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Maximum	25°C
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USAID funded 7 projects in India not related to voter turnout: Govt

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New Delhi
Amid a raging political controversy over USAID's alleged role in influencing Indian elections, the latest annual report of the finance ministry has disclosed that the agency funded seven projects worth USD 750 million in 2023-24.
"Currently, seven projects worth a total budget of USD 750 million (approx.) are being implemented by USAID in partnership with Government of India," as per the Finance Ministry annual report for 2023-24.
For the financial year 2023-24, an obligation of a total of USD 97 million (about Rs 825 crore) has been made by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) under the seven projects, it said.
The Department of Economic Affairs under the Finance Ministry which is the nodal department for bilateral funding arrangements has also shared the details of projects funded in 2023-24 in the report.
During the year, no



funding was made for enhancing voter turnout but to projects related to agriculture & food security programme; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); Renewable Energy; disaster management and health.
Besides, it said, funds were committed for Sustainable Forests and Climate Adaptation Program and Energy Efficiency Technology Commercialization and Innovation Project.
The United States of America's bilateral de-

velopment assistance to India started in 1951 and it is mainly administered through USAID.
Since its commencement, USAID has provided economic assistance of over USD 17 billion to India in various sectors for over 55 years.
Political controversy erupted in the country earlier this month after the Elon Musk-led DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) claimed that it had cancelled a USD 21 million

grant to India to boost "voter turnout".
US President Donald Trump also repeatedly claimed that USAID under the previous administration led by Joe Biden allocated USD 21 million in funding to India for "voter turnout".
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday said the information put out by the Trump administration is "concerning" and that the government is looking into it.
The USAID was al-

lowed in India "in good faith, to do good faith activities", and suggestions are being made out of America that "there are activities which are in bad faith," Jaishankar had said.
On the other hand, the Congress party on Sunday accused the BJP of indulging in "anti-national work" by spreading "fake news from America" and asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will also have to answer as to why the government is silent when US President Donald Trump and Elon Musk are "insulting" India repeatedly.
Congress general secretary in-charge Jairam Ramesh said, "BJP is a procession of liars and illiterates."
The news about USD 21 million, on which the BJP and their bootlickers were jumping on, turned out to be fake.
The USD 21 million in 2022 was not for 'voter turnout' in India, but for Bangladesh.
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Atishi Named Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly

Speaking at the press conference, Atishi thanked the party chief Kejriwal and all the MLAs.



New Delhi
Former Delhi chief minister and MLA from Kalkaji constituency Atishi was chosen as the Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly at a meeting of AAP MLAs here on Sunday.
With this, Atishi becomes the first woman to hold the post. AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal was also part of the meeting of the party's 22 MLAs where Atishi was picked.
In a press conference, AAP's Delhi unit convener Gopal Rai said by consensus all AAP MLAs have chosen Atishi as the Leader of Opposition (LoP).
MLA from Burari, Sanjeev Jha, proposed Atishi's name as LoP and all MLAs supported the proposal, said Rai, who is also the MLA from Barabpur.

Speaking at the press conference, Atishi thanked the party chief Kejriwal and all the MLAs. "AAP will show what a strong opposition's role is in the House and will raise all issues with full force. AAP will ensure that the BJP fulfils all its promises as the party in power. Specifically, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise to provide Rs 2,500 to women in the city by March 8. We promise that we will make the Rekha Gupta-led BJP government fulfil this promise."
The first session of the Delhi Assembly will begin on February 24. In the three-day session, the ruling BJP government has said that pending CAG reports against the performance of the previous AAP government will be tabled in the House.
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Zelenskyy offers to resign in exchange for peace, NATO membership

Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said he is willing to step down as Ukraine's president if it would secure lasting peace for his country.
"If it brings peace for Ukraine, if you really need me to leave my post, I'm ready. I can exchange it for Nato [membership]," Zelenskyy told reporters at a press conference in Kyiv on Sunday. "If such conditions exist [I will step down] immediately."
Speaking ahead of the third anniversary of Russia's full-blown invasion of Ukraine on Monday, Zelenskyy also said he wanted US President Donald Trump to be a close partner to Ukraine and not just a mediator between Kyiv and Moscow.
US and Russia officials last week agreed during their first high-level talks



in Riyadh to "lay the groundwork for future co-operation" on ending the war and a normalisation of relations.
"I really want it to be more than just mediation [from Trump]... that's not enough," Zelenskyy said.
Zelenskyy and Trump have been engaged in a war of words since US and Russian officials met last week in Saudi Arabia for their first high-level talks in three

years. The move shook the West's policy to isolate the Kremlin and infuriated Ukrainian and European leaders as they were not invited.
In a series of verbal attacks over the last week, Trump has branded Zelenskyy a "dictator", falsely claimed Ukraine "started" the war and said, contrary to independent opinion polls, that Zelenskyy was unpopular at home.
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Virat Kohli completes 51st ODI century; takes India to huge win

Dubai
Virat Kohli showcased his penchant to lord over Pakistan in ICC tournaments once more as the batting icon's glittering unbeaten 100 helped India claim an authoritative six-wicket win over their traditional rivals and all but seal a semifinal spot in the Champions Trophy here on Sunday.
The victory should be enough for India, who are now on top of Group A with four points, to make the last four.
However, Pakistan are staring at early elimination from the eight-team event after their second successive loss.
Chasing a tricky 242, India rode on Kohli's 51st ODI ton, Shreyas Iyer's classy 67-ball 56 and Shubman Gill's



brilliant start of 46 off 52 balls to overhaul the target with more than seven overs to spare.

Kohli rebelled against his own modest recent form and a dangerous opposition to peel off a

HIGHLIGHT
Kuldeep Yadav (3 for 40) and Hardik Pandya (2 for 31) were the main wicket-takers for India.
Virat Kohli on Sunday created history as he became the quickest batter to score 14,000 runs in One-Day Internationals during the CT clash against Pakistan.
memorable knock that took 111 balls and was punctuated with seven fours.
Pakistan, on the other hand, are on their way out of the tournament of which they are the hosts. Once again, they ran into their old nemesis - Kohli.
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Slave mentality with foreign support hurting religious beliefs: PM Modi

Chattarpur (MP)
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday slammed a section of leaders over their critical remarks on Maha Kumbh, saying those with "slave mentality" keep attacking the country's religious and cultural traditions with the backing of foreign powers.
Modi termed the ongoing Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj as the "Maha Kumbh of Unity" after laying the foundation stone for Shree Bageshwar Medical Sciences And Research Institute, which will include a cancer hospital, at Chhatarpur in Madhya Pradesh.
Bageshwar Dham is a prominent religious site



associated with Lord Hanuman, frequented by thousands of people.
"These days we see that there is a group of leaders who mock and ridicule our religion. They are bent upon

breaking the unit and are engaged in dividing people.
"Many times, foreign powers too are seen trying to weaken the country and religion by supporting these peo-

ple," Modi said.
Modi's remarks come amid a row over West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee dubbing Maha Kumbh as Mrityu Kumbh citing mismanagement and incidents

of stampede. She had also accused the authorities of suppressing the death toll.
Modi said the haters of the Hindu faith have been living in different disguises for centuries.
"These people with slave mentality attack our beliefs, temples, saints, culture and traditions. These people abuse our festivals, traditions, and beliefs," he said.
Modi further said the agenda of this section was to break the society and unity of the country.
"They have the audacity of throwing slush at our religion and culture which is intrinsically progressive," he added.
Agency

First session of Delhi's new legislative Assembly on Feb 24

Abhishek Byahut
New Delhi
Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday held a press conference to discuss the upcoming assembly session that starts on February 24.
They emphasized that the main goal of their government is to develop Delhi into a better capital.
Sachdeva accused the Aam Aadmi Party of spreading falsehoods to tarnish the BJP's reputation and promised that their legislators would respond through their work.
"The assembly session will last three days and will primarily focus on development projects,



allowing no space for negativity. It will include events such as oath-taking for legislators and addresses from the Lieutenant Governor.
Gupta highlighted that they will present 14

reports from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) during this session and stated that previous governments must be held accountable for how public funds were used.
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On the expected tabling of CAG reports, Atishi said it is a routine procedure and that she had sent these reports to the House as CM.

Kejriwal, in a post on X, said, "I congratulate Atishi ji for being elected as Leader of AAP in the House. AAP will play the role of constructive opposition in the interest of the people of Delhi."

Atishi also posted on X and said, "The people of Delhi have entrusted us with the role of opposition, and as a strong opposition we will ensure that the BJP government fulfils all its promises made to the people of Delhi."

"During the elections, Modi Ji had given me a promise to give Rs. ₹ 2500/month to all the women of Delhi. We will definitely get this promise fulfilled by the BJP government," she said.

Former deputy CM Manish Sisodia also congratulated Atishi. "The Aam Aadmi Party will play the role of a responsible and active opposition, always giving priority to the interests of the people of Delhi," he posted on X.

The BJP ousted AAP from power in Delhi, winning 48 of the 70 seats in the assembly polls held on February 5. Kejriwal, Sisodia and several top leaders of the party lost their seats in the polls.

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Sachdeva mentioned that the implementation of the Ayushman Scheme has already been a significant contribution to the residents of Delhi. Both leaders expressed their commitment to addressing the concerns of the citizens and completing pending development projects.

They noted that the first day of the assembly will involve oath ceremonies and elections for leadership positions.

Gupta reiterated that this assembly session will prioritize discussions on progress, ensuring that the focus remains on positive developments for Delhi.

The media representatives present included Media head Praveen Shankar Kapoor and co-incharge Vikram Mittal.

Virat Kohli completes 51st ODI India; takes India to huge win

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The 36-year-old had several demons of his own to tame - a lean run, recurring form of dismissals and struggles against spin.

But he slayed each one of them, in a manner befitting a batter who also became the quickest to 14,000 ODI runs during the course of the knock.

Pakistan might have hoped to hustle him a bit through pacers Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf.

But Kohli drove them on the up with elan or pulled them with audacity as Pakistan's premier pacers transformed into dejected figures after the early high of Afridi casting Rohit Sharma (20 of 15 balls) with a peach of a yorker.

MRM's historic initiative: Major resolution on Waqf reforms, UCC, equal rights, de-addiction, Imdad fund

New Delhi:

The All India Executive Meeting of the Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM) was held at Tagore Hall, Rajghat, Delhi, with the participation of over 100 office-bearers from across the country. Speaking on the key decisions made in the meeting, National Convener and Media In-charge Shahid Sayeed stated, "Serious discussions were held on crucial issues such as the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024, resolution of disputed sites like Kashi-Mathura, communal harmony, prevention of religious conversions, the need for equal civil rights within the Muslim community, and the transparent use of Waqf properties."

