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Today's Prediction	
Maximum	24°C
Minimum	11°C
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Maximum	24°C
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SC gets five new judges

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New Delhi
Five judges were appointed to the Supreme Court on Saturday, taking the total number of judges in the apex court to 32, two short of the full strength. This comes amid an ongoing tiff between the government and the judiciary over the process of appointing judges to the Supreme Court and the 25 high courts.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju tweeted to announce the appointment of Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice, Rajasthan High Court; Justice Sanjay Karol, Chief Justice, Patna High Court; Justice P V Sanjay Kumar, Chief Justice, Manipur High Court; Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah of Patna High Court; and Justice Manoj Misra of Allahabad High Court as apex court judges.

Their names were recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on December 13 last year.

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Law Minister Rijiju recently described the Collegium as being "alien" to the Indian Constitution, while Vice President and Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar the questioned the Supreme Court striking down the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act and a related constitution amendment Act in 2015.

Through the NJAC law, the government had sought to replace the Collegium system of appointing SC and HC judges with a new method.

A Supreme Court

bench on Friday made strong observations while questioning the delay on part of the government in appointing and transferring judges cleared by the SC Collegium.

But a senior government functionary insisted that the five appointments were not linked to the case in the apex court.

He said the prime minister had cleared the file on February 2, a day before the SC made the observations, and the appointment process was already in the final stages.

The appointments came in due course, he

added.

The President signed their warrants of appointment on Saturday.

The Centre had on Friday assured the Supreme Court that the Collegium's recommendation for the appointment of five judges in the apex court will be cleared soon.

Attorney General R Venkataramani had told a bench of justices S K Kaul and A S Oka that the warrant of appointments of these five names is expected to be issued shortly.

Once the five take oath early next week, the strength of the apex court will go up to 32 judges. At present the top court is functioning with 27 judges, including the Chief Justice of India. Its sanctioned strength, including the CJI, is 34. On January 31, the Supreme Court collegium had recommended two more names for elevation as top court judges -- Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Arvind Kumar. Agencies

Adani's FPO pullout has not impacted India's image: FM

Mumbai:

India's economic image is not affected due to Adani Group's recent decision to pull out Rs 20,000 crore FPO amid allegations of financial wrongdoings, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday. The finance minister said there has been an accretion of USD 8 billion to the forex reserves in the last two days alone.

"...our macroeconomic fundamentals or our economy's image, none of which has been affected. Yes, FPOs (follow-on public offers) come in, and FIIs (foreign institutional investors) get out," Sitharaman told reporters here. The minister said there are "fluctuations" in every market but the accretion over the last few days establishes the fact that the perception of both India and its inherent strengths is intact.

Answering a broader question on the allegations against Adani Group, she said the country's independent financial sector regulators will be looking into the aspect and added that capital markets watchdog Securities and Exchange Board of India has the wherewithal to



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"...for keeping the market and the markets regulated in prime condition, the Sebi is the authority. And it has the wherewithal to keep that prime condition," she said. The finance minister also said that the RBI has already spoken out on the issue, referring to Friday's statement, which said the banking sector is resilient and stable.

About ten days ago, US-based short seller Hindenberg Research made a slew of allegations on the corpo-

rate governance front against Adani Group.

The Ahmedabad-based group has denied all the allegations and termed it as a calculated attack on India. It has cancelled the FPO even after managing subscriptions to it. Finance Secretary TV Somanathan on Saturday stood by his comment on the controversy where he called it a storm in a teacup, clarifying that this is in the context of macroeconomic terms and the stability of India's public financial institutions.

Agencies

Kiren Rijiju says public is 'malik', nobody can give warning to anyone

Prayagraj:

A day after the Supreme Court warned of action for any delay in clearing transfer and appointment of judges, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday said the country will be governed according to the Constitution and wishes of the people and nobody can give warning to anyone.

"Public is 'malik' (master) of this country and we are servants. We all are here for service and the Constitution is our guide.... The country will be governed under the guidance of the Constitution and wishes of the public. Nobody can give warning to anyone," Rijiju said.

"Sometimes discussions are held in the country on some matters and in a democracy everyone has the right to express their opinion. But people sitting in responsible positions have



to think before saying anything, whether it will benefit the country or not," he said, referring to reported remarks of a Supreme Court bench.

The minister was addressing an event on the 150th anniversary of the Allahabad High Court Bar Association here as the chief guest.

His remarks came a day after a bench of Justices S K Kaul and A S Oka expressed displeasure over the delay in clearing recommendations for transfer of high

court judges, calling it a "very serious issue", and warned that any delay in this matter may result in both administrative and judicial actions which might not be palatable.

On Saturday, the Supreme Court also questioned the government over the delay in clearing the names of five high court judges who had been recommended for elevation to the Supreme Court. The judges were elevated to the Supreme Court on Sunday. Agencies

Jamia Nagar violence: Court discharges 11 accused, says booked as 'scapegoats'

New Delhi:

A court here on Saturday discharged 11 people, including student activists Sharjeel Imam and Asif Iqbal Tanha, in the Jamia Nagar violence case, saying as the Delhi Police was unable to apprehend the actual perpetrators, it booked the accused as "scapegoats".

The court, however, ordered the framing of charges against one of the accused, Mohammad Ilyas.

"Marshalling the facts as brought forth from a perusal of the charge-sheet and three supplementary chargesheets, this court cannot but arrive at the conclusion that the police were unable to apprehend the actual perpetrators behind the commission of the offence, but surely managed to rope the persons herein as scapegoats," Additional Sessions Judge Arul Varma said.



An FIR was lodged in connection with the violence that erupted after a clash between police and people protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) in the Jamia Nagar area here in December 2019.

The judge said there were admittedly scores of protesters at the site and some anti-social elements within the crowd could have created an environment of disruption and havoc.

"However, the moot question remains -- whether the accused persons herein were even prima facie complicit in taking part in that mayhem? The answer is an unequivocal no," he added.

The court said the legal proceedings against the 11 accused were initiated in a "perfunctory and cavalier fashion" and "allowing them to

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undergo the rigmarole of a long-drawn trial does not augur well for the criminal justice system of the country".

"Furthermore, such police action is detrimental to the liberty of citizens who choose to exercise their fundamental right to peacefully assemble and protest. The liberty of the protesting citizens should not have been lightly interfered with," it said. Agencies

Unusual price movement in the stocks of a business conglomerate: SEBI

New Delhi:

A mid a raging controversy over a meltdown in Adani Group stocks, regulator SEBI on Saturday said it is committed to ensuring the stock market's integrity and all necessary surveillance measures are in place to address any excessive volatility in individual shares.

Without naming Adani group specifically, the capital markets watchdog said in a statement that unusual price movement in the stocks of a business conglomerate has been observed in the past



week. Officials confirmed that the statement has been issued in the wake of the Adani matter only.

Adani Group stocks

have taken a beating on the bourses after US-based activist short-seller Hindenberg Research made a litany of allegations, including fraudulent

transactions and share price manipulation at the Gautam Adani-led group.

The Adani Group has dismissed the charges as lies, saying it com-

plies with all laws and disclosure requirements.

The 10 listed Adani group firms have faced a combined erosion of over Rs 8.5 lakh-crore in just six trading sessions. Adani Enterprises also had to withdraw a Rs 20,000 crore share sale.

Several Opposition leaders and some experts have been also raising questions about SEBI not acting in the Adani matter, while Parliament proceedings have also got disrupted on this issue for two days. Agencies

India's largest helicopter production facility coming in Karnataka

New Delhi:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Monday inaugurate a greenfield helicopter production facility of state-run aerospace behemoth Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Karnataka's Tumakuru that will initially produce light utility helicopters (LUHs).

The defence ministry billed the 615-acre factory as India's largest helicopter-manufacturing facility and it has been planned as a one-stop solution for the country's chopper requirements.

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multirole helicopters (IMRHs). It will also be used for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of LCHs, LUHs, civil advanced light helicopters (ALHs) and IMRHs in the future, the officials said.

Potential exports of civil light utility helicopters would also be catered to from the Tumakuru factory, which is at a distance of around 70 kilometres from Bengaluru.

"In yet another step towards 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation a helicopter factory of the HAL in Tumakuru, Karnataka on February 6," the defence ministry said in a statement. Agencies

Nation fast changing into developed one; Karnataka will drive this: Piyush Goyal

Allegations against Adani group should be looked into: Nitish

Chennai

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal on Saturday said the country is on the path of rapid transformation into a developed nation and Karnataka is the "jewel" that would drive that change.

He expressed confidence that BJP would come back to power in Karnataka with a big majority after the upcoming Assembly polls. "India is on the path of rapid transformation into a developed nation. Karnataka, of course, is the jewel that will drive this transformation and the growth faster and more efficiently," Goyal said.

Speaking to reporters here on the Union Budget, he said Finance Minister



Nirmala Sitharaman has made sufficient provision of Rs 7,561 crore for expansion of railway network in Karnataka, and also adequate allotment to speed up the work on the suburban rail system for Bengaluru.

He said he was happy about the Rs 5,300-crore assistance announced in

would take prosperity to every single person in the country, Goyal said. "Our vision is inclusive growth, sustainable growth, holistic development of the entire country and prosperity for all." "This budget has brought a series of steps, the outcome of which will naturally be the growth of the economy, more jobs, and economic opportunity for youth, which will help every section of society. All of this will be on the back of green or sustainable growth," he said.

Listing out pro-people initiatives of the BJP government, the Minister said this budget is the first step in the journey of the nation to a developed one.

Highlighting the multiplier effect of infrastructure funding proposed in the Union budget, which

would help propel economic growth, he spoke about the ease of doing business and ease of living steps that have been initiated through the budget.

The youth power of the country is aspiring for better and more, he further said, this budget would give a strong message to "Young India." Responding to a question on Karnataka State Contractors' Association's allegation of a '40 percent commission' for awarding contracts and clearing Bills in the State where BJP is in power, Goyal said the Prime Minister is totally committed to making the nation corruption-free, so are State governments run by the party.

"Any allegation is investigated into, action taken,

whoever is guilty will not be spared. We have heard about the allegation that you mentioned. I can assure you and the people of Karnataka that the BJP government in the State will provide a transparent and honest government, and anybody found indulging in wrongdoings will not be spared," he added.

Asked about action not taken by Modi despite contractors' writing to him twice, Goyal said action is taken on "specific allegations" when brought to notice, and the action would be strict.

Reacting to Congress's poll promises of free power among others, the Union Minister said short-term election-related policies are detrimental to the country, and people are aware of it.

Kishanganj

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday asserted that allegations of fraud against companies owned by billionaire Gautam Adani "should be looked into".

Kumar made the averment in Kishanganj district, which he visited as part of his state-wide 'Samadhan Yatra', replying to queries from journalists on the political row over the allegations which rocked the proceedings of Parliament.

"Yes, I have heard about it. His (Adani's) business model has been called into question. Now that things have come to light, the matter should be looked into (haan kuchh sune hain, dekh rahe hain, uske kaam ka kuchh khas matlab nahin hai. Ab to aa hi

gaya sab kuchh Prakash mein to, isko dekhna chahiye)", said the JD(U) supreme leader.

Incidentally, Kumar snapped ties with the BJP less than six months ago and his party has joined the opposition in demanding a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the alleged fraud involving the businessman perceived to be close to the ruling NDA at the Centre.

Parties like the Congress have also alleged that Public Sector Undertakings like the LIC had been "forced" to invest heavily in the Adani group which recently saw an unprecedented crash in its stocks. The Adani group has maintained that the damning report of US-based Hindenburg Research was "malicious".

