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withdraws

Imphal: The Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh said

the North Eastern Council

(NEC) has withdrawn its

draft Vision 2047 document

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YOUR OPINION, OUR EFFORTS

SC takes note, hearing tomorrow

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the alleged rape and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, and will hear the case on August 20.

According to the cause list of August 20 uploaded on the apex court website. a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra is scheduled to hear on Tuesday a matter titled 'In Re: Alleged rape and murder incident of a trainee doctor in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata and related issue'

Doctor murder

The alleged rape and murder of the junior doctor in a seminar hall of the state-run hospital has sparked nationwide protests.

The body of the postgraduate trainee with severe injury marks was found inside the seminar hall of the hospital's chest department on August 9. A civic volunteer was arrested by the Kolkata Police in connection with the case the next day.

Five Zika cases in Bengaluru



march against the alleged sexual assault and murder of a postgraduate trainee doctor, near Salt Lake stadium, in Kolkata on Sunday.

The Calcutta High Court on August 13 ordered the transfer of the probe into the case from the Kolkata Police to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) which started its investiga-

tion on August 14. The high court had ordered transfer of the probe to the CBI while hearing petitions, including the one

moved by the victim's parents praying for a courtmonitored probe. Observing that the mob

violence in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital was an absolute failure of state machinery, the high court had on August 16 directed the police and the hospital authorities to file affidavits on the situation there.

The high court had said it was hard to believe that the police intelligence did not have information about the gathering of 7,000 people, when the state's lawyer told the court that a mob of such a number had assembled at the hospital in the early hours of Thursday.

the northeast region of - **PTI** India.

Another survey leads to dejection

By Suyash Padate

Mumbai: The rift within the ruling Mahayuti has further widened after a recent poll survey which showed CM Eknath Shinde top choice for coveted post if elections are held today. Furious BJP and NCP leaders are in no mood to accept his leadership. As a result three parties could go their separate ways for forthcoming Assembly elections slated in November this year.

According to a Matrize agency survey which was broadcasted by Times Now, news channel 35 percent of those surveyed rated Shinde's performance as very good. 27 percent of people who were surveyed preferred Shinde as a CM again.

Against this backdrop the rumbling in the Mahayuti has now reached the peak. Sources have claimed that the ruling Mahayuti alliance appears to be in a fix whether or not to project CM Eknath Shinde as its Chief Ministerial prospect. While leaders of all three constituents of the Mahayuti (BJP, Shiv Sena and NCP) have agreed publicly to contest the Assembly elections under Shinde's leadership, there is



still no consensus on who will be the face of the CM's post.

Significantly, the state BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule played a different tune. When contacted, he said, "Eknath Shinde is the CM now but since BJP has more constituencies and since we have more number of seats, it is natural that we will form the government under our leader," he added". Another BJP leader on a condition of anonymity said, "Whichever party has the

highest number of seats will stake claim to the Chief Minister's post". In 2022 when Shinde re-

belled against Uddhav Thackeray and joined hands with BJP to form the government in the state under his leadership, the old Sena worker emerged as a leader to reckon with in Maharashtra. Since then

himself as the CM face of the Mahavuti. Shinde, began laying the groundwork to project himself as the Mahayuti's Chief Ministerial face. In addition to it, newspaper advertisements and hoardings with the tagline "Madaticha Hat Eknath" (Eknath, the helping hand) are now a common sight in the state. This has not gone down

Shinde has been pitching

well among the rest of the two partners, BJP and NCP.

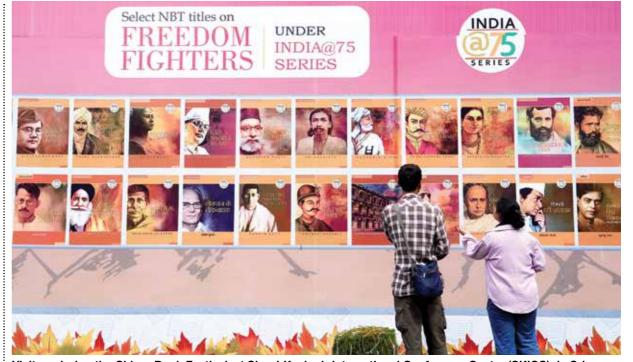
Arvind Shirsat spokesperson of Sena said, "We will go to the polls under the leadership of Eknath Shinde. This was clearly communicated even by Devendra Fadnavis. Nevertheless, Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar will also be leading the alliance. Shinde is the CM now and there is no confusion about Shinde's leadership right now".

AI cabin crew assaulted at London hotel

crew member of Air India was allegedly assaulted by that affected one of our colleagues staying there. an intruder at a London hotel earlier this week, with the airline saying it is pursuing the matter with the local police Sources in the know said

New Delhi: A female cabin sion at a hotel, operated by a major international chain, crew members". The airline in the state

agement of the current hotel to ensure the security of "We have been given an





Bengaluru: Five cases of Zika virus were detected in Bengaluru, Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said on Sunday.

According to him, from August 4 to 15, five cases of Zika virus have been detected in Jigani in Bengaluru.

"After the first case was detected, tests were conducted in the surrounding areas and five cases of Zika infection were found. Accordingly, containment has been done," he told reporters here.

The Minister said Zika too has simple symptoms and its treatment is similar to dengue.

a homeless man barged into the room at the hotel where the female cabin crew was staying and assaulted her. As she shouted, others

staving nearby came and rescued her and the person was caught, they added. One of the sources said

the cabin crew was allegedly sexually assaulted at the hotel while two other sources claimed it was a physical assault.

The incident happened at a star hotel near the London Heathrow airport. The cabin crew member has returned to India and is undergoing counselling, the sources added.

In a statement, an Air India spokesperson said it was "deeply anguished by an - PTI unlawful incident of intru-

ment said it is providing all possible support to the colleague and their broader team, including professional counselling. "Air India is also working with the local police to pursue the matter to the fullest extent of the law, and with

the hotel management to ensure such incidents are not repeated. We request that the privacy of those involved is respected," it said.

After the incident came to light, airline employees took to the airline's internal communication platform to complain about safety issues.

One of them claimed hotel staff was unavailable at night and that there is no control over access to the premises, one of the sources said.

In a fresh statement on Sunday, the airline said it has reached out to the man-

assurance that there will be no compromise to safety and security till such time our colleagues are relocated to another hotel," it said in a post on X.

Emphasising that "we are as concerned about this incident as all of you are" and deeply anguished at the incident, the airline also said it took immediate measures and decided to move colleagues to another hotel.

According to the Tata Group-owned airline, it constantly reviews travel and stay arrangements, made at reputed international hotel chains, based on employee feedback and internal review. Meanwhile, a section of cabin crew members of Tata Group airline Air India Express has been flagging concerns about accommodation provided to them at various stations and long layovers - PTI

Visitors during the Chinar Book Festival, at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), in Srinagar on Sunday. Pic: PTI

Three Indians killed in US car crash

Houston: In a tragic incisurvivor.

dent, an Indian-origin couple and their teenage daugh-Pradeepa Arvind (40) and their 17-year-old daughter ter were killed in a road accident while driving her Andril Arvind, who all were to college in the US state of from Leander, were killed in the car crash on Wednesday Texas, leaving behind their 14-year-old son as the lone near Lampasas County in

Texas, the Austin American Statesman reported.

Their only surviving immediate family member, son Adiryan (14), was not in the vehicle with them.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safetv. a 2004 Cadillac CTS driven by 31-year-old Jacinto Gudino Duran, of Copperas Cove, was heading southbound on US Route 281 at the same time a 2024 Kia Telluride, operated by Mani. was heading northbound.

I was harassed in school; was told it was my fault: Celina

New Delhi: Actor Celina Jaitly has opened up about facing harassment on multiple accounts when she was in school. lamenting how it is always the victim who is at fault.

The actor's comments come amid the ongoing protests following the alleged rape and murder of a woman doctor in Kolkata's R G Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9.

In a lengthy X post shared on Saturday, titled "The Victim is Always at Fault", Jaitly said it was about time to "stand up and ask for our right to be protected" as women are not at fault.

Sharing her picture

from Class 6, the actor recalled how boys from a nearby university would wait for her outside school and would follow her rickshaw making catcalls all the way home everyday.

"I pretended not to notice them and a few days later because of that they started throwing stones at me in the middle of the road to get my attention. Not one bystander batted an eye. I was told by a teacher: It was because I was 'too westernised and did not wear loose clothes and did not tie my hair in two braids with oil it was

my fault!" she wrote. "It was also at this age while waiting for the when a man first flashed school rickshaw in the his private parts to me morning. For many years



I blamed myself for this incident which I kept to myself running the words

of the teacher again and again in my mind that it was MY FAULT!" she

added.

When she was in Class 11, the actor said the university boys cut the wires of her two-wheeler because she ignored them. They continued to heckle her, call her names and leave lewd notes on her vehicle

Arvind Mani (45), his wife

After her protective male classmates informed the teaching staff about her facing harassment, Jaitly said the class teacher blamed her for being a "forward type of girl, riding a scooty and wearing jeans to extra classes with short open hair".

"'That's why boys think you are of a loose character'. It was always my fault. I still remember that

day jumping off my scooty to save myself because of my brake wires being cut off. I was hurt badly and yet it was my fault. My Scooty was damaged... I was both physically and psychologically hurt... And I was told it was MY FAULT!" the now 42-yearold wrote.

"It's time to stand up and ask for our right to be protected WE ARE NOT AT FAULT ! #kolkatadoc-

tordeath," she added. In her previous post on X, the actor said the atrocities against women have continued even since 2012's "gut wrenching" Delhi gang rape and murder case.

"No lessons learnt, no

lessons taught and no fear instilled within our society to prevent this from happening. We live in a society that teaches women to be careful not to get raped instead of teaching men NOT TO RAPE. I will never understand why it is more shameful to be raped than to be a rapist. "Rape is the only crime

in which the victim gets accused. A Victim waits for 15 years to get Justice and the culprit gets just 10 vears of imprisonment. The path to justice is painfully, heartbreakingly and unsafely slow.... We cry tears of blood as we wait to be safe, protected & free!" Jaitly wrote.

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BJP workers show Ajit Pawar black flags

By Correspondent

Pune: The scuffle in Mahayuti is relentless. BJP workers adopted an aggressive stance and started agitation against Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar by showing black flags to his convoy on Sunday. The incident took place in Junnar during the Jan Sanman Yatra

The BJP workers who carried BJP flags in their hands, criticised Pawar for holding an official function and sidelining the allies. NCP spokesperson Amol Mitkari sought a clarification over the incident from BJP leader and Deputy CM

Devendra Fadnavis. The NCP, BJP and Shiv

Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde are constituents of the ruling Mahayuti in the state. On the sidelines of his Jan Samman Yatra at Naranvangaon in Junnar taluka of Pune district, Pawar held a meeting with tourism department officials and environmentalists over development works and local

issues. Suddenly BJP workers started shouting slogans at a function. Some persons among

the protesters, who carried BJP flags, criticised Pawar for holding an official function and "sidelining"

be environment-friendly. NCP spokesperson Amol A clip of a news channel

posted on NCP leader Mit-Mitkari sought a clarification over the incident from kari's X account showed BJP leader and Deputy CM some people carrying black flags and BJP flags Devendra Fadnavis. The NCP, BJP and Shiv when Pawar reached Junnar for the meeting and Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde are con-

shouting slogans. Mitkari said the Jan Samman Yatra, a mass outreach initiative ahead of the state assembly polls, is a separate programme of the NCP.

"Those who showed black flags should also do it separately. Devendra Fadnavis should immediately clarify on this incident," the NCP leader said. - with PTI



Punekars fume with metro plan

Pune: The residents are not happy with Pune Metro as the only 5 km metro stretch will take five years to become operational.

The Union government has recently approved the Pune metro plan.

Sanjay Shitole, an activist and senior member of PMP Pravasi Manch, said, "Why are we prioritising the construction of new metro lines instead of improving the existing ones with better feeder systems and connections to reach people's final destinations? This approach turns the entire city into a massive construction zone. Instead of spending much money on new metro phases, we could have easily improved the existing system with a much smaller investment. Currently, only about 7% of the population in Pune uses the metro, so what about the rest of the population? We've already spent

O MORENT P around 100 crores on the be better to invest in ten electric or CNG buses to

BRT system from Swargate to Katraj to fulfil political agendas without considering more effective alternatives. Ashish Kotamkar, an ac-

tivist, added, "Shouldn't we be concerned about the cost of the government spending 541 crores for every kilometre of a new project? It seems like a lot for just a 5.46-kilometer stretch. Instead, wouldn't it tect the trees along the route."

Meanwhile, a senior official from Maha Metro on condition of anonymity said the project is complex, hence it will take time. "It's an underground project on a busy road. We cannot work without finding alternate routes for people, and stations need to be constructed. Eventually, there will be a lot of tunnelling work required. We can only dig a few metres in a day, that is the speed that goes. It is complex work and takes time.

cover the same route? Also, it is a very good These buses could go to step towards strengthening more places and benefit the public transport system more people. The Metro aunetwork in Pune. This is thorities expect over the busiest corridor which 100,000 people to use this gets complete connectivity, new stretch daily, but that starting from Nigdi to this seems like a lot for such a southernmost point of short ride with just a few Pune city. As of now, there are only three stoppages. stops. Also, we should think about the impact on But if there is demand, we the environment and will add additional stops whether we can still protoo." he added.

constable Mumbai: A 35-year-old man caught for drunk driv-

ing allegedly manhandled and threatened an on-duty constable in Mumbai while claiming to be the son of a senior police officer, an official said on Sunday. The incident took place

on Friday at Four Bungalows locality in Andheri area and the accused was later arrested, the Versova police official said. The constable stopped

the accused, identified as Vikas Mishra who used to provide security guards for events in the city, while conducting the checking for drunk driving, he said.