He further said, "Additionally, the launch of a 'De-addiction Campaign' to keep Muslim youth away from drugs and the establishment of an 'Imdad Fund' to support the poor, widows, orphans, and the needy were also declared. Significant viewpoints were shared on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC)."

During the meeting, MRM's mentor Indresh Kumar made a strong statement on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), saying, "A Uniform Civil Code is the need of the hour in India. Different laws for different communities create discrimination and inequality in society. If there is one country, one constitution, and one judicial system, then there should also be a single civil code. UCC will ensure equal rights for all



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religions and guarantee justice and dignity for Muslim women."

He added, "Islam spread in India not by the sword but through the love of Sufi saints and Indian culture. However, some people have exploited it for their selfish motives by promoting extremism and oppression. Practices like triple talaq, halala, and polygamy are obstacles to the progress of the Muslim community. Now is the time to move towards reforms and embrace equal civil rights."

Emphasis on National Unity: Indresh Kumar further stated, "India's soul lies in 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The world is one family), where every religion and community enjoys equal rights. Islam in India was not accepted through force but because of the Sufi traditions. The fundamen-

He added, "Islam spread in India not by the sword but through the love of Sufi saints and Indian culture."

tal message of Islam is peace and humanity, but some individuals are distorting it for their selfish gains."

Speaking firmly on the misuse of Waqf properties, he said, "The rights given to the Waqf Board by the Government of India are meant for public welfare, not for personal gains of a few individuals. Waqf properties are not personal estates but should be used for the upliftment of the Muslim community and the welfare of poor Muslims. Illegal encroachments and corruption in Waqf lands must be stopped. These assets should be utilized for education, healthcare, employment, and social service."

On resolving disputes related to religious sites, he remarked, "The disputes of Kashi and Mathura can also be resolved through dialogue and mutual understanding. To-

day's Muslims should be burdened with the actions of historical invaders like Babur and Aurangzeb. We must acknowledge historical mistakes and move towards justice."

He also issued a strict warning against religious conversions and communalism, stating, "Forced or lured religious conversions have no place in India. Every religion—Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Christianity—must be respected, but those using conversions as a political weapon must be exposed. Indian Muslims can no longer be deceived. They seek development and brotherhood, not hatred."

Views of Prominent Intellectuals: The executive meeting unanimously decided that the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024 is in the best interest of Indian Muslims.

National Convener Md. Afzal said, "Muslims now realize how they were misled. Those who secretly sold Waqf properties and engaged in corruption must be held accountable."

Suspended IAS officer claims unjust delay in promotion to secretary rank

Thiruvananthapuram:

Suspended IAS officer N Prasanth has once again shot off a letter to Kerala Chief Secretary Sarada Muraliedharan, claiming that his promotion to the Secretary rank has been unjustly delayed since January 2022, despite his full eligibility. In a letter dated February 18, Prasanth, who was suspended in November last year for criticising the government's social media, alleged that over the past three years, three batches of officers junior to him have been promoted, while his promotion has been deliberately stalled.

"The only reason cited for this denial is the pendency of disciplinary action, which was initiated after my promotion was due, solely to create an artificial justification to withhold it," he stated.

In an open letter last week, Prasanth had accused the Chief Secretary of bias in the disciplinary action against him, claiming that the

"The only reason cited for this denial is the pendency of disciplinary action, which was initiated after my promotion was due, solely to create an artificial justification to withhold it," he stated.

matter was not handled fairly.

"In January 2022, my promotion was withheld without reason. Then, on November 16, 2022, a disciplinary action was instituted against me, evidently to manufacture grounds for denying my promotion."

Now, in 2025, the file remains indefinitely stalled without a decision. My repeated requests for a copy of the file have been denied, raising a critical question, what exactly is being concealed in an administrative file concerning me? It is said that 'every file is a life', but this file has been

lying lifeless for years," the latest letter said.

He claimed that there has never been any allegation of shortcoming in his professional duties or work performance. "The actions initiated against me are entirely extraneous to my official duties, blatantly displaying bias and procedural impropriety."

It is well-established in law that disciplinary proceedings must be based on objective and legitimate considerations, not personal grievances or targeted harassment," he said.

He alleged that, according to established service rules and judicial precedents, disciplinary proceedings against an IAS officer should be concluded within six months. However, the action initiated against him on November 16, 2022, remains unresolved even in 2025. He claimed that the prolonged delay had unjustly hindered his career advancement without any valid justification.

Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff embarks on an official visit to France

New Delhi:

General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), departed on an official visit to France from 24th to 27th February 2025, as part of efforts to bolster India-France defence cooperation.

On 24th February 2025, the COAS will engage with senior military leadership of France at Les Invalides, Paris. The day will begin with a Guard of Honour followed by discussions with General Pierre Schill, CEMAT (Chef d'Etat-Major de l'Armée de Terre - the French Army Chief). The aim of the meeting will be to foster stronger military ties between the two nations.

The itinerary also includes a visit to the Ecole Militaire, the prestigious Military School and Institution Complex in Paris, where the COAS will be briefed on Future Combat Command (CFC). Additionally, General Dwivedi will be briefed at the Technical Section of the French Army (STAT) and visit



The Battle Lab Terre at Versailles.

On 25th February 2025, General Dwivedi will travel to Marseille, where he will visit the 3rd Division of the French Army and will be briefed on the mission and role of the 3rd Division, the bilateral exercise SHAKTI, India-France training cooperation, and the French Army modernisation programme (Scorpion). The following day, General Dwivedi will visit Carpiagne

to witness a dynamic demonstration of the Scorpion Division with live firing exercises. On 27th February 2025, the COAS will visit the Neuve Chapelle Indian War Memorial to lay a solemn wreath in honour of the fallen Indian soldiers who participated in World War I. Later in the day, he will deliver a talk at the Ecole de Guerre, the French Joint Staff College, highlighting the evolving nature of modern warfare and India's strategic vision.

Lajpat Nagar 3 RWA hosts Zero waste awareness meet, leading way in sustainable living

New Delhi:

Lajpat Nagar 3 RWA is proving that sustainability isn't just an idea—it's a way of life. The neighbourhood recently hosted the Zero Waste Awareness Meet, a community-driven initiative that has transformed waste management practices, ensuring that over 95% of waste is either composted or recycled. Residents have embraced the movement wholeheartedly, proving that small, consistent efforts can lead to significant environmental change.

Launched in 2023 by the Zero Waste Committee under the leadership of Mr. Charanjeet Singh, the initiative is a collaborative effort with the Lajpat Nagar 3 Residents Welfare Association (RWA) team, including Mr. SB Singh, Mr. Lalit Vohra, Mrs. Sujata Bahal, Mrs. Meeta Chaddha, and Mr. Sundeep Chaddha. The



event was attended by MCD officials and the DDSSJ team, who elaborated on the significance of this drive and its long-term impact on waste reduction.

Since becoming fully operational in February 2024, the initiative—managed by Tozero Sustainable Solutions, founded by IIT-Delhi alumnus Ajay Agarwal—

has achieved remarkable milestones, including composting 48 tons of wet waste on-site, recycling 76 tons of dry waste, and providing sustainable employment to 12 waste pickers.

At the event, Councilor Sharad Kapoor, a passionate advocate for the project, praised the RWA's dedication. "The people of Lajpat Nagar

3 are leading the way in responsible waste management. Their efforts serve as an example for the entire city. A cleaner Delhi starts with each of us, and this initiative proves that when a community comes together, real change happens."

"Our community is proving that zero waste living is not just a vision but a tangible reality," said Mr. Charanjeet Singh, speaking at the event, stated, "Our community is demonstrating that zero waste living is not just a concept but an achievable goal. Through consistent waste segregation, composting, and recycling, we are not only reducing landfill waste but also creating a sustainable blueprint for other communities to follow."

Mr. Lalit Vohra, who participated at the meet, remarked, "Waste management is often an afterthought, but this initiative proves that with a well-structured system, we can make a significant difference. Our efforts today will pave the way for a cleaner and healthier environment for the coming generations."

Mrs. Sujata Bahal reflected on the impact of the event, saying, "It's heartening to see our community so engaged in this movement. When sustainable habits start at home, they spread throughout the city, inspiring others to be more responsible with their waste."

A key message emphasized throughout the event was that "My waste is my responsibility." This initiative aims to instill a sense of ownership among residents, ensuring that waste management is not just a community effort but a personal commitment for everyone.

The final phase of the initiative, set to launch in March 2025, will fully transition Lajpat Nagar 3 into a 100% Zero Waste Community, serving as a model for sustainable urban living. This will serve as a model for other urban neighborhoods, proving that with the right strategies and community participation, sustainable living is truly within reach.

Railway operated five Unreserved trains from New Delhi to Prayagraj due to high ticket sale

New Delhi:

On Saturday evening, the Railway operated five Unreserved trains from New Delhi to Prayagraj due to high ticket sales and increased crowd demand for the Mahakumbh 2025.

Ticket sales were closely monitored, with Ashwini Vaishnav, the Union Minister of Railways, overseeing the situation from the Railway Board's War room, while Shuk Kumar Verma, General Manager of Northern Railway, monitored from a mini control room at New Delhi Station.

During the evening, ticket sales surged, starting from 2,375 tickets sold between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM, leading to the departure of Train No. 0470 at 7:00 PM.

This trend continued, with tickets sold increasing to 2,950 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and 3,420 from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM. From 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, 2,662 tickets were sold, followed by 1,689 from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

Indian Railways is committed to providing convenient travel options for the large number of pilgrims heading to Prayagraj.

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BJP MLAs meet ahead of Delhi Assembly's first session

■ Leader of the House and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, the members of her cabinet and party MLAs attended the meeting at Delhi BJP office here.

New Delhi

The BJP legislature party in a meeting on Sunday discussed do's and don'ts and agenda for the first session of the newly constituted 8th Delhi Assembly scheduled to commence on Monday.

Leader of the House and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, the members of her cabinet and party MLAs attended the meeting at Delhi BJP office here.

The party MLAs were given tips about the session as many of them are first time MLAs. The coordination with the government and the party organisation in coming days was also discussed in the meeting, the BJP legislators said.

The party may form a coordination committee for the purpose in future, they said.

BJP MLA Raj Kumar Bhatia said the state president and general secre-



tary (organisation) Pavan Rana briefed the legislators about their parliamentary conduct in the House.

The only agenda of the BJP government is to ensure 'Viksit Delhi' and alleviating the pains and problems of people, said Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva in a press conference with Gupta.

The chief minister said the first session of the new Assembly will begin with oath of the new members

the most important thing of the three-day session was the tabling of the 14 CAG reports.

"Every single rupee of the hard earned money of the public that was misused by the previous governments will be accounted for," Gupta said.

The chief minister asserted that the commitments of the BJP government are "absolutely genuine" and will be fulfilled cent per cent.

