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GST Council defines SUVs for 22 pc cess



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Today's Prediction
Maximum 24°C | Minimum 09°C
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23°C | 09°C

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Council could decide on only 8 out of the 15 agenda items due to paucity of time, but added that no new taxes have been brought in.

New Delhi: The GST Council on Saturday agreed to decriminalise certain offences and doubled the threshold for launching prosecution under the tax law to Rs 2 crore, but retained the limit at Rs 1 crore for fake invoicing. The Council also clarified on the definition of SUVs (sports utility vehicles) for levy of 22 per cent compensation cess and decided to come out with parameters to define MUVs (multi utility vehicles).

Briefing reporters after the 48th GST Council meeting, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Council could decide on only 8 out of the 15 agenda items due to paucity of time, but added that no new taxes have been brought in. The agenda items which could not be considered included taxation for pan masala and gutkha firms and a report by a Group of Ministers (GoM) on setting up of appellate tribunals.



The report of another GoM, chaired by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, on GST levy on online gaming, casinos and horse racing was also not part of the agenda for Saturday's meeting.

Sitharaman said in case of SUVs, the clarification that has been given is that the higher rate of compensation cess of 22 per cent is applicable to a motor vehicle fulfill-

ing all four conditions -- it is popularly known as SUV; has engine capacity exceeding 1,500cc; length exceeding 4,000 mm; has ground clearance of 170 mm and above.

"So this clarification is not new tax, it's more to say what defines that commodity which is under taxation as SUV," the minister said.

Sitharaman said the discussion on MUVs be-

The Centre and states would attempt to widen the GST base at every level to increase the tax mop-up which is averaging about Rs 1.4 lakh crore every month.

"So the focus will be on how much all of us are putting effort... to widen the tax base," she said. Currently, 1.40 crore tax payers are registered under GST.

Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra said the Council took a "path breaking decision" with regard to decriminalising three types of GST offences -- obstruction or preventing any officer in discharge of his duties; deliberate tampering of material evidence; and failure to supply information.

The minimum threshold of tax amount for launching prosecution under GST has been raised from Rs 1 crore to Rs 2 crore, except for the offence of issuance of invoices without supply of goods or services or both.

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No case is small or big for any court: CJ Chandrachud

Mumbai

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Saturday said the confidence of citizens in the due process of law and the protection of liberty rests in "guardians of liberties".

Delivering a lecture here, the CJ emphasised through the lives of the members of the bar, who fearlessly espouse those causes, "the flame of liberty burns bright even today".

Delivering the Ashok H Desai memorial lecture at the Y B Chavan Centre here, he referred to a theft case where a man would have spent 18 years in jail had the SC not intervened to say "trust us to be guardians of the liberties of our citizens".

The event was organised by the Bombay Bar Association.

"Yesterday in a seemingly innocuous case, where an accused was sentenced to two years of imprisonment in sessions trial for theft of electricity, the trial judge forgot to say that the sentences will run concurrently.

"So then the consequence was that this person who had stolen



electricity equipment like poles would have to suffer 18 years of imprisonment, only because the trial court didn't direct that the sentences would run concurrently," CJ Chandrachud said.

A bench led by CJ Chandrachud on Friday dealt with a plea of a man from Uttar Pradesh called Iqram who was to suffer a jail term of 18 years in nine minor cases of theft of electrical equipment of the state electricity department.

The top court set aside an Allahabad High Court order and directed that Iqram's jail term of two years each in nine cases would run concurrently instead of successively.

It was irked that neither the trial court nor the high court took note of the "miscarriage of justice" and set things right. CONTD ON PG-2

Indian Army ready for all military contingencies: Govt

New Delhi:

The Indian Army remains prepared for all military contingencies emanating out of the "collusive threat" from the military modernisation and aggressive actions by India's adversaries, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday, in an apparent reference to China and its all-weather ally Pakistan.

It also said the Army is primarily focused on maintaining its operational preparedness in sync with India's desire to ensure stability and dominance along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), and Line of Control (LoC) while constantly monitoring and reviewing emerging threats to national security.

The Defence Ministry mentioned this in a year-end review.

Referring to the situation along the LoC (with



Pakistan), it said the situation has been relatively peaceful with both Indian and Pakistani armies observing ceasefire understanding since February last year.

"As compared to 4,645 ceasefire violations during its peak in 2020, only three minor incidents have been recorded since the understanding in February 2021 with only one incident during 2022," the ministry said.

It said Pakistan continued to retain "proxy

war infrastructure" and that the "functionalities" of terrorist training camps, presence of terrorists in "launch pads" and continuing infiltration attempts vindicate that country's "persistent intent".

It said Pakistan continues to exploit the "narco-terror nexus" to radicalise and motivate innocent youth undertake targeting of vulnerable civilians using pistols and grenades.

On its brief on the

SC dismisses Bilkis Bano's plea challenging remission to convicts

New Delhi:

The Supreme Court has dismissed a plea filed by Bilkis Bano seeking a review of its May 13 verdict by which it had said the state of Gujarat was the "appropriate government" competent to examine the application for the pre-mature release filed by a convict in the gang-rape and murder case.

Bano's separate petition challenging the remission of the sentences of the 11 convicts by the state government is pending before the Supreme Court. She was gang-raped and seven members of her family were killed during the 2002 Gujarat riots.

In its May 13 order, the apex court had asked the state government to consider the plea of a convict for pre-mature release in terms of its policy of July 9, 1992,



which was applicable on the date of conviction, and decide it within a period of two months.

All the 11 convicts were granted remission by the Gujarat government and released on August 15.

Bano's plea seeking review of the May 13 order came up for in-chamber consideration on December 13 before a bench of justices Ajay Rastogi and Vikram Nath. "In our opin-

ion, there appears no error apparent on the face of record, which may call for review of the judgment dated May 13, 2022 and as regards the judgments on which the reliance has been placed, none of the judgments are of any assistance to the review petitioner," the bench said in its order which was uploaded on the top court website on Saturday.

"In our opinion, no case for review is made out. The review petition is accordingly dismissed," it said, while also rejecting the application for listing in the open court. According to procedures, review pleas against apex court judgments are decided in chambers by circulation by the judges who were part of the judgment under review.

The gang-rape survivor had sought a review of the top court's May 13 order on a plea moved by one of the convicts. Earlier in the day,

HIGHLIGHTS

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Indian Army displayed unmatched bravery in Galwan & Tawang incidents: Rajnath

New Delhi:

The Indian Army displayed "unmatched bravery" and valour during the Galwan valley clashes and the recent face-off in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh and any amount of praise for them is not enough, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday.

In an address at the industry chamber FICCI, Singh also said that India aspires to become a superpower to ensure global prosperity and it has no intention to capture even one inch of the land of any country but will respond if anyone



tries to cast an evil eye over it, in comments seen as a thinly veiled message to China.

The defence minister

also made an indirect dig at Rahul Gandhi over his comments on the border row with China, a day after the Con-

gress leader accused the government of downplaying the threat posed by the Chinese military along the Line of Actual Control.

"Any amount of praise is not enough for the armed forces the way they displayed unmatched bravery and valour, be it in Galwan or Tawang," Singh said.

"We have never questioned the intention of any leader in the opposition, we have only debated on the basis of policies. Politics should be based on truth. Politics cannot be done on the basis of falsehood for a long time," he said

without naming anyone. "The process of taking the society towards the right path is called 'rajniti' (politics). I do not understand the reason behind doubting anyone's intention always," Singh said.

Citing stiff opposition faced by the government in rolling out the Goods and Services Tax (GST), Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme and agricultural reforms, he said the trend of opposing any decision and scheme for the sake of opposition should stop as it is not a good sign of a healthy democracy.

The Indian and Chi-

Not India of 1962, Anurag Thakur hits back at Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi:

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Saturday accused Rahul Gandhi of "spreading fear" in the name of China and wondered whether the opposition leader had lost faith in the armed forces.

Slamming Gandhi for his remarks that the Chinese "were beating our soldiers", Thakur said the former Congress president was busy "having soup" with the Chinese when Indian soldiers were fighting Chinese jawans at Doklam.

"These people have the habit of spreading fear in the name of China. But this is not the India



of 1962, this is the India of 2014. India is moving ahead under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Thakur said. He said during the UPA regime the then government did not empower the armed forces with bulletproof jackets

or Rafale fighter jets. "More than 300 defence items are being made in India today. India is now an exporter of defence equipment and not an importer anymore. This is 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'," he said.

Gandhi had alleged on Friday that while China was preparing for war, the Indian government was "asleep" and trying to ignore the threat.

Addressing a press conference in Jaipur, Gandhi alleged that China had taken away 2,000 square kilometres of Indian territory, killed 20 Indian soldiers, and was "beating our jawans in Arunachal Pradesh". Agencies

BJP holds nationwide protests against Bilawal Bhutto's remarks against PM Modi

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Also, the compounding amount has been reduced to the range of 25 to 100 per cent, from the present 50 to 150 per cent of the tax amount.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Chairman Vivek Johri said currently under the GST law offences exceeding Rs 1 crore are considered for criminal prosecution.

"What was proposed in Council and what came out of the discussion was that the limit would be enhanced from Rs 1 crore to Rs 2 crore now. So cases involving tax amount of up to Rs 2 crore will go out of the purview of criminal action, except cases of fake invoicing," Johri said.

He said the current threshold of Rs 1 crore for launching criminal prosecution will continue in fake invoicing cases which continue despite many measures taken by the tax authorities.

No case is small or big for any court: CJI Chandrachud

CONTD FROM PG-1
Referring to the case, the CJI on Saturday said the high court said, "sorry we can't do anything at all, because the trial judge hasn't, in terms of section 427 of the CrPc directive, said that the sentences would run concurrently".

"We had to intervene yesterday, in a seemingly innocuous case of a simple citizen of the nation. The point which we make is sermonising apart, trust us to be guardians of the liberties of our citizens," he added.

New Delhi:
The BJP held protests across the country on Saturday against Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto's "uncivilized and distasteful" personal attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the party sought to rally support over the issue.

BJP leaders and workers took out marches in various state capitals, burnt Bhutto's effigies, called him a "vidwesh mantri" (hated minister) and demanded he apologise to the 135 crore people of India. "India came together to condemn and protest Bhutto's uncivilized and distasteful comment on PM Modi," the party said, adding that protests were held in every state.

The Pakistani foreign minister made remarks against PM Modi and slammed the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) after India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar highlighted at the United Nations Security Council meeting Pakistan's support to various terror groups and described the country as the "epicentre of terrorism". The march of party workers in Lucknow was led by Uttar Pradesh BJP chief Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary, and in Patna by state BJP chief Sanjay Jaiswal.

"Thousands of BJP workers marched from the Uttar Pradesh BJP office to the Atal Chowk (in Hazratganj), and raised slogans against Bilawal Bhutto. The party workers, under the leadership of state BJP chief Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary, also burnt an effigy of the Pakistani foreign minister," party spokesperson Hero Bajpai told

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PTI.
"Bilawal Bhutto is not a 'videsh mantri' (foreign minister), he is a 'vidwesh mantri' (hostility minister)," he said.