The accused was found driving a car under the influence of alcohol. When the constable asked him to show his driving license and other papers, the accused got angry and started arguing with the cop.

Drunk man held Winnability to be factor: Khan for manhandling

By Correspondent

Mumbai: A Congress leader on Sunday said winnability would be the main criteria for seat-sharing among the MVA constituents for the upcoming Maharashtra assembly polls and it will be worked out amicably at the earliest.

The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), comprising the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP), is already in the poll and campaign mode, having held a joint meeting of their officebearers on August 16, state Congress working president Naseem Khan told PTI.

"Winnability would the basis for seat-sharing among the allies and it will be worked out amicably at the earliest," he said.

"The Lok Sabha poll results will surely be replicated in the assembly elections," Khan said, expressing confidence of the MVA's victory.

He claimed that false promises and fake narrative of the ruling 'Mahayuti' (comprising the Shiv Sena, BJP and NCP) have been exposed. "Development has re-

duced and corruption has increased during their tenure. The state government has worked to weaken Mumbai and Maharashtra, farmers suicides have

gone up," he charges. People are upset with the government, Khan claimed. The MVA constituents

have declared to contest the Maharashtra assembly polls together.

A meeting of the MVA allies was held on August 16 in which Shiv Sena (UBT) head Uddhav Thackeray demanded the alliance declare its chief ministerial face in advance without waiting for the scorecard of each constituent in the assembly elections. due October-November.

The MVA trounced the Mahayuti alliance in the Lok Sabha elections held earlier this year by bagging 30 of the 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra, with the BJP losing 14 constituencies of the 23 it won in 2019.

On August 20, NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray will participate in a programme to be organised in Mumbai by the state Congress to mark the birth anniversary of former prime minister late Rajiv Gandhi

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge will also attend the programme, to be held at the Shanmukhananda Hall here.

Mumbai is the birthplace of Rajiv Gandhi.

Activist on fast demanding aid for Brahmins

Jalna: An activist said on Sunday that he has been sitting on a fast in Maharashtra's Jalna district demanding the formation of a corporation to provide IInancial aid to Brahmin youths and fulfil their other demands

Pune station flooded

By Correspondent

Pune: A sudden downpour wreaked havoc at the Pune Railway Station, leaving passengers scrambling to protect their belongings as water flooded the station premises. The portico and front yard were inundated, and platform number 4 faced severe leakage issues, exacerbating the already chaotic situation. The heavy downpour which lasted for some hours in the evening caught the city by surprise, leading to widespread waterlogging across various parts of Pune. Passengers took to social media to share their ordeal, posting visuals of flooded platforms and wet luggage, highlighting the dire state of the station. Unsafe Conditions and Passenger Complaints Commuters complained



that garbage and plastic bottles thrown onto the platform roof by passengers were swept into one of the 'bay valley' gutters during the heavy rain, causing a blockage.

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"Manoj Jarange-Patil should field candidates in all 288 Assembly constituencies. If his candidates win he would become the Chief Minister. However, once you become the CM you cannot hurl verbal abuses to others."

Deepak Rannaware, affiliated with 'Samast Brahmin Samaj Sangharsh', said he launched his hunger strike on August 15.

Besides financial assistance for the youths from the community, his demands also include free higher education for Brahmin boys and girls and the establishment of hostels in each district.

Rannaware claimed he had launched a similar campaign last November but called it off after government assurance.

that the lack of dry spaces had led to overcrowding in certain areas, increasing the risk of accidents. Many passengers have long been demanding immediate repairs to prevent potential hazards

> The flooding extended beyond the station, affecting the commute to and from the area. Auto drivers operating around the station said that waterlogging had created significant challenges for passengers.

Railway Response and **Future Measures** In response to the situa-

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In Thane district, the

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tion, a senior railway official acknowledged the challenges posed by the rain and outlined plans to mitigate such issues in the future. To prevent waterlogging, the railway has sanctioned the installation of a 120-meterlong and 1.2-meter-diameter pipeline that will be laid underground below the station and yard using the microtunneling technique. This is expected to improve drainage and reduce the likelihood of similar incidents.

Regarding the water leakage on platform number 4, the official explained

ingly vulnerable to extreme weather events due to climate change in recent years. The city has seen a sharp rise in unseasonal and intense rainfall over the past few years, leading to frequent waterlogging, traffic disruptions, and damage to infrastructure.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted thunderstorms accompanied with lightning and intense spells of rain with gusty winds reaching 40-50 kmph at isolated places in Pune, Ahmednagar, Raigad and Satara during next few hours

Chhagan Bhujbal, leader, NCP

10 booked for trying to extort money

Thane: The Thane police on Sunday registered a case against 10 persons for threatening a man to cough up Rs 51,000 for a "donation" towards the uncoming Ganpati festival, an official said

from Srinagar police station, the complainant was sitting in the office of a political party on Saturday night when the accused arrived there. They asked him to

According to the official contribute towards the Ganesh festival, which will be held next month. But they became aggressive after the 38-year-old complainant said he would donate Rs 5,000, the official said citing the FIR. - PTI

Ramgiri Maharaj faces multiple FIRs

Mumbai: Several FIRs have been registered against religious leader Ramgiri Maharaj in Maharashtra for his alleged objectionable remarks against Prophet Mohammad and Islam, a police official said on Sunday.

The remarks were allegedly made recently by Ramgiri Maharaj at Shah Panchale village in Sinnar taluka of Nashik district during a religious event and its video went viral on social media, police had said earlier.

Ramgiri Maharaj has said that his remarks concerned the atrocities being committed against Hindus in Bangladesh.

Besides Mumbai and the districts of Nashik, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Pune and Thane, a case has also been registered against him at Jalgaon Jamod police station in Buldhana district, the official said.



Samiullah Khan, who will increase across the identifies himself as an Isstate and country. Modi lamic scholar, wrote on X, government should answer "FIR has been registered why sensitive crime like against the hatemonger for insulting Prophet Muhaminsulting the Prophet at mad is increasing in India," Jalgaon Jamod police stahe wrote in the post on X. The religious leader fac-

tion in Maharashtra.' He demanded the immediate arrest of the Hindu seer.

"We will not sit silently on the attack on the dignity of our beloved Prophet Muhammad. If he is not arrested, peaceful protests

groups over religion, in-tentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace, criminal intimidation and other charges on the complaint of Maulana Sajid-Ul-Rehman.

Amid the row over his comments, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde had shared the dais with the religious leader during an event in Nashik district on Friday and called him a "saint", while minister Girish Mahajan and former Ahmednagar MP Sujay Vikhe Patil touched his feet on stage.

Speaking at the function, Ramgiri Maharaj, the mahant of Sarla Bet Dham in Shrirampur taluka of Ahmednagar district, defended his controversial remarks, saying that they were in response to the atrocities being committed against Hindus in Bangladesh and that his objective was to unite members of the Hindu community. - PTI

Pune Porsche Case Minor completes 15-day safe driving programme

Pune: The minor accused up the crime.

of killing two persons after ramming his Porsche car in an inebriated state into a motorcycle in Pune on May 19 has undergone a 15-day safe driving programme as mandated by a

said on Sunday. Kalyani Nagar and triggered massive outrage nationwide, partly because

While being released on bail by the JJB, among the conditions placed on him were writing a 300-word essay on road accidents as well as taking help of the RTO to study traffic rules and regulations.

"The juvenile accused completed the safe driving programme with the RTO. With respect to the guidelines of the court, the operation was kept discreet as it could have led to issue of privacy of the juvenile," a top RTO official said.

"The training programme included road driving safety measures, importance of driving licence, meaning of road signals and symbols and



other activities. During cial added. the process, the juvenile was also taken for onfield training," the offi-

The minor has already submitted the 300-word essay, other officials said.

court, a Regional Transport Office (RTO) official Two IT professionals from Madhya Pradesh were killed in the incident, which took place in Pune's

of the accused getting bail from the Juvenile Justice Board on lenient terms and due to a police probe finding attempts by his kin

and some doctors to cover

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Ganpati Bappa on his way...



The workers take Ganpati idols from the workshops to their respective mandals in Mumbai on Sunday.

Woman doctor assaulted at Sion

Artist designs 'Magical Ganpati'

Mumbai: An artist from Mumbai has come up with a unique Lord Ganesh idol for the upcoming Ganpati festival wherein the 'modak' (sweet offering) kept in front of the deity can be seen flying or floating in the air

Ramakant Devaria, the 28-year-old idol maker, has named it the "Magical Ganpati" or "levitating Bappa".

Talking to PTI here on Saturday, Devaria, who is an electrical engineer by profession, said making the magnetic circuit to float the 'modak' in the air was not an easy task.

"I got this idea four years ago when I was talking to my colleagues. It has taken me around 3.5 years to finally complete the circuit.

to make it seem natural. and make the modak float in the air," said Devaria, who has been making ecofriendly Ganpati idols for about two decades now. The artist said he has

maintained naturality of the Ganpati idol by making it using mud, and kept his creativity separate from it.

"This floating modak is an add on to the Ganpati idol, we haven't merged this with the idol, we have kept the cultural essence of the idol alive. People can use it as a decorative also after the immersion of the Ganpati idol," he said.

Devaria plans to display these idols in his shop first, assess the response from people and then craft more - PTI such designs.

Mumbai: Police have booked three persons, including two women, and detained two of them after a female doctor was allegedly assaulted at civic-run Sion hospital here in the early hours of Sunday, an official said.

The accused allegedly targeted the doctor when she was cleaning blood from the ear of a man at the casualty ward of the facility, officially known as Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital and Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College.

The man screamed at the female doctor, triggering an argument, said the official from Sion police station.

Of those who had come with the patient, two women and a man as-



saulted the female doctor, prompting the hospital staff to seek police intervention, the official said. Police registered a case

against the three alleged attackers under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Maharashtra Medicare Service Persons

and Medicare Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss to Property) Act. Two of the three accused Pics : Bhushan Koyande

Case against cyber frauds

Mumbai: The N.M. Joshi

Marg police have regis-

tered a case against cyber

frauds for allegedly using

the name of Advent India,

a global private equity

firm. and its director Ak-

shay Alladi to cheat people.

The fraudsters were alleg-

edly using the company's credibility to get people to

join their share trading

The case was registered

following a complaint from

group and cheat them.

have been detained, the official said.

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In a statement concerning the incident, Sion hospital said, "There has been an incidence of violence in Sion hospital that occurred early this morning involving one of the oncall residents in the ward. A group of 5-6 intoxicated patient attendants threatened and attempted to physically assault her. She also sustained injuries while defending herself." Terming the assault "alarming", the statement said their doctors' safety is

'non-negotiable" "This situation requires immediate attention and the implementation of strict security measures in all hospitals," it added

ing to the tragic risk of

The petitioner also raised

Meenakshi Salvi, 54, an executive assistant with Advent India. The matter came to light when people began calling and visiting the Advent India office in Lower Parel, claiming they were cheated after joining the company's WhatsApp share trading group. The company neither ran a WhatsApp group nor any

- PTI application.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"I had objected when they said they would arrest **Devendra Fadnavis which** would have out the BJP on the backfoot and potentially

Lawyer files petition in HC

By Correspondent

Mumbai: A lawyer has filed a petition in the Bombay high court seeking its directions for the demolition of dilapidated buildings marked as C1 by the respec tive civic bodies of Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) The petitioner Purva Basrur has stated in her petition that allowing residents to live in such buildings amounts to a direct violation of their fundasions under the Mumbai

mental right to life and safety. The civic bodies in Thane, Mumbai and Navi Mumbai have shown a gross negligence of duty. The matter has been listed for hearing before the division

Dilapidated building collapse," adding that any undue delay or failbuildings in MMR ure from their side to act swiftly constitutes a "serious dereliction of duty".

Municipal Corporation Act 2018. Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act 1996 and the Maharashtra Rent Control Act of 1999, mandating the removal of structures that are in dilapidated condition and pose a high safety risk

ed to greater risks, which infringes upon their right to equal treatment and protection under the law.

Over two months back, the BMC released a list of 188 extremely dangerous and dilapidated buildings categorised as C1, ordering their immediate evacuation. Despite multiple legal provisions and notices, the buildings continue to stand due to various legal issues or resistance by the residents over the lack of alternate accommodation in place

reached Pakistan, he

said, urging the gov-

ernment to take proac-

tive steps to prevent its

neighbourhood. We

"It has reached our

spread in India.

Eknath Shinde. Chief Minister to ANI

their MLAs could have joined Maha Vikas Aghadi. Citing it as wrongdoing, when I objected, they said there is noting wrong in it."

bench on Monday

Basrur highlighted the paucity from the side of concerned officials in conducting regular inspections. timely demolitions, and providing alternative housing for affected residents despite various legal provi-

Basrur observed that the lack of timely actions from the administrative side "is a significant factor contribut

concerns about the possibilities of corruption between municipal officers and developers which contributed to the delay in timely action.

