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Trump signed an order to end birthright citizenship

The decision could affect thousands of Indian professionals working in the U.S. under H-1B and other temporary visas; President threatens to impose 100% tariffs on BRICS countries if they attempt to move to "non-dollar" transactions.

Washington
President Donald Trump moved to end a decades-old immigration policy known as birthright citizenship when he ordered the cancellation of the constitutional guarantee that U.S.-born children are citizens regardless of their parents' status.



Trump's roughly 700-word executive order, issued late Monday, amounts to a fulfillment of something he's talked about during the presidential campaign. But whether it succeeds is far from certain as immigration advocates file lawsuits to block the president.

Birthright citizenship means anyone born in the U.S. is a citizen, regardless of their parents' immigration status. People, for instance, in the United States on a tourist or other visa or in the country illegally can become the parents of a citizen if their child

is born here. It's been in place for decades and enshrined in the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, supporters say. But Trump and allies dispute the reading of the amendment and say there need to be tougher standards on becoming a citizen.

The order questions that the 14th Amendment extends citizenship automatically to anyone born in the United States and of the State wherein they reside." Trump's order excludes the following people from automatic citizenship: those whose mothers were not legal in the United States and whose fathers were not U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents; people whose mothers were in the country legally but on a temporary basis and whose fathers were not citizens or legal permanent residents.

Bengal moves Calcutta HC seeking death for R.G. Kar case convict



Kolkata
The West Bengal government has moved the Calcutta High Court seeking death penalty to Sanjay Roy, the convict who was awarded life imprisonment by the Sealdah Court into the rape and murder of an-duty female doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital on Monday.

The state government's step came a day after chief minister Mamata Banerjee declared to move the HC for capital punishment to Sanjay while expressing her shock at the trial court's treatment of the crime as "not rarest of the rare" and it's order of life imprisonment in the quantum of punishment for the convict.

66 dead, 51 injured in hotel fire at ski resort in Turkey

Ankara
A fire raged through a 12-storey hotel at a popular ski resort in northwestern Turkey early on Tuesday during a school holiday, killing at least 66 people—at least two of them when they jumped from the building to escape the flames, officials said.



IHA news agency there was chaos on the upper floors as other guests tried to escape the fire, including by trying to climb down from their rooms using sheets and blankets.

"People on the upper floors were screaming. They hung down sheets... Some tried to jump," Yelkovan said. Health Minister Kemal Memisoglu said at least one of the injured was in a serious condition, while 17 other people were treated and released. Agency

Maoist carrying Rs 1 cr bounty among 14 killed in Ch'garh



Raipur/Bhubaneswar
Fourteen Naxals, including a top CPI (Maoists) leader who was carrying a reward of Rs 1 crore, were killed in a joint operation by central and state police forces along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday termed the encounter as "another mighty blow to Naxalism" and asserted the Narendra Modi government's resolve for a Naxal-free India and the joint efforts of the security forces to eliminate the menace from the country.

Chhattisgarh's Gariband district superintendent of police Nikhil Rakhecha said of the deceased, one has been identified as Ramachandra Reddy alias Jairam alias Chalpati, a central committee member of the CPI (Maoist), who was carrying a bounty of Rs 1 crore. He hailed from Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh.

Saif Ali Khan discharged from hospital



Mumbai
Actor Saif Ali Khan was discharged from Lilavati Hospital here on Tuesday, five days after he was repeatedly stabbed by an intruder at his house in upscale Bandra.

Jitan Ram Manjhi takes U-turn after threatening to give up cabinet berth

Patna
Union minister Jitan Ram Manjhi caused a flutter on Tuesday after he threatened to give up his cabinet berth, alleging that his Hindustani Awam Morcha was not getting a square deal in the NDA ahead of the Bihar assembly polls due later this year.



The former Bihar chief minister made the statement at a public meeting in Munger district, where he voiced anger over his party not being taken into account by the BJP-led coalition in seat-sharing arrangements.

"We got nothing in Jharkhand and Delhi. It may be said that I did not make any demand. But is it justice? I was overlooked because I had no standing in these states. So we must prove our worth in Bihar," Manjhi said.

Sensex falls 1200 points, Rs 7 lakh cr lost as Trump reaffirms trade tariffs

Mumbai
Benchmark Sensex tanked 1,235 points to settle at 1,235.08 points or 1.60 per cent to settle at 75,838.35 dragged by losses in ICICI Bank and Reliance Industries. During the day, the BSE benchmark plummeted 1,431.57 points or 1.85 per cent to hit an intraday low of 75,641.87.



The broader NSE Nifty plunged 320.10 points or 1.37 per cent to close at 23,024.65, a level not seen since June 6, 2024. In the intraday trade, the NSE Nifty plunged 367.9 points or 1.57 per cent to 22,976.85.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies eroded by Rs 7,52,520.34 crore or USD 4.90 trillion. "Domestic markets experienced a significant decline today, with heightened volatility, followed by Trump's announcement of trade tariffs on neighbouring countries on his inauguration day, adding uncertainty into global markets. Agency

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government on the grounds that he wasn't a citizen under the Chinese Exclusion Act.

But some advocates of immigration restrictions have argued that while the case clearly applied to children born to parents who are both legal immigrants, it's less clear whether it applies to children born to parents without legal status.

Not long after Trump signed the order, immigrant rights groups filed suit to stop it.

Chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts along with other immigrant rights advocates filed a suit in New Hampshire federal court.

The suit asks the court to find the order to be unconstitutional. It highlights the case of a woman identified as "Carmen," who is pregnant but is not a citizen. The lawsuit says she has lived in the United States for more than 15 years and has a pending visa application that could lead to permanent status. She has no other immigration status, and the father of her expected child has no immigration status either, the suit says.

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this case does not meet the stringent criteria for being classified as "rarest of the rare." The Supreme Court has consistently emphasized that the death penalty should be used only in exceptional circumstances where the collective conscience of the community is so shocked that it expects the holders of judicial power to inflict the death penalty. Given these considerations, it would be inappropriate to accede to the prosecution's request for the death penalty."

Divisional Transport Authority meeting on 28 January

Akash Jain
Agra Secretary, Divisional Transport Authority Arun Kumar has informed that a meeting of the Divisional Transport Authority, Agra under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner Shalendra Kumar Singh has been convened on 28 January at the Divisional Commissioner's Office, Agra.

In this meeting, compliance of the decision passed by the State Transport Appellate (Tribunal), Lucknow, applications received for approval of permanent passenger permits of stage vehicles on private routes, diversion of route and other pending cases will be considered.

He has requested the concerned to attend the meeting either in person or through their representative to present their views.

He has further informed that no separate notice will be sent for attending the meeting, if there is any change in the date of the meeting then information regarding the said fact will be published through newspapers.



Demographic disruption emerging as threat to nationalism: VP Dhankhar

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday said "demographic disruption" was emerging as a serious threat to nationalism, and called for united efforts against attempts to change the "organic demography" through allurements and temptation.

Speaking during an interaction programme with students on the theme - "Ideas for building Better Bharat", he also stressed the need to deal with the problem of illegal migration, stating that it has taken the shape of "unmanageable dimension".

Students of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar were present at the programme held at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in the state capital.

"There is a serious cause of concern we need to address in together. Threats are emerging for our nationalism in the form of demographic disruptions. Demographic disruption is very serious," he said.

"Organic demographic evolution is soothing, harmonious. But if demographic explosion takes place only to destabilise a democracy, it is a matter of concern and we have orchestration of conversions through allurements. It's everyone's supreme right to decide for oneself but if that decision is motivated by allurements, temptation with an object to change the organic demography of the nation, it is a concern which we must all take a note of and address," he added.



Akash Jain/ Rajesh Tomar Agra

Taking an important step by Agra Division towards improving the system and trouble-free operation, Centralized Train Operation Display and Disaster Management Room was inaugurated by Divisional Railway Manager Tej Prakash Agarwal here on Tuesday.

Through the said system, live train operation can be seen from Dholpur to Palwal. Through this, train operation can be seen at about 23 railway stations and gates falling in between.

The said system has been built with a 48/4.5 feet video wall. All the departments of the railway will be able to coordinate better during disasters. The said system will prove to be very effective during disasters. In future, there will be an unexpected improvement in train operation in Agra Division.

Untiring efforts were made by the Divisional Railway Manager to install the above system and the above work has been done before the scheduled time. On this occasion, Divisional Railway Manager Tej Prakash Agarwal, Additional Divisional Railway Manager Infra, Branch Officer and Divisional Officers were present.

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New Delhi
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Senior Supreme Court advocate and former Additional Solicitor General Dr. Pinky Anand and senior Supreme Court lawyer Pramod Dubey participated in the book discussion as Guests of Honour.

Dr. Pinky Anand said that the common man has less access to the court, people also lack knowledge. It is very important to have a basic understanding of the law, in which a book like this can be helpful.

Advocate Pramod Dubey said that legal issues should be raised at the grassroots level. Awareness is very important, we should focus on it. Due to lack of knowledge, people rush to the court. Therefore, this book is the need of the hour.

The author of the book, Sunil Kumar Pathak, said that 'Legal First Aid' has been written to provide information about legal rights and procedures to common citizens. This book is like a legal guide for every person, which explains various types of crimes, rights and legal processes in a simple and practical way.

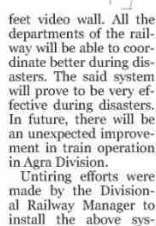


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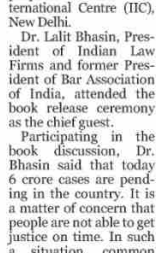


Advocate Rajeshwari Hariharan, Santoor player Abhay Rustum Sopori, Diplomatic Photographer Deepak Kapoor, business leaders Ashmita Swar, Rajesh Aggarwal, Abhimanyu Bakshi, Sumit Kalrao, Avinash Wayphalkar, Sunil Khona, Hitesh Upadhe, Reshma Vanarase Chainani, Subrat Behara, Rishabh Budhani, Bakshi Bhimwal and Sons Pvt. Ltd., Brosin - Machine, Swam Infratech Pvt. Ltd., Tarasafe International Pvt. Ltd., Delcart Industries Ltd., Tinomed Health-

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care Private Ltd., and Barsha Chhabaria of Salaam Namaste radio channel; D.P. Mishra -Associate Director, GIBF Delhi, Vikram Rawat -Associate Director, GIBF Chandigarh.

GIBF's Global President, Dr. Jitendra Joshi extended his gratitude to the ambassadors and diplomats, highlighting the organization's efforts in promoting SMEs and export-import activities over the last decade. GIBF's Secretary General, Deepali Gadkari proposed the vote of thanks.

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PIL in SC challenges BPSC chairperson appointment

New Delhi
A PIL in the Supreme Court on Tuesday challenged the appointment of Bihar Public Service Commission's Chairperson Manubhai Parmar, calling it illegal.

The plea filed by advocate Brajesh Singh challenged the appointment saying it was against the constitutional mandate of appointing only those with an "impeccable character" as the chairperson or member of public service commissions.

According to the PIL, Parmar was an accused in the alleged corruption case registered by Bihar's vigilance bureau and the matter was pending before a special judge in Patna.

Maot carrying Rs 1 cr bounty among 14 killed in Ch'garh
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A fresh exchange of firing took place late Monday night and it continued till early hours of Tuesday in a forest under the Mainpur police station areas (Chhattisgarh) along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border, in which 12 more Naxalites were gunned down.

With this, the total number of Maoists killed in the operation went up to 14, police said.

The number of Maoist casualties may increase, they said.

A joint team of security personnel from the District Reserve Guard (DRG) of the Chhattisgarh Police, CoBRA commandos of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Special Operation Group (SOG) personnel from the Odisha Police were involved in the operation.

The operation was launched on the night of January 19 based on intelligence inputs about the presence of Maoists in the Kularighat reserve forest of Chhattisgarh, just 5 km from the border of Odisha's Nuapada district.

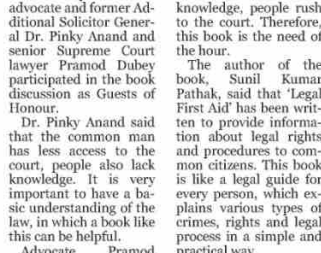
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legal migration in this country of millions. If we go to count the number...mind boggling. Illegal migration has to be dealt with, but it developed...without even a token of resistance. It's a problem we will have to handle because it has taken the shape of unmanageable dimensions," he said.

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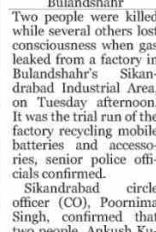
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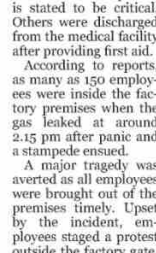
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find easy supporters where people think in terms of petty politics. We should always put the nation first and an illegal migrant in our country has no justification. If it is in millions, look at the impact it has on the economy, he said.

They (illegal migrants) strain our resources, employment, health and education sectors. Our resolution of this monstrous problem of illegal migrants in millions can no longer wait for a solution. Every passing day we wait for the solution, the issue becomes more complex and it needs to be addressed, he added.

Vice President Dhankhar also answered the questions asked by students during the interaction.

Governor Ramen Deka and Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai were also present on the occasion.

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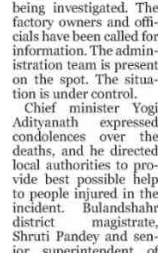
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Biogas plant to be set up at Pauwari Gausghala

Noida
A biogas plant with 50 TPD (tonnes per day) capacity will be set up to produce compressed biogas (CBG) from cow dung and other waste at Nandi Goshala, Pauwari village.