Delhi Education Dept, Ladli Foundation join hands to fight malnutrition, anemia

New Delhi

Delhi Education Department, and Ladli Foundation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support over 8 lakh students in overcoming malnutrition and anemia.

The collaboration aims to tackle one of the critical health issues faced by children in Delhi by designing effective interventions to change their dietary habits, through regular counseling and monitoring and enhancing the impact of school meals.

Himanshu Gupta, Director of Education, Delhi, and Devendra Kumar, Founder, Ladli Foundation, on Friday signed the MoU at Delhi

Government School at Rouse Avenue.

Director Himanshu Gupta on the occasion said that "malnutrition and anemia continue to be a persistent issue for children and it is our responsibility to take action and work for holistic development of the students and we need to work towards providing a brighter future for our students by ensuring that they receive the nutrition they need to lead healthy and productive lives."

Similarly, Ladli Foundation's Devendra Kumar said, "We are proud to be a part of this noble initiative and the visionary approach of the Director Education to make a difference in the

lives of young students."

"Through this collaboration, we aim to monitor and ensure the real-time delivery of strategies designed by the Education Department for a healthier future for children in Delhi by addressing the root cause of malnutrition and anemia, and this initiative is scientifically designed to ensure that every student has access to nutritious meals that will help them grow and develop to their full potential," he added.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by all district heads of the department, and was followed by a state-level meeting, where the details of the collaboration were discussed.

India Art Fair: Masquerade-an endless drama

Sayan Chatterjee New Delhi

As a witness to the India Art Fair (IAF) since its inception, I distinctly remember an uncontained gala of childlike spirit flowing across the venue. With over 1,000 artists, 71 galleries, and 14 participating institutions, the 14th edition, to be held from February 9-12 at the NSIC grounds in New Delhi, is poised to present a new contrast and interplay of various forms and philosophies.

So, an engaging with some of the multitudinous voices that shape this year's edition, it is heartening to observe how over years of evolution, the fair today stands

to dissolve the perceived polarities of young-old, past-present, technology-tradition, performance-fine art, gallery-street, human-nature, man-woman, and others.

Masquerade-an endless drama - is one such solo exhibition that I came across as to be presented at the upcoming IAF by Kalakriti Art Gallery of Hyderabad, India. Kolkata-based senior global artist Avijit Dutta is again to spread his creative introspection for the sixth consecutive time at the India Art Fair 2023. His solo exhibition, "Masquerade - an endless drama," showcases 12-15 of his new artworks, based on the daily routine

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and dalliance of life's infinite conversations crafting conscious reality to conjure and design dreams within a drama.

Using the less frequented tempera medium, the artist's brushwork has a visually rich narrative that seeks the lost alleys of authenticity suspended between reality and projection. He consciously and eloquently visits and revisits parts of the human psyche and the journey of its constant strive to meld, manage, and carve an image culled out of the expectation of human relationships - whether professional, private, or public.

Through various representations and interpretations, he has opened a discussion and addressed these constant moments of masquerade that

human life is sucked into. Speaking on the theme of his show, Avijit states, "We live in an age where original thoughts, the soft petals of dreams are consigned to flames in this daily consuming furnace of societal demands."

The artist has, on earlier occasions, participated in several group shows at India's most significant art convergence, India Art Fair, along with several curatorial projects he has held in different galleries across India. He has extensively conducted national and international workshops and has been part of the jury at prestigious global art events.

No tribal leader from J'khand allowed to complete full term as CM, says Soren

Dhanbad

In a veiled attack on the opposition BJP, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Saturday said that no tribal leader from the state was allowed to remain in the CM post for more than three years in the past two decades.

Referring to himself as a "Jharkhandi", the JMM leader also alleged that the opposition party is "hatching a conspiracy to remove" him by levelling "false charges".

"First chief minister of Jharkhand, Babulal Marandi, was removed before completing three years. Later, Arjun Munda was also not allowed to remain in the post for more than three years.

"But, at the same time, a Chhattisgarhi was made chief minister and allowed to complete a full five-year term," Soren said without



taking the name of the BJP. The JMM leader was apparently referring to former Jharkhand chief minister Raghubar Das who has his ancestral village at Boirdih in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district. Das, a five-time BJP MLA, had lost to Saryu Roy, who fought as an independent candidate from the Jamshedpur East seat in

the 2019 assembly elections. Soren, who was addressing the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's (JMM) 51st foundation day rally at Dhanbad Golf Ground, said that the opposition has "adopted a double-standard policy". "If it can make a Gujarati as CM in Gujarat, a Maharashtrian in Maharashtra and a Bihari in Bihar, why not a

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Jharkhandi as CM in Jharkhand," he said. JMM executive president also said that "since a Jharkhandi has become the chief minister, the opposition party is hatching a conspiracy to remove" him by levelling "false charges".

"But as long as the Shibu Soren family is alive, no

plan of the opposition in Jharkhand will succeed," he said. Political temperatures had risen in the state last year over the Election Commission's opinion on a plea seeking Soren's disqualification as an MLA for allegedly violating electoral law.

The CM also alleged that "whenever he makes a welfare policy for locals or tribal people, it is blocked by calling it unconstitutional".

Speaking over the indefinite strike of contractual health employees and other health workers in the state, he said, "The Centre has left them in lurch. But the state government is concerned about their problems and will do the needful in this regard soon." JMM supremo Shibu Soren also addressed the rally and stressed on improvement of education and agriculture.

Thiruvananthapuram

Legendary athlete and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president P T Usha on Saturday broke down before the media alleging that illegal constructions were being carried out at her academy campus in Kozhikode district and strangers were trespassing into the property posing a security threat to the inmates.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, she said those at the Usha School of Athletics had been facing such harassment and security issues for some time and it has intensified after she became the Rajya Sabha Member.

Usha had been nominated to the Upper House by the BJP in July 2022.

The "sprint queen" appealed to the Left government in Kerala and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to intervene into the issue and take immediate steps to stop the alleged en-



croachment and trespassing into the campus and ensure the safety of women athletes there.

"Of the 25 women athletes in the Usha schools, 11 were from north India. It is our responsibility to ensure their safety. I submitted a written complaint to the Chief Minister in this regard," she said.

A teary-eyed Usha also said waste is being dumped on a large scale in the campus, which is also facing threat from the drug mafia but the local panchayat was not letting the academy management to construct a compound wall.

"An illegal construction

was made just in the middle of the campus by someone and when we asked, they said they had the approval of the panchayat authorities for it. The school management also had to suffer rude behaviour when they questioned this encroachment," she said.

Usha said the 30-acre land, where the Usha School of Athletics is located, was handed over to them by the previous Oommen Chandy led-Congress government in the state for 30 years on lease.

Asked whether those at her academy were facing harassment and ill-treatment after she was nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the BJP, she said each political party had the habit of considering her as a member of its political rival.

Hindenburg research exposed Adani, says Digvijay

Bhopal

Congress leader Digvijay Singh attacked the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government over the Hindenburg-Adani issue accusing the Centre of receiving "unaccounted money", adding that the research has exposed Gautam Adani. Talking to reporters, here on Saturday, the Congress leader said, "During the pandemic, everyone in the nation had a reduction in income but some industrialists saw a rise in their market capitalization."

"Industry and market were closed, then how they increased their market capitalization. BJP is receiving unaccounted money," he

alleged. He further stated that the Hindenburg research papers have "exposed" Gautam Adani.

"Whosoever is close to PM Modi and Amit Shah, gets benefits, and tax rates are increased as well as decreased for their profit. Same is being done for Gautam Adani. Rahul Gandhi said Adani's wealth bubble will burst. Hindenburg research papers have exposed Adani," he further said. He said that the share market has been affected and the investors are suffering because of the losses in Gautam Adani's shares.

"People in the country who bought Adani's share have suffered a loss. The share market is affected as

investors who had invested in Adani's shares pulled out. SBI had low percentage in Adani shares, but LIC which has common man's money had a huge loss," he added. A report by a US-based Hindenburg Research surfaced on January 24, claiming that the Adani Group had weak business fundamentals, and was involved in stock manipulation and accounting fraud, among others. The report triggered a sell-off of shares of all Adani Group companies.

Earlier in the day, Digvijay Singh was granted bail by the Bhopal district court in a defamation case filed by BJP state president VD Sharma.

Percentage of Adivasis declining in J'khand under Soren govt: Shah

Ranchi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday claimed that demographic change in Jharkhand has seen the percentage of the 'Adivasi' (tribal) population declining during the Hemant Soren government's tenure in power.

Addressing the BJP's 'Vijay Sankalp Maha Rally' here, the senior party leader claimed that the population of Adivasis has declined from 35 per cent to 24 per cent due to massive infiltration from across the international border, which has been "encouraged by the Hemant Soren government for vote bank politics".

He alleged that infiltrators were grabbing land in the state after marrying tribal women.

"The Hemant Soren government is the most corrupt



in the country. Resources are being looted using railway wagons and tractors. People will unseat this government from power in the state as it failed to fulfil the 'aspirations of development' for which the separate state was created," he said.

Shah said the BJP will win all 14 Lok Sabha seats in the state in the elections next year.

Referring to the killing of a class 12 student, who was burnt alive by her stalker in

Dumka last year, Shah said, "Adivasi girls are being murdered while the Hemant Soren government is indulging in politics of appeasement." Earlier in the day, the Cooperation Minister said the Union government has decided to provide 300 services of the Centre as well as the state governments through the Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS).

Shah said PACS would now function as Common

Service Centres (CSC) and farmers can avail benefits of 300 services including no-dues certificates, birth and death registration, and many more.

"The decision was taken on Friday. The IT Ministry has supported the Cooperative Ministry in this regard," he said, while laying the foundation stone of a Rs 450-crore IFFCO nano urea plant in Jasidih in Deogarh district.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Friday to enable the PACS to provide services offered by Common Service Centres.

According to the agreement, more than 300 services will be made available to the rural population, including 13 crore farmer members of PACS, a statement said.

सार्वजनिक सुचना

सर्वे सभारण का सुविधा किया जाता है कि वे करन शिशु कर्म एडवोकेट पत्रु रफ्तो श्री सी० आर० कर्म, उम २२ वर्ष, निमारी आर० जे०- २८६ गली न० १८, पुनलकाबाद विस्तार - २८६ दिल्ली - ११००१९ का निकली है। वे आन छोटे बेटे मोरव कर्म उम ३१ वर्ष, उनकी पत्नी मन्दी नावना कर्म उम ३३ वर्ष, उनकी पुत्र मामीन उम ३ वर्ष, को अपनी सगी समस्त सल व अवल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल करते हुए सभी सम्पत्ति खत्म कर दिवें हैं। क्योंकि वे हमको मेरी धर्म पत्नी कल्याण कर्म, मेरी दोनो बच्ची बेटी तरुना कर्म और छोटी बेटी मारिया कर्म को दोनो ही विवाहित है वे जब की हमसे मिलने जाती है तो मावना कर्म उनका साथ बात-बात पर बेवर्जस्त करते हैं और लड़ाई झगड़ा करते हैं मेरा बच्चा बेटा भरत कर्म जो दुबई में रहते हैं वह जब की हमारे पास रहने आते हैं उनका मेरे बेटे भरत कर्म से यही रवैया रहता है और वे बच्चे के मेरे फराने की भी धमकी देते हैं फिर उन्हा मे हमको उनकी तरफ से खर्च लगा रहता है और मेरी कारण है कि हमने सारे सम्पत्ति तोड़ लि है और मेरी बल व अवल सम्पत्ति को मेरे कानूनी तौर से हड़ना चाहते हैं और मुझे सम्प-सम्प पर बेहुजस्त करते हैं चाची-यात्री करते हैं। यदि कोई व्यक्ति न्याय में उन्को लेन-देन करता है तो वह खुद जिम्मेदार होगा।

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L-G nod to revival of lapsed 126 posts of principals, others in Delhi govt schools

BJP stages protest at AAP office; demands Kejriwal's resignation

New Delhi
Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has approved 126 posts of principals and deputy education officers in city government-run schools which had lapsed as these were "lying vacant" for more than two years, Raj Niwas officials said on Saturday.