She said the BJP government is focused on its job at hand to serve people. Gupta hit out at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), saying the party's "work and vision" was seen by people in the last one decade.

Earlier in the day, the AAP MLAs unanimously chose former Delhi chief minister Atishi as the Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly.

Atishi on her part said that she had already sent

the CAG reports to the House as the chief minister. Sachdeva alleged that the AAP leaders were in the habit of "lying" and pointed that the Assembly Session was never prorogued during the AAP regime.

The AAP had enough time to table the report instead of pretending now that the report could not be tabled due to the Delhi Assembly elections, he said.

The BJP, which is returning to the Delhi Assembly office after 16 years, will assail the AAP over the "irregularities and corruption" pointed in the pending 14 reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on performance of its previous government during 2015-2024.

The AAP has asserted to raise the issue of the BJP not passing its poll scheme of providing Rs 2,500 to Delhi women after coming to power in the first Cabinet meeting.

Shahid Smarak Udyan bags Best Garden Award

Noida

Shahid Smarak Udyan in sector-29 has won the best maintained garden award for the 21st consecutive year in the garden competition organised by the Floriculture Society, Noida.



This award was given by Vandana Tripathi, ACEO of the Noida Authority, during the annual Vasant Utsav and flower exhibition held at Shivalik Park, sector 33A. In this event, the beauty of various gardens of Noida, private institutions and gardens maintained by individuals was showcased.

People from all over the region came in large numbers to see this exhibition and to shop. The Shaheed Smarak Udyan has received this award for 21 consecutive years due to its greenery, wonderful floral arrangement and excellent maintenance. This achievement not only symbolises the appreciation of the efforts of the Noida Authority, but also proves to be helpful in increasing awareness towards environmental protection and green public places.

The Shaheed Smarak Udyan has become a favorite spot for the city dwellers due to its ornamental flowers, greenery, rich biodiversity and serene environment. It is not only an ideal place for nature lovers and morning walkers, but also a medium to inspire the youth and awaken the national spirit.

The Noida Shaheed Smarak being selected as the best garden for 21 consecutive years reflects its excellent maintenance and its historical-cultural importance. This achievement is an important milestone towards the environmental and aesthetic development of Noida city.

Products attract visitors at Saras Ajeevika Mela

Noida

Visitors thronged the stalls set up by different states to showcase their products in the Saras Ajeevika Mela held at Noida Haat in sector-33 on Sunday.

The stalls of Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh were crowded. The products kept at these stalls are attracting people a lot. On the third day of the fair, women artisans from various states across the country presented their products.

The Sahayata group of Bihar has set up a stall of saris, sarees, cushion covers, pillow covers and bedsheets. All their products are made of cotton thread. The products kept at these stalls are attracting people a lot. Women artisans from various states across the country presented their products.

More than 80 stalls have been set up in this fair held at Noida Haat, where handicrafts, handloom, organic products, traditional art, pottery, bamboo items and unique household items are available. A huge crowd of people was seen at the stalls of wooden decorative items, clothes, jewellery and other hand-made products in the fair.

Besides, sarees of Odisha are also attracting women. Meenapari, a member of the group that set up the stall here, said that all the products are of handloom. Among these, Eka saree is the first choice of women, which is worn by various actresses in the country. In the fair, people also shopped a lot of handicraft products from the states of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand.

Cultural programmes are also attracting the visitors in the fair. Folk dances, music and traditional art of artists from different states have become the centre of attraction in the fair. At the same time, people are also dancing to the beats of traditional drums and nagada in the fair. Many types of swings have also been installed in the fair for the entertainment of children.

Gr. Noida Authority to build commercial centre

Noida

The Greater Noida Authority has planned to develop a business and entertainment centre like New York's Times Square in an area of 674 hectares on both sides of the 130 meter wide road connecting Ghaziabad, Noida, and Greater Noida.

The project aims to create new employment opportunities in the area, promote business activities, and systematic development of areas connected to the Noida Airport, so that Greater Noida can be established as a major business hub.

The area will include hotels, business centres,

entertainment facilities, retail markets, office complexes, and some residential projects. The 130-metre wide road will be converted into a high-level road with a 40.5-metre wide bus-way on either side, which will be used primarily for public transport.

This will provide safe and convenient travel options to locals. Development of 'Greater Noida Aerocity' is also being considered, which will include logistics parks and warehousing hubs. This will provide an opportunity for the private sector to participate in land development and accelerate the

overall development of the region.

Along with the development of business and entertainment centres, separate areas will also be reserved for IT parks, innovation centres, R&D centres, and corporate offices.

This project will create new employment opportunities in the region, promote business activities, and lead to systematic development of areas connected to the Noida Airport, which will help Greater Noida to become a major business hub. Employment will also be created here for the local people.

No preparation to regularize 12,000 temporary MCD employees as claimed by Atishi Marlena: LoP MCD

■ AAP's recent announcement about regularizing 12,000 employees on February 25 is deceptive: Raja Iqbal Singh.

Staff Reporter

New Delhi

Ms. Atishi Marlena has claimed that she will regularize 12,000 temporary municipal employees on February 25. However, Raja Iqbal Singh from the Delhi BJP pointed out that as of February 23, there has been no preparation for this regularization at the Delhi Municipal Corporation Secretary's office.

He accused Atishi of making false promises, stating that she did so while in power previously and continues to do so now.

He emphasized that prior approval from the Municipal Commissioner and the Finance Department is needed before any regular-



ization proposal can be prepared, and this has not occurred.

On February 25, a report from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) will be presented, which is expected to hold AAP leaders accountable and question their majority in the municipal house. Singh believes

that the timing of the employee regularization proposal is a tactic by AAP leaders to distract from the CAG report. In 2022, the previous three municipal corporations under BJP mayors regularly passed proposals to regularize 7,200 temporary employees, but since AAP took control, they have only regularized about 3,400 employees in two years. Many files regarding additional regularizations remain unresolved.

Singh and Praveen Shankar Kapoor, the Delhi BJP spokesperson, accuse AAP of betraying municipal employees, stating that temporary and regular employees know the AAP leaders are misleading them. They

claim that AAP's recent announcement about regularizing 12,000 employees is deceptive. Atishi's announcement lacks the necessary administrative processes, which suggests it may not be genuine. Kapoor reinforced that AAP is not committed to regularizing municipal employees. He noted that while BJP previously made significant progress in this area, AAP has stalled many cases since gaining power. BJP leaders assert that once they regain control of the municipal corporation, they will ensure the regularization of all temporary employees according to proper administrative procedures.

Delhi Police organises walkathon for awareness about traffic rules

New Delhi

The Delhi Police organised a Walkathon at the Shahdara Traffic Circle to raise awareness about traffic rules and thereby promote road safety with the participation of students, businessmen, professionals, and police officers, the police said on Sunday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Shashank Jaishwal said the programme commenced at Gate No. 4 of the Yamuna Sports Complex with the participants wearing T-shirts and caps with road safety slogans embossed on them. Throughout the event, the participants distributed to passers-by informative pamphlets with motivational messages on the importance of following the traffic rules and



driving safely. Jaishwal further added that the walkathon was aimed at educating the masses about the dangers of reckless driving, the ultimate goal being curbing the road accidents and fatalities.

Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Sh. K. Jegadisan said, "This initia-

gating such events would go a long way in enlisting the community's support as it is a collective responsibility of all of us to ensure safer roads."

The event was a part of ongoing efforts of the Delhi Police to curb traffic violations through road safety awareness in Delhi. With initiatives like the Run/Walkathon, the Delhi Traffic Police is taking significant strides in reducing accidents and fostering a safer driving environment for all. As the participants crossed the finish line, they left more than just a sense of accomplishment, they left with the knowledge that their efforts were contributing to a safer, more responsible driving culture in Delhi, the official stated.

The DCP said the Delhi Traffic Police's efforts in or-

MCD to make 12 000 contractual workers permanent: Atishi

New Delhi

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will regularise 12,000 contractual workers in its House meeting on Tuesday, AAP leader Atishi said.

During a press conference alongside MCD Mayor Mahesh Khinchi, Deputy Mayor Ravinder Bharadwaj, and Leader of the House Mukesh Goel, former Delhi chief minister Atishi announced the decision, stating the AAP is committed to regularising temporary workers in the party-led MCD.

"In the last two years, we have made 4,500 (contractual) workers permanent. Now, in the MCD House meeting on Febru-

ary 25, we are set to regularise 12,000 more employees across all departments, including sanitation workers, junior engineers, senior engineers, gardeners, and other contractual staff," she said.

Atishi also drew a parallel with AAP's governance in Punjab, where temporary teachers are being made permanent, reinforcing the party's commitment to workers' rights.

"AAP delivers on its promises. This decision will be the biggest of its kind in the city's history," she added. Atishi also took a dig at the BJP, claiming that the saffron party often makes excuses to avoid fulfilling its commitments.

has cases registered against him in several police stations of Delhi, including in the Dwarka District following his escape from the court and was declared Proclaimed Offender.

A complaint has been filed against Sharma under relevant sections of the law before his presentation before a Dwarka Court. While an investigation into a case against the accused is on, the police are putting in efforts to ward further charges, DCP stated.

Absconding Neeraj Bhawani gangster in Delhi Police net

New Delhi

The crime branch of the Delhi Police claimed to have nabbed an

absconding member of the Neeraj Bhawani Gang involved in seven cases of snatching and violation of the Arms Acts in Delhi, the police said on Sunday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Aditya Gautam said, acting on secret information and technical surveillance, the police got their hands on the accused, identified as Deepak Sharma, 28,



a resident of Uttam Nagar. Involved in several criminal activities, he absconded from

the court. According to police officials, they received a tip-off

team conducted raids in the area meticulously. The operation led to the arrest of the criminal. Deepak Sharma, a close associate of Rakesh, an active member of the most wanted Neeraj Bhawani Gang, has been changing his location frequently to ward off arrest, Gautam added.

from informers about his expected meeting with one of the associates of the notorious in the Hari Nagar area. With this info, a police

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A tinge of obscenity in the name of folk art

• The ban on artists who spread obscenity, showing obscene scenes, and staging obscene plays and songs is playing with society.



By Priyanka Saurabh

On one hand, while many people are putting their careers, their hard work, and everything at stake to promote culture, some are defaming our culture in this way and serving it with obscene songs. Now you think that if we have to show or see such obscenity, then what will we do in the name of culture in the coming times, and what will happen? By taking the help of art, some people want to become famous in a short time.