Proposals have been sought from interested companies. The last date to apply is January 30. The Greater Noida Authority has built a cowshed in Pauwari village. Its capacity is currently 500 cows. Its operation will start soon. So a biogas plant will be set up to dispose of the cow dung and other waste.

According to the official concerned, the company concerned will spend money in setting up the plant. It is estimated that about Rs 17 crore will be spent on setting up the plant, which the company will bear itself. If there is no 50 tonnes of cow dung daily, then the dung and domestic waste will be taken from the surrounding villages and processed.

The company will have to give a part of the income it earns from making biogas to the authority. The income from the biogas plant will be spent on the maintenance of the cowshed.

To solve the problem of disposal of cow dung and other waste, a biogas plant of 50 TPD capacity will be set up in Pauwari Gausghala. For this, proposals have been sought from interested companies. With the construction of the biogas plant, the problem of disposal of cow dung will be solved not only in the Gausghala but also in the villages of the area. This will also generate income, said Srilakshmi VS, ACEO, Greater Noida Authority.

AAP turned Delhi into 'dustbin': BJP's Sirsra

New Delhi
BJP candidate from Delhi's Rajouri Garden Assembly seat Manjinder Singh Sirsa accused the AAP of turning the city into a 'dustbin' and promised to develop parks and gyms in the area to promote sports among the youngsters.

Addressing an election meeting in the constituency, the BJP national secretary emphasised the need for parks and green spaces and gyms. "Under the BJP, India's youth are healthier, stronger and more prosperous than ever before," Sirsa accused the AAP government of failing to create sufficient opportunities for youths to pursue careers in sports and said, "AAP has turned Delhi into a dustbin." In contrast, the BJP-led government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi provides job opportunities for youths while promoting sports and fitness, he said.

Sirsra assured the people that if elected, he would implement the same policies in Rajouri Garden to make the constituency a model for the rest of Delhi.

Sankalp Patra 'part 2': BJP's manifesto focuses on education and SC welfare

New Delhi
Former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Anurag Thakur, on Tuesday, released part II of the party's manifesto for the Delhi Assembly elections with free education from KG to PG to the needy students in government educational institutes, and financial assistance of Rs 15,000 to the youths for the preparation of competitive examinations as key promises.

In the second part of its manifesto, the saffron party has also promised a stipend of Rs 1,000 per month to Scheduled Caste (SC) students under the 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Stipend Scheme' for technical and professional courses.

On the occasion, Thakur announced the establishment of a welfare board for auto-taxi drivers and domestic workers, along with life insurance, if the BJP is voted to power in the Assembly elections.



BJP leaders, including Anurag Thakur, holding a copy of the Sankalp Patra Part II manifesto.

Welfare board will be constituted for auto-taxi drivers. They will be provided life insurance of Rs 10 lakh, accident insurance and vehicle insurance of Rs 5 lakh and scholarship for their children," read the BJP's Sankalp Patra Part II. "A welfare board will be constituted for domestic workers, there will be provision for life insurance of Rs 10 lakh, accident insurance of Rs 5 lakh, scholarship for their children and 6 months paid maternity leave," was the party's manifesto further said.

The saffron party has also promised to form a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe corruption during the AAP's tenure.

Thakur announced to double the number of beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi Yojana if the BJP is voted to power.

Launching Sankalp Patra Part II, the former Union Minister said, "In the last 10 years, the BJP government has eliminated middlemen and implemented public welfare schemes through

schools, and they benefit from free health services and education. That's why 90 per cent of Purvanchalis support us," he said.

He added that the Kejriwal government has not only worked for their upliftment, but also given them respect.

On efforts to clean the Yamuna, Rai said, "We are working on it, and in the coming time, we will fulfil all the promises made." Rai also spoke about skepticism around AAP's initiatives.

AAP workers intimidated by BJP in Kalkaji; deploy security forces: Atishi to poll officials



Amit Shah speaking at a public meeting.

New Delhi
Delhi Chief Minister and the AAP candidate from Kalkaji in the upcoming Assembly polls, Atishi, wrote to election officials on Tuesday alleging that volunteers of his party were "intimidated and threatened" by BJP workers, while requesting deployment of security forces in the constituency.

No immediate reaction was available from the BJP over the charges levelled by her.

In a post on X, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal alleged that under police "protection and assistance", Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers are "openly resorting to hooliganism" with the people of Delhi and "threatening" them.

"All this is happening on the direction of (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah," the former Delhi chief minister alleged.

"The BJP lost the Assembly poll contests in Delhi badly in 2015 and 2020, he said, adding that the same fate awaits the saffron party this time as well. "So Amit Shah is now getting hooliganism done against the people of Delhi," Kejriwal alleged.

In a complaint to the returning officer of Kalkaji, Atishi cited an incident of "intimidation and threat" to AAP volunteers in the Govindpur area on Monday.

"The AAP volunteers, including Rekha Bessi, Mani Mamta, Aradhana, Sunita Pandey, Sher Singh, Hari Shankar Gupta and others, were verbally and physically threatened by some BJP workers," she alleged in the complaint.

The chief minister also alleged that those who "threatened" the AAP volunteers included a nephew of Ramesh Bidhuri, the BJP candidate from the constituency.

"She claimed that a video of the 'altercation' was shot by the AAP workers on a mobile phone.

"BJP workers have been openly threatening AAP volunteers. If these workers are getting so aggressive with AAP workers, then one can imagine the kind of influence they would have on the voters living in these areas," Atishi wrote in the letter.

She requested for immediate action in the matter and deployment of security forces in the Kalkaji constituency to ensure the safety of AAP workers.

"The 70-member Delhi Assembly is scheduled to go to polls on February 5 and the results are set to be declared on February 8. The ruling AAP and opposition BJP are engaged in an intense war of words and blame game over a whole lot of issues.

Purvanchalis saw 'greatest transformation' under AAP govt, says Gopal Rai

New Delhi
Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai has said that Purvanchalis witnessed the "greatest transformation" under the AAP government, claiming advancements in infrastructure, education, and healthcare.

He also claimed the AAP government has reduced pollution levels by 35 per cent and increased Delhi's green cover. Rai accused the BJP of lacking vision and neglecting key issues like pollution.

"We have reduced pollution by 35 per cent and increased green cover in Delhi. We've introduced electric buses and ensured a 24/7 electricity supply. The results of our commitment are visible," Rai said while highlighting his party's developmental achievements and efforts to control pollution in an interview with PTI on Monday.

Criticising the BJP for its "inaction" on pollution, Rai remarked, "What has the Union environment minister done? Nobody knows. If they had worked with us, pollution levels could have been reduced by 70 per cent. Despite restrictions from the central government, we have worked tirelessly and delivered results." He further said that pollution is a collective challenge requiring cooperation across states to address it effectively.

"Our government has worked with a clear focus on this issue. If you compare the data from 2016 to 2024, you will see a significant improvement in the number of good air quality days," Rai said, adding that Delhi's overall condition has also improved in terms of roads, water supply, and unauthorised colonies.

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Gopal Rai speaking at a public meeting.

including parts of my own constituency, Babarpur. But now, roads, drainage systems, and pipelines have been installed," he said.

Rai explained that in his constituency, 90 per cent of the roads and sewer pipelines have already been built, and the remaining work will be completed in the next five years.

"Since the last time, I've worked extensively in my constituency, and the results will be even better this time. From independence till now, the amount of work we have done in Babarpur under the AAP government is unprecedented," he said.

He further said that 16 Mohalla Clinics are operational in Babarpur and a mini-hospital will be set up to specialise in various departments, ranging from allopathy to homeopathy, has been established.

Additionally, he claimed that schools in the constituency have been modernised, and plans are underway to build a stadium for children and an auditorium where cultural and educational programmes can be hosted.

Speaking about the Purvanchali voters, Rai said the AAP government has been the only one to genuinely address their needs.

"Earlier, Purvanchalis lived in unauthorised colonies with poor living conditions. Now, they live in better conditions with proper infrastructure.

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Kejriwal promises to set up 'Dhobi Samuday Welfare Board' if re-elected

New Delhi
AAP National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal announced on Tuesday that his party would form 'Dhobi Samuday Welfare Board' if it returns to power following the Delhi assembly polls.

He said the board would address the longstanding issues of washermen in the national capital.

Acknowledging the contribution of the Dhobi community to Delhi's economy and their struggles with systemic challenges, Kejriwal unveiled "Seven Guarantees" to boost their livelihoods, ensure access to basic services, and ensure their socio-economic welfare.

The guarantees include



Arvind Kejriwal speaking at a public meeting.

the regularisation of press stands, revival of the licensing process for Dhobis, charging electricity and water at domestic rates, quality education, scholarships, and skill training opportunities for their children.

The AAP chief made the announcement during a meeting with the representatives of the Delhi Dhobi Mahasabha, who had come to express their gratitude and extend their support to his party.

Stating that the seven guarantees would have a

transformative impact on the lives of thousands of people belonging to their community, Kejriwal said, "As the national convenor of the AAP and a chief ministerial candidate, I accept the demands of the Dhobi community and announce that if our government is formed, we will establish a Dhobi Samuday Welfare Board."

Kejriwal further said, "Dhobis are generally unprivileged. They collect clothes from households, wash them, press them, and return them. They earn very little money from this work, which has to cover household expenses, school fees for their children, and medical expenses in case of illness.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, VIBHA GANGA HAR ALIAS VIBHA DATTA D/O PRAMOD DATTA EX. WIFE OF SHANTANU GANGA HAR R/O H. NO. 91, AMAR COLONY, LAJPAT NAGAR-4, LAJPAT NAGAR, SOUTH DELHI-110024 declare that I got divorced from my husband vide court decree HMA No. 867/18 dated 05-08-2018. Further I have changed the name of mine and my minor daughter PRINA ALIAS PRINA GANGA HAR aged 12 years and we shall hereafter be known as VIBHA DATTA and PRINA DATTA.

It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to public at large that my client Mr. S.M. Shafig, S/o Mohammad Nafiq, R/o 559, 18, Zakir Nagar, Okhla, New Friends Colony, South Delhi-110025, have severed all relations and disowned his son namely Mr. Mohd. Shahid and his wife namely Mrs. Aishwarya from his entire movable & immovable property and assets due to their unsocial behavior. Whoever deals with their names shall do entirely at their own risks, consequences and my client shall not be responsible in any manner for their acts, deeds and things.

DANISH AHMED Advocate
E-29, 1st floor, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110032.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 012025 Date: 18.01.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

For details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.irps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original/verified bids through web portal www.irps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs on above mentioned date. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be rejected.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Open E-Tender Notice

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-I, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work:

Name of work: Gradient verification of stations yards and sections using Laser survey technology in the section of ADELGZB & ADELNMUT.

Approx. cost of work: As per NIT or IRPS

Earnest Money to be deposited: As per NIT or IRPS

Date & Time of opening of tender: 14.02.2025 15:00 Hrs.

Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.irps.gov.in

The bidders must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IRPS) site i.e. www.irps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.

No manual offers are acceptable.

Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No. NIT-128/2025 Tender Notice/NIT/61/24-25-141 Date: 20.01.2025 2162025

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TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/TMC/Line, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tender under One Packet System for the under noted work:-

1 Name of work: PONI of Track Machines UTV-2001, 2002, 2004, 3061 and 10072 at TMC/KRDK, LKO and TND of Dy Chief Engineer/TMC/Line, State Entry Road, New Delhi.

2 Completion period of the work: 12 Months

3 Approx. cost of work: Rs. 24641384.55

4 Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online): Rs. 2732000

5 Cost of Tender Document (to be deposited Online): Rs. Nil

6 Date & Time: Tender document remain available on IRPS website i.e. www.irps.gov.in from 21.01.2025 upto 15:00 hrs on 12.02.2025. Tender bids may be uploaded from 20.01.2025 & opening of tender will be opened on 15.02.2025.

7 Detailed Tender: The detailed tender document is available on www.irps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for online submission on IRPS website i.e. www.irps.gov.in from 21.01.2025 to 12.02.2025. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No. 1-Wdy.CETMCL-UTV-24-24-25 Dated: 20.01.2025

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RUPEEK CAPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers and the public in general are hereby notified that the gold pledged with respect to the below mentioned loans will be auctioned on 22/01/2025 through an online portal <https://gold.sale.in>. In case auction is not materialised for any reason on the date mentioned above, with respect to any or all items of the pledged ornaments, Rupeeek Capital will be conducting an e-auction/Private Sale of the items in any subsequent dates without further notice.

List of Loans (LOS ID)

12002414, 12006879, 12004956, 12009533, 12010287

12010984, 12011041, 12011198, 12011111

For more information please contact - 1800 419 8000

Sd/ Authorised officer Rupeeek Capital Pvt. Ltd.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

No. CII/ATVM/Facilitators/Delhi/2025 Dated: -01-2025

NOTICE FOR INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT OF FACILITATORS IN DELHI AREA OF DELHI DIVISION FOR THE PERIOD UPTO 31/03/2025 FROM THE DATE OF ENGAGEMENT FACILITATOR.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/PS, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, Delhi, on behalf of the President of India, invites application from the Retired Railway Employees of Northern Railway and General public who are interested to work as facilitator to issue tickets through ATMs should submit their applications duly filling in all the columns in the application and signing on all the pages of the application as per notification. The application form should be super scribed "Application for ATMV facilitator" and submitted in a sealed cover to Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/PS, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, Delhi on or before 14:00 hrs on 27-01-25.