The officials have alleged that the lapse has happened due to "apathy and inaction of the AAP government".
Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, meanwhile in a statement, retorted that this claim was a "new bunch of lies" and a "blatant attempt to hide" the fact that the central government and the L-G office have "stalled the appointment of principals in Delhi government schools for more than seven years".
Earlier in the day, Raj Niwas officials had also said that the L-G has also put on hold a proposal to abolish 244 posts of principals and deputy education officers as "proposed by the city's education department" since these posts had also been lying vacant for more than five years. In a move that would help the "woefully short-

staffed" education department of the Delhi government, especially at the cutting-edge level, Lt Governor Saxena has "approved the revival of 126 posts of principals, deputy education officers that had lapsed due to the fact that they were lying vacant for more than two years," officials said. These 370 posts (126 deemed abolished posts and 244 considered abolished posts) were supposed to have been filled in through promotion as per the Recruitment Rules by the Directorate of Education from the year 2013-14 to 2019, they said.

Government rules provide for posts lying vacant for more than two years to be considered as "deemed abolished" and for those lying vacant for more than five years to be "considered abolished", officials said. These 370 posts (126 deemed abolished posts and 244 considered abolished posts) were supposed to have been filled in through promotion as per the Recruitment Rules by the Directorate of Education from the year 2013-14 to 2019, they said.

Sisodia, in his statement, issued by his office also claimed that right after the formation of the AAP government in 2015, it had "approached the UPSC to fill 370 vacant posts of principals".
In the meantime, in 2015 itself, the services department was "unconstitutionally taken away from the purview of elected government and handed over to the L-G," he alleged. Hence, effectively it was the Lt Governor who was responsible for these appointments and was supposed to act promptly to get these appointments done, the deputy chief minister said.

"For reasons best known to L-G office, these appointments were not allowed to happen for one pretext or the other. So much so, the education minister, understanding the pain of running the schools without principals, held a series of meetings with services department, but they were under the direct instructions to not expedite the process," he said.
And now, after so much effort by the education minister, despite repeated stalling by the L-G, his office is "shamelessly claiming that he has revived 126 post, hiding the fact that he has actually

abolished the 244 school principal posts on the ground that they are lying vacant for the last more than five years," Sisodia alleged.
"We urge the Hon'ble L-G to stop playing dirty politics. First, he has stalled the foreign travel of teachers to attend a training in Finland, and now he wants to abolish 244 posts of school principals under the false claim of reviving 126 posts," he charged. The deputy chief minister said the government welcomes the revival of 126 posts after repeated efforts of the education minister, but if the L-G is really sincere and is "not playing politics again, he should give a date by which the remaining 244 posts will be revived," the deputy CM said.

It is a matter of fact that 244 posts of principals are also needed because they exist in the schools which are functioning without principals for so many years. What kind of so-called "comprehensive study" will add more value to the fact that a principal is needed in a school which is functioning without a principal, he further said.
The BJP will keep on ex-

New Delhi
Delhi BJP leaders and workers on Saturday staged a protest at the AAP office here demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal after the Enforcement Directorate named him in a charge sheet in the excise scam case.

Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri alleged the AAP government was "looting" the city that was first looted by invaders like Mohammed Ghor, Mahmood Ghazni and Taimur, the British and thereafter by Congress governments. "The Enforcement Directorate has named Kejriwal in its charge sheet related to the liquor scam and he should resign from the post of chief minister of Delhi," state BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said. No immediate reaction was available from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to the allegations. Several BJP workers were detained by police while trying to cross a barricade erected near the AAP office at DDU Marg.
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posing the "corruption" of the Kejriwal government which is weakening Delhi like a "termite", Sachdeva said during the protest.

The ED has claimed in its supplementary charge sheet filed in the court that a part of the alleged Rs 100 crore "kickbacks" generated in the scrapped Delhi excise policy was used in the AAP's 2022 Goa assembly election campaign.

It has also claimed that a close aide of the Delhi chief minister arranged a video call through FaceTime (a video calling facility on iPhone) on his phone for one of the accused Sameer Mahandru.

In the call, Kejriwal told Mahandru that the aide is "his boy" and he should trust him and carry on with him, the ED has claimed.

Kejriwal has dismissed the ED charge sheet, alleging that cases filed by the agency are "fake" and are used to "topple" governments and buy MLAs at the behest of the Centre. Thousands of BJP workers participated in the protest, the Delhi BJP claimed in a statement.

Two drivers arrested for stealing mobile phones bound for Dubai; another selling them

New Delhi
Two drivers were arrested for allegedly stealing mobile phones from a consignment on its way to the cargo area of IGI Airport from a warehouse in Rangpuri in South Delhi, police said on Saturday. A third man was arrested selling the stolen phones, they said.



phones at throwaway prices from Arun Kumar and Pawan Kumar, both residents of Mahipalpur, Deputy Commissioner of Police (IGI Airport) Ravi Kumar Singh said.
Both Pawan and Arun used to buy stolen mobile phones from Manish and Satender, both drivers working in a cargo company. Five high-end mobile phones were recovered from their possession, the DCP said.
At the instance of Sher Singh, raids were conducted and Manish and Satender were apprehended. They said they wanted to earn quick money and came

in contact with Arun and Pawan who lived near their office, police said.
The five came together and formed a gang with Manish and Satender tasked with stealing articles from consignments and Arun and Pawan with selling them in the open market, police said.
Manish and Satender were in charge of keeping in their safekeep the articles of consignments, they said.
They used to stop the vehicle at a predetermined place and with the help of Pawan and Arun would steal the phones and seal back the package, police said.

Parking attendant thrashed with bat in south Delhi will not be able to walk for 6 months

New Delhi
Saddled with debt and two mentally ill brothers, Vikas Thakur, who was assaulted with a cricket bat by a drunk man near PVR Priya, will now be bedridden for six months having undergone surgeries in head, and a fracture in backbone, according to a relative who spoke to the doctors.



Pathak, a parking attendant, was brutally assaulted Wednesday evening by a man, a physical education teacher, when he asked him to pay Rs 60 in parking charges.

"Doctors told us in morning that it will take at least six months for Vikas Thakur to walk," Subhash Singh, an uncle of 34-year-old Pathak, said.
"Doctors have done two surgeries, on both sides of his head. They said the surgeries were successful. Thakur has received a crack in his backbone. He is semi-conscious, but responding through his hands. He is not able to speak," Singh said.
Singh is a supervisor at the parking lot in Vasant Vihar area of south Delhi where the incident happened. He was at a temple nearby, when his nephew was assaulted.
"When the incident happened, I was sitting at a temple which is near the spot. The man was in drunken state and refused to give the parking charges. He even abused the attendants. He took out a cricket bat and ran behind Thakur and another attendant, Manoj Kumar. "Kumar managed to save himself, but Thakur was beaten with a bat," he said, adding, there were 50-60 people around the spot but no one came to his nephew's rescue.
"We took him to AIIMS Trauma Centre where he is undergoing treatment. It took the man only 10 minutes from abusing, assaulting, and fleeing in his car," Singh said.

There have been rows before at the parking lot, but none like this, he said.

Thakur's wife, with her brother, flew to Delhi as soon as she heard about the assault, borrowing Rs 25,000 for airfare and other expenses.

Back home, he has a mother, three kids -- two sons and a daughter -- and two brothers who are undergoing mental treatment at a hospital in Ranchi, Jharkhand, Singh said.

"Thakur earlier used to work as a driver in Kishangarh, but was sacked during the coronavirus pandemic, after his employer lost his job. Later, he went to his home," Singh said. "Thakur had returned to Delhi 3-4 months ago and got the job of a parking attendant. He drives too in his spare time to make extra money.
"He belongs to a poor family. His sister's husband attacked her around two years ago. Thakur took a loan of Rs 2 lakh and was spending it on his sister's treatment and a court case.
"He has already repaid Rs 50,000 and was in the process of returning the remaining amount, but now this happened. Our employer has assured his wife that he will help them in get treated," Singh said.
Thakur's wife on Saturday took a room on rent in southwest Delhi's Kusumpur Bahari area to stay near her husband while he recovers. Vikram Jeet Singh, a resident of Mehrauli, has since been arrested for thrashing Thakur under charges of attempt to murder. During inquiry, Manoj Kumar, another parking attendant, said Vikram Jeet Singh had parked his Honda Amaze at the lot around 7 pm and returned drunk around 9.30 pm. When Kumar asked him to pay Rs 60 in parking charges, he was cussed at, which impelled Thakur to intervene in the matter.

Man abducted from Delhi by his business partners

New Delhi
Two men were arrested from Phagwara in Punjab for allegedly abducting their 40-year-old business partner from Kashmiri Gate here over a monetary issue, police said on Saturday.



The accused, who introduced themselves as police officers before the taxi driver who was hired by them, were forcibly taking the victim along with them to Jammu and Kashmir, they said.
They have been identified as Nishar Ahmad (48) and Imtiyaz Ahmad (48), both residents of Budgam district in Jammu and Kashmir, police said.
Police got a PCR call on Thursday where a person said that some Kashmiri people took his brother-in-law Sayad Tarikh from near Kashmiri Gate. The caller was contacted who said that he was calling from Kashmir, a senior police officer said.
Local inquiry with passersby and vendors near the area was conducted and all four and

Later, the abductors were intercepted in Phagwara city with the help of Punjab Police. The victim was rescued and both his associates were arrested, the DCP said.
Interrogation revealed that both the parties are business partners and there was a money dispute of Rs 55 lakh between the victim and the accused who deal in saffron and shawl, police said.

The victim was not in position to repay his debt. When the victim opposed, the accused threatened to kill him. They also threatened him to quietly go with them to Jammu and Kashmir, they said.
According to police, the victim's friend was with him when the accused met him. They did not take his friend along with them who later informed the family members of about the incident.
They were planning to recover Rs 55 lakh from the family members of the victim after abducting him.

Kejriwal makes fresh appeal to LG to allow Finland visit of Delhi school teachers

New Delhi
Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday made a fresh plea to Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) V K Saxena to allow teachers of city government-run schools to visit Finland for a training programme.
He made the request in a tweet in Hindi, issued soon after Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann flagged off the first batch of 36 state government school principals for a visit to Singapore for professional training.
"A batch of 36 principals have left today for Singapore for training. This is for the better future of children of Punjab. I request the LG to allow Delhi teachers to go to Finland for training. Why do you hate teachers and children of Delhi?" tweeted Kejriwal, whose Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is also in power in Punjab.
Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on January 12 had alleged that the

LG had barred the school teachers from travelling to Finland for their training, adding a new flashpoint in the ongoing tussle between the Delhi government and Saxena.

Sisodia, who also holds the education portfolio, has claimed that the AAP-led government had accepted the proposal for training and sent it to the LG who has "rejected" it saying the training can be done in the country itself.