Speaking to reporters, Chaudhary said, "The statement given by the foreign minister of Pakistan on Prime Minister Narendra Modi is extremely objectionable. On behalf of the 135 crore people of India, I demand that he withdraw the bad words he said about our prime minister, take back his statement, and tender an apology to the people (of India)." In a statement issued in Lucknow, the Uttar Pradesh BJP said Bhutto's remark indicates his frustration and mental bankruptcy.

"Today, the identity of Pakistan on the world stage has become that of a country that nurtures and promotes terrorism. Terrorism factory runs in Pakistan," he said.

He also lauded PM Modi saying that under his leadership India has been recognised as a strong nation on the world stage. India's foreign policy is being appreciated all over. India's respect has increased in the entire world," Chaudhary said, adding Bhutto has put another stigma on Pakistan by his indecent statement.

Uttar Pradesh, re-



ports of protests were also received from Amethi, Unnao, Muzaffargarh, Baghat, Bhadohi, Ballia, Meerut, Bulandshahr, Maharajganj and Budaun.

Manupal Bansal, a BJP member of zila panchayat of Baghat, said he would give Rs 2-crore reward to anyone beheading the Pakistani foreign minister.

"I declare that I will give a reward of Rs 2 crore to anyone who will behead minister Bilawal Bhutto," Bansal told a protest gathering at the collectorate in Bhadohi.

His announcement was followed by slogans of 'Manupal Bansal zindabad' by the crowd. Later speaking to PTI, Bansal said he stood by his statement.

"Yes, I have made that statement today. If they are saying such things about our prime minister, whom we respect a lot, then we are not going to tolerate such a person. We are having tremendous attachment with our prime minister, and if we have to do anything for him, we will have no problem," he said.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP unit took out a march from the party's office in Jawahar Nagar, raising slogans against Bhutto and demanding an apology from him. "This march is part of the country-wide protests by BJP against Bhutto's shameful comments against our beloved prime minister. This protest is against Pakistan which is a terror state," party's Kashmir media incharge, Manzoor Ahmad, told reporters. BJP's Maharashtra chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule, several party MLAs and other leaders took part in the protest at Tilak

Chowk in Pune. They burnt Pakistan's flags and also raised anti-Pakistan slogans. Protests were also held in Nashik.

"We will not tolerate any statement against our prime minister. PM Narendra Modi is the one who is striving hard to save our Hindu religion, and Pakistan is unable to see it. That is why they are making such statements. In future, we will not tolerate such remarks from Pakistan," Bawankule said.

BJP state women's wing head Chitra Wagh, former Pune mayor Murlidhar Mohol also took part in the protest. Protests were also reported from Gujarat's Rajkot, Vadodra, Gandhinagar, Botad, Mahisagar, Junagadh and many other places. In Gandhinagar, a delegation led by state BJP's Yuva Morcha president Prashant Korat submitted a memorandum

criticising Pakistan and the minister to Governor Acharya Devvrat at Raj Bhavan.

"What Bhutto said was an insult to the entire country and its countrymen, not just PM Modi. BJP workers, as well as citizens, have joined a state-wide protest against Bhutto's remarks," Korat told reporters.

Gujarat BJP president CR Paatil dubbed Pakistan a 'beggar' and said Bhutto's remarks on PM Modi have attracted criticism from the entire world. He said the people of India will never tolerate such comments against the PM.

"The entire country is angry over Bhutto's vile and shameful remarks about PM Modi. Pakistan is no less than a beggar. Its economy is so weak that Pakistan is forced to sell their assets, even its donkeys, to keep the country running. Pakistan needs to focus on their own condition before commenting on others. The entire world knows the misdeeds of the Bhutto family" said Paatil.

Among those who took part in the protest in Goa's Panaji were state BJP chief Sadanand Shet Tanavade, MLAs Daji Salkar, Sankalp Amonkar, former Lok Sabha MP Narendra Sawaikar, former legislator Damodar Naik and the party's state Yuva Morcha president Sameer Mandrekar. The protesters burnt an effigy of Bhutto near the party's head office in Panaji.

Tanavade said Bhutto's comment reflects the frustration of Pakistan at the respect PM Modi has garnered globally for his statesmanship.

Why is PM afraid of China, asks Digvijaya; slams Centre for 'rise' in Chinese imports

Sagar:
Amid a row over the statement of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on the threat of war from China, his colleague and Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh on Saturday asked why Prime Minister Narendra Modi was afraid of that country as well as its government and army.

Gandhi had said the Modi government was asleep and ignoring a threat of war from China, which had led to a verbal tussle between Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party leaders.

"Why does Narendra Modi fear China's army and government? When he was in the opposition, Modi used to advise then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to show the red eye (belligerence) to China. Where are those red eyes?" Singh asked.

He was answering queries on the recent developments on the border between the two nations.

Singh claimed when the Chinese military had intruded into India's land, the then chief of defence staff had admitted it but Modi had denied the development.

The former MP chief minister claimed Chinese imports into India had doubled while India's exports had slipped.

The policies of the Modi government was harming the country's economy while strengthening that of China, Singh further alleged.

IEC 2022 witnessed the unveiling of a book- 'The World of Liquified Natural Gas'



New Delhi:
In view of the current geopolitical situation and COP 27 targets to achieve Net-Zero carbon by 2070, experts emphasized on robust energy mix with alternative sources for energy security, affordability, and sustainability.

Speaking at India Energy Conclave (IEC) 2022, experts and top energy professionals said that the governments and countries including India have realized that in the current geopolitical situation energy security can

be achieved through renewables. According to them, a balance between conventional, renewables, natural gas, biogas, and hydrogen has to be maintained for energy security, affordability, and sustainability.

were of the view that India needs to invest over \$400 billion in the Green Energy sector to deal with the energy trilemma -Security, Affordability, and Sustainability.

The IEC 2022 also witnessed the unveiling of a book- 'The World of Liq-

uified Natural Gas-Market Trends, Pricing Strategies, Contracts & Negotiations and New Market Paradigm' authored by Ravishankar Sundaresan and co-authored by Rajeev Mathur.

Making remarks on the relevance of the book, Dr AK Balyan, Chairman & Director, Carmine Energy Pte. said that the book gives an in-depth analysis of the LNG business and can be used as a handbook by professionals working in this field.

Kolkata:

Union Home minister Amit Shah met West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee one-to-one on the sidelines of Eastern Zonal Council meeting on Saturday where issues like land for Border Security Force (BSF) outposts and railway projects and Bengal government's dues from the Centre were discussed. The meeting between the two political heavyweights continued for 20 minutes before Shah left for Kolkata airport.

In the Eastern Zonal Council meeting convened by Shah at Nbanana, the state secretary, West Bengal CM, Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, Bihar deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav and representatives from Odisha were present. Fencing along the India-Bangladesh border, cross-border smuggling and timely completion of the freight corridor were the agendas discussed in the meeting.

The one-to-one meeting between Shah and Mamata said to be po-

Amit Shah meets Mamata one-to-one, land issues discussed



litically significant at a time when the Bengal government and the Centre were at loggerheads on several occasions over several issues ranging from alleged highhandedness of central agencies against Trinamool Congress leaders and better coordination between the state police and the BSF.

Suvendu Adhikari, BJP leader and the Leader of the Opposition, who came to the airport to see off Shah, said, "I asked Shahji about his meeting with CM. He told me

that lands required for setting up of 72 BSF outposts along the West Bengal-Bangladesh border and better communication between the state police force and the BSF were discussed with her. The Union minister also said that he explained why the India-Bangladesh border is very important for national security."

Adhikari said Shah called him for a meeting along with BJP's state president in Delhi on Tuesday to discuss "important issues". Agencies

NGO makes digital education accessible to 1L marginalised students; Delhi govt appreciates efforts

New Delhi:
As the world is moving towards digitalisation, education sector too has witnessed the significant change in method of learning.

Although the learning has become easier and interactive with technological advance-

ments, the majority of marginalised students still do not have access to it.

Ladli Foundation recognised the necessity of providing access to digital education to such marginalised students and helped making digital

education accessible for over one lakh such students and that too, in their schools itself.

Recently, the Delhi government's Education department appreciated the NGO's efforts.

An appreciation letter was issued to the

NGO by Himanshu Gupta, IAS, Director Education for providing Free Licences of BYJU's Premium Subscription under Education for all programme. The subscriptions are provided to students from classes 6th-12th. Ad-

ditionally, the organization has also established smart classes with BYJU's e-content in 35 Delhi Government schools.

Furthermore, the Education department has also acknowledged the organization's initiative of incorporat-

ing sensitization workshops on Menstrual Hygiene Management, WASH, good Touch-Bad touch and gender sensitization. These workshops will improve awareness and facilitate the capacity - building of the beneficiaries.

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Delhi BJP alleges negligence by Kejriwal govt towards poor

New Delhi

The Delhi BJP on Saturday alleged that due to the negligence of the Kejriwal government towards the poor, the rationing system in the capital has come to a "complete standstill".

At a joint press conference here, BJP working President Virendra Sachdeva and the Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri also claimed that the poor of Delhi have "not yet received the ration for November and December".

There was no immediate



reaction from the Delhi government or the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

"Due to the negligence of

the Kejriwal government towards the poor, the rationing system in the capital Delhi has come to a complete

standstill. And, 72.78 lakh ration cardholders of Delhi did not get ration for the month of November and December. This ration was not lifted from the godowns," the Delhi BJP alleged in a statement issued after the press conference.

The additional ration issued by the central government under 'One Nation One Card' also did not reach the poor of Delhi who have come from other states and are living in Delhi, the BJP leaders also alleged.

Delhi BJP working president Sachdeva and Leader of Opposition Bidhuri de-

manded from the central government that either it should "take over the ration system in own hands or transfer the subsidy issued by the Centre to the bank accounts of the consumers," saying the Delhi government has "proved to be completely ineffective in providing ration to the poor".

During the joint press conference, the BJP leaders said the central government provides ration to the consumers of Delhi under the National Food Security Act, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana and 'One Nation One Card Scheme'.

Delhi LG nod to appointment of several officers in MCD

New Delhi

Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has approved appointment of several officers in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, officials said on Saturday.

These appointments have been done after selection through a "duly laid down procedure" through open advertisements, shortlisting by a selection committee on the basis of weightage provided to prefixed criteria and interviews, they said. The LG has "approved the appointment of three additional deputy commissioners/joint assessor and collector, and 19 administrative officers/assistant assessor



and collectors in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)," a senior Raj Niwas official said. Ever since taking over as the LG, Saxena has been pitching for efficiency in MCD and had instructed officials to fill up vacant posts at the earliest, he said. "Appointed on deputation from other gov-

ernment services and departments like CSS, IRS, NDMC, CAG, CGST & CE and Income Tax Deptt. etc., these officers will help the understaffed Corporation to a large extent, in better discharge of its administrative, revenue generation, valuation and collection functions," the official said.