The list of stations required for facilitators of Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) to issue tickets to the travelling public, in Delhi area over Delhi Division are as under:

SN	RAILWAY STATION	Category of Stations
1.	New Delhi (NDLS)	NSG-1
2.	Delhi (DLI)	NSG-1
3.	Hazrat Nizamuddin (HNZM)	NSG-1
4.	Anand Vihar Terminal (ANVT)	NSG-1
Total 15		

The advertisement notice and application form are available in the Northern Railway website at www.northernrailways.gov.in. Retired Railway employees of Northern Railway and general public who are interested to work as facilitator to issue tickets through ATVMs should submit their applications duly filling in all the columns in the application and signing on all the pages of the application as per notification. The application form should be super scribed "Application for ATMV facilitator" and submitted in a sealed cover to Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/PS, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, Delhi on or before 14:00 hrs on 27-01-25.

1. The filled in Application forms will be received by this office	From 10:00 hrs of 21-01-2025
2. Last date for submission of application.	Up to 14:00 hrs of 27-01-2025
3. Place of submission of applications	Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/PS, DRM's office State Entry Road, Northern Railway, New Delhi.

NOTE-Application forms can also be downloaded from the above website from 21-01-2025 onwards.

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Man shot dead outside heavily guarded R-Day venue in Jammu



Jammu

Amidst heightened security ahead of the Republic Day, a man was shot dead by unidentified assailants on Tuesday afternoon outside the MAM Stadium here, the venue for the flag hoisting by Lt Governor on Republic Day.

The incident has triggered panic in the city. The motorcycle-borne assailants following the victim, who was driving a Thar vehicle, shot multiple gun fires at him near the crowded Jewel Chowk in the heart of the city killing him on the spot. Doctors declared the victim 'brought dead' when he was rushed to the GMC hospital by the police.

The victim has been identified as 37-year-old Sumit Jandial of Ward number 9 in the Vijay-pur area of the Samba district.

Assailants fired four to five shots at the man travelling in the car near the Jewel Chowk. The victim sustained a critical bullet injury. He was immediately taken to the government medical college (GMC) hospital where doctors said he was brought dead. The vehicle bore several holes caused by bullets.

Police immediately reached the spot and started a search operation to nab the assailants, officials said. Additional DGP (Jammu) Anand Jain and DIG Shiv Kumar also reached the spot and took stock of the incident.

The ADGP said that the incident appeared to be a fallout of gang war.

In a statement, the police said, "A firing incident occurred this afternoon in the Jewel Chowk area, under the jurisdiction of Police Station Nowabad. Upon receiving the information, police parties, including senior police officers, arrived at the scene."

Reports indicate that one person has been seriously injured. The injured individual was promptly transported to GMC Jammu by a police team from PS Nowabad, where he later succumbed to injuries. An investigation has been initiated into the incident, and further details will be provided later. The public is urged to remain calm and refrain from speculation, awaiting official updates from the police.

The body of the slain person was shifted to the mortuary for completion of medico-legal formalities after registering an FIR in the incident, officials added.

Meanwhile, the MAM Stadium where the Republic Day Parade will be held, has already been taken over by the paramilitary forces and the security wing of the J&K Police to sanitise the stadium and the areas around. Such an incident happening in the heavily guarded area is being seen as a failure of the authorities.

Advt Contact : 9818-799941

Haryana Budget 2025-26: Focus on Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Haryana Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana on Tuesday said there will be a special focus on agriculture in the upcoming state budget for financial year 2025-26.

The minister reiterated the state government's commitment to the welfare of farmers and strengthening the agriculture sector.

He said the "double engine government" will lay special focus on the welfare of farmers in the upcoming budget.

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by farmers and experts during the meeting. These included inputs from members of farmer associations, farmer producer organizations and federations.

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condition, Rana said.

The minister said the Chief Minister has recently held detailed discussions with farmers to understand their problems.

He claimed that Haryana is the only state in the country which procures all 24 crops at the Minimum Support Price.

He also said that every effort is being made to ensure that farmers get timely payment for their crops.

J-K DGP stresses heightened vigil along Indo-Pakistan border

Jammu During a comprehensive review of preparedness of security forces along the Indo-Pakistan border, J&K Director General of Police Nalin Prabhakar on Tuesday stressed the need for a holistic approach combining technology, manpower, and community engagement, to strengthen the security grid further and necessary support and resources to facilitate their operations effectively.

DGP Nalin Prabhakar along with Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, and senior officials including Inspector General BSF, IG CRPF, DIG JKS Range, SSP Kathua, and SSP Samba, last night visited the border areas of Samba-Kathua belt to



assess the preparedness of security forces and to address infiltration challenges.

The DGP called for heightened vigilance in light of the evolving security scenario and a commitment to safeguarding the borders and ensuring the safety of security apparatus.

The DGP along with senior officers toured several forward posts along the International Border (IB) and held in-depth discussions with field officers and troops to evaluate the operational readiness and effectiveness of deployed security measures. The review aimed to ensure that the security grid remains robust and capable of thwarting any infiltration attempts.

Critical areas of concern, including border fencing, patrolling mechanisms, surveillance equipment, and coordination between multiple security agencies were examined. The DGP emphasized the importance of synergy and swift communication among all stakeholders to maintain a foolproof security apparatus.

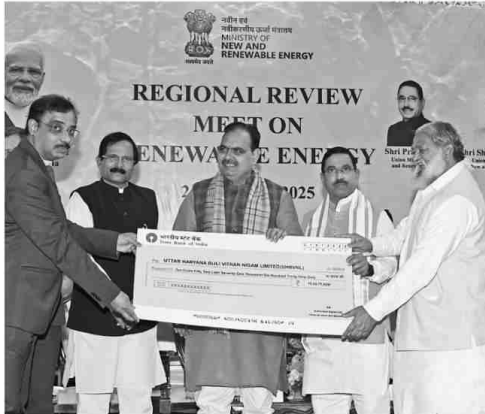
Haryana Power DISCOM get recognized for outstanding work in Rooftop Solar: Anil Vij

Komal Ramola Chandigarh

Haryana Energy Minister, Anil Vij while attending a regional workshop organized in Jaipur by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on Tuesday said that to promote solar energy and facilitate farmers, he has suggested to his department officers to explore the possibilities of setting up a solar power house in every village in the state. This will enable all tubewells in the area to operate using the supply from these solar power houses, ensuring uninterrupted operation for farmers without any objections, said the Energy Minister.

Notably, Rajasthan Chief Minister, Bhajan Lal, Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Prahlad Joshi, and Energy Ministers from other states also attended the regional workshop.

During the event, Anil Vij shared that his suggestion of setting up a solar power house in every village in the state was based on farmers' needs, especially in areas with deep water levels where a 10-horsepower motor cannot function effectively. He further said that the implementation of the PM-KUSUM scheme, through which Haryana has not only achieved its targets but is nearing completion of the goals, thereby ensuring that every farmer in Haryana can run their tubewells using solar energy.



During the workshop, detailed discussions were held on the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, maximizing the use of renewable energy, successful implementation of the PM-KUSUM scheme, and the revival of wind power plants.

On this occasion, the Haryana Power DISCOMS were honoured with incentive for their exceptional work in the rooftop solar sector and for exceeding set targets. The Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam received incentive funds of Rs. 9.77 crore for 2019-20, Rs. 10.52 crore for 2020-21, and Rs. 11.89 crore for 2021-22. Similarly, the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam was awarded Rs. 11.16 crore

for 2019-20, Rs. 8.01 crore for 2020-21, Rs. 13.92 crore for 2021-22, Rs. 9.58 crore for 2022-23, and Rs. 14.58 crore for 2023-24.

Anil Vij further shared that Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has introduced the Surya Ghar Yojana, which aims to provide affordable electricity by installing solar panels on rooftops. The government provides subsidies for this initiative.

He said that the central government is providing Rs. 60,000, while the Haryana government is giving an additional Rs. 50,000, totaling Rs. 1,10,000 as a subsidy. The Minister highlighted the importance of empowering people

Checking of LPG cylinder to be made mandatory in Maha Kumbh

Prayagraj To ensure the safety of devotees and Kalpavis during the Maha Kumbh Mela, checking of LPG cylinders has been made mandatory and strict action will be taken against the culprits if unauthorised cylinders are found to be sold.

A special meeting on LPG safety was organised by the Food and Civil Supplies Department on Tuesday which was attended by Departmental officials, LPG distributors, representatives of gas companies, and fire Department officials. During the meeting, important guidelines were given to curb accidents caused by the leakage of LPG.

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leakage check of LPG cylinders would be done by technical assistants. If leakage is found, the supply of cylinders will be stopped.

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CM Abdullah visits remote village hit by mysterious deaths in J-K's Rajouri

Badhal (J-K) Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday visited this remote village in Rajouri district to express solidarity with the bereaved families whose 17 members, including 13 children, died under mysterious circumstances in the past one-and-a-half month.

Soon after reaching the mountainous village, about 55 km from Rajouri district headquarters, Omar accompanied by National Conference local MLA Javid Iqbal Choudhary visited the graveyard and offered 'Fateh' (special prayers) to the deceased, the officials said.

They said the chief minister expressed sympathies with the bereaved families including Mohd Aslam who lost his six children and his maternal uncle and aunt who have adopted



him in the past week. Aslam and his wife are the only survivors in his family after the tragedy.

Seventeen persons belonging to three families linked to each other died under suspicious circumstances in the village between December 7 and January 19.

The visit of the chief minister comes on a day when a high level inter-ministerial team is visiting the village as part of its probe to ascertain the cause of the deaths.

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the fair area. Complete details of every supply vehicle will be made available in the office.

It was also decided in the meeting that strict action will be taken against the culprits if misuse of domestic gas or sale of unauthorised cylinders is found. The Food and Civil Supplies department called upon all LPG distributors and officials to monitor and ensure the safety of the gas supply in the fair area.

Storage of up to 100 kg of gas will be allowed in

and replace them if they are not as per the standard. Teams of technical assistants have been deployed in the fair area, which will take immediate action in any emergency.

It was decided that punitive action would be taken against the agencies concerned for violation of rules. Chief Fire Officer (Kumbh) Pramod Sharma and Food and Civil Supplies Officer Sunil Kumar were present at the meeting.

Misunderstandings should be resolved with discussions: Manipur CM

Imphal

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Tuesday said every misunderstanding should be resolved by discussions and that all recognised tribes of the state should live together.

Speaking at 53rd Statehood Day celebrations, Singh said let's stop engaging or speaking on irrelevant matters and attempts to divert from issues.

Manipur became a full-fledged state on January 21, 1972.

"Every misunderstanding should be resolved with discussions by sitting together. Let's stop from engaging or speaking on irrelevant matters and attempts to divert from issues. What we (state government) had said was proper identification of illegal immigrants and send them outside. We never said anything against any of the old settlers of the state. All recognised tribes need to live together," the CM said.

He said let us take this opportunity to pledge our collective efforts toward building a prosperous Manipur that upholds the values of harmony, justice, and progress.

Singh said all communities should try to bring peace. More than 250 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence in the northeastern state since May 2023.

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Poppy plantations which were earlier confined to Myanmar and Southeast Asian countries had suddenly spread to Manipur and drug factories were found in some specific localities. More than 30,000 hectare of poppy plantations were destroyed and several village chiefs were arrested, the CM said.

"We must stand united and take a pledge to eradicate drugs," he said. "What the BJP-led government is doing to leave a fully intact state for present and future generations," Singh added.

Later replying to media queries, Singh said, "I thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president J P Nadda and other dignitaries for congratulating the statehood day of Manipur. I also convey my best wishes to the people of the state. Let us from today bring peace and prosperity." Modi greeted the people of Manipur on their statehood day on Tuesday. "Greetings to the people of Manipur on their Statehood Day. We are incredibly proud of the role played by the people of Manipur towards India's development. My best wishes for the progress of Manipur," he said in a post on X.

On the banning of Meitei scripts in Moreh town by Hill Tribal Council (HTC), Singh said, "The state is governed by the government."



By Priyanka Saurabh

Doctors and companies' fraud: Rise in the price of medicines.

• Doctors get the brand made; the MRP of medicine worth Rs 38 is Rs 1200.

The rules state that prescription-only medicines and types of over-the-counter medicines that can only be sold in pharmacies must be sold at exactly the same price in all pharmacies. Therefore, the prices of medicines do not fluctuate between pharmacies, which means that it does not matter which pharmacy you choose to fill your prescription. Not only this, these rules are enforced on the drug manufacturing companies, and they should set the price of every salt as per the rules of the Government of India, no matter what the brand is.

The price of medicines in the country is being decided by the doctors themselves and not by the government. Doctors get the brands made according to their liking. They fix the price. The MRP of medicine of Rs. 38 is being increased to Rs. 1200. This is just an example; this is being done in all medicines. Experts believe that in 20 years, the medicine business will reach Rs. 40 thousand crores to Rs. 2 lakh crores. They consider this to be the big reason for the big game in MRP. From 2005 to 2009, medicines were being sold at 50 percent MRP. If the MRP was Rs. 1200, then it was given to the dealer for Rs. 600. Now doctors are getting the MRP decided according to their liking. Whereas according to the rules, doctors do not decide the rates of medicines. The rates of medicines are decided by the companies that make medicines. Many factors are involved in fixing the rates of medicines. Traders make good profits on medicines.



expiry date. For information about medicines or their ingredients, one can ask a doctor or pharmacist. But for those medicines that are outside the control of the government, the National Pharmaceutical Price Authority works under the Ministry of Health of the Government of India to monitor arbitrary drug quality and MRP. The government controls the MRP of the medicine through the Drugs Price Control Order. Along with fixing the maximum price for essential and life-saving medicines, the DPCO is also responsible for making medicines affordable and accessible to patients.

The medicines that the government brings under DPCO have their MRP under control, but medicines of hundreds of formulas are still out of the government's control, whose

MRP is being arbitrarily fixed. The government's guideline regarding the increase in the prices of medicines is that the MRP can be increased only by 10 percent in a year. But the companies are changing the names of the products and making the MRP as per the demand of the doctors every year. The companies fix the MRP at their own convenience by changing different divisions and brands.

