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Pakistan pleaded for a ceasefire after suffering heavy losses.



PM Modi says Operation Sindoor still on,

denies global pressure to enforce ceasefire

Responding to Opposition criticism, PM Modi says no world leader pressured India to halt Operation Sindoor and that

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no world leaded had told no world leaded had told Nindoor as he lashed out at the Congress for 'importing issues from Pakistan' and said the opposition party is joining terrorists and their masterminds in shedding tears after the victorious Indian military action.

Replying to an over 16-hour discussion in Lok Sabha on the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor, Modi rebutted the Opposition's charge over US President Donald Trump's repeated claims of mediating "ceasefire", saying he had told US vice President J D Vance on May 9 night that Pakistan will pay dearly for any attack on India.

In his 102-minute speech, the prime minister lauded India's military action as a "vijayotsav" (victory celebration) and told the House amid cheers from the treasury benches that he was presentine "stand of Bharat". "India destroyed Paki-



stan's military strength between May 9 and May 10. Pakistan now clearly understands that In-dia's response will al-ways get bigger and that India can do anything if it engages in any misad-venture in future," he said, emphasising that Operation Sindoor is continuing. Modi said Vance called him up a few

continuing.

Modi said Vance
called him up a few
times but he was busy
in meetings with the
armed forces brass and
returned the call later. "The Vice President

told me that Pakistan is going to launch a big attack. I told him if this

attack. I told him if this is Pakistan's intention, then this will cost it dearly. We will respond with a bigger attack. We will fire cannonballs against their bullets."
"No world leader asked India to stop its military operation," he said.
No country stopped India from acting in its defence, PM Modi stressed, adding that only three of the 193 UN members spoke in favour of Pakistan, re-

marks which came soon after Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabba Rahul Gandhi claimed no country condemned Pakistan and cited Trump's claims to question Modi's leadership. Modi then turned on the Congress. The opposition party has fallen to such a low that despite governing India for so long, it does not trust the country's establishment and its trust is in fact guided by remote control in Pakistan, he said.

"The world supported us but, unfortunately, the valour of the armed forces did not receive support from the Congress," he said While India is surging to become "aatmanirbhar", the Congress is becoming dependent on Pakistan for issues, he said.

After India hit the terror facilities, the Indian DGMO informed his Pakistan counterpart of the military action. India was also waiting for an opportunity to hit back, Modi said. When Pakistan retaliated, the Indian armed forces taught it a lesson it will not forget for years, Modi said. adding that the neighbouring country was brought to its knees following Indian strikes in its different corners.

corners.

The prime minister cited comments of some Pakistanis, which appeared on social media, to stress on their shock at the Indian attack.

at the Indian attack.
Their DGMO called
up the Indian DGMO
saying, "Bas karo, bahut
mara... stop the attack."
They could not bear it
any more, he said.
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Nehru didn't take back PoK, abandoned Assam: Shah in LS



New Delhi
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on
Tuesday affirmed
that no leader of any
country had asked India country had asked India to stop 'Operation Sin-door' which was still giving "sleepless nights" to the masterminds of the Pahalgam attack even as Home Minister Amit Shah announced that three terrorists involved in the massacre were eliminated by security forces.

eliminated by security forces.

As the discussion on Operation Sindoor in both houses of Parliament witnessed fiery speeches by top guns of the BJP and the Congress including by Rahul Gandhi, Modi said Pakistani airbases hit by India in the retaliatory strikes in May are "still in ICU" and asked the Congress to stop giving clean chit to Pakistan under pressure from "one family".

Lower House that Indian agencies have ample evidence confirming the three men killed in Monday's 'Operation Mahadev' near Srinagar were Pakistani terrorists linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba, nearly 100 days after the Pa halgam attack.

"Operation Sindoor will Operation Sindoor will continue. It is a notice to Pakistan that India will always act till Pakistan stope attacks," Modi desclared during his marathon reply to the discussion in the Lok Sabha, as sion in the Lok Sabna, as he accused the Congress and its allies of becoming spokespersons of Paki-stani propaganda. Shah told the Lower

Shah told the Lower House that Indian agen-cies have "ample" evidence that the three men who were killed on Monday in an encounter as part of 'Operation Mahadev' near Srinagar, nearly 100 days after the Pahalgam attack, were Pakistani terrorists affiliated to the banned Pak-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

Rahul attacks Modi, dares him to rebut Trump on truce

New Delhi
In a no-holds-barred attack, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of using the armed forces to protect his image after the Pahalgam attack and dared him to rebut US President Donald Trump's India-Pakistan ceasefire claims. "If Modi ji has even 50 per cent of the courage that Indira Gandhi had, then clearly he must say in Parliament - Donald Trump is lying," he said. Gandhi also said that if the government had listened to his statement in Lok Sabha a few months ago on China and Pakistan fusing together, they would "not have lost five aircraft" during Operation Sindoor. Participating in a special discussion in Lok Sabha on "India's



Rabut Gandhi
strong, successful and
decisive Operation Sindoor in response to the
terror attack in Pahalgam", he claimed the
government revealed
sensitive details about
Operation Sindoor to
Pakistan, soon after it
was launched.
"Yesterday, I watched
Rajnath Singh ji sspeech.
He said that Operation
Sindoor began at 1:05 in
the morning and lasted
for 22 minutes. He said

"If Modi ii has even 50 that Indira Gandhi had, then clearly he must say in Parliament - Donald Trump is lying," Ra-

that at 1:35, we called Pakistan and told them that we had hit non-military targets and we didn't want escalation. These are the words of the Defence Minister of India," the former Congress president said. "You told Pakistan exactly what you would not target military establishments and you didn't want escalation. That's surrender. Immediate surrender in 30 minutes," Gandhi said, slamming the government.

If Pak not able to take action against terrorism India can help: Rajnath in RS

New Delhi
efence Minister
Rajnath Singh
on Tuesday said
if Pakistan cannot take
action against terrorism
on its soil. India is ready
to help it as Indian forces are capable of fighting
terror on the other side
of the border as well.
Initiating a special
discussion on Operation Sindoor in Rajva
Sabha, Singh said three
terrorists involved in
the Pahalgam attack
have been eliminated
by Indian forces.
He further said that

have been eliminated by Indian forces. He further said that Operation Sindoor -" India's response to the Pahalgam attack - has been halted, and can be resumed anytime if Pa-kistan indulges in terror activities in India again. "India wants terror-ism to end in the whole world, including Pa-kistan... I had advised Pakistan earlier as well,



and today I want to say again, that if you are unable to take ef-fective action against terrorism, take India's help. India's forces are capable of taking effec-tive action against ter-rorism this side of the border, as well as on the other side. Pakistan

has already witnessed this during Operation Sindoor," he said. "If Pakistan commits any terror incidents in future, we will relaunch Operation Sindoor with-out hesitation," he said. Singh stressed that our vision is that Op-eration Sindoor should

ism, seek India's help. Our forces can act effectively on both sides of the border, as seen in Operation Sindoor," said Rajnath Singh.

"India wants terrorism

to end globally, includ-

ing in Pakistan. I've ad-

vised Pakistan before, and I repeat—if you

can't act against terror

carry on continuously.

"There can be a comma but no full stop."

While expressing surprise over questions raised by some opposition leaders over getting back Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, he said, 'I am surprised at this demand, because when they were in power they did just the opposite."

CONTO ON PAGE-2

US team to visit India on August 25 for next round of talks for trade pact

New Delhi
The US team will
visit India on August 25 for the next
round of negotiations
for the proposed bilateral trade agreement
between the two countries, an official said on
Tuesday.
Though the team is
coming at the end of

coming at the end of next month, both sides remain engaged to iron out differences for an in terim trade deal before August 1, which marks the end of the suspen-sion period of tariffs im-posed by US President Donald Trump on doz-ens of countries, includ-ing India (26 per cent).



"The US team is visit-ing for the sixth round of talks," the official said. The prospects for an interim deal may look dim as US Trade Rep-

resentative Jamieson Greer has said that more negotiations will be needed with India on a trade pact. However, officials are not ruling

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resentative Jamieson Greer has said that more negotiations will be needed with India on a trade pact.

out the possibility of a last-minute break-

a last-minute breathrough.

"We continue to speak with our Indian counterparts, we've always had very constructive discussions with them," Greet told CNBC on Monday.

Indian exporters may

face an additional duty of 16 per cent - on top of the existing 10 per cent, if the August 1 deadline is not extended further or an interim deal is not reached between the two countries.

India and the US teams concluded the fifth round of talks for the agreement last week in Washington.

India's chief negotiator and special secretary in the Department of Commerce Rajesh Agrawal and Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch held the deliberations.

Agency

Starmer says UK will recognize Palestinian state unless Israel agrees to a ceasefire

British Prime Min-ister Keir Starmer on Tuesday said the UK will recognise the state of Palestine at the United Nations General Assembly in

the state of Palestine at the United Nations General Assembly in September unless Israel moves towards a cease-fire in Gaza. In an address from 10 Downing Street, Starmer also asked Hamas to immediately release all the Israeli hostages taken on October 7, sign up to an immediate ceasefire and commit to disarmament as well as accept that it will play no part in the government of Gaza.

"I've always said that we will recognise a Pal-estinian state as a contribution to a proper peace



process at the moment of maximum impact for the two-state solution," said Starmer. "With that solution now under threat, this

Starmer called minis ters together for a rare summertime Cabinet meeting to discuss the

situation in Gaza.

studentini Oata. So today as part of this process towards peace, I can confirm the UK will recognise the State of Palestine by the UN General Assembly in September unless the Israeli government takes substantive steps to end the appalling situation in Gaza, agree to a ceasefire and commit to a long-term sustainable peace, reviving the prospect of a two-state solution," he said. Agency



5 killed as

rains lash

north India

New Delhi
At least five people were killed over the past 24 hours and several national highways were closed as heavy rains lashed parts of north India, including Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan.
In Himachal's Mandi, flash floods triggered by a cloudburst created havo on Monday night, killing three people and burying more than 20 vehicles, officials said on Tuesday.
In the national capi-

vehicles, officials said on Tuesday.

In the national capital, severe traffic snarls and widespread waterlogging disrupted movement across the city on Tuesday after heavy showers, forcing commuters to wade through deluged roads and streets.

In Civil Lines area of the city, a 40-year-old woman and her son died while two others were

while two others were injured after the wall of

injured after the wall of an under-construction building near the lieu-tenant governor's house collapsed due to rain. The deceased were iden-tified as Meera and his son Ganpath (17).

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PM Modi says Operation Sindoor still on, denies global pressure to enforce ceasefire

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In this era of tech-nology-driven war, the Indian defence system proved its mettle, he said, noting that over 1,000 drones and mis-siles launched by Pa-kistan were destroyed midair.

midair.

The main opposition party is importing
issues from Pakistan
and the Congress and
its allies have become
spokespersons of Pakispokespersons of stan's disinforn spokespersons of Paki-stan's disinformation at a time when narra-tives play a big role in warfare and are used to demoralise the armed forces and people, the prime minister alleged. His opponents, Modi said, echo Pakistan's statements to the com-ma and full stop. The country is amazed that the Congress is giv-ing a clean chit to Paki-stan in the Pahalgam at

stan in the Pahalgam at-tack, he said in a swipe

tack, he said in a swipe at former home minister P Chidambaram who had asked if proof existed to state that the terrorists were Pakistanis. Be it the surgical strikes or the air strikes, opposition parties al-ways hoped for "Modi to get trapped", and they had a similar wish this time, the prime minister said, citing the campaign against his campaign against his government over the capture of a BSF per-sonnel by Pakistan. He was safely returned lat-

er. "Terrorists are crying, their masters are crying, and some people are crying watching them," he said in a swipe at the Congress, asserting that Pakistan-based leaders of terrorist groups, who earlier thought they were safe from any Indian action, were now having sleepless nights. He accused the opposition of doing politics over the deaths of 26 civilians in the Pahalgam terror attack, saying they had started to taunt him within three-four days of the tragedy. If Pak not able their masters are crying

If Pak not able to take action against terrorism India can help: Rajnath in RS

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"It has always been
the stand of the Bharatiya Janata Party that
the day is not far when
the people of Pak-occupied Kashmir will have
the privilege of becoming a part of the Indian
governance system," he
said.

said.
Targeting the opposition, Singh said, 'Some
people think that since
Pakistan has nuclear
weapons, we should
only negotiate with
them. Because of this
nuclear buff, we have
lost countless civilians.
Our vision is that we
will give a befitting reply."

ply."
The defence minister

The defence minister stressed that no religious, ideological, or political reason can justify terrorism. He also congratulated the security forces for killing three terrorists involved in the April 22 Pahalgam attack in which 26 people were killed.

He said Home Min-

killed.

He said Home Minister Amit Shah has provided in Lok Sabha details of the joint operation by the forces.

Chidambaram attacks govt for agreeing on ceasefire after successful Op Sindoor

New Delhi
Ongress leader and
former home minister P Chidambaram on Tuesday attacked
the government for
agreeing on a 'ceasefire'
after successful Operation Sindoor

auce state Opera-tion Sindoor.
Participating in the special discussion on Operation Sindoor against Pakistan after the Pahalgam attack, he said Operation Sindoor was successful but only time will tell whether it was decisive or not. Chidambaram also lauded the "exemplap" and candid leadership displayed by the armed forces.

forces. "The consequences of Operation Sindoor of Operation Sindoor operation Sindoor was strong, I will say yes. Whether Operation Sindoor was successful, I will say yes. If you ask me whether it was decisive, I can only say time will tell," he said in the upper house.

upper house. The former home minister questioned why India agreed to do a cease-fire when the operation against Pakistan was successful.

against Pakistan was successful.

"India had severely damaged 11 military airbases. We accept it. But why did India agree to a ceasefire? That is the question," he said.

Noting that India was no longer fighting a one-front or a two-front or a two-front var, the Congress leader said, "Pakistan and China were no longer

Hyderabad

NHRC Chairperson

Justice V Ramasubramanian on Tuesday announced that the commission currently has

34.685 pending cases
from all over the country.

try.
Speaking to reporters here after a two-day
'Camp Sitting' of the
Commission here, he
said there are 285 pending cases related to police custodial death and

2,532 cases concerni-judicial custody death.

judicial custody death.

As per the directive issued by the NHRC in 1993 itself, if a death occurs either in a police station or in a jail, the authorities should send a report to the Commission compulsorily within 24 hours.

a report to the commis-sion compulsorily with-in 24 hours. In 99.99 per cent of the cases, the Commis-sion receives the re-port and it immediately calls for all the related reports, he said. Justice Ramasubra-manian said the num-

Over 34 000 cases

pending NHRC



different fronts, but are fused fronts". He asked the government wheth er it has plans to take on a "fused" front war with Pakistan, China and also

Pakistan, China and also some other players. Observing that India sent delegations to var-ious countries, Chidam-baram wondered why no delegation was sent to neighbouring nations like Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and the Mal-dives.

dives.
"Everyone condemned terrorism and sympathised with terror victims in India after the Pahalgam attack, but no country named and shamed Pakistan," he said.

said.
Pakistan has been ex-porting terrorists, but there were also several

ber of suo motu cases taken up by the Com-mission is on the rise. In 2024, the Commis-sion has taken cogni-sance of about 105 cas-

es.
"In fact, the number

"In fact, the number of cases registered suo motu are on the rise. In 2021, the number of suo motu cases registered were only 17, 60 in 2022, 117 in 2023, 105 in 2024, and it has already crossed 50 in 2025, "be said.

Asked about human freedom index where India was reportedly

freedom index where India was reportedly ranked 130 and whether the NHRC engages with the governments to address relevant issues, he said the Commission holds discussions with the governments.

Last week the NHRC

ernments.
Last week, the NHRC held meetings with government officials in Bhubaneswar, he noted. The Commission members undertake field visits, he said.

attacks in the country where home-based ter-rorists were involved, he said. Both Paki-stan-exported terrorists and home-grown ones work together most of the times, the Congress leader said.

work together most of the times, the Congress leader said.
While referring to the 1971 Indo-Pak War, the former home minister said it was "a decisive war" and on December 16, 1971, there was a his-toric victory.
Pakistan's General Ni-yazi surrendered to Gen-eral J S Arora along with 93,000 soldiers. It was the largest surrender of prisoners of war after World War II. That was a decisive victory.
On the contrary, Ope-eration Sindoor ended with a ceasefire. The

India-Pakistan war over Bangladesh ended with a surrender of the Paki-stani forces in favour of India," he said, adding that "people of India know the difference be-tween surrender and a ceasefire."

ween surrender and a ceasefire."
He said the government claimed that India has destroyed terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan in nine places.
"I must record that the military leadership of India was exemplary. Not only during Operation Sindoor, but after Operation Sindoor, the military leadership has been candid and forthright," he said
Citing the statement by the Chief of Defence Staff, who admitted tactical mistakes, Chidam-

you ask me whether Operation Sindoo was strong, I will say yes. Whether Operation Sindoor was successful, I will say yes. If you ask me whether it was decisive, I can only say in the upper house.

baram said that after that, they paused and the military leaders got together and re-strate-

the military leaders got together and re-strate-gised.

"He admitted loss, which is why, while I call the CDS and the other military leaders, they are leadership, exemplary. I call them candid, forthright and transparent because he admitted tactical mistakes, re-strategising and admitted loss, "he said.

However, Chidambaram said, "The government has so far not acknowledged the security failure and the intelligence failure.

He also attacked the government not take opposition into confidence.

ing Parliament and the opposition into confi-dence.

Talking over terror attacks, he said there is no doubt Pakistan infli-trates terrorists into In-dian soil.

"But please remem-ber there are also In-

dia-based terrorists, homegrown trevrists. They work together most to the time, they work separately, 'he said. Chidambaram said the 2006 Mumbai attack was by home-based terrorists, while the 2008 Mumbai attack was by Pakistan-infiltrated terrorists.

rorists.