The first meeting of the 250-member municipal House after the civic polls is slated to be held on January 6.

The Aam Aadmi Party won 134 wards in the recently-concluded MCD polls and ended BJP's 15-year rule. The BJP won 104 wards, while Congress could only win nine.

3 men arrested for alleged drug smuggling in Delhi

New Delhi

Three men were arrested from north Delhi for alleged drug smuggling, police said on Saturday.

The police recovered 2,36,080 tablets of tramadol, 2,23,800 tablets of alprazolam and 150 bottles of codeine from their possession.

The value of the recovered contraband in international market is around Rs 15 crore, police said.

The accused were identified as Rishi Kumar Singh (29), a resident of Burari, Kuldeep Kumar (26), a resident of Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, and Anurag Kumar Sinha (48), a resident of Timarpur, they said.

Two members of the syndicate have been involved in drug smuggling for eight years, they said.

On Tuesday, information was received that Singh would supply a big consignment of drugs to Kumar near Wazirabad Flyover. Around 6.45 pm, Singh and Kumar reached the spot and started transferring boxes filled with the drugs from scooty and e-rickshaw to a van. They were surrounded and apprehended, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Rajiv Ranjan Singh said. During investigation, Sinha, the source of recovered contraband, was nabbed from Nehru Vihar and a raid was conducted at his shop-cum-godown in Mukhejee Nagar, police said.

Scuffle breaks out between wedding party, banquet hall staff in Delhi

New Delhi

A scuffle broke out on Saturday between a baraat (wedding party) and banquet hall staff at a banquet hall in Delhi's Paschim Vihar, police said. According to police, a PCR call was received around 2:14 am at Police Station Paschim Vihar West, informing police about an incident of quarrel.

Police said SHO and other staff reached the spot as soon they were informed. "No quarrel was going on at the Banquet hall when police reached there. However, it came to notice that a scuffle had taken place between staff of the banquet and Baratis on the issue of serving food items," Police said.

Police ruled out any incident of stabbing or use of knife. Police said that MLCs of two waiters having minor injuries on the head



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and leg respectively have been prepared and the

opinion of the doctor is awaited.

Police added that necessary legal action will be taken according to the opinion of doctors and statements of the persons involved. A prima facie case under sections 323/341/34 IPC is made out by police.

The alleged incident was reported at Precious Forever Banquet hall.

'My daughter in unable to speak or eat', says MCD school student's father

New Delhi

The father of the Class 5 girl who was assaulted by an MCD school teacher is still struggling to come to terms with the incident and said his daughter is unable to eat or speak due to a broken cheekbone.

The child is still in Safdarjung Hospital.

According to her father, the girl has also suffered injuries on her legs and the side of her head.

"She is unable to eat or drink anything. The doctor told us that she would be discharged today. But they informed us that she will be kept under observation for two more days," the father said.

He has demanded a harsher punishment for the teacher, saying "how could someone do this to a child".

Recalling the events of the day, the father, who is a



daily wage, said he was informed about his daughter's injuries on a call from the school.

"I was at work when we received information from the school about the assault. We rushed to the school where we were told that she has been admitted to the Hindu Rao Hospital. I ran there," he said.

The father said the minor

cried when he saw him and his wife lost consciousness.

"Though she was unable to speak when I saw her she started crying. My wife on the other hand fell unconscious," he said. "We want the teacher to be removed and severely punished. She could harm any child. We send our children for education. She can do same thing to other students," he

added. According to the police, the teacher locked herself inside a classroom with students and "violently" threw water bottles before she picked up the girl, cut her hair and tossed her from the balcony.

According to doctors, the girl, aged around 11, has sustained a fracture in a facial bone.

The incident took place at around 11 am at the Delhi Nagar Nigam Balika Vidyalaya. Papers, books and bags lay scattered in the classroom as students ran out of the classroom in panic. The teacher had allegedly threatened to harm them as well, police said.

Police said the teacher, identified as Geeta Rani Deshwali (26), has been arrested, adding that the motive behind the incident is not clear yet.

Delhi teacher accused of throwing Class 5 student off balcony sent to judicial custody

New Delhi

The teacher who was arrested for allegedly hitting a class 5 student with a pair of scissors and then throwing her from the first-floor balcony of a municipal school here was sent to judicial custody till December 20, police said on Saturday. The incident took place on Friday at the Delhi Nagar Nigam Balika Vidyalaya, they said.

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Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) Shweta Chauhan said, "The accused was produced before a court on Saturday which remanded her to judicial cus-

tody till December 20. The court also directed jail authorities to get the accused evaluated by a psychiatrist as well as at the Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences." On Friday, the student was allegedly hit with a pair of scissors, her hair was cut, and then flung from the balcony of the first floor of the school by her teacher, identified as Geeta Deshwali (26), before she became "violent" with other students in the classroom.

According to doctors, the girl, aged around 11, sustained fracture in a facial bone. Police said the teacher locked herself up with other students in the classroom and started damaging their water bottles. She later hit the girl with a pair of scissors and flung her from the balcony of the first floor of the school building.

Deshwal was arrested on charges of attempt to murder, police said, adding that the motive behind the incident is not clear yet.

Woman found hanging in room, held live-in partner responsible for suicide

Gurugram

A 27-year-old woman was found hanging from the ceiling fan of her flat in a society here, police said on Saturday.

The woman identified as Anita, a native of Aligarh in UP, did not respond. Finally, the family reached the flat and on finding it locked they called the police. When cops broke open the flat's door Anita was found hanging in a room.

According to police, Anita's family was trying to reach her but as she was not answering their calls,



they called Manjeet, who too, did not respond. Finally, the family reached the flat and on finding it locked they called the police. When cops broke open the flat's door Anita was found hanging in a room.

"A suicide note was also found from the spot in which Anita had written

that Manjeet has been unfaithful to me and I am dying due to distress. He is responsible for my death," inspector Rajender Singh, SHO of Kherki Daula police station said.

"On the complaint of Chetan, brother of the deceased woman an FIR has been registered against Manjeet and we are investigating the matter further," he added.

The body has been sent to the mortuary and a post-mortem will be conducted on Sunday, the SHO said.

Man held for impersonating Delhi HC judge to extort money from policemen

New Delhi

A man was arrested for allegedly impersonating a Delhi High Court judge and approaching police personnel in order to seek favours and extort money, officials said on Saturday.

The accused visited the Samaypur Badli police station and introduced himself as a judge of the high court to the SHO there. However, the SHO became suspicious during the conversation as there was no official intimation regarding the visit of any judge to the police station, they said.

On Friday, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Samaypur Badli received a WhatsApp message on his official mobile number which read, "Hi here is Justice (name withheld), sitting judge Delhi High Court, call me urgently", according to police.

He also made a call to the ACP's number, stating that he will visit Samaypur Badli police station at 5 pm in connection with a writ pe-



tion, they said.

The ACP conveyed the message to the SHO of Samaypur Badli police station. When the SHO was in his office, a person, aged about 60 to 65 years, came there claiming himself as a justice of the Delhi High Court and said that he came to the place in connection with personal verification of a writ petition filed in related to alleged organised crime running in the area, a senior police officer said.

He also said that on Thursday, he tried to resolve the matter with head constable Pawan posted in beat, but he did not re-

spond. He asked the SHO to pay Rs 5 lakh to set aside the writ petition, otherwise, they (policemen) might be in trouble and lose their job, the officer said.

The SHO got suspicious as there was no official communication from the high court regarding the visit of any judge to the police station. He verified the person claiming himself as a judge, the police officer said.

Later, the person was identified as Narendra Kumar Agarwal, a resident of Adarsh Nagar. On checking his mobile phone, several WhatsApp messages, where he claimed to be a judge of Delhi high court and threatened people to comply with his demands or lose their jobs, were found, Deputy Commissioner of Police (outer north) Devesh Kumar Mahla said.

Head constable Pawan also reached the police station and confirmed that one Narendra Agarwal called him, demanded money and threatened him that he will be sacked if he refused to

fulfill his demand, the DCP said.

Aggarwal used to call and send messages to Delhi Police personnel posing as a judge of the Delhi high court to get his work done, police said.

Two cases of the Essential Commodities Act were also registered against him in 1980, they said.

In 2011, his wife filed a case of dowry and cruelty against him in which he had attended court several times where he came to know about the power of judges and noticed compliance of directions given to police by judges, Mahla said.

Thereafter, in the last few years, he started calling and messaging police officials by impersonating himself as a judge of the high court and sought favours and extort money, he said.

During interrogation, it was verified that he has messaged several police officials in the name of a Delhi high court judge to get favours, police said.

Qutub row: Court adjourns order on intervention petition's review to Dec 24

New Delhi

A court here on Saturday adjourned the order on a review plea to its earlier direction dismissing an intervention application seeking restoration of Hindu and Jain deities in an alleged temple complex inside the Qutub Minar compound.

The intervention application was dismissed by the court on September 20. "Be listed for order or clarification, if any, on December 24. Interim order to continue in the meantime," Additional District Judge Dinesh Kumar said. The matter was adjourned after the judge had to reach another court for official purposes in the northeast district during the post-lunch session. The applicant, Kunwar Mahender Dhawaj Pratap Singh, said he was a necessary party to the appeal as he was an heir of the erstwhile ruler of the



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'United Province of Agra' and the owner of land parcels in several cities in and around Delhi, including the Qutub Minar complex.

Against the order which dismissed the plea on the ground of it being "without merits", Singh's counsel had filed the present review application.

Man throws 2-year-old son from Delhi building

New Delhi

A man allegedly jumped from the roof of a building in the national capital's Kalkaji area after throwing his two-year-old son from the first floor of the building, Delhi Police said. The incident took place on Friday night and according to his estranged wife Pooja, Mann Singh, 30 was under the influence of liquor when he came to her house and got into a fight with her. He took his son to the terrace of the first floor and "threw him down".

According to police, information about the incident was received at Kalkaji Police Station at around 10:38 pm that one person has jumped from the roof of his house after throwing down one child. Police said neighbours told them that the house where the incident occurred belonged to the grandmother of Pooja.

Pooja told police she was estranged from Singh. The woman told police that she and her two children had been living with her grandmother.

What is Non Alcoholic fatty liver disease?



Dr ANANY GUPTA

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is a disease in which excess fat builds up in the liver. This usually happens in people who have fatty liver and don't drink (or drink very little)

When a person drinks too much he can develop alcoholic liver disease.

There are two types of NAFLD are nonalcoholic fatty liver (NAFL) and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

NASH (Non alcoholic steatohepatitis) is the form of NAFLD in which there is inflammation of the liver and liver damage, in addition to fat in the liver. The inflammation and liver damage of NASH can cause fibrosis, or scarring, of the liver.

NASH can cause cirrhosis, in which the liver is scarred and permanently damaged. (irreversible change)

NAFLD is one of the most important cause of liver disease in India.