Basrur observed that a situation has been created where residents in dilapidated buildings are subject-

Man held for robbery

Thane.

Navi Mumbai: Police have arrested a 35-year-old man for allegedly robbing a businesswoman from Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra of Rs 30.000 and other valuables after threatening her, an official said on Sunday.

The man went to the woman's house at Ghansoli in Navi Mumbai, where he earlier worked as a cook and driver, on the night of August 14 and forced her at "gunpoint" to transfer Rs 30,000 to his account. He also took away her gold chain weighing 15 gm, senior inspector Sanjeev Dhumal of Rabale police station said.

The woman, who is into

Thane: Four months after the death of education clothes business, lodged a complaint, based on which baron Shivajirao Jondthe Rabale police registered hale, police in Dombivli an FIR under section 309 (4) have registered an FIR (robbery) of the Bharatiya against his second wife Nvaya Sanhita (BNS) and and four of her relatives for alleged culpable homiinitiated a probe. cide, an official said on

documentary

do this documentary, so will

you do it?' He said, 'Yes, I'll

do it'. Then we spoke to my

dad and he was like, 'Sure! If

he will do it, then I'll do it'. I

called Alvira (Salim Khan's

daughter) and met Salma

(Salim Khan's wife) aunty

and she gave her blessings,

After working on several leads including CCTV foot-Sunday. age, intelligence and techni-No arrest has been made cal inputs, the probe team so far as the investigation tracked down the accused to is underway in the case Ramchandra Nagar in registered on Saturday. Jondhale, a cancer patient, died on April 19 for - PTI

want of proper treatment after the accused persons shifted him out of a hospital to his home. He was held captive from April 6 to April 16, stated the FIR registered on a complaint lodged by Jondhale's son.

Prima facie, usurping of the property was the motive, the official said quoting the FIR

The accused persons are identified as Jondhale's second wife and four of her relatives.



They were booked under

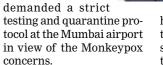
put a person in fear of death or grievous hurt in order to commit extortion), 383 (extortion), 384 (Extortion), 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), and 120 B (criminal conspiracy).

A police official said the case was registered under IPC as the death of Jondhale dates back to April 19. weeks before the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita replaced sation has declared Monkeypox a public health emerthe British-era penal code. - PTI gency, and the virus has now

Mpox: Chavan demands strict testing at Mumbai airport

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Mumbai: Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan on Saturday wrote to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and



The World Health Organi-

have to act. I have written to the CM to implement a strict testing and quarantine protocol at the Mumbai airport for all the incoming passengers from high-risk

countries," said Chavan.

- PTI

Morning walks with Salim gave birth to 'Angry Young Men'

Jondhale's second wife booked

By Komal Panchamatia

Mumbai: Scriptwriter Salim Khan would often tell Zoya Akhtar stories from her childhood and the way he and her father, Javed Akhtar, came up with the script of some of their most iconic movies whenever she bumped into him during their morning walk. And that's how the idea for "Angry Young Men" was born.

The documentary, which Zoya has produced with brother Farhan Akhtar and Salim Khan's son Salman Khan, is a behind-the-scenes exploration of the phenomenon that Salim-Javed. as they came to be known in

the 70s and 80s, were when their name alone on a script was considered a guarantee of success

"Salim uncle walks on the Bandstand and I bumped into him because I was going for a walk. Sometimes, we just hang around like, if he is sitting for a breather, I would just go and chill with him. He would tell me stories about how they wrote scripts, about my childhood and things that I don't remember. I was like, 'We need to put this on paper'," Zoya told PTI in an interview.

One day, she and her coproducer Reema Kagti approached Salim Khan during one of his walks to seek



met Salman and he came on We were like 'We want to board."

Her father, Zoya said, was always open to the idea of a documentary provided his former writing partner was willing to participate.

"He was like, 'Get back to me when it happens'," she said, recalling how she wanted to make it in 2018, a

"very hectic year" for her when she was already working on "Gully Boy", "Lust Stories" and the series 'Made in Heaven".

She eventually got around to the documentary, named after the persona of 'Angry Young Man' the duo created in the 70s, which became a cinematic representation of the era through films like "Zanjeer", "Sholay" and "Deewar", and also gave birth to Amitabh Bachchan's stardom.

"This is personal, and it has been a passion project for all the kids," said the filmmaker, who has produced the three-part project with Reema Kagti through

their production banner Tiger Baby.

Her brother Farhan and his producing partner Ritesh Sidhwani's Excel Entertainment as well as superstar Salman Khan, son of Salim Khan, have also backed the documentary.

Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar were perhaps the first and only Indian screenwriters to achieve star status. After collaborating on 22 Bollywood films, which also included "Yaadon Ki Baaraat", "Trishul", "Kaala Patthar", "Dostana", "Seeta Aur Geeta" and "Mr India", as well as two Kannada films, the duo decided to split in 1982

Zoya, who already knew the story on a personal level, said she was keen to document their collaborative period as she felt it was important to share it with future writers

'They've been very impactful artists and people in terms of their spirit and that needed to be shared with other people because they are both incredibly inspiring. We are at a stage right now, where writers need to see them and meet them. This generation of writers needs to meet people that have that kind of zest, conviction and spirit. They are too special and they need to be archived," she added.

Noted film editor Namrata Rao, known for her work on movies such as "Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!", "Ishqiya" and "Kahaani", has directed the docuseries.

Rao said when she was approached to direct the project, she wanted to do a 'cartwheel"

"I relate to their story because they came from nowhere and made the industry their own. They made such amazing films. That is something I relate to and aspire to do. I connected with their story instantly. It was a great discovery to understand how they started, what they did, and how they owned that space." - PTI

Indian Penal Code sections 304, (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 387 (Putting or attempting to

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Burger King loses legal battle against namesake Pune eatery

The court said the Burger

erably failed" to prove that

the eatery here had in-

fringed its trademark Burg-

er King while running the

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President B Narasimhan

said there has been a para-

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country's economy is per-

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Pune: US giant Burger King Corporation has lost a 13-year-old legal battle against its namesake eatery in Maharashtra's Pune after a district court here dismissed a suit filed by the company alleging trademark infringement.

Pune district judge Sunil Vedpathak, in the order on August 16, said the citybased eatery 'Burger King' was operating even before the US burger joint opened shop in India and that the latter failed to prove the local food outlet had infringed its trademark.

The court dismissed the 2011 suit filed by the Burger King Corporation, seeking a permanent injunction restraining infringement of trademark, passing off (the trademark as theirs), as well as monetary damages.

The suit, filed against Anahita Irani and Shapoor Irani. owners of the Punebased Burger King food joint, also sought Rs 20 lakh as damages.



On the plaintiff companv's demand for permanent lent about how customers injunction, the court said have been confused due to the Burger King Corporause of trade mark Burger tion started to provide ser-King by defendants to their vices through restaurants restaurant," it said. under its trademark Burger King Corporation has "mis-King in India particularly in

the year 2014, whereas the city-based eatery was using the trademark 'Burger King' to provide restaurant services since 1991-92. "Defendants have been us-

restaurant in Pune ing the trade name for their ly no evidence regarding restaurant since about 1992. proof of infringement of the mark and actual damage caused to it, the company was not entitled for any damages, it said.

"Thus, in the absence of cogent evidence, I find that the plaintiff is not entitled for damages, rendition of accounts and the relief of perpetual injunction," the order said.

The plaintiff's first Indian BURGER KING restaurant was opened in New Delhi on November 9, 2014, the court said.

The plaintiff company was founded in 1954 and manages and operates a worldwide chain of 13,000 fast food restaurants in more than 100 countries and US territories worldwide.

The first BURGER KING franchised restaurant in Asia was opened in 1982 and there are currently more than 1.200 of these restaurants in Asia, the suit claimed.

The company has been using the trademark 'Burger King' since 1954 and it is

gives membership to over

Going by projections, In-

dia is expected to become a

USD 7 trillion economy by

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2,500 people every year.

known globally, the suit said. The company said the

high quality of its products and services offered by its fast food restaurants has made the mark BURGER KING gain tremendous rep-

utation and goodwill. Thus any adoption or use of an identical mark or a deceptively similar mark by any trader would be dishonest, malafide and would cause the company huge loss, damage and harm to its goodwill and business and reputation due to unlawful acts of the defendants which are unquantifiable and

irreparable. The Iranis opposed the suit, saying it was filed with malafide intentions and to discourage business people who are bonafide users and retailers.

They said apart from the name Burger King, there was absolutely no similarity in the plaintiff's trademark and their own shop name. - PTI

uniformity in the secretarial practices followed across corporate boards.

MONEY MATTERS The Three Formula

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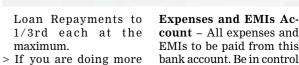
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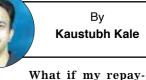
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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(The writer is a Chartered Accountant and Investment Consultant. Views personal)

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Monkeypox in Africa: Exporters keep fingers crossed

New Delhi: Indian exporters are keeping their fingers crossed amid the outbreak of Monkeypox in Africa, as the continent is a crucial region for domestic exports.

According to exporters, though the spread of the disease is contained in certain countries, it would be a challenge, if it spreads to more nations.



work in ensuring complirequirements.

Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)

of the MPox outbreak on

global trade has been rela-

tively limited so far, though

the situation warrants close

measures, Globe Trade Re-

search Initiative (GTRI)

founder Ajay Srivastava

said. However, "India must

remain vigilant to the evolv-

ing situation. India should

take precautionary meas-

ures to mitigate any poten-

tial disruptions in trade and

ensure that its public health

responses are well-coordi-

nated to prevent the virus

monitoring.

secretaries have essentially become a significant linchpin in making India one of the most preferred investment destinations of the world. India will need around 1

lakh company secretaries by 2030, he told PTI during a recent interaction. On an average, the ICSI

"It is eminently possible for the Indian economy to grow in the coming years at a rate above 7 per cent on the strength of the financial sector and other recent

and future structural re-

Need to align cyber security clared the outbreak a public budgets health emergency of inter-It was decided that as a

New Delhi: Indian businesses need to align cyber security budgets with their growth objectives to ensure sustainable expansion in



"After visiting so many states in India I felt that India is ascending. Foxconn wants to be a

part of it. We will grow

together with India's

omy in the next six to seven years (by 2030)," a finance ministry report said in January this year. Meanwhile, to attract more young talent into the profession, the institute

has also started direct registration of graduates and post graduates in the company secretary executive

programme Among other initiatives, ICSI has introduced secretarial standards to bring

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forms... under a reasonable set of assumptions with respect to the inflation differentials and the exchange rate, India can aspire to become a USD 7 trillion econ-

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The pleadings put forth by plaintiff company's trade-India will need 1 lakh CSs by 2030: ICSI

New Delhi: India will need around 1 lakh company secretaries by 2030 amid rising economic growth and increasing focus on good governance, according to the company secretaries' apex body ICSI.

Currently, there are more than 73,000 company secretaries and out of the total, around 12,000 are practising company secretaries.

Company secretaries play a key role in the corpo-



ance of companies with various statutory

"As of now, the spread is not rampant, but looking into the infection, the exporters are definitely concerned, hoping it will not spread," Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) Director General Ajay Sahai said.

Another exporter said that so far, there is no lockdown-like situation in the continent, and therefore, no payment delays are happening.

"But, we are keeping our fingers crossed," he said.

India's leading footwear exporter and Chennaibased Farida Group Chairman Rafeeq Ahmed said the situation is not alarming, but "we are worried about the spread of the disease".

The Group has a facility

in Ethiopia. Think tank from impacting its econo-GTRI said the direct impact my," Srivastava said.

Currently, there are no reported cases of Monkeypox in India, even though cautionary measures will be put in place to prevent and control the spread of

Unlike the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to strict the disease, the Union Health Ministry said on travel bans, the current MPox situation has not ne-Saturday. cessitated such drastic

In view of the World Health Organization (WHO) again declaring Monkeypox a public health emergency of international concern on August 14, a detailed review of the situation and the preparedness was taken last week by Union Health Minister JP Nadda at the meeting with the senior officials of his ministry.

In 2022, the WHO first de-

round crossings; readying the testing laboratories (32); gearing up health facilities for detecting, isolating and managing any case are put

in place. The WHO's declaration of 2022 was revoked in May 2023. Since 2022, it has globally reported 99,176 cases and 208 deaths due to Monkeypox from 116 countries. The bilateral trade of In-

dia with Africa grew by 9.26 per cent in 2022-23 to about USD 100 billion. The exports stood at USD 51 billion, while imports were USD 47 billion. Both sides are looking at taking the trade to USD 200 billion by 2030

India's exports to Africa are dominated by crude oil and pharmaceutical products, accounting for nearly 40 per cent of the total exports into African markets.

the face of increasing digi talisation and associated risks, a top official of Kaspersky has said.

The emergence of newage technologies, including artificial intelligence and GenAI, is critical for companies to boost their businesses. "In order to grow businesses, you need to digitise. If you don't digitise, you are not going to have that business growth value," Adrian Hia, Managing Director for the APAC region at Kasper-

sky, told PTI. At the same time, the digitalisation of businesses increases the attack surface area, opening avenues for risks like sophisticated cyberattacks.