"2011 terror attack was again home-based terrorists. So terrorism does not divide by the border. There are inflitted terrorists, there are home-based terrorists... If you claim that the terrorist ecosystem has been demolished, that's wrong, "he said.

On US President Donald Trump's claim that he stopped the war between India and Pakistan, Chidambaram said the Indian Prime Minister "should have publicyly rebutted Mr Trump. There was not even a note of protest."

"This is part of the government's character in dealing with America," he added.

Indian has not even protested the deportation of illegal Indians from the US soil with handcuffs and leg chains. "Not a word of protest. The US voted in favour of the IMF loan to Pakistan. Not a word of protest. The US voted in favour of the IMF loan to Pakistan. Not a word of protest," Chidambaram added.

tions, intelligence gathering in border areas, and fostering relations with border populations through civic action programmes.

Sanjay Singhal's leadership is being seen as an opportunity to bring renewed vision and strategic direction to the

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Sanjay Singhal appointed as new DG of SSB

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
The Central Government
has appointed senior Indian Police Service (IPS)
officer Sanjay Singhal as
the new Director General (DG) of the Sashastra
Seema Bal (SSB), one of
the country's key Central Armed Police Fore-Seema Bal (SSB), one of the country's key Cen-tral Armed Police Force-se tasked with guarding the India-Nepal and In-dia-Bhutan borders. A 1993 batch officer from the Uttar Pradesh cad-re, Singhal will official-ly take over the post on September 1, 2025, fol-lowing the retirement of the current DG, Amrit the current DG, Amrit Mohan Prasad.

the current Dg, Amrit Mohan Prasad.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the proposal from the Ministry of Home Affairs for Singhal's elevation to this critical position. His tenure as DG, SSB will extend until December 31, 2028, the date of his superannuation, or until further orders, whichever is carfler.

Currently serving as



the Special Director General in the Border General in the Border Security Force (BSF), Singhal brings with him vast experience in internal and border se-curity. Over the course of his career, he has held various sensitive and high-responsibility positions, contributing significantly to national security operations. His significantly to national security operations. His extensive background in managing large par-amilitary forces and ex-pertise in security affairs are expected to play a vital role in enhancing the operational capabilities of the SSB.

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The appointment comes at a time when border management and regional security are of increasing importance. The Sashastra Seema Bal, which operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs, is primarily responsible for guarding India's open borders with Nepal and Bhutan. It also plays a significant role in counter-insurgency opera-

renewed vision and strategic direction to the force. Senior officials have noted that his deep familiarity with the operational dynamics of border forces such as the BSF will be invaluable in further strengthening the preparedness and responsiveness of the SSB.

He will take over from PUBLIC NOTICE

and responsiveness of
the SSB.
He will take over from
Amrit Mohan Prasad, a
1989 batch IPS officer of
the Odisha cadre, who is
set to retire on August
31, 2025. Prasad's tenure has been marked by
initiatives to modernize
the force and streamline
operations along sensitive border areas.
Singhal's appointment
is being widely viewed
as a step in reinforcing
India's commitment to
internal security and
border management.

Tradition Meets Triumph: Dr. Payal Kanodia's Joyful Teej Celebration

New Delhi

In a unique confluence of tradition and empowerment, Dr. Payal Kanodia, Chairperson of the MgM Foundation, hosted a vibrant Teej celebration at Hotel Le Mertdien, New Delhi. Organised in collaboration with Shri Praveen Khandelwal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament from Delhi, and noted social leader Shri Satyabhushan Jain, the celebration brought together luminaries across the political, social, and cultural spectrum.

Dr. Payal Kanodia remarked, Teej is not only about celebrating tradition, but about celebrating women — from all walks of life. It was deeply moving to see our iMpower girls, who come from

modest backgrounds, confidently leading a prestigious event with skill and grace."
The event was graced by the presence of esteemed Members of Parliament and their spouses, including Smt. Kamaljeet Schrawat (AP) West Delhi), Shri Harsh Malhotra (MP, East Delhi), Shri Harsh Malhotra (MP, Corth West Delhi), Shri Anger (Delhi), Shri Anger (MP, Lok Sabha – NCT of Delhi), Shri Anger (MP, Lok Sabha – NCT of Delhi), Shri Anger (MP, and former Union Minister), and Shri Anun Govil (Member of Lok Sabha, belowed for his iconic portrayal of Shri Ram). Also present were senior BIP leader, spokesperson Shri Shahnawaz Hussein, renowmed industrialist, and former MP Shri Naveen

Jindal. The Chief Minister of Delhi, Smt. Rekha Gupta, and celebrated author and philanthropist Smt. Sudha Murthy also honoured the gathering with their presence. Together, their participation underscored a shared commitment to celebrating India's cultural richness while championing grassroots empowerment

grassroots empowerment and inclusive growth. At the heart of the cele-bration were young girls from the iMpower Acad-emy for Skills, an M₃M Foundation initiative Foundation initiative focused on vocational skilling for underserved youth. Trained in professional beauty therapy, the iMpower trainees applied traditional mehndi for the guests, including women MPs

and spouses of Parliamentarians. For many, it was a defining moment—a celebration of talent, self-worth, and the dignity of skilled work.
Under Dr. Kanodia's leadership, the M3M Foundation continues to build platforms that integrate tradition with transformation. Through initiatives in education, skill development, and community welfare, thousands of women and youth have been empowered to lead lives of confidence and purpose. This year's Teej celebration stood as a powerful reminder—that when culture meets compassion, and festivals become forums for inclusion, every tradition finds its future.

India's envoy to Japan Sibi George appointed Secretary West MEA

New Delhi
India's ambassador to
Japan Sibi George was
on Tuesday appointed as
the Secretary (West) in
the Ministry of External
Affairs (MEA), according
to a Personnel Ministry
order.

to a reasonnel ministry order.
Indian envoy to Bhutan Sudhakar Dalela has been appointed as the Secretary (Economic Relations) in the MFA.
Both George and Dalela are 1932-batch Indian Foreign Service (IPS) officers.
The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet committee of the Cabinet has approved George's appointment as Secretary (West) in the MEA in place of Tanmaya Lal, who is due to superannuate on August 31, 2025, the order

said.
George, a career diplomat, has earlier served as the country's Ambassador to Switzerland, the Holy See and the Principality of Liechtenstein and to Ku-

Lacchtenstein and to Ru-wait.

At the MEA headquar-ters here, he served in the East Asia Division and also as coordinator of In-dia-Africa Forum Sum-mit. George later headed administration, establish-ment and welfare divisions in the ministry.

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Dalela has been appoint-ed as Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs, anoth-er order issued by the Per-sonnel Ministry said.

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News in Brief

YEIDA to develop zonal plan for Hathras

Noida

The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) has started working on developing a zonal plan for Hathnas.

Priority will be given to setting up traditional industries here. Strong infrastructure, agricultural products, food percessing and metal art will be promoted to give impetus to the industries.

tries.
YEIDA CEO RK Singh said that 358 villages of Hathnas district are coming in the notified area. A new city will be developed on the land of these villages. Like other urban centres of the authority, residential, industrial, institutional etc. sectors will be developed in across Delhi.
The launch event, held at
Kedarnath Sahni Auditorium, Dr. S.P.M Civic Centre, was attended by senior leaders and officials, including PWD Minister
Pravesh Sahib Singh, Urban
Development & Education
Minister Ashish Sood, Environment Minister Maniinder Singh Sirsa Culture sectors will be developed in Hathras district too. Sec-tors will be connected by Infrastructure like sewer Minister Ashish Sood, En-vironment Minister Man-jinder Singh Sirsa, Culture Minister Kapil Mishra, Del-hi Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh, Deputy Mayor Jai Bhag-van Yadav, Standing Com-

Infrastructure like sewer, drinking water pipeline, electricity line etc. will be prepared. Necessary facili-ties like transport service, school etc. will be devel-

thes me transport service, sechool etc. will be developed. Traditional industries will be promoted in Hathras. Grains, fruits, vegetables are produced on a large scale in Hathras, therefore agricultural products and food processing units will be set up. Along with promoting the dairy industry, the metal art industry which is growing rapidly in Aligarh district will be strengthened in the new Hathras. Besides, importance will be given to setting up other industries including textile in a new style in Hathras.

Authority brings plot scheme

Noida
The Yamuna Authority has launched a plot scheme for building religious places, orphanages and old age homes.
There is an opportunity to buy such plots from near Film City to residential sectors. Applications for the scheme can be made on the website of the authority.
According to the authority, five plots ranging from 1000 sqm to 1500 sqm are included for the religious place. Plots have been reserved in sectors 18, 20, 22. Plots will be allotted in sector 22 for orphanage and old age home. Religious and social organisations can apply for these plots.
Apart from this, plots have also been kept for cultural events. These plots are in sector 12A and sector 22E. Both the plots are of 8000 sqm.

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Have sought reports on waterlogged spots: Delhi CM

New Delhi Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday visited the waterlogged ITO cross-ing and said her govern-ment has sought a "detailed report" on every such spot from the civic authorities. She said the water drained out within 30-45 minutes from area.

minutes from area. The Rekha Gupta-led

government was criticised by the Aam Aadmi Party over flooding of such areas as ITO and Zakhira under-

"All our teams are alert and officials are taking stock of waterlogging. There were places where water accu-mulated but it was drained out timely. I have spoken to locals here at ITO and they said that the water receded within half an hour to 45 minutes," she told reporters.

CM Gupta launches month-long 'Freedom from Garbage' Campaign on the pattern of Bharat Chhodo Movement

Dr. Diksha
New Delhi
The Bold step toward
transforming the national capital into a
garbage-free city, Delhi
Chief Minister Smt. Rekha
Gupta on Tuesday officialby launched the 'Freedom
from Garbage' cleanliness
campaign. The month-long
drive, scheduled from August 1 to August 31, 2025,
aims to mobilize multiple
government agencies and
the public in a unified mission to improve sanitation
and civir exponsibility
across Delhi.
The launch event, held at

mittee Chairperson Satya Sharma, Leader of House Pravesh Wahi, Deputy Chairman Sunder Singh, and NDMC Vice Chairm Kuljeet Singh Chahal alo with senior most bures

Kuljeet Singh Chahal along with senior most bureau-crats of Delhi Govt., MCD, NDMC, DDA, Delhi Police. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said, "We are writing a golden chapter in Delhi's history. For the first time, agencies like the MCD,

PWD, and Delhi Police are coming together in com-plete coordination. Every citizen must take ownercitizen must take owner-ship of this campaign. This is a shared responsibility." Delhi is witnessing Tripple Engine Government for the first time and its benefits, she added

unced that the rst two days of the cam-aign will focus on clearing aste backlogs in schools,

items from their premise and call for tenders, whe and call for tenders, wherever required. Targeted weekend drives will be conducted in unauthrorized colonies and JJ clusters every Saturday and Sunday. Special clean-up initiatives are planned at Yamuna Ghats on August 14, 21 and 28 August, while the Ring Road & Outer Ring Road will be cleaned in

31.

To support the campaign, the Delhi Government has allocated %5 crore to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). As a motivation for public involvement, the CM announced attractive incentives in the form of development works of: %2g lakh for the best-performing Resident Welfare Association (RWA), followed by %15 lakh and %10 lakh for second and third place, respectively. Works of a crore will be undertaken additionally for Best Constituency, she added. Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood emphasized the need to go beyond the boundaries of VIP zones, stating, "The real soul of Delhi lives in JJ clusters and unauthorized colonies. These areas have been historically neglected when it comes to sanitation. This campaign aims to chance that narrative and narra 31. To support the campaign,

This campaign aims to change that narrative and bring dignity to every corner of the capital." He

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tion among all major civic bodies—MCD, PWD, NDMC, and Delhi Police—and called upon every citizen, community group, and organization to actively participate in making Delhi a model city for cleanliness. Delhi Mayor Raja Igbal Singh echoed the sentiment, saying, "This campaign is not just about cleaning roads and drains; it is a collective movement to create a beautiful, healthy, and dignified capital. Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and guided by CM Rekha Gupta's leadership, we are carrying forward Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a Swachh Bharat."

As the city gears up for

As the city gears up for this massive civic initiative, all eyes will be on how Del-hi's citizens and institu-

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EASTERN RAILWAY

Barapullah Phase-III nears the finish line with 87% work done

Diksna New Delhi The Barapullah Elevated Road (Phase-III), which aims to provide seamless connectivity between Sarai Kale Khan and Mayur Vihar, is nearing completion, with 87% of the construc-tion work already finished. The project, undertaken by the Delhi Government, has seen steady progress de-spite delays and cost esca-

lations.
Once completed, the Barapullah Elevated Road (Phase-III) is expected to significantly reduce travel time between key areas of Delhi and contribute to smoother traffic flow across the Yamuna River corridor.

Originally approved by the Delhi Cabinet in Sep-tember 2011, the project was allocated an initial budget of ₹1,260.63 crore in December 2014. Construc-

New Delhi Delhi Chief Minister Rekha

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday carried out a surprise inspection of the ITO area to assess the waterlogging situation fol-lowing heavy rainfall. She ordered officials to take immediate action, stating that waterlogging in crucial areas is unaccept-able.

However, she noted that

water drained quickly due to timely drain cleaning and constant monitoring,

reventing a severe situa

tion.

Accompanied by Cabinet Minister Kapil Mishra and senior officials, CM Gupta compared the current scenario with the past, saying that waterlogging

ton officially commenced in April 2015, with a stipu-lated completion period of 30 months. However, var-ious logistical and environ-mental hurdles caused significant delays

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CM Gupta launches 'Hauslon Ki Udaan' to empower city's youth

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2025–26, the government has allocated ₹150 crore for the Barapullah Phase-III project. As of June 2025, project. As of June 2020 ₹86.43 crore from this allo-cation had already been uti-

Social Welfare Minister inspects Drainage System in Deep Vihar & other areas of Rohini

Staff Reporter

Staff Reporter
New Delhi
Social Welfare Minister
Ravinder Indraj Singh on
Tuesday inspected the
drainage system in Deep Vihar and other areas of Rohi-

He was accompanied by officials from the Municipal Corporation and other departments. During the vis-it, he highlighted the need for quick action if waterlogging lasts too long after rain. He instructed the Munic-

ipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) officials to address nce for residents

He also stressed the importance of ongoing sanita-tion efforts to prevent block-



ages in the drainage system.

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Minister Indraj Singh ac Minister Indraj Singh ac-knowledged recent im-provements in drainage due to cleaning efforts, but he urged all departments to worktogether for quick relief if heavy rainfall causes fur-

lutions and proper arrange ments from builders.

Delhi Govt enforces strict safety protocols for Night Shifts for working women

Staff Reporter

New Delhi
The Delhi Government, led
by Chief Minister Rekha
Gupta, has introduced a new
policy that allows women to work night shifts (24x7) in shops and commercial es-tablishments.

This decision aims to emtheir participation in the workforce, while also enhancing the business environment in the city.
The Chief Minister high-

lighted that strict safety measures will be imple-mented to protect women during these shifts, including mandatory transportation, extensive CCTV coverage, nd sufficient female securi

sed to last for hours under

prompt actions, proper cleaning, and a new drainage system.

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Currently, women are re-stricted from working night hours due to existing laws, which this new policy seeks to amend. Once approved, the changes will remove these prohibitions, allowing women to work at night

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She highlighted that even after heavy rainfall, water was cleared within half an hour, thanks to the

government's efforts.

During her visit, the
Chief Minister mentioned

across Delhi. The Chief Min ister emphasized that this policy is part of the govern-ment's broader strategy to ent and economic inde-

the active presence of government teams since early morning, who were monitoring the problem areas and assessing how quickly the water drained. She engaged with local residents, reassuring them of the system's improvements.

Gupta stated that the government had taken steps before the monsoons to ensure proper drainage cleaning and system strengthening, which showed positive results. She emphasized that eliminating waterlogging, reducing traffic congestion, and maintaining order are top priorities for her government, and they are committed to taking and the state of the s

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To ensure safety for women working night shifts, businesses will need to meet several conditions. They from female employees be-fore assigning night shifts and ensure that worksites are equipped with CCIV, fe-male guards, and safe trans-

port options.
Additionally, establish-ments should have an Inter-

under the Prevention of Sex ual Harassment (POSH) Act Basic facilities such as rest-rooms, toilets, and lockers must also be provided.

must also be provided.

Moreover, companies are required to make electronic payments, offer statutory benefits, and provide week ly offs and overtime com

CM Rekha Gupta believes become a 24x7 business hub, boost women's workforce

participation, and improve the city's business rankings. Follow us at: @@EasternRi @easternrailwayheadqu NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering) Name of work with its location: Signalling work in conner Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.

News in Brief

CA kills self using helium gas in hotel felt 'lonely'



New Delhi
A 25-year-old chartered accountant killed himself by inhaling gas at a hotel in New Delhi's Bengali Market area, police said on Tuesday.
According to a note he left behind, Dheeraj Kansal was alone since his father died in 2003. After his father's death, his mother married someone else, and he had no siblings.

siblings.

Kansal, who lived in a paying guest house in Mehrauli, also wrote about his suicide on social media. The suicide note, written in English, was recovered from his left

pocket.
"I am writing a suicide "I am writing a suicide note in case if you didn't see my post on social me-dia in case someone deletes my post. I am go-ing away, and no one should be held responsi-ble for this," he wrote. Kansal had checked

into a guest house near Janpath on July 28. When staff noticed his room was locked from in-

side for an extended pe riod, they alerted the po

A team from the Barakhamba Police Stabaraknampa ronce sta-tion broke open the door, and found a helium gas cylinder connected to three plastic pipes, an of-ficer said

ficer said.
"The saddest part of my life was my birth; death is the most beautiful part of my life. If you're reading this, I'm already gone. I wasn't deeply connected to anyone, nor was anyone to me. There's no readen no recreet, and no

son, no regret, and no complaint," the note read. Kansal's body was re-ceived by his uncle and

ousins.