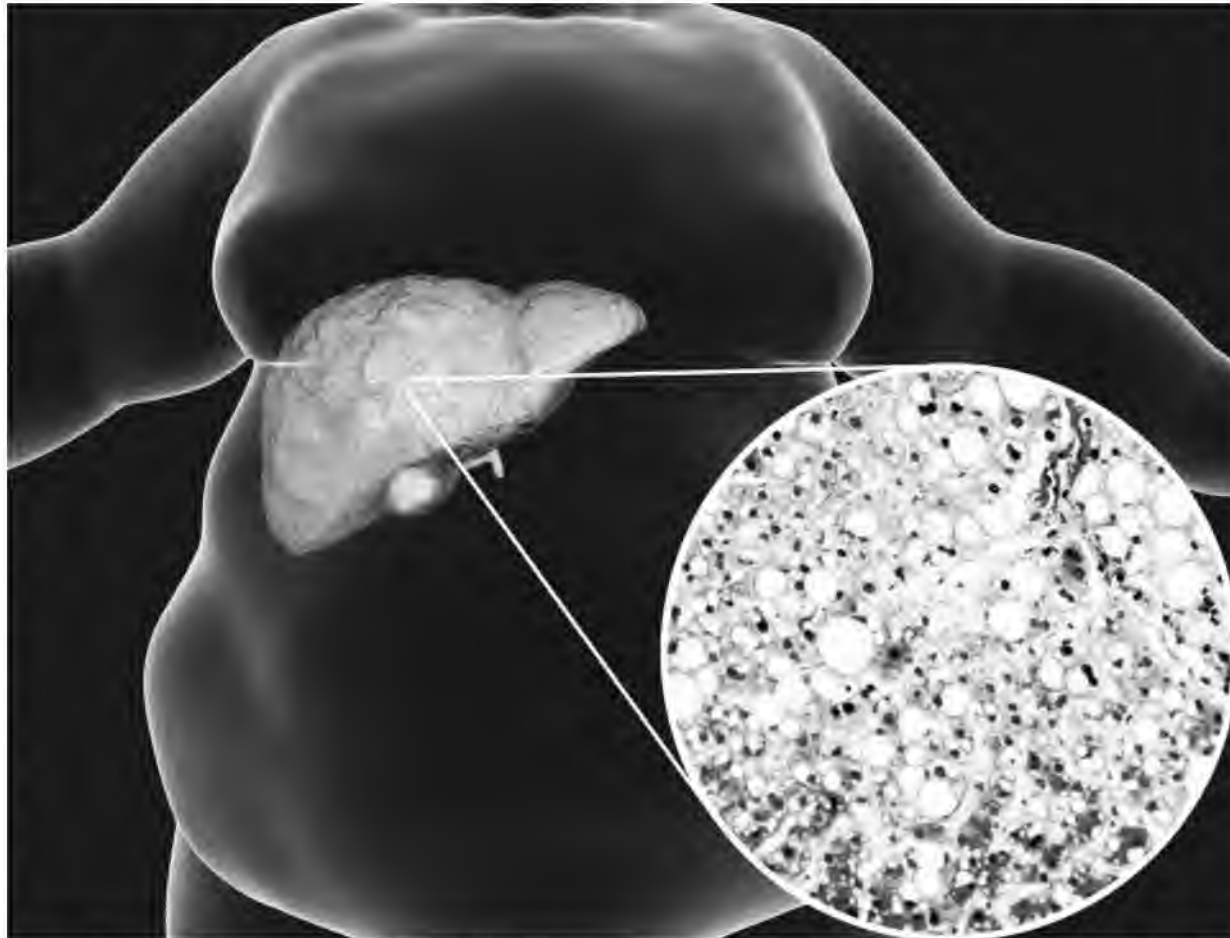
Who is more likely to develop NAFLD?

NAFLD is more common in people who have obesity, and type 2 diabetes. Usually one-third to two-thirds of people with type 2 diabetes have NAFLD.

75% of people who are overweight have NAFLD

90% of people who have severe obesity have NAFLD

NAFLD can affect people of any age, including children but usually seen in 40-60



years of age group.

Risk factors

- 1) High cholesterol
- 2) High levels of triglycerides in the blood
- 3) Metabolic syndrome
- 4) Obesity, particularly when fat is concentrated in the abdomen
- 5) Polycystic ovary syndrome
- 6) Sleep apnea
- 7) Type 2 diabetes
- 8) Underactive thyroid (hypothyroidism)

9) Underactive pituitary gland (hypopituitarism)

What are the complications of NAFLD?

- 1) Fluid buildup in the abdomen (ascites)
- 2) Swelling of veins in your esophagus (esophageal varices)
- 3) Confusion, drowsiness and slurred speech (hepatic encephalopathy)

4) Liver cancer

5) End-stage liver failure, which means the liver has stopped functioning

People with NAFLD have a higher risk for certain health problems, including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome (high blood pressure and abnormal levels of fats—cholesterol and triglycerides—in the blood.)

To reduce the risk of NAFLD:

- A) Choose a healthy diet. Choose a healthy plant-based diet that's rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthy fats.

B) Maintain a healthy weight. If one is overweight or obese, reduce the number of calories intake

C) Exercise. Exercise most days of the week.

Role of Vitamin E

Vitamin E is a potent antioxidant reduces oxidative stress in NAFLD.

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Breaking Time Sudoku

What to do

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digit 1 to 9. Every puzzle has only correct solution.

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Solution, Sudoku

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THE WISDOM TREE BY SUVEEN KUMAR

SUCCESS OR FAILURE?

When you get what you want is success and when you lose what you never wanted to, is failure. Success is important in life but not more important than life. You don't have to be successful to be a failure, any moment you are not successful, you are a failure. We should not try to get something at the cost of anything. It is strange but a truth that even though every success has a price, not every success is saleable. Success has price but when it is not achieved for price, it becomes priceless. Every success has an individual definition for every individual. For some people, even failure can be success, even death can be life, even hatred can be love and even war can be peace. We must generously listen to everyone what they say about success because not everyone who is successful can define success and not everyone who is failure is unaware of success. Life is more than counting failure and success. With the success or failure, you may stop but life doesn't stop until it is stopped. The simplest way to find what important in life is to see what life stops for. So, if you find

that there is nothing that this life stops for then maybe there is nothing so much important in life that you should stop for. The basics of life have nothing to do with failure or success. Life is not attached with anything, it is everything that is attached with life. Life is not attached with anyone, it is everyone who is attached with life. For a saint, there is no failure and success, for a sinner there is nothing right nothing and wrong and we all or either sinner or saint or sinner and saint both. Success that is socially admirable can be morally disgraceful, success that is publicly acclaimed can be personally a defeat, success that is materially high can be spiritually low, success that is economically a win can be emotionally a loss. Don't let a success or a failure define your life, let your life and circumstances define success and failure.

Moral : Success is as individual as you are so don't define it but if you really want to win then go refine it.

Why are we not seeing the best in life?



By Priyanka Saurabh

It is said that life is what you make it like we can turn our life into heaven or hell. What difference does it make from our point of view whether we can live like a frog in a well or whether we can be conscious enough about our surroundings? God has provided us with many admirable ingredients for a happy and healthy life and we have prepared some ingredients for the ease of the same life. Where the former is often easily neglected and underestimated, but the latter hurts a lot when separated.

We came into this world with certain gifts already presented and these were expected to stay with us for the rest of our lives. But did we come with those gifts? Shall we go with them? No, it is not that everyone comes from this world alone and leaves alone. We considered them inseparable as they were gifted to us immediately and we failed to realize that they did not come with us but were given to us to make our life happy and meaningful.

There is a famous saying in this materialistic world that nothing comes for free. But why is it so? This is because now our priorities have changed and we have made our life very easy. If we have money in our pockets and have the power to make the world feel our presence then everything in this world is under our feet. But there are some of the most basic and essential things that no power in the world can buy or dominate. Even the richest person on this planet does not have enough money to be their master.

But what are they? What is the list that contains these mighty things? Is there a universal list for this? No, because they differ from person to person. The most common among them are



First it is our life which comes in the list. We are breathing now because God has created us to come into this world and we owe him nothing for this amazing grace. After we entered the stage of this drama we formed relations like friends and relatives but there were two persons with whom we were connected organically before we even opened our eyes. And it was our parents who taught us to differentiate between right and wrong and inspired us to make good use of every moment of life. Our family members are the dearest person to us in the world and we are proud that they are with us but which paper certifies that we are their owner or they are due for such payment? They are with us because we were destined to be with them and luck is always independent whether good or bad.

The values of life were with us when we were born (and they were most sacred) but at that time we were too

young to understand them and they gradually changed with the environment around us. Our philosophy of life is mixed with that of our family and friends, resulting in a new set of ideologies to guide us in all our subsequent decisions. It has made one of the most revered figure like Gandhi and the other the most criticized like Hitler, but both have something to learn because one showed the path to follow and the other the path not to follow. To do. The most amazing thing about it is that it is free. It depends on us what we can gain and what we can lose.

Another free gem of our life is the nature around us. We have the sun that brings a new dawn every day; We have green pastures to make those mornings pleasant, birds chirping to wake us up, flowers blooming to see the beauty of life, and flowing water to soothe our eyes. This natural beauty of nature is the cutest and most endearing presence for men

who ask for nothing but a keen observer to admire. And the most important thing is that we have not yet paid anything to enjoy this heaven on earth.

Man is the best resource because he transforms the matter around him into productive resources. It is only because of the skill n talent hidden in their mind. Man is the most intelligent creature on earth. We have reached the moon, gained new methods of faster communication, and even developed artificial intelligence. What made all this possible? It is our brain and analytical thinking that lead us to explore the hitherto unexplored areas of life. And that skill came to us for free. We have sharpened it by coming to life. We see a child who is as intelligent as Kautilya, a girl whose IQ is higher than Einstein, and a boy who has made a clock that was mistaken for a bomb. All of them are in productive phases of their life and have not received

any sophisticated education from any world-renowned university. All this is his innate talent which has come to him for free. We all have the such ability but we did not recognize it and failed to make the world feel in awe of us.

The diversity that we see around us is the spice of life. We have the snow-clad Himalayas, the fertile alluvial plains, the mineral-rich peninsular plateau, the biodiversity-rich coastal plains, and the Western Ghats and deserts with their scorching heat. We have a wide variety of religions, languages, festivals, music, dance, drama, etc. We have many seasons that are so punctual in their arrival and departure. The changing season brings excitement into our lives and motivates us to adapt our lifestyle more and feel the vastness of life.

But now the values are changing and men are too. Men are gravitating towards wealth and have become materialistic. The feelings of love, affection, compassion, co-existence, and peace are losing their base. We are indeed lucky to have some valuable things right from our birth and we are likely to have them till our last breath, but only if we can preserve them by understanding their utility. If we start taking them for granted, the results will be disastrous. And then this proverb will become true- "Na baap bada na bhैया, sabse bada rupaiya".

(Priyanka Saurabh, Research Scholar in Political Science, Poetess, freelance journalist, and columnist)

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Power never been goal of National Conference, says Omar Abdullah

Srinagar
National Conference vice president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah said on Saturday achieving power has never been the goal of the party and it has always believed in the welfare of the general public.

