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# HE RIFT CONTINUES

**THE SUPREME COURT ON TUESDAY GRANTED INTERIM PROTECTION AGAINST ARREST TO A RETIRED COLONEL OF THE INDIAN ARMY WHO WAS BOOKED BY** MANIPUR POLICE FOR **AUTHORING A BOOK ALLEGEDLY TWISTING THE** STATE'S HISTORY. THE BENCH ORDERED THAT NO COERCIVE **STEP WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST** THE PETITIONER TILL THE **NEXT DATE OF LISTING.** 

**IMPHAL** | Agencies

t least three tribals were shot dead by unidentified militants in Manipur's Kangpopki district on Tuesday, officials said.

Officials in the state capital said a group of unidentified armed extremists stormed villages between the Ireng and Karam areas along the bordering regions of Imphal West and Kangpopki districts and shot dead the three villagers on the spot.

The rebels came into the tribal dominated villages in a vehicle early in the morning and left before the security forces arrived. On September 8 and 9, three people were killed in clashes with security forces and cross-fire between militants in Pallel in Tengnoupal dis-

Various tribal organisations including Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) and Committee on Tribal Unity (COTU), a Kangpokpi-based civil society organisation, vehemently con-

demned the killings. Senior ITLF leader and sporkesman



#### 23 MLAs make fresh move to maintain territorial integrity of Manipur

Imphal: In a fresh move, 23 MLAs of the BJP-led government in Manipur have signed a resolution expressing their pledge to protect the territorial integrity of the state. They will also go to Delhi soon to urge the Centre to maintain the existing territorial boundary of the ethnic violence ravaged state. The resolution, accessed by reporter, says: "It is unanimously resolved by all the undersigned members of the legislative Assembly that we would stand for the territorial integrity of the state of Manipur and that no form of separate administration would be agreed to by us.

"It has also been resolved that all the members would proceed to Delhi soon to persuade the central leadership to bring a solution to the current crisis at the earliest." The 23 MLAs -- 18 from BJP and remaining five from alliance partners -- include Assembly Speaker Thokchom Satyabrata Singh, ministers Y. Khemchand and Bishwajit Singh. Ten tribal MLAs, including seven belonging to the BJP, and various tribal organisations, including the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) and Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM). have been demanding a separate administration (equivalent to a separate state) for the tribals since May 12. Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and many organisations, including the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), an umbrella body of the Meitei community, have been strongly opposing the demand.

Ginza Vualzong said that the involvement of well-trained and armed terrorist groups has given a new dimension to the ethnic conflict and would be a big obstacle in the road towards peace in the state.

Quoting media reports, he said that

officials have been warning for the past few weeks about the resurgence of banned valley-based groups like UNLF, PLA, KYKL, and PREPAK in the state.

"The Kuki-Zo tribals have steadfastly tried to maintain peace after the initial bout of violence in May, but the unend-

#### **Govt restricts use of** press stickers, jackets to curb misuse

Imphal: To check misuse of jackets, vest and stickers with wording and inscription "Press", the Manipur government has allowed the use of these only to those pos sessing genuine identity cards from media organisations and holding accreditation cards from the state and central governments, officials said on Tuesday.

Manipur government Commissioner (Home) T. Ranjit Singh in a notification said that the state acknowledged from reli able sources about the misuse of jackets, vest and stickers with wording and inscription "PRESS" while covering various incidents related to the ongoing law and order crisis in the state.

....apprehension of high chance of misuse of such jackets, vest and stickers by anti-socials and miscreants and unauthorised persons to get easy access to fringe and vulnerable areas and resorting to provocative acts or otherwise unethical and unprofessional way of reporting incidents by unaccredited and unauthorized selfstyle persons or reporters, which may prove to be counter-productive and adversarial, if left unwarranted without any check and balance," the notification said.

ing attacks and arson are testing us to the limit," Vualzong told the media.

He said that the ITLF urged the Central government to crack down on valley insurgent groups and reimpose the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in valley areas immediately since the state government and sections of the police force are openly siding with the majority community.

## Bajrang Dal leader Monu Manesar arrested over

► MAMTA SINGH, ADGP LAW & **ORDER OF THE HARYANA POLICE TOLD REPORTER THAT:** "MONU MANESAR WAS **ARRESTED BY THE NUH POLICE ON TUESDAY AFTER** THE NUH POLICE SOCIAL **MEDIA TEAM FOUND EVIDENCE AGAINST MONU MANESAR FOR POSTING FRESH VIDEO RELAT-ED TO SHOBA YATRA ORGAN-**ISED ON AUGUST 28 IN NUH. A **CASE UNDER RELEVANT SEC-**TIONS OF THE IT ACT WAS **REGISTERED AGAINST HIM EARLIER IN AUGUST."** 

#### Parvesh Sharma | Gurugram

ajrang Dal member and cow vigilante Mohit Yadav alias Monu Manesar was arrested by the Haryana Police on Tuesday for allegedly posting a fresh video of the 'Shoba Yatra on August 28 in Nuh.

Police said that the 30-year-old had used obscene words and made statements hurting religious sentiments and disturbing public peace in the video.

According to the FIR, a team of social media cell of the Nuh Police found a fresh video of Monu Manesar which was posted on August 26 in which he said: We do not worry about the result, it will happen only once, but in the end it will happen...Monumanesar.'

During the probe, the police found that Monu Manesar's video was based on a particular religion.

A Facebook post was posted on 26.08.2023 about spreading enmity between different groups through incitement, using obscene words, posting or hurting religious sentiments or disturbing public peace.

Following a complaint by Constable Sunil Kumar of the social media cell, an

# fresh video





FIR was registered against Monu Manesar under sections 153, 153A, 295A, 298, 504, 109, 292 of the IPC at the Cyber Crime Police Station in Nuh on August 26, the FIR said.

During the investigation and analysis, the said Facebook ID was found to be created through mobile number 9097979771. The said mobile number was found registered in the name of Mohit Yadav a resident of Manesar.

During Monu's arrest on Tuesday, the police also recovered a mobile, a pistol 45 bore and three live cartridges found in the magazine. Following this, the police have added section 25-54-59 of the Arms Act to the FIR.

Police have sought 14 days of judicial custody of Monu Manesar before the court in Nuh to recover data from the recovered mobile phone which is to be sent to Dytech Lab Gurugram for testing,

However, Monu was handed over to Raiasthan Police on transit remand.

### Nagaland Assembly unanimously adopts resolution against UCC

day after all the members of Nagaland Assembly, including Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, strongly opposed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), the House on Tuesday unanimously adopted a resolution against the proposed law.

After the Chief Minister moved the resolution against UCC, the House unanimously adopted it and recommended to exempt Nagaland from the purview of the proposed law

Rio said the Central government had appointed the 22nd Law Commission on February 21, 2020 whose term has been extended to August 31, 2024.



The Law Commission had issued a public notice on June 14 inviting views and ideas from all the stakeholders on the UCC.

Rio informed that the government of Nagaland, through a Cabinet decision, had submitted its views on the subject to the Law Commission on July 4, conveying its opposition to UCC on the grounds of the unique history of Nagaland and the constitutional guarantee

given under Article 371 (A). The Chief Minister stated that in the consultative meeting with various stakeholders on the UCC organised by the

state government on September 1, the representatives of various Tribal Hohos and organisations had expressed their strong resentment and objection to the idea of having a UCC.

The state government's view is that UCC would pose a threat to the customary laws, and social and religious practices, which would be in danger of encroachment in the event of imposition of UCC, Rio said.

He added that Article 371(A) provides for the protection of the religious and social practices of the Nagas.

#### **MP CM has huge** approval ratings even after 20 yrs in power

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's high ratings even after being in power for almost 20 years is a huge

thing, as per the IANS/CVoter Anger Index in the pollbound states. The only other CM to have that long stint and popular ratings is Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik.The challenge for BJP in MP is the anti-incumbency against sitting MLAs.A large number of them have won multiple terms and people are showing fatigue. The fatigue is not against leadership, but against the elected representatives. The fact that the state BJP is also facing problems due to the imports from Congress

is adding fuel to fire. The BJP imported a big number of MLAs from Jyotiraditya Scindia camp and they are unable to gel in with the BJP rank and file in Chambal and Baghelkhand regions, causing huge anti-incumbency sentiment.

### Jarange-Patil says will call off hunger strike before CM, full cabinet and Chhatrapatis

Jalna (Maharashtra) | Agencies

rotesting Shivba Pratisthan leader Manoj Jarange-Patil on Tuesday said he was willing to call off his 15-day long hunger strike provided the Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his entire cabinet was present in

Antarvali-Sarati village He also demanded that the royal descendants - Chhatrapati Udayanraje Bhosale and Chhatrapati Sambhajiraje Bhosale - should mark their presence along with Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnavis, Ajit Pawar and all cabinet

"I am ready to break my hunger strike, but I will continue the agitation from this very location... I will not step into my home or see my children till the Maratha reservations are granted by the govern-



ment," declared Jarange-Patil before the media this evening. Allowing the government a month's time to decide on the quo-

tas, he said from the 31st day there-

after, the authorities should start issuing the Kunbi Caste certificates to the Marathas.

"I want all this in writing from the government... However, if the government fails to concede my demands, then on October 12, we shall organise a mammoth public rally with Marathas coming from all over the state... It will be such a massive gathering that the government would shudder at the very mention of the 'Maratha' name,' warned Jarange-Patil.

He reiterated that the government should take back all cases registered against the protesting Marathas in the past few days, suspend the police officers who ordered the crackdown on the community here on September 1 conditions which were already conceded and announced by the

#### **Retail inflation** slides to 6.83% in August

New Delhi: India's retail inflation measured by consumer price index (CPI), fell to 6.83 per cent in August against 7.44 per cent in July, as food inflation lowered to 9.94 per cent in August from 11.51 per cent in July.

The retail inflation though remained well above the RBI's tolerance limit of 6 per cent for the second consecutive month. The slide in CPI inflation was due to fall in prices of vegetables, meat and egg products and fish.

However prices of cereals, milk and fruits as well as clothing and footwear and spices rose significantly in August compared to July.Retail inflation in August 2022 was 7 per cent while food inflation was 7.62 per

### 763 sitting MPs have Rs 29,251 cr assets, 385 MPs have assets worth Rs 7,051 cr

THE REPORT SAID THAT THE STATE WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE ASSETS PER MP IS TELANGANA (24 MPS) WITH AVERAGE ASSETS OF RS 262.26 CRORE, FOLLOWED BY ANDHRA PRADESH (36 MPS) WITH AVERAGE ASSETS OF RS 150.76 CRORE AND PUNJAB (20 MPS) WITH AVERAGE ASSETS OF RS 88.94

▶ WHILE THE STATE WITH THE LOWEST **AVERAGE ASSETS OF MPS IS** LAKSHADWEEP (I MP) WITH AVERAGE ASSETS OF RS 9.38 LAKH, FOLLOWED BY TRIPURA (3 MPS) WITH AVERAGE ASSETS OF RS 1.09 CRORE AND MANIPUR (3 MPS) WITH AVERAGE ASSETS OF RS 1.12 CRORE, THE REPORT SAID.

THE REPORT SAID, "OUT OF THE 763" MPS ANALYSED, 53 (7 PER CENT) ARE **BILLIONAIRES**.

