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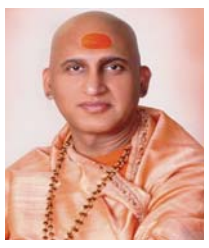
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A person who wishes to evolve and progress must focus on having a positive approach. Staying optimistic is the key to achieving success.

H. H. Swami Avdeshanand Giri

Jharkhand needs Centre's fund to fight malnutrition: Joba Majhi

Mail News Service

Ranchi, July 2: Jharkhand's Women and Child Development minister Joba Manjhi Saturday requested the Centre to release pending funds and sanction more Anganwadi centres to strengthen its fight against malnutrition in the state which was a big problem confronting the tribal populace.

Manjhi was speaking at the zonal meet of aspirational districts, organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development here.

Besides representatives from Jharkhand, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh, Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai also participated in the event.

Manjhi said around forty per cent children are malnourished in Jharkhand.



"Our government is fighting against it. In this regard, Chief Minister Hemant Soren has decided to provide eggs six days a week to Anganwadi centres. However, lack of funds is posing to be a major challenge in the mission against malnutrition," she said.

A sum of Rs 254 crore is approved for Anganwadi schemes in Jharkhand.

"Of the total amount, the state is supposed to get Rs 177 crore from the Centre and we demand this share," Manjhi said.

She said that remunerations of ICDS officials, staff, Angnwadi Sevikas, and Sahayikas, and rents of Anganwadi centres amounting to around Rs 122 crore, are pending for 2021-22 fiscal.

Manjhi said that the state has submitted utilisation certificates of Rs 56.78 crore against the approved fund for the construction of 6,718 Anganwadi centres.

She also demanded additional 2,000 mini Anganwadi centres and a revival of the 'Poshan Sakhi' (nutrition friend) scheme, which is closed since 2017.

"In Jharkhand, a total of 10,388 women were working as Poshan Sakhis in six districts. They have been released after the closure of the scheme. I request the minister to revive the scheme and implement it across Jharkhand, as it could play a major role in the fight against malnutrition," Manjhi said.

In reply, the Union minister of state said, "We will consider the demand for mini-Anganwadi centres if any proposal in this regard comes to me." Over the pending funds and Poshan Sakhi scheme, Mahendrabhai told reporters he would look into the matter. (W-rg)

BJP should have honoured rotational CM pact, says Sena, taunts Fadnavis



Mumbai, Jul 2 (IANS) The Shiv Sena on Saturday said former Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis taking oath as deputy chief minister was a "shocking climax" to the drama of creating political instability in the state, and questioned the BJP why it did not show a "big heart" by honouring the pact of rotational CM in 2019. The Sena, in an editorial in its mouthpiece 'Saamana', said that Fadnavis's act of becoming deputy chief minister instead of chief minister is now being defended as an instance of his "big heart" and "adherence to the party's directives". "With the motive of creating political instability in Maharashtra, a drama was played out, but it is still unclear how many more episodes are yet to unfold. The fast-paced developments have left even the Chanakayas and political pundits stunned as strokes and masterstrokes are being played," it said.

I also got an offer to join rebel MLAs in Guwahati: Sanjay Raut



Mumbai, July 2 (IANS): Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut has made a big claim just a couple of days after a regime change in Maharashtra, thanks to a rebellion within the Shiv Sena, led by Eknath Shinde. On June 29, Uddhav Thackeray quit as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra and the next day, Eknath Shinde took over the top job in the state. In a revelation that has again left tongues wagging, Raut has now claimed that even he received an offer to join the rebel MLAs and go to Guwahati but being a follower of party patriarch and founder Bal Thackeray, he turned down the offer. "I also got an offer for Guwahati but I follow Balasaheb Thackeray and so I didn't go there. When the truth is on your side, why fear?" Raut was quoted as saying by news agency ANI.

Maha rebel MLAs' grand 'Ghar wapsi' after 12 days

Mumbai, July 2 (IANS) After remaining 12 days on the move, jet-setting to 3 states and successfully toppling Maharashtra's Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) from long distance, the rebel group of Shiv Sena and independent/smaller parties' MLAs finally returned to their home state late on Saturday. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who had gone to Goa to fetch them, travelled with them in a special flight, a convoy of deluxe buses, flanked by security vehicles, zooming through a 'green corridor' to the Hotel Taj President in Cuffe Parade.

The MLAs will put up at the hotel before travelling 3-kms to Vidhan Bhavan in Nariman Point to attend the 2-day special session of Maharashtra Assembly on Sunday-Monday to elect a new Speaker and a "vote of confidence".

Traffic was halted on almost the entire 27-km route from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to Cuffe Parade, with tight security on both sides as a precaution.

Chemist killed for supporting Nupur, NIA begins probe

Mumbai, July 2 (IANS): An anti-terrorism probe has been ordered into the murder of a chemist in Maharashtra whose throat was slit last month, a week before a similar killing in Udaipur, over supporting suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's comment on Prophet Mohammad.

Umesh Kolhe, 54, was attacked and killed by two men on a motorcycle on his way back from work on June 21 in Amravati city.

CCTV footage released by the police showed the attackers following Kolhe around 10 in the night. His 27-year-old son and wife were accompanying him in another vehicle, the police said.

As the local BJP unit in Amravati slammed the cops over the incident, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday transferred the case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) which is also probing the Udaipur killing.

In the 12 days since the murder, the police arrested six people, but had not linked it to Nupur Sharma's comment until this morning. "The accused have told us that they killed him because of what he posted about Nupur Sharma," senior police officer Vikram Sali said amid mounting pressure.

According to a police officer quoted by news agency, "He had allegedly



shared a post on some WhatsApp groups in support of Nupur Sharma for her comments. He even mistakenly shared the post in a WhatsApp group in which some Muslims were also members, including his customers."



The police identified the six men who were arrested for Kolhe's murder as Muddasir Ahmad, 22, Shah Rukh Pathan, 25, Abdul Thoufique, 24, Shoaib Khan, 22, and Atib Rashid, 22 and Yusuf Khan Bahadur, 44, all residents of Amravati. The knife used to kill him has also been found.

Tushar Bhartiya, a BJP leader in the Amravati district, said, "This happened on the 21st [June]. Had it been reported widely on the 22nd, [Udaipur tailor] Kanhaiya [Lal] wouldn't have been killed."

A tailor in Rajasthan's Udaipur, Kanhaiya Lal was killed with a cleaver at his shop by two men who posted videos online saying that they were avenging an insult to Islam on June 28 in an incident that has triggered massive anger.

Like Umesh Kolhe, Kanhaiya Lal too had shared a post online in support of Nupur Sharma, whose remarks on Prophet Mohammad led to nationwide protests and global condemnation.

The BJP had on June 5 suspended its national spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled Delhi BJP media head Naveen Kumar Jindal after their remarks against the Prophet led to an outrage in India and Gulf countries.

Angry mob attacks Kanhaiya Lal's killers in Jaipur



Jaipur, July 2 (IANS): All the four accused involved in Udaipur murder case were attacked by an angry mob in Rajasthan's Jaipur today. The mob, that largely included lawyers, slapped, pushed and shoved the four accused of Udaipur murder case.

The cops, who were escorting the accused, somehow managed to put them inside the police van. The crow was heard shouting "Maro... maroo! (beat them)" slogans. All the four accused in the Kanhaiya Lal murder case were presented at a special NIA court in Jaipur today. They were sent to a 10-day judicial custody by the court. The two main accused, namely Riyaz and Ghaus Mohammad, have been brought to Jaipur from the Ajmer high security jail amidst tight security. Initially, they were taken to ATS headquarters.

The other two accused, Mohsin and Asif, arrested on Thursday night, were already kept in the ATS headquarters. Heavy police force was deployed in the court premises. Four of the two accused had executed Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor, inside his shop last week. They had even made a video recording of the incident and circulated the same on social media. In the video, Riyaz was seen attacking 47-year-old Kanhaiya Lal with a sharp-edged weapon while the other, Ghouse, recorded the crime on his mobile phone.The victim reportedly had recently shared a social media post in support of Nupur Sharma--former BJP leader who had made controversial remarks against Prophet Mohammad. Riyaz and Ghouse were arrested from Bhim in the Rajsamand district. Kanhaiya Lal was cremated on Wednesday in Udaipur in the presence of a large number of people who raised slogans demanding capital punishment for the accused. His last rites were performed amidst heavy police security.

Udaipur killing: NIA says no terror links, Raj ATS disagrees

Jaipur, July 2 (IANS) The Rajasthan Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS) has contested the National Investigation Agency's (NIA) claim that terrorist organisations had no role in the hacking of Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur. Raising questions about NIA's claims, the state agency late on friday night, called it a premature statement as the investigation is still at a preliminary stage. Notably, the state government suspended Udaipur Additional SP Ashok Kumar Meena on Friday evening. Earlier, SHO and SI were also suspended. Meanwhile, the ATS sources said that the accused were in contact with two Pakistani nationals. The accused also shared the video of the crime in a few WhatsApp groups in Pakistan with a caption "Order which was received has been fulfilled".

Entrepreneurship Development Fortnight in all districts till July 15

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Ranchi, July 2: Entrepreneurship Development Fortnight is being organized in all the districts from July 1-15 with the aim of promoting rural entrepreneurship under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava by the rural development ministry.

The program was inaugurated by NN Sinha, secretary, Ministry of Rural Development through online mode.

With the aim of making women associated with Sakhi Mandal successful entrepreneurs, district and block level programs are being organized by Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society, Rural Development Department from July 1-15 in Jharkhand. Under the Livelihood Mission, an initiative is being taken to connect rural women with entrepreneurship, while accelerating the implementation of various activities of non-farm livelihood, so that the rural economy can be strengthened.

N. N Sinha directed the officers of Aajeevika Mission to ensure branding, marketing and quality control of all products manufactured by rural women. "In order to achieve the goal of poverty alleviation, there is a need to train rural women as well as connect them with the enterprise. There is also a need to train women by exploring the possibilities in agriculture and plastic waste management and processing, medical etc," said Sinha. The Secretary also directed to connect the products of rural women to the larger market through e-commerce. Under Startup Village Entrepreneurship Program (SVEP) and Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI), financial assistance and training is also being provided to women to make them successful entrepreneurs. Anita Praveen, secretary, Food Processing Industries ministry, who was present in the program said that now rural women are also trying their hand in industries like Micro Food Processing Center, which is commendable. (W-rg)

We are answerable to the Constitution and Constitution alone: CJI

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana said the political party in power believes that every governmental action is entitled to judicial endorsement, and the opposition expects the judiciary to advance their political positions. However, it is only the judiciary that is answerable to the Constitution.

The CJI was speaking at a felicitation organised by the Association of Indian Americans in San Francisco on Friday.

Justice Ramana said with the change in government, policies do change, however no sensible government would alter the policies to slow down the growth of its own territory.

"Unfortunately, we do not come across such sensibility and maturity in India too often, whenever there is a change in government," he added.

Citing the 75th year of gaining independence, Justice Ramana said: "with some sense of regret I must add here that we still haven't learnt to appreciate wholly the roles and responsibilities assigned by the Constitution to each of the institutions."He added that the party in power believes that every governmental action is entitled to judicial endorsement, and the Opposition expects the judiciary to advance their political positions and causes. Justice Ramana said this flawed thinking of all hue's flourishes in the absence of proper understanding among people about the Constitution and the functioning of the democratic institutions.

"It is the vigorously promoted ignorance among the general public which is coming to the aid of



such forces whose only aim is to run down the only independent organ.i.e., the judiciary. Let me make it clear. We are answerable to the Constitution and Constitution alone."

The Chief Justice further emphasized on promoting constitutional culture and also spread awareness about the roles and responsibilities of individuals and institutions.

He said, under the Constitution, people are entrusted with the task of passing judgment on the rulers, once every five years.

"The people of India have done their job remarkably well so far. We should have no reason to doubt the collective wisdom of our people. Significantly, the voter in rural India is more proactive in discharging this task when compared to their urban, educated and well to do counterparts."

CJI Ramana added it is the tolerance and inclusive nature of American society that is able to attract the best talents from all over the world, which in turn is contributing to its growth.

"This principle of inclusivity is universal. It needs to be honoured everywhere in the world, including in India. Inclusivity strengthens the unity in society which is key to peace and progress. We need to focus on issues that unite us. Not on those that divide us," he said.

He said the Constitution should not be viewed as a static, unchanging document. "I am reminded of what I read on the wall of Thomas Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C. a few days ago, and I quote: 'laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times'."

'Biased and inaccurate', India slams US religious panel report

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) India on Saturday termed the US Commission on International Religious Freedom's (USCIRF) comments expressing concern over the government's action against critics and calling out the country for violations of religious freedom as 'biased and inaccurate'.