He was speaking at an interactive session of with party office-bearers of Jammu and Samba districts at the NC headquarters at the Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan here.

"National Conference has always cherished to render sincere, selfless public service and power has never been its goal. Achieving welfare of the masses has been the longstanding commitment of the party," he said.

Peace, progress and equi-



table development of all regions and sub-regions of Jammu and Kashmir have remained the buzzword of the political agenda of the National Conference, Abdullah said.

During the interactive session, the party functionaries gave a detailed account of the ongoing political activities in their respective seg-

ments to the vice president.

The meeting also witnessed deliberations on organisational issues, prevailing political situation and the future course of action,

a party spokesperson said. Abdullah asked the functionaries to take the mission, and vision of the party to every doorstep across the Jammu province.

Meanwhile, Abdullah visited the Gandhi Nagar residence of former Additional Director General of Police and founding Vice Chancellor of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Masud Choudhary who breathed his last after a prolonged illness here on Friday. The former chief minister offered his condolences to the bereaved family.

He was accompanied by provincial president, Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta and other senior party colleagues, the spokesperson said, adding Abdullah prayed peace for the departed soul.

UP BJP leader announces Rs 2-crore reward for beheading Bilawal Bhutto

Baghpat

As the BJP staged nationwide protests against Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's objectionable remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a local party leader in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday said he would give Rs 2-crore reward to anyone beheading the Pakistani foreign minister.

Manupal Bansal, a member of zila panchayat of Baghpat, made the announcement while addressing a protest gathering at the collectorate here.

"Main ailaan kartaa hoon ki jo uss mantri Bilawal Bhutto kaa dhar se saar alag karega, 2 crore kaa in-aam mai doonga (I declare that I will give a reward of Rs 2 crore to anyone who will behead minister Bilawal Bhutto)," Bansal said.

His announcement was followed by slogans of 'Manupal Bansal zindabad'



by the crowd.

Bansal said he stood by his statement. "Yes, I have made that statement today. If they are saying such things about our prime minister, whom we respect a lot, then we are not going to tolerate such a person. We are having tremendous attachment with our prime minister, and if we have to do anything for him, we

will have no problem," Bansal said.

The BJP said on Saturday, "India came together to condemn and protest Bhutto's uncivilised and distasteful comment on PM Modi." Dubbed Bhutto's comments against Modi as "highly shameful and derogatory", the party gave the call for nationwide protests on Saturday.

Agra DM inaugurated free health check-up camp held at Agra Taj Press Club

Rajesh Tomar/Akash Jain Agra

District Magistrate Agra Navneet Singh Chahal on Saturday inaugurated the free health check-up camp organized by Agra Taj Press Club by garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati and lighting a lamp.

In the camp, health check-up of the people was done by the team of doctors in the presence of the office bearers of the Indian Medical Association.

At the end of the camp, the office bearers of the Indian Medical Association were



handed over citations by the Press Club to District Magistrate Navneet Chahal.

On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner of Police (City) Mr. Vikas Kumar, President of Taj Press Club

Mr. Sunayan Sharma, Senior Vice President Mr. Manoj Mishra, officials of the Indian Medical Association and all the officials and journalists of Taj Press Club were present.

Accord top priority to securing justice for weaker and underprivileged sections, says Punjab CM

Komal Ramola Chandigarh

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann exhorted the legal fraternity on Saturday to play a pivotal role in the well-being of society by according top priority to ensuring justice to the weaker and underprivileged sections.

The chief minister was speaking at a function to launch an online service delivery facility of the Bar Council and distribute licences to new advocates



here. According to an official statement, Mann said that in

the larger public interest, young advocates must discharge their responsibility

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with utmost professional commitment, dedication and sincerity. He said the lawyers who render their services in a committed manner not only carve a niche for them-

selves in this field but also bring smile on faces of others by securing justice for them through courts. Mann asserted the state government is according top priority to impart quality health services and education to people along with ensuring justice to them, for which various steps are being taken.

Advocate General of Punjab Vinod Ghai, Raja Sabha MP Raghav Chadha, Punjab and Haryana Bar Council Chairman Suvir Sidhu and others attended the event.

Father gives bulldozer as wedding gift to daughter in UP

Lucknow

Have you ever imagined what it would be like receiving a bulldozer as a wedding gift? You would say no but a bride's father in Uttar Pradesh gave this gift to the groom and you will be amazed to know the reason. We all know how bulldozer was associated with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. It had been a hot topic of discussion during UP's Assembly election earlier this year.

Reportedly, the bride's father who hails from Uttar Pradesh gifted his daughter and son-in-law Yogendra Prajapati a bulldozer during their wedding which has left the netizens amused. Yogendra, a resident of Saunkar is a Navy officer.

However, this father's unique wedding gift to the bride and groom has cre-

ated a lot of buzz on the internet. We all know how bulldozer was associated with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath which had been a hot topic of discussion.

Parshuram Prajapati, a retired soldier gifted a bulldozer to his daughter Neha on her wedding day. When asked the reason behind giving a JCB instead of a luxury car for the newly wedded couple, Parshuram said that his daughter is preparing for UPSC, and in case she fails in cracking the exam, she can use the bulldozer to earn money.

"It was done with the purpose of creating job opportunities for others. My father-in-law gifted this on our wedding day which was on December 15 as a dowry. This was a new initiative for our districts," Yogendra Prajapati alias Yogi said.

Development rook place in India even when old pension scheme was in place, says Gehlot

Jaipur

Brushing aside the criticism of the revival of the old pension scheme (OPS) for Rajasthan government employees, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Saturday said India witnessed development even when the OPS was in place.

He asserted that the OPS will continue in Rajasthan as pension is a state subject.

Gehlot called upon other states to revive the old pension scheme and also demanded a uniform policy for social security in the entire country. He said the central government should come forward to make the policy.

Experts have opined that reviving old pension would put state finances under difficulty.

Speaking at a press con-



ference on the completion of four years of his government, the chief minister said the demand to return the new pension scheme fund has been turned down but his government will take up the issue.

"Deciding pension is the right of the state," he said.

Referring to the criticism of the OPS by the fi-

nance commission and NITI Aayog, Gehlot said the critics may be saying so from the economic point of view and they may be right from their viewpoint, but he is of the view that development took place in the country even when the OPS was there.

"Not even a needle used to be manufactured in India when the country got

Gehlot called upon other states to revive the old pension scheme and also demanded a uniform policy for social security in the entire country. He said the central government should come forward to make the policy.

freedom, but today you see where we are standing. The Congress ruled most of the time after independence. Such a development took place. It happened while the old pension scheme was there," he argued.

He demanded from the Prime Minister to implement the old pension scheme. Gehlot said that all other states should also

take the initiative. He claimed that the schemes of his government were designed and prepared in such a manner that the people have less impact of inflation on them.

Gehlot also referred to the Chiranjeevi health insurance scheme, urban employment guarantee scheme and other schemes and programmes.

Targeting Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh over Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), which is aimed at providing drinking and irrigation water to 13 eastern Rajasthan districts, he said the minister is misleading people on the scheme and the PM should fulfil his promise to give ERCP a national project status.

Agra Police handed over 55 lost mobile phones to their owners

Rajesh Tomar/Akash Jain Agra

55 lost mobiles of people were handed over to the phone owners by the Police's Lost & Found cell in Agra Commissionerate.

On Friday, the police handed over these mobiles after calling their owners.

The cost of these mobiles has been estimated at around Rs 8 lakh 60 thousand.

SP City Vikas Kumar said that continuous efforts were being made by the lost and found cell to trace such phones. "55 mobiles have been recovered and handed over to their owners. If someone loses a mobile, then they should immediately informed about the incident to local police," SP City said.

Community patrolling will start in Parwanoo, decision taken to make a check on increasing number of theft

Hemant kumar Parwanoo

Community patrolling will be started in Parwanoo to check the increasing incidents of theft and to help the police who are facing shortage of staff. For this, volunteers will be appointed at the ward level after the name suggested by the concerned councillor. Who will keep an eye on suspicious people in their respective wards. Apart from this, he will also keep a proper watch at night.

This decision was taken in the meeting of police administration, PIA and city council at Parwanoo Industries Association office (PIA building) on Saturday. The meeting was chaired by DSP Pranav Chauhan. Meanwhile, PIA President Sunil Taneja said that he will motivate industrialists to install CCTV in their premises.



Along with this, it will also be asked to make its access available to the police.

Concern was also expressed in the meeting on increasing drug abuse. DSP Pranav Chauhan while appealing for coop-

eration from PIA and Municipal Council said that the people are the eyes and ears of the police. Police work only on the basis of the feedback received from the public. Representatives of PIA and Municipal Council assured

the police of all possible help.

Decision to give two bikes to the police as co-operation; Agreeing to the suggestion of Rajesh Sharma present in the meeting, it was decided to start community patrolling.

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Apart from this, issues like illegal parking, drugs etc. were also discussed. In the meeting, emphasis was laid on working together to prevent theft and other anti-social activities in Parwanoo. In cooperation with the police administration, it was also decided to give two bikes.

Haryana takes a big leap forward in industrial sector

Chandigarh

Haryana, under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal has brought about a big transformation in the industrial sector.

In the last 8 years, on the one hand, while more than 1.59 lakh industrial units have been set up in the State with an investment of Rs 18,422 crore, at the same time, direct and indirect employment has been provided to lakhs of people in the state.

Not only this, but the Manohar Lal-led government has also accelerated the exercise of developing many new industrial cities along with the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Expressway with a special focus on developing road, rail, and air infrastructure.

Geographically, Haryana has been the first choice of investors from India and abroad. After Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway, the construction work of the Palwal-Sonapat double line Haryana Orbital Rail

Corridor at a cost of Rs 5618 crore has started and now because of the investor-friendly policies of the Manohar Lal led Government, traders from Delhi are also eager to shift their business base to Haryana.

Along with the KMP, the work of preparing a blueprint for setting up 5 new cities as per the concept of the Panchagram scheme is going on, in view of the potential population of the year 2041.

The settlement of these new cities will not only reduce the population density in Delhi but the industrial sector of Delhi will also shift to these cities. In the last 8 years, special focus has been

laid on developing the road, rail and air infrastructure in Haryana.

Today at least 3 or 4 national highways pass through every district of Haryana. It is a known fact that good road, rail and air connectivity play a significant role in setting up the industrial sector, while in the last 8 years, the 'Manohar Sarkar' has ensured all these factors in a bid to woo investment in the state. In a bid to further strengthen Air connectivity work is being expedited in developing Hisar airport under the UDAN scheme and in the coming time, it will be developed as a hub of aviation and MRO.

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Want to make Jamshedpur FC fans happy: Rafael Crivellaro



The World Cup stars who could be on the move after Qatar

Doha

The World Cup is the biggest marketplace in soccer. Perform well in front of a global audience and chances are that Europe's leading clubs will soon come calling.