Medicines are supplied in the country from pharmaceutical factories. In this game of companies and doctors, companies, for their profit, ignore the rules and not only agree to make medicines according to the doctors but also fix arbitrary prices. Not only this, deals are made with these companies on mobile. That is why doctors and hospitals across the country are get-

ting their own medicines made and selling them at arbitrary prices. Doctors and hospitals are getting their own medicines made and using micro-pilots. This determines the expiry time. If the quality of micro pilot in the medicine is reduced a little, the margin will increase, but the expiry time will be reduced. The reason behind this is that the government has no guidelines regarding material and expiry. The expiry date is also decided by the companies. There is a little strictness regarding the medicines that are under the control of the government. There is no special monitoring of the rest of the medicines.

It is a serious issue that the companies that manufacture, import, or sell the medicine determine the prices of the medicine.

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Herbal medicines and types of over-the-counter medicines that can be sold in stores other than pharmacies, such as supermarkets and kiosks, have the government's permission to change their prices. These prices are set entirely by the store, so you may experience differences in prices from one store to another.

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 one correct solution.

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9	2	7						3

Solution, Sudoku

9	3	5	6	7	4	8	2	1
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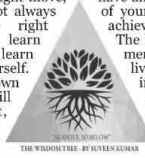
THE WISDOM TREE BY SUVEEN KUMAR

LEARN YOURSELF

Learn yourself, from yourself, by yourself and for yourself. You are the best library of experience, your are the best institution of life-lessons, you are the best transformation of taken actions. Learn yourself and from yourself, keeping in mind that your learning will keep changing but so will you, keeping in mind that your experience will keep chasing but so will you, keeping in mind your lessons will keep teaching but so will you. Be your master, be your disciple. Your learning will not be perfect, your journey will not be perfect, you will not always make the right move, you will not always know the right thing yet learn yourself learn from yourself. Your own learning will be a contradiction, your own learning will confuse you, your own learning will mislead you, your own learning will deceive you but it is not about you it is about learning, this is how it is, so learn yourself learn from yourself.

You are the biggest responsibility of you, you have the biggest authority of you. Hold yourself as everyone else is busy holding themselves, make yourself as everybody else is busy making themselves and race yourself as everybody is busy racing themselves. Be the best version of yours, give the best reason of yours and live the best vision of yours. You are wrong when you are wrong but you are right when you know you are wrong. You have some years to live and it is fine if you have some goals and it is also fine if you don't have any. The purpose of your life is not to achieve but to live. The biggest achievement in life is to live right. Wronging your whole life will not give you the satisfaction of achieving something right.

Moral : Treat yourself as a master until you find your master.



Need to Curb growing slum culture

India is developing at a very faster pace and making huge progress by leaps and bounds. India grew from undeveloped state to underdeveloped state and from here to a developing state and taking future strides and leaving no stone unturned to become a developed state and a well respected and prominently recognized state amongst comity of nations. Soon all will come true. Wait and watch. But off late, the jhuggi zophdi culture creeping in especially in Sainik colony, Jammu must be discussed and shunned and discouraged. Why discouraged? The reasons are listed in the foregoing paragraphs.

Jammu travel guide

The prominent cause of this kind of, Jhuggi Zophdi Culture coming up is a matter of serious worry. But why is it coming up in the first place? The plausible reasons are. Everyone wants to live independently as far as possible given a chance. The landlords or plot owners either give the premises of their vacant plots for free to the needy or charge rent from them to the tune of Rs 1500-2000 per month by giving them a temporary accommodation of a small size of say 7 feet by 7 feet or 8 feet by 8 feet or whatever size.

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coming up must be shunned, shammed, condemned and not encouraged. Why discouraged? The reasons are listed in the foregoing paragraphs.

There is a great SECURITY RISK

Wherever mix population resides or occupies a locality, there is a big security risk which on ground translates in the form of thefts, murders, attempt to murders, dacoity or chain snatching or such other kind of things take place, which are unwanted, unwarranted and undesired. Also, any outsider (can be a foreign agent or a from a hostile country) can mix around with these people, stay with them and remains undetected and carries out nefarious activities successfully against our motherland. Therefore the Jhuggi Zophdi Culture can play havoc against our own nation, a beautiful nation, our elders creation. What happened to Israel, is still fresh in our minds or we have forgotten. Hence the Jhuggi Zophdi living being a big security risk should be shunned and totally discouraged by all nationalists.

HYGIENE AND SANITATION PROBLEM
Jhuggi zhopdi occupants prefer to go out for open defecation, which pollutes the air environment in the near vicinity of defecation area. Also, there are no washroom facilities available in most

of the vacant plots. And some of the occupants have dug out earth and have made temporary defecation areas inside the plots, again this is unhealthy and pollutes the environment around by spread of foul smell, which travels through the air in the near vicinity. Also, acute shortage of water in sainik colony further compounds the problem. One may fall sick due to such unhealthy environment.

MISUSE OF WATER

The occupants of Jhuggi Zophdi blatantly misuse water at leisure with great pleasure. The occupants combined get in touch with contractual PHE employee and ask him to provide an illegal water connection. This can be verified on ground. The employee does it and charges money for doing the job. Both parties are happy - goodie goodie. Although water is a basic essential requirement, alright, but blatant misuse of water should be avoided and discouraged in totality. The occupants pay no bill because it is an illegal connection. Hence they feel no pinch to waste water. Wasting water tantamounts to wasting a natural resource for our future generations. The action must be taken against erring PHE employees, who install illegal water connection. The aim is to save water for our future generations.

MISUSE OF ELECTRICITY

The Jhuggi Zophdi inhabitants take illegal electricity connection through the fireman of the area, to whom they pay some amount mutually agreed on monthly basis between parties which is wrong practice though. Electricity is a basic requirement. It is okay. But its wastage is equivalent of wasting a natural resource for our future generations. A case in point, three local heaters being used at one point of time in a Jhuggi on daily basis. It is not wrong to say the least, that it is a massacre of misutilization of a natural resource at will. What would one call such an attitude. Couldn't care less attitude as simple. A sheer blatant misuse of electricity. That's all. Such people should be metered and action must be taken against the erring employees for providing illegal electricity connections. When one pays the hefty bill, one is always cautious to ensure proper utilization of a facility. And moreover, when one pays through one's nose the heavy bills, one will automatically ensure no wastage. Metering must be done on priority as deemed fit by an appropriate authority. The aim being to save electricity for our future generations.

Remedial solutions

No plot should be kept vacant in the first place as a policy. Either construction be undertaken on a vacant plot or it should be utilized for agricultural purposes, that is to grow crops or vegetables.

No landowner anywhere should give his vacant plot to outsiders for residential purposes. If given, in that case, landowners should provide a wash-room facility and legal Water and Electricity Connections in the right earnest. The aim is to ensure that security aspects are in tact and natural resources are saved for our future generations. Moreover to ensure foolproof hygiene and sanitation. In addition, the landowners must ensure that whoever is staying in the vacant plot is registered with the police chowki, Sainik Colony and also with the Sainik Colony office. Police and Sainik colony officials must cooperate and support the cause for the benefit of all.

PHE (JalShakti) and PDD departments and municipal corporations can play a major pivotal role and can definitely do a much sought after, much better job in saving water and electricity (natural resources) by implementing on ground installation of proper metering. The local corporators and society members can also chip in and contribute immensely by holding regular mukhad meetings of residents including Jhuggi Zophdi inhabitants and educating them about security measures, proper hygiene and sanitation and saving of water and electricity and why their need, including safety, security and high standards of hygiene, for better health and well being of all.

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Need our legislative institutions to be dynamic to fulfil country's aspirations: RS Dy Chairman Harivansh

Patna
Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Harivansh on Monday, expressed his concern over the business of legislative bodies and said that it is time to make these institutions more dynamic and effective.

He was speaking in the inaugural session of the 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference (AIPOC) in Patna today.

In his remarks, Harivansh recalled the rich civilisational history of Bihar. He said that this history is also visible in the influence of members from Bihar in the freedom struggle and fram-



ing of the constitution. India is at an important phase of its development journey and our legislative institu-

tions must be dynamic to keep the constitutional values relevant for the future. The Deputy Chairman

further said that leaders like Dr Rajendra Prasad, Dr Sachchidanda Sinha, Babu Jagjivan Ram, and Bapu

Prakash Narayan played a critical role in deepening the democratic culture at the grassroots. In addition to these, the contributions of other members from Bihar in the constituent assembly such as Babu Guptnath Singh, Jaimal Munda, Chandrika Ram, and Tajmul Hussain, must also receive more recognition.

He further said that before Independence, Bihar was at the forefront of many landmark moments in India's freedom struggle. The Champaran Satyagraha in 1917-18, and the Quit India Movement in 1942 are examples in this regard. This also translated to key legislative changes like land

reforms in later years. He also emphasised that the Indian constitution has remained flexible and evolved with time. As a result, it has withstood the test of time while many other nations in the region have struggled to do so.

Harivansh said that in the coming years, our legislative institutions need to be dynamic and forward-looking to fulfil the aspirations of the country. He noted the important role played by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in upholding various constitutional values. He said that under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Bihar became the first state to im-

plement 50% reservation for women in their local bodies in 2006.

It is pertinent to note that the theme of the conference is to commemorate the 75th year of the Constitution and the role of the legislature in strengthening constitutional values. Speaker Lok Sabha Om Birla, Speaker Bihar Vidhan Sabha Nand Kishore Yadav, and Chairman Bihar Legislative Council Awadhesh Narain Singh were also part of the inaugural function.

This is the third time Bihar is hosting the AIPOC Conference. It was previously hosted in 1964 and 1982.

Rahul Gandhi's Economy Claims Slammed by BJP

New Delhi
The BJP on Tuesday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for painting a "bleak picture" of India's economy and said he should look at the facts instead of making baseless claims. Earlier in the day, the Lok Sabha's opposition leader had hit out at the Narendra Modi government over its economic policies. Real development is when everyone progresses, there is a fair environment for business, a fair tax system and the income of workers increases, he had asserted.

Hitting back at the Congress leader, the BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya said in a post on X. "It is quite ironic that Rahul Gandhi has once again chosen to paint a bleak picture of India's economy, conveniently overlooking his own party's troubled history." In contrast, the Modi government's strategic initiatives such as the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme have attracted investments exceeding Rs 1.03 lakh crore, leading to production and sales worth Rs 8.61 lakh crore, and generating more than 6.78 lakh jobs as on November 2023, he said.

Malviya also rejected as "unfounded" Gandhi's remarks that the share of the manufacturing sector in the economy had gone down to the lowest level in 60 years, causing people to struggle for employment. "Assertions that India's manufacturing sector is collapsing are unfounded," he said.

India has emerged as a "global mobile manufacturing hub", with annual production reaching approximately 325 to 330 million units, the BJP leader said. In the 2023-24 fiscal alone, the value of mobile devices produced for both export and domestic markets soared to Rs 4.1 lakh crore, marking a "significant" year-on-year increase, he said.

Additionally, the telecom equipment manufacturing sector has seen substantial growth, with sales surpassing Rs 50,000 crore under the PLI scheme, he claimed.

"The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 56.4 in December 2024, indicating steady expansion, a notable improvement from the frequent contractions experienced during the UPA (United Progressive Alliance) era," Malviya said.

The BJP leader also rejected Gandhi's claim that the government's "wrong policies" in the agriculture sector had worsened the condition of farmers and farm labourers, saying NABARD data indicated rural household incomes were "outpacing inflation" and growing at a nominal compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9.5 per cent.

Political parties should have code of conduct for lawmakers, says Birla

Patna
Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday said political parties should have a code of conduct for their lawmakers to uphold dignity of legislative bodies. Addressing the valedictory session of the 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference, Birla said after the two-day deliberations the presiding officers have resolved to make legislative bodies the focal point of debate and discussion.

"All political parties should cooperate in upholding the dignity of the legislative bodies. This will be possible only when political parties have a code of conduct for their lawmakers," Birla said.

His remarks come in the backdrop of repeated disruptions witnessed in many legislative bodies.



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of the conference was attended by Bihar Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha, Bihar Assembly Speaker Nand Kishore Yadav, Bihar Legislative Council chairman Awadhesh Narayan Singh among others.

SC junks ED plea against bail to NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal

New Delhi
In a relief to senior NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal, the Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the plea of the Enforcement Directorate challenging the bail granted to him in a money laundering case.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan however rejected Bhujbal's plea challenging his arrest in the matter saying the petitioner was released on bail in 2018, and it was not necessary to go into the question of illegality of his arrest at the present stage. "Impugned orders granting bail have been passed way back in the year 2018. Therefore no case for interference is made out at this stage under Article 136 of the Constitution. The SLPs are dismissed," it held.

The Bombay High



Court on May 4, 2018, granted bail to Bhujbal in the money laundering case. The former Maharashtra deputy chief minister was arrested after an ED inquiry revealed he and his associates had allegedly misused their office and caused financial loss to the government.

According to the ED, Bhujbal awarded contracts related to construction and development works, including one for the construction of the Maharashtra Sadan in New Delhi, to a particular firm, in return for kickbacks for himself and his family.

Bhujbal and his nephew Sameer Bhujbal used to channel some money to illegal companies owned by them, alleged the central probe agency.

SC dismisses Jharkhand appeals in Deoghar airport incident case

New Delhi
The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the appeals filed by the State of Jharkhand challenging Jharkhand High Court's decision to quash an FIR against BJP MPs Nishikant Dubey, Manoj Tiwari, and others in connection with the 2022 Deoghar Airport incident.