Arindam Bagchi, spokespersons in the Ministry of External affairs, said that USCIRF continues to misrepresent facts time and again in its statements and reports in pursuance of its motivated agenda. He said that these comments reflect a severe lack of understanding of India and its constitutional framework, its plurality and its democratic ethos. "We have seen the biased and inaccurate comments on India by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom," said Bagchi in response to media queries on the comments on India made by the USCIRF. "Regrettably, USCIRF continues to misrepresent facts time and again in its statements and reports in pursuance of its motivated agenda. Such actions only serve to strengthen concerns about the credibility and objectivity of the organisation," he added. Earlier on Saturday, the USCIRF on its Twitter handle had quoted its Commissioner David Curry as saying, "USCIRF is concerned about the Indian government's continued repression of critical voices, especially religious minorities and those reporting on and advocating for them."

Inter-house basketball tourney at Vidya Jyoti School



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Gamharia, July 2: Inter house basketball competition was organized in Vidya Jyoti School at TISCO Complex Colony. The students comprising boys and girls were divided into four houses namely Vayu, Agni, Prithvi and Akash. In the boys section of the competition, Vayu House defeated Akash House with a score line of 32-6, while in the girls' group too, Vayu House defeated Akash House by 10-4. Thus, in both categories, Vayu House emerged winners. In the boys category, Prithvi House stood third and Agni House was ranked fourth. while in girl's category, Prithvi House stood third and Akash House stood fourth.

Principal Sunil Kumar Jha congratulated all the participants and gave away the prizes to winners.

Track repair affects train services



Gamharia, July 2: Train services were affected due to track repair work between Gamharia and Adityapur rail stations between 10 am and 6 pm. Railway officials informed that the repair work on the segment will continue on Sunday, July 3 thereby affecting train movement on this route.

Ma Vipattarini puja



Gamharia, July 2: Ma Vipattarini is worshipped for peace and happiness at homes by women who observe fast on the occasion. The Mother was worshipped at many temples in and around Kandra and Gamharia. Queues of devotees were observed in several temples where prayers were offered by devotees.

Bureaucrats should cooperate with people: Champai Soren

Minister reviews development projects in Seraikela-Kharsawan

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Seraikela, July 2: State Minister Champai Soren appealed to all government officials to extend full cooperation to the public and ensure that maximum number of people are covered under the public welfare schemes being run by the government.

Soren was speaking during a meeting convened at the Seraikela-Kharsawan Collectorate auditorium to review various welfare schemes and development works. He said the district officials should ensure that the benefits of all welfare schemes reach each and every common man. He said the problems of both rural and urban people should be resolved at the earliest. He further added that dissemination of information regarding the benefits of welfare schemes was must from time to time.

Soren inquired about the progress of projects related to road construction, water supply, electricity connection and plantation in the urban municipal areas. He said the department officials should coordinate with the agencies concerned to expedite all ongoing work. He asked them to discharge their duties honestly. Singhbhum MP Geeta Koda and DC Arava Rajkamal were also present at the meeting along with many district officials. (W-at)

Inner Wheel Club spreads awareness on anaemia



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Jamshedpur, July 2: As part of the Doctor's Day, the Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur ZEST conducted an awareness programme on anaemia for the young girls of Upgraded High School, New Colony Adityapur. On the occasion, a haemoglobin test was conducted on each student present at the school campus. An awareness talk was also conducted on the menstruation cycle, regarding loss of blood, its side effects, symptoms of anaemia, its prevention, cure, and balancing diet for healthy living. Principal of the school, Sandhya Pradhan, Nisha Gadia, president, Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur ZEST, Neeta Agarwal, past president, Kavita, Prity, Surina, and Meenu Bhatia were present. (W-pb)

JKS demands immediate arrest of Kanhaiya killers, threatens violent stir

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Gamharia, July 2: The Gamharia unit of Jharkhand Kshatriya Sangh (JKS) expressed grief over the murder of Kanhaiya Singh, brother-in-law of former MLA Arvind Singh and demanded immediate arrest of the assailants failing which they would be forced to launch a violent stir. JKS members expressed disappointment and anger on the district and police administrations' failure to nab the koillers even after the lapse of 48 hours. JKS Gamharia unit President, Santosh Singh while chairing the meeting said, "Jharkhand Kshatriya Sangh strongly condemns the district administration of Saraikela-Kharsawan for the laxity that has seen to the rise of criminal activities includeing theft and murder in a span of six to seven months. Sale of brown sugar is on an upswing and being openly sold. In fact, the addiction of brown sugar is the cause of the prevailing criminal activities. But the district and police administrations prefer to look the other way."

Santosh Singh, echoing the feelings and sentiments of JKS members warned that if the killers of Kanhaiya Singh were not arrested without further delay, the members would be forced to initiate violent protests against the ineptness of the district administration.

Many members including Bhagwan Singh, Vinod Singh, Pramod Singh, Virendra Singh, Arvind Singh, Chhotan Singh, Suresh Singh, Chandra Bhushan Singh, Sunil Singh, Pankaj Singh, Raghavendra Singh, Anay Singh and Kamlesh Singh were present in the meeting.



CRM Bara Complex gets Transport Park

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Jamshedpur, July 2: Tata Steel inaugurated Transport Park and Internal Circulation road beside other facilities for truckers at CRM Bara Complex.

Chanakya Chaudhary, Vice President, Corporate Services, Tata Steel inaugurated the facilities along with Atrayee Sanyal, Vice President, Human Resource Management, Tata Steel and Tarun Daga, Managing Director, Tata Steel Utilities & Infrastructure Services Limited (TSUISL).

The sprawling area has been developed keeping in mind all security aspects for truckers and other stakeholders. It also houses a Canteen Building and Resting Place area for the truckers and transporters.

The project will help to further decongest Bara Complex area and its vicinity. Tata Steel took an initiative to construct state of the art facility which will provide 24x7 parking area for trucks and heavy trailers up to 250 in numbers.

The truck parking area also has five high mast towers for proper lighting. A new Reinforced Cement Concrete connectivity road has also been built from the main gate to parking area. Besides, a new way circulation area has been made to streamline the traffic and make the road safe for employees and other stakeholders. The entire facility has been built within one year. (W-mb)

Farmer starts campaign to promote Sal plant

Mail News Service

Jadugora, July 2: Farmer Badri Nath Burma of Dudku village located in Jadugoda presented a sapling to BN Tiwari, Assistant Commandant of CISF. On this occasion, Assistant Commandant BN Tiwari thanked the farmer Badri Nath Burma for his commendable contribution in this field for the production of the plant this year. On this occasion, he further said that in the coming days, under the leadership of new Commandant Vivek Sharma, 10 thousand saplings will soon be planted in Jadugoda and its surrounding areas so that the environment can be promoted.(W-pb)

KPS Kadma tiny tots dress up as fruits



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Jamshedpur, July 2: Kerala Public School (KPS) Kadma celebrated Fruits Day on Saturday, July 2 in the school campus. Students dressed as fruits brought one fruit each. Through enactments and songs, they were aware of the importance of eating fruits regularly. Parents were also in attendance as kids enjoyed the celebration with fun and frolic. Tiny tots represented the fruits of their choice and by singing fruit rhymes with great zest, enthusiasm and vigour and by enjoying the moments of joy and happiness in the company of their mates and teachers.

Academic Director Lakshmi Sharat, Principal Sharmila Mukherjee and headmistress Alamelu Ravishankar thanked the parents for making their kids participate and also acknowledged the hard work done by teachers of the school.

The song sung by students of UKG was just mesmerizing. This was followed by an incredible ramp walk. Next was a ravishing dance performance and a wonderful skit. Pre primary students also presented a choral recitation which was indeed appreciable. The day ended with a positive message that fruits are essential and a must to be included in our diet. (W-mb)

Tata Steel lays foundation for Pond 6 at CRM Bara

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Jamshedpur, July 2: As part of its commitment to biological diversity, Tata Steel laid the foundation stone for pond #6 at CRM Bara Area on Friday.

Chanakya Chaudhary, Vice President, Corporate Services Tata Steel, Atrayee Sanyal, Vice President, Human Resource Management Tata Steel, Tarun Daga, Managing Director, Tata Steel Utilities & Infrastructure Services Limited (TSUISL) along with other senior officials of Tata Steel were present.

Tata Steel has embarked upon a journey with a masterplan to rejuvenate near extinct water bodies in the city as part of its sustainability targets and commitment towards reduction in fresh water consumption. Rejuvenation of water bodies at CRM Bara was envisaged in the year 2019.

With the completion of Pond #6, a total of 35-acres of land developed as water bodies. Pond number 6, whose ground breaking took place on Friday, is spread over an area of three acres at the CRM Bara Complex premises. The area also has 12-acres of green cover.

This project serves multiple purposes of rainwater harvesting, collection and storage of surface run-off rainwater and treated water from CRM Bara as well as recharging groundwater and enhancing the natural beauty of the area. (W-mb)

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHAHLA QUASIM (UID NO.-2294 8161 5622)**, Wife of Sadique Nawaz Khan, by faith Muslim, by Nationality Indian, resident of H. No.-F/2, Khawja Colony, Beside Golmuri Masjid Golmuri, P.O.&P.S.-Golmuri, Town-Jamshedpur, Dist.-East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831003 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :-

1. That I am an Indian Citizen by birth and I am residing at above noted address.
2. That my actual and correct name of my younger daughter is "**SALEENA SADIQUE**" which is mentioned in her Aadhar Card bearing No.-3179 0978 2734.
3. That my younger daughter name is mentioned in her passport bearing No.- **M1183088** as "**SALEENA KHANAM**".
4. That the name of my daughter "**SALEENA SADIQUE & SALEENA KHANAM**" both name is same and one person i.e., my younger daughter. Hence this affidavit.
5. That I Swear this Affidavit to confirm the above facts for all intents and purpose Hence This Affidavit.

-Advocate

RPF Jawans' bike rally presented warm ovation in Kandra



Gamharia, July 2: A bike rally comprising RPF Jawans led by Sini RPF in-charge Amal Ghosh that started from Chakradharpur reached Kandra station where the it received a warm ovation. This rally was taken out to mark India's 75th year of independence -- Amrit Mahotsav. Rally leader, RPF Sini unit In-charge, Amal Ghosh, speaking on the occasion stated that the rally was organized to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav of India's 75 years of Independence. He said, "We are spreading the message of Akhand Bharat (United India). It is our appeal to every Indian including our brave uniformed personnel to work in the interest of the country."

This motorcycle rally was earlier flagged off by the DRM from Chakradharpur rail station. The RPF motorcycle rally that took off from Chakradharpur will move to Tatanagar via Chaibasa, Pandrasali, Raj-Kharsawan, Sini, Kandra, Gamharia and Adityapur. A large number of RPF personnel including Kandra RPF in-charge Shambhunath Singh, ASI Nagendra Singh and Constable PC Yadav were present.

Tata Steel to plant 90k saplings in Jamshedpur

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Jamshedpur, July 2: Tata Steel launched a plantation drive to observe Van Mahotsav Week, which kicked off on Friday.

Chanakya Chaudhary, Vice President, Corporate Services Tata Steel and Tarun Daga, Managing Director, Tata Steel Utilities & Infrastructure Services Limited planted saplings in Sidhgora Plantation Area in a function to mark the occasion which was also attended by other senior officials of Tata Steel and members of Tata Workers' Union.

Tata Steel will plant 90,000 saplings of different varieties in the next four months or so ensuring more greenery in the city. Van Mahotsav is a week-long festival of life celebrated across the country between July 1 and 7. It was started by Dr. K M Munshi in 1950. It coincides with the monsoon in many parts of India and is considered the best time for tree plantation across the length and breadth of the country.

During the financial year 2021-22, a total of over 5.6 lakh saplings of native species have been planted across locations of Tata Steel. Tata Steel has also established a tree bank for sapling supply at Jugsalai Muck Dump (JMD) with a capacity of around 2 lakh per year. The company has conducted a plantation drive in 4.8-hectares area at Cold Rolling Mill (CRM) Bara complex at Jamshedpur. In the past one year , the company has also developed the Miyawaki Forest at Khopoli operations, taking the overall forest area cover to 10 acres in the past three years.(W-mb)

शपथ पत्र

मैं, **सकलैन खान**, पिता सईद खान, पता – हो0 नं0 975, लाईन नम्बर 3, मोहम्मडन लाईन, पो0 और थाना–साकची, जमशेदपुर, जिला पूर्वी सिंहभूम, झारखण्ड यह शपथ पूर्वक कहता हूँ कि :–

1. दिनांक 27/07/2022 को मैं अपने स्कुल के प्रमाण पत्रों के साथ की छायाप्रति कराने के लिए एक झोला में रखकर आम बगान जेरोक्स कराने जा रहा था कि साकची पत्ता मार्केट के पास भीड़ भाड़ अत्यधिक होने के कारण मेरी मोटर साईकिल गिर गयी आनन फानन में लोगों ने मुझे और मेरी मोटर साईकिल को किनारा किया और मैं आम बगान चला गया वहाँ जाकर देखा तो मेरे वाहन में उक्त झोला नहीं था जिसमें मेरा मूल प्रमाण पत्र आदि था। मैंने काफी खोज बीन की परन्तु नहीं मिला। मेरा रोल नम्बर–7217357, जन्म तिथि–04.09.1998, रोल कोड – 52040, वर्ष–2015 है सी बी एस ई, पटना।
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AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHAHLA QUASIM (UID NO.-2294 8161 5622)**, Wife of Sadique Nawaz Khan, by faith Muslim, by Nationality Indian, resident of H. No.-F/2, Khawja Colony, Beside Golmuri Masjid Golmuri, P.O.&P.S.-Golmuri, Town-Jamshedpur, Dist.-East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831003 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :-

1. That I am an Indian Citizen by birth and I am residing at above noted address.
2. That my actual and correct name of my elder daughter is "**SHEZA SADIQUE**" which is mentioned in her Aadhar Card bearing No.-7878 7798 6884.
3. That my elder daughter name is mentioned in her passport bearing No.- **K8235775** as "**SHEZA KHANAM**".
4. That the name of my daughter "**SHEZA SADIQUE & SHEZA KHANAM**" both name is same and one person i.e., my elder daughter. Hence this affidavit.
5. That I Swear this Affidavit to confirm the above facts for all intents and purpose Hence This Affidavit.