The officer said helium nhalation is highly fatal for it leads to a lack of oxygen in the body.

Doctor robbed of gold chains in southwest Delhi

New Delhi An 81-year-old woman doctor was injured after bike-borne snatchers robbed her of two gold chains in southwest Delhi's Safdarjung Enclave area, an official said on

The incident took place on July 25 around 3 pm when the victim, identi-fied as Dr. Sushila, a resfied as Dr. Sushila, a resident of Munirka, had gone to Safdarjung Enclave for some personal work, he said.

"While returning to her car, she saw a box kept near it. While she tried to reserve it. While she tried to reserve it.

remove it, two men on a motorcycle suddenly ap-peared. One of the ac-

peared. One of the ac-cused snatched two gold chains from her neck," a senior police officer said. The sudden jerk caused the elderly doctor who runs a clinic in Sarojini Nagar Market to lose baland fall, resulting uries to her. The accused fled the spot im-mediately after the inci-

Police registered a case Police registered a case of robbery on July 26 based on the victim's statement. Police are scanning CCTV footage from nearby areas to identify and apprehend the culorits.

Heavy rains trigger traffic chaos waterlogging across Delhi

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as roads remained water-logged and traffic moved at snail's pace for hours. Traffic came to a near standstill on multiple stretches like ITO, Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road, Delhi-Meerut Expressway, Nehru Place, Kailash Colony Road, Dhaula Kuan, Naraina, Pa-tel Nagar, Vijay Chowk, Jangpura, RK Puram, Lajpat Nagar, Talkatora Road, Azad Market underpass, and Zakhira underpass.

Azad Market underpass, and Zakhira underpass. The Opposition, Aam Aadmi Party, ripped into the BJP government over flooding of key markets, hospitals and underpasses, while questioning the "four-engine" governance model of the saffron party. Chief Minister Rekha Guuta who conducted an

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, who conducted an inspection of ITO, that was inundated, said they have sought a report of every wa-terlogging point in the na-tional capital and asserted that waterlogging did not persist for hours.

lor out. So far this month, the city has recorded 220.2 mm of rainfall, exceeding the normal mark of 209.7 mm, according to the India Mete-GreNo Authority to improve Gr Noida sanitation system

File Photo

orayor Raja fqbal Singh, however, blamed the AAP of not working to address the issue and asserted that things had started improv-ing after the BJP came into power.

power.
Safdarjung observatory,
the official marker of the
national capital, recorded
68.1 mm of rainfall on Tuesday. Delhi's monthly rainfall
for July has been above average, official data showed.

Noida
The Greater Noida (GreNo)
Authority is going to improve sanitation system of
Greater Noida with an in-

The system of door-to The system of door-to-door garbage collection and cleaning will soon be im-proved in Greater Noida West. Cleaning will be done both manually and me-chanically and an amount of Rs 252.49 crore will be spent for this work in five years.

years.

The cleaning system of Greater Noida is not very good. In such a situation, the authority has made an integrated plan for cleaning. Under this, now every sector will be cleaned both tor will be cleaned both manually and mechanically. The responsibility of col-lecting garbage, leaves and debris from every house will be given to only one company. This will ensure that only one agency will work in the entire sector. Currently, when there are different agencies for dif-ferent works, the agencies

each other.

According to the official concerned, the cleaning agency will transport the garbage to the garbage disposal centre. Senior Manager Sunny Yadav said that under the integrated cleaning system in Greater Noi-da West, the tender of Rs 252.49 crore issued for Greater Noida West is in the

252.49 crore issues us, Greater Noida West is in the process of opening. It is expected that the company will be selected soon.

The responsibility of garbage disposal in group housing societies lies with the builder management. Tender was not issued for cleaning of many sectors of Greater Noida and some major roads. A professional company is being searched to improve the constraints system in Greater company is be arched to improve nitation system in Gre

The presentation of some ompanies has been liked. companies has been liked. The sanitation system will be improved after select-ing the agency, according to NG Ravi Kumar, CEO, the Greater Noida Authority.

orological (IMD).
From June 1 to July 29—the ongoing monsoon period has received \$22.2 mm of rainfall, higher than the average seasonal figure of

rainfall, higher than the average seasonal figure of 270.1 mm.
Meanwhile, a 40-year-old woman, Meera, and her 17-year-old son, Ganpath, died in a wall collapse inident, few metres away from Raj Niwas, due to the heavy downpour. The woman's other son, Dashrath (19) and brother-in-law Nanhe (25) were iniured in their color woman's other son, Dashrath (26) were injured in their color woman's other son, Dashrath (19) and brother-in-law Nanhe (25) were injured in their son, and the son their son (35) were injured in the in-

The family had arrived from Madhya Pradesh in search of employment op-portunities and were work-ing as labourers at the un-der-construction building, fire department officials said.

As rains lashed the city, severe traffic snarls and widespread waterlogging disrupted movement, forc-ing commuters to wade through deluged roads and

According to the Public According
Works Department (PWL),
around 90 calls regarding

its flood control room while the MCD received only four calls about immdation and five calls over failent trees. Visuals from various parts of the city showed serpentine queues of vehicles at grid-locked intersections. Inmany areas, the water level rose to the knees, partially sub-merging cars and two-wheelers alike.

Videos of flooding from the Zakhira underpass to Connaught Place and from Safdarjung Hospital, suffaced on social media. The videos were posted on X by AAP leaders to question over the state of affairs. Rajeev Sharma, a commuter from Ghaziabad said, "It usually takes me around 45 minutes to reach my office in central Delhi, but today it

n central Delhi, but today it took me almost two and a half hours. The roads were completely waterlogged, and the traffic just wouldn't

move."

Auto driver Abdul
Qayyum, who was driving
from south Delhi to Connaught Place said, "Vehicles
were crawling and all the
traffic signals went kaput.
It's usually a 20 to 25-minute
drive but I was stuck for
over an hour."

2 held for cheating vendors by issuing tenders under fake govt firm

New Delhi
Delhi Police has arrested
two persons for allegedly
duping several merchants
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trust and issuing tenders
under it, an official said on
Tuesday.

The accused, Karunakar
alias Ratnakar Upadhyay
(40) and Anita Upadhyay
(35) were held in connection
with a case registered at the
Economic Offences Wing
(EOW) police station based
on multiple complaints, including one by a retired army
officer, they said.

According to officials, the
two are graduates and were
unemployed. They turned
to fraud for easy money.

Ratnakar is involved in
multiple criminal cases in
Utar Pradesh, Othattisgarh
and Delhi, including a rape
case registered against him at
Paharganj police station in
2023, while Anita was previously arrested in a similar
case in Chatattisgarh.

The duo posed as representatives of a fake trust
named Rashtriya (Gramin
Saksharta Mission (RGSM),
which they claimed was a
Government of India undertaking. They also created
a fake website and opened a
bank account in the name of

the mission to lend authenticity to their claims," Additional Commissioner of Police (EOW) Amrutha Guguloth said.

The accused allegedly induced vendous to register for supplying uniforms, school bags, medical kits and other materials meant for distribution among underprivileged students in various states. After taking delivery of the goods, the two failed to make payments, the officer said.

"In one case, complainant Retired Captain Shivender Singh Bakshi was duped of nearly Rs 2 crore under the pretext of commission for tender allotment and supply of school uniforms," he added. Three other similar complaints from merchants are under investigation.

The investigation revealed that Ratnakar had created the fake website and operated the said of the similar complaints from the factor of personal use. Anita, who was presented as the head of mission also received funds from the account and played an active role in the conspiracy, the officer said.

Police said the accused were arrested in a case on July 16 and again in another case on July 21.

Notorious criminal injured in late-night encounter in Noida; accused of attack on Journalist nabbed by Police

■ Swift action by Sector-113 police under DCP's leadership; illegal firearm and knife recovered

Amar Saini
Noida
Anotorious criminal wanted
in multiple cases, including
the recent attack on a journalist, was injured in a latenight police encounter near
Nagauri Farmhouse in Sarfabad, under the jurisdiction of Sector-12 police station. The accused, identified
as Deepak alias Deepu, sustained bullet injuries after he
opened fire on police personnel and attempted to escape.

According to police offi-cials, the incident occurred during a routine checking operation being carried out by the Sector-113 police tea based on local intelligence ceived a tip-off about the movement of Deepak, who was allegedly involved in the attempted murder of attempted murder of Parmhouse, where the ac-pramod Sharma, a local jour-nalist. Acting swiftly on this information, the police in-tensified patrolling and the properties of the properties of the police team sig-naled Deepak to stop, here-



checking in the area, partic-ularly around the Nagauri Farmhouse, where the ac-

Deepak, son of Vinod Sharma and a resident σ Sarfabad village, is a knowr history-sheeter with more than 11 criminal cases regis-

tered against him under se-rious charges, including the Narcotic Drugs and Psy-chotropic Substances Narcotic Drugs and Psy-chotropic Substances (NDFS) Act, the Gangster Act, and the Arms Act. Police officials have confirmed that he is also being probed for his suspected involvement in several other pending cases in the region. During the search, the po-lice recovered a country-made illegal firearm (315 bore pistol), one live car-tridge, one used cartridge, and a knife believed to have been used in the attack on journalist Pramod Sharma. The recovery of the weapon

The recovery of the weapon has further strengthened the case against the accused, and forensic examination of the

dent, Additional DCP of Noi-da Zone, Sumit Kumar Shuk-la, said, "The police acted on credible intelligence reon credible intelligence re-garding the accused's pres-ence in the area. When the suspect fired at the police team, the officers responded appropriately, leading to his arrest. This operation not only led to the capture of a wanted criminal but also sends a strong message to chers involved in unlawful activities."

The swift and decisive ac

tion by the Noida Police der the leadership of senior der the leadership of senior officers has drawn praise for its efficiency in tackling ris-ing criminal threats. The po-lice have stated that further lice have stated that further investigations are ongoing to uncover the extent of Deepak's criminal network and any possible accomplices involved in the attack on the

Bharatiya Kisan Parishad delegation meets Noida CEO Lokesh M to discuss key land issues

Noida In a significant develops

In a significant development concerning the long-stand-ing demands of local farm-ers, a delegation of the Bharatiya Kisan Parishad met with top officials of the Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) to raise of land and compensation-re lated matters. The high-leel meeting took place at the NMRC office in Sector-29, Noida, and was attended by Chief Executive Officer Mr. Lokesh M, Additional CEO Mr. Sanjay Khatri, Officer on Special Duty Mr. Kranti Shekhar, and Deputy Gen-eral Manager Mr. Vijay Raw-

centered around the proper registration of farmers' names in the land records names in the land records (Khatauni) under Sections 5B and 5C. The Parishad highlighted that while pop-ulation claims under Sec-tion 5A had been resolved, the corresponding entries under 5B and 5C were still pending. Addressing the concern, CEO Lokesh M as-sured the delegation that

The discussions primarily



pending the signature of the newly appointed District Magistrate. He emphasized that once the formalities are npleted at the district lev

completed at the district lev-el, the land records will be updated accordingly. Another major issue raised during the meeting pertained to the long-de-layed allocation letters for developed plots. These plots, meant to be allotted to affected farmers, are pending with the Planning Depart-ment. The Parishad urged that the developed plots be allotted in Sector 146, to which the CEO responded affirmatively. He informed the delegation that the layout the delegation that the layout map for the sector has al-ready been finalized, and the work of allotting the plots and issuing official let-ters will be completed with-in a month. a month. The delegation also

brought up the matter of the original 5% land entitle-ment, which remains under dispute due to encroach-ment claims. Farmers have been seeking committee ap-proval and subsequent ac-tion by the Planning De-partment to resolve the ispartment to resolve the is-sue. In response, the CEO as-

sured that the matter would be handled expedition and that the ne ould be completed within the next three months

Perhaps the most pressing joint of the meeting repoint of the meeting re volved around the long mendations made by the High Power Com mittee construc-dress farmers' grievances. sed the need for ur government action on this front. CEO Lokesh M acknowledged the importance of this issue and committed to initiating discussions with the Principal Secretary of the Industries Department. He further assured the delega-tion that efforts would be made to secure the issuance of a government order to im-plement the committee's re-commendations at the earliest. Throughout the meeting, officials from the Authority expressed their commitment to maintaining a constructive

taliatory firing, Deepak st tained a bullet injury a

officials from the Audiona, expressed their commitment to maintaining a constructive and ongoing dialogue with farmers. They emphasized that farmer-related issues would continue to be prioritized and resolved in a timebound manner.
In turn, the Bharatiya
Kisan Parishad reiterated its

stance of cooperation with the Authority, stating that as long as the administration continues to address farmers' continues to address farmers' concerns with sincerity and efficiency, they will offer their full support. However, the Parishad made it clear that any delay or negligence in the redressal of issues would compel them to return to the round with protests and re-sewed determination to safeguard the rights and entitle nents of the farming com-

Rain exposes BJP govt's lack of preparedness to tackle waterlogging: Delhi Congress

Staff Reporter

New Delhi
Delhi Pradesh Congress
Committee president Devender Yadav here on
Tuesday said that the BJP Tuesday said that the BJP government's lack of preparations to tackle the monsoon chaos was once again exposed when rain showers created heavy traffic snarls and water-logging everywhere in city.

He said that water log ging and traffic jams due to rain in city speak a lot about the BJP's so-called Viksit Delhi' dream. The Delhi Congress has been warning the Rekha Gupta government even before the onset of monsoon that

the onset of monsoon that the desilting of storm wa-ter drains and sewers should be completed well ahead of the monsoon. But, he added, despite giving extended deadlines to the PWD, it failed to complete the work and Tuesday's rains once again laid bare the false claims of the BJP government. He said that as a result, Del-hites get no breather from



traffic jams and water log-ging when it rains, throw-ing life haywire. He said that the Capital went under water in important ar eas like ITO, Dhaula Kuan eas like ITO, Dhaula Kuan, Naryana, Patel Nagar, Jakhira Underpass, Azad Market Underpass, Nehru Stadium Gole Chakkar, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, Barapula Sewa Nagar, Kamla Nagar Market, Ambedkar Stadium, Pra-gati Maidan, GTK Depot, Model Town, Kingsway Camp etc. Yadav said that whenever rains create hav-co in the city, the Gupta government blames offi-cials for the Jayree of the cials for the lapses of the ministers and the CM her-self as works needed to be done on time at the ground level are not being done.

Terrorists are being eliminated one by one J K DGP

Jammu
Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police
(DGP) Nalin Prabhat on
Tuesday said the terrorists are being eliminated
one by one in ongoing
operations across the re-

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They (terrorists) have been operating here for the past four years. Operations are going on continuously. One by one, they are being eliminated," he told reporters at a function here.

The DGP was responding to questions about the ongoing operations and the number of terrorists killed. In response to another question about the number of terrorists currentby active in Jammu and Kashmir, he said the figures cannot be disclosed in the public domain.

Prabhat avoided a direct response to a direct response to a direct response to a function.

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in the public domain. Prabhat avoided a direct response to a question on 'Operation Mahadev' and said the country's top leaders have already spoken on the matter. In a major breakthrough, the Army's elite para commandos earlier on Monday gunned down the alleged mastermind of the Pahalgam terror attack along with two of his associates in an encounter in a forest area on the outskirts of Srinagar. Sulieman alias Asif, who is believed to be the mastermind of the April 22 attack, was killed after the security forces launched a surprise action, codenamed 'Operation Mahadev'.

Indian Army to hold drone competition in forbidding Spiti valley

Shimla

The Indian Army is going to host a drone competition to bring together freelancers and original equipment manufacturers from across the country, an army officer said on Tuesday.

The exercise will be a joint venture between the Surya Command of the Indian Army and the Drone Federation of India.

The event will take

The event will take place in the Sumdo vil-lage of Spiti Valley in

lage of Spiti Valley in two phases — August 20-24 —, the spokesperson said.
Surya Dronathon 2025 will feature obstacle negotiation and an endurance race.
The participants will face one of the highest drone obstacle courses in the country, situated at an altitude of 10,700 feet in the open catefeet in the open cate-gory, service team cat-egory and freelancers

category.

The last date for on-line registration is Au-gust 1.

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According to an official statement, the event seeks to foster a robust ecosystem of innovation in the defence sector, aligning with the vision of "Atmanir-bhar Bharat."

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Harvana CM stresses need-based fire station setup, reviews key development announcements



Bodies Department and the Gau Seva Commis-sion to remove all stray cattle from roads and public spaces within two months. These animals are to be relocated to gaushalas (cow shelters) in a systematic and safe manner.

in a systematic and safe manner. Reviewing the func-tioning of the Animal Husbandry and Dairy Department, the Chief Minister noted that Nandi Shalas have al-ready been established in Panchkula, Panipat, and Hisar. He urged that similar facilities be cre-ated in all other districts.

and collectively counter those who spread public

unrest.
"There are disturbing elements in society who attempt to justify terrorism and the killings of innocents and try to hold hostage the aspirations and dreams of lakhs of youths. Such individuals need to be unmasked," the LG said

unmasked," the LG said.

He also congratulated 20,000 youths of Baramulla for setting a world record in calligraphy and 'Ladishah', a folk storytelling art.

"By coming together for Ladishah and calligraphy you have set

raphy, you have set a new world record. This accomplishment will serve as inspiration for

JK LG expresses gratitude to

Pahalgam attackers

Srinagar
Jammu and Kashmir
Lieutenant Governor
Manoj Sinha on Tuesday thanked the security forces for eliminating the three terrorists who were involved in the Pahalgam attack.
Addressing a cultural programme in Baramulla district, Sinha also lauded the Army for its dedication and commitment to safeguarding the country.

ment to safeguarding the country.

The security forces on Monday eliminated three terrorists who gunned down 26 civilians in Pahalgam's Baisaran valley on April 22. The terrorists were killed in an encounter conducted jointly by the Army's elite 4 PARA commando unit along with CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police at Mulnar in Harwan area mear Dachigam National

Mulnar in Harwan area near Dachigam National Park. Sinha "expressed

security forces for eliminating

He also directed the department to explore setting up Nandishalas through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. Additionally, veterinary clinics must be established at all existing Nandishalas, with arrangements for regular visits by veterinary surgeons.