Team Absolute New Delhi

he average assets per MP from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha is Rs 38.33 crore and the total assets for 385 BJP MPs is Rs 7,051 crore while the total assets of 763 sitting MPs are Rs 29,251 crore, a report revealed on Tuesday. The Association for

Democratic Reforms (ADR), in its report said that it has have analysed the self-sworn affidavits of 763 sitting MPs out of 776 seats of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha across the nation and the data has been extracted from affidavits filed by the MPs prior to contesting their last elections and subsequent byeelections.In its report it said: "The average of assets per MP from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha is Rs 38.33 crore. While



the average assets of MPs with declared criminal cases is Rs 50.03 crore. As compared to this, the average assets of MPs with no criminal cases is Rs 30.50 crore."It also said that the total assets of 763 sitting MPs are Rs 29,251 crore.The report highlighted that the total assets for 385 BJP MPs analysed is Rs 7,051 crore, for 16 TRS MPs analysed is Rs 6,136 crore, for 31 YSRCP MPs analysed is Rs 4,766 crore, for 81 Congress MPs analysed is Rs 3,169 crore

and 11 AAP MPs have total assets worth Rs 1,318 crore.

The report also said that 14 (4 per cent) out of 385 MPs from BJP, 6 (7 per cent) out of 81 MPs from Congress, 7 (44 per cent) out of 16 MPs from TRS, 7 (23 per cent) out of 31 MPs from YSRCP, 3 (27 per cent) out of 11 MPs from AAP, 2 (100 per cent) out of 2 MPs from SAD and 1 (3 per cent) out of 36 MPs from Trinamool Congress have declared assets worth more than Rs 100 crore.

#### AT 34.2-DEGREE C, SRINAGAR WITNESSES HOTTEST SEPTEMBER DAY IN 53 YEARS

Srinagar | Agencies

uesday's maximum temperadegree Celsius in Srinagar has broken a 53-year-old record.

Sonam Lotus, Director at the local MeT department said that the present severe heatwave in

Kashmir has broken the 53-yearold record in Srinagar where the maximum temperature was recorded at 34.2-degree Celsius on Tuesday.

"Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 34.2-degree C, which is 6-degree above normal. It has broken a 53-year-old record of 33.8-degree C recorded on September 1, 1970. The all-time highest September temperature was recorded on September 28, 1934 at 35-degree C," Lotus said.

Qazigund in Anantnag district

recorded a maximum temperature of 33.2-degree C, which is 6.7degree above normal, breaking the previous highest maximum temperature of 32.8-degree C recorded on September 12, 2019. According to the official, heat-

wave to severe heatwave is likely to continue in Kashmir for another 4-5 days due to prolong dry spell with less moisture because of stable atmospheric conditions.

Deficit rainfall is likely to continue for the next one week in J&K, he

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## **NYOMA AIRFIELD TO BE DEVELOP IN EASTERN LADAKH**

Team Absolute New Delhi efence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday virtually laid the foundation stone of Nyoma Airfield in Eastern Ladakh, which will be developed at a cost of Rs 200 crore.

"This airfield will be developed at a cost of approximately Rs 200 crore. It will boost the air infrastructure in Ladakh and augment IAF's capability along the Northern border," Ministry of Defence (MoD) in a statement

MoD said that the Defence Minister exuded confidence that this airfield, which will be one of the world's highest, would prove to be a game-changer for the armed forces.

It said that the revamped Bagdogra and Barrackpore Airfields in West Bengal were dedicated to the nation on Tuesday. "These airfields, reconstructed at a cost of over Rs 500 crore, will not only bolster the preparedness of the Indian Air Force (IAF), but also facilitate commercial flight operations in the region," MoD said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has dedicated to the nation 90 infra-



structure projects of Border Roads Organisation (BRO), worth over Rs 2,900 crore, spread across 11 States and Union Territories.

MoD said that these include Nechiphu Tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh; two airfields in West Bengal; two helipads: 22 roads and 63 bridges. Of these 90 projects, 36 are in Arunachal Pradesh; 26 in Ladakh; 11

in Jammu and Kashmir; five in Mizoram; three in Himachal Pradesh; two each in Sikkim, Uttarakhand and West Bengal and one each in Nagaland, Rajasthan and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. MoD said that an important infrastructure project inaugurated by the Defence Minister was the 500-metre long Nechiphu Tunnel on Balipara-Charduar-

Tawang Road in Arunachal Pradesh. "This tunnel, along with the under construction Sela Tunnel, will provide all-weather connectivity to the strategic Tawang Region. It will be beneficial to the armed forces deployed in the region and the tourists visiting Tawang." MoD said that Rajnath Singh had laid the foundation stone of the tunnel in October 2020.

### **Opposition INDIA bloc to finalise strategy** for special Parliament session

Team Absolute Mumbai Sharpening their knives, top leaders of the INDL block will meet on top leaders of the INDIA Wednesday in New Delhi to finalise the strategy for the upcoming five-day Special Session of Parliament opening on next Monday, party leaders said.

The meeting has been convened at the residence of Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar and senior leaders of various INDIA parties will attend.

NCP chief spokesperson Mahesh Tapase said here that so far the government has not revealed the agenda for the special session of parliament and there is a lot of wild speculation in the media and political circles on what is the real purpose of the whole

"The Opposition parties will speak strongly on any issue that the government seeks to push through in the special session and top leaders like Pawar, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and others will lead the charge," he said.

The meeting would also discuss the INDIA Election

Strategy for 2024 elections with 14 leaders from different parties joining the deliberations along with Pawar. Among those likely to attend the meeting at Pawar's residence are: K. C. Venugopal (Congress), T. R. Baalu (DMK), Hemant Soren (JMM), Sanjay Raut (Shiv Sena-UBT), Tejashwi Yadav (RJD), Abhishek Baneriee (Trinamool Congress), Raghav Chaddha (AAP), Javed Ali Khan (SP),

Lalan Singh (JD-U), D. Raja (CPI), Omar Abdullah (NĆ) Mehbooba Mufti (PDP) and a represenative of the CPI-

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This election strategy panel was finalised at the Mumbai INDIA conclave 3, held here on August 31-September 1, along with other key committees in a bid to take on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in the upcoming Lok Sabha elec-

#### DRI seizes antiques valued at Rs 26.80 crore in Kutch

Kutch: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized antiques, including ancient idols and artworks, from a shipping container which arrived from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the Container Freight Station (CFS) in Mundra, Kutch. The official said that the estimated market value of these items stands at a staggering Rs 26.80 crore and the container was found on September 11. He said that a majority of the confiscated articles trace their origins to European countries, particularly from United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

Acting on specific information, the DRI seized the specific container which had been imported from Jebel Ali, UAE. The official said that

prehensive inspection by customs authorities and upon examination collection of antiquities, including venerable idols, vintage utensils, paintings, antique furniture, and various invaluable heritage pieces were found.

He said that some of these artifacts date back to the 19th century and boast intricate craftsmanship, featuring precious stones, gold, and silver coating.

He said that one particularly remarkable artwork uncovered amidst the treasure trove is 'The Harem Guard,' an exquisite creation by Georges de Geetere from Belgium, dating back to 1885. Preliminary estimates place its value in the range of \$20,000 to \$30,000, underscoring the exceptional

### Post-INDIA conclave, Sharad Pawar-Uddhav Thackeray meet for poll plans

Team Absolute | Mumbai hiv Sena-UBT President Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday called on Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar to initiate the combined poll strategy among the Maha Vikas Aghadi

Thackeray was accompanied by party MP Sanjay Raut and Pawar was joined by state party President Jayant Patil, for the meeting that lasted nearly 90 minutes at the Pawar home in south Mumbai.

Both the Shiv Sena-UBT and NCP have suffered vertical splits after the collapse of the MVA government in June 2022, and are hoping to ride on a purported sympathy wave generated in their favour.

The meeting also came against the backdrop of the Maratha reser-



ruling Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party-NCP (AP), coming ahead of the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha polls due in 2024.

Even as the government grappled

tas imbroglio, the OBCs and Dhangars have also gone on the warpath, and group clashes which killed one person in Satara on Sunday, posing huge challenges to CM Eknath Shinde's regime.

Simultaneously, the state Congress has launched a series of 'Jansamvad Yatras' all over Maharashtra to highlight the failures of the BJP governments at the centre and in the state on various fronts including runaway inflation, massive unemployment, the economic crises, the insecurity among women, Dalits and other sections of

Tuesday's Mumbai meeting came a day ahead of the 14-member INDIA block coordination committee to discuss the national Opposition parties' election strategy for 2024 and also for the upcoming Special Session of Parliament, The meet will be hosted by Pawar at his New Delhi residence on Wednesday and top leaders of 14 parties across India are expected to attend the

#### **OUT OF 763 SITTING** MPS, 111 ARE WOMEN; MOST FROM UP

New Delhi: Out of 763 sitting, 111 (15 per cent) are women MPs with Uttar Pradesh (UP) having maximum 18 women MPs, a report revealed on Tuesday.

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), in its report said that it has have analysed the selfsworn affidavits of 763 sitting MPs out of 776 seats of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha across the nation and the data has been extracted from affidavits filed by the MPs prior to contesting their last elections and subsequent bye-elections

In its report it said: "Out of 763 MPs, 111 (15 per cent) MPs are women. And Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of women MPs with 18, which is 17 per cent of the total followed by West Bengal with 13, which is 22 per cent and Maharashtra has 12, which is 18 per cent. It also said that one of the MPs is illiterate, while four are fifth grade pass and only is literate.

### Flat selling case: Nusrat Jahan grilled by ED for more than 6 hours

Team Absolute Kolkata ctress-turned-politician and Trinamool Congress MP Nusrat Jahan was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for more than six hours in connection with her association with a shady financial entity accused of duping senior citizens of several crores of rupees by promising them residential flats at reasonable rates, on Tuesday.

Jahan came out of the ED's Salt Lake office on the northern outskirts of Kolkata late in the afternoon after facing around 6.30 hours of marathon grilling.

"I have answered all the queries that were made to me," she said while leaving the ED office. She arrived at the ED office at around 10.50 a.m. and finally left at around

The accusation against the said financial entity, 7 Sense



Infrastructure Private Limited, is that they collected several crores of rupees from

senior citizens promising them residential flats at lucrative rates. owever, as per

the complaint, instead of providing them flats, their money was used for purchase of personal residential accommodation by the directors including Jahan.

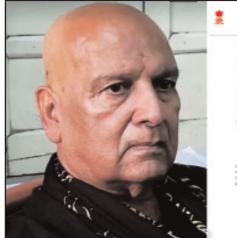
Jahan, has however denied allegations and claimed that she took a loan of around Rs 1.16 crore from the said corporate entity, where she resigned in March 2017, and repaid the loan along with interest amounting to over Rs 1.40 crore in March 2017 only.

Source said that the TMC MP was questioned about her nature of association with the said entity especially whether she was a sitting or an active director and whether she had a share of

However, ED officials were tight-lipped on whether they were satisfied with the answer they received from

profit from the said entity.

### Rajasthan: Demands not heard by CM, Congress MLA shaves head in protest



Team Absolute Jaipur harat Singh Kundanpur, the Congress MLA from Sangod, has Shaved his head and offered his hair to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot as a mark of protest, claiming that his demands have not been heard by the CM.