The Kejriwal government has been seeking a nod from the LG since then on the issue of Finland trip of teachers. Punjab Chief Minister Mann on Saturday said the AAP had before last year's assembly polls given a "guarantee" to people that the education system will be completely transformed in the state.
The principals will participate in a Professional Teacher Training seminar in Singapore from February 6 to 10.

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CASTE FANATICISM WEAKENS THE SOCIAL FABRIC



By Satywan Saurabh

The caste-based movement is a social revolution aimed at social change, replacing the age-old hierarchical Indian society, and based on democratic ideals of liberty, equality, and social justice. Social impact of caste-based movements in India After independence, India's new constitution recognized groups of former untouchables as "Scheduled Castes", isolating them from consideration and government assistance. The Constituent Assembly, mandated with the task of drafting the Constitution of independent India, adopted the Constitution based on the principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity.

The real idea behind the above ideals was to build an egalitarian society where discrimination in any form is to be condemned and the state aspires to create an empowered society free from any such discrimination. The Indian Constitution provided constitutional guarantees and protections for a wide range of civil liberties for individuals. The constitution provided for the abolition of untouchability and fundamental rights from discrimination based on caste, race, sex, and place of birth. It also won the support of the Assembly for comprehensive economic and social rights for the deprived classes, and for introducing a system of reservation of jobs in civil services, schools, and colleges for members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

The caste system has undergone drastic changes



in the era of modernity and market economy due to various affirmative action policies, legal reforms, political awareness, social movements, industrialization, urbanization, and economic development. Apart from cleaning priests and sewers and skinning dead animals, there has also been a lot of change in the occupational hierarchy. Upper-caste people today are doing all those things which are contrary to their caste status. Due to the positive discrimination policy (reservation policy) in jobs and education, members of the Dalit community are no longer considered impure or impure in an organization.

Inter-caste marriages among educated Indians, especially in urban areas, are increasing day by day.

The spread of quality education, availability of jobs, and new economic opportunities have changed a lot.

There has been a lot of

change in the thinking and social behavior of the generation born after 1990. The era of caste-based agitations in India saw an unexpected trend, these were violent agitations, which used to press the demand for reservation in jobs and education by the lower or oppressed castes. Instead, they have been socially dominant and economically prosperous castes. These castes are Gurjars of Rajasthan, Jats of Haryana, Marathas of Maharashtra, Patidars/Patelis of Gujarat, and Lingayats of Karnataka. Apart from caste polarization for political gains, some factors seem to be active behind the above demand. In this scenario, it would not be wrong to say that affirmative action aimed at bringing about socioeconomic equality has become more of a tool to grab power.

Caste provided a broad basis for the organization of democratic politics. Caste identity and soli-

darity became the primary channel through which electoral and political support is mobilized.

Political parties find it easier to garner support directly from a member of a caste community by appealing to them. The political system encourages the use of caste as a means of breeding followers. Caste enabled illiterate and ignorant people to participate politically in the democratic process. Looking at the positive side of the caste system, in the past, the caste system provided certain benefits such as, it has handed down the knowledge and skills of a caste's hereditary occupation from one generation to the next, which helped in ensuring the productivity and preservation of the culture. It plays an important role in the process of socialization by teaching individuals the culture and traditions, values, and norms of their society. But the caste system at large has weakened

the social fabric of India. Negative Sides of the Caste System The caste system is a check on economic and intellectual advancement and a major obstacle in the way of social reforms as it restricts economic and intellectual opportunities to a certain section of the population. It weakens the efficiency of labor and prevents full mobility of labor, capital, and productive effort. It has perpetuated the exploitation of the economically weaker and socially inferior castes, especially the untouchables.

It has caused untold miseries to women by insisting on practices like child marriage, prohibition of widow remarriage, and segregation of women. It has stood in the way of national and collective consciousness and has proved to be a disintegrating factor rather than a unifying factor.

It has given scope for conversion. Due to the tyranny of the upper castes, the lower caste people are converting to Islam and Christianity.

It is high time for Indian society to come out of caste hierarchy and eradicate all forms of visible or invisible discrimination and treat all social groups as equal in the real sense. Its flourishing as a vibrant democracy and an emerging economic power will largely depend on the extent to which Indian society embraces equality, fraternity, and harmony.

(Dr. Satywan Saurabh, Poet, freelance journalist, and columnist, All India Radio and TV panelist)

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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

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

Take care of yourself! a heart full pleasure with a body in deep pain makes all vain. take care of yourself! if you have no one who takes care of you more than you. stay good and stay well and keep rolled up in happiness trail. avoid as much as you can this bodily pain as it will keep throwing you off track however you want to remain a in. don't let yourself

equate pain to suffer so generate no more pain.

Search what you want you will find, give what you have you will get what you need, let go what you can't hold and you will have something that will hold you.

Many lives come about and many lives pass away, everyday, the same way, you are no special, no different. You are only special in how you



"AS ABOVE, SO BELOW"

THE WISDOM TREE - BY SUVEEN KUMAR

feel down else your emotion will control your action. the random scenes of loneliness, rejection, failure may sometimes get vivid but will fade away soon. Stay fixed, don't make a move else they will move you out of yourself. life is not moving when moving is killing, life is moving when moving is living, stay! stay as you are, stay where you are. it is important to look back and see how far you have come as you might have to return, look back and see what all you have accomplished as you might sometimes feel the lack of accomplishment. life will always give you ad-

live as long as you live. Don't live a life just to die a glorious death, the glory will keep going away with time and you won't even be here to feel that pride. Take care of yourself! Abandoned you is a bad you! Don't leave yourself unattended, unclaimed, unidentified, it doesn't look good, it won't look good. Take care of yourself!

Moral: keep yourself assigned in your service and everyone else is busy serving themselves.

TOWARDS GLOBAL LOVE AND TOLERANCE

Tolerance and love is an important concept that helps people to live together peacefully. To be tolerant means that you accept other people's opinions and preferences, even when they live in a way that you don't agree with. Tolerance also means that you don't put your opinions above those of others, even when you are sure that you are right. Tolerant people show strength in that they can deal with different opinions and perspectives. The world is like a ship travelling through a storm, and we are all in the same boat. We need helmsmen with stable and supportive energy to lead global citizens to work together with one heart and move in the right direction while awakening people's conscience to make decisions and take actions with love and conscience, overcome the daunting challenges, move towards peace, and usher in a brighter future for future generations. Humans became the dominant species of the world because of their social organization, built out of tolerance. If our early ancestors were intolerant, they would have killed each other rather than building civilizations. It is only by being tolerant that we can live harmoniously with others, can achieve our dreams, and fulfill our aspirations. Everyone should thus make their way of life tolerant.

The General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed the day on 21st December 2020 through the resolution 75/200 to promote unity and tolerance of different beliefs and races and cultures among people. People celebrated the day for the very first time on 4 February 2021 as "International Day of Human Fraternity". The day enhances global citizens' well-being and inspires their common aspirations to create a culture of peace and mobilize the international community to



promote peace, tolerance, acceptance, understanding, and solidarity. The International Day of Human Fraternity reaffirms the objectives and principles enshrined in the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, and urges global citizens to build a fraternal world. Since ancient times, the promotion and practice of love and kindness has been the manifestation of the spirit of fraternity. This spirit aids in the realization of sustainable development, serves as the guiding principle of fundamental education, and represents the worldview of a sustainable and peaceful future.

Tolerance and love can be simply stated as the ability to accept diversity and to live and let others live. A person having a high tolerance and love quotient would be able to practice a fair and objective behaviour towards those whose opinions differ from his opinions. By being tolerant, we are respecting and learning from others, valuing differences, bridging cultural gaps, rejecting unfair stereotypes, discovering com-

mon ground, and creating new bonds. The relationship between love and tolerance in all societies is an important matter, and perhaps it is a basis for building society, and these relations have firm pillars that strike their roots in the depths in order to maintain the strength of social relations, and perhaps the most prominent and most important pillars in strengthening the bonds of brotherhood and friendship between individuals in societies. The love that emanates from the heart must be interpreted by the eyes, expressed by words, and expressed by actions and dealing with the other party. It must be clarified that love is not only for lovers, but is for all people. And every individual in this life must love in order to see life as purer, purer and higher, and this love will certainly lead to other moral values in social relations. The lover overlooks the mistakes of the beloved, ignores many of the pitfalls, tries to lay down justifications and excuses, and seeks an excuse for the mistakes he may have committed, and this is called tolerance. Love and tolerance are related to each other just like the connection of the fetus

with its mother, the connection of clouds with the sky, and the connection of fish with water. The seeds of tolerance cannot be planted, and its fruits sprout in the heart of a hateful person who hates the other party. Rather, tolerance must be linked to love, respect, friendliness, and noble feelings far from interests, far from provoking sedition, harm and harm to the other party, and here comes the role ignoring in dealing, that is, not checking every mistake, as long as it can be forgotten and does not affect the essence of the relationship between human beings.

Teaching children about love and tolerance is the best gift that we can give them. Children shouldn't grow up with feelings of hate and suspicion. Children who grow up with hate and jealousy of others turn into unhappy people. And children who are forced to believe certain opinions will develop into people who aren't free or independent thinkers. If children experience love and tolerance, they will be able to grow up and lead a happy and peaceful life. In addition to humane care, human fraternity prioritizes defending

freedom of thought and religion and opposing any form of discrimination or persecution against religion or belief. People's right to freely choose their religion should be fully respected. Different religions and beliefs should appreciate and learn from one another, and religious leaders are encouraged to foster world peace through religious dialogue and the integration of diverse religions. This is an indispensable element of love and tolerance in a democratic society.

Tolerance and love is essential to live a healthy life. We live in a world which is rich blend of cultural traditions and this leads to the major differences among the people. Being an entity of this world, we are supposed to interact with people of differing cultures, ethnicities, nationalities, races and religions. Our circle of friends, schoolmates, college-mates, office colleagues and all people around us reflects the diversity around us. In short, success in today's world depends on being able to appreciate others work and being tolerant to the differences that co-exist. Tolerance and love means the ability to respect other's feelings and their opinions on a specific issue, despite having conflicting views of our own. A tolerant person listens to the opinions of others patiently and tries to understand their perspective. While at the same time, they put across their opinions or ideas with love and without any conflict. Tolerance thus means accepting everyone's opinions without conflicting. We need to awaken the innate conscience in world citizens to promote more effective communication between people and nations and thereby attain unity. When our actions are guided by conscience and wisdom, we will be able to solve the long-accumulated and emerging global problems.

Tolerant people show strength in that they can deal with different opinions and perspectives.

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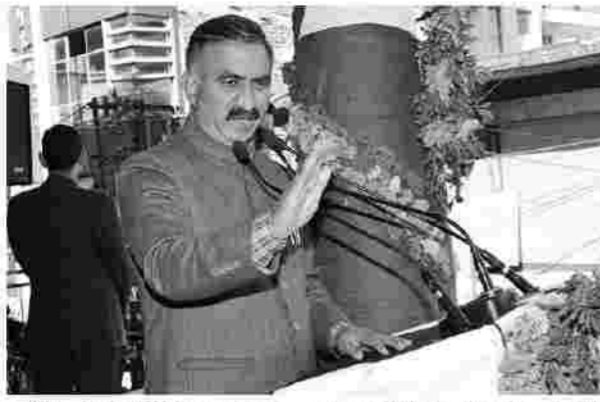
CM announces indoor stadium at Hamirpur

Vishal Rana
Top Story News
Hamirpur

Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was accorded a grand welcome by thousands of people who gathered at Hamirpur on Saturday.