During the review of the Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Saini instructed officials to ensure the timely and high-quality completion of development works, so that their benefits reach the people direct-He also directed the de-

r channeling water om the Yamuna River in the Kalesar region to Panchkula and adjoin-ing areas. The initiative ing areas. The initiative aims to support agricul-tural activities and ad-vance the 'River Linking Campaign' envisioned by Prime Minister Nar-endra Modi.

endra Modi.
While reviewing the
Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, the Chief Minister directed officials to
maintain and regularly
update the database
of all subsidy-related

Underscoring the importance of essential public services, the Chief Minister emphasized that departments must ensure the availability of roads, electricity, and water in every corner of the state, including remote and hilly re gions such as Morni.

schemes. This, he said, would help ensure trans-parency and efficiency in delivering benefits to farmers. He also sug-gested the creation of a

farmers. He also suggested the creation of a special program to develop high-quality seeds through agricultural scientists, enabling farmers to boost productivity. He called on the Horticulture Department to collaborate actively with Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and extend technical support to farmers under this year's action plan. Saini concluded the meeting by reviewing all department-wise Chief Minister's announcements made since 2014, He instructed all concentre officers to prioritize the timely execution and completion of pending commitments to ensure that the state's developmental goals are achieved efficiently.

Puniab Police busts cross-border arms smuggling module

Chandigarh
The Punjab Police on
Tuesday claimed to have
busted a cross-border
arms smuggling module
and apprehended an operative working under
the directions of a Paki-stan-based smuggler.
Director General of
Police Gaurav Yadav,
in a post on X, said the
accused had retrieved
a weapon consignment

in a post on X, said the accused had retrieved a weapon consignment from near the India-Pa-kistan border and was en route to deliver it when a police team intercepted him.

In a statement issued later, Yadav said the man was identified as Bharatpreet Singh from Marhi Megha village in Tarn Taran. Police teams recovered five sophisticated pistols from his possession and impounded his motorcycle, which was used for transporting the consignments. Yadav said preliminary investigations have revealed that the arrested accused, along with his two associates, was acting upon the directions of the Paki-

with his two associates, was acting upon the directions of the Pakistan-based smuggler, who has been using drones to drop weapon consignments from across the border.

The arrested accused was further supplying arms to criminals and gangsters in Punjab to fuel criminal activities in



Sharing operation details, the DGP said teams of the counter-in-

details, the DGP said teams of the counter-in-telligence wing in Amritsar received specific intelligence about the retrieval of weapons consignments from the India-Pakistan border area near Daliri village in Tarn Taran.

Acting swiftly, police teams intercepted Bharaitpreet Singh from Mulechak road in Amritsar, when he was going to deliver the consignment to a party, and recovered illegal weapons from his possession, he added.

An FIR has been reg-

he added.

An FIR has been registered at the State Special Operation Cell, Amritsar, he said. Further investigation is underway to expose the entire network and its linkages, he added.

Bullock cart races represent glorious cultural heritage of rural Punjab: CM Mann



Punjab.

He said that such rac-es have been held in Punjab since ancient times and served as a

Punjab since ancient times and served as a a living connection to our traditions and cultural identity.

Mann, according to an official statement, said that Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev also practiced farming with bullocks during his time in Kartarpur Sahib.

The chief minister said that the ban earlier on bullock cart races had not only disheartened lovers of traditional sports but also dealt a blowt to un heritage.

Addressing a gathering in the said willage in this district, Mann said that there had been growing demand from Punjabis to bring a new law so that these traditional games can be revived.

Mann said the Punjab revention of Cruelty to Animals (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2025 was unanimously passed in the state assembly on July 11.

The chief minister said

in the state ascenney, July 11. The chief minister said this law will not only help in preserving indig-enous animal breeds in Punjab but also pave the way for resuming bull-



ock cart races.

He said this law now awaits the consent of the President of India.

Speaking about the new legislation, Mann explained its primary objective is to ensure safety measures for animals participating in sports, including veterinary supervision, safety standards, registration and documentation, and penalties for violations, so that no cruelty is inflicted upon vioicless animals.

The chief minister also announced that his government will explore possibilities of reviving pigeon flying competitions as well.

After the Bill was unanimously passed by the Punjab Assembly

earlier this month, Mann had called it a "historic" day and said the bullock cart races will now re-sume in the entire state. It allows the resump-tion of bullock cart races in Punjab besides ensur-ing safety measures for animals taking part in sports.

animals taking part in sports.
Bullock cart race had not been taking place at Kila Raipur Sports Festival in Ludhiana district, popularly known as mini or rural Olympics'. In 2014, the Supreme Court had banned these sports for being violative of the Prevention of Cruchly to Animals Act, 1960. "Considering the important role played by Bullock Cart Racing towards promoting the spirit of games and

sports, and enriching the cultural heritage and tradition in the State of Punjab, which is also a great source to keep the Punjab's youth away from drug addiction and also to improve indigenous cattle breeds of Punjab, the government of Punjab has decided to exempt the conduct of Bullock Cart Racing in Punjab from the provision of the said Central Act 59 of 1960," according to the Bill passed by the Punjab Assembly. Meanwhile, Man while referring to the

Meanwhile, Mann while referring to the sports festival held at Kila Raipur village said the games, which began in 1933, are popularly known as "Mini Olym-pics" or "Rural Olym-pics".

Dope test for 'Chitta' mandatory in HP police hiring

Shimla
A doping test for 'Chit-ta' will now be manda-tory during police re-cruitment in Himachal Pradesh and newly re-cruited government employees will be required to submit an undertaking stating they do not consume the synthetic drug, officials said on Tuesday.

The decision was taken during a cabinet meeting held here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, officials said.

During the meeting.

Singh Sukhu, officials said.

During the meeting, police, social justice and empowerment and health departments gave detailed presentations on the measures being taken to combat drug abuse in the state.

The chief minister said strict action would be taken against any government employee found involved in drug-related activities.

The state government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards the drug menace and is fully committed to protecting the youth from falling victim to drug abuse, "Sukhu said.

He underlined the

drug abuse, Sukhu said.

He underlined the need for coordinated efforts to dismantle drug networks.

According to a statement issued here, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) cases in Himachal Pradesh constitute nine per cent of total cases, significantly lower than Punjab's 20 per cent.

Under the present government's tenure, properties worth Rs 42.22 crore belonging to persons involved in drug-related activities have been attached. Also, 44 detention orders have been issued and executed under the PIT-NDPS Act, it added. Agency

near Dachigam National Park. Sinha "expressed gratitude on behalf of the nation and Jammu and Kashmir to Army, paramilitary and police forces for successfully executing "Operation Mahadev", in which three Pakistani terrorists involved in the April 22 heinous Pahalgam terror attack were eliminated in Dachigam forcest", an official spokesperson said. At the event in Baramula, Sinha called on the youth to rise above language, sect and religion, sections across society to reconnect with their heritage, embrace their culture, and uphold their values," he said. Tiger count in UP rises to 205; CM extend greetings on International Tiger Day

Lucknow

Uttar Pradesh Chief
Minister Yogi Adityanath and Deputy
Chief Ministers Keshav
Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak on Tuesday
extended greetings to
people on International
Tiger Day, as the state
recorded a rise in the animal's population from
173 to 205In a post on X in Hindi,
Adityanath said, "Hearty
congratulations to all
nature lovers and wildlife protectors on International Tiger Day?
The tiger is a symbol of

our biodiversity, ecological balance and natural dignity. Let us make this day meaningful by resolving to protect the tiger, a symbol of speed and power."
State Minister of Forest and Environment (Independent Charge) Arun Kumar Saxena also posted on X, "Hearty congratulations and best wishes on International Tiger Day. Tiger is not only our national animal but also our heritage. Let us take a pledge to protect tigers on the International Tiger Day."



report.
"There are four tiger re-serves in the state. Efforts to improve tiger habitat, creation of borewells for

water availability during summer, fencing of forest areas, and intensified af-forestation are among the steps taken to support the growth in tiger numbers," he added.

Saxena further said that the state is working to expand grassland cov-er to ensure an adequate prey base, such as deer and other herbivores, for the tigers.

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People living near for-est areas are being sensi-tised about safety meas-ures, including staying indoors if they spot an-imal pugmarks, ensur-

ing children do not play

ing children do not play alone and moving in groups when venturing out, the minister added. Deputy Chief Minister Maruya also in a post on X said, "Heartiest greetings of International Tiger Day to the entire country and the people of the state! Let us all fulfill our responsibility towards wildlife conservation, especially the protection of our national heritage — the tigers." Deputy CM Pathak endoed similar sentiments in his message on X.

After BSNL, now it is the turn of government schools

henever a government talks about national interest, citizens should understand who is actually benefiting from these so-called national interests. Today's India is standing at a turning point where public services are being handed over to private hands in a planned manner. What we are calling reform is actually a planned disinvestment - in which the rights of he public are being slowly snatched away and converted into market commodities. The biggest example of this entire process is Bharat Sanchar Nigam Lamited i.e. BSNI, and now the same experiment is being done on the government schools of India.

BSNL was once a communication system that reached every corner of the country. BSNL had services even in the mountains, border areas and rural areas where no private company could reach. But the governments gradually started stopping its pace. It was prevented from introducing new technologies, there was delay in providing 4G service, the number of employees was reduced, and financial assistance was limited. The result was that an important public company of the country gradually weakened. Parallet to this, private companies like Jio were encouraged at every level. They got spectrum at cheap rates, rules were relaxed and administrative help was also given. Ultimately BSNL was weakened and private companies dominated the market.

The same scenario is now being repeated in the field of education. Government schools are being systematically maligned. It is being said that the level of education there is poor, there are fewer students, the results are not good. But no one asks how many teachers are teaching in these schools, for how many years permanent appointments have been stopped, how dilapidated are the school buildings, where are the libraries and laboratories. What is the transport arrangement to take children to school? All this has been deliberately neglected, so that an image can be created that government schools are unsuccessful.

When government schools look weak, the trust of the society will automatically decrease. Then parents will be forced to send their children to private schools, even if their financial condition does not allow it. This is a very deep and dangerous strategy. First weaken the services, then make the public choiceless, and fi-nally push them towards private services.

Today, all the big private schools have some political or administrative person behind them. A minister's wife's trust, a former MP's charitable foundation, a bureaucrat's NGO - these are the names behind the

By Priyanka Saurabh







glitz of private schools. In such a situation, when an education policy is made, only these people benefit. The government itself makes the policy, and its own schools benefit from those policies.

Now the situation is such that even poor and mid-dle class families are paying huge fees to educate their children in private schools. Admission fees, month-ly fees, annual fees, uniforms, books, smart classes, transport – money is taken for everything and educa-tion is sold as a product. If a parent delays paying the fees, the child is humiliated or threatened with expul-sion from school. Is this the purpose of education?

Meanwhile, a policy of merging government chools is brought. Where the number of children s less, there is a suggestion to merge them with the is less, there is a suggestion to merge them with the nearby school. But it is not seen whether the distance is too much? Are there enough teachers there? Has the safety of the girl students been taken care of? Policies look good only in figures, not on the ground.

Today, even the Right to Education Act has be-come a mere paper document. School Management Committees exist only in name. Governments do not give priority to education in their budgets. Expenses are cut, teachers are not recruited for years, and the teachers who are there are put to non-teaching work. Sometimes election duty, sometimes census, some-times vaccination campaign - teachers are made to do everything except teaching.

Amidst all this, the English language has been pre-sented in such a way as if life is impossible without speaking English. Private schools have made the Eng-lish medium synonymous with superiority. If a child can speak two sentences in English, he is cousidered smart and successful, even if he does not understand

the subject. On the other hand, no matter how intelligent a child studying in government schools is, if he speaks in Hindi, he is considered backward. This is the height of mental slavery.

Government schools are not just buildings, they are the hope of education for the most backward and de-prived sections of society. For these children whose parents are laborers in the fields, rickshaw pullers or domestic workers, government schools are the only means of education. If these schools are abolished, it will be an insult not to education but to social justice.

Here the question is not only of facilities but also of intentions. If the government wants, it can make government schools model schools. They can be made better than private schools by providing facilities like teachers, library, lab, smart class, sports equipment and transport. But doing so would go against the personal interests of the people in power, so it does not

The problem is that we have considered education as a means of profit. Now it is not a right, it has become a service – and that too a service which is available only to the rich. This is dividing the society into two parts – one who will get expensive education in English and get urban jobs, and the other who will study in Hindi and work as labourers in the villages under before profit. under broken roofs.

Now the time has come that we should not remain silent. If we do not raise our voice now, then the coming generations will remain puppets in the hands of a particular class. We have to demand that instead of closing down government schools, they should be strengthened. The pillar of education should be strengthened in every village, every town. Teachers should be recruited on time, they should be given only the work of teaching and schools should be made resource-rich.

We have to understand that privatization of educa-tion is not only a path to economic slavery but also to ideological slavery. When a class is not educated to think, question and recognize its rights, then democ-racy will become only a vote machine.

What happened with BSNL was an economic game, but abolishing government schools would be a social and ideological crime. If we want the next generation of the country to be independent, empowered and have an egalitarian mindset, then we must save the government education system today.

"Transfer files are gathering dust: Government's intentions are in question"

he confusion over the transfer policy of teachers in Haryana has now become a joke. For the last several months, teachers have been waiting for the transfer portal to open, for the cabinet meeting to decide, and for their hopes stuck for years to come true. But alas, all these things now depend only on the "political priorities" of the government, it becomes clear that the transfer policy of teachers is at the bottom of their asenda.

that the transfer policy of teachers is at the concerna-their agenda. On the other hand, the speed with which the gov-ernment has conducted the CET (Common Eligibility Test) has become an unparalleled example – form, exam and now result in a month! If the same will had been shown in the transfer policy, today hundreds of teachers would have been with their families, with sick parents or taking care of small children.

Speed in CET, suspense in transfer

Talking about CET exam, the government has invited forms,

sed exam centers, conducted exams for lakhs of

And now the result is also going to be declared – all this within 30-35 days. This could have been a wonderful example of administrative machinery – if the same speed and transparency was seen in the teacher transfer policy as well. But there every time the excuses of waiting for the cabinet meeting, portal updating, citing policy review and many more were made.

Cabinet meeting: An excuse for a decision or a way o mislead the public?

Every time it is said that "a decision will be taken in the next cabinet meeting." But that next meeting never becomes the "final" one. Teachers keep their eyes fixed on the meeting every Wednesday, but every time they are disappointed. Have these cabinet meetings become just a political drama of procrastination? Or does the government actually not want to understand the pain of teachers?

Transfer policy: Justice only on paper, injustice on

Every year, the government opens the MIS portal and asks teachers to update their documents. The teachers update everything faithfully, but when the need arises – the transfer process – the same portal succumbs to "technical glitches".

There are many teachers who are stuck in the same school for 10-12 years. Their family, mental, and physical condition depends on this transfer. But the government is luring them with words like "policy waiting" and "committee review".









("Teachers waiting, government in denial: is transfer just an electoral tool?", "Teacher transfer policy: Intent or just a sham?", "Policy, intention and negligence: Teachers versus system in Haryana")

acher transfer policy in Haryana has been lying in cold storage for years, while the government conducted the CET exam in just one month - from form to result. This contradiction shows that the government's priority is politics, not teachers. Every time the transfer is postponed by making the excuse of cabinet meeting and portal update. The family, mental and health related needs of the teachers are being sacrificed at the expense of the government's intentions. Now is the time for the government to implement a transparent policy, otherwise the silent discontent

Niti vs Niyat: This is the real difference

If the government's intention had been transpar-ency and teacher welfare, the transfer policy would have been implemented by now.

If the work of months for 15 lakh CET students of be completed in weeks, then why not the transfer of few thousand teachers?

This difference is not just administrative, it is a

difference of mindset. The government thinks that teachers are "silent workers", they will not protest, will not take to the streets, and will not suffer any po-litical loss. This thinking neglects them.

Teachers' lives are hostage to government laziness

Some teachers want transfer to serve their eldersome teachers want transier to server tiefe 'deerly parents, some to take care of their young children, some married teachers are waiting for permanent posting with their spouses. Some teachers also need transfer due to their illness. But these human aspects are twisted in the transfer policy into technical terms of "data", "rank", "distance", and "online process".

Electoral advantage vs sensitive administration

The government works where it sees votes. CET is a big political gamble — the government wants to show the youth that it is sensitive to jobs, even if the selection rate is only 1-2%. But in reality, this exam is also an illusion — PhD holders are standing in for peop notes.

The same teachers, who are running the govern-nent's education system, on whose shoulders rests he future of children - have been left astray in the taze of policies.

The fire of the silent movement is burning

Thousands of teachers working in government schools are now expressing their views through so-cial media, WhatsApp groups and quietly through administrative channels. But this silence will not last

If the government continues with this attitude, then soon this discontent can take the form of a movement. And then the government will understand that "teachers not only run schools, they can also create public opinion."

The Haryana government has to clarify whether the teacher transfer policy is actually a policy or a political tool, which is opened and closed according to elections or pressures. The government should not forget that > teachers are the backbone of the education of the clarification of the clarificatio tion system, and no government can stand for long by ignoring the backbone.

Now the government has only two options

- Implement transfer policy with transparency and ensitivity
- Or confront this politics of neglect in the form of electoral discontent.