In the current scenario, obscenity is being served in the name of folk art, which is worrying and shameful. It is not only tarnishing these traditional styles, but we are also getting away from our identity in the pursuit of 'foreign/western'. Be it social media or YouTube, films or TV programs, the tradition of nude display of vulgar dance has gained momentum everywhere. Obscenity is becoming so prevalent in reels, songs, films, and programs on YouTube and social media that you cannot watch them with your family, and the remaining gap has been filled by those who make reels by getting naked. Most of the songs, albums, and cinema are full of obscenity. If we talk about listening to today's folk songs, then every word of these songs is filled with obscenity. When we cannot listen to songs with the family, then it can be easily guessed what will be the condition of the scenes of these songs. One top of that, the competition of obscenity is increasing to such an extent that one hit album and song after another is being made. The competition to show obscenity is so much that they don't even ask. If artists and singers are asked about this, they immediately say that this is the public demand. The public likes to see all this. If this is not served, then the song will not be a hit. Now who will explain to such artists that obscenity started spreading in our society through films and songs? No positive step has been taken to stop it. Our entire society is getting corrupted because of such Majnu artists. Honor and dignity are being shattered.

If we do not become aware even today, who knows what will be the condition and direction of our society? It is not that such dances are not having an impact. The kind of dances and songs presented in the last 5-10 years have shaken the very fabric of our society. Instead of calming the mind, it makes it restless. The greedy and profiteering nature of the market killed a folk art and is now serving obscenity to the people in its name. Internet has undoubtedly brought more information to the people but it has destroyed the rural aesthetics and dignity. It has crossed all limits of obscenity to make everything more saleable. Overall, it can be easily seen that the expansion and monetization of the Internet have promoted such content, which is being

watched a lot, but it has dealt a fatal blow to human sensibilities. The romantic lyricists are polluting the decency of music by polluting the environment with vulgarity, due to which the culture has been deeply hurt by the prevalence of licentious songs across the country. In the glare of modernity, the songs related to our culture and heritage have disappeared somewhere, and the popularity of those intoxicated songs has increased, from which culture and beauty have disappeared and become a laughingstock. Words of licentiousness have filled the songs. At present, the songs composed by the so-called creators, sung by the lyricists, Majnu singers, have become nudity on the lines of Western culture. The singers singing songs in this style are not even ashamed that the way in which they are expressing their words and style is like 'cutting the branch on which they are sitting'.

This style is hurting the culture deeply. The social media market is filled with obscene links in the name of folk singers. The popularity of such songs has increased rapidly on many channels as well. The competition to sell songs, the greed to earn money through views and likes—all these have already tarnished the culture and heritage because songs and music are the only medium that conveys messages to society. Today these messages have changed their direction. The songs that are heard at various bus stations and in various jeeps, cars, and buses clearly reflect the style of vulgarity and lewdness. The youth especially listen to these songs with great joy. On many occasions, in festivals like marriage, etc., some elderly people also dance to such songs. People who think about cultural tradition consider this a deep blow to folk music. Singers, heroes, and heroines who sing songs in the influence of western culture with a romantic style are gradually becoming a thorn in the eyes of cultural watchmen. It seems that if the era of these songs continues to be at the peak of obscenity, then social boycott of such people may become necessary. In today's songs, dimensions of guns, alcohol, girl-chasing, and obscenity are being seen, which is very harmful for our culture and songs. Now the big question is why the artists, singers, and producers of the songs are doing this.

this is being done to attract the audience or to gain cheap popularity by serving obscenity in the name of songs, but people associated with culture and folk art are also getting defamed. On one hand, while many people are putting their careers, their hard work, and everything at stake to promote culture, some are defaming our culture in this way and serving it with obscene songs. Now you only think that if we have to show or see such obscenity, then what will we do in the name of culture in the coming times, and what all will happen? By taking the help of art, some people want to become famous in a short time. If you want to be famous, then do it with your talent. It is absolutely wrong to play with art and your culture to remain in the news. Such artists should be punished. Some people are taking the cover of art to spread obscenity. Not only the artists who stage obscene plays and songs, but also those organizers and coordinators who promote such performances are guilty.

(Priyanka Saurabh, Research Scholar in Political Science)

Or it may be that all

How valid is the recognition of live-in relationships?



By Dr Satyawan Saurabh

Barely 10% of live-in relationships reach the stage of marriage. In the remaining 90% of cases, the relationship breaks. Just like today's young lovers propose as fast as they break up and then change their lovers as fast. Such lovers find the tempting practice of live-in relationships to be correct. Because they get a chance to live with each other like a husband and wife without marriage, and you understand the meaning of a husband-wife relationship very well. That is why after a relationship breaks, the lives of girls are ruined the most. Especially providing maintenance and inheritance rights similar to marriage.

Due to the influence of globalization and exposure to western culture, live-in relationships are now considered more acceptable. It raises questions on the moral consequences of cohabitation and traditional views of marriage and family. The lifestyle of Indian youth is changing rapidly. For this, they do not feel any hesitation in adopting modern culture, and live-in relationships are a style of modern culture. Today's youth have started considering live-in relationships better than married life. Today's generation considers marriage and live-in relationships to be the same. They believe that there is interference of society and law in marriage, but there is nothing like that in live-in relationships. Rather, there is complete freedom. But there is a difference between marriage and live-in relationships. This practice is as complicated as it seems easy. It has more disadvantages than its advantages. Such relationships are often seen in abundance in western countries. Because the culture there easily accepts this practice. The lifestyle there is also similar. In India too, this system has received support for some years. The reason behind this can be attributed to the changing social views of some people living in metros, marriage problems, and issues related to religion. One section of the society considers it the biggest threat to Indian culture. On the other hand, the other

section considers it a boon for living an independent life, looking at it as a change in the modern tradition. Everything has its own advantages and disadvantages. The recently enacted Uttarakhand Uniform Civil Code (UCC) established a series of comprehensive regulations for live-in partnerships, aimed at regulating them and guaranteeing their legal recognition. But these have also generated a lot of debate and raised concerns about government surveillance and privacy. Over the past 20 years, live-in relationships to be the same. They believe that there is interference of society and law in marriage, but there is nothing like that in live-in relationships. Rather, there is complete freedom. But there is a difference between marriage and live-in relationships. This practice is as complicated as it seems easy. It has more disadvantages than its advantages. Such relationships are often seen in abundance in western countries. Because the culture there easily accepts this practice. The lifestyle there is also similar. In India too, this system has received support for some years. The reason behind this can be attributed to the changing social views of some people living in metros, marriage problems, and issues related to religion. One section of the society considers it the biggest threat to Indian culture. On the other hand, the other

of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA) and classified them into different types. The Chief Justice of India advised that the freedom to choose a partner and form intimate relationships falls under Article 19(c) of the Constitution on free speech and expression. The Protection Against Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA) provides protection to women facing domestic violence in live-in relationships by including "relationships in the nature of marriage" within its ambit. In D. Velusamy vs. D. Pachaiyamm (2010), the Court ruled that only marriage-like relationships would qualify for legal protection under domestic violence laws. The Supreme Court has held in cases where children born out of live-in relationships will have the same inheritance rights as legally married parents. Live-in partnerships must be registered under the Uttarakhand UCC. This applies to both residents of Uttarakhand and those living outside India. Couples who decide to live together must register their relationship at the beginning and end under the UCC. If they wish to formally establish their relationship, they can bring along supporting documents such as a certificate from a religious leader confirming the couple's eligibility for marriage, OTP linked to Aadhaar, and the registration fee. These

are 74 types of relationships prohibited under the UCC Act, of which 37 are for men and 37 for women. Religious leaders or community leaders must give their approval to couples who fall into these categories of prohibited relationships. Registrars may refuse registration if they determine that the relationship violates public morals or customs. According to Privacy Concerns (Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India), the right to privacy guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution is being blatantly violated, along with greater official surveillance over people's private lives. Concerns have arisen about the new rules potentially creating discrimination in relations between castes and religions. Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc) and the PWDVA, 2005, currently allow women in live-in relationships to request maintenance; however, these rights are not enforceable. Legal disputes can arise from people who enter into such relationships without committing to them for a long time but later claim their legal rights. Especially in conservative communities, this raises questions about the moral implications of cohabitation and traditional views of marriage and family. Although the Uttarakhand UCC seeks to provide legal protection and recognition to live-in partnerships, it also raises important issues of privacy and govern-

ment interference. To implement the new rules in a way that promotes social harmony and protects individual rights, it will be necessary to strike a balance between regulating relationships and preserving individual autonomy. If the Uniform Civil Code replaces personal laws, attention must be paid to guaranteeing women's equality in cohabitation. Barely 10% of live-in relationships reach the stage of marriage. In the remaining 90% of cases, the relationship breaks. Just like today's young lovers propose as fast as they break up and then change their lovers as fast. Such lovers find the tempting practice of live-in relationships to be correct. Because they get a chance to live with each other like a husband and wife without marriage, and you understand the meaning of a husband-wife relationship very well. That is why after a relationship breaks, the lives of girls are ruined the most. Especially providing maintenance and inheritance rights similar to marriage. Clarifying the legal status of children born in cohabitation, especially with regard to legitimacy and inheritance rights. After a relationship breaks, girls often take steps like suicide. (Dr. Satyawan Saurabh, Poet, freelance journalist, radio and TV panelist)

Breaking Time Sudoku

What to do

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

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Solution, Sudoku

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THE WISDOM TREE

BY SUVEEN KUMAR

COVERED SIN

It's a bad news that one day your sin will be uncovered but the good news is that not all the sins and the bad news over this good news is that you don't know which ones will be uncovered and which ones will remain covered. Your life becomes miserable only with one sin uncovered, imagine how miserable your life will be if all of your sins are uncovered. You are never strong enough to fight your own weakness and never weak enough to empower your own strengths. Life is far forgiving than we feel. We oppress it much more than it does to us, it overlooks much of our mistakes that we do to us. We know the rules of life but we never care to care for it, it lives with us in all the times but we never care to live for it, it takes our mistakes, it fades the pain away, it bears the

scars, it walks us through from ground to stars. But we take it for granted, make it suffer knowingly, fail it at important routines, push it to go extreme, force it to experiment with anything and everything, put it through to damaging situation, drive it to wrong direction. We sometimes behave with life as if it belongs to someone else, we sometimes are so cruel with life as if it is made of something else. Give your life a five star as a rating if you think it deserves it, give your life an excellent review if you think it deserves it, glorify it, magnify it, gratify it if you think it deserves it, don't underrate it, don't overrate it just conflate it and give your life a life that starts living for life.

Moral: Every sin is forgivable and every virtue is immortal.



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Half of world's Sanatan Dharm followers taken holy dip at Maha Kumbh: Adityanath

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said 62 crore devotees have come to Maha Kumbh so far and out of about 120 crore Sanatan Dharm followers in the world, half of them have already taken the holy dip.

Addressing the seers in the presence of Kamkoti Peethadheeswar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Shankar Vijayendra Saraswati Maharaj at the Maha Kumbh Mela Mahotsav held at Mahakumbh Nagar, the chief minister said, "Which is that religion and sect in the world where such a large number of devotees are coming and expressing their faith within a specific time frame?"