If Indian businesses aim to grow by 20 per cent, they also need to boost their cyber security budget by 20 per cent in the course of preparedness against these - PTI attacks, Hia noted.

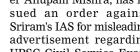
Young Liu, Chairman, Foxconn

Rs 3 lakh fine on Sriram's IAS

New Delhi: Consumer rights regulator CCPA has imposed a Rs 3 lakh penalty on coaching institute Sriram's IAS for publishing misleading advertisement and violating consumer rights.

The misleading advertisement was related to its claims regarding UPSC Civil Service Exam 2022. According to an official statement, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)

has imposed a "penalty of Rs 3 lakh for misleading advertisement on Sriram's IAS". The decision was taken to protect and promote the rights of consumers as a class, the CCPA said. It was Act, 2019, the CCPA, headed also to ensure that no false or misleading advertisement is made of any goods or services that contravene the provisions of the Con-



In view of the violation of the Consumer Protection

sumer Protection Act, 2019.

by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare and Commissioner Anupam Mishra, has issued an order against Sriram's IAS for misleading advertisement regarding UPSC Civil Service Exam 2022.

Stock markets to take cues from global trends: Analysts

New Delhi: With the earnings season drawing to a close, stock markets will take cues from global trends and foreign investors' trading activity this week, analysts said.

The US FOMC (Federal **Open Market Committee**) minutes will be the major highlight this week, experts said.

"This week, there are fewer cues on the macro and micro fronts, as the Q1 earnings season has concluded. However, important global economic data, such as Japan's inflation numbers and the minutes from the US FOMC meeting, will be closely watched. The uncertain geopolitical situation remains the primary near-



term risk for the market," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika In-

vestmart Ltd. Traders will also closely monitor institutional flows

and crude oil price movement. he added. Easing fears of a reces-

sion in the US triggered a global market rally on Friday.

'Positive US economic data like cooling inflation and robust retail sales numbers shrugged off recession fears while talks of a rate cut by the US Fed as early as next month fuelled a mega rally across global equities, including India," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

The 30-share BSE benchmark jumped 1,330.96 points or 1.68 per cent to settle at 80,436.84 on Friday, marking its best single-day gain in more than two months. The NSE Nifty surged 397.40 points or 1.65 per cent to close at a two-week high of 24,541.15.

"The outlook for the market will be guided by the FOMC meeting min-

utes, US existing home sales and new home sales data," Palka Arora Chopra, Director, Master Capital Services Ltd, said.

Last week, the BSE benchmark jumped 730.93 points or 0.91 per cent, the Nifty climbed 173.65 points or 0.71 per cent.

Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said, all eyes this week will be on US Fed meeting minutes.

"Overall we expect the market to consolidate in a broader range and take cues from global factors," Khemka added. - PTI

LIC agents in Andaman earn the highest

According to data provided by the Life Insurance Corporation to the Finance Ministry, its agents in Andaman and Nicobar earn highest in the country whereas the agents in Himachal Pradesh earn lowest per month. In terms of the number of agents, LIC has the lowest number of agents at 273 in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Himachal Pradesh has 12,731 agents. The PSU life insurer had 13,90,920 agents across the country.

Andaman and Nicobar	Rs 20,446
Himachal Pradesh	Rs 10,328
Uttar Pradesh	Rs 11,887
Maharashtra	Rs 14,931
West Bengal	Rs 13,512
Tamil Nadu	Rs 13,444
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CBI keen to know call details of ex-principal of hospital

Kolkata: The investigating officers of the CBI are looking into the call details and chats of former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Sandip Ghosh, in connection with their probe into the rape and murder of a woman doctor.

Ghosh, who appeared before the CBI officers on the third consecutive day on Sunday, was asked to furnish details of the phone calls he made before, and after the incident at the hospital, an officer of the central probe agency said.

The sleuths are also mulling contacting the mobile phone service provider to get the details of Ghosh's phone calls and data consumption, he added.

The former principal, who was grilled by the agency's officers for over 13 hours from Saturday till past midnight, reached the CBI office at CGO Complex in Salt Lake at 11 am on Sunday

Ghosh was asked to spec-

over 20 people, including a ify his role after getting the news of the death of the couple of officers of the Kolkata Police, in connection doctor, who he had contactwith its investigation. ed and why he made the parents wait for nearly Ghosh declined to take

Sunday.

with their investigation.

The former principal had

resigned from the post two

days after the woman's body

was found on August 9. He

had expressed fears of being

attacked, prompting his law-

yer to seek protection from

the Calcutta High Court.

The court directed him to

The body of the post-grad-

uate trainee doctor was

found in a seminar room at

RG Kar Medical College and

Hospital on August 9. Police

arrested a civic volunteer

the next day in this

approach a single bench.

three hours, he said. The ex-principal was also questioned who had ordered the renovation of the

Doctor murder

rooms near the seminar hall at the emergency building of the hospital after the incident.

"We are trying to find out whether there was any conspiracy or pre-planning to the crime. What was the principal doing and whether he is involved with the incident in any manner," a CBI officer said.

The CBI sleuths would be verifying Ghosh's replies with the versions of other doctors and interns who were on duty along with the deceased doctor at the chest medicine department on the night of the incident. So far, CBI has grilled

Harbhajan demands justice

New Delhi/Chandigarh: Former cricketer and AAP any question from the me-Rajya Sabha MP Harbhajan dia while leaving the CBI office at CGO Complex in Singh has written to West Salt Lake past midnight on Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose and Chief Minister The CBI officers grilled Mamata Banerjee, urging Ghosh first on Friday and them to "act swiftly and decisively" in the rape-murderthen for around 13 hours on Saturday in connection case of a Kolkata doctor.

"With deep anguish over the delay in justice to the Kolkata rape and murder victim, the incident which had shaken the conscience of all of us, I have penned a heartfelt plea to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Ms. @MamataOfficial Ji and Hon'ble @BengalGovernor urging them to act swiftly and decisively," Singh said in a post on X.

"I demand justice for the victim. I demand a safer society. I demand positive change. And I stand with the doctors in their fight for justice," he said. - PTI

Kolkata Doctors with others take part in a protest march against the sexual assault and murder of a (PTI Photo Swapan Mahapatra) postgraduate trainee doctor, in Kolkata, Sunday.

Islamic scholar criticises MP committee on stray cattle Bhopal: The Madhya pork challenge

connection.

Kochi: An Islamic scholar, belonging to an influential Muslim body, has come out against the Democratic Youth Federation of India, which organised a pork challenge as part of its numerous fund-raising events in Kerala to help the government in the rehabilitation efforts for the recent Wayanad landslides.

Nasar Faizy Koodathai, a prominent leader of Samastha Kerala Jam-Iyathul Qutba Committee, criticised the pork challenge of Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI), the youth wing

of the ruling CPI(M) in Kerala and said the Left organisation was trying to sneak in blasphemy in the name of 'challenge

The DYFI has been organising numerous challenges and festivals across the state as part of its various fundraising events to help the rehabilitation efforts for the survivors of the devastating landslides in Wayanad district on July 30.

As part of it, the DYFI on Sunday organised a Pork challenge at Kothamangalam.

DYFI Kothamangalam North local committee secretary Renjith told PTI that the challenge was a success and that they have sold 517 kg of pork at a rate of Rs 375 per

kg "We have been organising numerous challenges and festivals to raise money for the Wayanad survivors. No one created any issues here in the name of selling pork. There is a huge market for

pork here and we have decided to go for this challenge after considering all these factors," he said.

Pradesh government has constituted a high-level committee to control the problem of stray cattle in the state

The state government will run a 15-day special campaign on major roads and take action to control stray cattle, an official release issued on Saturday night said.

Suggestions received for stray cattle control will also be included under the special campaign.

A committee has been formed in this regard. It will be headed by the home department's additional chief secretary (ACS).

Champai Soren in Delhi, may join BJP Ranchi: There are speculations any problem if the JMM veteran that former Jharkhand Chief Min- crosses over to the saffron camp. If ister Champai Soren may join the Soren switches sides, it would cre-

One of his close associates claimed the state, Kumar said. that he left for the national Capital from Kolkata.

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was arrested by the Enforcement release from the jail

DIA bloc in the state would not face leaders."

BJP. Soren left for Delhi on Sunday. ate a fissure among BJP leaders in

"The ruling alliance will not have any problem as Jharkhand Chief Soon after landing in Delhi, the Minister Hemant Soren will be the JMM leader told reporters that he face of the INDIA bloc in the assemhadn't met any BJP leader and was bly poll this year. But this will cerin the national capital on a "per- tainly create a fissure among BJP leaders," the Congress leader said Champai Soren was made the while responding to a query on spec-

Kumar also asked, "Where

pai Soren joins the saffron party? Sunday claimed that the ruling IN- to show doors to senior tribal Experienced 'bitter humiliation' as Jharkhand CM: Champai Soren

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Champai Soren on Sunday said he experienced "bitter humiliation" as chief minister.

His statement came hours after he reached Delhi amid speculations about him joining the BJP.

He claimed all his government programmes were cancelled on July 3 by the party leadership without his knowledge.

When I asked about the reasons for cancellation, I was told that there is a meeting of party legislators on July 3 and I cannot attend any government programmes till then," he posted on social media.

"Can there be anything more humiliating in a democracy than a chief minister's programme being cancelled by another person?" he said.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



Prayagraj: The Allahabad

High Court has refused to

quash criminal proceedings

against six people accused

of carrying a tricolour with

Quranic verses during a re-

ligious procession, saying

such incidents could be ex-

ploited by those who seek to

Dismissing the petition

filed by Gulamuddin and

five others, Justice Vinod

Diwakar said the act was

create communal discord.

"I don't wish to be called the widow of Humayun. My marriage was the finality of my life, and I

Privatisation of IAS is Modi's guarantee: Rahul

New Delhi: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Sunday termed as an "anti-national step" the government's move of recruiting public servants through lateral entry, alleging that the reservation of SCs, STs and OBCs is being "openly snatched away" by such an action. The former Congress president also alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "attacking the Constitution by recruiting public servants.

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Health services hit in Delhi as doctors' strike enters 7th day committees have failed to

New Delhi: The doctors' strike is on in the national capital with Sunday marking a week of the indefinite protest over the rape and murder of a medic in Kolkata, causing disruption of services and affecting patients. In the action plan for Sunday, members of the Delhi resident doctors' association (RDA) have decided to take out a candle march outside Gate 1 of Rajiv Chowk Metro Station added. at 6 pm.



Fatimah Bhatt. wife of martyr

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tional Honour Act, 1971.

"As approved in today's general body meeting, residents from all medical colleges and institutions in Delhi will gather for a candle march protest in Connaught Place," a statement from the GTB Hospital RDA read.

"We will assemble in groups of 3-4 at Gate No. 1, Raiiv Chowk Metro Station, form a human chain, and light candles at the inner circle to raise awareness about the tragic incident at RG Kar Medical

College, Kolkata," it

The indefinite strike by doctors started on Monday and is now in its seventh day.

Both private and government hospitals have joined the protest, fighting for justice for the victim and demanding a security act for doctors.

Meanwhile, the Action Committee for the Central Protection Act, representing all RDAs of Delhi, announced after a meeting today the continuation of the strike, citing unre-

solved safety concerns for healthcare professionals.

The decision comes in response to what they deem inadequate assurances from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) following the tragic incident at the staterun RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in the West Bengal capital.

While the ministry is sued a notice on August 17, promising the formation of a committee to suggest safety measures, the doctors' body expressed disappointment, stating that previous

academic activities, outpa tient departments (OPDs), ward services, and elective surgeries, the body said.

deliver significant results.

The strike will affect all

However, essential emergency services, including Intensive Care Units (ICUs), emergency procedures, and emergency surgeries, will continue to operate, it added.

Non-emergency services, such as OPD and diagnostics, and elective surgeries at city-based health facilities, including at Centrerun AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital and RML Hospital, are hit since Monday.

Inconvenience of patients further increased as personnel of private institutions such as Sir Ganga Ram, Fortis, and Apollo also joined protests on Sunday following a call by apex doctors' body Indian Medical Association (IMA) for a 24-hour nationwide withdrawal of non-emergency services



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Such incidents could be

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scale catchments.

The beach man on a **Cleanliness Mission**

How Ajay Govale has made cleaning and protecting the mangroves and beaches his sole mission

very other student wants to become a doctor or engineer; some may want to become an IAS, CA, or businessman. Few choose social work as a career, but Ajay Govale did, inspired by his father who was a teacher by profession and a social worker at heart. Govale did his Masters in Social Work with a specialization in urban and rural community development from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. He has been working with United Way Mumbai for over 17 years and as Vice President of the company, he has been heading the verticals of environment and public safety. His organization is strategically raising funds as well as implementing the projects on the ground. Govale was always clear that any programs that he designed, which addressed some

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critical environmental issues, were scalable and replicable. He has planted over 1.5 lakh mangroves on 33

hectare of degraded wetland areas with the help of 15 corporate partners, the State Forest Department, and the Mangrove Cell of the Government of Maharashtra

In keeping with their commitment to support mangrove conservation, United Way Mumbai real-

pollution levels in the wetland areas were proving to be detrimental to the survival of mangroves. Therefore, since 2022, they have initiated a unique intervention by deploying teams of Safai Sathis in select mangroves. These teams collect non-biodegradable waste, clean it, and segregate it into different categories of waste. This waste is further sent for recycling or coprocessing. Till now, they have cleared 307 metric tons of waste from nine different mangrove sites across greater Mumbai. In total, 139 metric tons of waste have been recycled.