The Court, however, granted liberty to the State to forward the evidence collected during the investigation to the authorised officer under the Aircraft Act, 1934, within four weeks. Per the law, the officer has been directed to decide whether a complaint needs to be filed under the Act.

A bench comprising Justice Abhay S. Oka and Justice Manmohan, which had reserved its judgment on December 18, 2024, delivered the verdict today. Justice Manmohan read the operative portion.

The FIR, registered in September 2022, alleged that the respondents coerced and threatened Air Traffic Control (ATC) officials to authorize the take-off of a private aircraft, potentially violating safety protocols. Charges under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) included Section 336 (endangering life or personal safety), Section 47 (criminal trespass), and Section 448 (house trespass), alongside Sections 10 and 11A of the Aircraft Act, 1934.

Jharkhand High Court had quashed the FIR, stating it lacked the requisite complaint or sanction under the Aircraft Act.



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only be acted upon after filing a formal complaint. The bench granted Jharkhand the liberty to submit evidence under the Aircraft Act.

Justice Oka also raised concerns about the applicability of IPC provisions like Sections 336 and 447, questioning the evidence for endangerment of life or criminal trespass.

While upholding the High Court's decision to quash the FIR, the Supreme Court allowed the materials gathered during the investigation to be submitted to the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). This ensures that the DGCA can evaluate whether a formal complaint under the Aircraft Act is warranted.

Justice Oka clarified that the Supreme Court would not interfere with the High Court's quashing of the FIR but affirmed the State's right to submit its findings for further action under the Aircraft Act.

SC protects Congress MP Pratapgari from arrest in communal disharmony case

New Delhi
The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed that no coercive action shall be taken against Congress MP and poet Imran Pratapgari who is facing charges of promoting communal disharmony by posting a video clip on his social media handle.

A bench comprising Justice A S Oka and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan issued notice to the state of Gujarat and others on Pratapgari's plea challenging the Gujarat High Court's order refusing to quash the FIR against him. The Bench stated proceedings in a case registered against Congress Member of Parliament (MP) Imran Pratapgari for posting a poem on social media.

"We heard the poem also... Issue short notice. Returnable on February 10. No action shall be taken in pursuance to the FIR registered," the Court directed.

The Gujarat Police invoked Sections 157 (Impartial High Court's dismissal of his earlier plea to quash the FIR, stating, "What have we come to? The court has to say something. Without issuing notice, the (High Court) ordered this (to be dismissed)."

The FIR was filed based on a complaint from an advocate's clerk, alleging that Pratapgari had posted a video featuring the poem "Ae khoon ke pyase baat suno..." on social media.

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Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Pratapgari, criticized the Gujarat High Court's dismissal of his earlier plea to quash the FIR, stating, "What have we come to? The court has to say something. Without issuing notice, the (High Court) ordered this (to be dismissed)."

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DRDO successfully conducts ground test of scramjet engine

New Delhi
Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), a Hyderabad-based laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has successfully ground tested a scramjet engine, as part of its initiative to develop long-duration supersonic combustion ramjet or scramjet powered hypersonic technology.

DRDL recently developed these technologies and demonstrated a cutting-edge active cooled scramjet combustor ground test for 120 seconds for the first time in India. The successful ground test marks a crucial milestone in developing next-

generation hypersonic missiles, a Defence Ministry statement said on Tuesday. Hypersonic missiles are a class of advanced weaponry that travel at speeds greater than Mach 5 i.e., five times the speed of sound or more than 5,400 km per hour. These advanced weapons have the potential to bypass existing Air Defence Systems and deliver rapid and high-impact strikes.

Several countries including USA, Russia, India and China are actively pursuing hypersonic technology. The key to hypersonic vehicles is scramjets, which are air breathing engines capable of sustaining combustion at supersonic speeds without using any moving parts.



The ground test of scramjet combustor showcased several notable achievements, demonstrating its potential for operational use in hypersonic vehicles, like successful ignition and stable combustion. Ignition in a scramjet engine is like "keeping a candle lit in a hurricane". Scramjet combustor incorporates an innovative flame stabilisation technique that holds continuous flame inside the combustor with air speed in excess of 1.5 km per second. Many novel and promising ignition and flame holding techniques were studied through many ground tests in arriving at scramjet engine configuration. Advanced Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulation tools were used for their evaluation and performance prediction.

The indigenous development of endothermic scramjet fuel, the first time in India, jointly by DRDL and Industry is central to this breakthrough. The fuel offers dual benefits of significant cooling improvement and ease of ignition.

Over 100
Devotees
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Maha Kumbh

Mahakumbh Nagar
Over 100 devotees who suffered heart attacks at Maha Kumbh have been saved while 183 critical patients have received ICU care and 580 minor surgeries have been successfully performed, officials said.

Additionally, 1,70,727 blood tests have been conducted and 1,00,998 people have availed OPD services so far, they said. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the Central Hospital at the Maha Kumbh is providing world-class medical care to ensure the safety and well-being of millions of devotees, they said.

Dr. Gaurav Dubey, Nodal Officer of the Maha Kumbh Medical Establishment, said devotees from across India and abroad are receiving exceptional healthcare in Mahakumbh Nagar.

Highlighting recent cases, he said, "Two devotees from Madhya Pradesh experienced chest pain and were successfully treated at Central Hospital. Both were admitted to the ICU, underwent examinations and received prompt treatment. Now they are fully healthy." Dr. Dubey said ECGs were conducted on both patients, leading to effective treatment and recovery.

Among other cases, 105-year-old Baba Ram Jans Das from Hanumanganj in Bhopal sought treatment at Central Hospital for stomach pain, he said.

Praising the advanced medical facilities, Dr. Dubey thanked the state government for ensuring such excellent healthcare at the Maha Kumbh.

**Namami
Gange pavilion
shines at
Mahakumbh**

Mahakumbh Nagar
The Namami Gange Pavilion at Mahakumbh-2025 is drawing significant attention from visitors. Established under the Namami Gange Mission, the pavilion is dedicated to raising awareness about the conservation and cleanliness of the Ganga River.

On Tuesday, officials highlighted the pavilion's key attractions, including the Interactive Biodiversity Tunnel. This immersive experience allows visitors to explore the Ganga's rich biodiversity through advanced projection technology. It records the sights and sounds of the river's ecosystem, featuring chirping birds and emphasizing the Ganga's role in sustaining life.

At the heart of the pavilion is a digital exhibition that showcases various initiatives undertaken for the river's conservation and cleanliness. A major highlight is the Prayag Manch, which provides real-time data on the Ganga, Yamuna, and their tributaries.

Visitors can access information on water levels, pollution metrics, and overall cleanliness, making the pavilion an informative hub for river conservation.

The pavilion also highlights progress in riverfront development and the operations of sewage treatment plants. Visitors gain insight into the technical and structural measures being implemented to preserve the river's purity.

Kangra to witness massive development: Himachal CM

Shimla
Chief Minister
Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has said that Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh will witness massive development. Expressing confidence that the district would witness a significant development over the next five years, he said that the present state government would ensure the progress and prosperity of grassroots communities.

The people of the area would get improved water supply, healthcare and other essential facilities nearer to their homes, he said, while addressing a public gathering at Matour in the Kangra Assembly constituency on Tuesday.

He announced for setting a division of the Jal Shakti Department in Kangra and assured the introduction of new courses in Matour College, besides strengthening water and electricity schemes in the area.

The construction work for the Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding School in Kangra would begin soon, he said and announced the construction of a new bridge over Jalodi Khad.

Revealing his deep-rooted connection with Kangra, he stated that despite the people supporting the Congress,

UP govt set for a comprehensive drumstick campaign to fight anemia

Lucknow
The Yogi government is set to address anemia among women and adolescents by promoting cultivation and consumption of drumstick (moringa) through a large-scale awareness campaign. Targeting 35 blocks in Gorakhpur, Varanasi, and Jhansi, the initiative aims to tackle malnutrition and improve health. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a strong advocate for Moringa, is championing its plantation and use as part of this innovative project.

In collaboration with the State Family Planning Service Innovation Project Agency (SIFPSA) and the National Health Mission (NHM), Executive Director Dr. Pinky Jowal launched the campaign during National Nutrition Month, unveiling the project logo.

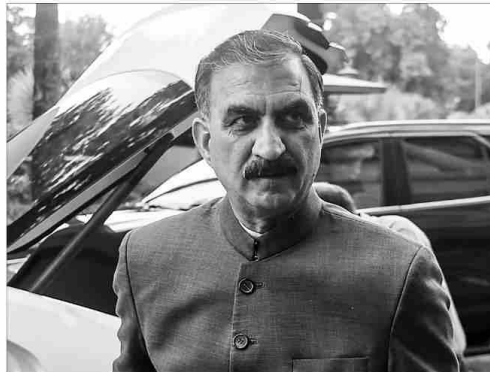
An intensive online awareness drive, including a WhatsApp helpline (9569703306) for information and suggestions on moringa, was initiated to highlight the benefits of its consumption. SIFPSA Deputy General Manager Digvijay Trivedi stated: "Awareness about moringa will be promoted through paintings in Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, 100 schools, and Anganwadi centers, highlighting its benefits. Additionally, posters, banners, and informational leaflets on moringa's health advantages will be included in the 'Shagun Kit' for newlywed couples, encouraging its use during pregnancy."

Jai Ram Thakur made a courtesy call on PM Modi

Rajan Panchhi
MANDI

Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur has demanded from the Chief Minister to provide financial help to the family of late Devraj who lost his life due to non-availability of injection. He said that the deceased Devraj Sharma was the only breadwinner in the family. The whole family was dependent on him, he was also ill for a long time, so the condition of his family can be understood. Both his children are still studying and his wife's health is also not good. The financial condition of the family is very bad and the government should help the family financially. So that they can be helped. Jai Ram Thakur urged Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to look at this matter from a humanitarian point of view and help the family as much as possible.

Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Narendra



few have frequently shifted their political allegiance.

The Chief Minister said that the government was committed to revitalising the rural economy, as over 80 percent of the population of the state resides in rural areas and highlighted several measures to strengthen the rural sector.

"The government has increased the purchase price of milk by Rs.15 and for the first time launched a scheme to purchase cow dung in the state. Apart from this, the state has procured 4,000 metric tonnes of maize pro-

duced through natural farming at Rs. 30 per kilogram," he said.

"From the next season, wheat will also be procured at Rs. 40 per kilogram. The daily wage for MNREGA workers had been increased by Rs 60, raising it from Rs 240 to Rs. 300. These efforts aim to empower the rural community," he asserted.

He said that a milk processing plant with a capacity of 1.5 lakh litres was being established at Dhagwar in Kangra which would benefit approximately three lakh farmers.

Reiterating the importance of good gov-

ernance, he said, "Good governance requires Good Government."

He criticized the previous BJP government education policy, which led to the decline of enrollment in schools.

Sukhu assured that the present government was working to improve the education system to meet future challenges.

He said that the present state government has also made reforms in the Annual Confidential Report (ACR) norms to evaluate the performance of all officers and officials of the state government.

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health sector.

"The Government is providing state-of-the-art medical equipment in medical colleges of the state, similar to those at AIIMS Delhi. A sum of Rs 100 crore has been sanctioned for advanced machinery in Tanda, IGMC and Ner Chowk Medical Colleges. Additionally, UV filter technology is being adopted to improve water quality in the state," he said.

The Chief Minister said that reforms introduced by the state government were aimed at benefiting the common masses and dealing with challenges posed to the state's resources.

He urged the public to support the decisions of the government, including the rationalization of subsidies, encouraging the affluent to forgo subsidies.

Yogi Cabinet to take dip in
Triveni Sangam on 22 Jan



Mahakumbh Nagar

The Yogi government is set to hold a special Cabinet meeting in Prayagraj on Wednesday, January 22. All 54 ministers of the Uttar Pradesh cabinet have been invited to this meeting, which is expected to approve several significant proposals and schemes for the state. Following the meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with the entire cabinet, will take the holy dip in the sacred waters of the Triveni Sangam.

This isn't the first time CM Yogi has led his cabinet to the Sangam. In 2019, during the Kumbh Mela, he took a ceremonial dip along with his ministers, Akhada Parishad President Narendra Giri, and other saints.

The cabinet meeting will be held at the Triveni Sankul in Arai, starting at 12 noon. The location was changed to avoid inconvenience to pilgrims visiting the Sangam. Initially, the meeting was planned at

the Mela Authority Auditorium, but concerns over VIP security disrupting pilgrims' movement led to the shift in venue.

After the meeting, the ministers will travel from the Arai Vih Ghat to the Sangam by motorboats. At the Sangam, CM Yogi and the cabinet members will perform the worship rituals and take the holy dip in Sangam.

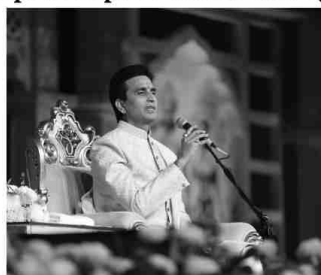
As per reports, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, along with Cabinet Ministers Suresh Kumar Thanna, Surya Pratap Shahi, Swatantra Dev Singh, Baby Rani Maurya, Jaiveer Singh, Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary, Dharampal, Nand Gopal Nandi, Anil Rajbhar, and all 54 ministers, including those with independent charge and state ministers, will take the holy dip in the Sangam after attending the cabinet meeting.

BN Group Celebrates first anniversary of Ram Mandir inauguration with Dr. Kumar Vishwas' 'Apne Apne Ram' in Agra

Agra

Marking the first anniversary of the Ram Mandir inauguration by our Honourable PM last year, BN Group organized a two-day cultural event, "Apne Apne Ram," in Agra on 18th and 19th January 2025. The event featured a captivating presentation by renowned Ram Katha scholar and orator, Dr. Kumar Vishwas, whose celebrated program shed light on the enduring significance of Lord Ram's values in today's world.