-Advocate

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Prime minister Narender Modi arrives at the venue for BJP's national executive meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday, July 02, 2022.

Amarinder Singh likely to be named NDA candidate for Vice President

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) Former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh is in the race to become the next Vice President of India. Sources said that the NDA is likely to name the fromer Punjab Chief Minister as its candidate for the Vice President's post. "Several names are doing the rounds of which the prominent ones are Amarinder Singh, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi. The vice presidential candidate will be finalised by the top BJP leadership and the Parliamentary Board," said a BJP insider.

Prophet Row: Kolkata Police issues lookout notice against Nupur Sharma

Kolkata, July 2 (IANS) Kolkata Police, on Saturday, issued lockout notice against suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma, whose controversial comments about Prophet Muhammad had created nationwide stir and tension last month.

A senior official of the city police informed that they were forced to issue the lookout notice as Sharma did not turn up after she was sent two notices for appearance for interrogation. Kolkata Police is the first to issue a lookout notice against Sharma on this issue.

First, Narkeldanga Police Station, under the eastern suburban division of Kolkata Police, had issued a similar summon to Sharma, asking her to be present for questioning at the said police station on June 20. Then a fresh notice was issued by Amherst Street police station, under Kolkata Police's



north and north suburban division, asking Sharma to be present at the police station on June 25.

However, in both the cases, she had sent a last moment email communique to the city police expressing her inability to appear seeking more time for the same. She also expressed apprehension about security threats if she comes to Kolkata.

The city police official informed that different individuals have filed 10 FIRs in different police stations against Sharma holding her controversial comments about Prophet Muhammad responsible for fuelling communal tension in different pockets in the state.

Already, a motion condemning Nupur Sharma's controversial comments has been passed in the West Bengal assembly. Soon after Sharma's controversial comments went viral, there was severe tension in several minority-dominated pockets in West Bengal in districts like Kolkata and adjacent Howrah, Murshidabad, and Nadia. Clashes erupted between the agitators and police in which Domjur police station in Howrah district was attacked, police vehicles were torched and several police personnel were injured. Internet services were suspended in several areas.

Udaipur accused pic with BJP leader goes viral, party denies connect

Jaipur, July 2 (IANS) A major controversy has erupted after a picture of Udaipur murder accused Riyaz Attari with leader of the opposition Gulabchand Kataria went viral on social media. The picture is reportedly from a 2018 event.



Also, an old post of a worker associated with BJP Minority Morcha surfaced in which he has described Riyaz as a BJP worker. However, BJP in Rajasthan on Saturday denied the allegation and said that the Udaipur accused has never been a member of the party. M. Sadiq Khan, Rajasthan BJP Minority Morcha state president said, "BJP is world's largest party and hence anybody can come and click pictures with our leaders. But this doesn't mean that he has been our party member. The accused has never been a member of our party. The state government due to its failure, wants to hold someone responsible. I request the Chief Minister to leave his post," he said.

Manipur landslide toll 27 as 8 more bodies found, over 40 missing

Imphal, July 2 (IANS) With recovery of eight more bodies on Saturday, the death toll in Thursday's catastrophic landslides in Manipur's Noney district, triggered by incessant rains, has reached 27, including 22 Territorial Army personnel, while over 40 more people are still missing, officials said.

Official reports said that more than 80 persons are feared to have been buried alive after the massive mudslide in the under-construction railway infrastructures at Tupul in western Manipur.

Officials said that 13 injured Territorial Army soldiers and five civilians have been extricated even as rescue operations by the army, and central and state agencies were on at full pace since the past three days.

A defence spokesman said that mortal remains of 14 Territorial Army personnel, including one JCO, were sent to their respective home stations by Indian Air Force aircraft and an Indian Army helicopter, while one body was sent to Manipur's Kangpokpi by road after a wreath-laying ceremony in Imphal. The Army's Red Shield Division commander and Inspector General of Assam Rifles, South, participated in the ceremony.

Search for 12 missing



Territorial Army personnel and 26 civilians continued by the Army, Assam Rifles, Territorial Army, national and state disaster response force at Tupul, and several excavators are being used to pull out bodies from the Ijei River.

Around 10 columns of defence personnel have been pressed into the search operation, he said, adding a synergised and joint operational task force is coordinating the efforts to remove the mud and boulders.

"'Thorough Wall Radar' is also being inducted to detect the presence of personnel buried in the debris," the defence spokesman said, adding that a search and rescue dog squad is also being inducted.

Meanwhile, fresh landslides were also reported since Friday night near Tupul and adjoining areas making the situation further critical.

Meanwhile, the district administration has cautioned civilians living in downstream areas of the Ijei river to evacuate due to the likelihood of breach in the dam created on the river by the landslide.

Noney Deputy Commissioner Haulianlal Guite said the landslide also obstructed the course of the Ijei river which flows through Tamenglong and Noney districts, and warned the general public, especially children, against going near the river.

If the situation further deteriorates, it would wreak havoc to the low-lying areas of Noney district, he added.

People have also been advised against travelling along the National Highway 37 due to multiple road blockages due to landslides.

Delhi Court denies bail to Alt News co-founder Zubair, sends him to 14-day police custody

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) A Delhi Court on Saturday rejected the bail application of Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair in connection with the 2018 contentious tweet case and allowed the Delhi Police for further 14-day judicial custody of the fact-checker.

Zubair was produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Snigdha Sarvaria at Patiala House Court as his four-day judicial custody in the case, in which he had allegedly hurt the sentiments of a community through a tweet, ended on Saturday.

After hearing the detailed arguments of the parties, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate refused to grant relief to him.

During the course of the hearing, Advocate Vrinda Grover appearing for Zubair, placed on record an application to record that the electronic device and hard disc were seized,



arguing that till date no hash value or clone is generated by cybercrime.

Atul Shrivastava, the newly-appointed Special Public Prosecutor for Delhi Police, argued that as per the CDR analysis, Zubair has accepted funds through Razor gateway, from Pakistan, Syria which needs further investigation.

The new charges invoked against Zubair are under sections 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 201 (Causing disappearance of evidence) of the Indian Penal Code(IPC) and sec. 35 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. Earlier, he was charged under the Indian Penal Code's Sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence) and 295A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) for one of his objectionable tweets.

Alt news owner Pravda Media received Rs 2.31 lakh from foreign countries: Police

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) Fact-checking website Alt news' parent company Pravda Media has received a total donation of Rs 2,31,933 from foreign countries, a Delhi Police official said on Saturday. "Analysis of the replies of Razorpay Payment gateway shows that there were various transactions in which either the mobile number or the IP address belonged to foreign countries," a senior Delhi Police official told IANS.

The foreign countries and cities include western Australia, North Holland, Singapore, central, western and eastern provinces of UAE, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Baladyat ad Dawah, Riyadh Region, Washington, New York, Kansas, New Jersey, Ontario, California, Texas, Lower Saxony, England, Bern, Uusimaa, Scotland, Bangkok among others."

A total of about Rs 2,31,933 have been received by the Pravda Media," the official said.

The analysis of the Pravda Media's donations was done as there were allegations of FCRA violations by the fact-checking portal AltNews.

Pertinently, its co-founder Mohammed Zubair has been in police custody since June 27, Monday. Meanwhile, the Delhi Police has also invoked additional charges against Zubair, who is facing a trial in the Patiala House Court.

During Maha political crisis, Udaipur-type murder went unnoticed

Nagpur, July 2 (IANS) As the country's attention was diverted to the major political crisis that erupted in Maharashtra late on June 20, an Udaipur-style murder of a man who allegedly shared a social media post supporting ex-Bharatiya Janata Party spokesperson Nupur Sharma went unnoticed, officials said.

On June 21, a chemist of Amravati, identified as one Umesh Prahladrao Kolhe, was brutally stabbed to death for endorsing Nupur Sharma's posts on Prophet Muhammad that raged into a major political issue.

Comparisons are now being drawn between Kolhe's killing and the dastardly hacking of an Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal, in similar circumstances on June 28.

While the City Kotwali Police Station is probing the matter, Amravati Police Commissioner Dr Aarti Singh said till now five persons have been nabbed and further investigations are underway.

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The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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Will reply legally, says rebel Sena MLA on removal of Eknath Shinde



Panaji, July 2 (IANS) Reacting to the removal of Eknath Shinde, now Chief Minister of Maharashtra, as leader of party (Shiv Sena), rebel MLA Deepak Kesarkar said that they will reply to it legally, but sender should introspect whether he is doing insult to the people of Maharashtra or not.

Shiv Sena President Uddhav Thackeray 'removed' Eknath Shinde as a 'Shiv Sena Leader' for allegedly indulging in 'anti-party' activities.

The letter said: "You have been indulging in anti-party activities and have voluntarily given up your membership of Shiv Sena."

Kesarkar, who is still camping in Goa along with other rebel MLAs and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, on Saturday addressed a press conference and said that Shinde has received a letter saying he has been removed as leader of the party organisation.

"There is one tradition that the leader of the House, who gets elected and becomes chief minister, doesn't limit to one party. He is the leader of all parties in the House. This is why he is called the leader of the house. When he enters assembly, ruckus or business taking place gets paused till he sits on his chair. This is the respect to that chair," Kesarkar said.

"And when you say that you have removed the leader of the house from the party, you need to think of the people of Maharashtra, whether you are insulting them or not," he said.

"We will not speak anything against Udhav Thackrey (as all respects him), but we will reply to the legal letter sent by him. We will take legal advice to reply to the legal letter," Kesarkar said.

"Shinde is still our leader, all who had elected on the ticket of Shiv Sena had chosen him as leader of the organisation. Nobody can snatch it (right) from him, and those who tried it, we have approached the Supreme Court. I don't want to comment on it. But again and again such things are taking place," Kesarkar said.

Shinde govt, dethroned MVA to clash for Speaker's election today

Mumbai, July 2 (IANS) The stage is set for the first major battle, the election of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker to be held on Sunday, with the Shinde government and Maha Vikas Aghadi candidates filing their nominations here on Saturday.



The Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led government, which took office on June 30, has fielded Bharatiya Janata Party MLA Rahul Narwekar while the Opposition MVA alliance has nominated Shiv Sena MLA Rajan Salvi for the crucial post.

The Congress, which had claim to the post in the previous regime, has given it up in favour of the Shiv Sena after holding discussions among the three allies including Nationalist Congress Party.

"We have filed the nomination of Sena MLA Salvi and the decision was reached after consultations among the three parties," said Congress leader Balasaheb Thorat.

On Friday, the Congress had strongly objected to the Speaker' election on the basis of a letter by Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari stating it could not be held due to a case pending in the court.

"We don't understand the urgency to call a Special Assembly Session on Sunday. There is a case pending in the Supreme Court. When we were in the (MVA) government, the Governor kept telling us for months that since the matter is sub-judice, he cannot allow the Speaker elections. Then, how has he permitted it for the new government," Thorat demanded.

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5.	Gender	Male				
6.	Age Limit	18 to 26				
7.	Salary	9000 to 10700 (Stipend)				
8.	Other benefits	Canteen				
9.	Work Location	Adityapur, Gamharia				

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नियोजनालय एवं विभाग मात्र सुविधा प्रदाता के रूप में कार्य कर रहा है। चयन की प्रक्रिया में नियोजनालय की कोई भूमिका नहीं है। आवेदक नियोजक से साक्षात्कार के समय वार्ता कर सभी शर्ते सुनिश्चित कर लेगें।

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Why is India enhancing its engagement with Indonesia and Vietnam?

By Sankalp Gurjar

In India's conception of the Indo-Pacific region, the principle of ASEAN centrality lies at the core. In the last few years, India's defence ties with the 10 members of the ASEAN, at the regional as well as the bilateral level, are deepening. India's deepening security ties with Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines is especially notable. On June 13-24, India and Indonesia staged coordinated naval patrolling. The patrol included a visit of Indonesian naval units to the Andaman Nicobar Command based at Port Blair. It was followed by a sea phase in the Andaman Sea and finally, Indian naval units paid a visit to the port of Sabang in Indonesia.

The overall effort was aimed at boosting cooperation in regional maritime security. The coordinated patrols between India and Indonesia have been taking place since 2002 and have resulted in building "understanding and interoperability between both the Navies and has facilitated measures to prevent and suppress Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) fishing, drug trafficking, maritime terrorism, armed robbery, and piracy, etc."