He said, "This (Kumbh) has become a medium for the followers of Sanatan Dharm to express their gratitude towards their seers, the 'Kishi' tradition of India, their 'Dev' tradition and their festivals and celebrations."

Adityanath said Sri



Kanchi Kamakoti Peeth has always been at the forefront of promoting Sanatan Dharm. "The wide influence of this Peeth across the country strengthens Sanatan Dharm. Whenever Sanatan Dharm has faced any crisis, this Peeth has given its full contribution to protecting the Sanatan Dharm by standing firmly in front of the crisis," he added.

Speaking at an event in

Kumbh, Adityanath said, "I think that in any event in the world, whether it is spiritual or for any tourism purpose, the gathering of such a large number of people during a certain period in that ceremony and being united with that event is in itself one of the rarest events of the century."

Adityanath, also the 'Mahant' of the Gorakshpeth, remarked that it must have been envisioned that a time would come when people in India might feel disconnected from their traditions and culture. He emphasised that the Kumbh would serve as a powerful medium to re-establish that vital connection, bringing the people back to their spiritual roots and cultural heritage.

The statement said Adityanath urged the youth of UP to become job creators, highlighting the state's transformation from having a lack of opportunities to a thriving startup hub. He praised young innovators for driving growth, emphasising that those ahead in technology now lead in startups.

Recalling a 2019 visit to

Bundelkhand, he shared how five women sought jobs, including one who had only passed fifth grade. The government initiated milk production training, resulting in a Rs 1,500-crore turnover with 42,000 women involved in it. Agra's milk producers have performed even better, he added.

The chief minister stressed that UP is not just an agricultural state but a centre of Sanatan knowledge and tradition. An investment conclave is facilitating discussions with unicorn companies, recognising that no startup succeeds without investors.

He reiterated efforts to make UP a \$1 trillion economy, crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fostering startup culture through initiatives like Startup India, Standup India and Make in India.

The statement said with over 14,000 startups in UP - 7,000 led by women - the state is making strides. Adityanath cited a physics student who built a unicorn, proving that when technology meets innovation, success follows, it said.

Agra Heritage Foundation to organize cultural show on "Zardozi"



Akash Jain/ Rajesh Tomar
Agra

Agra Heritage Foundation will organize a cultural show "Zardozi Hamari Dharohar Hamari Pehchan" in Sardar Auditorium on 26 February under the Taj Mahotsav.

On Sunday, the 'official announcement' program of the Zardozi show was organized at Hotel Fairfield by Marriot, Sanjay Place.

The inauguration was done jointly by Agra Heritage Foundation's President Dr. Ranjana Bansal,

Taj Heritage's Faizan Uddin, Kohinoor Jewellers' Ruchira Mathur, Ganeshi Lal Group's Alarka Lal, Agraj Jain, Dr. Renuka Dang, Poonam Sachdeva, Rakhi Kaushik, Himani Saran, Shivani Mishra and program coordinators Meenakshi Kishore and Aayushi Choubey.

Foundation's President Dr. Ranjana Bansal, said that usually people think that a trip to Agra means seeing the Taj, but it is not so.

Apart from seeing the Taj, the biggest attraction for tourists, especially for-

foreign tourists, is the skill of the Zardozi artisans here.

There is an ancient business of handicrafts in the narrow streets of the city, in which skilled Zardozi artisans give a concrete form to their art with needle and thread.

Zardozi artisans have been practicing for a long time in many ancient streets of the city. He told that Zardozi work is done in many other cities of the country as well, but the work done in Agra is the first choice of European and Gulf countries.

Our effort will be to make every possible effort to further enhance the skills of the Zardozi artisans. At the same time, efforts will be made to get Zardozi recognition on the world map like the Taj Mahal in Agra. He said that Zardozi is the art of weaving magic on cloth by wrapping shiny threads in a fine needle. Zardozi is a Persian word, whose separation is 'Zar + Dozi', meaning gold embroidery.

In India, its period is considered to be Rigveda and it is said that this art was used to decorate gods and goddesses.

Sonia Mann joins the AAP In the presence Arvind Kejriwal



Komal Ramola Chandigarh

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) gained significant strength in Punjab, on Sunday. Renowned Punjabi artist Sonia Mann joined the Aam Aadmi Party in the presence of the party's National Convener Arvind Kejriwal.

In a formal ceremony, Kejriwal, along with other AAP leaders, welcomed Sonia Mann into the party.

Sonia Mann is the daughter of Kirti Kisan Union leader Sardar Baldev Singh. She also played a significant role in the Delhi farmers' movement. Sonia has been actively involved in social service for a long time and often raises important social and political issues through social media.

Addressing the media after joining the party, Sonia Mann thanked AAP Supremo Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. She expressed her admiration for the leadership and work of both leaders.

She said, "Impressed by

the work of the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab, I decided to join 'AAP'. I felt that only this party could provide me with an opportunity to work for the people. Whenever I approached any AAP MLA or minister with any work, they prioritised it."

She specifically mentioned Agriculture Minister Gurmest Singh Khuddan and Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh, highlighting how the Health Minister acted upon her request to establish anti-drug committees in villages and restore the Vivekananda Health Centre located within Amritsar Medical College.

Sonia Mann praised the AAP government for ensuring that all government schemes benefit people on the ground, unlike earlier times when many schemes remained confined to paper. She also commended the government's decision to display photos of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in government offices, calling it an example of good politics.

BSF conducts marathon in Amritsar

Amritsar
The Border Security Force (BSF) on Sunday organised a marathon here to engage with the local residents and promote fitness among the youth and the elderly, an official said.

The 'Bordermen Marathon 2025' was flagged off by BSF Director General (DG) Daljit Singh Chawdhary from three different locations in and around the border town of Amritsar in Punjab. The theme of the marathon was

The run had three categories: full marathon (42.19 km), half marathon (21.09 km) and a smaller 10 km run, the official said.

'Hand in Hand with Border

Population'.

The run had three categories: full marathon (42.19 km), half marathon (21.09 km) and a smaller 10 km run, the official said.

"A large number of professionals as well as amateur runners from across the country including personnel from various central police forces, Army, Punjab Police and civilians and athletes from foreign countries took part in the event," the BSF spokesperson said.

Chawdhary told reporters that the BSF organises the marathon annually to encourage people, especially the youth, to develop a habit of fitness and avoid drugs. The winners were awarded with medals and certificates at the joint check post at Attari, the spokesperson said.

The BSF is designated to guard the India-Pakistan international border and it guards about 553 km of this front in Punjab.

Two BKI operatives with links to Pak-based terrorist Rinda arrested

Chandigarh
Punjab Police Sunday said they have arrested two key operatives of the proscribed outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) having direct links to Pakistan-based terrorist Harwinder Singh Rinda and US-based gangster Happy Passion.

The accused, Jagdish Singh alias Jagga and Shubhdeep Singh Aulakh alias Shubb, were instructed to carry out targeted killings in Punjab as part of a larger co-ordinated terror operation. Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said.

"In an intelligence-based operation, State Special Operation Cell (#SSOC), Mohali has apprehended two key operatives of BKI directly linked to #Pak-based BKI terrorist Harwinder Singh Rinda & #USA-based Happy Passion, a major blow to cross-border terror networks," Yadav said in a post



on X.

He said as per their initial disclosure, the arrested accused committed a murder and severely injured another in Nanded, Maharashtra, on February 10, 2025, following Rinda's directions.

"They were also instructed to carry out targeted killings in #Punjab as part of a larger coordinated terror operation," the DGP said.

"Recovery: Two 32 bore pistols and 5 rounds. Further investigations underway to verify the full network," he added.

Police said both Jagdish and Shubhdeep are from Tarnatar district of the state.

Development works are being done without any discrimination: CM Saini

Komal Ramola Chandigarh

Haryana Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, said that development works are being carried out across Haryana with an ideology of development. The government is taking well-planned, meaningful steps to ensure that every citizen benefits directly from government schemes. He said that the government is deeply committed to ensuring that the interests of the common people are never overlooked.

During his visit to Faridabad on Sunday, the Chief Minister held a direct dialogue with the people. As part of the visit, he also paid tribute to great personalities by garlanding their statues. While interacting with the public, he highlighted that, in addition to enhancing rail and road connectivity, the government plans to extend metro



services from Ballabgarh to Palwal in the near future.

The Chief Minister emphasized that the government is working with a strong commitment to public service, ensuring that people receive the benefits of government services right at their doorsteps. He said that both the Central and State Governments are focused on achieving equal development, free from any discrimination. To enhance

public convenience, the State government has organized Samadhan Shiksha in offices at the sub-division and district levels on every working day, ensuring that issues of people belonging to all sections of society are addressed promptly.

Nayab Singh Saini said that the state government is working on improving the standard of living for the people. All essential

services are being made available online, so that the people do not require making frequent round to offices. As a result, citizens are able to complete their tasks more efficiently and with greater transparency. Traffic infrastructure has been enhanced across Haryana, and transportation has been made easier with an expanded road network and a robust road safety system.

7-day time enough for surrendering looted illegally held weapons: Manipur Chief Secretary

Imphal
Manipur Chief Secretary PK Singh on Sunday said the seven-day time given for voluntarily surrendering looted and illegally held weapons is enough if one wants to give up arms, and asserted that the forces will take action after the expiry of the period to recover such guns.

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla had on February 20 urged the people of the strife-torn state to voluntarily surrender looted and illegally held weapons within seven days, assuring no punitive action would be initiated against those giving up arms during this period.



"The seven-day period is good enough. If one decides to give up arms, it can be done in a day. After that (period), we will go and take such weapons from them," Singh told reporters on the

sides of an event. He said the administration has been working on multiple fronts and normally, it will be to peace and normalcy.

"Weapons should not be

at the hands of the public. That is a dangerous situation. Weapons at the hands of those who are not authorised to use it is a dangerous situation...Looted weapons or any other weapons pose a threat to the society. It's first and foremost duty to recover illegal firearms," Singh said.

More than 250 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May 2023.

The Centre had imposed President's rule in Manipur on February 13, days after

Man dies in police custody after consuming poison in UP's Budaun

Budaun (UP)

A 42-year-old died in police custody allegedly after consuming a poisonous substance here, police said on Sunday. His family claimed that he was "harassed" by the police at the outpost.

The victim was identified as Jagat Veer, they said.

Akash, Veer's son, in his complaint, demanded action against Constable Abhishek Kumar who was posted at the time of the incident at a police outpost in Asafpur town under the Faizganj Behata police station area, officials said.

Sushila Devi, Veer's wife, on Sunday morning, told reporters that Jagat Veer

had a quarrel with his cousins on Saturday night following which she called the police.

However, the locals insisted on solving the matter mutually. But Constable Kumar caught her husband and took him to the police outpost, Sushila told the reporters.