While addressing the public meeting at Gandhi Chowk in Hamirpur, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu expressed gratitude to the people for their whole-hearted support. He said that the State government will take necessary steps for the all-round development of district Hamirpur. He said that Dr. Radhakrishnan Hamirpur Medical College would emerge as pioneering college in the state and it will be equipped with latest technologies. He said that after the construction of this college, people will not have to visit other hospitals for specialized services. He also announced opening of Nursing College in the Medical College.

The Chief Minister said that adequate funds would be provided in the budget to construct a new bus stand at Hamirpur. While announcing the opening of indoor stadium in Hamirpur, he said that the government would provide adequate budget for its construction. He said that development of Gasota Mahadev Temple from tourism point of view and opening of Veterinary College in Taal will be considered.



The Chief Minister emphasized that the state government will fulfill all its promises in a phased manner. He said that a provision of Rs. 1000 crore is being made to strengthen the rural economy. The government would buy cow milk from farmers at the rate of Rs. 80 per liter and buffalo milk at Rs. 100 per litre. He said that the motto of present state government is not to enjoy the power but to bring 'Vyavstha Parivartan' in the state for which active cooperation of people is necessary. State's economic situation will be back on track only through collective efforts.

The Chief Minister said that the entire state is his family and he is working 24x7 to take Himachal to new heights of development. He has been serving people for more than 40 years in his political career and is well aware of the sufferings of the people. The age for taking care of orphan children has been increased to 27 years and they will also be given four biswa land to build a

their higher education.

Earlier, MLA Hamirpur, Ashish Sharma welcomed Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and presented him with a memento.

MLA Bhoranj, Suresh Kumar said that Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has come as a ray of hope for the state. He expressed gratitude to the high command for handing over the responsibility of the Chief Minister to him. He said that the state government is committed to provide trans-

parent, fair and accountable governance.

MLA Badsar, Inder Dutt Lakhnupal said that Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu struggled throughout his life to become Chief Minister. He said that the Chief Minister is accessible to the general public. He welcomed the decision of the state government to promote electric vehicles which would benefit the people of the state.

Earlier, the Chief Minister also paid tribute to the Father of the Nation, Ma-

hatma Gandhi.

Political Advisor to Chief Minister Sunil Sharma and Kangra Central Co-operative Bank Chairman Kuldeep Singh Pathania also addressed the gathering.

Former MLAs Anita Verma, Manjit Singh Dogra, Prem Kaushal, Pushpinder Verma, Rajender Jar, Deputy Commissioner Debasweta Banik, SP Akriti Sharma, senior leaders of the Congress party and others were also present on the occasion.

Top Story News
Hamirpur / Shimla

The State government will bear the entire cost of treatment of 18 years old Meenakshi Thakur, who belongs to Bihari area of district Hamirpur. She is suffering from a serious illness. Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has directed district administration to take necessary action in this regard.

Meenakshi Thakur along with her mother today met Chief Minister Thakur

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu at Circuit House, Hamirpur and apprised him that she is suffering from serious illness and is undergoing treatment at PGI Chandigarh. She told that her family is not in a position to bear the expenses on the treatment.

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu directed the district administration to take necessary steps to help Meenakshi. He said that total expenditure of her treatment would be incurred by the State government.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st February, 2023

S.O. 473(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways S.O. No. 5210 (E), Dated 09.11.2022, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/six-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Greenfield Connectivity to Jewar International Airport from DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh Bypass KMP Link- Spur to Delhi Mumbai Expressway under Bharatmala Pariyojana in the stretch of land from Km 0+000 to Km 18.900 in the District of Faridabad in the state of Haryana.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Top Story" and "Aaj Sama" both dated 16.11.2022, under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose.

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling in Greenfield Connectivity to Jewar International Airport from DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh Bypass KMP Link-Spur to Delhi Mumbai Expressway under Bharatmala Pariyojana in the stretch of land from Km 0+000 to Km 18.900 in the District of Faridabad in the state of Haryana.

State: HARYANA District: FARIDABAD					
Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No.
Taluk: Ballabgarh					
Village: Chandawali					
1	182	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0076	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
2	35//10	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0202	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
3	35//11	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0329	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
4	35//20/1	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0126	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
5	35//20/2	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0202	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
6	35//21	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0304	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
7	40//1	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0329	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
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16	40//9/1	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0025	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
17	40//9/2	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0126	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
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36	61//10/1	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0506	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
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42	61//2/1	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0076	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
43	61//20	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.1163	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
44	61//21	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0759	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
45	61//22	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0177	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
Village: Mohna					
46	77//1 min	Private	Agriculture	0.1391	Parasram, Raghunath, s/o Hirajal s/o Deviram share equal 2/9th share, Gyanchand, Vedram s/o Ramchandi s/o Deviram share equal 2/9th share Owner possession Ramandeve, Ajit Kumar, Amit Kumar s/o and Mrs. Kamlesh widow Sundar alias Surendra Singh s/o Ramchandi share Equal 1/9 part owner possession Samaypal, Palchand, Jogendra Singh son Kirori son Deviram share equal 1/3 part owner possession Arazi Matruka Billa allotted 2/3 part resident.
Village: Shahupura(74)					
47	11//14	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0481	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
48	11//15	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0253	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
49	11//17	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0885	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
50	11//18	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0177	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
51	11//23	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0885	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
52	11//5	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0405	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
53	11//6	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0531	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
54	12//1	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0202	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
55	12//9 min	Common	Agriculture / Gair Mumkin	0.0101	12/9/1/1/1, 12/9/1/1/2- M/s P.S.R Builders and Clonejers Pvt. Ltd. Rajendra S/o Puran S/o Nathhi, S.K. Khaduja, 12/9/1/2- Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC), 12/9/2- Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad.
56	13//20	Private	Agriculture	0.0051	Omvir, Maniram, Sevaram, Moolchand, Gangaram son Sukhram son Ramphal every five parts 40/49 part Sohail son Sorandas son Netram 9/49 part Vasidhe
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62	14//16	Private	Agriculture	0.0051	Ranveer Singh, Prem Singh son Ranjit son Nepal Singh every two divisions
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90	46	Government	Gair Mumkin	0.0379	Haryana Urban Development Authority Faridabad
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Mischievous person threw Shivling and Nandi in ditch Mandi's Bradhiveer

Rajan Punchhi
Mandi

A sensational case has come to light of a mischievous person picking up the idols installed on Peepal Tiale in Bradhiveer Jhamad Bagh, 3 km away from Mandi, and throwing them into a ditch towards Suketi Khad at midnight last night.

The local people have also informed the police about this and the police reached the spot and started investigating it. Local resident Kashmir Singh Bhardwaj told that a Shivling and Nandi were established on the ancient Peepal Tiale on the banks of the National Highway some time ago. These idols were brought from Madhya Pradesh, which were duly established by three learned pundits after worshipping them with the cooperation of the people.

The local people were offering prayers and water etc. here daily. Last night a person picked up these idols and threw them in a cover towards Suketi Khad. When it came to know in the morning, police station Sadar was informed. The

incident has been recorded in the CCTV cameras installed at the local Hotel Classio and other places.

According to which this incident has been done around 2:16 in the night. A person first peeps left and right to assure that no one is watching him, when he feels that no one is around, then he goes comfortably and picks up the idols installed under the Peepal tree and throws it directly towards the ravine. People allege that all this has been done with the intention of hurting the faith. Those who hurt religious faith should be caught and strictest action should be taken against them so that such incidents do not happen in future.

According to the people, these idols have also been broken by throwing them, which can no longer be worshiped according to religious belief. People have demanded from the police administration that patrolling should be increased here and those who hurt faith should be arrested.

Punjab CM flags off first batch of school principals to Singapore for training

Komal Ramola
Chandigarh

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday flagged off the first batch of 36 government school principals visiting Singapore for upgrading their professional knowledge and expertise in the field of education.

Interacting with the delegation, the CM gave a clarion call to the teachers for becoming the torchbearers of the educational revolution being witnessed in the state since last ten months.

He said that this first of its kind initiative by the state government is part of the state scheme for teachers' foreign training cleared by Cabinet on Friday and aims

at ensuring that the professional skills of the teaching fraternity is enhanced, so that they can deliver the best education to the students.

Mann said the sole aim of this step is to enable the students of the government schools to compete with their convent educated peers and excel in life.

The CM said that teachers are the nation builders who can uplift the level of education, so the state government has decided to upgrade their teaching skills by ensuring quality training to them. He said these principals will be participating in a Professional Teacher Training seminar from 6 February.

I took provisional suspension for swift resolution of my doping case: Dipa Karmakar



Australia can win, India more vulnerable at home this time, says Greg Chappell

Melbourne

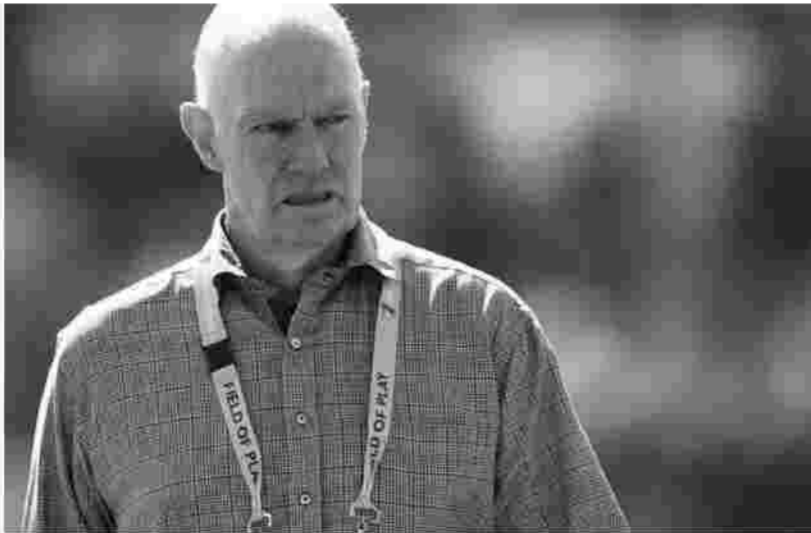
Barring great Greg Chappell believes Australia can win the upcoming high-profile four-match Test series as India are "vulnerable" this time with injuries to key players like Rishabh Pant and Jasprit Bumrah.

While the swashbuckling keeper-batter Pant is ruled out for most part of the year as he continues to recover from injuries sustained during a horrific car crash, Indian pace ace Bumrah (back injury) does not figure in the Indian squad for the first two Tests.

"Australia can win this series. India are more vulnerable at home than they have been for some time due to injuries to key players like Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah. They will rely heavily on Virat Kohli," Chappell wrote in an opinion piece for 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

Premier spin-bowling all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who recovered from a knee injury and made a comeback in the Ranji Trophy last month, is in the Indian squad for the Test series beginning in Nagpur on Thursday.

"Visiting teams are often fooled by a game that seems to be going nowhere but suddenly changes at a frenetic pace. The Indians are used to this, so Australia will need to adapt quickly with



mind, bat and ball," said the former India coach. Finger spinner Ashton Agar, who is Australia's only left-arm tweaker in the squad, should be preferred to partner Nathan Lyon on turning tracks, Chappell said.

"Should the pitches favour spin, which is more likely, I expect Ashton Agar to get the nod because finger spin is considered to be more accurate," said the 74-year-old Chappell who scored 7110 runs from 87 Tests with an impressive average of 53.86 between 1970 and 1984.