In a letter written to Gehlot, Bharat

Singh said, "You openly supported Bhaya's (state minister Pramod Bhaya) corruption. Khan Ki Jhopriya village was not included in Kota district. This does not suit Gandhian Ashok Gehlot. Your honour is dead. I am getting my head shaven and offering my hair to you. Please accept this humble gift. Remember Mahatma Gandhi and reflect on the seven sins mentioned by him. This post of Chief Minister is not permanent." Singh added, "I am shaving my head as a symbolic protest. Some issues were put before the Chief Minister for a very long time. Our Chief Minister is a known Gandhian. He has done excellent work as Chief Minister. Many times I drew his attention to important issues and his compulsion was that he gave protection to some corrupt people by not paying attention to those issues.

Those who rule may face many compulsions. But the Chief Minister talks Gandhian about ideology. Gandhiji's entire life was based on truth. I have directly telling the Chief Minister that his honour is dead. It is in our culture that when someone dies, those related to him get their head tonsured. I have seen the Chief Minister's honour dying. That's why I got my head shaved.

Singh also said that whenever the Chief Minister sees his face, a message will be sent across the state that Bharat Singh had shaved his head over these issues. Whether he (Gehlot) remains the Chief Minister or not, he will have to bear this burden, Singh said.

#### With lotus printed shirt and khaki trouser, Parliament staff to don new uniform

Team Absolute New Delhi arliament House employees will don new uniform during the special session starting from September 18.

Work will begin in the new Parliament building after performing puja on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi on September 19, the second day of the special session of Parliament.

In this special session of Parliament, all male and female employees of Parliament will be seen in new uniforms. It is being said that the attire of all the employees and even the shoes have been changed. Lotus flower and khaki colour has also been given importance in the new uniform. The new uniform of the Parliament employees has been designed by NIFT. Now



be seen wearing magenta or dark pink Nehru jackets instead of closed neck suits. The employees, who sit in front of the Speaker in the House, will also be seen in the same dress code. Their shirts will also be dark pink in colour with lotus flowers printed on them and these employees will now be seen wearing khaki colored

Marshals of both the Houses will also be seen



the new Parliament. Along with this, the dress of other security personnel of Parliament House has also been changed. Now these security personnel will be seen wearing camouflage dress like soldiers instead of safari suits.

It may be noted that during the time of Amrit Kaal, the Modi government has called the special session of Parliament to be held from September 18 to 22.

### Central team to arrive in Kerala as Nipah virus back in state

Team Absolute | Thiruvananthapuram

he sample of a person, who died at Kozhikode following fever and breathlessness on Monday, tested positive for Nipah virus, said health officials on Tuesday.

As soon as the result of the sample from National Institute of Virology Pune came, a central team of top officials from Delhi will be arriving in Kozhikode, later in the day. The 40-year-old person, who turned positive for Nipah virus, had come in contact with a relative last month.

The result of four more samples are awaited and it includes the family members of the person who passed away last month. His relative turned feverish on August 22 and was admitted to a hospital near Kozhikode on August 25, but he died on August 30.

On August 25, the person whose sample turned positive came in contact and with the first person's sample not sent for testing, it has been presumed that he too might have died of Nipah.

Kerala Health Minister Veena George, who arrived in Kozhikode on Tuesday and held detailed meetings with top health officials, said there is nothing to be worried but just caution has to be there. She said the contact list of people, who came



in contact with the two people, will be traced and all the necessary protocols, that are to be maintained, will be done. The meeting also decided to ensure all adequate arrangements, including beefing up the health infrastructure, are taken care. The present suspected case was reported about 15 km from where the initial Nipah virus outbreak in southern India was first identified in Kozhikode in May 2018 and then again in 2021.

Nipah virus infection is basically a zoonotic disease and can be transmitted from animals to humans, besides, it can spread through contaminated food or through contact.

#### STUDENTS OF GOVERNMENT GIRLS SCHOOL IN BIHAR'S VAISHALI PROTEST **AGAINST LACK OF BASIC AMENITIES**

Team Absolute Patna tudents of a government girls school in Bihar's Vaishali district on Tuesday went on a rampage, vandalising properties of school and vehicles, as they demanded for basic amenities like benches and toilets. Students of the Mahnar Girls High School blocked the Mahnar-Mohiuddin Nagar main road at Patel Chowk of Mahnar block and strongly protested against the Education Department. As local police and block education officer reached the place and tried to negotiate with them, the agitating girls vandalised the vehicle of the block education officer as well. Woman police officer Poonam Kumari was injured in this incident. She was admitted in Mahnar referral hospital and her condition is stable. Following the incident, Mahnar SDO Neeraj Kumar Singh reached the spot and negotiated with the protesters. He finally succeeded in his effort and managed to calm down the students. He also assured to avail basic facilities inside the school as soon as possible.

### **CONG HOPEFUL OF WINNING 156 SEATS IN MP, TICKETS ONLY TO DESERVING CANDIDATES**

Team Absolute Bhopal

head of the crucial Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, the Congress has received more than 3,500 requests from aspiring candidates and the party is hopeful of winning at least 156 seats in the state.

The Congress also clarified that the ticket distribution for Madhya Pradesh will be transparent and will be based on the reports prepared by the party observers and other senior party leaders during their visits to the poll-bound state.

Madhya Pradesh Congress Screening Committee Chairman Jitendra Singh speaking to IANS at the party headquarters in New Delhi, said, "We have got over 3,500 requests from the aspiring candidates in the state, which says everything that party is gaining ground in the state."

Singh added that the Congress Screening Committee members were in Madhya Pradesh for five days, and they received the requests from aspiring candidates and have received the reports from bloc presidents, in-charges, district leaders

He said that the party will decide on the candidates according to reports it has collected from dis-



tricts, assemblies and block-level leaders and there is no pressure for giving ticket to anyone.

The Congress leader also added that the party leaders held a meeting of the Screening Committee on Tuesday evening where the party leaders brainstormed about the probable candidates.

Singh said that the candidates will be decided on the basis of the report and feedback prepared by several senior leaders and observers who had visited the state in last few weeks, adding that the

Congress remains united in the state and will be giving tickets to deserving candidates.

Reacting on the BJP's candidate list and when the Congress will issue its first list of candidates, he added, "They issued the first list and after that their leaders hit the streets as they were engaged in fights and an FIR was registered. The tickets are being sold there. And in today's scenario, the Congress is

"We are hopeful that in the next one or two weeks we will announce the candidates."

"And looking at the situation in the state, we are hopeful that we will 156 seats in the state," Singh

The Congress has announced several poll promises for Madhya Pradesh ahead of the crucial elections in the state.

The Congress formed a government led by Kamal Nath after winning the 2018 Assembly elections, however, in March 2020, the party lost power after a rebellion by Jyotiraditya Scindia and his 22 MLAs, who switched sides to the BJP.

The Congress is eyeing to make a comeback in

The BJP has already announced a list of 39 candidates for Madhya Pradesh last month.



#### Foreign Delegates from all over the world learned the formula of Quality Health Care from AIIMS

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team of 35 for eign officials from 35 dif-A ferent countries visited Administration. New Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi with support from the Ministry of External Affairs Govt of India. Here the foreign guests coming to AIIMS were welcomed as per Indian tradition by applying tilak and giving a flower. The purpose of the visit was to understand the best practices in setting up a world class Healthcare infrastructure, equipped with digital interventions in Healthcare delivery. They were addressed by

Prof Ajai Singh, Executive Director & CEO; Prof Debasis Biswas, Dean Research; Prof Shashank Purwar, Med Supdtt and Dr Rajnish Joshi, I/c Supdtt Engineer. They also visited the Tele-Medicine unit and were demonstrated the Tele-ICU services by Dr Saurabh Saigal and Dr Ankur Joshi. Tele-Manas services were demonstrated by Dr Snehil Gupta. Dr Anindo Majumdar and Dr Surya Bali demonstrated the digital medical lecture connected with 50 medical institutions through the National Medical Knowledge Network. In the end, Dr Ankur Joshi briefed the visitors about various community outreach activities conducted by AIIMS Bhopal.

#### FIR registered against Pichor MLA KP Singh

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n FIR has been lodged at Pichor police station against Pichor MLA KP Singh for making controversial remarks about women during a program in Pichor. On Saturday, KP Singh's video was widely circulated in which he was heard saying that older men marry younger women. Some days it feels good that a new daughter-in-law has arrived. Then they remain lying nearby and others keep coming. They are unable to do anything because they are unable to do anything. As soon as this video was broadcast, a political uproar started. On Monday,

Congress took out a big rally in support of KP Singh in which women were included. At the same time, BJP also registered its protest and demonstrated. A large number of women reached Pichor police station and lodged an FIR. According to the report lodged in the police, Manilal Gupta along with Mahila Morcha Mandal President Sarika Bhargava complained that MLA Krishnapal Singh alias KP Singh had said objectionable things in a video about five days ago. This shows obscenity towards women. Police have registered a case under section 294B. While registering the FIR, hundreds of women reached the police station and surrounded them.

#### President Murmu honours Dindori's farmer Lahri Bai

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resident Draupadi Murmu today hon-oured 'Plant Genome Sanrakshak Kisan Samman' for the year 2021-22 to Lahri Bai, a farmer of Dindori, for the conservation and promotion of Sri Anna species. Lahri Bai was honoured with a cash amount of Rs

1,50,000, a citation and a memento at the investiture ceremony of the Farmers" Rights Global Seminar. The programme was organised at C. Subramaniam Auditorium, New Delhi. Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar was also present. Lahri Bai, resident of Bajag tehsil of

Dindori district has developed a seed bank of rare Sri Anna species like Kodo, Kutki, Sanwa, Kaag, Sikiya and Madua with the help of the Baiga community. Lahri Bai has also organised an exhibition of her seed bank in the global symposium to be held from September 12 to 15, 2023

#### CM Chouhan planted saplings

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today planted of the Chief Minister's residence. Chief Minister Chouhan

### **Evaluation and Impact Assessment** Center inaugurated in AIGGPA, Bhopal

Good Governance is ensured through Reliable data, self-reliance in data sector enhances MP. Payment in bank accounts of 1 crore 30 lakh Bahnas is possible through organized data only. Solid efforts are ensured to increase data collection and analysis capacity. Subject experts came to the fact-based social and economic development conference. Workshop on N-DAP utility held in collaboration with NITI Aayog. Developing MP-DAP as an aggregator platform to be consid-

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hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that through data prepared through research, sur-✓ vey and scientific means is useful. It is the foundation of good governance and supports in public welfare. Solid statistical data based on research maintains the pace of development. Consideration will be given to developing MP-DAP as an aggregator platform in Madhya Pradesh. This centre will monitor the impact of government policies and observe the changes in the lives of people. Through this, the effects of government schemes, projects and programmes will be assessed. Chouhan was addressing the virtual inauguration of the Evaluation and Impact Assessment Centre established at AIGGPA (Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Bhopal). Chief Minister Shri Chouhan released the SDG Progress Report-2023 published by State NITI Aayog Madhya Pradesh.

Numerous economists, researchers and representatives of development related organisations are participating in this three-day (11 to 13 September conference and workshop being held at Kushabhau money directly to the accounts of 1 crore 30 lakh Thackeray Auditorium in Bhopal. Establishment of



evaluation and impact assessment centre in the Institute of Good Governance, workshop on child and gender budgeting, capacity building programme to strengthen the statistical system were also included in the major parts of the conference. These joint efforts will be helpful in strengthening the data delivery system of the state.