Sushila alleged that troubled by the harassment at the police outpost, Jagat Veer consumed rat poison. When his health deteriorated, the police allegedly tried to suppress the matter, and by convincing the family, they first sent him to Asafpur Primary Health Centre from where he was referred to the district hos-

pital. Seeing his critical condition, he was referred to the government medical college (in Budaun), where Jagat Veer died during treatment on Sunday early morning, Sushila claimed.

Superintendent of Police (Rural Area) KK Saroj on Sunday said that there was a dispute between two brothers about which the police received information. After this, Jagat Veer came to the police outpost with his wife and fainted there. The police sent him first to the primary health centre and then to the district hospital for treatment. Jagat Veer died during treatment, he said.



Indian bowlers shine as Pakistan bowled out for 241 in Champions Trophy clash

Dubai
India's bowlers delivered a stellar performance, dismissing Pakistan for 241 in a crucial Group A match of the ICC Champions Trophy in Dubai. After Pakistan opted to bat first, Indian bowlers struck regularly to restrict their opponents.
 Pakistan's openers, Imam-ul-Haq and Babar Azam, provided a solid start, putting up 41 runs before Hardik Pandya broke the partnership. Imam-ul-Haq soon followed, run out by Asar Patel for 10, leaving Pakistan at 47/2. Babar Azam's 23 off 26 balls, including five boundaries, was a highlight of the innings. Pakistan reached their fifty in 9.4 overs. Saud Shafeel and captain Mohammad Rizwan rebuilt the innings with a crucial 104-run partnership.
 Shafeel brought up his half-century off 63 balls, while Rizwan scored a patient 46 off 77 deliveries, including three boundaries, before being cleaned up by Asar Patel in the 33rd over, reducing Pakistan to 151/3.
 Soon after, Shafeel was dismissed for 62 by Pandya, bringing Pakistan to 159/4. Tayyab Tahir failed to make an impact, bowled by Ravindra Jadeja for just 4, causing Pakistan to slip to 165/5.



Pakistan reached 200 in 42.3 overs but lost three quick wickets, with Salman Agha (19) and Shaheen Shah Afridi (6) falling in quick succession. Naseem Shah contributed 14 before being dismissed by Kuldeep Yadav. Pakistan were 222/7. Kuldeep Yadav was India's standout performer, claiming 3/40 in his nine overs. He became the latest Indian

bowler to reach 300 international wickets. Pandya, who completed 200 international wickets, finished with 2/31. Harris Rauf was run out for 8, while Khushdil Shah played a crucial late knock of 38 off 39 balls, helping Pakistan reach 241. Shah was the last to depart, as Harshit Rana claimed his first wicket of the match.
 Pakistan's lower order struggled to accelerate the scoring, with Khushdil Shah's 38 off 39 balls being the only notable contribution.
 Pakistan managed 241 in 49.4 overs. Except for Mohammed Shami, all Indian bowlers chipped in with wickets. Asar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja picked up a wicket each, while Kuldeep Yadav was the standout performer with 3/40 in his nine overs.
 India now requires 242 runs in 50 overs to secure a victory and confirm their spot in the semi-finals.
 Brief score: Pakistan 241 (Saud Shafeel 62, Mohammad Rizwan 46; Kuldeep Yadav 3/40) vs. India.
 The match has set up an exciting contest, with India's batsmen facing a challenging task to chase down the target. The outcome will have significant implications for both teams' chances of advancing to the tournament's next stage.

Santner assures New Zealand won't take Bangladesh lightly



Rawalpindi
 New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner assured that they won't take Bangladesh "lightly" in their upcoming Champions Trophy fixture. Santner acknowledged Bangladesh's adeptness in orchestrating a victory against top sides and remained hopeful "it's not us."
 "We have guys who can attack with the bat as well. I mean, Hridoy played a great innings last game, and Jaker Ali has come on and done a lot of good stuff already. So yeah, it's a team we're not taking lightly for sure. We know we've got to be on, and on these big events, they can support any team on their day. So hopefully, it's not us," he added.
 Considering Rawalpindi's high-scoring nature, Santner revealed they have a few plans in store for Bangladesh. With Australia chasing down a record 352-run total at the same venue, Santner feels the key to piling up runs on the board will be forging partnerships.
 "Yeah, we've got a few plans for Bangladesh, but I think we obviously - we have to wait and see what the wicket does. If it is pretty flat I think it is probably similar stuff to what we've been operating in Karachi. It's hitting that hard length for a long period of time, and then we know they have some destructive players in their line-up as well. So, I think traditionally, it's quite a high-scoring ground, so we have to be on it. Then, with the bat, we just talk about trying to build partnerships and do that out there," he said.

Mithali Raj lauds Chinelle Henry's power-packed knock after UP Warriorz's victory

Bengaluru
 Former Indian women's cricket captain Mithali Raj showered praise on Chinelle Henry for her fearless batting approach in the Women's Premier League (WPL).
 "She backed herself to play those aggressive shots. At that stage, with six or seven wickets already down, she knew there was nothing to lose. She decided to go big and play her natural game, showcasing that signature West Indian flair by hitting big sixes," Mithali told Jio-Hotstar.
 Henry played a pivotal role in UP Warriorz's commanding 33-run victory over Delhi Capitals (DC) on Saturday. The West Indian all-rounder produced a stunning performance, smashing 62 runs off just 23 balls, including two boundaries and eight massive sixes. Her blitzkrieg helped UP Warriorz set a formidable target of 177/9 for the Delhi Capitals.
 Apart from her explosive batting, Henry also contributed with the ball, taking a crucial wicket of Marizanne Kapp. Her all-round brilliance ensured UP Warriorz secured their first victory of the WPL season in style.
 Coming to the match, Delhi Capitals won the toss and opted to field first, a decision that initially worked in their favour as UP Warriorz struggled to build momentum. They lost their first wicket at 17, and Kiran Navgire (17) fell soon after, leaving the score at 38/2.
 Captain Deepti Sharma (13) and Shweta Sehrawat (11) also failed to make a big impact, and with Grace Harris (2) and Uma Chetry (3) departing cheaply, Warriorz were reeling at 89/6. Tahlia McGrath contributed a valuable 24 before falling to Jess Jonassen.
 Just when it seemed Delhi Capitals had the upper hand, Chinelle Henry produced a game-changing knock. She smashed 62 off just 23 balls, lifting Warriorz to a competitive total of 177/9. Sophie Ecclestone (12) and Saima Thakor (4) also chipped in towards the end.
 Jess Jonassen was the standout bowler for the Capitals, claiming 4/31, while Marizanne Kapp and Arundhati Reddy picked up two wickets each. Shikha Pandey also contributed with one wicket.
 Delhi Capitals' run chase got off to a rocky start as captain Meg Lanning fell early for just 5. Shafali Verma followed soon after, scoring 24 before being dismissed by Kranti Goud.
 Jemimah Rodrigues stood out with a fighting 56 off 35 balls, but wickets continued to tumble around her. The Warriorz disciplined bowling attack proved too strong for the Capitals, with Niki Prasad (88) and Shikha Pandey (157) offering late resistance, but it wasn't enough as they were bowled out for 144.

PM Modi stresses need to tackle obesity, urges people to cut oil consumption

New Delhi
 Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and boxer Nikhat Zareen, put light on the disadvantages of obesity, and advised people to reduce the consumption of cooking oil.
 Addressing the 119th Episode of Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, the Prime Minister highlighted that obesity cases have doubled in the last few years, and the more concerning aspect has been the rise in obesity cases among children.
 He also advised people to buy 10 per cent less cooking oil, and subsequently reduce the consumption of cooking oil.



"To become a fit and healthy nation, we have to tackle the problem of obesity. According to a study, today one in every eight people is suffering from the problem of obesity. Obesity cases have doubled in the past few years, but what

is even more worrying is that the problem of obesity among children has also increased four-fold," PM Modi said.
 "Therefore, you should decide that you will use 10% less oil every month. You can decide that you will buy 10 per cent less oil when you buy it for cooking. This will be an important step towards reducing obesity. By making small changes in our eating habits, we can make our future stronger, fitter and disease-free," PM Modi said in the Mann Ki Baat.
 Further, the two-time Olympic medalist Neeraj Chopra, stressed that parents should try to play any outside sport with their children to encourage the sporting culture.

CT 2025: Hardik Pandya completes 200 international wickets

Dubai
 Indian all-rounder Hardik Pandya completed 200 international wickets on Sunday.
 Hardik accomplished this milestone during India's ICC Champions Trophy clash against Pakistan on Sunday.
 During the match, Hardik was at his absolute best. In eight overs, he took 2/31 at an economy rate of 3.87. He got the crucial wicket of Pakistan star batter Babar Azam after he unleashed a flurry of boundaries and also uprooted a well-settled Saud Shafeel, who made a half-century.
 In 216 international matches for India, the all-rounder has taken 200 wickets at an average of 30.76, with the best figures of 5/28, which is his sole five-wicket haul in international cricket. He is the 24th-highest wicket-taker in Indian cricket history.
 In 11 Tests, Hardik has taken 17 wickets at an average of 31.05, with best figures of 5/28.
 In 91 ODIs, Hardik has taken 89 scalps at an average of 35.26, with the best figures of 4/24.
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PM Modi lauds 'Khelo India' campaign, appreciates rise of teenage champions in National Games

New Delhi
 Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded 'Khelo India' for providing a platform to talented champions who were able to rise and perform well in the recently concluded National Games in Uttarakhand.
 During the 119th Episode of Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, the Prime Minister also appreciated the rise in young athletes, and said that India is rapidly moving towards becoming a "global sporting powerhouse."
 The 38th National Games were held from January 28 to February 14 in Uttarakhand.
 "Many of our players are the result of the 'Khelo-India' campaign. Sawan Barwal from Himachal Pradesh, Kiran Mate from Maharashtra, Tejas Shire and Jyoti Yanzji from Andhra Pradesh all have given new hopes to the country. Javelin Thrower Sachin Yadav of Uttar Pradesh, high jumper Pooja of Haryana and swimmer Dhiniindi Desindhu of Karnataka won the hearts of the countrymen," PM Modi said.
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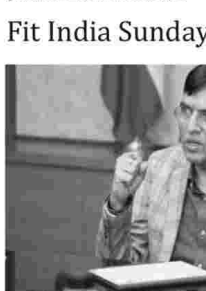


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Vietnamese influencer explores the charm of Fukushima: Japan

Fukushima: Since the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011, Fukushima has made a remarkable recovery, reclaiming its status as a popular tourist destination and attracting visitors from around the world.

Vietnamese influencer Khoai Lang Thang recently explored Fukushima to showcase its winter beauty. Khoai Lang Thang, a Vietnamese influencer, said, "Hello. I am Khoai Lang Thang. I'm in Fukushima, Japan. In the middle of winter, the scenery looks absolutely stunning with heavy snowfall. From now on, I'll be trying trekking, walking along the seashore, and enjoying delicious local food. Follow me on this adventure!"

