah Rukh on his birthday have been going viral on social media. Many even carried sweets, t-shirts, and huge posters of SRK along with them. The superstar thanked his fans for believing in him and showering love on him for years

together. SRK, who was seen wearing a black t-shirt, was accompanied by his youngest son, AbRam. Bollywood on Khan's birthday

Farah Khan - Farah Khan wished Bollywood megastar Shah Rukh Khan on the occasion of his 57th birthday with a special note and shared that the actor is the reason behind her becoming a filmmaker. Kriti Sanon - The actress took to the stories section of her Instagram and shared a set of two pictures which show her in the company of SRK.

Wishing her co-star from 'Dilwale' on his birthday, Kriti wrote on the picture, "Happy birthday to the man who made me believe in love @iamsrk".

Vicky Kaushal - Taking to the story section of his Instagram, Vicky shared an image of the megastar greeting his fans with an angelic yellow light behind him almost giving an appearance of a God with a halo behind him. Vicky wrote on the picture, Happy birthday to you sir. There's no one like you SRK".

'THE FIRST PROMOTIONAL OUTFIT THAT I SELECTED WAS FOR THE COMEDY SHOW'

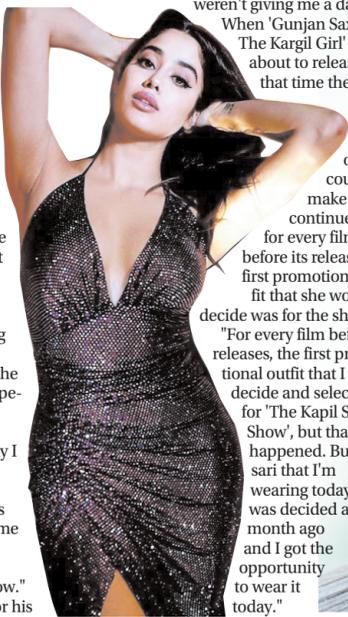
Team Absolute | Mumbai

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor is quite occupied for her upcoming film 'Mili's promotional events starring Sunny Kaushal and Manoj Pahwa. Recently, she visited 'The Kapil Sharma Show' and discussed her film which is all about a woman stuck in a freezer and it is a remake of a Malayalam film 'Helen'. Apart from sharing behind the camera moments, she also said the host that for so long, she was planning to visit the show but because of the lockdown nothing could happen. Now, finally appearing on the show made her feel special. She said: "The biggest achievement seems to be that today I have finally come on 'The Kapil Sharma Show'. Today it seems that maybe I have come one step closer to becoming a star after appearing on this show." Kapil, who is all set for his

next project 'Zwigato' in which he is playing the role of a food delivery boy asked the 'Mili' actress if she decided to come on his show only when he would be doing a serious film, she replied: "Sir you only weren't giving me a date.

When 'Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl' was about to release at that time there was a lockdown going on so I couldn't make it." She continued that for every film before its releases, the first promotional outfit that she would decide was for the show.

"For every film before its releases, the first promotional outfit that I used to decide and select was for 'The Kapil Sharma Show', but that never happened. But, the sari that I'm wearing today was decided a month ago and I got the opportunity to wear it today."



The film proved to be a learning curve for me:

Mouni Roy

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Mouni Roy, has shared that the film is very special to her for many reasons. Most importantly, it gave her the chance to collaborate and work with the frontrunners of Hindi cinema. Elaborating on the same, she said: "Brahmastra will always be very special. Because of its ambition and then of course, because it gave me the opportunity to work with such an incredible cast and these legends - which has made it an experience I will treasure for a lifetime." She further mentioned that the film proved to be a learning curve for her: "It was a privilege to share that screen time with them - and apart from the discipline and passion that they still work with everyday, I learnt many things from each of them." The Indian spectacle is headlined by actors such as Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and Telugu megastar Nagarjuna Akkineni

The film, directed by Ayan Mukerji and produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, is dropping on OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar on November 4.