The visit to Sabang by Indian naval officials is important as since 2018, India has been granted access to the strategically important port. India is developing the port-related infrastructure at Sabang and there has been discussion about developing an economic zone around the port. The deep-water port is well-suited to host all kinds of naval vessels including submarines. The ability to access Sabang which is located at the northern tip of the Sumatra Island near the mouth of the Strait of Malacca will expand India's ability to monitor the key global maritime choke point.

For India, Malacca is critical not only for its own international trade with Southeast and East Asia but also for keeping a close watch over the Chinese shipping including the energy supplies and naval vessels passing through the narrow waterway. China is excessively dependent on the Strait of Malacca for its trade and energy. It seeks to alleviate the "Malacca Dilemma" and expand naval presence west of the Malacca in the Indian Ocean. The enhanced engagement, especially in the development of ports, with countries like Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Djibouti play key a role in fulfilling this objective. Therefore, as China moves westwards, India has no option but to seek access and build strategic ties eastwards.

The sale of BrahMos missiles to the Philippines is an important marker of India's expanding defence role in Southeast Asia. Building on this, two recent developments underscore the growing importance of Southeast Asia in India's defence strategy as well as its Indo-Pacific outreach. This month, India's defence minister Rajnath Singh paid a visit to Vietnam. Following this, Indian and Indonesian Navies carried out joint patrols in the maritime region encompassing the Andaman Sea and the Straits of Malacca.

The three-day visit of Rajnath Singh, which began on June 8, to Vietnam further bolstered military ties between both countries. India handed over 12 high-speed guard boats to Vietnam which were built as part of a US $ 100-million line of credit (LoC). During the visit, both sides signed a 'Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030' and India extended a further $ 500 million defence LoC. Both these measures are intended to strengthen military cooperation between the two key Indo-Pacific partners. Moreover, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), aimed at making it easier to provide mutually beneficial logistic support, was signed. It is the first such agreement signed by Vietnam with any other country. The MoU will further augment the ability of the Indian navy to extend its reach into the South China Sea and the Western Pacific.

India and Vietnam share a broad convergence of interests and have common concerns. Both are concerned about China's expansionist policies and aggressive foreign policy behaviour. India and China are locked in a territorial standoff in Ladakh whereas Vietnam (along with four other ASEAN partners) is worried about the Chinese maritime claims in the South China Sea. Therefore, the shared challenge of China is a key binding factor for the relationship. In this context, the defence relationship has emerged as a key pillar of India-Vietnam's strategic partnership. The enhanced military partnership will not only boost the capabilities of Vietnam but will also contribute to the security and stability of the region.

The deepening military cooperation with countries like Indonesia and Vietnam is necessitated in this context. In the rapidly evolving geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific region, these middle-power strategic relationships are contributing to the regional stability and maintenance of the balance of power and consequently, their importance cannot be overstated.

(Sankalp Gurjar is a strategic analyst based in Delhi. He specializes in Indo-Pacific security)

Sindh nationalists to commemorate death anniversary of Raja Dahir - the last Hindu ruler of Sindh

By Rahul Kumar



Rising nationalism in Sindh due to Pakistan's discriminatory politics is forcing Sindhis to revisit their pre-Islamic history. Challenging the national symbols and leaders imposed upon them by Pakistan, many Sindhis are resurrecting Maharaja Dahir Sen--the last Hindu ruler of Sindh.

The Jeay Sindh Freedom Movement (JSFM), which advocates for Sindh as a separate nation, is organising a series of events in Pakistan and the US in memory of Maharaja Dahir on his death anniversary that falls on Saturday July 2, 2022. JSFM founder and chief organiser Zafar Sahito told India Narrative that events will be held in Houston and Chicago, the US, besides Karachi, Pakistan on the weekend.

Raja Dahir, who died in 712 AD, was the last Hindu ruler of Sindh. It is believed that he was defeated by Muhammad bin Qasim, an Arab general of the Umayyad Caliphate. Raja Dahir's kingdom spanned today's Sindh, Balochistan, parts of Iran, parts of Afghanistan and Punjab.

Over the last two years, Sindhis have been demanding the installation of a statue of Raja Dahir, putting them in direct conflict with Islamabad which has tried to portray Muhammad bin Qasim as a founder of Pakistan. While Pakistan has been trying to establish that the idea of Pakistan preceeds 1947, the Partition of India, and goes back to year 712, the nationalists are hoisting Raja Dahir who pre-dates Muhammad bin Qasim.

Sahito says: "Pakistan and radical Islamist groups are against the original history of Sindh and they hate Raja Dahir because he is believed to be a Brahmin king. Taking the name of Raja Dahir is considered to be a blasphemy in the country, because the Pakistani military and Islamist radicals fear real history. They think that if people will make the connection with their roots, then Pakistan's Islamic identity will be compromised".

Raja Dahir was defeated and killed by Arab conquerors in an 18-day-long battle. The defeat also led to the spread of Islam in the Indian sub-continent.

Much like their Baloch neighbours, who are fighting for an independent nation, Sindhis too have been demanding separation from Pakistan. Besides allegations of political neglect by the dominating Punjabi Muslims, the Sindhis also report thousands of 'missing persons', extra-judicial killings of their leaders as well as water deprivation by the upper riparian Punjab which is causing strife among farmers.

Another grouse among the Sindh population is the dilution of their identity and demographics by Pakistan's policy of settling in Afghans, Pushtuns and people from other parts of Pakistan. On its part Pakistan too cracks the whip on Sindhi students repeatedly by filing sedition cases against them.

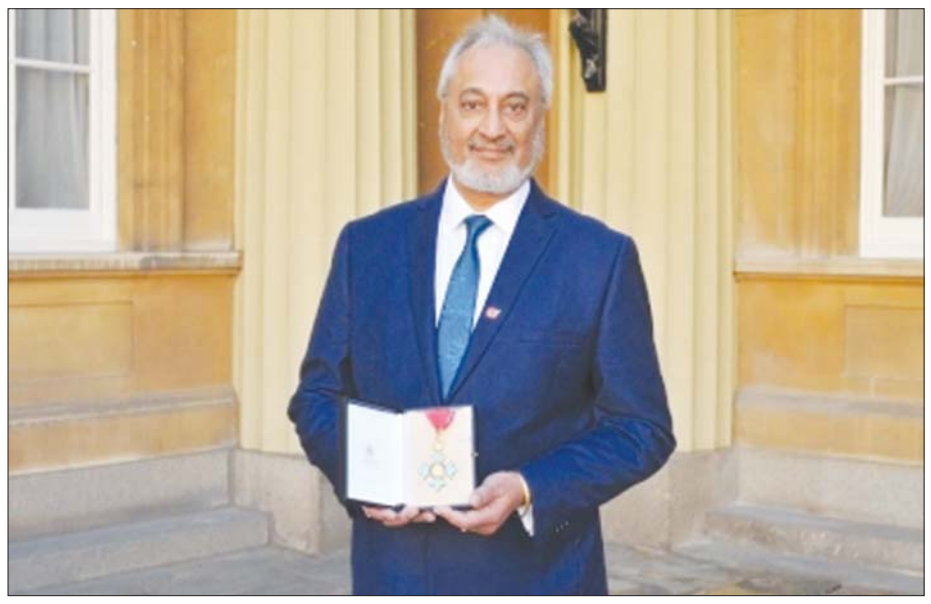
The advent of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) too has pushed the Sindhis further away, who fear that the federal government plans to give away large tracts of land to China for development. Sahito says: "The federal government has earmarked a 97-mile-long coastal belt to be given to China so that our feudal lords and military men can live lavish lives. We fear that if the Pakistani-Punjabis do not return the debt to China, Sindh will be sold to the Communist Party of China".

Raja Dahir as a symbol from history has brought the common folk and the Sindhi activists on a joint platform against the federal government. For years now, the Sindhi nationalists have organised the Remembrance Day for Maharaja Dahir to ensure that people also link up to the ancient Indus Valley civilisation in a direct challenge to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

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Indian doctors have made immense contribution to both India and the UK: BAPIO Chairman

By Rahul Kumar



During India's devastating second wave of Covid-19 in 2021, the world joined hands to support India during its dark days. Medical equipment came pouring into the country from a concerned world. One of the benefactors was the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO) that reached out to India through a massive effort that spanned fund-raising, purchasing medical equipment, arranging logistics and dealing with unforeseen hurdles through lock-downs.

In the end, BAPIO ensured support to people as well as doctors battling on the frontline of Covid-19.

Professor J.S. Bamrah CBE, BAPIO Chairman and senior consultant psychiatrist, tells India Narrative that the organisation's profile has gone up considerably as various medical bodies in the UK seek out BAPIO for professional advice.

The largest body for Indian doctors in the UK, BAPIO has widened its sphere to address concerns of Indian nurses and pharmacists. BAPIO, which was established in 1996 to support Indian doctors working at the UK's National Health Service (NHS) has maintained strong links with Indian institutes.

Excerpts from the interview.

IN: What are the doctors advising their patients about the changing nature of Covid-19? Are we out of the woods yet?

Prof Bamrah: We are telling our patients that this is a recurring crisis. We are not out of Covid yet.

I think global pandemics will come and go; therefore, we need a global strategy and international cooperation on a global scale. And we have to frame a global response now.

We also want the World Health Organisation (WHO) to share information and warnings in a timely manner. The assistance that it provided during the Covid-19 crisis was woefully inadequate. News about the virus was known to people in November 2019, but WHO alerted us only in January 2020 and by March 2020 the virus had spread widely.

If we get the information on time, we can prevent the loss of jobs and lives.

To be prepared for the future, we need effective medicine, vaccines and a healthier population. We know vaccines are effective and we know how they work. But we still need to do more research on the full extent of side-effects of vaccines and also ascertain which vaccines are more effective among which groups of people.

IN: BAPIO had done extensive work during the Covid-19 situation in India. Can you tell us what was the extent and kind of support you provided to India?

Prof Bamrah: For India, it was a devastating Covid-19 wave. We had great concern about Mother India, partly because we are Indian doctors. Separately, we were concerned because we have families in India and, therefore, we were motivated to do something.

BAPIO launched the 'Go to Fund' appeal and raised 230,000 pounds worth of equipment. Most of the donations came from the British people. Equipment that we sent to India included oxygen concentrators, ventilators, pulse oximeters and masks. We also fed hungry people through Akshaya Patra charity and Udhavum Karangal.

We worked with a number of charities and organisations in the UK. These included, Wigan hospital due to the generosity of Prof. Sanjay Arya, the charity Hope2Sleep and CREO Medical. We were also supported by APNA NHS, Doctors Association UK and Qatar airlines.

Our President Dr Ramesh Mehta OBE drove the India appeal for funds.

To ensure that the equipment was distributed in India, we teamed up with the Mukul Madhav Foundation which is a registered charity in both countries-India and the UK, as well as Ashok Leyland. All of this was underpinned by our collaboration with the Indian government. We ensured that everything was transported to Mumbai and then sent across to government hospitals and selected charitable hospitals. Our equipment went to at least 19 sites across the country.

Then we noticed that even the doctors were falling ill because of Covid, so we also started the tele-medicine support through which we checked radiology and pathology reports.

BAPIO has been involved in many charity appeals, but this was the most complex project because the Covid-19 pandemic is the biggest medical humanitarian crisis of our times. Our President and the Executive team worked flat out to deliver well needed aid.

IN: People have already seen the debilitating effects of Covid. What are the health problems that are likely to emerge in the future?

Prof Bamrah: We know that climate change will pose a big health challenge. WHO says that there could be 250,000 excess deaths due to climate change every year between 2030-2050. We have to act now on environmental pollution and health problems related to climate change.

I also foresee mental health problems on the rise. Mental disease is a hidden pandemic. Suicides are increasing and so are depression, psychosis, and dementia.

IN: Indian doctors in the UK and the US are greatly admired for their contribution to patient care. How has BAPIO as a collective contributed to the British society?

Prof Bamrah: I would say that the contribution of South Asian doctors-Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan and Bangladeshi, is immense and that includes their role in the setting up of the NHS in 1948. It is possible the NHS might not have existed if the doctors of South Asian origin were not active at that time.

The British doctors resisted the formation of the NHS as they thought they would lose private practice. Since then, in the last 74 years of NHS there has been a rich history of Indian doctors contributing to some great advancements in research and education.

BAPIO works with a number of NHS trusts. We worked with the Government of Scotland and presented evidence to the Scottish parliament, and we produced a risk assessment form jointly with the Welsh government.

We were actively involved in the Covid response by NHS England.

BAPIO continues to evolve. We have started the BAPIO Training Academy and launched the 2+2 programme through our BAPIO Training Academy. Under this we support two years of training for doctors in India according to British standards, and then we bring those doctors for training to the UK-enriching their practical experience.

We have also started the British Indian Nurses Association in the UK to help and mentor Indian nurses.

Indian doctors are the second-highest in numbers after the British doctors. They also form a substantial portion of registered doctors here. Therefore, they have made a big impact in the NHS.