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"Did the US president

Shah must take responsibility for 'security lapse' at Pahalgam Mallikarjun Kharge in RS

New Delhi
eader of Opposition
in the Rajya Sabha
and Congress President Mallikarjun
Kharge on Tuesday said
Home Minister Amit Shah

Kharge on Tuesday said Home Minister Amit Shah must take responsibility for the "security lapse" that led to the Pahalgam terror attack, demanding that accountability be fixed and "whosoever is responsible should quit." Participating in the "Special discussion on India's strong, successful and decisive 'Operation Sindoor in response to terrorist attack in Pahalgam' in the Raiya Sabha, he attacked the government citing Jammu and Kashmir Li Governor Manoj Sinha's statement admitting to the security lapses that led to the terror attack. Kharge also questioned the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on US President Donald Trump's repeated claims of media-



fire with Pakistan, and asked whether India had accepted a third-party mediation with Pakistan. "India's strategic inter-

"India's strategic inte-ests were not secured de-spite Howdy Modi, Namaste Trump, because nobody stood by you despite such deep friendship. No country,

demned Pakistan. This shows nobody supported you...," Kharge said. He asked why India did not object to economic pack-

He asked why India did not object to economic pack-ages for Pakistan by the World Bank and the IMF. The leader of opposition posed four questions to the

ment to formulate a proposition.

"Here we (Congress) criticise (Pakistan) and there you go to their daawat and embrace them," Kharge said, using the term "Vishwa Guru" without naming the when Pakistan was on the backfoot and what are the terms of the ceasefire. He also asked whether US in-tervened during Operation Sindoor and at whose behest

New Delhi
The Supreme Court on Tuesday fixed July 31 for hearing
pleas seeking a review of a May 2 verdict that set aside
a resolution plan submitted
by JSW Steel Limited for
Bhushan Steel and Power
Limited (BSPL), holding it illegal and in violation of the
Insolvency and Bankruptey
Code (IBC).
A bench of Chief-Justice B

A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma allowed an

was that done.

The Congress president asked whether the operation prime minister's silence when BJP MPs and minis-ters insult the country's armed forces, and also cra-icised the BJP for culogising prime minister Modi and treating him like God, not-ing that democratically-elected people should be re-spected but should not be

broker this ceasefire as he is repeatedly claiming, and if so, isn't this against India's no-third party mediation policy?," Kharge said.
Kharge said the government should release a report on the Pahalgam terror attack, as was done after the Kargil war.
The Congress president took as it is a transfer of the party of spected but should not be equated to God.

He said the government has not drawn any lessons from the repeated terror attacks that have taken place in Kashmir and other parts of the country.

"Uri and Pathankot terrorist attacks in 2016 Pul-Kargil war.

The Congress president
took a jibe at PM Narendra
Modi's unscheduled visit to
Pakistan in 2015, and said
foreign policy is not 'eventbaazi', urging the government to formulate a proper
policy.

"Uri and Pathankot ter-rorist attacks in 2016, Pul-wama in 2019 and now Pa-halgam in 2025. All these in-cidents make it clear that there is a recurring intelli-gence failure and failure in ational security," said

national security," said Kharge.

He then posed direct questions to Amit Shah, "I would like to ask the home minister, who is responsible for this?...What did you do to rectify the mistake?...I would like to ask the home minister, that who is responsible for this? Veretee the control of the

Demanding acc

Demanding accountabil-ity, Kharge said the govern-ment should admit its laps-es' and 'failure' in stopping terror attacks. He asked if Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor's statement on security laps-es was aimed at "saving" the home minister. "Jammu Kashmir LG Mandita in the saving in the saving in the intention of the saving in the saving in the minister. arity lapse and water aed in Pahalgam was

pened in Pahalgam was un-fortunate, innocent people were brutally killed. (Sinha said) I take all responsibili-ty for the incident.

"However, the home minister must take respon-sibility for security lapse not the LG," Kharge said.
He asked when the ac-countability will be fixed and also accused the Modi govt of being arrogant, and not responding to letters by opposition.

Navy Chief Admiral Tripathi embarks on visit to Japan

New Delhi
Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi has embarked on a four-day visit to Japan with a focus
on enhancing bilateral on enhancing bilaterai maritime cooperation in line with the 'special strategic and global part-nership' between the two countries. Admiral Tripathi's vis-

it from July 30 to August 2 is part of the ongoing efforts to consolidate bi-lateral defence relations between India and Japan, the Indian Navy said.

said.

He is scheduled to hold bilateral discussions with Defence Minister Defence Ministe Nakatani Gen, Vice-Mir

Detence Aminster Nakatani Gen, Vice-Minister of Defence Masuda Kazuo and Admiral Saito Akira, the Chief of Staff of Japan Maritime SelfDefense Force (JMSDF).
"Discussions are expected to encompass a broad spectrum of defence cooperation areas, with particular emphasis on maritime security, technological collaboration, and identifying new avenues to strengthen naval synergy and interoperability." the Navy said.

Admiral Tripathi will

Admiral Tripathi will also visit JMSDF units and interact with the Commander-in-Chief of

Commander-in-Chief of the Self Defence Fleet, at Funakoshi JMSDF base, it said.

The Navy Chief's en-gagements in Japan are "poised" to further deep-en the bonds of friend-ship and defence coop-eration, paving the way for enhanced mutual un-derstanding in key areas of shared strategic and maritime interest, the Navy said in a statement.

Navy said in a statement "The visit reaffirms the time-tested India-Japan friendship anchored in mutual respect, maritime trust, and a shared vision for peace and sta-bility in the Indo-Pacif-ic." it said.

Eight-fold rise in cybercrime cases against children from 2018 to 2022, says Govt

New Delhi
The number of cybercrime cases against children has seen a nearly eight-fold jump from 232 in 2018 to 1,823 in 2022, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

In a written reply to a question, Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanius Emproperided dates on the Sabha Sanius Emproperided dates on the Sanius

jay Kumar provided data on cybercrimes against children from the National Crime ords Bureau (NCRB) base, which showed that 232 such cases were regis-tered in 2018, 306 in 2019

tered in 2018, 306 in 2019, 1,102 in 2020, 1,376 in 2021 and 1,823 in 2022. From just four cases re-ported in 2018, the number of cases of cyber blackmail of reased to 74 in 22. the data showed



obscene sexual materials de-picting children increased over 26 times from 44 such cases reported in 2018 to 1,171 in 2022. Cases of tyber bullying and stalking rose from 40 to 158 during this period, it said. Kumar said the NCRB compiles and publishes the statistical data on crime in its nublication. Crime in In-

publication "Crime in In-dia". The latest published

ing taken to increase cyber-security awareness and dig-ital safety education among children in the northeast, particularly in tribal areas, and measures being taken by the government to enhance child-friendly cybercime re-porting mechanisms. He said a special booklet is being designed by I4C in collaboration with Informa-tion Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) on cyber hygiene, especially targeted at women and children, and it will be delivered to schools

it will be delivered to school: nd district centres in north stern states. "I4C is also in touch with

continuous snarma allowed an application for open-court hearing and fixed July 31 for hearing a batch of pleas seeking a review of the ver-"I4C is also in touch with NCERT to include a cyber hygiene chapter in course curriculum which will be taught in schools of north-east(ern) states, as well," "Application(s) for listing view petition(s) in open ourt and application for ral hearing are allowed. Is-



SC agrees to hear pleas for review of

Supreme Court on July 31, 2025 at 3 pm,"

The court considered the review pleas in chambers by circulation and passed the

a review of the May 2 verdict

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The former promoters of
BSPL were Sanjay Singhal
and his family, specifically including his father Brij
Bhushan Singhal and brother Neeraj Singhal.

Legal firm Karaniawala nd Co. said a review petition as also filed by JSW Steel Limited on June 25, along with the review petitions filed by the Committee of Creditors (CoC) and the resolution professional against the May 2 verdict.

The firm said the former directors had moved the National Company Law Tribu-nal (NCLT) for starting the process of liquidation for BPSL, without allowing JSW

It added that on May 26 on a special leave petition filed by JSW Steel Limited, filed by JSW Steel Limited, the top court ordered status quo on the liquidation pro-ceedings of BSPL and tem-porarily halted the proceed-ings before the NCLT till the osal of the review which were to be

Indian Tourism Ministry to expand focus on MICE sector, calls for city-level convention bureaus

Chennai/Kochi India's Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Ex-hibitions (MICE) industry is poised for significant expansion, with the Min-istry of Tourism underlining the need for robust city-level convention pro-motion bureaus and a strong national branding

strategy to tap into the global MICE market. Speaking at the South India Thought Leaders Conference, Suman Billa, Conference, Suman Billa, Additional Secretary and Director General of the Ministry of Tourism, h lighted that India is re establish itself as a glob al MICE hub. The daylong event, organised by the Indian Exhibition Industry Association (IEIA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism, brought together industry stakeholders, state tourism officials, and private sector representatives to chart a admap for the MICE sec-

"States across the coun try are unlocking tourism opportunities in their own unique ways — and now it's time for India to position itself firmly on the global MICE map," said Billa. "With iconic venues ach as Bharat Manda-am, Yashobhoomi, and Jio World Centre, and with MICE being prioritised un-der the Incredible India campaign, our goal is to el-evate at least ten Indian cities, especially in South India, into globally recog-nised MICE destinations."



phasised the importance of establishing autonomous citylevel MICE convention bureaus, citing their success in other countries. He pointed out that while the global MICE market is valued at USD 850 billion, India holds only a 5% share.

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reaus, citing their success other countries. He global MICE market is val-ued at USD 850 billion, India holds only a 5% share.
"There's immense potential to grow this share by
building institutional
frameworks that can attract and manage high-profile global events. This will also create opportuni-ties for the MSME, service, and hospitality sectors,"

Tamil Nadu, already known for its robust in-frastructure for exhibitions and conferences, was iden-tified as a key state for MICE tourism growth. T. Christuraj, Director of the Department of Tourism and Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Tourism De-

said the sector's footprint must extend beyond Chennai. "Cities like Kanchir rai, Tiruchirappalli, and Salem have great potential for MICE tourism. It is critical to bridge the cur-

IEIA officials and other tourism heads stressed the need for stronger public-private collaboration. Mr. Dhawan from the IEIA said, "India is a signifisaid, 'India is a signifi-cant and rapidly emerg-ing player in the MICE landscape. The global mar-ket is projected to grow to over USD 1.4 trillion by 2030, and we must be ready with a national strategy to leverage this growth."

Speakers at the confer-nce consistently advocatspeakers at the comer-ence consistently advocat-ed for the creation of a ro-bust calendar of global events that could be host-ed in India, as well as for infrastructural develop-ments to support larger and more complex exhibi-tions and conferences. The expansion of road, avia-tion, and rail networks was cited as a key enabler in positioning India as both a preferred destination and a global hub for business events. Other notable speakers

Other notable speakers included Srikanth TG, Chairperson of IEIA Southern Region; Dr. Ra-jenda KV, Commissioner, Department of Tourism, Karnataka; Amrapali Kata, Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation; Shikha Surendran, Direc-tor, Kerala Tourism and MD, Kerala Tourism De-velopment Corporation; Jyoti Kumari, Secretary Tourism, Andaman & Nicobar; Gary Khan, CEO, Hyderabad Convention Visitors Bureau; and Vi Sharma, Director, JWC GmbH.

The event concluded consensus on the need to build a uniurgent need to build a uni-fied MICE strategy, with a focus on infrastructure, policy reforms, destination marketing, and inter-national collaborations to ensure India's rise global leader in the MICE industry.

IIA and MoFPI Host Seminar in Delhi on the Impact of PM Kisan SAMPADA Yojana in North India

■ Union Minister Chirag Paswan Stresses Empowerment of Farmers and Value Chain Development

New Delh The Indian Industr The Indian Industries Asso-ciation (IIA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoF-PI), Government of India, or-PI), Government of India, or-ganised a regional seminar on "The Impact of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yo-jana (From the Perspective of North India)" at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The event brought together key stakeholders from the government, industry, and cademia to assess the im-lementation of the scheme in states like Uttar Pradesh

in states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, and to deliberate on the future of food pro-cessing in the region. Delivering the keynote ad-dress, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Shri Chirag Paswan, under-Shri Chirag Paswan, under-scored the untapped poten-tial of the sector and urged the industry to deepen its en-gagement with grassroots stakeholders. He noted that despite progress, India's food processing sector has only cratched the surface of its

India will become truly aksham only when our farmers are empowered— and for that, we must em-power this sector," he said. "The PM Kisan SAMPADA Yojana is not just a funding mechanism; it is a catalyst for reducing post-harvest losses, enabling value addition, and ensuring our agri-produc-



s connect directly to glob-markets." Shri Paswan emphasized

the need to address gaps in cold storage and logistical in-frastructure, particularly in frastructure, particularly in agriculturally rich yet un-derprocessed states like Utderprocessed states like Ut-tar Pradesh and Bihar. He highlighted that the share of processed food exports has increased from 13% in 2013 to 23% in 2024—an encouraging trend, yet one that demands continued mo-mentum

The strength of India lies in its diaspora and agricul-tural diversity. Our aim should be to build value chains that connect the local to the global," he added. The Minister also announced that the upcoming World Food India 2025 will be held at Bharat Mandapam in Sep-tember, providing a global platform to showcase India's

food processing capabilities. In her welcome address, Dr. Mamtamayi Priyadarshi ni, Chairperson of IIA Delhi State, said the seminar aimed to bridge the gap between

Kisan SAMPADA Yojana has the restential to transform ruthe potential to transform ral livelihoods, but its succ depends on how effectively industry engages with it at the ground level," she said.

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the ground level," she said. Mr. Alok Agrawal, Senior Vice Chairperson, IIA Delhi, said, "There is an urgent need to create capacity-build-ing platforms for small food processors so the company. ssors so they can adop modern technology and ad-here to safety and quality

Shri Chetan Deo Bhalla Shr Chetan Deo Bhalla, Vice President – Food Pro-cessing Industries, high-lighted practical challenges faced by entrepreneurs in accessing scheme benefits and called for streamlined asier credit acce

Shri Anuj Garg, CEC Member, stressed on the integration of the One Di trict One Product (ODOP) initiative with internation-al supply chains and urged for infrastructure that keeps pace with global standards.

Two arrested in Amethi for teen's rape attempted change of religion

religion

Amethi (UP):
Police arrested two men
under the "love jihad" law
for their alleged involvement in raping a 17-yearold girl from Amethi,
attempting to forcefully
change her religion and
pressure her to marry, officials said on Tuesday.
Additional Superintendent of Police Shailendra
Kumar Singh said following a complaint from the
victim's brother, the police registered an FIR at
Peeparpur police station
and arrested Haider Ali
and Ajit Pal.
The brother, in his

and Ajit Pai.

The brother, in his complaint, said Ali allegedly took his 17-year-old sister to Hyderabad about a month ago and kept her

a month ago and kept her in a room.

He alleged that Ali began beating her after a few days and attempted to forcefully convert to Islam and marry him. Ali allegedly also raped her in the room, the complainant said.

the room, the complain-ant said.

On July 10, while Ali was away, the girl man-aged to escape with help from a man from Tika-war and returned home in a distressed state, her brother said.

Later, she informed her family about the incident, the officer said.

the officer said.

the officer said.

Police said they have filed charges under the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawfal Conversion of Religion Act and relevant sections of the BNS for rape. The victim has undergone a medical examination and further legal action is underway, police said

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Cloudburst Claims Three in Mandi Tragedy CM Yogi's IGRS and Dashboard model to be adopted by Delhi of

TOP STORY, DELHI, WEDNESDAY 30, JULY 2025

Rajan Punchhi
MANDI:
Advantating cloudburst struck Mandidicity around
midnight on Monday,
unleashing a torrential
downpour that turned
into a flood and wreaked
havoc across multiple
areas, claiming the lives
of three family members
and leaving a trail of destruction behind. The
victims—Balvir Singh, his
wife Sapna, and their son victims—Baivir Singh, his wife Sapna, and their son Amandeep Singh—were buried under the debris that crashed into their home in Jail Road. The bodies have been recov-ered.

hodies have been recovered.

he tragedy unfolded in the Jail Road and Palace Colony areas, where former councilor Krishna Devi lost her younger son, daughter-in-law, and grandson. Her elder son Darshan Singh was injured, suffering a fracturel leg. The cloudburst triggered a massive landslide that buried hundreds of vehicles and forced many residents to fee in the dark to save their lives. Heavy rainfall between the night of July 28 and the morning of July 29 led to enormous amounts of

to enormous amounts of debris flooding residential colonies, lanes, and roads. Jai Ram Thakur Questions State Govt's Relief Efforts After Mandi Cloudburst

Rajan Punchhi

A drain near the jail Jail Road overflowed wi Jail Road overflowed with water and mud, sweeping through parked vehicles and engulfing homes. In many houses, debris en-tered through windows and doors, trapping people inside. At least fifteen indi-viduals were rescued, in-cluding two who had to be

Over the past month, the Mandi district has

pulled out through a bro-ken window after getting trapped in a room filled with mud and stones.

with mud and stones. Several parts of Man-di city—Jail Road, Palace Colony, Mat, Sain Mohal-la, and the stretch from Thandi Bawdi to Sakod-hi Bridge—have suffered heavy damage. In Sain

Mohalla, water and debris damaged many roadside vehicles. At the Regional Hospital Mandi, floodwa-ter and debris entered the premises, trapping vehi-cles parked inside.