The event provided a meaningful platform to reflect on the life and teachings of Lord Ram, emphasizing his universal message of integrity, unity, and perseverance. Dr. Kumar Vishwas'



presentation brought together spiritual reflections, historical context, and poetic storytelling, offering the audience a fresh perspective on Lord Ram's journey and its relevance to contemporary society.

Over 6,000 people attended the event, including prominent dignitaries such as Shri Rajendra Agarwal, Member of Parliament, Shri Gyanendra Singh, MLA, and Smt. Vandana Sharma, Director of the Indian

Cultural Foundation.

The attendees, including devotees, cultural enthusiasts, and leaders from various sectors, lauded the program for its ability to bridge tradition and modernity, creating a space for thoughtful engagement with India's rich spiritual heritage.

The occasion also underscored BN Group's dedication to fostering cultural and social initiatives that strengthen community bonds and promote shared values. By organizing 'Apne Apne Ram', the group reaffirmed its commitment to celebrating India's heritage while highlighting Lord Ram's message as a guiding light for the present and future.

HP LoP demands compensation for cancer victim's family

Shimla

Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Himachal Pradesh assembly Jai Ram Thakur, on Tuesday demanded that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu should provide financial assistance to the family of the late Devraj, who lost his life for not being provided an injection during his treatment at Regional Cancer Centre, Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla here. He was suffering from cancer.

Thakur stated that Devraj Sharma was the sole breadwinner in the family. "The entire family was dependent on him, and he had been ill for a long time. Therefore, the family's situation can be understood. Both of his children are still studying, and his wife's health is also not good. The family's financial condition is very poor, and the government should provide financial assistance to help them," said Thakur.

He also urged Chief Minister to view this matter from a humanitarian perspective and offer the family all possible help.

Thakur also met the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his office in New Delhi today, which was a courtesy call.

UP govt to reward outstanding students

Lucknow

Under the unique initiative of the Yogi government, patriotic poems are resonating among more than 1.40 crore children in over 1.33 lakh schools of Uttar Pradesh.

Students are preparing for the poetry recitation competition being organized with the aim of fostering creativity and patriotism among them. The top performing students at school and state-level contests will also be honoured.

A total of 10 excellent students will be selected based on their presentations in the contests. They will be honored in district and state-level ceremonies.

As per the National Education Policy, the Yogi government has organized this competition to encourage creativity, logical reasoning, and patriotism among students. The best par-

ticipants at school and state level contests will be honored through a selection process.

The Yogi government has issued special instructions to make the selection process of the competition transparent and fair. Instructions have been given to the headmasters and teachers to video record the presentations of students participating in patriotic songs and poetry recitations held at the school level.

The video recording of the best participant selected from each school will be sent to the block education officer. After reviewing these recordings, the best participant at the block level will be selected. The selected recordings will be sent to the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET).

As per the criteria set by the Yogi government, a three-member

committee under the supervision of the DIET principal will evaluate these video recordings.

Information about the top three participants from each district will be sent to the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT). Afterward, experts will evaluate these videos at the state level and select the top 10 participants, who will be awarded in the state-level ceremony.

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Will use US oil reserves to assert power globally, says Trump

Washington
Donald Trump will use the US oil reserves as a weapon to assert its power and prevent friends and foes from "pushing it around". "We're not going to let all of our nations, our friendly and unfriendly nations, push us around from any standpoint, including the economy because we have something that they don't have," he said on Monday.

"We have a power that they don't have - liquid gold under our feet, the likes of which no other nation has," he said about his strength through energy policy. He made exploiting the huge petroleum and gas reserves that the US has as an import plank of his election platform, both to bring down prices and to assert US power abroad.

Trump was speaking to members of the military at the Commander in Chief's Ball where they celebrated his inauguration as president. He told them that he would build the military stronger and its success would be winning without fighting wars through a show of the country's strength. "Through our power and might, we will lead the world to peace. Our friends will respect us, our enemies will fear us, and the whole world will admire the unrivalled greatness of the United States military," he added.

BUSINESS

FRP Industry Future in India: Gadkari Urges Cost Reduction

New Delhi
Noting that composite materials can be used as an alternative for various industries, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday urged stakeholders of the fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) industry to undertake research & development (R&D) activities to bring down cost by at least 25 per cent.

The FRP has a good future in the country and it can be used in multiple industries from renewable energy to infrastructure projects, the Minister for Road, Transport and Highways said, while addressing the International Conference and Exhibition on Reinforced Plastics (ICERP 2025) organised by the FRP Institute.

"FRP is very important not only for the road sector but for the aviation, space science, transport, shipping. Everywhere we need to reduce the cost. If you can reduce the (production) cost by 25-30 per cent by getting good technology and good raw materials available in the country... it is really the futuristic point of view,"

Ukraine top official hopes Trump will help end war, bring about 'just peace'

Kyiv
Head of the inauguration of Donald Trump as the 47th US President on Monday said Kyiv expects that he would take a lead not only on humanitarian issues but also as a leader for "global solutions", contributing to the ending of the Russia-Ukraine war by bringing about "just peace".

Andriy Yermak, Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, said this in response to a question during an online media interaction that was joined by journalists from many countries.

Yermak also underlined that in a month it will be the third anniversary since Russia's "full-scale invasion" of Ukraine.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict that began in February 2022 had entered its 1,000th day on November 19. A large number of people have been killed and injured,



including several children in this conflict.

Yermak, who joined the discussion online, was asked what will be Ukraine's expectations from the incoming US President Trump.

Ukraine's expectations from President Trump would be that he would take a lead not just on humanitarian issues, but also as a leader for

"global solutions" that will contribute towards the "ending of the (Russia-Ukraine) war by just peace", he said.

Trump, whose inauguration is scheduled on January 20 in Washington, will replace Joe Biden.

The 78-year-old Republican leader has been vocal on this prolonged conflict, and many foreign

policy experts have suggested that "ending the war in Ukraine" could be on Trump's agenda in his second term.

Yermak during the interaction asserted that this war has to be "ended by just peace" and not by "some ceasefire" or other mechanism.

This will have a "significant influence" not just in Europe, the West,

but the whole world, he said.

During the interaction, Yermak also said, "We have received through diplomatic channels" that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will be welcome to visit South Africa.

"And, my President is looking to meet (South African) President Cyril Ramaphosa in Davos" where the visit modalities could be discussed, he added.

Baroness Helena Kennedy, international human rights lawyer and member of the House of Lords in the UK, also took part in the discussion.

In her opening remarks, she alleged that a large number of "Ukrainian children" have been "taken away" to the Russian side, during the conflict, either from institutional care or even "from streets" after the medical facilities where they were housed in, got hit and damaged during the war.

China and India should focus on development, cooperation: Beijing

Beijing
As two major developing countries and emerging economies, China and India should concentrate on development and cooperation, and bring bilateral relationship back on the track of healthy and stable development.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said Tuesday. The spokesperson made the remarks at a daily press briefing when asked to comment on Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar's recent speech, in which he said India-China relations are crucially related to the development prospect of the two countries and the global order, and that India will handle its relations with China from a long-term perspective.

"As two major time-honoured civilizations, developing countries and emerging economies, China

and India need to focus on development and engage in cooperation. This serves the fundamental interests of over 2.8 billion people of the two countries, meets the common aspiration of regional countries and peoples, goes along with the historical trend of the Global South growing stronger, and is conducive to peace and prosperity of the region and the wider world," Guo said.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson went on to say that the two sides need to earnestly deliver on the important common understandings reached between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in their meeting in Kazan, including that China and India are each other's development opportunity rather than threat, and cooperation partner rather than competitor. Agency

Gwadar airport 'gift' from China, to benefit entire country: Pak PM

Islamabad
Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday called the recently inaugurated Gwadar International Airport a "gift" from China and said it would benefit not only the economy of the Balochistan province, where it is located, but the entire country.

The airport, funded and built by all-weather ally China, is Pakistan's largest airport. It became operational on

Monday with the landing of a Pakistan International Airline flight from Karachi carrying 46 passengers.

Sharif made the remarks while presiding over the federal cabinet meeting here, state-run Radio Pakistan reported.

The prime minister said the Gwadar International Airport, constructed with a USD 230 million Chinese grant, "is a gift for Pakistan from China and we



should honour it". Built under the multi-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project (CPEC), the airport is

seen as important for boosting trade and regional connectivity by both countries. "Gwadar Airport could

bring about immense benefits to the people of Balochistan as well as the whole country if run on commercial lines," Geo News quoted the prime minister as saying. Sharif called the start of flight operations from Gwadar International Airport a welcome step.

Equipped with modern facilities, the airport is expected to play a critical role in boosting regional connectivity and strengthening Paki-

stan's position in global trade and infrastructure development.

Talking about the situation in the province, which has been in the grip of violence for years, Sharif called elements involved in killings in the province were not only against Balochistan but "are the enemies of Pakistan".

Balochistan has been braving "violence for almost two decades by the Baloch nationalists who accuse the federal

government of stealing the mineral resources of their region, a charge denied by the federal authorities.

Underlining that the enemies of Pakistan do not want the Gwadar Port's operationalisation, Sharif said that creating hurdles in the port's completion was also animosity against the country. The Gwadar port is also being built in the province under the CPEC.

E-commerce guidelines: Govt seeks feedback on new rules

New Delhi
The government has rolled out draft guidelines for e-commerce platforms, mandating self-regulatory measures to protect consumers from fraudulent practices amid the fast-growing digital shopping landscape in India.

The draft guidelines, titled 'E-commerce-Principles and Guidelines for Self Governance', have been prepared by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under the Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry's supervision, seeking stakeholder comments by February 15.

"...the rise of e-commerce has introduced new challenges, particularly in terms of consumer protection and trust. The importance of clear and effective rules and norms for self-governance in e-commerce cannot be further emphasized in this context," the draft stated.

The framework introduces three-phase principles covering pre-transaction, con-



tract formation, and post-transaction stages for e-commerce operations.

Under pre-transaction requirements, platforms must conduct thorough KYC of business partners, especially third-party sellers. The guidelines mandate detailed product listings including title, seller contact details, identification number, and supporting media to help consumers assess product utility and features.

For imported goods, platforms must display importer, packer, and seller details prominently. During contract formation, platforms must record consumer consent, enable transaction review, and maintain transparent policies for cancellation, returns, and refunds.

Complete transaction records must be maintained and made accessible to consumers as per applicable laws. The guidelines mandate

diverse payment options including credit/debit cards, mobile payments, e-wallets, and bank transfers, with full disclosure of processing charges.

Platforms must implement secure payment systems with encryption and two-factor authentication. For recurring payments, the draft requires clear disclosure of duration, intervals, and amounts, along with simple opt-out procedures.

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Cash-on-delivery refunds must be processed as per consumer preference.

Post-transaction guidelines specify clear timelines for refunds, replacements, and exchanges, with additional provisions for counterfeit products. Platforms must ensure timely delivery notifications whether handled internally or by third-party providers.

The draft prohibits the sale of banned products and requires platforms to maintain monitoring mechanisms and seller background checks.

A ready-made list of

RBI Cancels X10 Financial Services Registration

Mumbai
The Reserve Bank of India on Tuesday said it has cancelled registration of X10 Financial Services Ltd, a non-banking financial company (NBFC), due to irregularity in its digital lending operations.

The Mumbai-based company was providing loans through several service providers (mobile apps), including WeCash, Technology, XNP Technology, Yarlung Technology, Xinru International, Omelette Technology, Mad-Element Network Technology and Huidatech Technology.

RBI said the Certificate of Registration (CoR) has been cancelled as the company violated guidelines on the code of conduct in outsourcing of financial services in its digital lending operations by outsourcing its core decision-making functions such as credit appraisal, fixing of rate of interest, as well as Know Your Customer verification, to the Service Provider (SP) and failed to conduct due diligence on the SPs.

The CoR was issued to X10 Financial Services Ltd, previously known as Abhishek Securities Ltd, in June 2015.

The company cannot transact the business of a NBFC, the central bank said.

India Aims for 500GW Renewable Energy by 2030: Joshi

Jaipur
The government is committed to increase the production of renewable energy in the country to 500 GW by 2030 and meet 50 per cent of the energy requirement from renewable sources, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Tuesday.

The central as well as state governments are working rapidly towards fulfilling this commitment, the renewable energy minister said at the

regional review meeting on renewable energy here.

Joshi said that the country's energy requirement is likely to double by 2032.

He said that ten years ago India was the 11th economy of the world. Progressing at the fastest pace, the country has become one among the five largest economies today and is moving towards becoming the third largest economy.

The central as well as state governments are working rapidly towards fulfilling this commitment, the renewable energy minister said at the regional review meeting on renewable energy here.

Work is being done rapidly towards energy self-reliance so that all



sectors of the economy can move forward, he said.

The minister further said that as per the United Nations Climate

Change Conference (COP 2026), in order to reduce carbon emissions and promote environmentally friendly energy in the coming years, preparations are being made to impose green tax on the industrial use of fossil fuels in many countries of the world.

In such a situation, it is the duty of all of us to encourage renewable energy with the aim of keeping Indian products competitive in the

international market and ensuring a better future for the coming generations while dealing with global warming.

At the review meeting, state chief minister Bhanu Pratap Sharma said that to achieve the goals of energy security and sustainable development, there is a need to use energy efficiently, adopt renewable sources and develop new energy policies.

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Cricket

India likely to field two spinners due to dew; in-form all-rounder Reddy also in mix

Kolkata
With heavy dew likely to impact the proceedings during the opening T20 at the Eden Gardens, India's bowlers practised with wet balls and it will not be a surprise if the hosts field only two spinners, given the conditions.