And with the transfer window opening in January, Qatar has been the perfect opportunity for emerging players to boost their prospects of a big move.

For instance, Manchester United suddenly has a hole to fill in attack after terminating Cristiano Ronaldo's contract last month.

Liverpool plans to refresh its midfield and Spanish giants Real Madrid and Barcelona are always on the lookout for the next big thing.

Here are five players who could spark transfer interest after the World Cup: JUDE BELLINGHAM, ENGLAND Midfielder Bellingham was already expected to be one of the most sought-after players in Europe at the end of the season, with Manchester United, Man City, Liverpool and Paris Saint-Germain among his admirers.

His club, Borussia Dortmund, is renowned for selling its star players and Bellingham, 19, is expected to be next. He lived up to all the hype



surrounding him ahead of Qatar with standout performances in England's run to the quarterfinals.

The only question now appears to be

just how much money it will take to win the race for the teenager.

AZZ-EDDINE OUNAH, MOROCCO Midfielder, Ounahi,

certainly made an impression on former Spain coach Luis Enrique. "He can really play," Enrique said after Morocco beat Spain on penalties in the

round of 16. "He didn't stop running, he must be exhausted." Ounahi, 22, is technically gifted on the ball and appears to have boundless energy to get around the field. He looks like a complete midfielder.

Currently playing for the bottom placed team in the French first division, Angers, he could be one of the big movers after the World Cup.

CODY GAKPO, NETHERLANDS PSV Eindhoven forward Gakpo was already on Manchester United's radar in the summer and that interest could be renewed in January after Ronaldo's exit.

His three goals in the group stage highlighted his potential to be a prolific striker, which is precisely what United coach Erik ten Hag wants to add to his team.

Gakpo is a very modern forward, who can operate in wide positions or more centrally, which will appeal to a lot of clubs. "Things can change, but Cody has everything it takes to become a star," said Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal.

GONCALO RAMOS, PORTUGAL Arguably no player made more of a spectacular impact at the World Cup than Ramos. As a surprise replacement for Ronaldo in Portugal's lineup against Switzerland in the

round of 16, he went on to score a hat trick. The powerful 21-year-old Benfica forward has already earned admirers after scoring 14 goals for his club before heading off to Qatar. And after producing a performance like that on the biggest stage, his stock will have risen even higher.

JOSKO Gvardiol, CROATIA The addition of a protective mask, following a pre-tournament facial injury, made Gvardiol an even more daunting sight for opposition strikers. The 20-year-old center back was a dominant figure on Croatia's run to the semifinals, with standout performances against Belgium and Brazil. The RB Leipzig defender has already been linked with a number of top European clubs and it feels like a matter of time before he makes a big move.

An abiding memory of his tournament might be when he was turned inside out by Lionel Messi in the buildup to Argentina's third goal in the 3-0 win against Croatia in the semifinals. But he even saw the positive side of that.

"It's at least something I can talk (about) with my kids one day that I guarded this great, great player," Gvardiol said.

We got reward for being patient: Mhambrey

Chattogram

A wicketless first session on Saturday might have frustrated India in the opening Test against Bangladesh but bowling coach Paras Mhambrey said his team was rewarded for being patient on a placid track here.

Chasing a huge 513, Bangladesh openers Zakir Hasan (100) and Najmul Hossain Shanto (67) frustrated the Indian bowlers as their team was rewarded for being patient on a placid track here.

But, the visitors pulled back things in the next two sessions as they reduced Bangladesh to 272 for 6 at stumps on the fourth day and took control of the match.

"Batting was becoming easy. But we didn't give away freebies. It's because of our good bowling in the first session, we were rewarded in the next two sessions," Mhambrey told reporters after day four's proceedings.

"It was all about being patient as we knew wicket was going to be easy and it would be hard work (for us). The focus was on hitting the right areas, create the opportunities, even while there's a half chance." India had declared their second innings at 252 for 8 with less than an hour to go on day three, setting Bangladesh the stiff chase.

"We knew we had enough runs on the board, had the cushion of a big lead. There was no panic whatsoever. The dressing room environment was calm." "We pulled back picking six wickets next two sessions make little inroads. We still have to be patient. Overall I'm very happy with the way we bowled," he added.

With his triple strike, left-arm spinner Axar Patel was the pick of the Indian bowlers.

"What really stood out with Axar was the pace that he bowled with. It's not easy for the batters to step out to him, also the angle he created and the way he released the ball.

"It's very difficult for the batters to decide whether to leave it or play it, especially where the ball was turning a little bit, you have to play those deliveries, and that's where he stood out for me," Mhambrey said.

Kuldeep Yadav made a dream comeback to the Test side after more than 22 months and claimed a five-wicket haul in the first innings.

"It's lot of work that he has put in. People were discussing about his speed, he's slower in the air. Credit goes to him, he has made changes to his run up, angles... It allows him to be little quicker in the air. He has been unfortunate last few years, got a knee injury and got hit in nets when he returned." On Mohammed Siraj, he said, "It's about the character and attitude he carries. Every game that he plays, he gives you that opportunity, even on a placid track like this, he created opportunity."

T20 WC for Blind: India thrash Bangladesh, win hattrick of titles



Bengaluru

Riding on brilliant centuries from captain Ajay Kumar Reddy and Sunil Ramesh, India thrashed Bangladesh by 120 runs in the final to win their third consecutive title in the T20 World Cup for the Blind here on Saturday.

Ramesh smashed 136 off 63 balls with the help of 24 boundaries and one six, while Reddy struck 100 off 50 balls (18X4).

The duo put on a 248-run unbeaten partnership for the third wicket to take them to a mammoth 277 for two in 20 overs after opting to bat.

Chasing the huge target, Bangladesh could only score 157 for 3 in 20 overs. Salman top-scored for Bangladesh with 77 not out.

Champions India, who remained

unbeaten in the tournament, got Rs 3 lakh for the title, while Bangladesh received Rs 1.5 lakh. Bangladesh rocked India top order with Salman giving a double blow in the fourth over.

He removed Venkareswara with the score reading just 28.

India suffered another blow in the same over as Salman castled Lalit Meena's to reduce India to 29/2.

Thereafter it was all about Ramesh and Reddy's show as they took on the Bangladesh bowling attack.

Reddy got a reprieve while batting at 40 when he was dropped in the deep.

Ramesh got to his hundred, his third of the tournament, with a boundary while Reddy reached his milestone in the final over of the innings.

UNGA postpones decision on Afghanistan, Myanmar assembly seat

United Nations

The UN General Assembly has postponed the decision on whether representatives of the Taliban authorities in Afghanistan and Myanmar's military junta can take their countries' seats in the 193-member world body.

The UN Credentials Committee had before it two communications concerning the representation of Afghanistan at the 77th session of the general assembly, indicating different individuals as representatives to the current session.

The first was dated September 6 this year from the Charge d'affaires of Afghanistan to the United Nations in New York. The second was dated September 17 in 2022 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan.

The committee also had before it two communications concerning the representation of Myanmar at the 77th session of the General Assembly, indicating different individuals as representatives to the 77th session of the assembly.

The first was dated August 19 in 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York. The second was dated August 24 in 2022 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar.

"The chair proposed that the committee postpone its consideration of the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar, of the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Afghanistan, and of the credentials pertaining to the representatives of



Libya to the seventy-seventh session of the general assembly, and to revert to the consideration of these credentials at a future time in the seventy-seventh session. The proposal was adopted without a vote," the UN said.

After the August 2021 takeover of Kabul by the Taliban, the group has sought to send its representative to the UN as an envoy.

Following the February 2021 coup in Myanmar, its military rulers have said the country's Ambassador to UN Kyaw Moe Tun has been dismissed and they want their representative to replace him.

Allowing both these representations at the UN General Assembly will be tantamount to a move towards international recognition of the Taliban administration and the military junta in Myanmar.

The credentials committee reports to the assembly on the credentials of representatives of the UN member states.

Debut wicket for 18-year-old Ahmed; Pakistan 204-5 v England

Karachi

England's youngest-ever test debutant Rehan Ahmed picked up a wicket as Pakistan reached 204-5 at tea in the third and final test on Saturday.

Ahmed, at the age of 18 years, 126 days, had Saud Shakeel caught close to the wicket by a diving Ollie Pope for 23 in his seventh over. The bowler's father, Naeem, was among a sparse crowd at the National Stadium.

Ahmed (1-59) had a nervy start in his five overs before lunch as he bowled several full tosses and overpitched deliveries and went for 37 runs before he bowled a perfect legbreaker to Shakeel and got a thick inside edge. Mohammad Rizwan made 19 but fell to a poor shot as he tried to hit out against a low full toss from Joe Root and was smartly caught by skipper Ben Stokes at wide midwicket.

Captain Babar Azam was not out on 71 off 105 balls with Agha Salman unbeaten on 1 at tea on the first day.

England, looking for a rare 3-0 clean sweep in its first test tour to Pakistan in 17 years, had made early inroads after Babar won his first toss in the series and chose to bat on yet another dry wicket.

Azhar Ali fell for 45 in his farewell test match at the stroke of lunch after Ollie Robinson's short pitch delivery down the legside. Azhar, who announced his



retirement from test cricket on Friday, was snapped up by wicketkeeper Ben Foakes and the television replays confirmed it was a clean catch.

England continued to experiment with its unconventional and aggressive style of play in test matches that saw them winning the first test by 74 runs at Rawalpindi on a flat wicket and the second test by 26 runs on a slow turning pitch at Multan.

Babar shared a 71-run stand with Azhar and dominated spinners before Robinson broke the threatening stand just before the first session as Pakistan reached 117-3.

England surprised Pakistan from

the onset when spinner Jack Leach bowled an 11-over spell with the new ball. Leach featured in the dismissals of both openers before Azhar and Babar showed plenty of aggression against Ahmed. Lefthanded Shan Masood -- one of the four changes Pakistan made from the last test -- scored a brisk 30 off 37 balls before he top-edged Mark Wood to fine leg midway into the first session. Masood, replacing injured Imam-ul-Haq up in the order, showed early aggression when he hit Leach for two successive boundaries to the inside in the left-armers' first over before Leach took a smart catch in the deep. Leach had earlier struck in his second

Perry blistering half-century takes Australia to 188/3

Mumbai

Veteran Ellyse Perry continued his scintillating comeback with a second consecutive half century as Australia posted 188 for 3 in the fourth women's T20 International against India here on Saturday.

The 32-year-old all-rounder, who struck a 75 in Australia's 21-run win in the third T20I, came up with yet another dominant innings as she smashed four sixes and seven fours in her blistering 72 not out from 42 balls.

Ashleigh Gardner smoked three sixes and as many boundaries to lend Perry a perfect support as the duo put on 94 runs off just 59 balls to seize the momentum from the 12th over onwards after being invited to bat.

After the departure of Gardner in the 17th over, it was Grace Harris who took on the assault as she made a quick-fire 27 not out from 12 deliveries (1x6, 1x4) to continue to pile misery on the Indians.