The main access roads to the city have been blocked due to landslides. Near Nirankari Bhawan

lost her younger son, daughter-in-law, and grandson. Mandi-Sundernagar oad, debris and a vehicle

Palace Colony areas,

where former coun Krishna

fell onto a house, prompt-ing closure of the road. Ad-ditional landslides at Barditional landslides at Bar-hi-Gumanu and Byuli have further cut off traffic into the city. Traffic movement across the region remains disrupted as boulders and debris continue to block vital roads. Emergency response teams from the police and district administration are working around the clock

district administration are working around the clock to clear the roads and carto cear the roass and car-ry out rescue operations. Earth-moving machines like JCBs are being used to remove debris from key roads, including the Hospital Road and Skodi Bridge area. The adminis-tration has confirmed that numerous bouses, along tration has confirmed that numerous houses along the Skodi drain have been declared unsafe, and af-fected residents have been shifted to secure locations, with many seeking shelter at relatives' homes.

even minor relief measures. This is not a normal situation," he added.
Thakur urged the government to stop making speeches and instead focus on providing concrete help to the disaster-affected population. He called on local deities and Apoorva Devtas to come to the aid of the people in distress and support all affected families.
"The time for politics is

affected families.
"The time for politics is over. Lives are at stake. What we need now is action, compassion, and accountability," Thakur

Lucknow:
The Yogi government's
Integrated Grievance
Redressal System (IGRS) and CM Dashpublic grievances ar board have emerged as national models of good effective monitoring

model to be adopted by Delhi govt

national models of good governance. Their effectiveness in resolving public grievances and monitoring development work has drawn the attention of several states. Delegations from across the country have visited Uttar Pradesh to study these systems, including a team from the Delhi government, which praised the model for its efficiency and transparency.

el for its efficiency and transparency. Impressed by the ef-ficiency and advanced technical framework of Uttar Pradesh's grievance redressal and monitoring systems, the Delhi gov-ernment has decided to adopt CM Yogi's IGRS and Dashboard model. The decision follows a comprehensive presenta-The decision follows a comprehensive presenta-tion made by the UP government in Delhi a few months ago, which was attended by senior officials of the Delhi administration. The move aims to ensure prompt grievance redressal and real-time tracking of development projects in the national capital.

Subsequently, a team

the system to ensure timely redressal of

development projects projects
sessment of both the administrative and technical aspects of the systems. The team recognized the model as technically sound, citizen-centric, and highly effective. Shortly after this visit, the Delhi government formally requested support from the Yogi government to implement the second to the property of the second to the secon

ment to implement the IGRS and CM Dashboard in Delhi. The request re-flects growing recognition of Uttar Pradesh's gov-ernance innovations un-

of Uttar Pradesh's governance innovations under CM Yogi Adityanath's leadership.

It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the IGRS to provide a quick, transparent, and accountable mechanism for resolving public complaints. The CM Dashboard, on the other hand, serves as a real-time monitoring tool to track progress and ensure quality in development works across the state. Together, these platforms have strengthened governance strengthened governance delivery and become models for replication na-tions id-

Rajan Punchhi MANDI: MANDI: Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur has strongly criticized the Himachal Pradesh government's handling of relief operations in the wake of yet another devastating cloudburst in Mandi district. Speaking to the media after visiting the site of destruction at Jail Road in Mandi town, Thakur said the situation has reached a point where accountability must replace political posturing. the Mandi district has witnessed a series of cloudburst incidents that have claimed at least 50 lives and caused damages exceeding \$\frac{4}{1,500}\$ crore. The relentless rain and landsides have forced residents to abandon their homes and work in order to survive. Thakur recounted his early morning experience upon returning from Delhi, saying, "At around 5 a.m., I witnessed the scale of destruction firsthand. Wa-Leopard attacks in UP claim teen's

life woman seriously injured

Bahraich/Gorakhpur:
Leopard attacks in
two districts of Uttar
Pradesh have left a teenager dead and a woman
injured, creating an environment of fear and
panic among locals.
Sanjana, 14, was on
her way to agricultural
fields when a leopard
mauled her to death in
the Katariniaghat Wildlife Division in Bahraich
on Monday, police said.
According to eyewitnesses, the leopard,
which was hiding behind
the bushes, pounced on
the girl and caught her
by her neck. When the
girl screamed for help,
villagers rushed to the
site to rescue her.
The teenager was severely injured and was
referred to the district
medical college in Bahraich,
where doctors
declared her brought
dead'.



The body has been sent for postmortem, the police said. Her family has been given Rs 5,000 assistance and will be given Rs 5 lash compensation after completion of formalities in accordance with the state's policy, officials said.

In another incident in Gorakhpur on Monday, Geeta Devi was out for a morning walk when she was attacked by a leopard, leaving her seriously injured.

She was rushed to the

district hospital, where doctors administered anti-rabies vaccines and gave her six stitches. In-itially, the injuries were suspected to be caused

itially, the injuries were suspected to be caused by a dog, but doctors raised doubts, a local forest official said.

The CCTV footage from a nearby building, shared by a friend of her son, showed a leopard roaming in the area around 4 AM, confirming the attack by the leopard, the official said.

ter and debris gushed through the drains with such force that it became nearly impossible to save lives." He confirmed that three people had lost their lives in the latest cloudburst at Jail Road, and one individual had suffered serious leg injuries. According to him, as many as 50 people might still be buried under the debris. Criticizing the state government's response, Thakur said, "The government is making announcements but no real ground-level relief work

is visible. The affected families are still waiting as visione. The ancreur families are still waiting for assistance." He pointed out that this is the third consecutive year that Himachal Pradesh has faced severe devastation due to rain and natural calamities, yet the government has failed to implement a robust action plan. "The administration has the technology and resources to carry out effective relief work, but the funds are not being released. People cannot afford to wait for the Chief Minister or ministers to arrive by helicopter for

Prioritise essential infrastructure to ensure equitable development: CM Yogi Adityanath

Prayagraj:
Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held a high-level meeting with MPs, MLAs,
and MILCs of Prayagraj and Vindhyashal divisions on Tuesday at Circuit House, Prayagraj,
as part of the ongoing
Mandal-wise Janpratinidhi Samwad series,
Aimed at driving holistic
development, the meeting focused on reviewing
schemes, understanding
regional challenges, and
aligning priorities with
public expectations. The
Chief Minister interacted
with each representative to
gain ground-sevel insights
and ensure timely, effective solutions.
The Chief Minister said
that the gowernment is
prioritising the development of Prayagraj and Vindhyachal, which are key
centres of Uttar Pradesh's



historical, cultural, and spiritual identity. Their re-vival and integrated devel-opment will serve as a cat-alyst for the state's overall progress, he added. During the meeting, detailed dis-cussions were held on the proposals submitted by public representatives. The

Chief Minister directed the Public Works Department to categorise and prioritise these proposals constitu-ency-wise. Both the PWD and the Charitable Works Department were instruct-ed to coordinate with public representatives, ensure timely execution of

the proposed works, and maintain transparency and quality at every step. The proposed works covered a wide range of infrastructure needs, induding connectivity to block headquarters, interlinking roads, access routes to religious sites, logistics hubs,

bypasses, ROBs/under-passes, flyovers, major and minor bridges, road safety upgrades, irrigation in-frastructure, and pontoon bridges. These projects aim to connect geographi-cally challenging areas and stimulate local economic growth.

growth.

The Chief Minister directed the Urban Development Department to seek input from local public representatives before lic representatives before drafting any project pro-posals. He also instructed dratting any propez pro-posals. He also instructed that the names of the con-cerned public representa-tives be displayed on stone laques at the project sites. Additionally, CM Yogi em-puassed that priority pro-posals must be acted upon promptly, so that Bhoomi Pujan and foundation stome-laying ceremonies for these projects can begin after September 15.

Nagaland CM calls on ULBs to lead from front in disaster preparedness

Nagaladi CiM
Kohima:
Nagaland Chief Minister
Neiphiu Rio on Tuesday
urged Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the
state to take proactive
leadership in disaster
risk reduction, emphasising their crucial role
as frontline defenders of
lives, infrastructure, and
the environment in the
face of growing natural
calamities.
Speaking at the inaugural session of a threeday training on Urban
and Local Resilience
held here, Rio stated,

held here, Rio stated, "You are not just administrators—you are first line of defence are the

first line of defence."
The training is being organised by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department, in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Dis-



aster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), International Institute of Safety and Security Management (IISSM), and the state's Urban Development and Municipal Affairs De-partment. Highlighting that Na-galand falls under the highest-risk Seismic

Zone V, the chief min-ister urged municipal leaders to uphold their

duty in ensuring struc-tural safety and enforc-ing building regulations.
"Your signature on a building permit can save a life; your vigilance can prevent a man-made disaster," he said.

Rio expressed con-cern over the repeated devastation caused by flash floods and mas-sive landslides during the monsoon season, citing recent incidents in Chümouleedima, Ni-uland, Dimapur Market, Kisama, and Piphema. He also lamented the

por condition of the Dimapur-Kohima high-way, part of the Trans-Asian Highway No 1, attributing the damage to unregulated development and neglect of fragile land.

Rio emphasised the need for strict enforcement of building by-laws and called for zero tolerance against illegal constructions, especially in floodplains and land-slide-prone zones.

He urged municipal authorities to issue stop-work notices wherever

work notices wherever necessary and take de-cisive action to demolish

cisive action to demolish unsafe structures. He further called for mandatory soil testing and geotechnical assess-ment prior to the ap-proval of infrastructure projects, particularly along NH-29 and other vulnerable corridors.

Several booked for assault gunfire after clash between two groups in Shimla

Shimla:

Police booked several people for a clash between two groups, including for an alleged gunfire by one side here on Tuesday, police said.

However, no one was injured in the incident that took place in Tharu village in Theog subdivision in Shimla district, police said.

Police registered two FIRs after receiving complaints from both sides regarding an alleged verbal dispute that escalated to assault on one side, which reon one side, which re-sponded with opening

fire.
As per a complaint filed by Bimla Devi, a group comprising Durga Singh, Sandeep Singh, Lal Chand, Jeet Ram,



Satya Devi, and Kiran allegedly attacked her husband, Dhyan Singh, outside their residence. Bimla Devi said that she rushed outside due to the commotion and saw the assault on her husband husband

husband.

Based on her complaint, a case under sections 190 (unlawful assembly), 191 (2) (rioting), 115(2) (voluntarily causing hurt), 351 (3) (criminal intimidation)

and 352 (intentional in-sult with intent to pro-voke breach of peace) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 was regis-tered in Theog Police Station.

Station.

In a counter-complaint, Sandeep Kumar alleged that he was working in his apple orchard when Dhyan Siingh, accompanied by Mahender and Bimla Devi, began verbally abusing and threatening him.

Illegal kidney transplant network busted in Pak. 8 arrested

Lahore:
Eight members of an illegal kidney transplant network, including doctors and nurses, have been arrested in Pakistan's Punjab province, an official said on Tuesday.
According to a spokesperson of the Punjab Human Organ Transplantar

Washington:
enate Democrats
are imploring
President Donald
Trump's administration to step up its role
in addressing suffering
and starvation in Gaza,
with more than 40 senators signing onto a letand starvation in Gaza, with more than 40 sen-ators signing onto a let-ter Tuesday urging the resumption of ceasefire talks and sharply criti-cising an Israeli-backed American organisation that had been created to distribute food aid.

In a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio and the Republican president's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, the senators said the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, created in February with backing from the Trump administration, has 'failed to address the deepening humanitarian crisis and contributed to an unacceptable

person of the Punjab Human Organ Transplantation Authority, a network
involved in illegal kidney
transplants has been uncovered in Sheikhupura,
some 50-km from Lahore.
He said the illegal kidney transplant procedures were conducted at a private hospital. "During the raid, a kidney was
being removed from a
resident of Sheikhupura
to be transplanted into
an African national," the
spokesperson said.
Eight people, including
doctors and nurses, have
been arrested, he added.
He said the network
would charge at least PKR
7 million from a person
for the illegal transplant.
Usually, the kidneys are
sold for up to PKR to million to the recipient, but
donors hardly get 10 per
cent of the total amount.
Raids are being conducted to arrest more
people involved in the illegal network, he said.
The commercial trade

The commercial trade of human organs was made illegal in Pakistan in 2010. The punishment for those caught includes a decade-long jail term and a huge fine.

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Business

AIIB aims to ramp up annual lending to USD 17 bn in 3-4 years



New Delhi:

AIIB vice president (investment solutions) Ajay
Bhushan Pandey on
Tuesday said the multi-lateral development bank
is looking to scale up average annual lending to
USD 17-18 billion in the
next 3-4 years in view of
growing demand for infrastructure development.
Currently, annual funding done by Asian Infrastructure Investment
Bank (AIIB) is around
USD 10 billion.
The Beijing-based
lender has so far provided loans worth USD 12
billion to India. Out of
that, he said, AIIB has
provided USD 1.8 billion
to the private sector so

to the private sector so

far.

Speaking about the pipeline for sovereign funding, Pandey said, AIIB is having a series of meetings with various line ministries to create a pipeline of sovereign projects.

"Our message to the ministries and state gov-ernments is this: this is your bank and you must make optimum use of the resources available," he said at an event or-ganised by Ficci here.

On Monday, he said, we had a detailed meeting with the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation on the water sector, including revival of many dams, the Namami Gange project and the inter-linking of rivers."

Besides, he said, "we

ivers." Besides, he said, "we Besides, he said, "we are going to have discussions with the ministries of health and power and then with the chief minister of Maharashtra and state officials to discuss building a pipeline of infrastructure projects both in public and private sector."

Trump administration pressed to address starvation in Gaza



locked out of power in Washington — for the Trump administration to recalibrate its approach after the collapse of ceasefire talks last week.

Trump on Monday expressed concern about the worsening humanitarian situation and broke with Israeli Prime

the Gaza Strip. But it is unclear how Trump will proceed.

Democratic Senator Brian Schatz of Hawaii said it was "not at all credible" to think the Israeli military — one of the most advanced in the world — is incapaaid or performing crowd

doing food distribution he said. "And it's no

ooing food distribution,"
he said. "And it's not
working at all."
The letter, obtained
by The Associated
Press, calls for a largescale expansion" of aid
into Gaza channelled
through organisations
experienced working
in the area. It also save through organisations experienced working in the area. It also says efforts for a ceasefire agreement are "as criti-cal and urgent as ever". The message was led

some unity on a foreign policy issue that deeply divided them while they held the White House last year.

Indian national killed in plane crash in Canada



Ottawa:

An Indian national has died in a small plane crash near Deer Lake in eastern Canada, the Consulate General of India in Toronto said on Tuesday.

The plane crashed shortly after take-off near the Deer Lake Regional Airport on Saturday evening, according to CRC news.

"With deep sorrow, we mourn the tragic passing of Mr. Gautam Santhosh, an Indian national, who lost his life in an accident involving a commercial survey aircraft near Deer Lake, New-foundland," the Consulate said on social media. It said it is in close

late said on social media.

It said it is in close contact with the bereaved family and local authorities in Canada to provide all necessary assistance and support. "We extend our heartfelt

ondolences to his fam-ly during this difficult ime," it added. The Trans-

ily during this difficult time," it added.

The Transportation Safety Board said a Piper PA-91 Navajo aircraft registered to Kisik Aerial Survey Inc. crashed about a kilometre south of Deer Lake Aiport after taking off on a local flight on July 26.

According to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the crash prompted the immediate closure of the Trans-Canada Highway (TCH) near the Deer Lake Aiport for several hours to allow emergency personnel to respond to the scene.

Two persons were on board the flight: the pilot, a 54-year-old man, and his lone passenger, a 27-year-old man. Both occupants were pronounced deceased at the scene," it said in a statement.

Iraq's PM seeks closer US ties while keeping armed groups at bay

Baghdad: The prime minister of Iraq has kept his coun-try on the sidelines as military conflicts raged nearby for almost two years. This required bal-ancing Iraq's relations with two countries vital to its power and enemies with each other: the US and Iran.

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ganisation's sites".

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istration to recalibrate its approach after the

collapse of ceasefire. talks last week.

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calls for the return of the roughly 50 hostages, 20 still believed to be alive, held by Hamas since its Oct 7, 2023, attack. The signatures from 44 senators — the vast majority of the Senate Democratic Caucus— on the letter show the extent to which Dem-orates have achieved some unity on a foreign on a foreign

cal parties that helped propel him to power in 2022.
After Israel launched airstrikes on Iran and it responded by firing missiles at Tel Aviv, armed groups in Iraq at-tempted to launch mis-siles and drones toward Israel and at bases in Iran housing US troops. Iraq housing US troops, al-Sudani said. But they were thwarted 29 times by Iraqi government "se-

curity operations" that he did not detail.

"We know that the (Is-raeli) government had a policy — and still does — of expanding the war in the region," al-Sudani said. "Therefore, we made sure not to give any justification to any party to target Irsa,"

arty to target Iraq."

Al-Sudani said his govrnment also reached ernment also reached out to leaders in Iran "to urge them toward calm and to make room for dialogue and a return to negotiations". The US and Iraq last

year announced an agreement to wrap up the mission of an American-led coalition in Iraq fighting the Islamic State, and in March, al-Sudani announced that the beat def [5] is al-Sudani announced that the head of IS in Iraq and Syria had been killed in a joint Iraqi-US operation.

TCS Layoffs: Market Valuation Drops Rs 28,149 Cr

New Delhi:

Tata Consultancy
Services (TCS) has
lost Rs 28,148.72
crore from its market
valuation in two days
after the company announced that it will lay
off about 12,000 employees of its global
workforce this year.

On Tuesday, the bellwether stock declined
0.73 per cent to settle at
Rs 2,056,52 aplece at the

Rs 3,056.55 apiece at the BSE. During the day, it dropped 1.23 per cent to

Rs 3,041.
On the NSE, it dipped 0.72 per cent to Rs 3,057.
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The stock has lost 2.48 per cent in two trading days. The market capitalisation (mcap) of TCS eroded by Rs 28,148,72 crore to Rs 11,05,886-54 crore in two days. India's largest IT services firm TCS is set to lay off about 2 per cent, or 12,261 employees, of its global workforce this year, with the majority of those impacted belonging to middle and senior grades.

As of June 30, 2025, the TCS workforce stood at 6,13,069, 1t increased



in the recently conclud-

ed June quarter.
The move is part of
the company's broader strategy to become
a "future-ready organisation", focusing on
investments in technology, Al deployment,
market expansion, and
workforce realignment,
TCS said in a statement.