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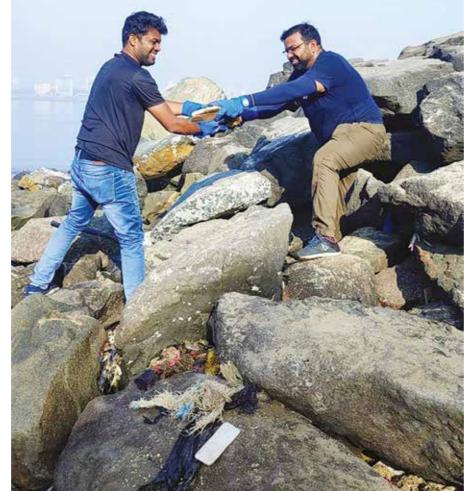
ECOLOGY

But one group doing good work isn't enough. More need to be educated so Govale and his team are also working hard to educate people about the importance of the mangrove ecosystem by conducting

By Ajita Kale classroom educational ses-

sions as well as by organizing nature trails and symbolic clean-up drives in the mangrove areas. They have extended their work to the beaches as well and in col-

laboration with the municipal corporation, they have been collecting and recycling waste from the shorelines. In the past four years,



they have cleared 1235 metric tons of non-biodegradable waste from the beaches and sent over 520 metric tons for recycling.

Beautification is another focus area so they've painted walls along beaches and installed creative appeal bars to urge people to

maintain cleanliness. These programs are addressing very critical environmental issues through multi-dimensional interventions. Multi-stakeholder partnership is an integral strategy for both of these initiatives. And United Way Mumbai is a pioneer in taking up such types of interventions on a large scale and on a consistent basis. He expressed his gratitude to United Way Mumbai for giving him a free hand to explore the environment sector, identify the gap areas, and design impactful interventions to

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address them.

The journey hasn't been easy. He had to convince government stakeholders and many officials at different levels for almost one and half years, as they were hesitant to give their approvals for these interventions for a long time. Govale is working on developing robust impact assessment tools to share the learnings and best practices at national and international forums. This will mean that the initiatives can be replicated by other stakeholders and organizations across India and across the globe. Ask him what his goal is and Govale says that he aims become one of the renowned environmental practitioners who have shown the path to mitigate the impact of climate change.

A watershed moment in hydrology

n a landmark publica-tion in the Journal of Geographical Sciences, a joint research team from Yunnan University and Pennsylvania State University unveils a transfer learning framework. This model excels at predicting daily streamflow in regions like the Dulong-Irrawaddy River Basin, which has been historically overlooked due to data limitations. This study is set to enhance water resource management in areas with constrained hydrological data.

Critical for securing water supplies and gauging climate change effects, streamflow modeling often falls short due to the spotty global distribution of gauges and a dearth of data in expansive transboundary basins. The complex interplay of hydrological processes in these areas, further complicated by data scarcity, has long called for a novel modeling approach that can adeptly navigate these constraints.

The newly-developed transfer learning framework has been rigorously tested in the Dulong-Irrawaddy River Basin, a transboundary area that has been under-researched due to data con-



cal systems.



Earth has just ended a 13-month streak of record heat - here's what to expect next

Fighting for a Green Goa





A 13-month streak of record-breaking global warmth has ended

By Christopher Merchant

rom June 2023 until June 2024, air and ocean surface water temperatures averaged a quarter of a degree Celsius higher than records set only a few years previously. Air temperatures in July 2024 were slightly cooler than the previous July (0.04°C, the narrowest of margins) according to the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service.

July 2023 was in turn 0.28°C warmer than the previous record-hot July in 2019, so the remarkable jump in temperature during the past year has yet to ease off completely. The warmest global air temperature recorded was in December 2023, at 1.78°C above the preindustrial average temperature for December – and 0.31°C warmer than the previous record.

Global warming has consistently toppled records for warm global average temperatures in recent decades, but breaking them by as much as a quarter of a degree for several months is not common. The end of this streak does not diminish the mounting threat of climate change.

So what caused these record temperatures? Several factors came together, but the biggest and most important is climate change, largely caused by burning fossil fuels.

What caused the heat streak

Temperatures typical of Earth 150 vears ago are used for comparison to measure modern global warming. The reference period, 1850-1900, was before most greenhouse gases associated with global industrialisation - which increase the heat present in Earth's ocean and atmosphere - had been emitted.

July 2024 was 1.48°C warmer than a typical pre-industrial July, of which about 1.3°C is attributable to the general trend of global warming over the intervening decades. This trend will continue to raise temperatures until humanity stabilises the climate by keeping fossil fuels in the ground where they belong.

But global warming doesn't happen in a smooth progression. Like UK house prices, the general trend is up,



but there are ups and downs along the way.

Behind much of the ups and downs is the El Niño phenomenon. An El Niño event is a reorganisation of the water across the vast reaches of the Pacific Ocean.

El Niño is so important to the workings of worldwide weather as it increases the temperature of the air on average across all of Earth's surface, not only over the Pacific. Between El Niño events, conditions may be neutral or in an opposite state called La Niña that tends to cool global temperatures. The oscillation between these extremes is irregular, and El Niño conditions tend to recur after three to seven years

The warm El Niño phase of this cycle began to kick in a year ago, reached its peak around the end of 2023 and is now trending neutral, which is why the record-breaking streak has ended.

The 2023/2024 El Niño was strong, but it wasn't super-strong. It doesn't fully explain the remarkable degree to which the past year broke temperature records. The exact influence of other factors has yet to be fully untangled.

We know there is a small positive contribution from the Sun, which is in a phase of its 11-year sunspot cycle in which it radiates fractionally more energy to the Earth.

Methane (also a byproduct of the fossil fuel industry, alongside cattle and wetlands) is another important greenhouse gas and its concentration in the air has risen more rapidly in the past decade than over the previous decade

Scientists are also assessing how much measures to clean up air pollution might be adding to warming, since certain particulate air pollutants can reflect sunlight and influence the formation of clouds.

A temperature ratchet

Across the global ocean, 2023 was a devastating summer for coral reefs and surrounding ecosystems in the Caribbean and beyond. This was followed by heavy bleaching across the Great Barrier Reef off Australia during the southern hemisphere summer. While it is El Niño years that tend to see mass mortality events on reefs around the world, it is the underlying climate change trend that is the long-term threat, as corals are struggling to adapt to rising temperature extremes.

As the Pacific Ocean is now likely to revert towards La Niña conditions. global temperatures will continue to ease back, but probably not to the levels seen prior to 2023/24.

El Niño acts a bit like a ratchet on global warming. A big El Niño event breaks new records and establishes a new, higher norm for global temperatures. That new normal reflects the underlying global warming trend.

A plausible scenario is that global temperatures will fluctuate near the 1.4°C level for several years, until the next big El Niño event pushes the world above 1.5°C of warming, perhaps in the early 2030s. - AP



Brian D'Souza

oa's serene image-marked J by idyllic beaches, easy-go-ing people, and tranquil villages-is beginning to crack under the weight of discontent. It all started some months ago when residents of the north Goa village of Siolim, 22 km. from Panaji, the state's capital, came out on the streets to protest the cutting of century-old trees. The trees were cut to widen the roads. The villagers were neither taken into confidence nor informed. Initially, 20 protestors came out on the first day, and within days, their numbers swelled to over 100.

Siolim has always been a quiet, quaint village, but in recent years, it has almost always been in the news for green protests such as these. Apartment blocks and fancy restaurants have come up, and traffic is a nightmare. This has upset the locals with this unplanned development that has strained the village's environment.

These protests mirror many similar ones in other parts of the state - Benaulim near the coast and even further inland at Loutolim, as also villagers in other parts of the state who are coming out against rail tracks being built to ostensibly transport coal. The most recent protests are against plans to hold the annual Sunburn music festival in South Goa, shifting it from its north Goa location where it has had a controversial history that reportedly includes drug abuse.

Goa, known for its iconic beaches, has become an environmental hotspot. Its coastline faces erosion due to construction, sand mining, and the alteration of natural water

flows. The biggest of the environmental issues is Karnataka's decision to divert the Mhadei or Mandovi river that flows into Goa to its water-starved regions. Goan environmentalists allege that this will reduce river flows into Goa, and affect the fragile riverine ecosystem.

Goa is heavily dependent on tourist revenues, which account for 17 percent of the state's GDP. However, the sheer influx has resulted in uncontrolled garbage generation without a viable plan to treat and recycle it.

Climate change and rising sea levels have caused flooding, landslides, and water logging in Goa. This has increased the risks of water and mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue.

"Last week, the state government withdrew a bill that sought to amend the Town and Country Planning Amendment Bill 2024, which aimed to protect the department from judicial scrutiny of land conversions for development. If passed, it would have further endangered the delicate ecosystems of riverine villages by allowing construction in areas like Siolim, which are at the centre of the green crisis."

The fight to retain Goa's environment will not end soon. Ordinary Goan residents, many from other parts of India settled here, are raising their voices against this mindless destruction, many learning to file RTIs and taking part in Panchayat meetings. One thing is certain: Goa's people will not go quietly. They will not give up. Bravo!

(The writer is a senior jounalist based in Goa. Views personal.)

environmental degradation, Goa's peaceful villages are rising in protest. **Decisions prioritising** growth are shortsighted, with little consideration for the delicate riverine ecosystems and the environment. From tree felling in Siolim to broader ecological threats, locals are fighting to protect

their land.

Amid rapid

development and

Yunus accuses Sheikh Hasina of destroying institutions

Dhaka: Bangladesh's in terim government chief Muhammad Yunus on Sunday accused deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina of destroving every institution of the country in her efforts to stay in power as he promised to hold a free, fair and participatory election as soon as his government completes the "mandate" of carrying out "vital reforms.

Hasina, 76, resigned and fled to India on August 5 following a massive protest by students against a controversial quota system in government jobs.

After Hasina's ouster, 84-year-old Yunus took oath as the Chief Adviser of the interim government on August 8

"In their efforts to stav in power, Sheikh Hasina's dictatorship destroyed every institution of the country. The judiciary was broken. Democratic rights were suppressed through a brutal decade-and-a-half long crackdown," United News of Bangladesh quoted Yunus as saying through his Press Secretary Shafiqul in the governing coalition Alam.

At 37, Paetongtarn Shinawatra becomes youngest Thailand PM

Bangkok: Paetongtarn Shinawatra, daughter of the divisive former leader Thaksin Shinawatra, became Thailand's prime minister after receiving a royal letter of endorsement Sunday, two days after she was chosen by Parliament following a court order that removed her predecessor. She replaces another

leader from the same Pheu Thai Party, at the head of a coalition that includes military parties associated with the coup that deposed the party's last government.

Paetongtarn is the third Shinawatra to hold the job, after her billionaire father and her aunt Yingluck Shinawatra. Both were removed from office and forced into exile in coups, although Thaksin returned to Thailand last year as Pheu Thai formed a government

She received the letter of appointment in a ceremony at the party's headquarters in Bangkok, attended by senior members of parties



and her father, who has no formal role but is widely seen de facto leader of Pheu Thai.

The father and daughter arrived in the same car. holding hands as they walked in together with beaming smiles.

Paetongtarn thanked the king, the Thai people and lawmakers, saying she will perform her duties "with an open mind," and will "make every square inch of Thailand a space that allows Thai people to dare to dream, dare to create and dare to dictate their own future.'

Dhaka: An application

was filed with a court in

Bangladesh on Sunday to

register a case against

deposed prime minister

Sheikh Hasina and 33

others, accusing them of

carrying out a mass mur-

der by indiscriminately

firing on a rally organ-

ised in 2013 by Hefazat-e-

ri, chairman of the Bang-

Babul Sardar Chakha-

Islam here.

Paetongtarn became Prime Minister days after the Constitutional Court removed Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin, after less than a year in office. The court found him guilty of a serious ethical breach for appointing a Cabinet minister who had been jailed for contempt of court after an alleged attempt to bribe a judge. Paetongtarn is also Thailand's second female prime minister after her aunt, and the country's youngest leader at 37.

Pheu Thai is the latest in a string of populist parties affiliated with Thaksin,

ladesh People's Party

(BPP), applied to the

court of Dhaka Metro-

politan Magistrate Zaki-

Al-Farabi, the Dhaka

Tribune newspaper

The application ac-

cused them of the "mass

murder" during the rally

at Shapla Chattar in

Motijheel on May 5, 2013.

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The court recorded the

reported

who was ousted in a 2006 military coup, which triggered nearly two decades of deep political divisions that pitted a mostly poor, rural majority in the north that supported Thaksin against royalists, the military and their urban backers.

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Parties linked to Thaksin won the most seats in every national election from 2001 until 2023, when it lost to the more progressive Move Forward Party.