IN: Also, how has BAPIO contributed to the welfare of doctors in the UK?

Prof Bamrah: We have a legal arm Medical Defence Shield which gives medical indemnity to doctors by providing legal protection to them. This protection is for all doctors in the UK, not just Indian doctors.

We found that stress and burnout is a major problem among doctors. We initiated the BAPIO Welfare Forum which focuses on exposing people to yoga and meditation. Besides doctors, BAPIO is now looking after the concerns of nurses and pharmacists also.

BAPIO is connected worldwide to Indian doctors in other countries like Australia and Canada through the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO).

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G7 Meet: India should cooperate but avoid co-option in the pro-west club

By Vivek Mishra



Two important global events which took place within a week of each other this month: the G7 and the virtually held BRICS summit represent a microcosm of the trends reshaping global geopolitics.

The recently concluded G7 meet in Germany and the virtually held 14th BRICS summit evince why the West may be adapting to accommodate the global South, particularly India, at a time when the chinks in the armour of both BRICS and the G7 are glaring.

While the BRICS faces an elusive unified position on issues with both subtle and stark differences between member countries on various issues including counterterrorism, the G7 has diminishing influence in the global south. These trends have intensified in the face of lingering pandemic-induced disruptions and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. Straddling both major multilateral organisations places India stands at a unique vantage point, bridging the necessities of the global South with the compulsions of the global north.

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The supply of energy and trade connectivity with Asia have gained further salience for the West in the light of the disruptive constraints imposed by an active conflict in Europe. This realisation is undergirded by the post-pandemic realisation that concentration of supply chains in any one country or region may lead to long lasting disruptions for the rest of the world. As a result we have seen a host of economic-strategic initiatives by the West, particularly led by the US, aiming to not just establish predictable supply chains but a regional collective seeking to maintain a favourable balance of power in the Indo-Pacific region. The reference point, of course, is China which is speeding ahead in this region in terms of building naval power and driving economic stakes.

At the strategic level, the US decision to launch the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) at this year's G7 summit is in the same direction. Building further on the launch of the IPEF, the PGII has sought to "deliver game-changing projects to close the infrastructure gap in developing countries, strengthen the global economy and supply chains, and advance US national security."

India's participation in both the major global events showcased opportunities and challenges ahead. While the BRICS summit showed that differences persist between group members on issues of counterterrorism and global governance, the G7 provided a credible platform to realign some priorities for India in the light of strategic compulsions and changing priorities as a result of the Russia-Ukraine war.

India's rising economic profile and a resilient economy have ensured that it is now a regular invitee to the G7 summits. However, India should avoid the 'G8 trap' for now, even if a formal invitation to join the G7 may become a reality in the near future. Since 2014, when Russia was evicted from the grouping, the G8 has functioned as G7. The Russia-Ukraine war may have created compulsions on the West to co-opt India in the group. It will serve New Delhi's interests better if its Indo-Pacific commitments are kept distinct from a collective western agenda that may not serve its own interests. In steering clear of the doubling-down sanctions on Russia imposed during the G7 meet in Germany, India did just that.

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Six arrested with Maoist posters in Jhargram



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Jhargram , July 2: Jhargram police arrested six persons including a homeguard for allegedly distributing posters carrying Maoist slogans. They also seized cash worth Rs 35,000, a pistol and one mobile phone from their possession. Those arrested were identified as Bahadur Mandi (homeguard), Shankar Mandal, Malay Karmakar, Mahendra Hansda, Bablu Dule and Babulal Soren, said Arijit Sinha, SP, Jhargram.

The SP said the accused persons had sent threatening letters to several people and sought 'levy' (extortion money) from them in the name of Maoist leader Salt Lake. The arrested homeguard is the mastermind of the planm, he said. The SP said one more person wanted in this case would soon be arrested.(W-at)

Hulladek Recycling collects 20 tons e-waste from city's educational institutions

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Jamshedpur, July 2: Hulladek Recycling Pvt Ltd, Eastern India's fastest growing e-waste management company, had collected more than 20 tons of e -waste from Jamshedpur's educational institutions in the last six months. of Jamshedpur in the last 6 months. Presently, the company, headquartered in Kolkata, has a collection network of e-waste across 24 cities in 18 states of the country and plans to increase its collection points across all states of India.

Through the last six months, Hulladek had conducted extensive awareness campaigns and collection drives in 75 schools and colleges of Jamshedpur that resulted in collection of more than 20 tons of e-waste. The unconditional support of Tata Steel UISL (formerly JUSCO) played a leading role in the success of this awareness campaign.

"We have been conducting this workshop in our school for students of Std VI and above for quite some time. The way the awareness is generated towards e waste in children is commendable. The development of curiosity among children to know the different types of e-waste around us is commendable. Children are already aware of different types of waste. But in the modern era when digitalization has become mandatory for growth of a



person and society, e-waste awareness among children is really important. The workshop conducted by Hulladek is really worthy of appreciation," opined Rashmi Sinha, Principal, KPS Gamharia.

The number of notes and observations by education institutional heads and Principals speaks highly of the quality work undertaken by Hulladek Recycling Pvt Ltd. Principal Namita Agarwal of Jamshedpur Public School while thanking the e-waste collection company, said, "This drive will definitely make the students conscious about the environment. More importantly, the workshop has taught them the right way to dispose e waste."

"Electronic waste (e-waste) is now a talking point in many parts of India and abroad. The increase in generation of waste is a concern and we, over the years have seen some awareness about disposal and recycling of waste. People around us are waking up to this problem and also looking for solutions that reduce the negative impact on the environment. Over the years we have seen how creating awareness has had a direct impact on e-waste collection and recycling. Since our inception, one of our key focus areas has been creating awareness and encouraging people to move towards a circular economy. Our campaigns 'Sabko Batao e-waste Ghatao' and 'Make India e-waste free' are directed towards educating people about efficient waste disposal practices. Awareness is definitely the key and so is the initiative undertaken through awareness drives and workshops. ," observed, the founder of Hulladek Recycling Pvt Ltd, Nandan Mall. He expressed his delight at children being made aware on the menace of e-waste and learning about the proper way of disposing them. (W-mb)

Grand inauguration of nine-day Rath Mela

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Seraikela, July 2: On the auspicious occasion of Shri Jagannath's Rath Yatra, the region's famous nine-day chariot fair was inaugurated. The fair was inaugurated by chief guest, BJP state spokesperson cum former MLA of Baharagora Kunal Sarangi and special guest BJP ST Morcha state treasurer Ganesh Mahali and former Jila Parishad president Shakuntala Mahali jointly. In his address on the occasion, Sarangi wished that Mahaprabhu Lord Jagannath ji's blessings remain on the entire state. On this occasion, he said that the culture and rites and worship traditions of the region are the special identity and pride of the region. Its protection and promotion should be the common responsibility of all. In his address on the occasion, Manoj Kumar Choudhary, Chairman, Rath Mela Committee, while congratulating all the residents of Seraikela for the Rath Yatra, said that the Rath Mela is being organized in a traditional way. In which an effort has been made to provide quality content and means of entertainment at reasonable prices. Along with this, the facility of prasad has been provided for Jagannath devotees arriving at Mausi Bari Gundicha Temple. Apart from this, Dev Sabha has been organized for the performance of mythology. On this occasion social worker Rajesh Sahu, President of Chamber of Commerce Pradeep Chaudhary, BJP District Vice President cum Jagannath Seva Samiti President Raja Singh Deo, Social worker cum Jagannath Seva Committee Vice President Sudhir Patnaik, senior mask artist Sushant Kumar Mohapatra, Ramnath Acharya, Kolhu Mohapatra , Parashuram Kavi, Badrinarayan Daroga, Partha Sarathi Acharya, Ward Councilors Vikas Chaudhary and Gautam Nayak, Rupesh Sahu of Ekta Manch, Mela Committee secretary Chhote Lal Sahu, Vice President Govind Sahu, former BJP city president Sohan Singh, BJYM district general secretary Biju Dutta, Dozens of dignitaries including Avinash Kavi, Umesh Bhol, Krishna Rana, Vikas Daroga, Kunal Sahu, Amit Prajapati, Vikas Prajapati, Rita Dubey, BJP Mahila Nagar President Pinky Modak, Roopa Pati, Ravi Satpati were present.

Dev Sabha is becoming the center of attraction

On the occasion of nine-day Rath Mela, a grand Dev Sabha has been organized by Shri Jagannath Rath Mela Committee in the courtyard of Mausi Bari Gundicha Temple. It is becoming the center of attraction for Jagannath devotees reaching Mausi Bari. On the basis of mythology, 13 feet high Dashavatar form of Lord Shri Hari Vishnu has been shown in Dev Sabha. Along with this, all the 10 incarnations of Lord Shri Hari Vishnu have also been displayed separately.(W-pb)

More than 300 Al-Kabir Polytechnic students selected by leading companies

Mail News Service



Jamshedpur, July 2: More than 300 Al-Kabir Polytechnic students of the academic session 2021-'22, more than 300 students, including 30 girls from the 2018 and 2019 batches have been selected by leading companies through online and offline examinations. Recently, many students of Mechanical, Electrical, Civil Engineering, Automobile Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering and Electronics and Communication Departments for the session 2018 and 2019 were selected during a campus selection organized by the Training and Placement Cell of the Institute. Several leading companies participated in the campus selection. Recently M/s Jindal Steel & Power Limited, M/s Viraj Profiles Pvt. Ltd., L&T and many other companies selected these students through online written examination, group discussions and interview. Many companies have assented to participate in the campus selections to be organized in the immediate future. The Institute's Principal, Waris Sarwar Imam, all departmental heads and Placement In-charge, Md Maqsood Alam congratulated all the selected students in posts of Diploma Engineering trainees. Waris Sarwar Imam expressed happiness on the large number of the Institute's students being selected by leading companies and urgede them to keep working hard with sincerity and devotion. Departmental Heads Fuzail Ahmed, M. Furqan Ahmed and Md Shahnawaz Alam to congratulated all the selected students for their success. While congratulating all the successful students, the Governing Body and Management of the institute said that this success of the students is the result of the tireless efforts of the entire college team.

Free artificial limb transplant camp

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Chaibasa, July 2: Preparations are being made to organize free artificial limb transplant camp on behalf of Marwari Yuva Manch Chaibasa branch. More than 100 people of West Singhbhum district are preparing for artificial leg and caliper transplant.

Giving information about the preparations for organizing the camp, Marwari Yuva Manch President Harsh Sultania said that such camps are being organized by the Manch since 1992. So far, 1 lakh 72 thousand more disabled people have been provided with free artificial legs and calipers. He said that camps are being organized from May 26 to August 10 at 12 places across the state. In this sequence, a camp will be organized in Chaibasa from August 5 to 8. It aims to benefit more than 100 people. With the help of the district administration, the work of reaching out to the differently-abled and bringing them to Chaibasa will also be done.(W-pb)

NHES felicitates doctors



Jamshedpur, July 2: Narbheram Hansraj English School (NHES) organized free consultation and dental camp for the teachers and the sub-staff. Varsha Gandhi (Honorary Secretary of the School Management Committee), felicitated Dr. Eric Liu and his team and lauded their tireless efforts. Dr. Nehal Amin, Dr. Aaron Chen, Dr. Jaydeep Ghosh, Dr. Poulomi Dey, Dr. Ruben Liu, Dr. Asha Khatoon and Dr. Puja Samanta were honoured by the school management. (W-mb)

Social worker instals marble tiles in Mausi Bari Gundicha temple



Seraikela, July 2: Akash Aggarwal, a young social worker of Seraikela, got marble tiles installed in the Mausi Bari Gundicha temple at Seraikela. Regarding this, he said that the floor and stairs of the Mausi Bari Gundicha temple were in a very dilapidated condition. The devotees who reached the Mausi Bari Gundicha temple during the Rath Yatra had to face a lot of trouble. In view of this, the work of installing marble tiles on the floor and stairs of the Mausi Bari Gundicha temple has been done. He said that keeping in view the convenience of Jagannath devotees, efforts would be made to install marble tiles on the throne located at Mausi Bari in the coming year.(W-pb)

Doctors share health tips with NHES students



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 2: Narbheram Hansraj English School (NHES) on the occasion of National Doctor's Day invited Dr. N. R. Singh (General Physician) and Dr. Kiran Singh (Gynaecologist) to give a talk on health care to the students of the school.

Dr. N.R.Singh spoke about various health issues, healthy diet, common diseases like diabetes and hypertension and their prevention.

Dr. Kiran Singh addressed the girls and discussed about hygiene, menstrual problems and other related gynaecological issues.

Chandrakant Zatakia, an esteemed member of the School Management Committee felicitated the doctors. On 2nd July, the school will be organising a workshop by Dr. Liu (Dental Surgeon) and a dental camp for teachers and sub staff. Dr. Liu and his team (Dr. Nehal Amin, Dr. Aaron Chen, Dr. Jaydeep Ghosh, Dr. Poulomi Dey, Dr. Ruben Liu and Dr. Asha Khatoon) will be felicitated by Tandrima Banerjee and Avijeet Mukherjee, the acting Vice Principals of the School.