Deficiency of reliable data; concrete efforts were made for data self-sufficiency

Chief Minister said that in the era of information, data is as important as breathing. Now life cannot be imagined without data. Data has also become a source of knowledge. DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) is not possible without data. Thus, data is the foundation of good governance. The capacity of data collection and analysis has been continuously enhanced in the state. The work of transferring sisters in the state has been possible due to reliable

and systematic data. Earlier, the state lacked the capacity for reliable data collection and analysis, which was its weakness. Concrete efforts were made to increase self-reliance in the field of data through efforts like re-orientation of State Policy Commission and Institute of Good Governance, creation of Statistical Commission, data based Sustainable Development Goals, child budgeting and gender budgeting. Chief Minister Chouhan said that I am not an economist but I know that data plays a crucial role in making and implementing policies along with decision making. Today, data became the foundation in the success of Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana in Madhya Pradesh. Public welfare becomes easier with pure, accurate and reliable data. Madhya Pradesh Government has taken many important steps in the past years to develop the methodology of data based good governance in Madhya Pradesh. To strengthen this system, important organisations have converged on one platform in this conference and workshop, which is commendable.

Developing MP-DAP as an aggregator platform using N-DAP being considered in the state

Chief Minister Chouhan virtually addressed the workshop being held in collaboration with Central Government's NITI Aayog on the utility of N-DAP i.e. National Data Analytics Platform. Chouhan said that N-DAP is a special initiative of NITI Aayog to improve the access and use of government data. The platform collects and hosts datasets from India's vast statistical infrastructure. It has been developed between the years 2020 to 2022. Madhya Pradesh Data and Analytics Platform (MP-DAP) will be considered for being developed as an aggregator platform using N-DAP. This conference become an important medium for organising

### **Assembly Polls: BJP may finalise** second list of candidates today



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D JP Central Election Committee (CEC) meeting, to be held on Wednesday (September 13), may finalise second list of candidates for the upcoming Madhya Pradesh assembly elections, sources said.

The BJP, which had released the first list of its candidates for 39 seats on August 17, may give final approval to the remaining 64 seats, held by opposition parties, during party's CEC

The CEC meeting will discuss the candidates for the upcoming Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections

A source said the meeting would be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BIP President I.P. Nadda. Home Minister Amit Shah. party General Secretary (organisation) B.L. Santhosh, among other party CEC members

In Madhya Pradesh, the BJP is preparing specially for the constituencies where it

had faced defeat in 2018 assembly elections, with a particular focus on the 103 constituencies currently held by Congress, Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party, and Independents.

On Monday, in a meeting at BIP President's residence, that lasted until midnight, Nadda and Amit Shah discussed the probable candidates for each seat with the leaders of the state core group. These names will be placed in the CEC meeting.

In the meeting, party's National Organisational Secretary B.L. Santosh, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, BJP's in-charge of state elections and Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, convener of the state election management committee and Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, and other senior leaders involved in the preparations for the state

elections were also present. Eyeing an absolute majority in 2023, the BJP is making special preparations for the 103 Assembly seats.

# Digvijaya Singh's big claim over central agencies' offices gets a BJP reply

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ongress veteran Digvijaya Singh on Tuesday claimed that the BJP-led cen-✓ tral government was planning to use the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Income Tax (IT) Department to target the leaders of opposition Congress in Madhya Pradesh, similar to the action going on in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan where the grand old party is in power. He also said that as per the poll surveys, the Congress would come to power in Madhya Pradesh after the assembly elections to be held by the year-end. The ruling BJP hit back at Singh, and asked why the Congress leaders were afraid of the central agencies as they work independently.

"We are getting information through newspapers that the offices of Income Tax and ED are being opened at different places...Officials are being posted...They are raiding the ruling (Congress) regime in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan," Singh told reporters in Bhopal.

He alleged that there was large-scale corruption in the BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh.



"If ED, IT offices are being opened in Madhya Pradesh, they should raid the chief

minister, ministers and their favourite officers, but as per the news being received, they are

planning to target the Congress and opposition leaders in MP," he said.

On the contrary, the ED and the IT department are raiding the ministers and staffers of the chief minister in Chhattisgarh because

they are in government, he said. Singh said that besides the survey findings, people have made up their mind to vote Congress to power in the state.

"The BJP-led central government is nervous due to the party's imminent defeat and therefore wants to create a fear of IT and ED in the minds of those people who are out of power, instead of those involved in corruption. But Congress leaders are not afraid," he said. Reacting to Singh's allegations, Madhya Pradesh BJP spokesman Pankaj Chaturvedi asked, "Why are the Congress leaders afraid? ED and IT will open new offices as part of the expansion of their work ambit. These agencies are independent bodies and free to

"Digvijaya Singh should be afraid of these agencies if he and his party leaders are involved in corruption," he alleged.

### The government again borrows a loan of one thousand crores... Congress attacked

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he state government is borrowing a loan of Rs 1,000 crore from the market by selling its government securities through the Mumbai office of the Reserve Bank. The total debt burden on Madhya Pradesh government has reached Rs 3 lakh 31 thousand 651 crore 7 lakh. State Congress Media Department President KK Mishra has said that instead of public welfare, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has plunged the state into the pit of debt to shine his personal image through events.

Mishra wrote on twitter(X), "The Madhya Pradesh government will raise a loan of Rs 1.000 crore from the market on Tuesday by selling its government securities through the Mumbai office of the Reserve Bank. This loan will be repaid after 16 years, twice a year, and interest will be paid at the annual coupon rate. Earlier, as per information dated 26 May 2023 and 9 June 2023, loans of Rs 2 thousand crore and Rs 4 thousand crore were raised respectively. The total burden of debt on the state government has reached Rs 3 lakh 31 thousand 651 crore seven lakh.



EDITOR'S SPECS

### against the governments of Telangana, MP, Andhra Pradesh

mong the six states going to the polls, people's anger is the most **L** palpable against the governments of Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh. Among the six states going to the polls, the voters are most angry with the Chief Ministers of Telangana and Rajasthan, as per the IANS CVoter Anger Index in the pollbound states. The sitting MLAs in Telangana faces the least amount of anger from the electorate in the coming Assembly elections. The Telangana and Rajasthan CM face much higher anger index score than the sitting MLAs. However, the picture reverses as more voters are angry at the sitting MLAs in Chhattisgarh with a score of 44. Only 27.6 are angry at sitting MLAs in Telangana and only 28.3 in Rajasthan. *Voters are very angry with sitting MLAs* in Andhra at 44.9, 41.2 in Mizoram, and 40.4 in Madhya Padesh. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is the most popular among his counterparts in the states slated for Assembly elections. As per the IANS CVoter Anger Index, Baghel faces the least amount of anger among the people. Among every 100 voters angry at state level governance, Baghel has the least number at 25.4. Voters are most angry at Telangana CM K

People's anger is the most palpable

Chandrasekhar Rao at 50.2, followed by

Rajasthan's Ashok Gehlot at 49.2. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has a score of 35.1 while Madhya Pradesh's Shivraj Singh Chouhan has a score of 27. Mizoram CM Zoramthanga has a score of 37.1.

## HOW AMBEDKAR SETTLED THE INDIA-BHARAT **DEBATE WITH THE WORDING OF ARTICLE 1**

**Supriya Ramesh** 

here have been occasional debates and discussions related to the use of these two names -- India and Bharat -- in official documents and discourse. The term "India" is often associated with the country's colonial past and is the internationally recognised name. On the other hand, "Bharat" has deep cultural and historical roots in India's ancient texts and traditions.

The recent decision by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government at the Centre to prioritise the use of "Bharat" over "India" has sparked debate over the nation's identity and history

The opposition has alleged that invitations to the G20 Summit dinner, sent by Rashtrapati Bhavan, featured the term 'President of Bharat' rather than the usual 'President of India.

This has sparked speculation that the government might introduce a resolution to officially rename India as Bharat during the upcoming special session of Parliament, which is being convened on September 18.

September has consistently been a month of debates for many years, and this can be traced back to September 1949 when there was intense discussion regarding the phrase 'India, that is Bharat...'. This debate followed the establishment of a committee on August 29, 1947, by the Constituent Assembly, with BR Ambedkar as its chairman, to draft the Constitution.

In 1948, the Draft Constitution of India began with Article 1, stating 'India shall be a Union of States.'

During the Constituent Assembly discussion, some members suggested alternatives like 'Bharat,' 'Bharat Varsha,' and 'Hindustan' for 'India.

A year later, in September 1949, the Assembly revisited the issue to decide on the Union's name.

Ambedkar, on behalf of the Drafting Committee, moved an amendment proposing to change



Union of States.

It appears that the Drafting Committee took onboard demands to include 'Bharat' in the clause Interestingly, the Committee retained 'India'

However, the members found the overall phrase - 'India, that is, Bharat' - undesirable.

But at the end of the debate, Assembly members accepted Ambedkar's amendment. And the Constitution of India 1950 opened with 'India, that is Bharat, is a Union of States'.

The debate over "India" vs. "Bharat" is not just a linguistic quibble; it reflects the larger struggle to define India's identity in a rapidly changing world.

As the nation evolves, it's essential to recognise that both "India" and "Bharat" have their place in the mosaic of this diverse and vibrant republic.

We refer to our country as India in English and as Bharat in other Indian languages. Even in Dravidian languages it is Bharata in Tamil, Bharatam in Malayalam and

Bharat Desam in Telugu.

In Hindi, the Constitution is referred to as 'Bharat ka Samvidhan'. And Article 1 is, 'Bharata arthat India, rajyon ka sangha hoga'.

The term "Bharat" has ancient origins, found in Hindu texts like the Mahabharata and Manusmriti. Advocates of 'Bharat' argue it represents the region's rich history and culture.

"India" isn't a recent term either; it was derived from the Indus River, crucial in early regional civilisations, popularised by Greek historians, and later adopted during British colonial rule.

For decades, India and Bharat have both stirred deep emotions among patriots, symbolising the diverse and rich tapestry of a nation. These labels of pride, however, have increasingly become tools for narrow political objectives.

To understand the "India vs. Bharat" debate, one must delve into the historical context of preindependence India. It was a land of stark contrasts, where urban

centres epitomised modernity and progress, while rural areas remained deeply rooted in traditional values and agrarian lifestyles

This divide was not just economic but also cultural and linguistic, giving rise to two distinct, yet interconnected, ideas of the nation.

The proponents of "India" argued for an identity that represented the urban and modern face of the country. For them, India was about embracing science and technology, industrialisation, and global engagement.

On the other hand, the champions of "Bharat" saw the nation through a different lens. They celebrated the deep-rooted cultural values, traditions, and spirituality that thrived in the countryside. To them, Bharat represented the soul of India, embodying timeless wisdom and a connection to the land.

The Preamble, which begins with "We, the people of India," ultimately

struck a balance by edging both India's modern aspira tions and its traditional roots. It incorporated the principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity, encapsulating the ideals of a

pluralistic and progressive nation. The BJP has already renamed cities and places that were linked to the Mughal and colonial periods. Last year, for instance, the Mughal Garden at the presidential palace in New Delhi was renamed Amrit Udyan.

Critics say that the new names are an attempt to erase the Mughals, who were Muslims and ruled the subcontinent for almost 300 years, from Indian history.

The Congress is leading a new opposition alliance that was recently formed with the aim of unseating Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 2024 general election. The 26-party Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance, or INDIA, has made the potential name change an issue.