Pheu Thai was able to form a government after Move Forward was blocked by the military-appointed Senate, partnering with former rivals in what was widely interpreted as a political bargain with the conservative establishment to stop Move Forward from forming a government.

The same day, Thaksin returned from exile and briefly reported to prison to for an eight-year sentence on charges related to corruption and abuse of power. He was moved almost immediately from prison to the hospital on grounds of

said it would pass an or-

Hasina, who resigned

from the premiership and

fled to India on August 5

following a mass upris-

ing, now faces 11 cases,

including eight for mur-

der, one for abduction,

and two for committing

crimes against humanity

and genocide, in

Bangladesh.

With this, 76-year-old

der on the issue later.

Hasina sued in 2013 'mass murder' case

ill health, and about a week after that the king reduced his sentence to a single year. He was released on parole in February after spending six months serving time in the hospital.

Since his release, Thaksin has maintained a high profile traveling the country, making public appearances.

On Saturday, Thaksin's lawyer Winyat Chatmontree posted on Facebook that Thaksin was among the convicts granted a royal amnesty by the king on the occasion of his birthday in late July. It took effect Sunday, which means Thaksin is free ahead of his original parole schedule.

However, the amnesty does not protect Thaksin from an ongoing case for defaming the monarchy, which was indicted in June after being originally filed in 2016. It has been seen by some analysts as a warning from Thaksin's enemies that he should tone down his political activities. - AP

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since the massive protest

by students against a

controversial quota sys-

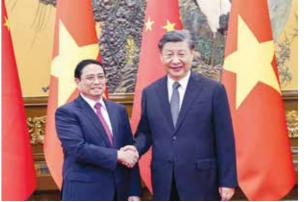
tem in government jobs

first started in mid-July.

- PTI

New Vietnam premiere chooses China for his first overseas trip

GLOBAL



Beijing: Vietnamese leader To Lam started a three-day visit to China on Sunday in his first overseas trip since assuming his country's top post about two weeks ago. Lam arrived in the morning in Guangzhou. an industrial and export hub near Hong Kong, Chinese state media reported. His agenda included visiting sites in the southern China city where former Vietnamese communist leader Ho Chi Minh spent time, the state-owned Global Times newspaper said in a social media post. He is to meet with Chi-

nese leader Xi Jinping and other senior officials during his trip Lam was confirmed as

general secretary of Vietnam's Communist Party, the top leadership position, on Aug. 3. He also has held Over 230 people were the largely ceremonial title killed in Bangladesh in of the nation's president the incidents of violence since May. Lam succeeded that erupted across the Nguyen Phu Trong, who country following the fall died on July 19 after 13 of the Hasina govern-

years as general secretary. The new leader is expected to continue his predecessor's strategy of balancing ties with China, the United States and Russia, Yu Xiangdong, the director of the Institute for Vietnam Studies at China's Zhengzhou

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will be completed on Octo-

Classes at public univer-

sities have been suspended

since July 1 when teachers

went on strike in protest of

Sheikh Hasina government

on August 5, the education-

al institutions were de-

clared open on August 7,

but the academic activities

could not be resumed fully

due to the low attendance

of students.

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ber 23.

"The fact that Lam chose China as his first overseas visit destination since taking office is a sign that Vietnam attaches great importance to its relations with China," Yu said in an opinion piece. "But at the same time, judging from experi-

ence, the country is not by

University, wrote Saturday

in the Global Times.

any means going to give the U.S. the cold shoulder." Though they have long ties as one-party communist states, Vietnam and China have sparred repeatedly over territory that both claim in the South China Sea. A Vietnamese coast guard ship recently took part in joint drills in the Philippines, which has had a series of violent encounters with China over disputed territory in the same waters

China also briefly invaded parts of northern Vietnam in 1979.

Still, Vietnam has benefited economically from investment by Chinese manufacturers, which have moved production to the Southeast Asian country in part to skirt U.S. restrictions on solar panels and other exports from China. - AP

Jaishankar calls on Kuwaiti PM

Kuwait City: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday called on Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Muhammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah and Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah and discussed ways to take the bilateral ties to a higher level Jaishankar, who arrived here on Sunday on a daylong visit, appreciated Sheikh Sabah's perspectives on the deepening of India-Kuwait ties and conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"We have reached a point where the West can no longer dominate global leadership and, furthermore, has become part of the problem. Ukraine and Gaza

Educational institutions in Bangladesh reopen after a month of closure

Dhaka: Bangladesh on Sunday reopened all educational institutions, including universities, secondary schools and colleges, across

a month of closure due to

violence centring the student-led protests that led to

the ouster of Prime Minis-

The educational institu-

ter Sheikh Hasina

the country after more than

Ranil President Sri Lanka

are prime examples, which I will not address as they have already been discussed by previous speakers. In this context, we Wickremesinghe, must appreciate India's efforts to strengthen the Global South."

Fire on Ferris wheel in Germany

Berlin: At least 23 people were injured when two gondolas of a Ferris wheel caught fire at a music festival near Leipzig in eastern Germany, news agency dpa reported Sunday.

The fire started in one gondola and then spread to a second one on Saturday night, police said. Four people suffered burn

tion, dpa reported.

The accident took place

injuries and one suffered injuries from a fall. Others, including first responders and at least four police officers, were to be examined in the hospital for possible smoke inhala-

at the Highfield Festival at Stoermthaler Lake near Leipzig. Police are still in-



vestigating what caused the fire.

Sunday, after a month of closure. According to Somoy Television, a Bengali news channel based in Dhaka, "All concerned have been asked to take neces-

quota system.

tions in Bangladesh were closed indefinitely on July 17 to ensure the safety of sary steps to resume acastudents in the wake of demic activities in all the clashes that erupted during educational institutions from August 18 following the recent movement demanding reform of the job the instruction of Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus," The Ministry of Educaa notification signed by tion on Thursday issued a deputy secretary Mosammat Rahima Akhtar, said directive to reopen the inon August 15. In the mornstitutions under its jurising, school students in unidiction. All the educational institutions reopened on form were seen going to their institutions, many accompanied by guardians,

> the Daily Star reported. Many points of Dhaka city are witnessing severe traffic congestion due to the

reopening of educational institutions

The working week is from Sunday to Thursday in Bangladesh. Initially, classes were scheduled to resume on August 4 in all government primary schools, except in the 12 city corporations and Narsingdi municipality, but this was also postponed.

Meanwhile, the postponed Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and equivalent examinations will be resumed from September 11. According to the

"Pleased to call on His Highness Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait. Conveyed the greetings of PM @narendramodi," Jaishankar said in a post on X.

Appreciated his perspectives on the deepening of India-Kuwait ties. Valued his views in regard to further economic cooperation," he added.

Israel strikes killed 19 in Gaza

Deir Al-Balah (Gaza Strip): Israeli strikes across Gaza killed 19 people overnight, including a woman and her six children, as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken headed to the region on Sunday to try to seal a cease-fire deal after months of contentious negotiations.

The US and fellow mediators Egypt and Qatar appeared to be closing in on a deal after two days of talks in Doha, with American and Israeli officials expressing cautious optimism. But Hamas has signalled resistance to what it says are new demands by Israel. and the long-running talks have repeatedly stalled.

The evolving proposal calls for a three-phase process in which Hamas would release all hostages abducted during its October 7 attack,

which triggered the deadliest war ever fought between Israelis and Palestinians. In exchange, Israel would withprisoners

draw its forces from Gaza and release Palestinian The mediators hope to end

a war that has killed over 40,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, displaced the vast majority of the territory's 2.3 million residents and caused a humanitarian catastrophe. Experts have warned of famine and the outbreak of diseases like polio.

Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, in the October 7 attack and abducted around 250. Of those, some 110 are still believed to be inside Gaza, with Israeli authorities saving around a third are deceased. More than 100 hostages were released in November during a weeklong cease-fire

A strike in the northern town of Jabaliva hit two apartments in a residential building, killing two men, a woman and her daughter, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. Another strike in central Gaza killed four people, according to the Awda Hospital. Late Saturday, a strike near the southern city of Khan Younis killed four people from the same family, including two women, according to Nasser Hospital.

Israel says it only targetes militants and blames civilian deaths on Hamas because the militant group conceals fighters, weapons, tunnels and rockets in residential areas. But the monthslong Israeli bombardment has wiped out entire extended

families and orphaned thousands of children.

The mediators have spent months trying to halt the fighting, efforts that gained new urgency after the targeted killing of two top militants last month, both attributed to Israel, brought vows of revenge from Iran and the Lebanese Hezbollah, raising fears of an all-out war across the Middle East

An American official said Friday that mediators were beginning preparations for implementing the latest cease-fire proposal, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanvahu's office expressed "cautious optimism" a deal could be reached.

An Israeli delegation is set to travel to Cairo on Sunday for further talks, and Blinken is expected to meet with Netanyahu on Monday.



Hamas has cast doubt on whether an agreement is near, saying the latest proposal diverged significantly from a previous iteration they had accepted in principle. Hamas has rejected Israel's demands for a lasting military presence along the Gaza-Egypt border and a line bisecting Gaza where Israeli forces would search Palestinians returning to their homes. Israel says both are needed to prevent militants

from rearming and returning to the north

Israel showed flexibility on retreating from the border corridor, and a meeting between Egyptian and Israeli military officials was scheduled for next week to agree on a withdrawal mechanism, according to two Egyptian officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the private negotiations · AP

Experts say famine is looming in 4 Yemeni districts

- PTI

Cairo: Famine is looming in four Yemeni districts after instances of hunger have rapidly surged among children in areas controlled by the internationally recognized government, a report by international experts said. All 117 districts in government-controlled areas are expected to suffer from "serious" levels of acute malnutrition. Among them, the four districts — Mawza and Mocha in Taiz province, and Hays and Khawkhah in

Hodeida province - are projected to slip into famine between July and October this year, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, or IPC.

The report reflects the worsening food insecurity in the poorest Arab nation that plunged into civil war in

backed Houthi rebels took control of the capital, Sanaa and much of the country's north, forcing the government to flee to the south, then to Saudi Arabia. A Saudi-led coalition entered the war in March 2015, backed at the time by the

2014, when Yemen's Iran

U.S., in an effort to restore the internationally recognized government to power. The war has killed more than 150,000 people including civilians and combatants, and in recent years deteriorated largely into a stalemate and caused one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. About half of the country's population or 18.2 million people — are in need of humanitarian aid this year, according to the United Nations. - PTI

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Political Quagmire in Karnataka

he Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), supposedly a symbol of Karnataka's rapid urbanization and promise of progress, has now become a byword for corruption and administrative negligence. The recent revelations of irregularities within MUDA have not only tarnished the institution but have also cast a long shadow over Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's leadership and the Congress government he helms. For the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), soundly defeated by the ruling party in the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections, this scandal could provide a vital opening to reassert itself in the state's volatile political landscape

MUDA's mandate has always been to ensure orderly urban development in Mysuru, one of Karnataka's key cities. However, the recent scam-alleged to involve fraudulent land allocations, bureaucratic collusion, and kickbacks-has exposed the deep rot within the institution

The scam revolves around the alleged misuse of power in the allocation of prime urban land. Reports suggest that land meant for public purposes or auction was diverted to private entities through dubious deals, often at prices far below market value. Beneficiaries reportedly include local politicians, bureaucrats, and influential businesspersons, with the stink of scandal touching CM Siddaramaiah himself. The Karnataka Governor has sanctioned the prosecution of the CM in a case of pertaining to the illicit allotment of land to his wife Parvathi. The CM, however, has stuck to his guns, calling the Governor's action illegal and unconstitutional, saying he would contest the sanction in court. Preliminary estimates suggest losses to the state exchequer could run into thousands of crores. More damaging than the financial loss is the erosion of public trust in the state's governance—a trust that Siddaramaiah, who returned to power in 2023 after a five-year hiatus, can ill afford to lose.

The Congress's victory in the 2023 elections was a significant comeback after the BJP's tumultuous tenure under Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. It cemented the Assembly poll gains with a resounding performance in the recently concluded Lok Sabha election. By 2023, the BJP's once-promising hold on Karnataka had weakened, and Siddaramaiah, leveraging his reputation as a leader who prioritizes welfare and development, managed to stage a return. However, under the shadow of MUDA, the Congress's narrative of clean governance, which had somewhat redeemed itself after the chaotic tenure of the previous BJP government, is now in tatters with Siddaramaiah's position growing increasingly shaky. History has shown that political fortunes in Karnataka are fickle. The MUDA scam emerges not just as a local issue, but a symbol of the systemic rot that has long plagued Karnataka's governance.



By Romita Datta

o, she did not shame the rape victim this time. No, she did not de-bunk the incident as "fabricated," as she did for the Park Street rape victim in 2012. Nor did she make loose comments, raising questions on the victim's character as she did for the Hanskhali gangraped minor in 2022. But what she, West Bengal chief minister Mamata, did this time was to let her cops give her proxy

From the word go, the cops and the hospital administration of R.G.Kar Medical College and Hospital, the workplace where the young PG intern got gang raped in the early hours of August 9th, played by the copy-book---the all too familiar template for a cover-up.

After the body of the victim was discovered at the seminar room around 10 am, at least five and a half hours from the probable time of occurrence of the crime, a phone call from the hospital informed the victim's parents that she had committed suicide. A case of unnatural death was also registered at the Tala Park police station.