"Anil Kumble who took 619 wickets

in Test cricket, rarely strayed off the straight and narrow. His stock in trade were fast, flat leg breaks which were always threatening the stumps. Batters knew if they missed, they were in trouble. Jadeja's stock in trade is similarly unerring. "Agar has got to emulate their roles. One bowler leaking runs will be the difference in a tight contest." Recollecting his conversation with Erapalli Prasanna, he wrote the Indian legend would spin the ball hard, try to hit the batter on the pads often, get him thinking about the spinning ball, and then trap him on the crease

with a straight one.

"Line, he (Prasanna) said, was optional, length was mandatory. He explained to me that he would lay the seam a bit flatter than for the traditional off spinner and then impart a higher number of rotations on the ball that would make the ball drift like an off spinner but, once it landed on the leather, it would skid on with the arm giving the impression that it had gone 'the other way'. "As the leader of the spin attack, Nathan Lyon will need to take pages out of his book and show the way." Chappell, however, said that Australia will also have issues to iron out.

"David Warner is in patchy form and needs to improve his Test record in India; Usman Khawaja, Alex Carey, Travis Head and Cameron Green will be tested against better quality spin than they encountered in Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"Marcus Labuschagne will be facing his first big test in the subcontinent; and Steve Smith's recent batting tweaks will be examined more keenly than against the West Indies, South Africa and in the BBL," he wrote.

The series will be like a 'final frontier' for the Pat Cummins-led No. 1 Test side who have been on a roll after the pacer took over from Tim Paine.

Raina surprised with Australia's decision to not play warm-up games

New Delhi

Former India batter Suresh Raina is baffled by Australian team's decision to opt for simulation training rather than play warm-up games ahead of the first Border-Gavaskar Test, starting February 9 in Nagpur.

The Australian team are currently training in Bengaluru and are practising on rank turns, having summoned little known Baroda spinner Mahesh Pithiya, whose bowling action resembles Ravichandran Ashwin.

But Raina, one of India's finest white ball players, feels that Australia might have missed a trick.

"I have played practice matches (ahead of Tests) and they are really important. They (Australia) can understand the quality of pitches in India only if they play on them," Raina said on the sidelines of Mission Olympics Annual Day Meet, organised by Police Families Welfare Society. Raina is confident that India will do well in the four-Test series and Ravindra Jadeja's comeback will add fine balance to the squad.

"I am happy with Jadeja's comeback after a long time," said the southpaw.

"Our spinners R Ashwin, Axar Patel are doing well. Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have been in good form and I



think we will get to watch an interesting series in the coming days." While visiting teams are always welcomed on rank turns during Test matches in the sub-continent, Raina would like to see a track that would hold on for five days.

He however didn't want to predict the outcome of the series. "Let it begin first. A Test match should be five-day long. I will only comment (on performance) after watching the first day and seeing the focus of players." Raina is very happy that there is so much competition for places in the national team across formats. "It is an achievement (that many are worthy of a place in the Indian team). When there is such a competition we will get the best performance from the players."

Bhateri loses in semi-final, to fight for bronze in Zagreb



Zagreb

Junior world championships silver medalist Bhateri will fight for bronze in women's 65kg category after losing by technical superiority to Japan's Mahiro Yoshitake in the Zagreb Open, here Friday.

The 22-year-old Indian wrestler will now take on Croatia's Iva Geric in the bronze medal match.

Though Bhateri started the bout on a positive note, matching the Japanese wrestler in speed and technique, she was overpowered in the second period with her opponent effecting six take-down moves.

Bhateri had taken a 2-1 lead at the start of the second period and there was hope she would fight till the very end, but once the resistance was broken there was no looking back for the Japanese.

The other Indian woman wrestler Radhika lost to Irina Ringanci in the 68kg quarter-final, with the Moldovan earning victory by fall.

Radhika was no match for the 21-year-old Ringanci, winner of the World Championships gold in Oslo in 2021, with the Moldovan's aggressive game seeing her notch up six points in the first period.

Ringanci overpowered the India within the first 30 seconds of the bout with her far superior technique, and at the end of the first period she was leading 6-2.

The second period saw the Moldovan come at the tiring Indian even more aggressively. Ringanci effected a takedown, which fetched her four points and a victory by fall with one minute left on the timer.

On Thursday, Aman Sehrawat had clinched a bronze medal in the men's 57kg category after the 17-year-old defeated Zane Raye Rhodes Richards of the US 10-4.

India's top eight wrestlers, including Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya had opted out of the tournament, a decision which came following their revolt against Wrestling Federation of India and its chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

World championship medalist Deepak Punia (86kg), Anshu Malik (57kg), Sangeeta Phogat (62kg), Sarita Mor (59kg), Jitendra Kinha (79kg) have also opted out of the event.

Davis Cup: Nagal brings India back with close win after Yuki's defeat

Hillierod

Sumit Nagal brought India back in the Davis Cup World Group Play-off tie against Denmark with a come-from-behind victory in the second singles after Yuki Bhambri was outplayed in the opening match.

It was always a tall task for Bhambri to counter world number nine Holger Rune and there was no surprise as Denmark's top singles player raced to a 6-2 6-2 win to put the hosts up 1-0 on Friday.

Up against a formidable rival, Yuki needed a special effort but he went down in mere 58 minutes.

Nagal, India's number one player, erased a one-set deficit to pip August Holmgren 4-6 6-3 6-4 in two hours and 27 minutes to make it 1-1 at the end of day one.

The 25-year-old Nagal ranked 506, dropped serve in the very first game of the match but once he got hold of his nerves, he was his usual fighting self. He got the break back but squandered the chances when Holmgren offered them. The Danish player, ranked 484, eventually sealed the set.

In the second set, it was Nagal who drew the first blood and went up 5-2. He served out the set in the ninth game to force a decider. Nagal had a chance to get the first break when he made a deep return and Holmgren's forehand return sailed over the baseline at 30-all but the home player served well to save the chance. Nagal got another chance when Holmgren netted a forehand at deuce point in the third game but he himself made a forehand error on the breakpoint.

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winners.

Holmgren handed Nagal another break chance when he tried to pick a low volley but could not keep the ball in the court and followed that up with a double fault, allowing the Indian to take a mini 3-2 lead. That lead stayed with Nagal and he came out serving for the match in the 10th game. Holmgren's forehand error gave the Indian three match points and converted the first one on the home team player's unforced error. In the opening singles, 19-year-old Rune broke Bhambri twice in each set. Rune converted four of the seven break chances while the Indian did not get a single chance to break his opponent.

Rune played percentage tennis while Yuki struggled with his first serve, double-faulting four times in the lop-sided contest being played at indoor hard courts. Yuki has quit singles on the ATP Tour.

On Saturday, doubles and reverse singles will be played. If India loses this tie, they will be relegated to World Group II.

Carey reminds Australia of Indian pacers' reverse-swing threat

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Australia wicketkeeper-batter Alex Carey has reminded his team how damaging the Indian pacers could be with their reverse swing even as countering the threat from hosts spinners was the main focus in the build-up to their high profile four-match Test series starting on Thursday.

Australia abandoned the idea of "irrelevant" tour games in India and instead trained with SG balls on specially-prepared spinning pitches in Sydney before coming to India.

"Going to Pakistan it was a lot of spin talk and I found the reverse swinging ball difficult," Carey told reporters here on the sidelines of their four-day training camp.

He recalled their tour game in Bengaluru in 2018 when pacers were equally making impact as the spinners and Mohammed Siraj returned with a match haul of 11 wickets.

"I played a four-day game (for Australia A against India A) in 2018 and a lot of the talk was about spin and probably forget a bit how damaging both team's fast bowlers are with the reverse-swinging ball, with a wicket that might be a bit up and down," said the 31-year-old.

Carey also recalled their drawn Test series in Sri Lanka in July last year where the Australians had to adapt to different pitch conditions.

"We went to Galle for two Tests and they were two different wickets. So be open-minded about what we are going to come up against, what team they put on the park and what scenario I come in at," he said.

"Having the game ebb and flow be-



tween spin and fast bowling, dry periods, periods where it will score quickly...think that's great about this team, the experience we do have." Carey said the visiting team understands the capability of the Indian side, and will plan accordingly.

"We'll speak to the guys who have played (in India) in the past and we'll have our batters' meeting soon. We'll face a lot of different spinners throughout the next few days, our spinners (are) bowling well as well, so for everyone it's getting our feet on the ground.

"We haven't really spoken about the way we are going to play, it's the individual basis. For Travis it might be exploring that (attacking) game a bit, Renners (Matthew Renshaw) is a bit taller and can get to the pitch of the ball -- he has been here and succeeded -- so it's up to the individual to own their game then we back them in to do that." Known for his attacking instinct against the spinners, Carey said: "I like to sweep in most circumstances, most

formats, then (it's) playing the conditions.

"It's an exciting Test tour, there will be chaos at times, wickets will fall at times, just try to manage those situations. When we are on top hopefully the batters can really go big," said Carey who has not played Test cricket in India.

Since their defeat against England in 2012, India are on an enviable record streak of winning 15 consecutive Test series at home. No other team has won more than 10 home series in a row.

With a healthy lead at the top of the standings, the No. 1 ranked Australian team has one foot in the World Test Championship final. Number two India will need to produce at least a 3-0 or 3-1 win to make their successive WTC Final.

Sri Lanka and South Africa, who are ranked third and fourth respectively in the WTC standings, also vie for a place in the final and have two Tests each in the current cycle.

We've plenty of options in spin department, says Cummins

Bengaluru

Australia captain Pat Cummins on Saturday said his team is not fretting over its spin combination as it has enough options to support veteran off-spinner Nathan Lyon in the high-profile four-match Test series against India beginning in Nagpur on Thursday.

The touring Australians have named Mitchell Swepson along with finger spinner Ashton Agar to team up with Lyon.

"We've got plenty of options here (with) finger spin, wrist spin, left arm (pace) when (Mitchell) Stacey comes back," Cummins told reporters in his first media interaction after arriving in India.

"We'll obviously pick the bowlers that we think are going to take 20 wickets. But how we split that up, we're not 100 percent sure yet." Asked if it would be a two-pronged spin attack, he said: "I wouldn't say it's a given. Obviously, it's very conditions-dependent. Particularly in the first test, once we get



to Nagpur we will see that." The Australians are here for a training camp before heading to Nagpur on Monday.

"The good thing is someone like Agar was in our last team, Swepson played the last two overseas tours, so a bit of experience. "Murphy played in the last tour. We feel that we got a lot of support in that department for Lyon." The 29-year-old Cummins pointed out that middle-order batter Travis Head also of-

fers off-spin option.

"Travis Head also bowls really good offspin. We have to balance things. We have got a plenty of variety there to choose from. We have not locked in any bowling line-up so far." While there is so much talk about spin bowling, Cummins said his side should not forget about their intimidating pace bowling attack.

"I think sometimes, talking about a couple of spinners, you forget how good a lot of our fast bowlers have been in all conditions.

"Even some of the SCG wickets, there haven't been a lot in them for quick bowlers, but the quick bowlers have found a way," he added.

Cummins has come a long way since he made a Test comeback after six years in Ranchi during the last tour of India in 2017. An injury-prone Cummins then dished out a hostile spell to dismiss the star Indian trio of KL Rahul, Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane en route to figures of 4/106.

Davis Cup: Bopanna-Bhambri pair loses in straight sets

Hillierod

Indian duo Rohan Bopanna and Yuki Bhambri lost to world number 9 Holger Rune and Johannes Ingildsen in straight sets to hand hosts Denmark a 2-1 lead after the doubles tie in the Davis Cup World Group Play-Off on Saturday.