It is worth mentioning that Doctors Day is celebrated across the world on the 1st of July. (W-mb)

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7	प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि,समय एवं स्थल	11.07.2022 को 1.00 बजे अपराह्न को अभियंता प्रमुख, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखंड, राँची का कार्यालय का कार्यालय, नेपाल हाउस, झारखंड, राँची
8	निविदा प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	14.07.2022 को 4.30 बजे अपराह्न
9	बैंक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि, समय एवं स्थल	15.07.2022 को 2.00 बजे अपराह्न तक 1. कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर –अथवा– 2. अधीक्षण अभियन्ता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, जमशेदपुर –अथवा– 3. क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, राँची प्रक्षेत्र राँची।
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2. विस्तृत विवरणी बेबसाईट–https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
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Rise in cases of vector-borne diseases, rush at MGM Hospital

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, July 2: Vector-borne diseases have started to spread in the state and the footfall of patients at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) Hospital is increasing with every passing day. Fearing that the situation might get worse, the hospital authorities are bracing themselves to tackle the problem. Patients suffering from diseases like malaria, diarrhoea, and viral fever, are reporting in large numbers at the hospital, and there is a high possibility that the medical centre might fall short of beds in the coming days.

The health centres across the district have been asked to provide a line list of patients with symptoms of such diseases on a 24 hourly basis. "The line lists of patients would contain name, age, and sex, along with the full address of the patient undergoing treatment at a health center. This would help us in locating not only the patient but also preventive measures in the residential area of the affected persons to prevent vector breeding centers," said an official.

Preventive measures include coordinating with the district health department (read district malaria officer) in carrying out spraying of bleaching powders, DDT, and anti larvicidal in affected areas identified on the basis of the location of patients undergoing treatment at health centers.

According to the hospital authorities, almost 180 patients suffering from different vector-borne diseases are reported at the outdoor patient department (OPD) every day, out of which at least 30 per cent of cases are referred for indoor admission for intensive medical care.

"Most of these vector-related cases have been reported from slum areas located in the periphery of the city since the monsoon arrived here about three weeks ago," said an OPD doctor at MGM hospital. Out of the 520-bed capacity, 120 are reserved for the medicine ward, said hospital officials.

Notably, Singhbhum is a malaria-prone area where thousands of people, mostly the local villagers, fall victim to this vector-borne disease every year. An unspecified number of people also die of the disease. In the absence of adequate medical centres in the interiors of the twin districts of Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan district, malaria continues to spread unabated. Many of the villagers living in remote areas fail to come to a primary health centre (PHC) or sub-centre where the facility of getting blood tests and obtaining medicine has been provided by the state health department.

District health unit has opted for a massive awareness drive with the distribution of leaflets across the district. "Though dengue cases have been confined primarily to city areas, we have decided to distribute leaflets even at block level as there are a large number of floating population from rural parts to the city. We have got over 1 lakh leaflets and have started distribution to create awareness on steps which should be taken to prevent the breeding of dengue mosquitoes (Aedes aegypti)," said an official.

The leaflets inform on the need for maintaining cleanliness in and around houses, eradicating unused containers, which can lead to water accumulation and be a potential breeding spot for mosquitoes, periodically cleaning water tanks, coolers, refrigerators, and pots; keeping the lower portion of the body covered; and periodically cleaning dark places in the houses. The leaflets have been distributed to all the 235 sub health centers, nine community health centers, and 18 public health centers.(W-pb)

Indo-Tibetan Border Police officials move internet with rendition of Afreen Afreen



The popularity of Pakistani songs in India is one of the clearest indications that music crosses all boundaries and brings people together. A video is winning hearts of people over social media which shows two officials from Indo-Tibetian Border Police (ITBP) performing a musical rendition of the famous Pakistani song, "Afreen Afreen."

It was sung by Rahat Fateh Ali Khan and Momina Mustehsan in Coke Studio Season 9, in 2016. It was originally composed by his uncle Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan.

While sharing the video on Instagram, ITBP said in the caption, "Afreen afreen... Constable Vikram Jeet Singh of ITBP sings. Constable A Neli strums the Guitar."

In the video, one of the constables is seen strumming the guitar while the other is singing the song.

Users were moved by the performance and left heartfelt remarks on the video.

A user wrote, "nice sir, mind blowing." "Can't stop listening," said another.

"Mesmerizing sir," wrote a third one.

In past few months, numerous videos and instrumental versions of the famous 'Pasoori' song sung by Pakistan artists Ali Sethi and Shae Gill have gone viral on social media.

One of them showed a woman singing the song while doing kitchen chores.

The woman, Shalini Dubey, is a singer and a performer, according to her Instagram bio. She has also tagged Ali Sethi and Shae Gill in her post.

Selected Pre-Raphaelite and Symbolist Art at Christie's Online



New Delhi, July 2 (IANSlife) The Isabel Goldsmith Collection: Selected Pre-Raphaelite and Symbolist Art, which spans more than 40 years of collecting, will be accessible online from June 30 through July 14 as a part of London's Classic Week Summer edition.

The collection, which consists of 87 pieces, addresses topics such as sleep, dreams, the afterlife, spirituality, beauty, literature, and classical subjects. The star lot of the auction, The return of Orpheus by Sidney Harold Meteyard (estimate: 200,000-300,000 pounds), as well as pieces by Edward Burne-Jones, John Roddam Spencer-Stanhope, Simeon Solomon, Evelyn De Morgan, and Henry Ryland are included in the collection of Pre-Raphaelites and their adherents' works.

Levy-Dhurmer, Fernand Khnopf, and George Frederic Watts are among the symbolist artists whose works are on display, and there are also several Scandinavian landscapes in the sale. With estimates ranging from 600 to 300,000 pounds, the collection is expected to realise in excess of 1 million pounds. The pre-sale view will be open to the public from July 9 to 14.

Peter Brown, Senior Director, International Specialist, Victorian, Pre-Raphaelite and British Impressionist Art, 19th-Century European Art, Christie's commented: "Isabel Goldsmith has long impressed me with the curiosity and delight with which she encounters works of art. Hers is a singular vision: many of these Pre-Raphaelite and Symbolist pictures carry a mystical or spiritual dimension. This is an intriguing sale, full of the unexpected, which delights the eye and presents the market with rare opportunities to acquire notable works by Burne-Jones, De Morgan and Watts, and Khnopff, Stevens, and Levy-Dhurmer. Watts' 'The Open Door' (estimate: 10,000-15,000 pounds) is sold to benefit Watts Gallery - Artists' Village."

The Return of Orpheus by Sidney Harold Meteyard, which is estimated to sell for between 200,000 pounds and 300,000 dollars and is illustrated on page one with an in-person archive shot from 1992, commands the highest price. From left to right, additional highlights include Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones' Luna (estimate: 70,000-100,000 pounds), Simeon Solomon's Death Awakening Sleep (estimate: 10,000-15,000), Evelyn De Morgan's The Field of the Slain (estimate: 30,000-50,000 pounds), and Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones' Study for the Head of Medusa for "The Finding of Medusa" (1876) (estimate: 15,000-25,000 pounds).

Highlights include Fernand Khnopff's La Medusa endormie, ca. 1896 (estimate: 80,000-120,000 pounds, illustrated on page 1), Ophelie (Ophelia), 1887 by Alfred Stevens (estimate: 60,000-100,000 pounds), La bourrasque, 1897 by Lucien Levy-Dhurmer (estimate: 100,000-150,000 pounds), and The Search-Light by Evelyn De Morgan (estimate: 70,000-100,000 pounds).

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Hilton makes highly anticipated flagship brand debut in The Maldives



New Delhi, July 2 (IANSlife) The Maldives is one of the most desired vacation destinations for travellers around the world - seeing a continued pace of bookings even throughout the last two years when it was the first country to open its borders to international travellers during the pandemic.

"The expansion of our flagship brand here underscores our commitment to bringing our world-class brands to key locations, and we are confident Hilton Maldives Amingiri Resort & Spa will build on our legacy of delivering an exceptional stay to delight and inspire our guests," said Alan Watts, president, Asia Pacific, Hilton about the launch of Hilton Maldives Amingiri Resort & Spa in the holiday island of Maldives.

The Hilton Maldives Amingiri, located on Amingiri Island in the North Male Atoll, is just a breathtaking 20-minute premium speedboat ride away from Velana International Airport. The hotel offers 109 roomy beach and overwater villas, each with a private pool and alluring views of the blue lagoon nearby.

The villas, which embody a harmony of modern and traditional Maldivian elements, invite an abundance of natural light via their floor-to-ceiling windows, emphasising a bright colour scheme that reflects the warm tones of the sea and sky.

The all-villa resort introduces a number of smart amenities to the archipelago and sets a new standard for hospitality that will enthral future tourists. In addition to Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi, Conrad Maldives Rangali Island, and Saii Lagoon Maldives, Curio Collection by Hilton, Hilton Maldives Amingiri is the fourth resort in the nation under the company's portfolio of brands. This strengthens Hilton's ability to cater to various travellers and their specific needs in one of the most popular travel destinations in the world. Hilton is in charge of managing the hotel, which is owned by Amingiri Holdings Pvt Ltd.

"Today's milestone launch is a celebration of our shared vision with Hilton to deliver the most exceptional levels of service and hospitality in the Maldives. At Amingiri Holdings, we are committed to continuously contribute to the Maldivian economy and further strengthen its tourism industry, and Hilton Maldives Amingiri Resort & Spa will enable us to continue with this mission," said Daniel Welk, Amingiri Holdings Pvt Ltd.

The overwater pool villas are equipped with stairs that lead directly to the island's lagoon and a hammock by the pool to enjoy the sound of waves; whereas beach villas have direct access to sparkling white sand, a deck swing, and a gazebo on the shore. All of these amenities are designed to fully immerse guests in the wonders of nature. All villas feature spacious bathrooms with bathtubs facing the ocean and both indoor and outdoor rain showers that promote relaxation.

The six-bedroom Amingiri Residence, the ideal retreat for bigger groups of tourists seeking absolute privacy, is a standout feature of Hilton Maldives Amingiri. When it opens in November 2022, the residence, which is set away on a manicured cove, will welcome visitors with its own arrival pier and a dedicated sundeck with unbroken 360-degree views of the Maldivian horizon.

"Hilton Maldives Amingiri represents what we continually strive for in our brand portfolio - innovative offerings and exceptional stays complemented by our signature hospitality. Introducing several new concepts to the Maldives, such as a rooftop lounge exclusive to teenage guests, a cocktail lab and the six-bedroom residence, Hilton Maldives Amingiri is set to capture guests of all ages looking to reconnect during their stay with their selves, nature or close ones," said Alexandra Jaritz, senior vice president, Brand Management, Asia Pacific, Hilton.

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Neeraj Chopra touches feet of elderly man, internet says "Respect"



Javelin thrower and Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra recently made the entire country proud by breaking his national record while competing in the Diamond League in Stockholm, Sweden.

For the second time in a month, the Tokyo Olympics winner broke his personal record at the Stockholm Diamond League. Neeraj won a silver medal in the event with a career-best throw of 89.94 meters.

And now, he has won the hearts of the people again by touching the feet of an elderly man who came to congratulate him. A video of his heartwarming gesture is going viral on social media where Mr Chopra is seen interacting and clicking photos with a group of fans in Stockholm. An elderly man was part of that group, and as soon as he congratulated the Tokyo Olympic champion, he reciprocated by touching his feet.

He also told his Indian admirers that he has to leave since his bus is waiting for him. The elderly man is heard encouraging Neeraj that he will reach the 90-metre mark on his next outing."Agli baar 90 se uppar jaayega (Next time, you will definitely throw over 90 metres)," the man said.

The clip has been widely shared on Twitter which shows people wishing Mr Chopra good luck for his future to which he responds in a polite manner, saying "Dhanyawad (Thank you)".

The post has garnered several comments and has received over 2 lakh views and over 11,000 likes on Twitter. Users can be seen appreciating his gesture in the post's comments section.

"Niraj makes us proud of him on and off the field also....may he remain grounded," wrote a user.

While another simply said, "Respect."

A third wrote, "Such a humble human."

Neeraj Chopra is only the second Indian to finish in the top-three of a Diamond League meet after discus thrower Vikas Gowda.

Gowda, a 2014 Commonwealth Games gold medalist who retired in 2017, had four top-three finishes in Diamond League events during his career. He had finished second in New York in 2012 and Doha in 2014, and third in Shanghai and Eugene in 2015.

Does your job offer you a Hybrid Workplace



New Delhi, July 2 (IANSlife) Due to shifting demands on both employees and employers since the start of the pandemic, the significance of employee engagement has increased dramatically. Organisations have understood they must develop employee engagement tools and procedures in accordance with this growth because the hybrid work paradigm has become standard across many large firms.

Organisations in a variety of industries are aware of the benefits that employee engagement can provide, including access to better talent and employee retention. Although they may have various ends in mind, they all end up there.

Work Engagement & Hybrid Workplace Report 2022 by Leena AI, an innovative technology solution revolutionising the employee experience, was just published. The bi-annual research provides insight into employee engagement at more than 250 businesses throughout the world, including those in India and the US.