"Towards this, a umber of reskilling number of reskilling and redeployment ini-tiatives have been un-derway. As part of this journey, we will also be releasing associates from the organisation whose deployment may eployment may feasible. This

force, primarily in the middle and the senior grades, over the course of the year, "it said. TCS will provide ap-propriate benefits, out-placement, counselling, and support to the im-pacted employees, it added

scheme at 10

RBI caps

investment by

a bank in AIF

Mumbai:
The Reserve Bank on Tuesday capped contributions by a single regulated entity (RE), including banks and NBFCs, at 10 per cent of the corpus of an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) scheme.

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Also, collective contribution by all REs in any AIF Scheme should not be more than 20 per cent of the corpus of that scheme, said the Reserve Bank of India (Investment in AIF) Directions, 2025.
REs refer to banks, NBFCs and All-India Financial Institutions.
The RBI had issued guidelines in December 2023 and later in March 2024 prescribing the regulatory guidelines in respect of investment by the REs of the Reserve Bank in AIFs.
The guidelines have been reviewed, inter alia, taking into account industry feedback as well as the regulations issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) relating to specific due diligence of invesby the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) relating to specific due diligence of inves-tors and investments of AIFs, the RBI said in a circular on Tuesday. "No RE shall indi-vidually contribute more than 10 per cent of the corpus of an AIF Scheme," the circular said.

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as macroeconomic in-stability and geopolit-ical tensions weighed on global tech demand and delayed client deciwill impact about 2 per cent of our global work-

Ebix Smartclass sets sights on 10 million future coders

New Delhi:
Ebix Smartclass, India's leading e-learning solution provider, announced the launch of its latest interpretable. novative program – Ebi AI School a comprehen sive AI and Coding Pro gram tailored for school students, this new initi-ative marks a significant leap toward preparing students for the digital

future.
Building on Ebix
Smartclass's presence in
over 65,000 classrooms
across 10,000+ schools,

the new program aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) mandate on coding and computational thinking, guiding students from basic digital literacy to advanced applications in AI, Robotics, and the Internet of Things (167). With Ebix Smartclass AI, students from Grades 1 to 12 can now gain handson exposure to essential 21st-century skills including pre-coding, AI, robotics, and 167 — all through a single, integrated plat-

form.

Mr. Arun Batra, Ebix
Next Managing Director,
Ebix Technologies Ltd.,
said "With Ebix Smartclass Al, we're not just
teaching students to code
— we're equipping them
to thrive in an Al-driven
world. Coding and computational thinking are no
longer optional; they are
foundational skills, and
we're proud to be bringing this transformation
directly into classrooms
across India. Our plugand-play model ensures

seamless integration without any additional hardware investment. Over the next 2-3 years, our goal is to empower over 10 million students by equipping them with essential coding skills – turning every classroom into a launchpad for future innovators."

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ture innovators."
India accounted for nearly 5% of the global AI in Education market in 2022, generating INR 1,200 crore (USD 140.7 million). With a projected CAGR of ~40%,

the market is expected to hit INR 17,500 crore (USD 2.06 billion) by 2030—making India the fastest-growing AI in Education market in Asia-Pacific. With over 25 crore students enrolled in crore students enrolled in recognized schools, the potential K-12 EdTech market is valued at INR 25,000 crore (USD 2-9 billion). Ebix Smartclass, with its scalable plugand-play model and deep reach, is well-positioned to capture a significant share.

The Union Budget 2025 further reinforced the momentum, allocating INR 500 erore (USD 60 million) to create Centres of Excellence for AI in Education. Ebix AI School, with its goal Al School, With its goal to empower 1 crore students over the next 2-3 years, stands as both a transformative education initiative and a key growth driver in India's surging digital learning economy.

The program aims to introduce Artificial

Intelligence, Coding, Robotics, and Compu-tational Thinking to stu-dents from Grades 1 to 12, using a hands-on and activity-based learning model. Developed by a team of leading technol-cites and educators tha team of leading technologists and educators, the curriculum will be delivered through a blend of interactive digital content, project-based learning, and well explained sessions – making complex concepts simple, intuitive, and fun.

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single-digit revenue growth in Q1FY26, cap-ping off a somewhat sobering June quarter

Chandrakant Pandit parts ways with KKR after four-year stint

New Delhi:
The Kolkata Knight Riders (KRR) have officially
announced the departure of head coach Chandrakant Pandit, bringing
an end to a four-year
tenure marked by both
highs and lows, including a memorable Indian
Premier League (PIP) is

ing a memorable Indian Premier League (IPL) title triumph in 2024. In a statement shared on KKR's social media platforms on Tuesday, the franchise confirmed the development, "Mr. Chandrakant Pandit has decided to explore new opportunities and will not continue as Head Coach of Kolkata Knight Riders."

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Pandit, a respected figure in the Indian domestic coaching circuit, took over the reins of KKR ahead of the 2022 season. While his first two seasons saw the team finish in the bottom half of the table, it was in of the table, it was in 2024 that his leadership bore fruit, guiding the franchise to its third IPL title and their first in ten

title and their first in teny years.
Reflecting on his contribution, KKR added, "We are thankful for his invaluable contributions — including leading KKR to the TATA IPL. Championship in 2024 and helping build a strong, resilient squad. His leadership and discipline have left a lasting impact on the team."
The franchise also extended their good wishes to Pandit for his next chapter, "We wish him all the very best for the future."

Nathan Lyon opens up on Test snub against West Indies

New Delhi:

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Neteram Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon has admitted he was disappointed after being left out of Australia's playing XI for the final Test of the Caribbean tour, a rare omission for reasons other than injury in more than a decade. However, the 36-year-old also acknowledged the selectors' call was understandable given the conditions and, in in hindsight, the right one, as per ESPNerioinfo.

The Sabina Park pitch was expected to favour pace heavily, prompting selectors to leave out Lyon in favour of an all-seam attack, a bold move considering Lyon has been a permanent fixture in Australia's Test side since 2013 unless sidelined by injury. There's no point hiding behind it, I was disappointed with the decision, but It totally

hiding behind it, I was disappointed with the decision, but I totally understood it." he said, as quoted from ESPN-cricinfo.
What made the decision harder to digest for Lyon was that he missed out on playing in close friend Mitchell Starc's landmark 100th Test.

Test.
"Disappointed on a number of levels that: One, I believe I can play a role in any conditions, and I still honestly believe that. And then honestly, the other one honestly, the other one was not to walk out on the field with Starcy (Mitchell Starc). I've played 90-odd Test matches with Starcy, so to be able to walk out there with him in his 100th would have been amazing. But I was still there, running the drinks, and still part of it," he added.

Kotak Stands Firm as Curator Clash Heats Up

London:

Aigh a head of the highly anticipated fifth and final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy at The Oval, tensions flared between India's head coach Gautam Gambhir and Oval chief curator Lee Fortis. The dramatic conformation, which unfolded during India's training session on Tuesday, drew considerable attention as support staff, players, and coaching personnel were left momentarily stunned by the altercation on the field.

India's batting coach Stanshu Kotak, addressing the media at the post-practice press conforence, shed light on the events that transpired during the session and defended Gambhir's reaction, clarifying that the team did nothing inappropriate to damage the practice strip.

The confrontation crupted when Fortis objected to the Indian team utilising what he perceived to be a sensitive area of the main square. Kotak explained that the Indian team was merely inspecting the wicket—wearing joggers—and was taken aback when a member of the ground staff re-layed instructions to stay 2.5 metres away from the pitch. According to Kotak, the tone of the message was needlessly confrontational

"We were just looking at the pitch when they sent



The incident reached a

The incident reached a boiling point when Fortis allegedly shouted at Indian support staff bringing a cooling box near the practice area. Kotak downplayed the impact of the 10-kilogram box on the ground, suggesting that Fortis's reaction was over-

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a man over, asking us to stay 2.5 metres away. It was surprising. We were in joggers and not doing anything that could harm the wicket. Curators can be overprotective, and I understand being possessive about the ground, but there's no need for arrogance, "said Kotak.

In what quickly escalated, Gambhir report-edly lashed out at Fortis, pointing his finger and using strong language in defence of his team. Ko-tak attempted to mediate, pulling Fortis aside to have a private word, but Gambhir, standing nearby, made his displeasure known, telling Fortis sternly, "You don't tell us what to do."

blown.

"He should from the roller, telling our support staff not to bring the cooling box. Gautam stood up for his team, as any head coach would. It's not acceptable to address staff in that manner," Kotak added.

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added. He further revealed that Gambhir was already aware of Fortis's reputation prior to arriving at The Oval, hinting that the

tension may have been brewing from the outset. "Most of the team knew before coming that the curator is not the easiest person to get on with. It was already known. That gives a lot of answers." Despite the dramatic episode, Kotak confirmed that India would not be lodging any formal complaint against Fortis, describing the situation as something that got 'built up unnecessarily."

something that got "built up unnecessarily,"
Fortis, for his part, declined to elaborate on the incident but labeled Gambhir a "touchy guy" when speaking briefty to reporters. "It's a big game coming up. It's not my job to be happy or unhappy with him. I've never met

marked.

No Decision Yet on
Bumrah's Availability
Meanwhile, Kotak also Meanwhile, Kotak also addressed speculation around the availability of star seamer Jasprit Bum-rah for the final Test. The world's No. 1-ranked Test bowler is reportedly fit, but a final decision on his inclusion remains pend-ing.

ing. "There has been no dis-There has been no dis-cussion yet on whether Jasprit will play. He is fit now, and according to his load, he bowled in one innings in the last match. Our head coach, physio, and captain will sit down to decide," Kotak ex-plained.

Bumrah has played a crucial role in the series so crucial role in the series so far, picking up 14 wickets, including two five-wickethauks, at an average of 26.00. However, he has not featured in consecutive Tests as part of his workload management due to past back issues, notably a stress reaction during the Sydney Test in early 2025. Kuldeep Yadav's Inclusion Also Under Discussion

Kotakfurther stated that a decision on including spinner Kuldeep Yadav in the playing XI would be taken on Wednesday. "Our captain and head coach will sit and decide. It hasn't been finalised. Even if if has been, it's not my place to declare it," he said.

Santner named New Zealand Test skipper for Zimbabwe Series



Auckland:

Mitchell Santner becomes the 32nd player to lead New Zealand's men's side in Test cricket are side in Test against Jambawe due to a shoulder injury, as per the official web-site of the ICC.

Latham sufferd the injury while fielding in a domestic T20 game in England, and hasn't been deemed fit enough to feature in the playing XI. But the left-handed top-order batter will continue to remain with the squad, with the hope that he regains full fitness ahead of the second Test match against the Chevrons.

Santner, who has 1066

Test match against the Chevrons.
Santner, who has 1066 runs and 74 wickets from his 30 Tests, assumes the role fresh off a T201 Tri-Series victory in Harare where the Black Caps remained undefeated in the group stage into the finals.
Rob Walter, New Zealand head oach, expressed his disappointment for Latham but backed Santner to do

"It's never great when you lose your captais (Tom Latham), who's a world-class opening batter and a great team man, but that said we're going to work really hard to have him available for the second Test," he said. "We'll continue to assess and see whether a replacement player is necessary, but at this stage we are hopeful that he'll recover in time," he noted.

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"Mitch (Santner) did a wonderful job with the T20 squad in this recent series. Whilst the format is different, he certainly has the respect of the players and will be supported by some highly experienced Test crick-eters, so I trust that he's going to do a great job," Walter said. New Zealand squad for the 1st Test: Mitchell Santner (c), Tom Blundell, Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy, Matt Fisher, Matt Henry, Chrolis, Will O'Rourke, Ajaz Patel, Michael Bracewell, Rachin Ravindra, Nathan Smith, Will Young.

Zimbabwe Cricket gets major boost with US\$ 50,000 CABS sponsorship

Harare: Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) has received a significant financial boost with a financial boost with a USS 50,000 sponsorship from CABS, a leading Zimbabwean financial institution. The funding is set to directly support the country's five provincial first-class teams, as per ESPNcricinfo.

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In a press release, ZC confirmed that the funds will be distributed among the five teams that form the backbone of Zimbabwe's domestic circuit. Eagles, Rhinos, Tuskers, Mountaineers and Southern Rocks. These sides participate in the Logan Cup, the Pro50 Championship, and the domestic T20 competition.

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"We are grateful to CABS for coming on board as a valued partner in our domestic cricket journey," ZC managing director Givenore Makoni said, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

"This kind of corporate support plays an important role in strengthening the game's foundation and enabling long-term growth," he added.

"For our provincial teams, it means greater stability and the ability to invest more consistently in key areas such as player welfare, coaching and talent development-factors that are essential to building a groonger. factors that are essential to building a stronger



(FILE PHOTO)

pipeline for the future of Zimbabwean cricket," he

CABS Managing Di-rector Mehluli Mpofu described the sponsor-ship as more than just financial assistance.

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"This sponsorship is more than support for cricket -- it is a commitment to the dreams of Zimbabwe's young people. Across the country, there are talented, passionate youths who see sport as a pathway to opportunity, purpose and pride," Mpofin said.
"At CABS, we recognise that potential. By investing in domestic cricket, we are answering their

we are answering their call, building platforms for growth and helping shape a future where

every young Zimbabwe-an has a chance to shine,"

he noted.

CABS has a long history with Zimbabwean cricket, having first extended its support back in 2004 when it helped sponsor T20 tourna-

sponsor Too tourna-ments.
The timing of the support couldn't be bet-ter. Zimbabwe has had a packed international calendar this year, hav-ing already played sev-en Test matches. They also recently hosted a T201 tri-series featur-ing heavyweights South Africa and New Zealand. Now, all eyes are on the upcoming two-Test home series against home series against New Zealand, starting July 30.

India head coach Gambhir engages in heated exchange with Oval curator

London:
India head coach Gautam Gambhir engaged in a heated verbal spat with Lee Fortis, chief curator at The Oval in London, ahead of the final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, which is scheduled to begin on Thursday.

Trophy, which is scheduled to begin on Thursday,
During India's practice session on Tuesday,
Gambhir had a ferce altereation with Lee regarding the practice facilities. As he stepped away, the Indian head coach animatedly pointed a finger and mouthed a couple of words. India's batting coach, Sitanshu Kotak, was seen stepping in, taking Lee away and having a brief conversation with him.
While Kotak appeared to diffuse the situation while explaining their stance, Gambhir, who stood near the nets, pointed his finger to-wards Lee and furiously said, "You don't tell us what to do."
India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate joined Kotak durine his

India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate joined Kotak during his conversation with Lee, while Gambhir contin-ued to make his point from the other end. Lee said a couple of words to Gambhir before eventu-ally walking away from the scene. Lee was quizzed about

Lee was quizzed about the entire situation, but he chose to remain tight-



Gambhir had a fierce altercation with Lee regarding the practice facilities. -(FILE PHOTO)

lipped while speaking to the reporters and said. "It's not my job to be happy with him. I don't know, you have to ask him."

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Kotak, along with a couple of members of the Indian management, were seen trying to explain the situation to an English official. Kotak was the one who spoke for the majority of the period. India's chief selector Ajit Agarkar was also present during the discussion.
The dramatic behindthe-scenes encounter

the-scenes encounter echoes the emotions that have boiled over in the past two Tests in London and Manchester. In the third Test at Lord's, tem-

perament frayed, fingers were pointed, emotions ran thin as the element of spice entered the picture. It all started with captain Shubman Gill screaming at Zak Crawley in the final moments of the third day. He felt the lanky English opener was trying to run down the clock to deny India the opportunity of bowling a second over. Fingers were raised, words were said, and sarcastic applause further inflamed the tensions. The emotions yet again

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spilt over in the final hour
of the fifth Test at Old
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Shortly after the dra-ma, England bowled loopy balls and delivered through Harry Brook, and Jadeja dispatched the ball for a maximum the ball for a maximum to bring up his fifth Test century

century.

A statement from Stokes was caught on the stump mic during which he said, "Jaddu, do you want to get a Test 100 against Brook & Duckett?" Jadeja responded to the English skipper's comment and said with the said of the said o to the English skipper's comment and said, "What do you want me to do, just walk off?" Zak Crawley, who stood close to the crease, chipped in, saying: "You can, just shake your hand."

Second edition of Delhi Premier League to kick off on August 2

New Delhi:
The stage is set for a grand opening as the second edition of the second edition began with a vibrant musical concert — a lively mix of sport and song that instantly captured everyone's attention and set a fresh template for opening ceremonies at opening ceremonies at various cricket leagues, as per a press release from DPL.

Promising a night of glamour, music, and high-octane energy, the opening ceremony will



Delhi Premier League to kick off on August 2-(FILE PHOTO)

dazzle fans with spectacular performances chart-topping rapper by Punjabi pop sensa- Raftaar, lyrical power- Seedhe Maut.

As cricket meets cul-ture under the lights of Delhi, the DPL is all set

Delhi, the DPL is all set to begin its new season with a celebration befitting the capital's spirit-bold, vibrant, and unforgettable.

Speaking on the occasion, Rohan Jaitley, President, Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA), said, as quoted by DPL press release, "We are thrilled to launch the second edition of the Delhi Premier League, ushering in a new chapter of excitement, opportunity, and bish-parille crick." citement, opportunity, and high-quality crick-et. This season marks a fresh beginning--not players, but also for fans across the city and beyond. With renewed beyond. With renewed energy, emerging talent, and a deeper commitment to promoting both men's and women's cricket, the DPL promises to deliver a bigger, bolder, and more engaging experience for everyone involved."

The opening clash of

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The opening clash of DPL 2025 will set the tone for a thrilling season as South Delhi Superstarz take on the dending champions, East Delhi Riders, in what promises to be a block-buster curtain-raiser. All promises to be a block-buster curtain-raiser. All eyes will be on star performers like Navdeep

formers like Navdeep Saini, Anuj Rawat, Ay-ush Badoni and Dig-vesh Rathi. The men's final will be held on August 31, 2025, with September 1, 2025, reserved as a backup day in case of weather disruptions. The women's competi-tion will be held from August 17 to August tion will be held from August 17 to August 24. 2025, showcasing a week of exciting and competitive cricket. This season will feature eight men's teams and four women's teams, with a strong emphasis on competitive balance, emerging talent, and fan engagement.