Even as the parents rushed to see their daughter, they were made to pass through some harrowing three odd hours and plead with the cops and fall on their knees to be allowed to see her face. The cops present showed a seizure list of strips of medicine and some medical reports, indicating she was unwell. There were snide remarks that she could be suffering from depression. While an attempt was made to establish the suicide narrative, the Post Mortem report confirmed death by manual strangulation, associated with smothering. Moreover, the victim suffered forceful penetration and sexual assault

What is intriguing is that why were the victim's family informed at 10.40 am on August 9th when the official record of

Only questions, No answers

discovering the dead body was possibly around 10 am? The principal of the medical college and hospital, Sandeep Ghosh, now facing interrogation by the CBI reportedly told the Assistant Super around 10 am to coordinate with the police and send the body to the morgue at the soonest when the practice is to allow the relatives have a glimpse and wait for four to five hours. According to CBI officials there was extreme haste in conducting the post mortem and cremating the body, eliminating all chances of a second post mortem. The video of the post mortem is

also being dubbed as unclear. Even as the hospital took time, 40 minutes, to break the news to the parents, it was prompt about informing two senior doctors of a powerful lobby, who control the affairs of R.G.Kar Hospital. They were seen to rush into the hospital in the early morning hours, which to many appeared unnatural. Not only this, the cops all along kept Ghosh out of suspicion, whereas he happened to be one of the prime suspects of the CBI. The Central investigative agency summoned him and after a 23 hour of marathon grilling is stumbling on startling revelations, which do not give a clean chit to Ghosh. Incidentally Ghosh had been the centre of the political power hub, that runs the hospital. Allegations of corruption of selling bio-medical waste and promoting unsuccessful MBBS students in exchange of money had been surfacing against him for quite some years. He was transferred on two occasions by the health secretary, but by virtue of being very close to top political bosses, he managed to retain his post as the principal of R.G.Kar twice and within a span of 24

hours. One understands why Mamata's cops were dithering to bring him under scanner when over a dozen doctors, nurses and paramedics of the victim's department on duty on that fateful night, were hauled up for deposition.

The other incident, which is raising doubts over the role of the cops is the way they allowed local hooligans to take over the R.G.Kar Hospital premises on the day "Reclaim the Night" protest was going on. In the presence of protestors and moderately manageable police bandobast, as is expected at the site of protest, a strong crowd of some thousand barged in and ran amok destroying and vandal-



izing the emergency and the gynecology ward. People suspect the motive of the mob had been to destroy the evidences. that were suspected to be at the site of crime, ie in the seminar room on the third floor. "They were aiming to destroy everything on 2nd floor or the 3rd storey, which they mistook for the 3rd floor, where the victim's body was discovered, said a nurse of the medical college and hospital

Police admits of being outnumbered by the armed mob. Many confessed that the situation turned so violent that they took covers in the washrooms of the nurses. Many changed their uniform and wore civil clothes to avoid the hooligans. The Police Commissioner Vineet Goval admitted of security lapse and intelligence failure to gauge the situation. But, Mamata Banerjee was quick to give a political colour to the vandalism. Even as she sniffed blood in the hands of her opponents----the BJP and the Left, of trying to politicise the issue, and "pulling off a Bangladesh", in her own words, the arrests so far made in connection to the mob fury, are reeking of political allegiance to the ruling party's local councilors

The other thing, which has raised suspicion about the R G Kar administration, is the PWD's enthusiasm to demolish a room and a women's toilet, barely a few feet away from the scene of crime. The demolition order coming from the principal, a day after the body was found, clearly indicates some malicious intent was at work to tamper with the evidenc-

Sanskrit's Enduring Legacy

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es, that in all probability is likely to lie around in a washroom, nearest to the crime spot. Incidentally, this work was taken up before the CBI were on the job.

With clamour growing against the government and women on social media going full throttle that they need security and safety and not doles like Lakshmir Bhandar, Mamata has launched a security App---Rattirer Sathi, for women on night duty. But women are not likely to be pacified and so soon. They see this as a typical patriarchal mindset which questions women for stepping out at night. The Park Street rape victim faced the same mindset--- "what on earth was she doing with her male friends at a pub and so late in the night," asked many including some Trinamool Congress leaders. The R G Kar victim also faced the same question from hospital authorities-- "what was she doing at the seminar room so late in the night? Who were the male friends who had dinner with her?"

Hoping to pacify the frayed nerves of a society, shocked and overwhelmed with anger and grief by the rape of a doctor at her workplace which she always considered as her "second home," the government has urged employers to spare women from night shifts

Obviously, women are not liking it one bit: they see it as a diktat to force women indoors at night while allowing men the freedom to be on a roll

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It's all in the DNA







orensic DNA evidence. often hailed as the gold standard for identifying individuals, plays a crucial role in crime investigations and legal proceedings. It is instrumental in connecting suspects to crime scenes, exonerating the wrongly convicted, and establishing or excluding paternity. The reliability of forensic DNA evidence surpasses many other types of crime scene evidence, thanks to its high discrimination power, stability, and sensitivity. DNA tests are considered nearly infallible due to precise accuracy.

The pioneering work of Sir Alec John Jeffreys, a British geneticist, led to the development of genetic fingerprinting and DNA profiling techniques. These advancements are now globally utilized in forensic science to aid police investigations, resolve paternity disputes, and address immigration issues.

In India, forensic DNA evidence was first recognised in the criminal justice system by the Madras High Court in 1985. The landmark case of Kunhiraman v. Manoj (1991), adjudicated by the Kerala High Court, marked a significant milestone. The court upheld the admissibility of DNA evidence under Section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act, which permits expert opinions in legal matters. This ruling established that DNA evidence, like the opinions of chemical analysts or fingerprint experts, could decisively determine paternity.

Several high-profile cases in India have since relied on DNA evidence for crucial breakthroughs:

Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case (1991): DNA fingerprinting was used to identify both the victims and the attacker.

Naina Sahni Murder Case (1995): DNA evidence confirmed that the burnt remains were those of Naina

Sahni, leading to the conviction of Sushil Sharma.

Beant Singh Assassination Case (1995): DNA fingerprinting revealed that one of the victims was Babbar Khalsa operative Dilawar Singh, confirming suspicions of a human bomb attack.

Priyadarshini Mattoo Case (1995): DNA evidence played a key role in the conviction of Santosh Kumar Singh, with the Delhi High Court sentencing him to death in 2006 based on DNA evidence found on the victim's undergarments

Shiney Ahuja Rape Case (2009): The actor was convicted after DNA samples from the victim matched his. Nirbhava Gangrape Case (2012): DNA evidence, along with the victim's dying declaration, led to the death sentences of all accused.

Hyderabad Blasts Case (2013): DNA samples from a house linked to the accused helped the National Investigation Agency secure convictions.

Mumbai Shakti Mill Gang Rape Case (2018): DNA evidence was crucial in identifying the victim through personal belongings, leading to the conviction of the accused. Interestingly, DNA profiling has even been utilized in anti-corruption cases. For instance, a bribe taker who swallowed tainted currency notes was forensically implicated when DNA profiling of saliva on the recovered notes confirmed his guilt.

In essence, DNA evidence serves as a biological GPS for the accused-a divinely notified Aadhaar card, ensuring justice is served. Just as in cricket where catches win matches, in crime, DNA matches win convictions

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A anskrit, an ancient language with profound cultural and intellectual significance, is often hailed as the "mother of all languages." Its influence extends bevond its historical context. impacting many modern languages and fields of study. Among its contributions are the well-known Indian phrase, Atithi Devo Bhava, (The guest is God) and Karma, a globally recognised concept referring to the idea that a person's actions directly influence their future experiences. Both terms originate from the Sanskrit language.

With a rich literary heritage that includes the Vedas, Upanishads, and epics like the Mahabharata and Ramayana, Sanskrit has significantly influenced modern languages, particularly those in the Indo-European family. Its precise grammar and extensive vocabulary have made it a subject of study for centuries, and its mathematical structure even draws parallels with modern computer programming. While there are no native speakers

of Sanskrit today, it remains a revered ceremonial and ritual language in Hindu and Buddhist hymns and chants. Beyond its literary and religious significance, Sanskrit embodies a vast repository of knowledge in various fields, including science, mathematics, astronomy, medicine, and art. Its systematic approach to language has contributed to our understanding of various disciplines, reflecting its timeless relevance. Organisations like Samskrita

Bharati actively preserved and promoted this rich heritage. For over 43 vears, Samskrita Bharati has played

a pivotal role in teaching and revitalising Sanskrit, both within India and globally. Known for its unique direct method of instruction-teaching Sanskrit without translation-the organisation's flagship program is a popular ten-day free conversation camp that has been running for decades.

Participants can advance their studies through classroom or distance education programs like Geetakendram and Patradwara Samskritam. For children, Samskrita Bharati offers structured programs such as Balkendram (fun learning) and Devavaani (textbook-based curriculum). Learning Sanskrit also helps improve proficiency in regional languages like Hindi, Marathi, and Gujarati.

With over 4,000 locations in India and 25 countries globally, Samskrita Bharati engages with influential figures through initiatives like the "Sampark Saptaah" campaign. The organisation arranges conferences every three years and celebrates Samskrit Day on the full moon of the Shravan month. This year, Samskrit Day is on August 19, 2024, and will be observed as part of Samskrit Week from August 16 to 22, 2024.

As we look forward to events like Samskrit Week, we are reminded of the enduring power of this ancient language to inspire, connect, and unify us across cultures and time. Its legacy not only bridges the past with the present but also offers a timeless source of wisdom and cultural continuity.

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Forensic Science has helped in solving many crimes. It is a recognised science in India. DNA tests are considered nearly infallible due to their precise accuracy.

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REFLECTIONS







AROUND THE WORLD

- 1. Students show their 'rakhis' ahead of the 'Raksha Bandhan' festival, in Nadia, Saturday.
- 2. A pedestrian carrying his daughter amid monsoon rain, in Kolkata, Sunday.
- 3 A mahout on his elephant and a Rhinoceros are seen at Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, in Morigaon district, Saturday.
- 4. Actor Sonam Bajwa performs during the opening ceremony of the Delhi Premier League T20 (DPL), at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, in New Delhi, Saturday.
- Servicemen ride atop on a tank after returning from Russia near the Russian-Ukrainian border in Sumy region, Ukraine, on Saturday.



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Why is additional land required for rehabilitation?

The land bank

The Dharavi Redevelopment Project Pvt. Ltd. Has sought 1,250 acres of land to the government for temporary rehabilitation of the Dharavi residents until the redevelopment is completed. Out of that the government has transferred the land parcels as following.

45 acres – Railways

64 acres – Mulund

283 acres –

Kanjurmarg, Bhandup, Wadala

17 acres – Bandra-Kurla Complex

21 acres – Kurla

Are estimated to live in proposed new integrated townships with access to modern, upgraded and sophisticated infrastructure such as large green spaces, multimodal transportation, cutting edge healthcare systems and best of class recreational facilities, said a top government official.

"We need large parcels of land to create homes for over seven lakh people. This is not a land grab of any kind. We are making large and green townships and not vertical slums. Nor are we throwing people out of Mumbai," said a senior state government official.

According DRP tender, last survey in Dharavi was conducted 17 years ago which counted only ground floor tenements amounting to 64,000 tenements. Upper floor tenements were not counted.

"Our estimate is that the population residing in upper floors is over seven lakh living in about 1.4 lakh tenements, assuming an occupancy of at least 5 people per tenement. But can be only confirmed based on completion of the GIS based door to door survey that started in Dharavi and the Railway lands in March 2024," said the official.

"Now, in order to house such a large substantial numbers of people, we need large parcels of land across Mumbai around 1,000 acres," he said. As per the state government's Development Control rules, DRP will have to construct a maximum of 650 tenements/flats per hectare considering the density of the population.

"This does not include amenities and 18 percent of the plot area are to be left for roads, 15 percent for green and open spaces and seven percent for infrastructure across all new townships and our very own Dharavi," said the official.

Additionally, 10 percent area will be reserved for commercial establishments, which housing societies of tenement holders, can lease out to create a steady revenue stream for maintenance of the structures.

"All plots in our city have some or other constraints, such as CRZ restrictions, civil aviation height restrictions, existing reservations,

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amongst others. Considering all these factors, large continuous parcels are indeed required for rehabilitation of the upper floor tenement residents," he said.

On allegations that several land parcels across Mumbai have been sold to DRPPL at throw away prices, A senior government official clarified that as per the State Support Agreement in the tender, allocation of land for upper floor tenement residents will be done at government determined rates.

"No special favours have been made to anyone by the government. All land parcels will always and only be with DRP/SRA, and yes, though DRPPL will pay for the land as per government determined rates," said the official.

The DRP tender has laid out criteria for identifying the said land parcels such as they should be in proximity to current Dharavi, to public transportation nodes and main roads, to locations that facilitate continuation and growth of existing businesses in modern upgraded formats

DRPPL is actively seeking land outside the Dharavi slum area to facilitate this massive project. Railway Land Development Authority has transferred 27.57 acres, including the scrapyard near Mahim station, to DRPPL on March 13, 2024 and it recently received a 21 acres Mother Diary land parcel in Kurla from the state government.