Annual surveys: still the norm!

Although yearly surveys of employee engagement have long been the norm for firms, half of the respondents to the report predicted a rise in the frequency of such surveys. Only 8 percent of firms said they conducted employee engagement surveys on a monthly basis, whereas 25 percent said they did so.

In the workplace, where shorter and more regular pulse surveys have become the norm, there is an increasing need for an active listening approach in India and the rest of the world. Continuous listening has been shown to be crucial in a mixed work style where employees are frequently scattered.

Technology: a distant dream

The necessity for advanced technologies and technology techniques in the workplace has also been influenced by the rise in the frequency of employee engagement surveys. According to the data, more over 50 percent of respondents acknowledged using straightforward questionnaires and feedback forms to determine employee engagement, while 25 percent said they only used manual techniques.

The necessity for technological tools to identify employees' demands and requirements, such as potential areas for improvement in their organisations, steps that their workplace should do to promote inclusion and mental well-being, etc. was also highlighted by a sizeable 30 per cent of organisations.

Additionally, 25 per cent of the firms said they were interested in learning more about the trends in the engagement scores over a certain time frame.

Rewards and recognition = Employee engagement

In the hybrid workplace, rewards and recognition are still one of the most well-liked and effective tactics. Nearly 50 per cent of the respondents, according to the research, acknowledged relying on this strategy to engage their individual staff.

HR: owner of employee engagement initiatives

Even though it is crucial for influencing an organisation's culture, the HR department cannot be considered solely responsible for employee satisfaction. The majority of firms currently silo their employee engagement activities, especially now that remote working is the norm. Employee productivity has been found to rise in businesses when CXOs set the groundwork for establishing a more favourable work environment.

Employee engagement to attract talent

Organisations can profit by reviewing their employee engagement rules, developing a more inclusive work environment, forecasting attrition, and other practises with India on the verge of its Great Resignation period.

Employee engagement is used by 42 percent of businesses in the IT and software sectors to enhance the employee experience in a hybrid work style.

Adit Jain, Co-Founder and CEO, Leena AI, commented, "While the pandemic brought about some uncertainties, it also facilitated in shifting our focus to the core of every organization i.e. its employees. It is interesting to observe whether organizations manage to engage their employees regularly and actively. For a while now, employee engagement has been considered a secondary activity conducted on a need-only basis. However, in the post-pandemic world, employee engagement's importance has skyrocketed with the changing needs of both employers and employees.

"Today, organisations must implement an effective HR strategy to build a positive work environment and retain valuable talent. This report has been developed to identify patterns that employee engagement initiatives face around the world, whether the right tools are being implemented, whether the final impact is successful, and so on. We endeavor to support organiSations, thought leaders, and decision-makers to make informed decisions towards a successful employee engagement strategy."

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Zomato posts a question on twitter, gets hilarious responses



Social media serves as a repository of content that evokes nostalgia in users. Zomato is renowned for sharing quirky posts on social media.

The food delivery giant took to Twitter to ask users a question, "If the first half of 2022 was a dish, what would it be?"Since being shared, it has received lots of reactions and users have responded to the question by posting about hilarious food items they came across this year.

Some of the users shared their own experiences of getting their food items delivered.

"An over oily biryani. Had great expectations before it was delivered, disappointed when it came but ate it anyway," a user wrote.

Another said, "Anything having bitter gourd."

A third user posted a picture of "Idli Sambhar Icecream."

Other Twitter users reacted to this Zomato tweet by posting comments like, "Maggi Panipuri, Fanta Maggi, Chocolate Samosa, and most of the odd meals in the world.Last month, Zomato shared a post remembering the "good old days".

"Life was good when the only deadline we had was 3 seeti (whistle) mein cooker band karna (Turn off the gas after three whistles)," it said.

The post created nostalgia among social media users and led to a barrage of comments.

Rain forces early lunch after Bumrah takes out Lees, England trail India by 400 runs

Jadeja's century, Bumrah's unbeaten 16-ball 31 lifts India to 416

ENG v IND 5th Test



Birmingham, July 2 (IANS) Rain forced early lunch on day two of the rescheduled fifth Test between England and India at Edgbaston on Saturday after the visitors grabbed control of the match, making 416 in 84.5 overs in the first innings before captain Jasprit Bumrah took out Alex Lees to leave England at 16/1 in three overs.

The tourists looked in trouble at 98/5. But Rishabh Pant's marvellous 146 had given India an upper hand on Friday. On Saturday, it was Ravindra Jadeja's turn to reach his third Test century in a knock where he started on an attacking note but dropped anchor as Pant became the aggressor. Bumrah then hit a crucial 16-ball 31, including taking pacer Stuart Broad for 35 runs in an over, claiming the record for the most expensive over in Test cricket.

For England, who leaked 78 runs in 11.5 overs to wrap India's innings, James Anderson picked his sixth five-wicket haul (5/60) against India in Test cricket. Mohammed Shami kickstarted the day with back-to-back boundaries off short balls from Matthew Potts -- a pull-through deep mid-wicket was followed by a crisp cut-through point.

As England tried to get a breakthrough with short-pitched stuff, Shami and Jadeja took a boundary each off Ben Stokes. Jadeja had a slice of luck at 92 when Zak Crawley and Joe Root had a crack at catching his outer edge in the slip cordon, but none got close to it, denying Potts his third wicket.

On the very next ball, Jadeja played a cracking cut to reach a splendid century. After Shami fell while trying to ramp Stuart Broad over the third man, Jadeja was bowled by James Anderson while going for the slog, with England's chances of keeping India under 400 looking bright.

But what followed next was something no one had even thought of. Bumrah pulled the first ball from Stuart Broad in the 84th over for a boundary. It was a top-edge that Crawley very nearly got to, but it evaded him and bounced over the rope. Broad again dug it short and it went high over wicketkeeper Sam Billings' head for five wides.

More agony followed for Broad as Bumrah bludgeoned a full toss over mid-on for another boundary and then got an inside edge to fine leg for another boundary. Bumrah fell while trying to swat Broad over deep square leg, but the ball sailed comfortably for the fourth boundary of the over.

Broad bowled another short ball and Bumrah pulled brilliantly over fine leg for six, giving him the world record for scoring the most runs in an over of Test cricket -- 35, with 29 being the legal runs, surpassing the record previously held by Brian Lara, George Bailey and Keshav Maharaj at 28. In the next over, Anderson ended India's innings by having Mohammed Siraj caught at mid-off, earning a five-wicket haul for the 32nd time in Test cricket.

In reply, Lees and Crawley took a boundary off Shami and Bumrah respectively. But Bumrah got one to come in and brush past the inside edge of Lees to bowl him through the gate before the rain came and caused an early end of a session thoroughly dominated by India.

Brief scores: India 416 in 84.5 overs (Rishabh Pant 146, Ravindra Jadeja 104; James Anderson 5/60, Matthew Potts 2/105) lead England 16/1 in three overs (Jasprit Bumrah 1/11) by 400 runs.

Bumrah sets world record with bat as Broad bowls most expensive over in Test history



Birmingham, July 2 (IANS) Jasprit Bumrah on Saturday claimed a world record in his debut Test as captain as he scored 29 runs off a Stuart Broad over which leaked 35 runs, the most in an over in the history of Test cricket, in the rescheduled fifth Test against England at Edgbaston on Saturday.

In the process of inflicting a whirlwind carnage over Broad and England, Bumrah surpassed the previous record which was in the hands of Brian Lara, George Bailey and Keshav Maharaj at 28 runs.

Before Bumrah hammered Broad for four fours, two sixes besides picking up a single from the eight-ball over which also included a no-ball and five wides, India were 377/9 with England's chances of keeping them under 400 looking bright.

Bumrah pulled the first ball from Stuart Broad in the 84th over for a boundary. It was a top-edge that Crawley very nearly got to, but it evaded him and bounced over the rope.

Broad again dug it short and it went high over wicketkeeper Sam Billings' head for five wides. India got seven runs off the next ball as Bumrah top-edged a pull over third man for a six after Broad overstepped. More agony followed for him as Bumrah bludgeoned a friendly full toss over mid-on for another boundary and then got an inside edge to fine leg for yet another boundary. Bumrah fell while trying to swat Broad over deep square leg, but the ball sailed comfortably for the fourth boundary of the over. Another short ball from Broad was pulled brilliantly by Bumrah over fine leg for six, giving him the world record for scoring most runs in an over of Test cricket -- 29.

Co-incidentally, Broad has the dubious distinction of being hit for six sixes by Yuvraj Singh in an over during the inaugural Men's T20 World Cup in South Africa in 2007. Clearly, he had a day to forget at Edgbaston despite reaching the 550 Test wickets mark.

Bumrah remained unbeaten on 31 off 16 balls and added 41 for the last wicket along with Mohammed Siraj (2) as India ended their first innings on 416 in 84.5 overs, with Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja top-scoring with 146 and 104 respectively.

Edgbaston to turn Blue For Bob in fight against prostate cancer

Birmingham, July 2 (IANS) The Edgbaston Stadium on Saturday will be turning 'Blue for Bob' to raise funds and support the Bob Willis Fund in its fight against prostate cancer on day two of the rescheduled fifth Test between England and India.

The initiative will be the second time since it first happened in 2021 during an ODI between England and Pakistan, in memory of former England fast bowler Bob Willis, who died in December 2019 due to prostate cancer at the age of 70, three years after he was diagnosed with the disease.

The Bob Willis Fund was then co-founded by his wife Lauren Clark and brother David in Bob's name to help fund studies into prostrate cancer, raise awareness about the illness and find earlier and better diagnoses. Spectators attending the day's play on Saturday have been encouraged to wear blue to support the cause. The fund has raised more than 500,000 pounds since it was launched in 2021.

"Today we're turning Edgbaston #BlueForBob supporting the @BobWillisFund. If you're attending, please wear blue and show your support," tweeted Edgbaston from their official Twitter account.

Edgbaston was Willis' home ground during his time with county side Warwickshire between 1972 and 1984, including winning the County Championship in his very first season with the club.



What I saw today was absolutely bizarre, says Shastri on Bumrah's carnage against Broad

Birmingham, July 2 (IANS) Former India head coach Ravi Shastri reacted to skipper Jasprit Bumrah's record 35-run over against England pacer Stuart Broad on day two of rescheduled fifth Test at Edgbaston, saying what he "saw today was absolutely bizarre".

Before Bumrah hammered Broad for four fours, two sixes besides picking up a single from the eight-ball over which also included a no-ball and five wides in the 84th over, India were 377/9 with England's chances of keeping them under 400 looking bright.

But then came carnage in the 84th over, with 29 runs coming off Bumrah's bat and rest coming from six extras, making it the most expensive over in the history of Test cricket. It propelled India to cross the 400-run mark and eventually end at 416 in 84.5 overs after being 98/5 at one stage. Bumrah remained unbeaten on 31 off 16 balls and added 41 for the last wicket with Mohammed Siraj (2).

"Now don't tell me I was again on the mic, when 35 runs were scored. I thought I'd seen it all, but not really, you know 36 from Yuvraj (Singh), 36 I had hit myself. And today what I saw was bizarre.

"It's something we would have never imagined, the world record from Jasprit Bumrah, batting at number 10 as captain of India for the first time, going past (Brian) Lara, George Bailey and Keshav Maharaj," said Shastri in a video uploaded by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on their Twitter account.

Broad had become just the sixth bowler to take 550 Test wickets after taking out Mohammed Shami. But Broad's strategy of bowling too short at Bumrah, resembling the scenes from last year's second Test at Lord's, saw runs come at a whirlwind pace for India. Bumrah pulled the first ball from Broad for a boundary. It was a top-edge that Crawley very nearly got to, but it evaded him and bounced over the rope.

PM Modi's talks motivate me, I would like to meet him after winning every medal, says boxer Nikhat Zareen



New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) The gold-medal winner at the World Boxing Championships Nikhat Zareen has said that meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi is one of the best moments and she would cherish it for the rest of her life.

The two-time Strandja Memorial gold medallist added that she would like to keep winning medals at the international level so she can meet PM Modi again and again. The 26-year-old Telangana boxer recently (May 20) clinched gold in flyweight (52kg) category with a facile 5-0 win over Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas in Istanbul.

Nikhat, with bronze-medal winner boxers Manisha Moun and Parveen Hooda, met PM Modi on June 1 after their stellar performances in the World Boxing Championships. "It was a wonderful experience, I will always cherish this moment in my life. I was very nervous before the meeting with PM sir, but the way he interacted, I never felt that I am meeting such a big leader. He carried on the conversation like we talk in the family. He asked everything in detail, like how do I prepare, which country's boxer was tough to compete with. The whole conversation with him was a good and memorable one for all of us," Nikhat told IANS.

confident Sakshi Malik determined to win medal at CWG after getting her 'mojo' back

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik on Saturday revealed that she has gone through a tough time in the last two years but the national trials helped in getting her 'confidence' and 'mojo' back and the wrestler is determined to win the medal at the Commonwealth Games, scheduled to begin from July 28 in Birmingham.