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IOS Sports & Entertainment signs Indian Football team defender Sandesh Jhingan

New Delhi:

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government and semi-government or-ganisations to embrace Rho Kho as a main-stream sport, thereby expanding its presence across major sporting calendars of various government, non-govern-

gained valuable interna-tional experience during he stint with Crostian club HNK Sthemik, be-coming one of the few In-dian players to compete tious career, Jihngan has earned recognition as one of Asia's finest de-fenders. He was named AIPF Payer of the Year in 2020-21 and has been a consistent performer in the Indian Super League, helping his teams reach multiple playoffs and fi-nals. Known for his serial dominance and leader-ship qualities, Jihngan has represented India in over 50 international

has represented India in over 50 international matches.

"I'm excited to join the IOS Sports and Brutertainment family and work with a team that has such an impressive track record with India's top athletes. Their experities feels like the perfect assist as I IOsk to ambility. assat as I look to ampti-fy my story and connect with more people at a deeper level," shared the star defender, as quoted from a release by IOS Sports & Entertainment.

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Kho Kho secures spot in major national sports calendars, signals new era of popularity

New Delhi:

In yet another major milestone for Kho Kho, the sport has now been formally included in the annual sports calendar (*) ly included in the annual sports calendar of All India Electricity Sports Control Board (AIBSCB), the premier governing body committed to the regulation and advancement of sports within the electricity sector across allow thich is a development that underscores the sports rising stature.

The announcement are made during the AIBSCB's General Body Meeting held in Muni-

Kho Kho being included in the ALESCB's sports calendar. - (FILE PHOTO)

ESCE's sports calen-BSCE sports cales-dar, players now have increased avenues for stable cursers through employment goots in sports, providing further motivation for appring athletes to take up the game professionally. Kho Kho is already part of the Services Sports Control Board and the Railways Sports Promo-

tion as one of the most iconic events on the ral-ly-raid calendar. Harith's finish came

at Baja Aragon 2025 in

FIM Bajas World Cup

through departmental teams and job reserva-tions in various govern-ment sections. "Kho Kho's inclusion in major sports calendars is much more than a symbolic recognition; if a validation of the sport's growing relevance serous India," said Sudansibu Mittal, President of the Kho Kho Pederation of India. "We are witnessing a major Rho Kho as a maincontrol Board and the
stream sport, thereby selfexpanding its presence
across major sporting
calendars of various government, non-government and autonomous
bodies.
With Kho Kho being included in the AI-

à vaible career option."

In a further affirmation of the sport growing national stature, Rao Rho was also introduced for the first time in the Supreme Court of India's Annual Sports Most earlier this month. This including by a greetigious institution of national importance indicates the importance for national importance indicates the expanding visibility of Kho Kho in elite circles, both in terms of partici-pation and recognition. The increasing adop-

pation and recognition.
The increasing adoption of Kho Kho by the government and autonomous bodies contributes to the broader

The announcement was made during the AIESCB's General Body Meeting held in Mumbai, where the as an official discipline alongside 16 other sports, including cricket, football, kabaddi, badminton, hockey and tennis, among others.

nationwide movement that aims to democratize eports participation and provide platforms for indigenous games to thrive. As the sport continues its upward trajectory, inclusion of the sport in major sporting-plating a pivotal role in shaping a pivotal role in shaping a future where Kho Kho athletes have access to structured employment, sustained growth opportunities, and a pathway to represent India at national and international sevents.

With more govern-ment bodies expected to follow suit, the future of Kho Kho as a sport and profession looks increasingly bright, bringing pride to its rich heritage and newfound momentum to its mod-em resurgence. em resurgence.

Harith Noah finishes fifth Sanan Mohammed's strike gives Jamshedpur FC

Jamshedpur:
Sanan Mchammed's second-half strike ensured Jamshedpur PC secured a 1-0 victory ower Indian Army PT for their consecutive victory in Group C of the 134h Durand Cup, which was played here at the JRD Durand Cup, which was played here at the JRD bras Sports Complex. With this win, Jamshedpur PC have six points from two matches and are on top of the group, closer to a place in the knockout stages.

In Grup C of the 124fi and Cap, which was a part of a competitive top five, which included fellow Sherco TVS fider and rally weteran Lorenzand Cap, which was 125 Sentolino Sanchez of Spain, who dinched to everal whetery with a time of 625 Spain. Corenzo was followed by Nosis Theric of Franco and Javi Vega Poerta of Spain. Korarad Dabrowie of Poladan, riding for Dust Rally Team, finished fourth, just sheed of Harith in fifth. Speaking after the race, Harith Noah said as quoted by a press release, "It feels great to finish strong at Baja Aragon. This rally is never easy, it's fart, unpredictable, and played aim and focused on the special yough. There was a tof dust, but I stayed oalm and focused on having a clean race.



Sanari Mohammed--(FILE PHOTO)

nated the first half of the game, maintaining possession and creat-ing better chances. The Amynnen could have taken a two-goal lead inside the first 15 min-tutes, but Samir Mur-mu's effort from a tight angle whisked past the mus a stort irom a ugari angle whisked past the far post, and minutes later, Samanand Singh glancod a header wide from a corner ickc. Jamabadpur PC strug-

gled to match the Army side's physicality, as the Army side domi-nated the midfield with Lethaclen Khongsai and P. Christopher Kamei dictating the pace of the attacks. Samir came class none again to accome the attacks. Same con-close once again to score as the striker pounced on a weak-headed pass from Praful Kumar to

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New Delhi: India's Harith Noah, representing the Sharco TVS Rally Pactory Team, delivered agritty and determined performance to finish showerall in the 450cc category of the FIM Bajas World Cup at Bajas Aragon 2025. Ower the course of three challenging stages across the Spanish desert terrain, Harith clocked a total time of Tric's 20.0, placing him among the elite finishers in a field stacked with top international competitors, as per a press release from Baja Aragon World Cup. Hed from July 25 to 27 in Teruel, the dast edition of Baja Aragon world competitors, as per a press release from Baja Aragon World Cup. Hed from July 25 to 27 in Teruel, the dast edition of Baja Aragon world man and the dast probe of the competition of Baja Aragon world support of the competition of th Luka Majcen winner gives debutants Diamond Harbour FC | Wanted to join a club that ranks

Debutants and I-League 2 champions Diamond Harbour PC (DHPC), rode on Slovenian poscher Luka Majoen's injury time winner, to register a historic 2-1 victory against former champions and local ciants. Mohammedan victory against former champions and local giants Mohammedan Sporting, in the first Group B clash here at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK).

Thokchom Adison Singh scored for the Kolkata giants in the first half, with DHPC's Sairutkima drawing parity in

kata giants in the first half, with DPIFC Saimustkima drawing parity in the second for the debutants. Just as it looked that the match was petering out for a tame draw, Luka penetrated the Mohammed defence, got lucky with a rebound and calmly skotted home the winner to give his side full three points.

Celebrated DHPC coach Kbu Vicuns become and a three-man medangaffer Mehraj US and with a four-med angaffer Mehraj US and the commending affer Mehraj US by Din Wadoo, on the other hand, went in with a 2-4- to begin proceedings.

The first goal came after the half-hour mark, when the match of midfald. The diminutive the half-time break.

star Sajal Bag then hat the best chance of the rest of the half when his pile driver from range in the 8 yrd minute, shawed Mirshad's palm and struckthe poet.

Mohammedan played good footbal throughout the match and locked stronger in the finish, but Luka Majcen's copportunism inside the box changed the course of the match. Samule chested down to put Luka through, and after his first shot was saved by Subhajit, it deflected off Dinesh Meetes in the Mohammedan defence and samuel in place of Calyton and Naro Hari Shreitha up front. That krought immediate results, as just after the treak, Samuel's comment of the star should be seeder, first in Jamebedpur for a Group C clasift, where ISL side Jamshedpur for a Group C clasift, where ISL side Jamshedpur for a Group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a Group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a Group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a Group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a Group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a Group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where is a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where so a double header, first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where is a double header first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift, where is a double header first in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift in Jamebedpur for a group C clasift in Jamebedpur for a group C class in the structure of the match and the part of the part

among the top three: Florian Wirtz



Florian Wirtz--(FILE PHOTO)

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Before the 2025-26
Premier Lesgue season, German star Florian Wirts has officially gioned Liverpool. The former Bayer Leverkus-pool at the former Bayer Leverkus-pool at the former Bayer Leverkus-pool at the former bayer Leverkus-pool the former bayer Leverkus-pool the former bayer Leverkus-pool the former both the decision, and a heartfelt message for the fans who had been agardy waiting for his arrival.

"I feel very lappy and proud. It's finally done, something I have been waiting for a long time. In really appy, Wirtz said on Jichter star."

star. The 22-year-old play-

maker was one of Burope's most sought-after talents this summer,
with several clubs
showing interest, but
for Wirts, there was
clarity in his docision.
T felt it was the right
moment in my career
to take the next step. I
wanted to join a club
that ranks among the
top three in the world,
and in my opinion, Liveerpool is one of them,
he explained.
T saw mwelf in the



Sanjay Dutt's fierce look from 'The RajaSaab' unveiled on his birthday

t's actor Sanjay Dutt's birthday, and the mak-ers of his upcoming film 'The RajaSaab' marked the special day by unveiling a new poster of the actor from the film. Taking to their Instagram,

the makers dropped a new poster that shows Dutt in a never-before-seen avatar. The actor can be seen dressed in dark tones with long silver hair, a beard, and

n intense expression. 'The RajaSaab' stars Prab has in the lead and is directed by Maruthi. The film is produced by TG Vishwa Prasad under People Media Factory and has music by an S.

Prabhas, who will soon eature alongside Dutt in the film, wished the actor on his special day and wrote. "Wishing the ever-inspiring Sanjay Dutt sir a very Happy Birth



day! Grateful to share the with you in #TheRa-

The film is set to release in emas worldwide on De mber 5, 2025, in five lan-ages: Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada. Meanwhile, the actor cel-

Aeanwmie, u.c. ates his 66th birthday to-

industry also wished him on his special day. Actress Shilpa Shetty took

to her Instagram and penned a heartfelt post for Dutt, calling him an "incredible talent' and an "amazing person." Shilpa wrote, "You bring

so much energy and pas-sion to every part that I'm constantly inspired by your

But what truly sets you apart is your kind heart and generosity of spirit that I have witne sed. Here's wishing you all the love, happiness and great health above all Rockstar."

The actor also has Dhu dhar and KD - The Devil in the pipelir

Aamir Khan explains why he dodged OTT for 'Sitaare Zameen Par

all set to release his sports drama 'Sitaare Zameen Par' on YouTube Movies, shared the reason for skip ping popular OTT platforms and instead deciding to go di-rectly to YouTube. The film will be available

from August 1 on YouTube Movies on demand at an acssible price, skipping oth er digital platforms entirely It will be priced at Rs 100 in India and will also be avail-able in 38 other countries, in-cluding the US, UK, and Australia, with prices tailored to local markets.

During a press confere in Mumbai on Tuesday, Aamir explained that his aim was to make the film affordable and accessible to as many people as possible.

Aamir shared, "Think about it. If a family of four watches the film for Rs 100, that's just Rs 25 per person. You can even invite your neighbors. When I was oung, I used to watch novies with neighbors. If you watch it with eight people, it's even cheaper. You can show it to the whole village, 100 people for Rs 100, that's

just Rs 1 per person."

He added, "It's up to you how you want to use it. But our effort is to reach every corner of India and ensur everyone benefits from it This is a big step for us."

The film will skip all other digital streaming platforms and go straight to YouTube Movies on demand.

Aamir spoke openly about why he chose not to follow the OTT route like many oth-er filmmakers. He shared that he "never liked" the traditional OTT model and wanted to try something dif-ferent that would reach more people at a lower cost.

"Many journalists have asked me why I didn't go to OTT," Aamir said. "At that time, I couldn't explain it clearly. But the reason is that I never liked that model. I never understood it. That's why I've come up with this new model. I hope you'll like it. I hope that every citizen of the country will appreciate it. I believe cinema, which once soared, will soar high again."



First look of 'Pride and Prejudice' series unveiled

leased the nrs. look of 'Pride and Prejudice'. The streaming giant also shared its supporting cast as production begins in the

UK. Joining the Jane Auster adaptation are Rufus Sewell ("The Diplomat") as Mr. Bennet, Freya Mavor ("In-dustry") as Jane Bennet, Jamie Demetriou ("Stath Lets Flats") as Mr. Collins Daryl McCormack ("Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery") as Mr. Bingley, Louis Partridge ("House of Guinness") as Mr. Wickham, Rhea Norwood ("Heartstop-per") as Lydia Bennet, Siena Kelly ("Black Mirror") as Caroline Bingley and Fiona Shaw ("Killing Eve") as Lady Catherine de Bourg, Hopey Parish and Hollie Avernake their debuts as Mar Bennet and Kitty Bennet respectively, as per Variety

Other new cast member include Anjana Vasan ("We Are Lady Parts"), Sebastian Armesto ("Gangs of Lon don"), Rosie Cavaliero ("KAOS"), Saffron Coomber ("Three Little Birds and Die Zweiflers"), James Dryden ("Deadpool"), Justin Ed-wards ("The Thick Of It"), James Northcote ("The Last Kingdom"), Eloise Webb ("The Queen's Gambit") and Isabella Sermon ("Jurassio World: Fallen Kingdom") They join previously an-

'The Simpsons', 'Doc' and

more shows lined up for

the premiere of the crime drama 'Murder in a Smal

Lowe's 'The Floor' will be re-turning with its fourth season,

as well as the new game show

Town Season 2.

September premieres

Los Angeles

show 'The Simp-sons', medical dra-ma 'Doc' and many

other releases have been lined

up for Fox's fall 2025 slate. The network is gearing up to bring all of its entertain-

ment premieres in the second

slate of September, with no post-NFL premieres or two-

hour openers, reported Vari-

The second season of Mol-

ly Parker and Felicity Huff-man starrer 'Doc' has been

slated for release on Sep-

tember 23 at 9 PM, following

nounced cast members Emma Corrin ("Nosferatu"). Jack Lowden ("Slow Horses") and Olivia Colman ("The Crown"), who lead "Pride and Prejudice" as Elizabeth Bennet, Mr. Darcy and Mrs. Bennet, respectively. The six-part limited se-

ries promises a faithful adap tation of Austen's immortal 1813 novel from "Heart-stopper" director Euros Lyn and screenwriter Dolly



Sharing a BTS clip from the movie, Disha on Instagram wrote, "One of the few times we get to play villain. Thank you Mohit sir for giving me Rasika."

ctor Disha Patani on Tuesday took a stroll down memory lane, recalling

In her post, Disha exsed gratitude to director Mohit Suri for giving her the role of Rasika. Sharing a BTS clip from the

movie. Disha on Instagram wrote, "One of the few times we get to play villain. Thank you Mohit sir for giving me Rasika."

Released in 2022, 'Ek Vil-lain Returns' also stars John Abraham, Arjun Kapoor, and

The film is the sequel to the 2014 hit film, Ek Villain, which starred Sidharth Malhotra, Shraddha Kapoor and iteish Deshmukh. Meanwhile, Mohit Su

basking in the success of his latest directorial 'Saiyaara', which is headlined by young-sters Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda.

On Saturday, film trade expert Taran Adarsh took to Twitter to share an update on Saiyaara's box office perance. "SPLENDID SAT-URDAY - 'SAIVAARA' RE-

the Rs 300 cr milestone after crossing Rs 200 cr on its second Saturday [Day 9]. Now comes the best part: "Saiyaara's "second" Satur-day is HIGHER than its *first* Saturday [26.25 cr] a remarkable feat and a rai in today's times.The just no stopping this block buster! #Saiyaara [Week 2]

s 220.75 cr." The Mohit Suri directorial tells the story of a young cou ple, a singer and a lyricist, showing their journey on the path of love, loss, achieve-

Fri 18.50 cr. Sat 27 cr. Total





Aamir Khan to on YouTube

ir Khan has made an unusual A made an unusual move by choosing to release his latest sports drama 'Sitaare Za-meen Par' directly on YouTube after its run in the-

from August 1 on YouTube Movies on demand at an accessible price and will skip other digital platforms en-

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UK, and Australia, with prices suited to local markets.

Mia Carragher to be seen in 'The Hunger Games: On Stage'

the role of Katniss Everdeen in 'The

The update was shared via the show's Instagram

"Meet our girl on fire," the post reads alongside a headshot of Carragher. An intro video followed, featuring footage of the actor rehearsing with crossbow in hand, as per Variety.

"I'm really excited to play Katniss. I relate to her a lot," Carragher said in the

"I think she's very fearless, but then she's also got that nurturing quality about her. Everyone needs to come and watch 'The Hunger Games: On Stage' because it's going to be nothing like you've ever



ootball analyst and former Liverpool player Jamie Carragher, she graduated from England's Tring Park School for the Performing Arts in 2022 and also studied acting at the Lee Stras-berg Theatre and Film In-stitute. She has previously een." starred in the film "One The daughter of English Night in Istanbul" and Channel 4's "The Gathering." She'll next team up with "Hunger Games" with "Hunger Gam movie alum Josh Hutch son in the comedy "Let's Love" alongside Martin Freeman and Malin Akerman. The first-ever live stage adaptation of "The Hunger Games," the play begins perform

Canary Wharf Theatre, a new 1,200-seat venue. Award-winning playwright Conor McPherson adapted Suzanne Collins' first "Hunger Games" book for the show, and it's being helmed by "2:22 -- A Ghost Story" director Matthew



release 'Sitaare Zameen Par'

The film will be available

The approach aims to make the film accessible to people, especially those who do not have access to theatres

in India at Rs 100. It will also be available in 38 other countries, including the US,