### international

# Over 1,000 victims remain unidentified 22 years after 9/11 attacks in US

New York | Agencies

tified as the US marked the 22nd anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks. A commemoration ceremony was held on Monday at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in Lower Manhattan, New York, where the 2.977 people killed in the September 11. 2001 attacks were honored, reports Xinhua news agency.

Days ahead of the anniversary, the identification of two victims -- a man and a woman whose names were withheld at the request of their families -from the deadliest terror attack on US soil was announced.

The two new identifications represented the 1,648th and 1,649th persons identified since 2001 using advanced testing by New York City's DNA Laboratory, according to a statement by the mayor's office. They were the first



new identifications of World Trade Center victims since September 2021. However, 1,104 victims - 40 per cent of those who died - remained unidentified, it said. The number of 9/11 first responders who have died from Ground Zerorelated health complications is nearly equal to the number of first responders who died during the attacks. "When the

towers fell on that terrible day, we lost 343 New York City Firefighters... In the years that have followed, over 341 more FDNY members have died from rare cancers and diseases caused by the toxic dust at Ground Zero," the Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York wrote in a Facebook post on

### LIBYA HIT BY 'CATASTROPHIC' FLOODING, OVER 2,000 DEAD

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ore than 2,000 people have died and are reportedly missing in Libya after torrential rain brought by storm Daniel triggered the collapse of two dams which swept entire

neighborhoods into the sea. Speaking to a local TV channel on Monday, Osama Hammad, the eastern-based Prime Minister of Libya, confirmed the toll in "catastrophic" floods that hit eastern Libya on Sunday, reports Xinhua news agency.

Hammad said most of the casualties were reported in the port city of Derna, where "the entire neighborhoods were swept away"

He called on medical personnel and rescue teams



nationwide to provide assistance to the city, while the eastern-based Deputy Prime Minister Ali al-Gatrani has appealed for international aid. Local authorities have declared three days of mourning for the victims.

The storm made landfall in eastern Libya on Sunday, triggering flooding and destroying facilities along its path.

Abdul-Hamed Dbeibah. the prime minister of the Tripoli-based Government of National Unity, on Sunday

instructed relevant authorities to remain on high alert and take measures to deal with the storm, vowing to "protect the people and ease the damage"

President of the Libyan Presidency Council, Mohamed Menfi, also called for international assistance to cope with the aftermath of the deadly floods.

"We call on the brotherly and friendly countries and the international organisations to provide assistance and support for the disaster

The train passed through

Khasan station early Tuesday

and is already in the

media report.

Primorsky Krai region,

according to the Russian

Photos released by the

areas," Menfi said in a statement on Monday.

He declared Derna, Alavda and Shahhat a en cities, and called on the people to abide by the instructions of the authorities "to overcome this crisis".

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Libyan Red Crescent Society have started to offer urgent assistance to those affected by the disaster.

Libya, a country of six million people, has been dividedbetween rival administrations in the east and west since 2014, following the 2011 NATO-backed uprising against late dictator Muammar Gaddafi

Each administration is backed by armed groups and

### EU economy to grow slower than expected: Commission

Brussels | Agencies he European Commission has cut the European Union's (EU) and the eurozone's 2023 economic growth forecast.

"While (the EU) avoided a recession last winter, the multiple headwinds facing the EU economy this year have led to somewhat weaker growth momentum than we projected in the spring," Paolo Gentiloni, European commissioner for economy, said on Monday as he presented the EU's "Summer 2023 Economic Forecast".

The Commission has revised its spring growth forecast downwards. It now expects the EU's gross domestic product (GDP) to increase by 0.8 per cent in 2023 (1 per cent in spring estimates), and by 1.4 per cent in 2024 (1.7 per cent in spring), Xinhua news agency reported.

The projected growth of the eurozone has also been



revised to 0.8 per cent in 2023 from 1.1 per cent; and to 1.3 per cent in 2024 from 1.6 per

Headline inflation should continue to decline. The average inflation rate in the EU for 2023 should reach 6.5 per cent, instead of the 6.7 per cent foreseen in spring. The rate should go down to 3.2 per cent next year (3.1

projected in spring). Eurozone inflation in 2023 is projected to reach 5.6 per cent, compared with 5.8 per cent projected in spring; and 2.9 per cent in 2024 instead of 2.8 per cent forecast in

The EU's economic activity was subdued in the first half of 2023. "Weakness in domestic demand, in particular consumption, shows that high and still increasing consumer prices for most goods and services are taking heavier toll than expected in the Spring Forecast," the report said.

Indicators now point to slowing economic activity in the summer and the months ahead, with continued weakness in industry and fading momentum in services, despite a strong tourism season in many parts of Europe.

Overall, the weaker growth momentum in the EU is expected to extend to 2024, and the impact of tight monetary policy is set to continue to restrain economic activity. However, a mild rebound in growth is projected for next year, as inflation keeps easing, the labor market remains robust and real incomes gradually recover.

### Kim Jong-un arrives in Russia for rare summit with Putin

Seoul | Agencies n a rare show of strength, North Korean leader Kim LJong-un arrived in Russia on Tuesday to hold a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, with concerns growing over a possible arms deal between Pyongyang and Moscow, an official at South Korea's Defence Ministry said.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) confirmed early Tuesday that Kim had left Pyongyang for Russia aboard his bulletproof train on Sunday afternoon, accompanied by leading officials of the regime's ruling party and the armed forces, reports Yonhap News Agency.

The KCNA said Kim "left here by his train on Sunday afternoon to visit the Russian Federation", without saying whether the train had crossed its border.

Hours after the KCNA report, Jeon Ha-kyou, a spokesperson at the South Korean Defence Ministry,



gave an assessment that Kim's train had crossed into Korea and Russia, and tech-Russia early Tuesday, adding nology transfers will take that Seoul was closely moniplace," Jeon told reporters. toring for possible talks Russian media outlet "Vesti Primorye" also reported that between the two countries

over arms trade. Kim's train arrived at the bor "Considering that a large der city of Khasan on number of military personnel Tuesday and is on its way to is accompanying him, (we) the Far Eastern city of Ussuriysk, citing a railway are closely monitoring whether negotiations over source.

North's state media showed Kim being accompanied by Pyongyang's Foreign Minister Choe Son-hui, as

well as top military officials Ri Pyong-chol and Pak Jongchon. It still remains unknown exactly when and where Kim and Putin would hold a meeting, and the North Korean leader's whereabouts also remain unclear. The Kremlin said negotiations between North Korean and Russian delegations are planned during Kim's visit, with discussions over the possibility of a oneon-one meeting between the leaders.

The trip would mark the first such visit to Russia by Kim in more than four years and his first trip abroad since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### **VENICE TO VOTE ON 5-EURO A DAY FEE FOR TOURISTS**

Venice: In a bid to con-

trol excess tourism, authorities in Venice are expected to approve the trial of a 5euro (\$5.37) daily fee for all visitors over the age of 14 years to book their entry to the Italian city in advance. In a statement, City council member for tourism Simone Venturini said the trial will be implemented during peak tourist periods in 2024, reports the BBC. "Venice is among the most visited European cities... (and so)suffers the most from excess tourism," he said. "The objective is to invite daily tourists to choose (off-peak) days. We want to test (the fee) and, if needed, improve it. We cannot discuss for (an) other 40 years what's best to do." Excess tourism has become an urgent issue for Venice which is just 7.6 sq.km in size, buthosted almost 13 million tourists in 2019, according to the Italian national statistics institute

### MAHA CONGRESS: POSTPONE EID-E-MILAD **HOLIDAY DUE TO GANESHOTSAV**

Team Absolute Mumbai

he Maharashtra Congress has urged the state government to postpone the Eid-e-Milad holiday, marking the birthday of Prophet Mohammed, from September 28 to 29 as it coincides with the Ganeshotsav immersion ceremonies this year, here on Tuesday. In a letter to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, State Congress Working President M. Arif Naseem Khan said that the 10-day Ganeshotsav will end on Anant Chaturdashi, with the immersion processions being taken out on September 28.

This year, Eid-e-Milad also falls on the same day (September 28) when huge processions are taken out in honour of the Prophet and it could inconvenience people from both the communities.

"Last week, the All India Khilafat Committee held a meeting and it was decided that since the two festivals are falling on the same day (September 28), the Muslims voluntarily decided to postpone their Eid-e-Milad processions by a day, to September 29. This will enable both communities to enjoy their respective festivals," Khan added.

Accordingly, major Muslim organisations in Mumbai, Thane, Aurangabad, Jalna, Nashik, Beed, Pune and other places will take out the Eid-e-Milad processions on September 29.

Therefore, the State Congress Working President urged Shinde to push back the Eide-Milad national holiday by a day -- from



September 28 to 29 -- as a gesture of goodwill to the minority community.

Mumbai, Thane, Pune, Konkan and other cities resemble a sea of humanity with millions trooping on the roads to bid adieu to the elephant-headed god, Lord Ganesh, at the end of the 10-day Ganeshotsav which will be celebrated in a grand manner this year after the restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic from 2020-2022.

Simultaneously, many Muslim groups through the Islam Gymkhana will organise a fortnight-long 'Prophet For All' initiative to invite non-Muslims to mosques, mausoleums and homes, offer them food or snacks, explain to them about the religion, and remove misconceptions in their minds, after the success of a similar campaign last year.

Team Absolute Mumbai Gujarat. 43-year-old man from Maharashtra's Palghar Adistrict allegedly killed

Man kills live-in partner after

she files rape case against him

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

A preliminary probe revealed the accused was angry as the woman had filed a rape complaint based on which a criminal case was registered against him, Ms Bade said.

The woman had refused to withdraw the complaint, hence the man allegedly kill her, the official said.

The Naigaon police registered an FIR against the accused on Monday under Indian Penal Code Sections 302 (murder) and 201(causing disappearance of evidence) following a complaint by the woman's sister, she said. The accused is also facing a case of abetment of suicide lodged against him at another police station in Mira Bhayander-Vasai Virar police limits, the official said without elaborating.

### Big B heaps praise on granddaughter Navya's menstrual health work in villages



Team Absolute | Mumbai egastar Amitabh Bachchan has lauded the social work done by his **▲**granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda, for the menstruating women of the rural areas, and opened up on how the mindset of the people in the villages should change. In the episode 21 of the quiz based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' season 15, host Amitabh Bachchan welcomed Neeru Yadav, popularly known as Hockey Sarpanch, from Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu, and Chhavi Rajawat former Sarpanch of Soda, a village which is 60 kilometers from Jaipur, Rajasthan, to the hot seat. Talking about her journey, Neeru said: "When I got married and came to this village I saw a lot of differences. Women had to struggle for their basic needs. In Rajasthan, women wear the veil. Women couldn't say what they want. They are carrying pots filled with water on their head." "So, I thought, since I am living in the village, I should do something nice for my village. I contested to be the Sarpanch with this motive," she shared. The 'Sholay' actor said: "I would like to inform our viewers and audience that Chhavi is the first Sarpanch with an MBA. You gained education in renowned educational institutions. What made you return to your village?'

Sharing how his granddaughter Navya is working for the cause of the rural women, Amitabh said: "There are many young girls now who study in colleges and have decided that they will go to such villages and make a hut for these women equipped with all the necessities. During those days every month, they can stay in those huts. I won't shy away from saying that my granddaughter is doing this. She goes to villages. Her name is Navya. She runs an organisation."