Dew is a perennial concern at this time of the year at Eden Gardens. Since dew makes it difficult to grip the ball, fielding a third spinner could prove to be costly.

Mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy, a key member of the reigning IPL champions Kolkata Knight Riders, appears to be an automatic choice for India and head coach Gautam Gambhir likely to pair him alongside vice-captain Axar Patel.

As a result, Ravi Bishnoi and Washington Sundar may have to wait for their turn.

"If we know there is going to be a heavy dew, you start preparing with the wet ball. You start bowling with the wet ball during practice sessions. You field with the wet ball. So these are the things which are in your control," India skipper Suryakumar said.

"We try to control all those things which we can during practice sessions so that when the game comes, we are prepared."

It could also open the door for in-form



Andhra all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy, who scored a historic maiden Test century during the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne.

Reddy last appeared in a T20 during the home series against Bangladesh in October last year, and he will be eager to carry his form into this series, if given the opportunity.

Reddy made history as the first Indian batter to score a century in Australia while batting at number eight.

His inclusion would strengthen India's batting line-up further.

From opening to No. 10, the slots are almost sorted. Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson will open the innings, fol-

lowed by Tilak Varma, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Rinku Singh, and Axar Patel in no fixed order.

"We all want to be very flexible with the batting order. Other than the openers' slots, which are fixed, I think from 3 to 8 or 7, everyone needs to be really flexible with their batting order. Anyone can go in at any time, and we have been practicing for that," Suryakumar said.

A fit-again Mohammed Shami will spearhead the pace attack on his return to international cricket after nearly 14 months. He will be joined by left-arm quick Arshdeep Singh, providing variety.

The duo were seen putting in the hard

yards during their match-eve training session.

Suryakumar expressed excitement over Shami's return.

"It's always good to have an experienced bowler in your side, and he is making a comeback after over a year. I am really excited to see him. I have seen his journey, how he focused on his bowling and recovery at the NCA."

"It felt good to see him on the ground. He has bowled well too. Obviously, he has done his preparation, and he was confident from the start."

After bowling for more than an hour at full throttle during India's first training session on Sunday, Shami did not bowl on Monday.

However, he was back to bowling with full intensity on the match eve.

"He has bowled well, and obviously, he has done his preparation. Even today, he is feeling good. Let's see what happens tomorrow," added Suryakumar.

It will be a homecoming for KKR star finisher Rinku Singh, who has had a quiet run recently, with scores of 8 not out, 11, 9, and 8 in his last four innings.

Suryakumar is hopeful that Rinku will come out all guns blazing.

"I want to see him hitting sixes. He has assured all the tooks and corners of Eden Gardens, having played a lot of cricket here. It will be a good welcome for him. It's always a good stadium with a great atmosphere," Suryakumar said.

Bhadoria, Prasad shine as India thrash England to lift PD Champions Trophy

Colombo
Aided by Yogenendra Bhadoria's quick-fire half-century and a four-wicket haul by Radhika Prasad, India thrashed England by 79 runs to lift the Physically Disabled Champions Trophy here on Tuesday.

India posted a fighting 197/4 in 20 overs and then bowled England out for 118.

The title clash saw some fine batting from Bhadoria, who dominated the England attack to score 73 runs off just 40 balls, including four boundaries and five sixes at a strike rate of 182.50.

Prasad then led the charge with the ball, returning figures of 4/19 in 3.2 overs to demolish the opponents, while Vikrant Keni took 2/15 in his miserly three-over spell. Ravindra Sante kept up the pressure to grab two wickets for 24 runs in his four overs.

"Leading this incredible team to victory in the PD Champions Trophy is the proudest moment of my career. Our journey through the playoffs shows the depth of talent and fighting spirit in this team," said Keni.

"Each player has contributed significantly to this achievement. This trophy belongs not just to us, but to every differently-abled person who



has ever dreamed of playing cricket for India." Head coach Rohit Jalani attributed the win to the players quickly getting used to the environment and the challenges the opponents threw at them.

"The boys showed tremendous character throughout the tournament, adapting to different conditions and rising to every challenge. What makes this win special is not just the trophy, but the way our team played -- with heart, determination, and a spirit that truly represents the best of Indian cricket," said Jalani.

Chahal, Riyan and Tewatia among marquee players to feature in Shani's Trophy

Lucknow
India spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, Riyan Parag and Rahul Tewatia are among the marquee players to feature in the Shani's Trophy to be held here next month.

Tamil Nadu batter B Sai Sudarshan and India player Jayant Yadav will also be taking part in the competition, the organisers informed in a release on Tuesday.

The tournament, which will be organised by the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA), Cricket Association of Lucknow and Dryva Future Sports, will have a mix of former cricketers, current Ranji Trophy players and other state-level cricketers.

The Shani's Trophy will feature 10 teams competing in a 25-overs per side format with two matches played everyday. One game will be scheduled for morning while the other will be for afternoon or evening.

Former India player and selector Chetan Sharma has been named the brand ambassador of the tournament.

The UPCA and Cricket Association of Lucknow have given their approval for organising the event in a letter of intimation.

Ecclestone refused a TV interview with me, claims former teammate Alex Hartley



London
Former England spinner turned broadcaster Alex Hartley has claimed that several senior players gave him cold shoulder and Sophie Ecclestone even refused a TV interview with her during the ongoing Women's Ashes because she criticised fitness standards of a few players after their early exit from T20 World Cup.

Having gone down in three ODIs and the opening T20, England have already lost the Ashes.

Following England's defeat in the opening T20 on January 20, Hartley said she was ignored by players.

"Sophie Ecclestone refused to do a TV interview with me today," she told the BBC's TMS podcast. "I've been hung out to dry by the England team: none of them will talk to me on the boundary edge."

"The reason I said that they were not as fit as Australia is because I want them to compete with Australia. I want them to be better than Australia, and I want them to win Ashes and World Cups. I'm giving my opinion, and I've been given the cold shoulder from the England team ever since." Hartley however clarified that she remains on talking terms with some of the current players.

"Not all of them have given me the cold shoulder. I don't want to say they've all been the same, because they haven't. Some of the players have been absolutely outstanding: I've spoken to them in the street, at the ground, wherever. But a few individuals - coaches, players - they literally haven't looked at me." Hartley played 28 ODIs and four T20s for England.

Don't feel hurt by CT exclusion but not performing well in ODIs does: Suryakumar

Kolkata
Explosive batter and T20 skipper Suryakumar Yadav on Tuesday said he has accepted his exclusion from the Champions Trophy squad but what hurts him more is that he could not perform well in the ODI format and the ones chosen for the ICC event deserve to be on the team.

The selectors ignored Suryakumar for the 15-member CT squad but he remains in-charge of the side that will take on Jos Buttler's England in the five-match T20 series beginning here Wednesday.

With his repertoire of strokes, Suryakumar is one of the most devastating T20 cricketers but that form has not translated into runs in 50-over cricket with the middle-order batter scoring 773 runs in 37 ODIs at an average of 25.76.

Asked whether he was hurt by his non-inclusion, SKY, as he is fondly addressed, said, "Why would it hurt? If I did well, I would have been in the Champions Trophy. If I don't do well, it's important to accept that." "And at the same time, if you see the (CT) squad, it's looking really good.



Whoever is there, they are all good performers. They have done relatively well in that format for India and also playing domestic cricket and I am very happy for them.

"It hurts to think that I have not done well. And if I had done well, I would have stayed there. If I haven't done well, someone who deserves to have done really well, deserves to be there." He said Jasprit Bumrah and comeback-man Mohammed Shami are a "lethal combination" for any rival if they are fit for the Champions

Trophy. Bumrah has not bowled since the Sydney Test and is not available for at least the T20is due to back spasms.

"They have played a lot of cricket together. They are experienced bowlers. And whenever you play for India, it's a different feeling, different emotion. Added responsibility and you love playing.

"So, it will be fun to see them bowling together again. Like we saw in the 2023 ODI World Cup. They

Amid BCCI new diktat, now England skipper Buttler backs family presence during tours

Kolkata
As Indian players gear up for reduced time with families during lengthy tours abroad owing to a BCCI diktat, England captain Jos Buttler on Tuesday said he has having partners and children on long overseas assignments is "really important" and does not affect the game "too much".

Limited time with family members on tours was a contentious clause in the BCCI's recently-circulated 10-point disciplinary policy for players.

India's Test and ODI skipper Rohit Sharma has already voiced his apprehension with the clause that allows families no more than two weeks on tours exceeding 45 days.

"...that's a loaded question, isn't it?" Buttler said on the eve of the five-match series against the Suryakumar Yadav-led Indian T20 side, seemingly well aware of the current turmoil here following a disastrous Test tour of Australia.

"I think it's important. We live in a day and age now, which is a very modern world, and I think it's great to be able to have families on the tour with you and try and enjoy that," he added.



"There's a lot of cricket, people spend a long time away from home, and I think post-COVID all that's been highlighted as well. Absolutely, I don't think it affects the cricket too much." Buttler also asserted that the presence of families does not interfere with professional commitments and can be managed effectively.

"I think it's something that is very manageable. Personally, from my point of view, I think it's really important to try and be able to share that with your family and lighten the load on being away from home," he explained.

The BCCI has stated that any relaxation on the family time rule would require prior approval from head coach Gautam Gambhir.

of the LA 2028 Games, paving the way for potential future collaborations with the Olympic movement that will benefit athletes, fans, and the global sporting community," it added.

Shah said the meeting was an important milestone ahead of cricket's return to the Olympics after 128 years. "...It was a productive meeting and an important milestone on the road to LA 2028. The inclusion of cricket in the Olympic Games represents a watershed moment for our sport and a real opportunity for transformative growth for 2028 and beyond," Shah said.

"We discussed a range of critical issues and continued to build relationships with our friends across the Olympic movement. We look forward

to the next three and half years working in collaboration with the IOC and LA 2028." Shah, who was elected as ICC chairman last year and took over the role on December 1, has been actively pushing for cricket's inclusion in the Olympics.

He was in Brisbane last month during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and met 2023 Brisbane Olympic Organising Committee head Cindy Hook and Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley with an aim to convince them to include cricket in the 2032 Olympics.

The sport is not yet confirmed for the 2032 edition in Brisbane. The sport's T20 format was confirmed for the 2028 LA Games at the 141st IOC Session in 2023 which took place in Mumbai.

India trounce Malaysia by 10 wickets in U-19 Women's T20 WC

Kuala Lumpur
Debutant left-arm spinner Vaishnavi Sharma (5/5) returned with the best-ever figure in the ICC U19 Women's World Cup, including a hat-trick, to fashion India's 10-wicket romp over Malaysia here on Tuesday.

Vaishnavi and fellow left-arm spinner Ayushi Shukla (3/8) ran through Malaysia's batting line-up, bundling out the hosts for a paltry 31 in 14.3 overs.

India barley batted an eyelid while chasing down the target in 2.5 overs, reaching 32 for no loss. G Trisha made an unbeaten 27 off 12 balls with five fours.

Now, India are on top of their group with four points, same as Sri Lanka but the former has better Net Run Rate -- +9.1 to Lanka's +5.5.

But that easy chase was the fruit borne out of Vaishnavi's impeccable spell.

There was appreciable turn and bounce on offer in the pitch here, and she used it to the hilt as the home side batters had no answers to her guile.



Bumrah won't be available for first two ODIs against England, told to off-load: Alit Agarkar

Bopanna-Zhang pair loses mixed doubles quarterfinal to make exit from Australian Open

Melbourne
Rohan Bopanna and Shuai Zhang had a match point in the Super Tie-break but could not close out the mixed doubles quarterfinals in their favour as Olivia Gaedeck emerged winners in an exciting contest at the Australian Open here on Tuesday.

Bopanna and Zhang lost 6-2 4-6 9-11 in one hour and eight minutes at the Kia Arena, bringing curtains on India's campaign at the first Grand Slam of the season.

Bopanna had earlier made exit from the men's doubles. India's other contenders, including singles exponent Sumit Nagal, and doubles specialists Yuki Bhambhani and N Sriram Balaji, had also lost at various stages of the hard-court Major.

Bopanna and Zhang ran away with the opening set but the Australian wild-card pair bounced back strongly. The Chinese player lost her serve in the third game of the second set and that gave Peers and Gaedeck an open-



to force a Super Tie-break.

There was no surprise, and that break remained with the wild cards, who wrapped up the second set.

The windy conditions also occasionally made the returns a bit tough.

Serving to stay in the set, Bopanna came out with his booming serves even as Peers tried to put pressure on

him with an aggressive approach from the baseline, targeting Zhang on the net.

Peers gifted a free point with his double fault while serving for the set but came back strong with Gaedeck hitting a volley winner on the next point.

Solid serving handed the local favourites two set points. They con-

verted when Zhang's service return sailed over the baseline.

Bopanna lost his serve on the first point of the Super Tie-break with Peers finding a volley winner following a quick duel with Zhang. The Chinese also lost a point on her serve with super-fast returns being fired from across the net.

Bopanna's on-the-jump forehand winner made it 3-3 but Peers found a stunning service return winner on the Indian's serve to earn another mini break.

A Peers return on Zhang's second serve gave the Aussies a 7-5 lead. Gaedeck led both points on her lead.

At 8-8, Gaedeck's feeble return went wide giving Bopanna and Zhang their first match point. Peers saved the chance with a strong serve.

Peers came out with an ace to earn his side a match point and Zhang was now serving to save the match. The Chinese hit a return wide following a rally, giving the local team a memorable win.

Italy marks 25th Six Nations anniversary striving to improve

Rome
Italy are aiming to further improve their Six Nations performance as they begin a campaign marking the 25th anniversary of their first participation, their captain said on Tuesday at the tournament's launch event.