The Vietnamese influencer experienced snowshoe trekking through 13 meters of snow — an exceptional sight, as such heavy snowfall returned this winter after an eight-year gap.

Rather than finding it difficult, he described the experience as thrilling and enjoyable.

At the Samurai Residence, visitors can immerse themselves in the way of the samurai and gain insight into their lifestyle and philosophy.

"Surugajo Castle attracts numerous foreign visitors, offering a unique opportunity to connect with the culture of samurai warriors."

Discontented Germany votes in election with economy, migration, far-right strength in focus

Berlin: German voters are choosing a new government in an election on Sunday. The election is dominated by concerns about the years-long stagnation of Europe's biggest economy, pressure to curb migration and growing uncertainty over the future of Ukraine and Europe's alliance with the United States.

The centre-right opposition is favoured to win, while polls indicate the strongest result for a far-right party since World War II.

Germany is the most populous country in the 27-nation European Union and a leading member of NATO. It has been Ukraine's second-biggest weapons supplier, after the US.

Germany will be central to shaping the continent's response to the challenges of the coming years, including the Trump administration's confrontational foreign and trade policy.



More than 59 million people in the nation of 84 million are eligible to elect the 630 members of the lower house of parliament, the Bundestag. The elected members will take their seats under the glass dome of Berlin's landmark Reichstag building.

Germany's electoral system rarely produces absolute majorities, and no party looks anywhere near one this time. It is expected that two or

more parties will form a coalition, following potentially difficult negotiations that will take weeks or even months before the Bundestag elects the next chancellor.

This election is taking place seven months before it was originally planned after centre-left Chancellor Olaf Scholz's coalition collapsed in November, three years into a term that was increasingly marred

by infighting. There is widespread discontent and not much enthusiasm for any of the candidates.

Centre-right opposition leader Friedrich Merz's Union bloc has consistently led polls, with 28-32 per cent support in the most recent surveys. Merz is expected to replace Scholz.

Scholz's Social Democrats have been polling between 14-16 per cent, which would be their

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worst postwar result in a national parliamentary election.

The far-right, anti-immigration Alternative for Germany, or AfD, has been running in second place with around 20 per cent of the vote.

This is well above its previous best of 12.6 per cent in a national election, from 2017. The AfD has fielded its first candidate for chancellor in Alice Weidel. However, other parties have said they will not work with it, a stance often known as the "firewall".

The environmentalist Greens are also running for the top job, with outgoing Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck. They have been polling slightly behind Scholz's party.

US could cut Ukraine's access to Starlink internet services over minerals, say sources

Washington: US negotiators pressing Kyiv for access to Ukraine's critical minerals have raised the possibility of cutting the country's access to Elon Musk's vital Starlink satellite internet system, three sources familiar with the matter said.

Ukraine's continued access to SpaceX-owned Starlink was brought up in discussions between US and Ukrainian officials after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy turned down an initial proposal from US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, the sources said.

Starlink provides crucial internet connectivity to war-torn Ukraine and its military.

The issue was raised again on Thursday during meetings between Keith Kellogg, the US special Ukraine envoy, and Zelenskiy, said one of the sources, who was briefed on the talks.

During the meeting, Ukraine was told it faced imminent shutoff of the

service if it did not reach a deal on critical minerals, said the sources, who requested anonymity to discuss closed negotiations.

"Ukraine runs on Starlink. They consider it their North Star," said the source. "Losing Starlink... would be a massive blow."

After Reuters published its story, Musk posted on X that the article was "false" and "Reuters is lying." Contacted by Reuters for specifics, Musk did not immediately respond.

A Reuters spokesperson said the news agency stands by its reporting.

Zelenskiy has rejected demands from President Donald Trump's administration for \$500 billion in mineral wealth from Ukraine to repay Washington for wartime aid, saying the US has offered no specific security guarantees.

On Friday, the Ukrainian president said the US and Ukrainian teams were working on an agreement, and Trump said he expects a deal will be signed soon.

24 injured in clashes over protesters opposing cable car project in Nepal

Kathmandu:

At least 24 people, including 12 security personnel, were injured in clashes between security forces and protesters opposing a cable car project in the Pathibhara area of Taplejung district in eastern Nepal, officials said on Sunday.

The 'No Cable Car' group has been protesting against the construction of the cable car in the Pathibhara region, citing concerns



that the project would erase the region's historical identity.

at least 24 people, including 12 security personnel, were injured when clashes erupted between security forces and the 'No Cable Car' group in Phungling, officials said.

They added that police have arrested 15 people for their involvement in violence.

Taplejung district authorities have enforced a prohibitory order in parts of the district, including Phungling Bazaar and Pathibhara

area, since Sunday morning following the clashes, officials said.

The gathering of more than five people, assemblies, processions, demonstrations and other activities will not be allowed in the restricted zones, they said.

Issuing a notice Saturday night, Chief District Officer of Taplejung, Netra Prasad Sharma, said that prohibitory orders have been issued in the dis-

trict headquarters of Phungling Bazaar and Pathibhara areas to maintain law and order.

According to official sources, the prohibitory order had to be issued as the situation went out of control after the clash between the 'No Cable Car' campaigners and the police on Saturday evening.

A clash between the 'No Cable Car' campaigners and the police occurred on Thursday at the cable car con-

struction site in the Pathibhara area.

Speaking in the House of Representatives, lawmakers from opposition parties, including Rajendra Lingden of Rastriya Prajatantra Party and Toshima Karki of Rastriya Swatantra Party, urged the government to immediately halt the works relating to the construction of cable car in Pathibhara as the local people were against the project.

BUSINESS

Ghadi Detergent Launches "Desh Ki Neev" Campaign

Chandigarh:

Ghadi Detergent is excited to unveil its latest campaign, Desh Ki Neev, a heartfelt and inspiring film that honors the everyday heroes who form the backbone of our nation. This powerful visual tribute shines a light on the hardworking individuals whose unwavering dedication, grit, and resilience shape India's future. The phrase Desh Ki Neev translates to "the country's foundation," encapsulating the essence of this campaign. It is not just a marketing initiative; it is an emotional celebration of the tireless efforts that often go unnoticed.

These unsung heroes be it teachers, farmers, laborers, or entrepreneurs—work relentlessly to ensure the progress and prosperity of the nation.

Through compelling storytelling, the film underscores the power of collective purpose. It portrays how the strength and unity of

individuals contribute to the broader momentum of the country. The campaign aims to inspire viewers by reflecting on the value of hard work, determination, and the transformative impact of each person's contribution to society. In a world that often celebrates the obvious achievements of a few, Desh Ki Neev brings attention to those whose efforts form the foundation of our everyday lives. Ghadi Detergent believes in acknowledging the unsung heroes who rise with a shared resolve to make an indelible difference, one day at a time.

This campaign not only highlights the role of these unsung heroes but also reinforces the message that every drop of effort counts. As Ghadi Detergent continues to provide the best in cleaning, it also honors the deep-rooted spirit of India—an enduring commitment to hard work, unity, and progress.

India-UK Trade Talks Resume: FTA Negotiations From Feb 24

New Delhi:

After a gap of over eight months, India and the UK will resume negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) here from February 24, an official said.

UK's Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Reynolds will be here for resumption of the talks. He will hold a bilateral meeting with Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the official said.

The India-UK FTA negotiations were launched on January 13, 2022. Total 13 rounds of negotiations have been held till December 2023. The 14th round, which began on January 10, 2024, was underway when negotiations were paused by the UK side in May 2024 due to elections in that country.

The talks would resume the discussions with progress achieved previ-



ously and seek to bridge the gaps for expeditiously closing the trade deal, the official added.

The agreement is aimed at boosting bilateral trade and investments.

In such pacts, two countries either eliminate or significantly re-

duce customs duties on maximum goods traded between them. They also ease norms for promoting trade in services and bilateral investments.

The Indian industry is demanding greater access for its skilled professionals from sectors like IT and healthcare in

the UK market, besides market access for several goods at nil customs duty.

On the other hand, the UK is seeking a significant cut in import duties on goods such as Scotch whiskey, electric vehicles, lamb meat, chocolates and certain confec-

UK's Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Reynolds will be here for resumption of the talks. He will hold a bilateral meeting with Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the official said.

tionary items.

Britain is also looking for more opportunities for UK services in Indian markets in segments like telecommunications, legal and financial services, including banking and insurance.

The talks for the agreement may get an impetus as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has proposed to raise the foreign investment limit to 100 per cent in the insurance sector as part of new-generation financial sector reforms.

Gadkari to inaugurate two-day Global road infratech summit & expo

New Delhi:

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) Nitin Gadkari to inaugurate a Two-day Global Road Infratech Summit & Expo (GRIS) in New Delhi on March 6-7, 2025 with the theme "Vision Zero: Sustainable Infratech and Policy for Safer Roads".

The Two-day Global Road Infratech Summit & Expo (GRIS) the event will showcase and emphasize road safety through improved infrastructure, innovative technology, and effective management, leading the charge in India's infrastructure and mobility revolution. About 300



eminent infrastructure and road safety experts from across the world will be taking part in "GRIS-2025" being organized by the International Road Federation-India chapter (IRF-IC) is thoughtfully

crafted to inspire innovation, showcase cutting-edge solutions from industry providers, foster knowledge exchange, and open valuable networking opportunities for experts and decision-makers from

government bodies and private organisations. The summit through the conference cum expo mode, aims to deliver a holistic experience that educates, inspires, and drives progress in the industry by seamlessly blending the formats. Said Mr K K Kapila, President Emeritus, International Road Federation (IRF) a global road safety body working for better and safer roads worldwide.

"The summit with the theme "Vision Zero: Sustainable Infratech and Policy for Safer Roads" represents a holistic approach to road safety, combining the latest

technological advancements with innovative practices to create safer roads for everyone. By prioritizing safety in every aspect of road design, construction, and management, this theme seeks to move towards a future where road accidents become a rarity, ultimately aiming for zero fatalities." Said Mr Kapila

"The impressive road safety impact of this summit will be shared, including its implementation success in countries, and its life-saving potential as a template that can be adopted by any country to achieve safer roads and mobility

for a sustainable future for all." Added Mr Kapila in tune with the Indian Government's thrust to fast track capacity building and connectivity across India, the global Road InfraTech summit and Expo will focus on development, maintenance and safety aspects that will impact the future of road infrastructure and construction in India. The expo creates an opportunity that brings together stakeholders from infrastructure companies, highway and road development authorities and organizations, road contractors, road consultants, smart city

officials, road government associations and bodies as well as municipal corporations, road safety professionals etc, all under one roof." Said Akhilesh Srivastava, Convener of GRIS.