Redevelopment of Dharavi and creation of new townships presents an unparalleled opportunity to execute a first of its kind complex project led by a human centric transformation of over one million people by rehabilitating them and help formalize its currently informal economy that generates nearly USD one billion annually.

The Dharavi Bachao Andolan has questioned the need for such huge land parcels for the redevelopment project. "Why do they need 1,250 acres of land to redevelop Dharavi, which is just over 600 acres? The Adani Group wants to acquire huge land in Mumbai in the name of rehabilitation of Dharavi residents. It's nothing but a land scam," said Raju Korde, co-ordinator of Dharavi Bachao Andolan.

"The land across Mumbai will not come under the ownership of Adani group though it's a big partner in DRPPL. The tender clearly mentions that the lead partner (in this case Adani group will bring in 80 per cent equity and remaining 20 per cent equity will rest with the government," said the official.

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SPORTS

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New Delhi: Double Olympic-medallist shooter Manu Bhaker's coach Jaspal Rana had to coach her from the spectators' gallery at the Paris Games as he did not have the requisite accreditation for access to field of play. He was also lodged away from the Games village but the Dronacharya awardee said none of it had any impact on his zeal to see Bhaker

succeed 'They (federation's restrictions) made us stronger by putting all the restrictions. We were ready for it and it didn't affect us at all, not even one per cent. (The coordination) between me and Manu (is such that) we don't need to talk and I think every coach has to learn that."

He made these remarks during a visit to PTI headquarters with Bhaker, who won bronze medals in 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team (alongside Sarabjot Singh), for

an interaction. "It used to be a long walk (to my hotel) from the range but she used to walk with me," Rana said, to which Bhaker quipped,

"It only made you fitter." The personal-versusnational-coach debate caused a lot of rancour in the lead-up to Paris.

Rana, when asked what was the solution going forward, said: "There cannot be two cooks (coaches). I think one person has to take the lead.'

"There has to be a little understanding and thankfully, there was little understanding this time."

Bhaker, on her part, thanked Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president PT Usha for ensuring that Rana makes the trip to Paris to assist her.

"We requested PT Usha ma'am and she assured us that 'you do your job and you just don't bother about it'. I did not have to ask her

again," disclosed Bhaker.

The alchemist and a crazy diamond

She calls him a father figure, and he perceives himself as her protector. Manu Bhaker and Jaspal Rana are chalk and cheese when it comes to their individual personalities but together at the shooting range, they can plot Olympic medals with mere eye contact

"I would say he's like a father to me and it's a matter of trust that you put in a person," said the 22-yearold Bhaker flashing a radiant smile and content look

"He gives me a lot of courage whenever I feel, whether I can do it or not," she went on even as Rana kept his head down.

"He will probably slap me and he'll be like 'you can do it, you trained for iť.'

It was at this point that Rana joined the conversation, a tad surprised by what Bhaker had just uttered

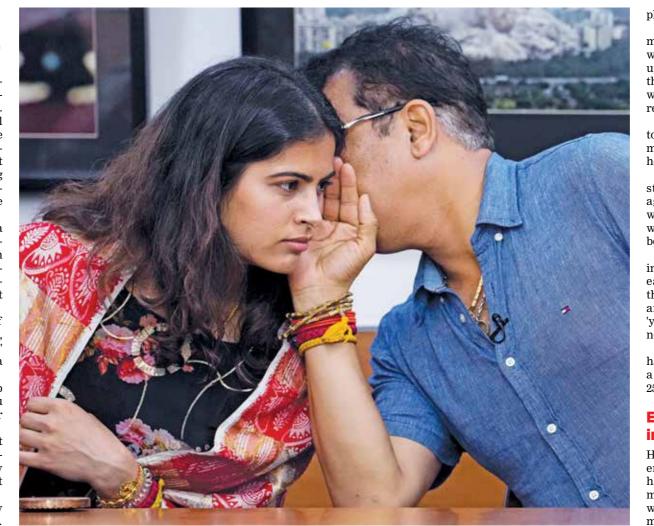
"You have a controversy right here," he interjected.

Bhaker was quick to clarify though. "I mean it's not like a slap (literally) but like, I'm just using a slang. It's like he'll push my limits. He'll be like 'you've been training for this and obviously you will be able to deliver."

The two shared a laugh soon after, aware that their stormy parting of ways before the Tokyo Olympics is still one of the most talked about controversies of Indian

shooting. Tokyo was a disaster in every sense of the word for Bhaker, her weapon malfunctioned before the 10m air pistol qualifications and she never really got going after that setback in

any of her events. Rana could only watch



RANA COACHED MANU from spectators' gallery

in frustration on TV in far away India.

They got back together little over a year back, determined to erase that painful episode and available evidence suggests that the mission has been accomplished.

"When we started 14 months back, there was only one request from my side to her: that we will not discuss the past. We'll start from here and we'll

"My work is to protect her. It is not only coaching. At this level, we cannot teach them how to see or how to pull the trigger. We just need to give that protection even from their own self," he explained.

"Sometimes it (performances, attention) goes to

MCG to host one-off Aus-Eng match to celebrate 150 years of Test cricket

Melbourne: Australia is set to host England in a stand-alone celebratory match at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground MCG) in 2027 to celebrate

your head and you're all over the place. So, to keep them grounded and keep them protected, that's our job, the coach's job," he asserted as Bhaker nodded in agreement.

None to blame for **Tokyo debacle**

Bhaker's clarity of thought belies her age. The youngster from Haryana's Jhajjar had no qualms admit-

ting once again that the Tokyo heartbreak nearly drove her away from shooting, and that she hung in there by the thinnest of threads.

"I would like to say about Tokyo that there was nobody to blame...it's in the past already. Tokyo taught me a lot of things to be prepared in a better manner, more aware of everything, my equipment, my mental health.

physical health," she said. "I would say, it really made me sad at times. I was on the verge of giving up shooting at times, but then I was, Ok, 'what else would you do'," she remembered.

Enter Rana once again to clear the cobwebs of her mind, in a way protecting her from herself.

'When we (Jaspal and I) started to work together again, that was the time when I was like 'you know what, shooting is going to be it for me'," she said.

"We were like 'let's go all in it'. The journey was not easy but I think everything happens for a reason and as he (Jaspal) says 'you get what you deserve, not what you want'."

She nearly managed to have it all in Paris but for a fourth-place finish in 25m pistol event.

Education is important

Her shooting aside, Bhaker is also quite proud of her academic achievements. She scored upwards of 90 per cent in most of her subjects in 12th standard and also qualified for Tokyo Olympics around the same time.

For this balance too, she gives some credit to Rana, who, along with her brother, persuaded her to pick the prestigious Lady Shri Ram College in Delhi University for her graduation, outrightly rejecting her plan of going for an online

course. '...He (Rana) and my brother, both were so persistent that 'you must have your degree from his college even if you do not get the kind of time that you require to study and pass the exams (with high marks). We will try to help you with the assignments'," Bhaker said.

And having managed to

Bhaker said she would advise every budding athlete to do the same. "It should go hand in hand because, personally, for me I think it has played

log good scores both with

her pistol and her books,

a major role.' The importance of education was one thing on which Rana and Bhaker were on the same page wholeheartedly.

Rana even went to the extent of saying that he refuses to train youngsters who drop out of school to pursue only shooting.

"...you won't last forever, so whenever you give up (sports), then you have to have something (to fall back upon). I make sure they (my wards) are studying . I don't take any kids who have left school or those who don't want to study further. I don't even train with them," he said. Bhaker chimed in to re-

veal that Rana has been pushing her to do a course of her choice from the recently-inaugurated Nalanda University, a great centre of learning in the fifth century before being destroyed by invaders 700 vears later.

Asked what would be her subject of choice, the former political science student said,"...I am open to anything. You give me a subject, in probably 2-3 months I'll get used to it. I will make my peace with it.'

But it would certainly not be maths. She admitted to being bad at it and Rana took the opportunity to tease her for it.

"She doesn't even remember the points she is winning or losing (in a match), so that's the best thing," he quipped, evoking a laugh from her too, doing his other job of keeping her grounded to perfection.

- PTI

Durand Cup QF fixtures announced; Bagan, EB head for potential derby final

Kolkata: The quarterfinal

Shillong Lajong FC Group F game in Snillong concluded on Saturday evening and it became clear who the eight qualified teams were, a video call was arranged where representatives of all qualified teams came on board. A live draw of lots was then conducted in front of them and two teams to play in each venue was finalised," stated a release. Both Mohun Bagan and the Salt Lake Stadium be-East Bengal now find themselves in the opposite end of the draw with a potential derby clash in the Durand Cup final on August 31. The organisers are however yet to confirm the venue for the semifinals and final which are slated at the Salt Lake Stadium.

Abhay Mohan wins Formula **1600 National Championship** Mumbaikar drivers come second and third

Chennai: Bengaluru's Abhay Mohan clinched his



move forward. So we kept that thing throughout,' Rana said, keeping the details of their patch-up close to his chest.

maiden national title by winning the prestigious Formula 1600 National championship with 10 consecutive wins after the end of the fourth and final round of the MRF-MMSC Indian National Car Racing Championship on Sunday.

The 2022 junior national karting champion, who graduated to single seater racing this year, took to the powerful Formula cars like a duck to water, with a phenomenal all-win record till the penultimate race of the last round.

The 16-year-old had an impressive unbeaten run of

10 consecutive races and conceded points only after clinching the championship that featured 12 races. Two Mumbai drivers --Zahan Commissariat and

Raaj Bakhru -- finished second and third respectively

Border-Gavaskar Trophy

in the championship. "This is my first year in

single seater Formula cars, but it has been a memorable season. It feels really amazing to be the National champion and to have 10 consecutive wins," said Mohan.

The 1977 Centenary Test was won by Australia, as they did the first-ever

match, by 45 runs.

ia (CA) has finalised the allocation of hosting rights for various men's international Tests, ODIs, T20Is and other matches over the next seven summers, spanning from 2024-25 to 2030-31.

Besides, Cricket Austral-

March 1877.

These arrangements, finalised by CA, are part of a series of strategic partnerships between the cricket body and state governments to provide greater access to fans and communities while expanding cricket events nationwide.

"We are enormously grateful for the strong support of state and territory governments and venue operators who will help us to deliver brilliant experiences across the country and maximise economic impact from these major events," CA CEO Nick Hockley was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au.

"The 150th anniversary Test match at the MCG in March 2027 will be a wonderful celebration of the pinnacle format of the game at one of the world's great sporting arenas and we can't wait to host England on that occasion."

The arrangements had also put to rest speculations about shifting the annual Boxing Day Test from the MCG, which is a tradition, while the Sydney Cricket Ground will continue to host the New Year's - PTI match.

fixtures of the 133rd Du 150 years of Test cricket. rand Cup was announced The match will celebrate on Sunday with the city a century-and-a-half of hosting Bengaluru FC ver-Test cricket since it was sus Kerala Blasters match first played between Ausof the tournament at the tralia and England in Salt Lake Stadium on

> Friday. Fearing security concerns in the wake of widespread protests for a trainee doctor's alleged rape and murder case in Kolkata, the organisers had on Saturday abandoned the Durand Cup marquee league fixture between Mohun Bagan and East Bengal.

Both the teams were awarded one point each as reigning champions Mohun Bagan qualified as group A toppers to be pitted against

Punjab FC in the third quarterfinal which will be held at Jamshedpur.

East Bengal made the cut as one of the two best second-placed teams to be drawn against Shillong Lajong FC for the second quarterfinal which will now be held in Shillong instead of cause of the prevailing unrest in the city. Salt Lake Stadium, how-

ever, will get to host the fourth quarterfinal, the match that does not involve the two Kolkata heavyweights.

"After the FC Goa versus

Cummins takes break to re-energise Melbourne: Australia Test captain Pat Cummins has taken an eight-week break to

re-energise himself in his quest to lift the coveted Border-Gavaskar Trophy against India later this year.

Cummins, who recently returned from the United States following his maiden stint in Major League Cricket, was rested for next month's white-ball tour of the United Kingdom to manage his workload and give him time to work on his body ahead of a busy summer.

"Everyone that comes back after a break is a little bit fresher, you never regret it." Cummins was quoted as saying by Fox Sports.

"I've basically been bowling non-stop since the World Test Championship final, nearly 18 months ago. This gives me a good seven or eight weeks completely off bowling so the body can recover, then you start building up again for the summer.

"It means you can hopefully bowl for a little bit longer, maintaining pace is a bit



easier, makes you less susceptible to injuries," he added.

12 months after fracturing his wrist towards the end of the Ashes campaign in England.

Cummins had a busy last you can't really nail it while you're in the midst of the season," the 31-year-old said. "I'll be doing lots of gym,

some running, a lot of rehab He played in an ODI series exercise that you just can't against India, the triumreally fit in the middle of the phant ODI World Cup camseason.' paign, three Tests against This year's Border-Gavaskar Trophy will be a Pakistan, two Tests against the West Indies, a T20 tour of five-Test contest. Since 2017, New Zealand, two Tests

Australia has failed to lay its against New Zealand, the Inhands on the trophy, with India winning four consecutive dian Premier League, the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean series including the historic and the MLC tournament. triumphs on Australian soil "I'm very sore today after a in 2018-19 and 2020-21. - PTI

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