The show featuring all the team captains and coaches took place in central Rome in an ancient building with high, ornate ceilings, a short distance from the Colosseum and the Roman Forum.

Azzurri coach Gonzalo Quesada has named 30 players for the campaign, which Italy begin against Scotland at Murrayfield on Feb. 1 after their best ever performance at the last edition.

"The most important thing for us is to keep improving, keep going in that direction," said captain Michele Lamaro.

Italy finished last year's Six Nations with a three-game unbeaten run, recording two wins and a draw and gathering 11 points, after a raft of poor performances in previous editions led to debate over their future involvement.

"There are a lot of expectations on us, now the other teams are looking at us differently. But it will be a different tour-



ment, a new year with a different team," Lamaro added.

Andrea Dada, the head of the Italian Rugby Federation, recalled Italy's debut in 2000, which was a memorable victory over defending champions Scotland.

"We have had 25 exciting years that were not always easy, afternoons where we celebrated and afternoons where we regretted the result," he said.

"Every game, every victory, every defeat allowed us to grow in this tournament."

Dupont back to Six Nations to inspire ambitious France

Rome
Antoine Dupont will make a much-awaited return to the Six Nations after a one-year hiatus that cemented his status as one of France's top athletes, hoping Les Bleus can win the tournament on the back of a perfect autumn series.

Dupont skipped last year's championship to focus on Rugby Sevens, and ended up taking gold in the Paris Olympics after his rugby union teammates finished second in the Six Nations.

"It was not easy to watch the guys on TV but I had other objectives. I'm happy to be back in this beautiful tournament," Dupont said at the Six Nations launch on Tuesday.

"We've got a lot of ambition for this tournament, we have the potential to win it and I'm excited about that," the 2022 and 2023 player of the tournament added.

Dupont was sometimes near his best as he skipped France to victories against Japan, New Zealand and Argentina in November and he will again partner with flyhalf Romain Ntamack, who is back after a lengthy absence following injuries.

"We had a good series in November and now we have to keep going on from this and keep this momentum for the Six Nations," scrumhalf Dupont said.

France, who achieved the Grand Slam in 2022, have finished second in all the other editions since 2020.

Zverev bemused as feather stops play at Australian Open



Melbourne
Alexander Zverev was left bemused after the umpire stopped play in the middle of a rally when a bird's feather floated down on the court during his quarter-final against Tommy Paul at the Australian Open on Tuesday.

Spanish chair umpire Nacho Forcadell called a let during a deuce point when the feather from one of the seagulls that regularly flock around Melbourne Park came close to Zverev's racket on Rod Laver Arena.

The German second seed was infuriated by the call when it happened, pointing out the "millions" of feathers on the court, but was able to see the funny side after wrapping up the match 7-6(1) 7-6(0) 2-6 6-1 to reach the semi-finals for the third time.

"Yeah, I've never had that before that we stop a point because of a

feather. So that was new to me," he laughed.

"Not sure it was a hindrance to anybody. It's not like a hard object.

"Like even if the tennis ball hits the feather, it doesn't really change anything. It doesn't change the trajectory of the ball or the bounce of the ball or anything like that.

"But, yeah, I don't know. Maybe the umpire did the right call and maybe not. I have no idea."

Play was suspended at Melbourne Park in 2021 when a flock of seagulls, emboldened by the absence of spectators during the COVID-19 pandemic, started dive-bombing players as they contested the Phillip Island Trophy.

In 2002, a small bird chasing a moth across Rod Laver Arena was killed by a Michael Llodra forehand during a men's doubles semi-final.

Haas appoint Mueller as F1's first female race engineer

Washington
Haas claimed a Formula One milestone on Tuesday with Laura Mueller appointed as the sport's first female race engineer, working with experienced French driver Esteban Ocon.

Race engineers are the immediate point of contact for F1 drivers during the heat of battle, with some of them becoming well known personalities in the sport for their radio exchanges broadcast around the world at key moments.

German Mueller is one of two women taking on new roles at the U.S.-owned team, with Carine Criddle joining from Red Bull-owned Racing Bulls (previously RB) on March 1 as head of strategy.

British rookie Oliver Bearman will have Ronan O'Hare as his race engineer, like Mueller promoted internally.

"Her work ethic, determination and technical understanding is very good so we believe that she's the right fit for Esteban," Komatsu told reporters in a video call.

Both race engineers worked with their drivers at a test of previous cars last week and the boss said they had made a good start.

Haas, who finished seventh overall last year, has also appointed Francesco Nenni as chief race engineer and Mark Lowe as sporting director.

Former Ferrari engineer Andrea de Zordo is the technical director with Tom Coupland, seconded from Ferrari in 2021, the chief designer.

"The reason we changed the personnel was because I felt we left too much points on the table last year,"



said Komatsu.

Ocon and Bearman are forming an all-new partnership after the departures of Nico Hulkenberg and Kevin Magnussen.

Bearman, 19, has raced three times, impressing on his debut with Ferrari last season when he finished seventh in Saudi Arabia as a reserve stand-in for appendicitis-stricken Spaniard Carlos Sainz.

Komatsu said the team would be looking for continuous improvement, with the drivers working together to push each other and raise overall performance.

If Ferrari eventually came calling for Bearman, who has come through the Italian team's driver academy and is seen as a prospect for the longer term, then it would be taken as a compliment, he added.

Ferrari have signed seven-times world champion Lewis Hamilton, who turned 40 this month, from Mercedes on a multi-year contract taking the Briton into Formula One's new era in 2026. He started at Maranello on Monday.

"The fact that we've got two years solid with Ollie, provided nothing happens with Lewis and Charles (Leclerc) at Ferrari is great," said Komatsu.

"So if we work together and make improvements together such that that end of '26 Ferrari insist that they want to have Ollie in their car, that must be a compliment to us."

"These two years we have got with Ollie we are determined to make it work and if we get to the stage where Ferrari is happy enough to take Ollie for '27 we've done a good job."

Sabalenka sees off Pavlyuchenkova to reach Australian Open semi-finals

Melbourne
Defending champion Aryna Sabalenka reached the semi-finals of the Australian Open with a battling 6-2 6-6 6-3 win over Russian 27th seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, as her quest for a third straight title at Melbourne Park gained momentum.

Sabalenka had looked shaky early in her quest to become the first woman to complete a "three-peat" since Martina Hingis from 1997-99 and the top seed had to manage gusty winds and a gutsy opponent to extend her Melbourne win streak to 19 matches.

"Honestly, I was just praying today. I was just praying to put the ball back in these tough conditions," Sabalenka said.

"We both were trying to put the ball back. It was very difficult to play. She played amazing tennis, aggressive. I'm super happy I was able to somehow magically win this match."

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After three straightforward holds of serve at the start of the match, Sabalenka displayed the variety she has added to her game with a drop shot from deep to earn break points and then converted it with a more familiar backhand bullet.

Pavlyuchenkova, who has the word "MEOW" tattooed on her leg in sharp contrast to the tiger on Sabalenka's arm, attempted to claw her way back in a



tight game that followed but only found herself in more trouble down 4-1 after a shot into the net.

A running cross-court winner handed Sabalenka the first set but the 26-year-old Belarusian squandered break points early in the next set before surrendering her serve for the first time, as Pavlyuchenkova showed her own repertoire of big shots.

Sabalenka splashed cold water on her face after dropping serve again to go 4-1 down and despite pulling one back with a sliced winner, the world number one allowed Pavlyuchenkova to level up

the contest on Rod Laver Arena.

The breaks of serve flowed at the start of the decider before Sabalenka settled herself with a hold to go ahead 2-2 and then 5-3 up with a crucial break which allowed her to secure victory and book a clash with best friend Paula Badosa.

"Sometimes maybe it's good to have these tough battles, to go through it, to be tougher for the last stages of the tournament," Sabalenka said.

"I wish I would win this match in straight sets but it is how it is. I'm glad I'm in the semis and I cannot wait to play against Paula."

Emotional Badosa downs Gauff to reach first Grand Slam semi-final

Melbourne
Spain's Paula Badosa stunned error-prone third seed Coco Gauff 7-5 6-4 in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open on Tuesday to reach the last four of a Grand Slam for the first time at the third attempt.

It was a thoroughly deserved victory for Badosa on a sunbathed Rod Laver Arena as she set up a meeting with double defending champion Aryna Sabalenka or Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

The 11th seed's two previous Grand Slam quarter-finals had resulted in disappointing defeats and she sank her knees in disbelief after sealing the victory with her 15th winner. "I'm a bit emotional, as you know, I'm a very emotional person," said the 27-year-old after securing her first win over a top 10 seed at a major.

"The last Slams, the quarter-finals were very tough, so today I wanted to play my best game. I think I did it ... I'm super proud of the level I gave today."

"This is a dream come true." Gauff's bid to reach her fifth Grand Slam semi-final, and second in a row at Melbourne Park, foundered on her fragile serve and no fewer than 28 unforced errors on her forehand.

"Paula was playing great," Gauff said after her first loss in 10 matches in 2025.

"I think it's just a lot more work to do, but I'm obviously disappointed, but I'm not completely crushed. I'm looking for-



ward to a lot."

Badosa showed her intentions early on in a tight first set by attacking the 20-year-old's forehand to grab a couple of break points in the third game.

Gauff saved both but Badosa came back at her in the 11th game, earning a third break point with a backhand volley and converting it with a huge cross-court winner off the forehand.

The American fought hard to get back on serve but two wild shots helped Badosa to a set point and she converted it when the third seed went long with a forehand.

Badosa kept up the pressure in the 14-minute opening game of the second set as Gauff's serve started to crack and the 27-year-old converted her fifth break point to edge ahead.

Former U.S. Open champion Gauff had fought back from a set down to win her last two meetings with Badosa and upped her intensity to break back for 2-2.

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How time passes: Javed Akhtar on 50 years of 'Deewaar'

New Delhi

Time passes "so quietly and quickly", lyricist-scriptwriter Javed Akhtar recalled fondly as he looked back at "Deewaar", his blockbuster with Salim Khan that released 50 years ago this day.

Salim-Javed, as the two were known at the time, gave Hindi cinema some of its biggest hits but the Yash Chopra-directed "Deewaar", starring Amitabh Bachchan and Shashi Kapoor, holds a special place. In the same year in August, the duo delivered another blockbuster in "Sholay".

"Deewaar" was released on 21st January 1975. Theek pachaas saal pehle (exactly 50 years back). How time passes so quietly and so quickly. It is happening all the time but remains a wonder," wrote the lyricist, who celebrated his 80th birthday recently.

The film, also starring Nirupa Roy, Neetu Singh and Parveen Babi, has stayed in public consciousness through the decades and its dialogues like "mere paas maa hai" and "Davar



sahab, main aaj bhi phenke hue paisa nahi uthata" are still oft remembered punch lines.

"Deewaar" revolved around two impoverished brothers struggling to survive in the slums of Mumbai.

When they grow up, the elder brother Vijay (Bachchan) turns to crime while the younger one Ravi (Kapoor) becomes an honest police officer. In the Prime Video documentary series "Angry Young Men", which released

last year, Akhtar spoke about how they struggled to crack the climax of the film though they had the perfect script. "People say 'Deewaar' has a perfect screenplay. We wrote it in 18 days from a small storyline. Then I wrote

the dialogue in about 20 days," said Akhtar.

But they were yet to nail 'the end', said Khan.

"Once the script was completed, we knew we hadn't cracked the climax. So Javed and I completed it, sitting on the parapet nearby (his Bandra house).

"Then we went straight to Yash Chopra's house and narrated it. For almost five minutes there was complete silence," Khan recalled in the docu series. Salim-Javed, who also co-created the 'Angry Young Man' phenomenon with Bachchan's Vijay in 1973's "Zanjeer", film historians and analysts say, had their finger on the pulse of the country with movies that underscored the deep seated disappointment in masses. But they were "unaware of all this" while writing, Akhtar said in the documentary.

"Nor did we think our stories had sociopolitical relevance.

And it's good. I'm very happy that we were innocent about it. Because we were part of that same society, the same world, and we were breathing the same air.

Konkona Sen Sharma celebrates 20 years of 'Page 3': Look back with so much gratitude

New Delhi

Actor Konkona Sen Sharma on Tuesday said she can hardly believe that her Hindi debut "Page 3" released 20 years ago and gave her a much loved character in Madhavi Sharma.

Directed by Madhur Bhandarkar, "Page 3" featured Sen Sharma in the role of a journalist and was a critical and commercial success.

The film focuses on the actor's character, who shifts to Mumbai in search of a job. She soon gets to work for a tabloid and begins to visit high society parties. In the process, she realises the dual lives of celebrities and the insecurities with which they live. The 45-year-old actor posted a series of pictures from the shooting of the film with a heartfelt note.

"I can hardly believe 'PAGE 3' released 20 years ago! My first experience of filming in Bombay. This was 2005, the year of the flood and the year I moved to this city which has now been my home for over two decades," Sharma.

The actor noted she was "young, full of abandon and free of expectations". "But today I look back with so much gratitude." "Thank you @imbhandarkar for Madhvi Sharma, a character I re-



ceived so much love for. She also thanked co-stars Sandhya Mishra and Tara Sharma.

Bhandarkar, in a post on X, said there is a sense of "nostalgia and gratitude" when he looks back at the film, which truly connected with people from all walks of life.

"... It warms my heart to see how it still resonates. When we set out to create #Page3, I didn't have a big

budget or a star-studded cast, but I did have a passion for great content.

I drew inspiration from the vibrant lives of Page 3 parties and journalists, and watching it blossom into a box office hit has been a dream come true. The critical acclaim and national awards were just the icing on the cake!" Sharma, in an Instagram post wrote, that good films live forever.

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