"She visits villages to get an idea of the conditions there. It was her idea that huts be made for these women. I hope that your statements will change the mindset of the people in the villages," he added.

For the unversed, Navya is a women's rights advocate, and is the founder of 'Project Naveli', a non-profit initiative which supports gender equality in India. It focuses in the fields of education, healthcare and financial independence.

#### Man hangs stray dog for damaging tractor seat, video evokes outrage

Team Absolute Jalgaon (Maharashtra) man in Maharashtra's Jalgaon brutally killed a stray dog for damaging the seat of his tractor, as per a video going viral on social media, and evoking disgust and outrage from viewers.

he disturbing footage shows an elderly man tying a rope around the dog's neck and hanging it from his tractor for damaging his tractor's seat cover.

The video was initially shared on Instagram by Fight **Against Animal Cruelties** (FAAC), shedding light on this heart-wrenching incident. The caption accompanying the video posed a question, questioning whether the life of a dog was considered less valuable than a mere seat cover. The post gained attention and outrage on social media, prompting a response from individuals and animal rights advocates. SAS India Founder & National President Nitesh



action in the case. He confirmed that the accused was in police custody, as reported by local police, and he

to investigate further. Many users expressed their outrage over the incident, calling for justice and harsh punish-

### Mumbai reports 350 dengue cases in first 10 days of September

cases in past 10 days, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) data revealed on Tuesday.

his live-in partner and after

she filed a rape complaint against him, police said on

The incident took place

the body of the 28-year-old

woman is yet to be found,

Vasai area in Palghar, was

Assistant Commissioner of

Police, Vasai, Padmaja Bade

missing person's complaint

with the Naigaon police on

August 14, an official from

Naigaon police station said,

accused disposed of the body

in neighbouring Vapi town of

adding they suspect the

The woman's family filed a

arrested on Tuesday,

they said.

between August 9 and 12 and

The accused, a resident of

Team Absolute | Mumbai ccording to the BMC's monsoon health report, from September 1 to September 10. Mumbai has seen a rise in vector borne diseases. The city also reported 390 malaria cases in 10 days.

"While there is a reduction in Lepto, Gastro, Hepatitis and H1N1 cases between September 1-10, there has been a rise in Malaria, Dengue cases. In 2023 cases increased due to an increase in reporting units from 22 to 880. These units include BMC dispensaries, BMC Hospitals, HBT clinics, additional private labs, and private hospital," the BMC report noted.

Speaking about the action taken by the civic body across Mumbai to



disease, the BMc stated that special measures are adopted for vector control of Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika. Aedes aegypti is the principal vector for transmission of diseases such as Dengue,

"In order to control of Aedes aegypti, high-risk areas for Dengue incidence are identified and regular Aedes surveys are conducted in these areas. During the survey, all potential breeding sources for

are either removed or treated," the BMc official said.

The report further added, "Where Dengue cases are reported, at least 200 surrounding houses are checked as the Aedes mosquito, which is a container breeder, breeds in domestic and peridomestic situations. Intensive indoor thermal fumigation is carried out in localities where vector breeding is detected as well as where Dengue patients are residing. Interpersonal and community awareness is created for effective control of vector mosquito by involving citizens to prevent vector mosquito breeding in their houses as well as in their surrounding

BMC also stated that they appointed NGO volunteers for removal of odd articles, tyres and tarapaulin as well as for treatment, wherever necessary during the monsoon season (412 volunteer

## **MUMBAI MAN FORFEITS 'MATERNAL GIFTS'** FOR HARASSING ILL, WIDOWED MOM

Team Absolute | Mumbai | The Bombay High Court has upheld a Senior Citizens Maintenance Tribunal (SCMT)'s order revoking two gift deeds executed by a senior woman in her son's name, for failing to care for her, and directed him and his wife to vacate the property.

Justice Sandeep V. Marne also said that denial of access to one's own house amounted to 'denial of basic amenities', and the son had failed to perform his duties to provide basic amenities to his aged mother.

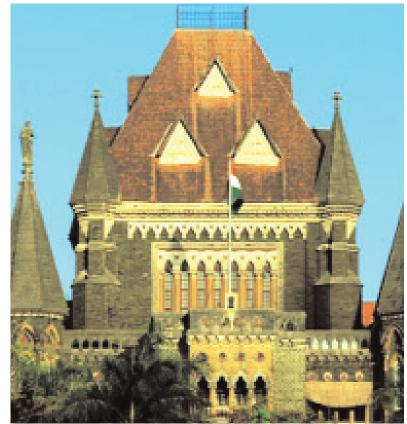
The woman, Urvashi Bharat Khater lost her husband Bharat Khater to cancer in December 2016, their elder son and bachelor Avinash B. Khater had separated from the family after a

mutual settlement in January 2015. In May 2017, Urvashi Khater executed two Gift Deeds -- her share in properties in Bharat Bhavan and a flat in Vienna Building -- in the name of her younger son, Ashwin B. Khater.

The problems started soon afterwards with a series of developments compelling the mother to move the SCMT, seeking revocation of the two Gift Deeds, access to her Juhu bunga low, 'Avi-n-Ash', monthly maintenance of Rs two lakh and a medical expense of Rs ten lakh.

In April 2022, partly allowing the plea, SCMT declared the two Gift Deeds as null and void, ordered the son to permit access to the mother at their Juhu bungalow, to refrain from causing any mental or physical agony to her, and even permitted the mother to file a police complaint.

Ashwin B. Khater challenged the SCMT order in the Bombay High Court which upheld the tribunal's verdict. Justice Marne also observed that the son and his wife are not concerned about the access granted to the aged mother to their home but



are "aggrieved" by the cancellation of the two Gift Deeds of May 2017, plus other orders on not causing her any kind of harassment and liberty to lodge a police complaint.

Dismissing the petition filed by Ashwin Khater and his wife, the court also said that the Gift Deeds were executed by Urvashi Khater out of natural love and affection towards her son, given the sequences of events, that love and affection ceased to exist, her son perhaps failed to provide for his mother's needs, and since "it was never the son's property... he had no

right to seek Gift thereof". Advocate Mayur Khandeparkar and his team Shaheda Madraswala and Shikha Dharia instructed by Vashi & Vashi represented the son, while the mother's case was argued by Simil Purohit instructed by Manoj Pandit.

The judge added that "this may not be an irreversible situation in every case, mother's love and affection can be won back", but presently the extreme measure of the restoration of the gifted properties to the mother was warranted considering the facts and circumstances.

### Maratha quota activist Jarange continues hunger strike for reservation

Team Absolute Mumbai aratha quota activist Manoj Jarange has said that he will continue the hunger strike until the state government issues an official order providing reservation to the Maratha community. Jarange is resolute in his hunger strike, which began on August 29 in Antarwali Sarati village of Jalna district in Maharashtra. Jarange is demanding reservation in jobs and education for the Maratha community under the OBC category. "I will continue my fast until the state government comes with an order offering reservation to the Maratha community.  $\bar{I}$  would be the only protester who forced the state government to take back its faulty order. I want a permanent solution to this mess," Jarange told reporters at the protest site in Jalna. Recently, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde convened an all-party meeting in Mumbai to address the ongoing Maratha quota agitation led by Jarange. At the meeting, a resolution was passed, requesting Jarange to end his hunger strike. In response, CM Shinde announced the withdrawal of police cases filed against pro-Maratha



reservation protesters in Jalna district and the suspension of three police officials involved in a lathi-charge on quota agitators earlier this month. State minister Sandipan Bhumre and Shiv Sena leader Arjun Khotkar met with Jarange and conveyed the resolutions from the all-party meeting. Hindu leader Sambhaji Bhide also requested Jarange to end his fast.

However, Jarange remains steadfast in his protest, citing the absence of a concrete decision from the state government regarding Maratha community reservations. Shinde emphasized the government's commitment to achieving

harmony and peace among all communities in Maharashtra. He urged Jarange to call off his fast, explaining that the government needs time to complete the procedure for making decisions on the quota issue. A five-member panel, led by retired Judge Sandeep Shinde, has been established to determine the Standard Operating Procedure for granting caste certificates to Maratha community members, referred to as Kunbis in Nizam-era documents, allowing them to avail quota benefits under the OBC category. The committee is actively working on its task, and CM Shinde reiterated that the government has agreed to most of Jarange's demands. While addressing the ongoing agitation, CM Shinde said, "Jarange is not making any personal demands; he is doing it for his community, but it will take some time for the (quota) issue to be resolved."

The Justice Shinde Committee has commenced its work, with a one-month deadline to submit a report on the matter. The state government is committed to addressing the concerns of the Maratha community and achieving a resolution to the quota issue.



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# Beyonce thanks Diana Ross for popping over at concert, calls her 'my queen'

op diva Beyonce during her performance in Los Angeles was left surprised by the appearance of singer Diana Ross, who went on the stage with her, last week.

Beyonce thanked Diana for her appearance, and called her 'my queen'.The 'Crazy In Love' singer, 42, shared a sweet message dedicated to Ross, 79, alongside photos of the two together on stage during Beyonce's

The photographs captured the mother of three's reaction to Diana

singing 'Happy Birthday' to her. Thank you to the incomparable Ms. Diana Ross," Beyonce wrote in her Instagram caption, before referencing her 'Alien Superstar' lyrics to further sing Ross' praises. "The 1 of 1, the number 1, the only one. Thank you from the depths of me, my

Queen.." as per People magazine. In a viral video shared on the night of Beyonce's birthday concert, the

with excitement after she was serenaded by Diana.

"Thank you so much, you are so amazing," Beyonce told Diana on stage at SoFi Stadium. "This is the legendary Diana Ross. There would be no me without you and thank you so much for all of your sacrifice and your beauty and your grace. Thank you for opening doors for me. Thank you so much.""You sang 'Happy Birthday' to me so I wanted to sing it to you," Diana replied, smiling from

tion of 'Happy Birthday' to Diana at the Motown singer's 75th birthday party at Warwick in Los Angeles, California.

In honour of Beyonce's special day, several celebs popped out for the show to celebrate the singer, including Kelly Rowland, Kerry Washington, Kris Jenner, Kim Kardashian, and more. Most of the attendees were dressed in silver, per the birthday girl's request last month.



Paul King

Praises Timothee Chalamet's voice, but says 'Wonka' isn't a musical

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irector Paul King, who will be directing the upcoming fantasy-drama film 'Wonka' starring Timothee Chalamet, has praised the actor's singing voice, though he said that despite some musical sequences, the film is not a musical. "He's got a beautiful singing voice. The person it reminded me of was Bing Crosby. There's quite a range because it does go from a couple of bigger, showstopper-y sort of things, to moments of real, pure emotion, and he can do it all... I'm

going to sound like a crazed fan (sic)," Paul told Total Film in an interview, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Nonetheless, the 'Paddington' director also made it his purpose to establish that while the film has songs in it, he doesn't exactly consider it a musical."The Oompa Loompas sing a lot in the book, and Dahl always uses poetry," Paul explained."But I didn't want it to just become a musical where people are singing dialogue to each other for

no discernible reason. I felt like it was more like a movie with songs than a musical. This is not the first time that the director has sung praises of Timothee's singing voice. In an earlier interview with Rolling Stone, he told the outlet that the 'Dune' actor did not even have to audition for the part, and was picked immediately due to his voice.