Perry, who was earlier axed from Australia's T20 side apparently for slow batting, used her feet well to the Indian spinners and drove powerfully.

With Perry and Gardner in full charge, Australia scored 115 runs in the last nine overs to prop up their total.

India's sloppy fielding also continued to let them down.

Gandas secures sixth win of season, Lahiri second

Kolkata

Gurugram's Manu Gandas continued his dominant display in the PGTI season with a record sixth win of the year at the inaugural SSP Chawrasia Invitational golf tournament here on Saturday.

Gandas' (69-66-72-68) sensational victory, also his seventh career win, came after he posted a solid four-under 68 in the fourth round that saw him finish with a total of 13-under 275.

Gandas saw off the challenge of Indian golfing giants and his playing partners Anirban Lahiri and Gaganjeet Bhullar who finished second and third respectively.

Gandas' triumph at the season's penultimate event earned him the winning cheque of Rs 15,00,000 and helped him climb from second to first spot in the TATA Steel PGTI Rankings. He built a significant lead as his season's earnings moved to Rs 80,78,938.

"I'm just looking to continue doing what I do well and not thinking too much about the records. I stuck to my plans through the week and converted a lot of chances, so it was a satisfying performance. My drives and my putting stood out this week," Gandas said.

Lahiri (71-65-71-70), who was the third round joint leader along with Gandas, took the runner-up spot at 11-under 277 following his last round of 70.

Bhullar (69-72-67-71) produced a fi-



nal round of 71 to claim third place at nine-under 279.

Tournament host Chawrasia finished tied 21st at three-over 291. He was the highest-placed among the Kolkata-based professionals.

Gandas began with a couple of good up and down birdies on the first and fourth as Lahiri kept pace with him by also sinking birdies on both those holes. Gandas then began to pull away with two more birdies on the fifth and ninth where he drained putts from a range of seven to 12 feet.

After both the top contenders made birdies on the 12th, the turning point came on the 13th where Lahiri dropped a double-bogey missing the green and his chip-putt while Gandas made a brilliant par-save with an incredible chip that led to a tap-in.

Gandas moved into a comfortable five-shot lead with birdie on the 15th. He finally closed the day with bogeys on the 17th and 18th but still managed to edge out Lahiri, who had a birdie on the 17th, by two shots.

IMF approves deal with Egypt for USD 3 billion support package

Cairo:
The International Monetary Fund has approved a deal that will provide a USD 3 billion support package to cash-strapped Egypt over a period of almost four years, with the agreement expected to draw in an additional USD 14 billion in financing for the Middle East country.

The announcement from the IMF's executive board late on Friday comes after a preliminary agreement was reached in October between Egypt and the fund.

That initial deal came hours after Egypt's central bank introduced a series of reforms, including a hike in key interest rates by roughly 2 percentage points.

The Egyptian economy has been hard-hit by the coronavirus pandemic and the war in Ukraine, events that have played havoc with global markets and hiked oil and food prices worldwide.

The Egyptian pound has lost 36 percent of its value against the dollar since March.

Egypt is the world's largest wheat importer, most of which came from Russia and Ukraine. The country's supply is subject to price changes on the international market.

The deal announced on Friday — known as an Extended Fund Facility Arrangement — is expected to cover a period of 46 months and will give the Egyptian government immediate access to about USD 347 million, which will help the nation bolster its balance of payments and budget, the IMF said.

The statement said the package is expected to catalyze additional financing of about USD 14 billion from Egypt's international and regional partners.

Peru's president exhorts congress to approve early elections

Lima:
Peru's caretaker president, Dina Boluarte, chastised lawmakers for not endorsing widespread calls for early elections as a way out of a deepening political crisis triggered when the ousted Pedro Castillo tried to shut down Congress.

In an early Saturday press conference, a defiant Boluarte pushed back against calls from some demonstrators that she resign, arguing that such a move wouldn't resolve the urgent problems facing Peru's countryside, such as the worst drought in a half-century, and only plunge the country deeper into chaos.

Instead, she slammed Congress, which on Friday failed to muster enough votes to approve her proposal for a constitutional amendment that would've pushed elections, originally scheduled for 2026, to December 2023. She called on lawmakers to reconsider their position, citing opinion polls that more than 80% of Peruvians want general elections — for both president



and Congress — to stabilize the country. "Don't be blind," Boluarte said in some of her strongest rhetoric since taking over from Castillo 10 days ago. "Look at the people and take action in line with what they are asking." At least 20 people have died, and more than

500 demonstrators and security forces have been injured, in protests that have spread across Peru after Castillo was removed from power by lawmakers last week. The crisis has only deepened the instability gripping the country, which has seen six presidents in as

many years.

Boluarte, who was the running mate of the outsider Castillo in his shock victory last year, said she tried as hard as she could to "protect" Castillo from a hostile Congress made up of elites who made it impossible for the newcomer politi-

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cian to govern from the moment he left behind his two-story adobe home in the Andean highlands to the neo-baroque presidential palace in Lima.

She compared the highway blockades, acts of arson and violent protests engulfing parts of Peru's long-neglected countryside to the invisible, emotional damage suffered by children growing in a broken home with constantly feuding parents.

"Didn't you see me walking across the country, filling plazas and looking for votes among brothers and sisters?" she said, at one point breaking into Quechua — the language of indigenous Peruvians, which she speaks fluently — to appeal for calm. "Then why this violence in the streets? I didn't look to be here. I tried to protect him as much as I could."

Russia denounces Moldova's ban of TV channels as 'political censorship'



Moscow:
Russia on Saturday denounced a decision by neighbouring Moldova to temporarily ban six television channels as "political censorship". The small ex-Soviet state of Moldova accused the channels of airing "incorrect information" about the country and Russia's military operation in Ukraine.

The channels — some of which broadcast in Moldovan and some in Russian — are closely tied to politician and businessman Ilan Shor, who fled the country in 2019 after the election of pro-Western President Maia Sandu. Shor, in exile in Israel, has backed protests in Chisinau demanding that Sandu's government resign.

"We consider this ban as an unprecedented act of

political censorship, as an abuse on the principle of media pluralism and a flagrant violation of the right to freedom of access to information, to which the political leadership of the Republic regularly declares its adherence," Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said. "In light of the unprecedented consequences of its implementation for the Russian-speaking part of the country's population, we also qualify it as a cynical infringement of the rights of national minorities."

The ban will start on Monday and last for the duration of a state of emergency that Moldova declared after Russia sent troops into Ukraine on Feb. 24 on what Moscow calls a "special military operation"

Male suspect being questioned over Indian nurse, kids murders in UK

London:
A 52-year-old man arrested on suspicion of the triple murders of an Indian nurse and her two young children discovered with serious injuries at their home in Northampton, eastern England, is continued to be questioned, the police said on Saturday.

Northamptonshire Police named the victims on Friday as 35-year-old Anju Asok and the two children as Jeeva Saju, aged 6, and Janvi Saju, aged 4, a family from Kerala who had been based in Kettering for some months.

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"A 52-year-old man continues to be questioned in connection with the death of a woman and two children,"



Northamptonshire Police said.

Under reporting rules, the suspect cannot be identified

until he is charged and presented in court in the UK.

"We continue to work around the clock in order to

progress this investigation and establish the timeline of events which led to these tragic deaths," said Detective

Inspector Simon Barnes, the Senior Investigating Officer in the case.

"We remain committed to seeking justice for Anju, Jeeva, and Janvi," he said.

The nurse, originally from Viacom in the Kottayam district of Kerala, had been employed at the local hospital since last year.

Police officers entered her home on Thursday morning following an alarm being raised by friends and colleagues where she was found dead.

The two children were rushed to hospital but also succumbed to their injuries. "She was a committed

and compassionate staff nurse, who was loved and respected by her dear friends and colleagues. All our thoughts are with her friends and family as they come to terms with this sudden loss," said Kettering General Hospital Chief Executive Deborah Needham.

The hospital said it is offering "appropriate professional support" to her colleagues at this difficult time.

Sarah Powell, head teacher at Kettering Park Infant Academy where the two children went to school, said they were "devastated" by the news of the deaths.

BUSINESS

IAI & ICAI announce training for IND AS / IFRS Implementation

New Delhi:

The Institute of Actuaries of India (IAI) along with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) announced a deep dive training program in Ind AS 117 / IFRS 17 as a part of implementation of new accounting standards in the Insurance sector in India. The training program is an initiative by the Insurance regulator of India, The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in order to set the ground for implementation of Ind AS / IFRS in the Insurance sector.

The IFRS expert committee constituted by IRDAI created the structure and content of the five days deep dive training for professionals across various lines of insurance business, viz., Life, General and Health.



The first batch of the training is scheduled in December 2022. Expert Actuarial and Accounting faculties are brought in from both professional institutes to conduct various sessions. There are at least ten sessions planned targeting about 1500 professionals across the industry during the period of next six months. The Ind AS 117 / IFRS 17 is applicable for insurance contracts. It requires the entities to identify portfolios of insurance contracts that have a similar risk profile.

GST Council defines SUVs for 22 pc cess

New Delhi:

The GST Council on Saturday agreed to decriminalise certain offences and doubled the threshold for launching prosecution under the tax law to Rs 2 crore, but retained the limit at Rs 1 crore for fake invoicing.

The Council also clarified on the definition of SUVs (sports utility vehicles) for levy of 22 per cent compensation cess and decided to come out with parameters to define MUVs (multi utility vehicles).

Briefing reporters after the 48th GST Council meeting, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Council could decide on only 8 out of the 15 agenda items due to paucity of time, but added that no new taxes have been

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The report of another GoM, chaired by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, on GST levy on online gaming, casinos and horse racing was also not part of the agenda for Saturday's meet-



ing.

Sitharaman said in case of SUVs, the clarification that has been given is that the higher rate of compensation cess of 22 per cent is applicable to a motor vehicle ful-

filling all four conditions -- it is popularly known as SUV; has engine capacity exceeding 1,500cc; length exceeding 4,000 mm; has ground clearance of 170 mm and above. "So this clarification is not

new tax, it's more to say what defines that commodity which is under taxation as SUV," the minister said.

Sitharaman said the discussion on MUVs began when some states asked whether sedans should be included in the SUV category. The states also suggested bringing in a definition for MUVs.

The minister said the Council decided that if any other motor vehicle categories need to be added to the 22 per cent cess, the panel of central and state tax officers (or the Fitment Committee) will look into it.

The Centre and states would attempt to widen the GST base at every level to increase the tax mop-up which is averaging about Rs 1.4 lakh crore every month.

India's forex reserves up for 5th consecutive week

Mumbai:

India's foreign exchange reserves during the week that ended on December 9 rose by USD 2.91 billion to USD 564.07 billion, the Reserve Bank of India data showed. Notably, this is the fifth consecutive week of India's rising foreign exchange reserves.

During the week that ended December 2, the country's forex reserves were at USD 561.16 billion, earlier data showed. According to RBI's latest data, India's foreign currency assets, which are the biggest component of the forex reserves, rose by USD 3.14 billion to USD 500.12 billion.