Huma Qureshi recalls being insecure, says I have lost out on projects

Aakruti Bagla | Mumbai

After entertaining us with her stint in Maharani 2, Huma Qureshi is gearing up for the release of Double XL and Monica O my darling. Ahead of the releases, she divulged in a freewheeling chat with the media.

ON DOING DIVERSE ROLES

With back-to-back releases like Maharani 2, Double XL and now Monica my darling, the actress has managed to showcase her versatility. Talking about playing diverse roles, she said, "It's fun to experiment. As an artist, you are always greedy. I wish I got the opportunity to showcase my diversity earlier."

ON A ROUGH PHASE IN HER CAREER

The diva recently clocked 10 years in the industry. Talking about her struggling period and how she dealt with insecurities, the actress asserted, "I had a struggling period, but fortunately it didn't last long. Also, I didn't have anyone to mentor me, so I made my own set of mistakes. I also had my share of insecurities. But I have only suffered and lost out on projects. It's post-pandemic that I became fearless and started to enjoy."

ON FACING BODY-SHAMING

Talking about facing body shaming, the actress recalled, "I have faced body shaming. I came across a review

of mine that read, 'Huma is heavy to be a mainstream heroine. During the initial days, when you are constantly seeking external validation, such things hurt. But the thought process needs to be changed.'

ON HER PRODUCTION VENTURE

The actress, who recently turned producer, shared what kind of producer she intends to be. She said, "I intend to be a serious producer who is not making films just for herself, but in general."

Talking about allowing outsiders, the actress said, "I don't believe in insider-outsider thing. I do believe that star kids get access easily due to influence, but eventually, luck and hard work play a major role. I truly believe that success can get delayed, but if you deserve something, you get it."



INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Neha Sharma

Ayushi Khurana looks up to dance inspiration Michael Jackson

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TV actress Ayushi Khurana, who is currently seen in the show 'Ajooni' talked about her interest in dancing and she called late king of pop Michael Jackson her idol.

She plays the lead opposite Shoab Ibrahim in the show. Ayushi spoke about her interest: "I've been dancing since I was five. Since we were children, my sister and I have always enjoyed dancing together. After learning about our passion in dance, my mother decided to admit us to a facility. I've always had a strong interest in it."

The 'Mann Sundar' actress added how she follows the style and dance moves of Michael Jackson. Though she also admires Terence Lewis and Shakti Mohan but he is her all time favourite.

"When it comes to my enthusiasm and love for dancing, I've always looked up to Michael Jackson as one of my main dance inspirations. I attempted to imitate him to some extent since I loved

the way he used to influence everyone with his moves. Terrance, Shakti, and a few others are among the great dancers I like, but Michael Jackson has always held a special place in my heart," she added.

Ayushi recalled participating in dance competitions at a very young age though she never took any formal training but her passion for dance was so much that she never left any opportunity to display her talent. Though eventually, she had to stop dancing and concentrate on her studies.

Ayushi continued: "I'm not a trained dancer, but I have received several awards in different dancing competitions during my childhood. I continued dancing until my tenth-grade year, but I had to stop since I needed to concentrate on my education. My father was a little strict and wanted me to concentrate on my studies, so I wasn't able to finish my training at the time. But dance will always be something I'm deeply enthusiastic about."

WEDDING BELLS FOR HANSIKA MOTWANI



Chennai: Actress Hansika Motwani, who has been a part of several superhit films in Tamil and Telugu, is to wed entrepreneur Sohael Khaturiya soon. Entrepreneur Sohael Khaturiya owns the popular garment brand, Avant. On Wednesday, the actress took to Instagram to post a series of pictures including one that showed her future husband going down on a knee to propose to her in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The pictures also showed the words 'Marry Me' made using flowers in the background during the proposal. Hansika, who posted a series of five pictures of the proposal, wrote, "Now and Forever". Several top celebrities have been congratulating Hansika ever since she put out the post. Actresses Anushka Shetty, Khushbu, DD and Sriya Reddy were among those who congratulated the actress on Instagram.