## Greta Gerwig shares new BTS scene for 'Barbie' revealing new details

The movie makers shared the look, in light of the film's upcoming streaming release on co-stars Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling discussed the process behind the film's costumes.

"I think rule 1 of Barbie Land is you just always have the right outfit on " Gerwig, 40 Durran added: "It's quite difficult to know how to approach this because the character is Barbie, and Barbie can be anything. She can represent any person, any profession, anything.

Barbies in Barbie Land, as well as various sketches of what became the character's final costumes in the movie. "Especially in this film, costumes are everything," Gosling, 42, says. "Unless you're dressed for it, you're not doing it. There's a meme out right now that says 'the costume designer for Barbie deserves a free pass to heav-

production purposefully designed each Barbie's costumes to make the characters distinct from the humans shown throughout

#### he 'Barbie' craze has not died down yet it would seem, as Greta Gerwig has shared a brand new Behind-The-Scenes (BTS) look, from her 'Barbie' set, giving a better look of the colourful designs, sets and costumes. Prime Video. Sharing an exclusive glimpse with 'People' magazine, Greta Gerwig, Durran and

The clip features footage of Durran working with Gerwig and the movie's ensemble cast of

Durran explained in the clip how the

#### gross", Page Six reported. Demi also Harry Styles flaunts giant tattoos as he takes a dip in pond gushed about her "healthy' relationship with Lutes, 32, and her hope to one day tie the knot and have kids with the fellow musician. "There's this partnership there that is just so magnetic, and the way

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he 'As It Was' hitmaker Harry Styles showed off his mammoth tattoos while taking a dip in an iconic London bathing spot, much to the excitement of his devout fans. The former One Direction member was photographed at the Mixed Ponds at Hampstead Heath, joining hundreds of other urban dwellers for a refreshing swim in its leafy waters, reports Mirror.co.uk.

The 29-year-old, who owns property in the nearby area, sported a pair of forest green swim trunks and a long chained necklace as he hovered on the deck before taking the plunge.

His elaborate tattoos, which include two birds on his ripped chest and a butterfly across his sculpted abs, were also on display. Eagle-eyed fans could also spot the name 'Mary' inked on Harry's right forearm, which is the moniker of his late grandmother.

As per Mirror.co.uk, the temperature of the Mixed Pond's water made it the perfect condition to cool off on England's hottest day of the year so far. Queues to swim in the historic lake at the weekend were estimated to have around a 90 minutes of wait time, but it's unknown whether or not Harry had to line up like everyone else to gain access. Despite his A-list

status, it's understood that Harry managed to go mostly unrecognised for his open water swim once he did manage to get in







**Demi Lovato recalls** 

early relationships

them 'gross'

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Jordan Rutes.

men, calling them 'gross'.

'Camp Rock' actress, 31, said.

with older men, calls

Singer Demi Lovato has said that she is currently thriving in her new relationship, with boyfriend

Reflecting on her 'daddy issues', the singer has opened up about her previous relationships with older

The 'Sorry Not Sorry' singer, who had previously

"I can say with confidence that my daddy issues

"I think there's a few signs to that. I'm with a partner

that is my

age, essen-

tially. I look

aren't anything that are inside of me anymore," the

dated Wilmer Valderrama despite their 13-year age

gan, recalled her earlier relationship, during th September 11 episode, of SiriusXM's 'The Howard

that you're so that you laugh with constantly, that's the formula of a really great relationship," the singer added. The 'Heart Attack' singer first met with the Canadian

musician, while working on her album 'Holy Fvck'. Jordan had co-written multiple songs on the album, and according to her, she was instantly attracted to "He came in to write on one of my sessions and I

'He's so hot!' " she said. Before her current romance, the songstress was involved with several older men, including Valderrama, whom she began dating in 2010. Demi was with the 'That '70s Show' alum, 43, on and off for six years.

was in the studio and was immediately attracted to

him. I like texted my friends on the side and was like

## Bowlers help India defend small total, end Lanka's 13-ODI win streak; seal spot in final

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ohit Sharma's India team came up with a superb bowling display to defend a small total and end Sri Lanka's 13-match winning streak in One-Day Internationals (ODI) here at R. Premadasa Stadium, here on Tuesday.

In a low-scoring thriller, India fought back after being bundled out for 213 by defeating Sri Lanka by 41 runs in the fourth match of the Super 4 stage of the Asia Cup and sealed a place in the final.

The 213-run target wasn't easy to chase on this pitch, which was tricky to bat on. The chase wasn't good for the Lankans as they lost the wicket of Pathum Nissanka in the third over, after which they lost two more wickets in the Power-play.

Two of these three wickets were claimed by pacer Jasprit Bumrah while Mohammad Siraj bagged the third.Charith Asalanka and Sadeera Samarawickrama added 43 runs for the fourth wicket before Kuldeep Yadav came into action and got rid of



both batters in consecutive overs. The lone warrior Dinuth Wellalage battled till the end as the wicket tumbled at the other end. The 20-yearold's resilient inning was the centrepiece of the match for Sri Lanka as it came after the young spinner had rattled India with his maiden five-wicket haul. The brilliant performance earned him praise from Virat Kohli

during the post-match handshake.

In the end, it was the spinners who turned the tables for India, as Jadeja took a wicket and Kuldeep wrapped up the match by taking two wickets in the end. He finished with dominating figures of (9.3-0-43-4).

Apart from him, K.L Rahul yet again batted with purpose in the middle overs and scored 39 runs.

Winning captain, Rohit Sharma said, "It was a good game. For us also

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India 213 all out in 49.1 overs (Rohit Sharma 53, K.L. Rahul 39; Dunith Wellalage 5-40, Charith Asalanka 4-18) beat Sri Lanka 172 all out in 41.3 overs (Dinuth Wellalage 42, Dhananjaya De Silva 41; Kuldeep Yadav 4-43, Ravindra Jadeja 3-33, Jasprit Bumrah 2-30) by 41 runs.

to play a game like that under pressure. Challenged a lot of aspects of our game. We definitely want to play on pitches like to see what we can achieve. [Hardik] He's worked hard on his bowling over the last couple of years, and it's pleasing to see how he bowled that spell. Not an easy target to defend. The pitch got slightly better towards the end so we had to hold our nerve and bowl consistently.

Losing captain, Dasun Shanaka said, "We didn't expect this kind of a wicket, but after the first 10 overs we came into the match brilliantly with the spinners. The luxury of the two genuine batters bowling is great, They've done well in the nets but it was great how they performed.'

### Virat-Rohit became first and fastest non-opening Indian duo to complete 5,000 ODI runs

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fter completing the milestone of 10,000 ODI, India skipper Rohit Sharma added another feather to his cap -- in partnership with his predecessor Virat Kohli.

The two Indian batting heroes became the fastest non-opening (Rohit opens the inning) duo in One-Day International cricket to complete 5,000 runs as a pair during the Asia Cup Super 4 match against Sri Lanka at Colombo's R. Premadasa Stadium on Tuesday.

The duo surpassed the legendary West Indies pair of Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes, who held the previous record to reach 5000 ODI runs in 97 innings.

The Rohit and Virat duo achieved this feat in the 86th ODI inning batting together. Both batters have raised 18century partnerships and 15

**Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon 2023** 

World C'ships silver medalist Daniel Ebenyo, Rio

World titles in 2015 (5,000m)

excellent race on the roads of

personal best 1:05:30 earlier

and 2017 (10,000m) ran an

half-century stands at an Tendulkar and Sourav average of 62.47. Their highest partnership

target of 323. They are also the third Indian pair to reach the land-

came in 2018 when the right-

handed duo added 246 runs

against Australia at Guwahati

to chase down a daunting

Ganguly and Rohit and Shikhar Dhawan.

Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly hold the global record for most runs scored as a pair in One-Day Internationals with 8227 runs in 176 innings.

#### Golf: Tvesa, Ridhima back in fray as Sneha looks for more success on WPGT

**Gurugram** | Agencies

neha Singh, the Order of Merit leader on the Women's Pro Golf Tour, will be among the leading contenders as the Tour resumes after a break with round 1 of the 12th leg scheduled to take place at Golden Greens Golf Club here on Wednesday.

Sneha, one of the two players who has won more than once in the past 11 events, will face a challenge from Gaurika Bishnoi, two-time winner this season, Tvesa Malik, Ridhima Dilawari and Seher Atwal among others.

Tvesa, Ridhima and Seher have also been playing on the Ladies European Tour with mixed results, and will be looking to tune themselves in the three events scheduled this month, ahead of the flagship event, the Hero



Women's Indian Open next

Tvesa, who did not have a great season in 2022 in Europe, has been playing on the domestic Tour to find her form. She won the 11th leg in Bengaluru and will be looking forward to another strong showing. Meanwhile,

Ridhima and Seher will put aside the disappointments on the LET to make up this week and get ready for the future

The field, which has grown

the influx of new professionals, will be 40 players including six amateurs. With the field expanding to 40, the prize purse will be a hefty Rs.12 lakhs this week.

The amateurs include

Nishna Patel, who has been having a good season, which includes a runner-up finish at Asia Pacific Juniors in Manila earlier this year. Another amateur to watch out for will be Saanvi Somu, who was runner-up in both the ninth and 10th legs of the Tour. The amateurs have been putting up a strong show this season and Vidhatri Urs, who is not playing this week, even won the ninth leg.

This will be a busy month for the Indian golfers, as they play three events and then the LET event, Women's Indian Open, where many other big names will join



18th Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon, a World Athletics Gold Label Road Race, here on October 15. The USD 268,000 prize money will see tens of thouthe prize money includes the sands of amateurs join the top 10 finishers in both. In world's best elites on one of addition to this, there is an the fastest courses in the

The International Elite Almaz Ayana, the 2016 winners in the men's and Olympic 10,000m champion



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Delhi to triumph in the 13th edition of the annual sporting extravaganza which commenced in 2005. The Ethiopian, who clocked a

finished seventh at the full distance in the London Marathon thereafter, is now eying for the Delhi course record of 1:04:46 held by country-mate Yalemzerf Yehualaw since 2020. Ebenyo, the World

this year to win in Lisbon and

Championships silver medalist, who finished sixth in the World cross-country championships held in Bathurst (Australia) in early 2023 already posted a personal best time of 59:04 at the halfmarathon distance last year in Manama. The timing is very close to the Delhi course record of 58:53 and hence is coming into the Delhi Half Marathon with high expecta-

Also from Kenya, Roncer

Konga (59:08), Leonard Barsoton (59:09), Isaac Kipkemboi (59:17) and Isaiyah Lasoi (59:27) besides Ethiopian Tesfahun Akalnew (59:22) are eager to provide a keen contest in the upcoming race.

Incidentally, Barsoton and Akalnew finished fifth and sixth respectively at Delhi three years ago and will try to make it to the podium in 2023. In the women's race. Ayana will have major competition from her young colleague Betelihem Afenigus. The latter, who is just 22 years old has already taken part in five half-marathon races this year and holds a Personal Best of 1:06:46 that she recorded after finishing sec-

ond at Paris in March.