However, gold reserves during the latest week declined by USD 296 million to USD 40,729 billion. At the start of 2022, the overall forex reserves were at USD 633.61 billion.

Barring the past five odd weeks, the forex reserves have been intermittently falling for months now largely because of RBI's intervention in the market to defend the depreciating rupee against a surging US dollar. Overall, India's forex reserves had declined sharply ever since Russia invaded Ukraine in late February when imports of energy and other commodities got costlier globally, which necessitated the higher requirement of reserves for trade settlement.

Typically, the RBI from time to time intervenes in the market through liquidity management, including through the selling of dollars, with a view to preventing a steep depreciation in the rupee.

Private security personnel can fill gaps in country: Gen V K Singh

New Delhi:

Union minister V K Singh on Saturday pointed out the dearth of trained security professionals in the country and urged the private security sector to fill the gap.

Addressing the annual conference of the Central Association of Private Security Industry (CAPSI), the Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways and Civil Aviation said there is a dearth of trained security personnel and the private security industry should take a lead in filling these gaps, according to a statement.

Singh pointed out that several government estab-

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lishments and places like airports and railway stations need security and the private security sector needs to train and equip its personnel to meet their requirements.

It is a good opportunity for the Indian private security industry to cater to domestic as well as international markets, he suggested.

The minister opined the



private security sector needs to set standards and meet benchmarks which match international standards so that they could be given the

responsibility of safety and security of important installations not only in the country but also overseas.

Today, security is needed

in all sectors, from government to industrial and residential. The security agencies need to adopt modern technologies and use arti-

ficial intelligence to upgrade their skills to meet future challenges, he added.

Giving the example of Tequila, Singh said Mexico set up a world-class laboratory and an accreditation board to develop it as a liquor of global standard.

Today Tequila is one of the internationally known premium brands.

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CAPSI Chairman Kunwar Vikram Singh said the association is formulating

BIS standards for the private security industry so that private security personnel can get jobs at national and international level.

Indian private security agencies will also be upgraded as per top ISO standards to meet global requirements, he stated.

Private security industry will also employ Agniweers and give them specialised training so that they can get good jobs in the industry, he added.

Private security industry employs over one crore people making it one of the highest job-giver.

Sidharth Malhotra, Rashmika Mandanna's spy thriller 'Mission Majnu' teaser out now



Mumbai makers of the upcoming spy thriller film 'Mission Majnu' on Friday, unveiled the official teaser.

Taking to Instagram, Sidharth shared the teaser, which he captioned, "Iss Majnu ke kaam karne ka tarika alag hai. Presenting the Official Teaser for Mission Majnu. Only on Netflix, 20th Jan, 2023."

Set in the 1970s, 'Mission Majnu' is a patriotic thriller with a love story at its core, showcasing one of India's most covert operations of taking down Pakistan's efforts of a nuclear attack.

The teaser showcases Sidharth as an undercover RAW agent in an intense avatar, with his life hanging on the line for the love of his life- India.

Directed by Shantanu Bagchi and produced by RSVP and GBA, 'Mission Majnu' also stars Rashmika Mandanna in the lead role and is all set to premiere exclusively on the OTT platform Netflix from January 20, 2023.

The makers unveiled the teaser of its much-anticipated espionage thriller, 'Mission Majnu', at the iconic India Gate in the National Capital.

Commenting on the teaser launch, Sidharth said, "It has been an absolute honour and

pleasure to have launched the teaser of my film Mission Majnu at India Gate, with the real heroes of our country who sacrifice their lives everyday for the love towards their country. To be able to play a part and showcase one such Indian Agent's story has truly been a very fulfilling and heart wrenching experience. I am so grateful for Shantanu to have given me this opportunity and for this stirring film to be my first association with Netflix. I cannot wait for you to see the story unfold on the 20th of January, on a Netflix."

Rashmika said, "I am so excited as I finally launch the teaser of Mission Majnu and cannot wait for the audiences to watch our movie filled with love, drama, sacrifice and action. As an actor, nothing gives me more joy than to be able to play a part in the story of those unsung heroes that are the real Majnus of our country. I am also super excited to join the Netflix family with this film."

Meanwhile, Sidharth will also be seen in the upcoming action thriller film 'Yodha' opposite Disha Patani which is all set to hit the theatres on July 7, 2023.

Apart from that, he also has an upcoming web series 'Indian Police Force' which will stream on the OTT platform Amazon Prime Video.



Shilpa Shetty catches 'football fever' on meeting Wayne Rooney

Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty shared a precious moment with 'The Wonder Boy' of football.

Taking to Instagram, the 'Dhadkan' actress posted a snap with Wayne Rooney by her side. "Football Fever With the legend himself @wayner Rooney, Welcome to India," the 47-year-old wrote in the caption. The 37-year-old footballer took to the comment section of the post to reply. "Pleasure to meet you and your family," the English footballer wrote, along with a smile emoji.

Fans flared up the comment section with fire and heart emojis in appreciation of the picture. "Wayne love you," a user wrote.

"Wonderful shilpa mam," another user wrote. Earlier, the 'Baazigar' actor

had shared a video in appreciation of another sportsman.

"Cricket fever ke liye nahin bani koi goli Test match ke dino mein alag hi hoti hai sabki boli Aaj stadium mein ya toh log chillaenge "VIRAAATTTTTT" Ya chillaenge... "KOOHHHHLL-LLIIIIIII... KOHLI!" she wrote in the caption.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Shilpa was seen in an action comedy film 'Nikamma' alongside Abhimanyu Dasani and Shirley Setia.

She will soon be making her grand OTT debut with Rohit Shetty's upcoming web series 'Indian Police Force' alongside Sidharth Malhotra and Vivek Oberoi, which will stream exclusively on Amazon Prime Video. The film aims to pay an ode to the "selfless service, unconditional commitment, and fierce patriotism" of police personnel across the country.



Varun Dhawan: When I have to cut down my price, I'll do it

To Varun Dhawan, his career so far could well be divided into two distinct phases — pre and post-pandemic. Such has been the shift in his choice of films during the period. His recent choices have been evolved — be it Jugjugg Jeeyo that saw him as a man dealing with his parents' divorce while his own marriage is falling apart, or Bhediya that had him play a shape-shifting werewolf. He says the movies are the result of a much-needed introspection.

"When the lockdown happened, I hit a roadblock. I was burnt out. I felt my choices have to be films that I am [creatively] satisfied with. [The reason to do them] should not be that I have dates available. I waited a long time to sign Jugjugg Jeeyo, Bhediya, and Nitesh Tiwari's Bawaal. So, 2022 has been one of the most satisfying years creatively. As an actor, I am the proudest of these three films," he beams.

In a year when most Hindi films struggled to open to re-

spectable numbers, Dhawan is happy that the audiences headed to theatres to watch his offerings. "It has been such a strange year, [with films] trying to get people back to theatres. I expected Bhediya to do [better box-office] numbers than it did. Having said that, I am grateful that people have seen the film in cinemas, and its [collection] is higher than that of many. It tells you that you should try and do better."

In the past 10 years, the actor became synonymous with mainstream masala movies. But one can't forget that he also attempted unconventional stories in Badlapur (2015) and October (2018). The learnings from these films reflect in his present work. Going forward, Dhawan is happy to do such movies, while ensuring that they are commercially viable. "Honestly, when I have to cut down my price to do these films, I will do it because a film calls out to [the artiste] in you. Similarly, when I have to do a Bhediya, or movies that have a larger vision, I'll make it in a certain way.

Happy Birthday John Abraham! Shah Rukh Khan wishes John with Pathaan's new still

Shah Rukh Khan took to social media to wish his 'on-screen foe and off-screen buddy' John Abraham with Pathaan's new still on his birthday today. Taking to his Twitter and Instagram handles Shah Rukh Khan shared a new still of John Abraham from their upcoming film Pathaan. John plays the antagonist in this film which also stars Deepika Padukone.

In the new still, John who turned 50 today looked intense in all-black attire. The post read, "On-screen foe, off-screen buddy... Happy Birthday dearest



@thejohnabraham. Watch our clash in theatres on 25th Jan in #Pathaan! Releasing in Hindi, Tamil & Telugu."



'Bigg Boss 16': Abdu Rozik's exit shocks housemates

The upcoming 'Weekend Ka Vaar' will shock housemates and audiences alike as Abdu Rozik will be asked to leave the 'Bigg Boss 16' house.

A promo showed Bigg Boss asking Abdu to come out of the house. Bigg Boss announced: "Abdu aap gharwalon se vidaa lekar ghar ke bahar ajiye."

The housemates get the shock of their life and are left in tears after hearing this. Nimrit Ahluwalia, Shiv Thakare, Sajid Khan, MC Stan, Sumbul Touqeer are seen in tears. Abdu gets emotional before leaving the house.

There are rumours that the contestant has gone out for two days for medical reasons and will be back soon.

However, it is unclear if he will be back or not.

Meanwhile, in the upcoming 'Shukravaar Ka Vaar' episode, Bollywood superstar Salman Khan will be seen schooling Sajid Khan over the prank played on Abdu Rozik and confusing the



Tajikistani's feeling for Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia. A promo shows Salman telling Sajid, "First you make Abdu carry out such plans like the birthday message for Nimrit and then you tell him to stay away from her. So I am not able to understand this."

For the unversed, Sajid suggested Abdu write 'Happy Birthday Nimmi' on his body to wish Nimrit on her birthday.

At the same time, when Abdu requested them to write 'I love you' on his back, "I love tatti" was written on his back.

Kylie Minogue teases upcoming 16th album and 'dream' arena tour

Pop singer Kylie Minogue has teased details of her upcoming 16th studio album, and fans won't have too long to wait to hear her new tunes.

The 54-year-old eternal singer has been busy in the studio, with reports back in September, suggesting she has been playing her efforts to record label bosses ahead of a release, reports 'The Mirror'.

Now fresh details suggest some 'old' tracks will be included on the new record as Kylie plans to include a couple of tracks from her 2020 record-making Number 1 album 'Disco'. The rationale is that Kylie wants to give some of the previously re-released tracks more time in the spotlight — and that she will then showcase them while on tour.

The singer herself told The Sun, quoted by 'The Mirror':



"Because I didn't get to tour 'Disco', I will be putting a number of disco tracks in there. I hope people love it. So

far, I'm really touched by the engagement or re-engagement of Disco."

It is implied Kylie will be

kicking off 2023 by unleashing a brand new single early in the new year, with her new album due for release a few months later.

While a full-scale UK arena tour is also on the cards, which will see the superstar take to the stage for the first time in four years. She previously said of returning to the stage: "I'm dreaming of doing dates."

"We are inching closer to doing something like that. Patience. I can't wait. Keep your disco outfit not too far away."

'The Mirror' further says that the promise of new music and live dates comes after it was suggested that Kylie could soon be heading to Las Vegas to head up a residency. She would follow in the footsteps of icons, including Celine Dion and Mariah Carey to present a series of performances from Sin City.