The Danish pair made short work of the Indians winning 6-2 6-4 in just 65 minutes as Rune's presence proved to be a decisive factor.

Earlier on Friday, India's number one Sumit Nagal had erased a one-set deficit to pip August Holmgren 4-6 6-3 6-4 in two hours and 27 minutes. Nagal restored the parity after Bhambri had a forgettable opening singles losing 2-6 2-6 to the rising teen sensation Rune.

Bhambri has quit singles and now plays only doubles on tour.

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Imran Khan asks supporters to prepare for 'Jail Bharo' movement

Lahore

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan on Saturday instructed his workers and supporters to prepare for the 'Jail Bharo Tehreek' (fill the prison movement) against the federal government for inflicting custodial torture on his party leaders and delay in announcing fresh general elections.

The ousted prime minister made these comments during his television address from his Zaman Park residence on Saturday.

It comes days after sedition cases were filed against his party's Senior Vice-President Fawad Chaudhry and former member of National Assembly Shandana Gulzar.



"I ask the people to get ready and wait for my call for 'jail bharo tehreek'. There will not be that much space in Pakistani jails to have them all," Khan said. He said that if the Pakistan

mistaken." "Wait for my call...when I will give you the signal to fill jails. I know the jails will choke as they don't have that much capacity," the 70-year-old cricketer-turned-politician asserted. Chaudhry, a close aide of Khan, was arrested from his residence in Lahore last week in a pre-dawn raid after a case was registered against him at Islamabad's Kohsar Police Station on the complaint of the Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan for "threatening" the electoral body's members and their families.

Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)-led government and their handlers in the military establishment think that "we will be frightened by harassment and custodial torture, they are seriously

tutions of the country".

"Fawad Chaudhry was picked up from home at 3am. What did Shandana Gulzar do that made her a terrorist. As the court gives bail to Sheikh Rashid, more cases are being filed against him," Khan said.

In his fiery address, the deposed prime minister said his party could have opted for a nationwide strike.

Instead, they will choose to fill the prisons instead in light of the fears that the country's economy might deteriorate further, he said.

"We have two options: Considering what they have been doing, we could have gone for a wheel-jam strike and demonstrations—which is also a way and a democratic one," Khan explained.

Democrats set to shake up start of 2024 presidential primary

Philadelphia

Democrats are poised to re-order their presidential primary schedule beginning next year, replacing Iowa with South Carolina in the leadoff spot as part of a major overhaul meant to empower Black and other minority voters critical to the party's base of support.

The Democratic National Committee has worked for months to revamp the start of its voting calendar, and the full membership is set to vote on the plan on Saturday.

Although changes are still possible throughout the summer and beyond, the formal endorsement during the party's meeting in Philadelphia is acknowledgment that the start of 2024's primary will look very different from the one in 2020. The proposal has been championed by President



Joe Biden and would have South Carolina hold its primary on February 3. That would be followed three days later by New Hampshire and Nevada, the latter of which is swapping the caucus it used to hold in favor of a primary. Georgia would vote fourth on February 13, followed by Michigan on February 27, with much of the rest of the nation set to vote on Super Tuesday in early March. "This isn't just about

us," Trav Robertson, chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party, told a gathering of the DNC Southern caucus earlier this week. "This is a regional thing, and it's making us all look good." States voting early in the primary have major influence since White House hopefuls struggling to raise money or gain political traction often drop out before visiting areas outside the first five.

Japan PM Kishida fires aide over same-sex couple outburst

Tokyo

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Saturday fired an aide who said he wouldn't want to live next to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender couples and warned that people would flee Japan if same-sex marriage was permitted.

In remarks reported by local media, Masayoshi Arai, an economy and trade official who joined Kishida's staff as a secretary in October, added he did not even want to look at same-sex couples. "His comments are outrageous and completely incompatible with the administration's policies," Kishida said in remarks aired by public broadcaster NHK.

Speaking to reporters later in the day, the Japanese leader said he had dismissed Arai, who had earlier apologized for "misleading" comments made on Friday. Arai's comments had come after Kishida had said in parliament that same-sex marriage needed careful consideration because of its potential impact on the family structure.

The incident is an embarrassment for Kishida as he prepares to host other leaders from Group of Seven nations in May. Unlike Japan, which has been ruled by the conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) for most of the past seven decades, the rest of the G7 allow marriage or civil unions for same-sex couples.

Chinese balloon high over US stirs unease down below

Billings

The Chinese balloon drifting high above the U.S. and first revealed over Montana has created a buzz down below among residents who initially wondered what it was — and now wonder what its arrival means amid a chorus of alarm raised by elected officials.

The balloon roiled diplomatic tensions as it continued to move over the central U.S. on Friday at 60,000 feet (18,300 meters). Secretary of State Antony Blinken abruptly cancelled an upcoming trip to China.

Curiosity about the bobbing sky orb that's the size of three school buses swept the nation and the internet, with search terms like "where is the spy balloon now?" and "spy balloon tracker" surging on Google.



There is no such tracker just yet, but a couple of St. Louis TV stations offered grainy live feeds of the balloon.

Internet users posted wobbly videos and photos of white splashes in comments sections and speculative feeds. And online storm chasers, more accustomed to tracking raging systems and

funnel clouds, offered updates on the balloon's path through cloudless skies.

It crossed into U.S. airspace over Alaska early this week, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive topic.

In Montana — home to Malmstrom Air Force base

and dozens of nuclear missile silos — people doubted Beijing's claim that it was a weather balloon gone off course. And the governor and members of Congress pressed the Biden administration over why the military did not immediately bring it down from the sky.

"I question whether or not we would even find out about this if people hadn't spotted it in Billings," said Chase Doak, a resident of the southern Montana city who appears to have captured some of the first known video footage and photographs of the balloon.

A white balloon with what appeared to be a solar array hanging beneath it was seen over Billings Wednesday afternoon, around the same time the local airport was temporarily shut down and

a day before the Pentagon said it was tracking a Chinese spy balloon over the state.

Initial speculation over its origins ranged from the foreign to the extra-terrestrial.

When Todd Hewett's 10-year-old son saw it over Billings he thought it was a comet. Hewett got some shaky footage, using a cellphone to take video through a telescope, and was sceptical of the Chinese claim it was a civilian balloon.

"Shoot it down," he said. "If we could somehow pierce the bottom of it to allow some of the gas to escape to allow for a more controlled descent (that) would be nice... but if we can't do that... blow it up." Montana has some experience with balloons launched by adversaries: Japan in World War

II targeted the western U.S. with incendiary "balloon bombs" that were floated over North America with plans to harm people and start forest fires. More than 30 of the bombs made of rice paper landed in Montana, according to the Montana Historical Society.

In Oregon, five children and a pregnant woman on a church picnic were killed in 1945 when they found one of the bombs and it exploded.

On Friday in Kansas City, Missouri, the National Weather Service said it received reports of a large balloon in the Kansas City metro area and posted two images of white orbs taken from the weather station office in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. The service confirmed it was not a National Weather Service balloon.

BUSINESS

Budget's main focus is growth; Mumbai should be liking proposals: FM

Mumbai

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said growth is the main focus of the budget for FY24 presented by her recently. The budget proposals establish both fiscal consolidation and growth, especially inclusive growth, Sitharaman said during her maiden interaction with stakeholders outside the national capital since presenting the budget on February 1.

"Growth is the main focus. We want to sustain that recovery, sustain that growth," Sitharaman, accompanied by the top ministry officials at the outreach event, said. She gave credit for ensuring growth to the people of the country, who absorbed the

relief and policy measures introduced by the government since the onset of the pandemic to make India the second-fastest growing economy.

The finance minister said it was the "express desire" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to continue with the elevated public capital expenditure, due to which she has proposed a higher outlay of Rs 10 lakh crore under the head.

She also thanked the budget-making team for making it possible to devote such a high quantum of resources for the task amid the myriad challenges like the need for fiscal consolidation. "Mumbai should be liking it (the proposals)," Sitharaman said.

Govt to push primary steel producers to use 50 pc of input from recycled steel: Scindia

Kochi

Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Saturday said his ministry will push primary steel producers to use 50 percent of their input from scrapped/recycled steel by 2027 to help achieve the government target of moving into a circular economy.

Currently, the level of recycled steel usage in primary steel production is only around 10 percent even though recycled steel contributes to 22.5 percent of the domestic total steel production of 140 million tonnes, the minister said while addressing the last day of the three-day inter-



national conference of material recycling here.

The 10th conference is being organized by the Material Recycling Association of India and is attended by over 2,000 delegates from 38 countries.

Noting that recycling is the key cog in the wheel of manufacturing as economies move into a circular model of development, he said, "Going forward the industry should focus on the 6Rs philosophy

of reduce (exploitation of natural resources), recycle, reuse, recover, re-design and reinforce".

He said the government is committed to reducing CO2 emissions in the steel sector by 5 percent by 2030 from the current 2.85 to 1.4 CO2/tonne of crude steel, and to achieve this recycling scrap steel is an extremely important source.

"Today, scrap usage is only 15 percent in primary steel production. We will push the steel industry to increase this to 25 percent in the next five years, and by 2047, this should double to 50 percent. This means that the primary steel producers consume only 50

per cent of iron ore by then," Scindia said.

This is needed as the natural resources are finite and the demand looks infinite, he said, adding the steel industry has the biggest role to play in the whole process.

The country currently produces 25 million tonne of scrap steel and annually imports 5 million tonne of scrap steel with zero import duty, he added.

The recycling industry is highly unorganised and is worth about USD 50 billion now. There are over 25,000 recycling units in the country. However, in the metals space almost 95 per cent are organised, Material Re-

cycling Association president Sanjay Mehta said.

He also urged the minister to extend the duty-free imports of other scraps such as copper, aluminium, zinc and other metals as many countries are adopting no export of scrap policies now. For instance last month, the European Union imposed a ban on scrap exports, and so did the UAE.

Domestic recyclers used to import 25 per cent of their shipments from the EU markets. Similarly, the UAE is also a large source market for the country. Counties are discouraging exports of scraps as they move into the circular economy.

Plexconcil, Al Fajer of UAE ink MoU to boost plastic trade

New Delhi

Aiming to boost plastic trade between India and UAE, the government-sponsored Plastics Export Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL) today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Al Fajer, the organisers of Arab Plast.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed in presence of Mr. Hemant Minocha, Chairman Plexconcil, Mr. Sribash Dasmodhapatra Executive Director, Plexconcil, and Mr. Nadhal Mohamed, General Manager, Al Fajer, UAE, during Plast India 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India.



cess. The 16th Edition of the biannual ArabPlast, the Premier Trade Fair for Plastics, Petrochemicals, Packaging and Rubber Industry, will be held from December 13 to 15 December 2023 at the

Dubai World Trade Centre. The trade was conceptualized under the leadership and guidance of His Highness Sheikh Hasher Al Maktoum, the scion of the Ruling Family of Dubai.

"The Middle East and especially UAE is an important export destination for Indian plastics," said Hemant Minocha, Chairman of PLEXCONCIL. "UAE is among our Top 3 destinations. India exports of Plastics in FY 21-22 to UAE was

valued at USD 626 Million while UAE imports plastics worth USD 9.0 Billion. India's share of UAE's imports is only 7%. However, India has the potential to increase exports to the tune of USD 5.0 Billion," Minocha said.