### Raghu Prasad is lone Indian picked as FIH announces match officials for Paris Olympics Colombo | Agencies

**Lausanne (Switzerland)** | Agencies

easoned umpire Raghu Prasad is the lone Indian match official selected by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for the next Olympic Games in Paris 2024. The FIH on Tuesday confirmed the

names of the technical delegates, technical officials, umpire managers, umpires and medical officers who are appointed to the Olympic Games

The selection has been made by the FIH Technical Officials and Umpiring Committees, chaired by Sheila Brown (South Africa) and Roger St. Rose (Trinidad and Tobago) respectively

Continuing hockey's drive towards maintaining gender equality in the sport, there will again be a 50-50 split of the officials at the Games across Umpires and Technical Officials. This



is a key target for the International Olympic Committee (IOC) which aims to achieve this across all sports at the Olympic Games Paris 2024, the FIH informed in a release on



Speaking on the announcement of officials for the Olympic Games Paris 2024, FIH President Tayyab Ikram said: "Officials play a fundamental

role and give a very substantial part of their free time to their passion for the sport! This is remarkable and I'd like to thank each and every hockey official, anywhere in the world.

"To all those who've been selected for the Olympic Games in Paris next year: huge congratulations! This is a fantastic achievement. On behalf of FIH, I want to assure you of our full confidence, support and respect. And I'm particularly pleased that the split of all officials across both genders will be an exact 50-50, in line with the overarching gender equality principle which prevails in our sport," the FIH chief was quoted as saying in the

Introduced in London 1908, hockey will mark its 25th appearance in the quadrennial sporting event at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

The Paris Olympic Games will be held from July 26 to August 11, 2024.

#### Pakistan call up Dahani, Zaman for Asia Cup to cover injured stars Naseem Shah, Haris Rauf

akistan have moved quickly to bring in cover for Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf, with fellow pacers Shahnawaz Dahani and Zaman Khan added to their Asia Cup squad.

. Naseem and Rauf picked up niggles during Pakistan's 228-run loss to India on Monday and are no certainty to recover in time for the side's final match of the Super Four stage against Sri Lanka on Thursday, states ICC.

While team management are hopeful that both Naseem and Rauf will be fit in time for that clash, they will take no risk with the star duo with the start of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup just weeks away.

"This is only a precautionary measure keeping in mind the fitness and well-being of the players ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup next month and the two will continue to remain under the observation of the team's medical panel," the Pakistan Cricket Board said in a statement.

"The team management will only request replacement from the ACC technical committee if Haris or Naseem are ruled out for the



The magnitude of Pakistan's loss to India saw Babar Azam's side slip to third place on the current Super Four table, meaning a win is likely to be required in that match against Sri Lanka to book a place in this year's final.

Dahani has played two ODIs for his country and a total of 11 T20I contests, while 22-yearold Zamar has featured just six times for Pakistan in the shortest format of the game and never seen any action in an international

#### ROHIT SHARMA COMPLETES 10,000 ODI RUNS, SECOND FASTEST TO ACHIEVE THE FEAT AFTER VIRAT KOHLI



Colombo | Agencies

he Indian skipper Rohit Sharma added yet another landmark to his name, as he becomes the second fastest in the world and sixth Indian to complete the 10,000 One-Dav Internationa (ODI) runs quota in international cricket at the R. Premadasa Stadium

#### **Fastest batters to 10,000 ODI runs (by innings):**

Virat Kohli (India) - 205 innings Rohit Sharma (India) - 241 innings Sachin Tendulkar - 259 innings Sourav Ganguly - 263 innings Ricky Ponting - 266 innings

here on Tuesday. Rohit Sharma achieved the milestone when he reached 22 runs after India won the toss and opted to bat on a bright afternoon in Colombo, Sharma became the 15th batter

overall to score 10.000 runs in ODI cricket. He is also the third Indian opener to reach the milestone after Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly.

The landmark came on the big stage, as India eyes the top spot in the Super 4 standings, after a surreal victory against Pakistan. Sharma is playing his 50th ODI against Sri Lanka. Making his ODI debut, back in 2007 against Ireland, Rohit is a modern-day legend with 30 centuries, 50 half-centuries, 2 doublehundreds, and averaging nearly 49 in the

### Women's Asian Champions Trophy: India to face Thailand in campaign opener at Ranchi

Ranchi | Agencies

he Asian Hockey Federation and Hockey India on Tuesday announced the schedule for the upcoming edition of the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023.The tournament will begin with Malaysia and Japan playing the first game, while hosts India will play the third game of the opening day (October 27) when they take on Thailand at Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astro Turf Hockey Stadium, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

The Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 will see Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, China, and India go into battle to lift the coveted trophy. The six-team tournament will begin on October 27 and will conclude on November 5.

All the teams are part of One Pool and the top four teams will qualify for the Semi-Finals, where the team finishing on top of the table will take on the team that finishes fourth and the



teams finishing second and third will play each other to decide the Finalists.

Defending Champions Japan will face a stiff challenge from Korea, the most decorated team in the history of the tournament, which have won three out of six editions of the tourna-

ment, in 2010, 2011, and 2016. Hosts India have been in good

form - particularly after the historic Bronze at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games and title victory at FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup Spain 2022. The hosts have also won the Asian Champions Trophy in

2016 and were runners-up in 2018. They will begin their campaign against Thailand on October 27 and face Korea in the last match of the

group stage on November 2. President of the Asian Hockey Federation, Dato Fumio Ogura, remarked, "This is a momentous occasion for the Asian hockey community, and we are eagerly looking forward to witnessing top-notch hockey action at the prestigious Women's Asian Champions Trophy. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Hockey India for hosting this event and also for their unwavering support and commitment to the development of hockey in Asia. Furthermore, I would like to express our gratitude to the state of Jharkhand for their warm hospitality and enthusiasm in hosting the Women's Asian Champions Trophy. After Chennai, we are eagerly anticipating another spectacular event with the gracious support of Hockey

Team Absolute Mumbai

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Bachchan and Shahrukh Khan,

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Amitabh Bachchan sharing his

thoughts on the campaign adds, "I've always believed in the power of simplic-

ity, and Everest's campaign encapsu-

lates that essence perfectly. It was an enriching experience to work alongside Shahrukh Khan, and together, we've celebrated the joy of home-cooked meals."

Shahrukh Khan also took to social media when the initial teaser was released and shared, "It was sooooooo much fun to work with @SrBachchan

after so many years. Came back from the shoot inspired and blessed. And just to let u know he beat me in the run!!!!'

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Big B and SRK unite for Ad Campaign

Aditya Narayan admires **Neeti Mohan's teeth:** They are impeccable'

Team Absolute New Delhi

inger Aditya Narayan, who is currently hosting the singing reality show 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa', revealed that he is fond of judge Neeti Mohan's teeth, and keeps asking her to

'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa' features Himesh Reshammiya, Neeti Mohan, Anu

Malik as judges, and Aditya as the host. Seeing the camaraderie among the participants despite being fierce rivals, Aditya revealed how despite being from the same cut-throat music industry, he shares a wonderful bond with each judge. Talking to IANS, Aditya praised Neeti, saying "For some reason I have discovered that Neeti has the perfect set of teeth. So, I keep asking her to smile. They are impeccable. Please have a look.'

'It's almost like some surgeon has done it, but she hasn't. I asked her. There is surgeon-like precision in those teeth. No gaps. Beautiful. And, I myself don't have a very good set of teeth. I grind my teeth at night. 10-20 per cent mere daanto ka jaa (ghis) chuka hai. So, I won't say envy, but I really admire people with a nice set of teeth," shared the 36-year-old singer.

He also opened up on his wonderful and close bond with Neeti, and how their friendship has translated into their children

### **KRITIKA KAMRA: I CHOOSE ROLES WHERE I DON'T REPEAT MYSELF**

Team Absolute Mumbai

nown for her works in 'Bheed', 'Hush Hush' and 'Tandav', among others, actress Kritika Kamra, who is all set to portray female gangster in 'Bambai Meri Jaan', talked about her diverse roles, and how she doesn't likes to repeat herself on

Her latest endeavour, 'Bambai Meri Jaan', is a gripping crime web series, in which she takes on the challenging role of a female gangster for the first time onscreen. Her portrayal is set to add a unique dimension to the world of crime drama.

Talking about her diverse roles, Kritika said: "Each project has its own unique flavour, and I'm thrilled to bring these characters to life. I have consciously taken my time in choosing roles where I don't repeat myself, because people tend to box you into a certain type of role.""I work hard to get opportunities to collaborate with makers who think out of the box. I have auditioned my way through to get shows across varied genres. On OTT, I have done a political drama, comedy, suspense thriller and now this - a crime drama. The next has an element of fantasy/mystery and the one after that is a period piece. It's been a rewarding journey so far," she added.

'Bambai Meri Jaan' also stars Avinash Tiwary, Kay Kay Menon, Kritika Kamra, Nivedita Bhattacharya and Amyra Dastur. It is a sneak into the post-independence Bombay of the time and its streets riddled with crime.

The story revolves around the conflict between Dara Kadri (Avinash), a rising gangster, and his father Ismail Kadri (Kay Kay), an honest police officer. The series is set in a world rather, the Mumbai of the 1970s where gang wars, crimes, and treachery were a common oc

### SAIYAMI KHER SHARES THE **REASON BEHIND HER TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY ON SCREEN** Team Absolute Mumbai ctress Saiyami Kher, who has been enjoying the response to her latest theatrical release 'Ghoomer',

reflected on her transformative journey and on the shift from facing back to back rejection to working alongside some of the best filmmaking talents in the Hindi film industry. The actress said that she developed a thick skin with patience as the key which helped her navigate her path. For Saiyami, the turning point came when acclaimed director Anurag Kashyap cast her in the lead role for the streaming film Speaking about her journey, the actress said: "The path hasn't been smooth, and there were times when the rejections were disheartening. However, I held onto the belief that my time would come." Saiyami further mentioned that for

her, working with filmmakers like Anurag Kashyap, Ashwiny Iyer tiwari, Neeraj Pandey, and Balki has been a dream come true.The actress added: "Their belief in me and the author-backed roles I've had the privilege to play have been transformative. I'm grateful for the space I'm in now and excited for the opportunities that lie ahead."Saiyami's recent collaborations have been a treat for the lovers of cinema and content.

Indian film 'A Match' with cast of non-actors creates buzz at Toronto festival

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Probably the best Indian movie to premiere at the on-going Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), young Marylinia International Film Festival (TIFF), young Marathi director Jayant Digambar Somalkar's debut feature film 'A Match' -- Sthal in Marathi -- is literally a slap in the face of Indian patriarchy.

In fact, this strongly feminist film ends with a real slap in the face of one of the potential grooms by the protagonist after her repeated rejections on the pretext of being too dark-skinned, not too tall, and not too rich to meet dowry demands. It is also a rare film with a cast of no actors. All its actors are real-life characters

facing the camera for the first time in their life. And it was shot in the director's own village Dongargaon in Maharashtra and in his family home on a shoe-string budget.

The film is the powerful story of young girl Savita (played by Nandini Chikte), who is on the verge of graduating from college and dreams of building her own future. But the oppressive patriarchy comes in the way of dreams as she is forced to face humiliating but comical interviews from the families of the potential grooms. In fact,

As Savita's desperate father tries to borrow money for her dowry, this film also lays bare the crisis farmers face in India.

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she is once forced to skip her exams to face the interview. Though the film's main focus is on the stifling patriarchy, it also highlights the pervasive hypocrisy in Indian society through one of Savita's suitors, who also happens to be her teacher at college. Though he lectures students on women empowerment in his class, in real life he demands dowry from Savita's father.

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