Some of the subjects that will be discussed at the summit will include Strengthening governing frameworks for safer infrastructure, integrating road safety into urban planning, traffic optimization with intelligent infrastructure, leveraging Intelligent Transport System technologies to enhance public transport and road safety.

FPIs Pull Out Rs 23,710 cr from Indian Equities in Feb

New Delhi:

Foreign investors have pulled out over Rs 23,710 crore from the Indian equity markets so far this month, pushing total outflows past Rs 1 lakh crore in 2025 amid rising global trade tensions.

Going forward, V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, believes the revival of FPI investment in India will happen when economic growth and corporate earnings revive. Indications of that are likely to happen in two to three months.

According to the data with the depositories, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) offloaded shares worth Rs 23,710 crore from Indian equities so far this month (till February 21). This came following a net outflow of Rs 78,027 crore in January. With these, the total outflow by FPIs has reached Rs 1,01,737 crore in 2025 so far, data with the depositories showed.

This massive selling has resulted in the Nifty yielding negative returns of 4 per cent year-to-date.

Market concerns heightened following reports that US President Donald Trump was considering imposing new tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, along with reciprocal tariffs on several countries, Himanshu Srivastava, Associate Director-Manager Research, Morningstar Investment Research India, said.

These developments reignited fears of a potential global trade war, prompting FPIs to re-examine their exposure to emerging markets, including India, he added.



'Girls Will Be Girls' wins John Cassavetes Award at Independent Spirit Awards

New Delhi
Richa Chaddha and Ali Fazal's debut film production "Girls Will Be Girls" has bagged the John Cassavetes Award at the 40th Independent Spirit Awards. The Shuchi Talati-directed comedy-of-age drama won the award at a ceremony, held in Santa Monica, California, on Saturday.

The film was one of the five contenders for the John Cassavetes Award, which honours the creative team of the best films made with a budget under USD 1 million. "Big Boys", "Ghostlight", "Jazzy", and "The People's Joker" were the other nominees.

Produced by Chaddha and Fazal's banner Pushing Buttons Studios, "Girls Will Be Girls" revolves around a 16-year-old girl called Mira (Preeti Panigrahi) whose rebellious awakening is intertwined with her mother's (Kani Kusruti) unfulfilled coming-of-age experiences.

The film had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival where it received two awards last year.

Winning an award for her debut production feels like a dream, said Chaddha, adding that the movie represents not just a personal journey, but a collective effort of a team.

"To see it recognised on such a grand stage is humbling. As the first Indian actor and producer to win an

Independent Spirit Award, I feel like this is not just my victory, but a victory for all of us working to make diverse, authentic stories," she said.

Fazal added, "This win is a momentous one for us, and for Indian cinema as a whole. The spirit of independent filmmaking is about taking risks and telling the truth, no matter how uncomfortable or challenging that may be. 'Girls Will Be Girls' does exactly that." Shuchi Talati called "Girls Will Be Girls" a labour of love.

"This is more than just an award for me - it is a powerful affirmation of the story we set out to tell... to have it resonate with audiences and critics alike is beyond amazing," she said. At the Independent Spirit Awards 2025, which supports independent filmmakers, Kusruti was also nominated in the best supporting performance category for her performance in the movie but lost out to Kieran Culkin of "A Real Pain".

In 2022, the Independent Spirit Awards replaced its four acting categories with two gender-neutral segments, merging best supporting male and female into best supporting performance.

"Anora" dominated the film categories with three wins - best feature, best director for Sean Baker, and best lead performance for Mikey Madison.



When my films fail, I feel depressed for two weeks, says Aamir Khan

Mumbai
Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan says he takes a movie failure hard, often reflecting and feeling depressed for about two weeks.

During a session "60 and Not Done- The Screen and Spotlight" at the ABP Network's Ideas of India 2025, the actor said he values his failures because they push him to do better work.

"When my films fail, I get depressed. I get emotional and I cry a lot for two to three weeks. Later, I sit with my team and think about what went wrong with the film, we try to understand what the audience said about the film, so that we don't repeat our mistakes. I value my failures. "Once I've been through that process, then I look forward to working on my upcoming films with enthusiasm. One should take positive things from their failures, it teaches you to be better at work," said Khan, whose last two re-

leases "Laal Singh Chaddha" and "Thugs of Hindostan" performed abysmally at the box office.

Speaking about the failure of the two movies, the actor said he is disappointed that he couldn't deliver praiseworthy performances, especially in "Laal Singh Chaddha", which was a remake of Tom Hanks' "Forrest Gump".

"I felt very bad. We didn't earn money. I'm an emotional person. I felt 'Thugs...' was a weak film, we couldn't make what we wanted to. Filmmaking is a difficult film and sometimes we are not able to make films the way we want to.

"In 'Laal Singh Chaddha', I feel my performance was too high, Tom Hanks did such great work in the original he takes you on a ride, I was not able to do so," Khan said.

He credited his family for their unwavering support during tough professional times.

"When 'Laal Singh Chaddha' didn't do well, my family knew I was very much involved with the film, so they were all there with me. Sometimes Junaid, Ira, Kiran, and

mother or someone or the other, would come or show their support," Khan added.

The actor also expressed pride in the success his films attained in China, particularly the 2009 comedy-drama "3 Idiots".

The Rajkumar Hirani-directed feature, also starring R Madhavan, Sharman Joshi, Kareena Kapoor Khan, and Boman Irani, revolved around the story of three college friends and weaved in a message about pursuing one's passion and defying social conventions.

"The success of my films in China shows that cinema crosses national barriers, it is the victory of the Chinese audience. '3 Idiots' went viral in China because of piracy, I became a star in China because of piracy. We were happy that our film was doing well in India," Khan, who will turn 60 next month, said.

"Six to eight months later we got to know that the film did well in China, and we were like, 'We haven't released the film in China, so how come people saw it?', we learnt they watched a pirated version of it," he added.

Trisha Krishnan's first look from 'Good Bad Ugly' unveiled in new teaser

Chennai
The new teaser of "Good Bad Ugly" has given fans a first glimpse of actress Trisha Krishnan's character, who will be seen alongside Ajith Kumar in this upcoming action film.

Production house Mythri Movie Makers took to its X account on Sunday to share a 17-second clip showing Trisha in a green outfit, reacting with emotions ranging from surprise to satisfaction. The suspenseful teaser has sparked excitement among fans.

Directed by Adhik Ravichandran, "Good Bad Ugly" is set to release in theaters on April 10.

Earlier in January, the makers announced the film's release date. Director Ravichandran also shared a striking new poster of Ajith



Kumar on X. In the image, Ajith is seen wearing a sharp white suit, holding a pistol, and sitting confidently on a couch.

Bipasha Basu calls hubby Karan Singh Grover "monkey" in sweet birthday post

Mumbai
Actress Bipasha Basu had

the sweetest birthday wish for her husband, actor Karan Singh Grover, who turned a year older on Sunday, February 23.

Taking to her Instagram account, Bipasha shared a special video featuring their happiest moments together. The clip included pictures from their wedding, vacations, and other cherished memories.

Along with the video, the "No Entry" actress also added a loving caption for her hubby, whom she affectionately called "Monkey".

"Happy Birthday Monkey, I love you Tuvo #monkeylove," read her post.

Bipasha and Karan's journey of love began on the set of Bhushan Patel's film "Alone" in 2015, where they first met and later tied the knot in April 2016, after a year of dating. The couple

welcomed their daughter, Devi Basu Singh Grover, on November 12, 2022.

Announcing the arrival of their bundle of joy, Bipasha took to Instagram to share the joyous news along with the name of their daughter, signifying her as the physical manifestation of their love and blessings.

Meanwhile, Karan Singh Grover, on the professional front, was last seen in Siddharth Anand's aerial action thriller film "Fighter", where he starred alongside Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone. The film was released on January 25 last year. Apart from Hrithik, Deepika, and Karan, the film also starred Anil Kapoor in pivotal roles.

The movie revolves around the life of an Indian Air Force pilot, portrayed by Hrithik Roshan, and his journey to protect his nation and loved ones.

Boney Kapoor visits Mahakumbh Mela, calls it an "unbelievable sight"

Prayagraj
Film producer Boney Kapoor visited the ongoing Mahakumbh Mela in Prayagraj on Sunday



to take a holy dip in the Triveni Sangam.

Speaking to ANI, Kapoor shared his experience and recalled his past visits to Prayagraj. He added that although he had visited the place before, he had never witnessed such a massive

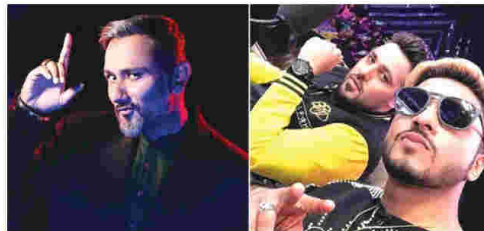
crowd and spiritual atmosphere. "I have come here many times, but once, I had brought my grandfather's ashes. After that, I came for an event in Prayagraj, but I had never seen such a sight before. The entire atmosphere here... There are so many people in our India. I

"Kai log kehte hain ki mera comeback nahi hoga...": Honey Singh takes jibe at Raftaar, Badshah

Mumbai
Singer and rapper Honey Singh kicked off his 'Millionaire India' tour with an electrifying performance in Mumbai on Saturday night and it wasn't just his music that captured eyeballs.

In videos that have gone viral from the event, Honey Singh appeared to take a jab apparently at fellow rappers Badshah and Raftaar. In the clip, Singh can be seen addressing the criticism regarding his career and comeback.

The singer, without taking names, said, "Kai log kehte hain ki wo mere bhai hain. Kai log kehte hain ki mera comeback nahi ho raha. Aur phir kehte hain wo mere gaane likhte the. Aur phir kehte hain ki wo meri takdeer likh denge." (Translation:



"Many people say they are my brothers. They also say I will never make a comeback. Then, they claimed they wrote songs for me. Then they also said they would write my destiny.")

The rift between Honey Singh and Badshah is no secret. The two are regarded as leading rappers in India and boast a large fan base. Singh and Badshah first began their

careers together as members of the rap group Mafia Mundeer, which also featured Ikka, Lil Golu, and Raftaar. The band delivered many popular tracks including 'Khol Botal', 'Begani Naar Buri', 'Delhi Ke Deewane' among others. After a public tiff, the duo parted ways and have been regularly took potshots at each other on social media.

Meanwhile, as part of his tour, Honey Singh is set to perform in 10 major cities across India. His tour schedule includes stops in Lucknow (February 28), Delhi (March 1), Indore (March 8), Pune (March 14), Ahmedabad (March 15), Bengaluru (March 22), Chandigarh (March 23), and Jaipur (March 29), with the final show in Kolkata on April 5.