India exporters have experienced much business success and Arab Plast is one of the most popular trade shows for Indian exporters in the international event calendar for plastics.

Products with good export potential to UAE include Consumer & house ware products of plastics, Plastic films and sheets, and Medical items of plastics.

UAE is strategically located in the Middle East, providing Indian exporters access to surrounding regions and markets in the rest of ME, Eastern Europe, North Africa, West Africa and more.

IAAPI Expo 2023 set to take place in March

New Delhi

IAAPI Expo 2023 — an exclusive trade exhibition for Amusement, Leisure & Entertainment Industry of India is set to launch its 21st edition this year at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

The event is set to take place from 1st to 3rd of March, and will provide a platform for leading Indian and international companies and brands to showcase their latest products services, offerings, and technologies to communities within the industry.

The three-day exhibition is supported by Union Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME). Uttar Pradesh Tourism & Madhya Pradesh Tourism are the partner



states of the expo.

"...With the ever-increasing demand for quality safe entertainment experiences, the future of the amusement industry in India holds tremendous promise... We are proud to be at the forefront of this exciting industry with endless possibilities and a bright future ahead."

said Rajeev Jalnapurkar, Chairman, Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries (IAAPI).

Yogesh Dange, Vice Chairman, IAAPI Trade Show said, "The sole purpose of this exhibition is to create a platform that will bring the entire industry under one roof..."

Ranbir Kapoor, Shraddha Kapoor followed strict workout and diet regime for 'Tere Pyaar Mein' from 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'



Mumbai
Ranbir Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor are all set to be seen together for the first time in 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'. The audience have been eagerly waiting to watch their on-screen chemistry and to our surprise, yesterday, the makers preponed and dropped the first song titled 'Tere Pyaar Mein'.

The audience is loving the music, its vibe and has been hearing it on a loop as they showered a tremendous amount of love on social media for the same. The highlight of the song is lead pair's steaming chemistry and their attractive on-screen form till date that has made everyone drool over them. Shraddha Kapoor looks effortless, amping up the temperature as she twirled, danced, and grooved with Ranbir, who is a complete thirst trap in the lanes of



Spain. As appealing as the duo looks on screen, there has been a lot of hard work involved to achieve that body. Talking about all the hard work both the stars put in and how they managed to

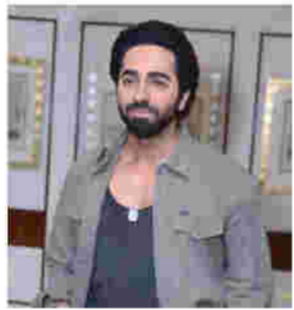
deliver the performance, a source informs - "The actors wanted to look the part and be in their fittest avatar during the shoot of this beautiful song. They followed a strict workout and diet regime. Both Ran-

bir & Shraddha had their personal trainers who trained them for two hours in the morning during the shoot schedule. The duo also used to go for runs daily after shoot and followed strict diet, even though both of them are foodies."

While the hard work of the duo paid off as they look super amazing on screen, not to mention the song has been shot across exotic locations in Spain making it a visual treat for the audience and the fans. After watching this song, we surely can't keep calm to watch this gorgeous lead pair in 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'.

Ayushmann Khurrana's 'An Action Hero' continues to trend on Netflix's 'Number One' spot, garners positive response

Mumbai
Every debutant director dreams of garnering adulation for his films. Anirudh Iyer, whose directorial debut, 'An Action Hero' has recently been released on the global OTT giant Netflix is living every director's dream, quite literally! The Ayushmann Khurrana starrer is garnering rave reviews from audiences and has been trending in the Number one spot on Netflix ever since it was released. Interestingly,



Anirudh's refreshing direction is considered to be one of the most seminal content pieces of Bollywood in recent times.

Sharing his delight over this humongous milestone,

Anirudh Iyer added, "It is an overwhelming feeling. I am grateful to the audiences for giving 'An action hero' their love and embracing my directorial debut with open arms. Audience love is the true artillery for every director. Ayushmann and Jaideep along with the entire cast has done a phenomenal job. No one could have played 'Maanaav' better than Ayushmann. 'An action hero' shall always remain special for me."

Ayushmann stated, "An

Action Hero' is not your typical Bollywood film. It's fun, fast-paced and full of well-timed thrills the audiences never saw coming! It breaks the most searing skepticism about Bollywood with Anirudh's incredible narration. I mean we glorify film stars, we worship them in India, but in the movie we saw dollops of an actor's charisma going down the drain and his affirmation to get back, I guess that's what really worked! It really, was a delight to work on this one."

Bipasha Basu drops new picture with daughter Devi

Mumbai
Actor Bipasha Basu on Friday, shared a new adorable snap with her baby Devi Basu Singh Grover.

Taking to Instagram, Bipasha shared a picture which she captioned, "The most beautiful role of my life... being Devi's Ma Durga Durga Thank you @vivanbhathena_official aka Devi's Vivi for capturing such beautiful moments of me @iamksgofficial and Devi."

In the picture, Bipasha could be seen holding her two-month-old daughter, Devi's feet in her arms. She held her tiny feet to her cheeks and is seen enjoying the precious moment.

Soon after she dropped the picture, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons.

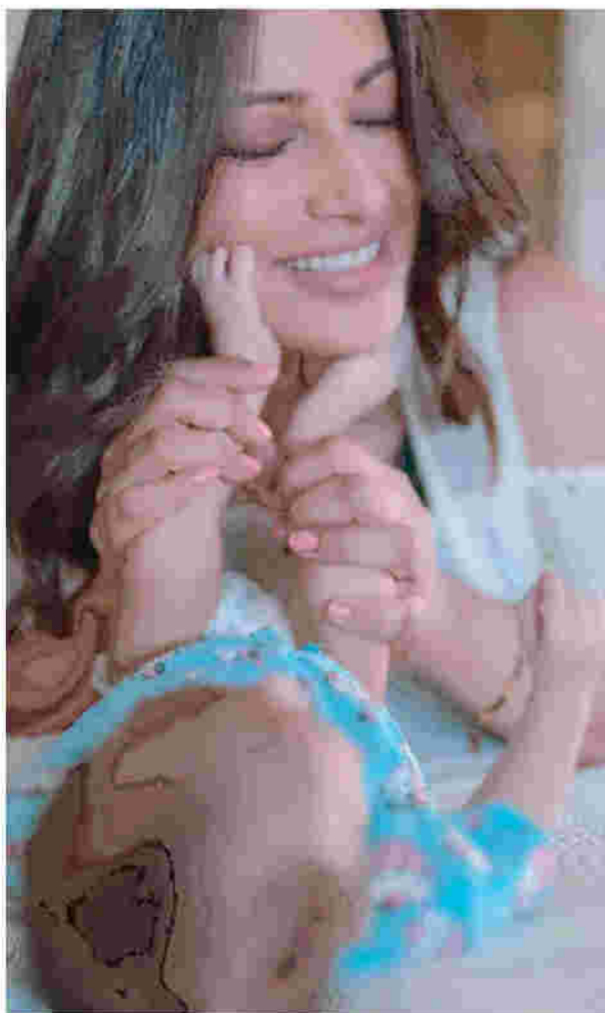
Singer Shreya Ghoshal wrote, "So beautiful."

'Bigg Boss' contestant Rajiv Adatia wrote, "Omg so cute."

"Awaiting for many more pictures," a fan commented.

Bipasha and her husband Karan Singh Grover welcomed their first child six years after their marriage on November 12, 2022.

Taking to Instagram, Bipasha shared a post through



which she announced the name of her daughter.

The picture read, "12.11.2022. Devi Basu Singh Grover. The physical manifestation of our love and blessings of Ma is here now and she is divine."

The couple on August 16, last year, officially announced

that they are expecting their first child together.

Bipasha and Karan first met on the set of Bhushan Patel's film 'Alone' in the year 2015, which marked their first on-screen collaboration and they tied the knot after one year of dating in April 2016.

Shraddha Kapoor reveals her 'Pyaar'

Mumbai
Actor Shraddha Kapoor on Friday took to her social media handle to reveal her 'pyaar' (love). Taking to Instagram, Shraddha shared a video which she captioned, "Aap log kiske pyaar mein Bheeg Bheeg? Comments mein batao aur apni apni reels banao #TerePyaarMein."

In the video, Shraddha could be seen enjoying a plate full of paani-puri with the song 'Tere Pyar Mein' playing in the background. The 'Stree' actor could be seen donning a pink kurta

and she kept her hair open. Soon after she shared the video, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons.

"Shraddha and eating is an endless love story," a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "Hahaha so cute." On the work front, Shraddha will be next seen in the upcoming romantic comedy film 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar' opposite actor Ranbir Kapoor.

Helmed by Luv Ranjan, the film is all set to hit the theatres on March 8, 2023. On Wednesday, the makers of the film unveiled the first song of the film 'Tere Pyaar

Mein' which got massive responses from the fans.

'Tere Pyaar Mein' oozes freshness and romance. The song is composed by Pritam, sung by none other than Arijit Singh along with Nikhita Gandhi, a n d h a s l y r i c s

penning by Amitabh Bhat-tacharya. With Ranbir and Shraddha's presence, the song looks like a beautiful combination of love and liveness that strikes the right chord with the youth.

Bomb blast near Sunny Leone's fashion show venue in Imphal

Imphal
A powerful explosion took place on Saturday near the venue of a fashion show event in Imphal which actress Sunny Leone is scheduled to attend on Sunday, an official said.

However, no injuries were reported in the incident that took place in Hatta Kangjeibung area of Manipur's capital. The blast took place only 100 metres from the venue around 6.30 am on Saturday.



Imphal East SP Maharabam Pradip Singh

said that the blast occurred at around 6.00 am on Saturday and said that no casualty was reported. "There is no report of any casualty. We suspect it to be an explosive device like a Chinese grenade which exploded in the middle of the field at the venue," he said.

It is not yet clear whether the explosion was caused due to an Improvised Explosive Device or a grenade, he said. No militant outfit has claimed responsibility for the explosion so far.



Vani Jayaram, Padma Bhushan awardee and voice behind 10K songs, passes away

Mumbai
Days after her fans celebrated the President conferring the Padma Bhushan on noted singer Vani Jayaram, she passed away at her home in Chennai.

She was 78 years old. The cause of her death is not yet known.

One of the immortal voices of the South Indian film industry, Vani Jayaram rendered songs in 19 languages. She was living at her Haddows Road home in Chennai. Her husband Jayaram passed away in 2018. Since then, she had been living alone.

Vani Jayaram won three National Awards and sang more than 10,000 songs in 19 languages, including in Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Hindi, Gujarati, Odia, Marathi, Haryanvi, Assamese, Tulu and Bengali. She had won state government awards from Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh.

Born at Kalaivani in Vellore to a traditional Tamil Iyengar family of classical musicians, Jayaram was initiated into the world of music by Ranga Ramanuja Iyengar and later, Kadalur Srinivasa Iyengar, T.R. Balasubramanian, and R.S. Mani.

She was employed at the State Bank of India and she quit the job after she started training for Hindustani music under Ustad Abdul Rahman Khan of the Patiala Gharana. Jayaram was regarded as one of the very few South Indian singers who had an in-depth knowledge in Hindustani classical music and was at ease in belting out Hindi, Gujarati and Haryanvi songs.

Her first music album was a duet with Kumar Gandharva composed by Vasant Desai.

A highly accomplished musician, Vani Jayaram was at ease with old music directors as well as the new generation. She was a favourite for both Ilayaraja and A.R. Rahman.