India's boxer Kalaivani storms into final in Elorda Cup, Kuldeep in semis

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) Indian boxer Kalaivani Srinivasan entered the final with a dominating victory while Kuldeep Kumar progressed into the semifinals of the Elorda Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan on Saturday.

According to information received here, Kalaivani demonstrated excellent skills against Uzbekistan's Farzona Fozilova in the women's 48kg semifinal. The Chennai-born boxer's powerful blows and the persistent attack didn't allow her opponent any opportunity to settle down as she comfortably won by unanimous decision in the end.



Kuldeep provided India a winning start on the fourth day of the competition but had to work hard for the victory. Kuldeep faced a stiff challenge from the local boy Kairat Yernur in the nail-biting men's 48kg quarterfinal encounter. However, with a cautious approach and precise attack, he notched up a close 3-2 win.

Meanwhile, another boxer in the men's section, Yashpal lost to Kazakhstan's Aslanbek Shymbergenov by a 0-5 margin in the 71kg quarterfinal.

Among women, Babita Bisht (81kg), Jyoti (52kg) and Neema (63kg) signed off with bronze medals after defeats in the semifinals. While Babita suffered a defeat against China's Zheng Lu by the 'Referee Stops the Contest' verdict, Jyoti and Neema conceded identical 0-5 losses against Uzbekistan's Feruza Kazakova and Kazakhstan's Anar Tursynbek respectively.

Savita's challenge also came to an end in the quarterfinals as she was handed a 0-5 loss by the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Japan's Namiki Tsukimi in the 50kg category.

Later on Saturday night, 2021 Youth World champions Gitika (48kg) and Alfiya Pathan (+81kg), and Lalita (70kg) will fight in the semi-finals while Rajni (50kg) will play her quarter-final.

The inaugural edition of Elorda Cup has been witnessing the presence of top players from strong boxing countries such as India, Uzbekistan, hosts Kazakhstan, Cuba, China and Mongolia. The finals will be played on Monday.

Wriddhiman Saha quits Bengal after receiving No Objection Certificate from CAB

Kolkata, July 2 (IANS) Veteran wicketkeeper-batter Wriddhiman Saha on Saturday received a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) on Saturday, marking the end of his association with Bengal in domestic cricket.

"Mr. Wriddhiman Saha came to CAB and in an application to President Avishek Dalmiya sought the NOC from the association. CAB gave concurrence to the request of Mr. Saha and provided the NOC to him for playing for another state. CAB also wished him the very best for his future endeavours," said the CAB in its official statement.

It is still not yet known that Saha, who played 122 first-class matches for Bengal since debuting in 2007, will play for which team in the upcoming season of Indian domestic cricket.

Captain Assad Vala determined to show PNG belongs to Men's T20 WC

Port Moresby, July 2 (IANS) Papua New Guinea captain Assad Vala is determined to ensure his country's maiden ICC Men's T20 World Cup appearance last year does not represent a one-off as they look to seal their place in October's mega event in Australia.

Vala's side is preparing for ICC Men's T20 World Cup Qualifier B, with two qualification spots up for grabs, and will begin by taking on the Netherlands, Hong Kong and Uganda in Group B later this month.

The PNG skipper remembers all too well the jubilation that followed his side's success at this stage three years ago and believes they have the tools at their disposal to stage a repeat performance as they look to capitalise on growing cricketing interest back home. "We know from experience how special it is to qualify for a World Cup. It was a dream come true. Having played for so many years and tried to get to a World Cup, to make it playing good cricket as we did was fantastic," said Vala. "We enjoyed the experience of playing in the big stadiums and we want to experience that atmosphere again. There was a lot of interest when the World Cup was on, not just in the cricket fraternity -- everyone in Papua New Guinea was behind us.



Wimbledon 2022: Harmony Tan overcomes Katie Boulter, reaches fourth round

London, July 2 (IANS) Unseeded French woman Harmony Tan, playing in the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time, wasted no time in extending her stay here, beating Britain's Katie Boulter at the Wimbledon onSaturday.

Harmony Tan had defeated Serena Williams in the first round while Katie had gotten the better of 2021 Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova.

The two giant-killers faced each other in the first match of the day on No.2 Court and the French woman was in unstoppable form as she beat her opponent 6-1, 6-1.

The 25-year-old Boulter was playing the third round of a major for the first time. Boulter is ranked No.118 while Tan is placed No. 115, so with the two players separated by only 18 points in the rankings, their clash was expected to be close. But composed from the word go, the nerveless Frenchwoman was always in charge a she forged her way to victory in just 51 minutes. "I don't think I believe it yet," she told the crowd on No.2 Court after the match. "If I sleep a little bit tonight, maybe I will believe it tomorrow. Today was really good tennis although I don't know why. It's amazing. I like grass. And I like to play with slice and volley, so I'm really happy. It was very emotional after the first round against Serena, and now I'm just playing match by match."



Tan will next play Coco Gauff or Amanda Anisimova for a place in the last eight.

Three arrested with stolen SUV, bike



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Jamshedpur, July 2: Sonari police arrested three presons with a stolen SUV and bike on Saturday.

Those arrested were identified as Gautam Kumar alias Vishal, Rohit Kumar Mahato alias Chanchal and Siddhant Mitra alias Piyush.

According to police, the bike was stolen from New Dalma View Colony, Sonari, on the night of 28th June while the SUV, a Mahindra Bolero, was stolen from New North Layout, Sonari, yesterday night.

Cops said the accused persons were caught on the basis of information obtained during investigation.(W-at)

Job opportunity in Tinplate Company

Jamshedpur, July 2: Tinplate Company of India Limited (TCIL) has invited applications from ITI diploma holders and engineers for recruitment. Company employees and wards of former employees may apply for jobs. The aspirants will have to undergo written and oral test beside medical examination, sources said.

Sources maintained that those employees whose one ward has already been recruited on the basis of their service will not be eligible to apply. The applications can be sent to the company's mail ID by 7th July. The age limit for employee wards is 40 years and cut off date is 1st July 2022. The company issued a circular in this connection on Friday. The employee wards having passed ITI should have undergone training for one year. The relevant ITI traders are fitter, electrician and tool and die making. For operating trainee, the employee wards should hold diploma in electrical, mechanical, automobile, tool and die making, mechatronics and electrical and electronics, sources said. (W-at)

MYM organises industrial visit for students



Jamshedpur, July 2: Marwari Yuva Manch, Tatanagar Achievers Branch, on the sixth day of its foundation day week celebration on Saturday, organised industrial visit for students in Ramakrishna Forging Limited Company in Kandra. The program concluded on Saturday afternoon under the leadership of branch president Ravi Kumar Gupta. Branch secretary Chetan Agarwal, former president Sugam Saraiwala, convener Amit Agarwal, Anand Agarwal, Aditya Jajodia etc. supported in making the event successful.(W-mb)

MGMCH to have 750-bed capacity soon: Banna Gupta

Health Minister inaugurates CT scan centre at MGMCH

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Jamshedpur, July 2: Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College Hospital (MGMCH) will soon have a total bed capacity of 750. This was announced here on Saturday by the state Health Minister Banna Gupta during a visit to the government hospital.

Gupta, who inaugurated the newly-built CT scan centre at MGMCH, said the plan to enhance the total bed capacity of the hospital was underway and it would soon be implemented once all formalities are completed.

After inaugurating the CT scan facility, Gupta said the patients coming to the hospital would no longer have to go outside for the test and added that the facility would cost them less. The CT scan centre has been started by the state health department in collaboration with Healthmap Diagnostics Private Limited (HDPL), a subsidiary of Manipal Hospitals on public private partnership (PPP) mode, said Gupta. RS Khokhar, Head (Corporate Affairs), HDPL, said the company has already been running X-ray and ultrasound testing centres at MGMCH for the last four years. He said all diagnostic services including the CT scan would be provided at rates approved by the state government. He said the rates are around 50 per cent less than the rates at private radiology centres. MGMCH Superintendent Dr Arun Kumar, Deputy Superintendent Dr NP Choudhary, MGM College Principal Dr KK Singh and various other senior doctors of MGMCH were present during the inauguration of CT scan centre today.(W-at)

Health Minister helps patient by donating blood

Jamshedpur, July 2: Health Minister Banna Gupta turned out to be the saviour of an ailing man who urgently needed blood transfusion to save his life at MGMCH here on Saturday.

The patient, Subodh Bhakat, 49, a resident of Kalikapur, Potka, was advised y doctors to undergo blood transfusion to save his life. His wife approached the Health Minister and sought his help to arrange for blood after failing to get help from others. On hearing the woman's plea, Gupta assured to help her and volunteered to donate blood for her husband. The woman thanked Gupta for being a Good Samaritan for his family.(W-at)

Banna Gupta hears public grievances at Kadma

Jamshedpur, July 2: Health Minister Banna Gupta met several visitors at his Kadma office on Saturday and heard their various grievances. He assured them of early solution to their problems and directed the state officials concerned to help them. Sources said the visitors came with grievances pertaining to electricity bill, school fees, health issues, road construction, ration card and old age and widow pension. A physically challenged man from Sonari, Johnny Lakra, was provided a wheelchair at Gupta's office. Another man, a Kadma resident, was given hearing aid by the Minister.(W-at)

DC stays Sairat shop rent hike, forms review committee



SCCI members celebrate stay on shop rent hike ordered by DC Court on Saturday.

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Jamshedpur, July 2: The court of Deputy Commissioner cum District Magistrate of East Singhbhum Vijaya Jadhav ordered a stay on the implementation of hike in rent of shops falling under Jamshedpur Sairat Markets till further orders, sources said on Saturday.

Sources said the court has formed a committee comprising ADM Law and Order, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Special Officer of JNAC, Circle Officer of Golmuri-cum-Jugsalai and presidents of Sakchi and Kadma market committees. The committee has been directed to review the rent hike by holding a meeting and submit a report to the DC, sources said.

Recently, a delegation of traders of city Sairat markets had met the DC and demanded revocation of the government decision to enhance shop rent.(W-at)

Baridih traders hold meeting over rent hike

Jamshedpur, July 2: Baridih Market traders here on Saturday convened a meeting to discuss strategy to protest the recent hike in shop rent by the state government. The meeting was chaired by Sukhdev Das. Harvinder Singh Mantu, president of Jamshedpur All Market Association, was also present at the meeting.

The traders unanimously decided to reach Aam Bagan, Sakchi, on 4th July and march up to the Jamshedpur Collectorate where a memorandum would be given to the Deputy Commissioner demanding revocation of the government decision to hike shop rent and holding tax.

Mantu said all traders should make the upcoming event a grand success. (W-at)



Cyber fraud: Man robbed of Rs 20,690

Jamshedpur, July 2: Cyber frauds duped one Santosh Gorai of Repeat Colony under MGM police station area and robbed him of Rs 20,690 through online fraud.

According to Santosh, an anonymous caller pretending to be customer care official of State Bank of India called him in the evening and told him his CPP plan had become active on his SBI credit card. The caller said Rs 1700 would be deducted from his bank account and it would require him to download an APP of SBI to deactivate the credit card plan. The caller sent a link to Santosh. After clicking on the link, Santosh got cash withdrawal message on his mobile phone. Realising that he had been duped, he complained to Bistupur Cyber Police, sources said.(W-at)

Monsoon becomes active, day-long showers hit Jamshedpur



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Jamshedpur, July 2: A dormant monsoon has hit the active button to shower its largesse on Kolhan. Widespread rainfall towards the end of last week and a downpour past Saturday midnight dragged down the deficit by seven notches, prompting sanguine weathermen to predict a narrower margin in the days to come.

Against a seasonal average of 516mm, the state has so far received 363mm. Rainfall activity gained momentum owing to low pressure over the north-east Bay of Bengal and Gangetic West Bengal, the impact of which was also felt in neighbouring states.

"The low-pressure trough over the Bay has helped revive the monsoon current in Jharkhand," confirmed an official of Meteorological Office. He added that the shower show would continue in the state for the next few days, as another low-pressure area was developing over the Bengal-Bangladesh border.

The axis of monsoon today passed through Varanasi, Bhagalpur, Berhampore, and Bankura and extended up to the north-east Bay of Bengal. Both Patna and the Regional Meteorological Centre have issued heavy rainfall warnings in isolated places. "Monsoon is now active in the state. The trough line is passing over Chakulia in East Singhbhum. "This coupled with the low pressure, is resulting in downpours," said the duty officer at the Alipore weather office.

Several parts of the state, including Jamshedpur and its adjoining areas, have experienced rain since Friday night. The local Met office in the Steel City recorded 20 mm today. The rainfall was continuous and resulted in waterlogging at several places. The rivers Subernarekha and Kharkai are once again in spate.

The impact of low pressure was felt in Dumka, Gumla, Dhanbad, Chatra and Lohardaga. Pakur, Hazaribagh, Seraikela-Kharsawan and West Singhbhum also witnessed a good spell. But, capital Ranchi had to taste disappointment with just 1mm, though the skies remained overcast throughout the day.

An activated monsoon helped Gumla and Lohardaga ditch the deficit list. While the former recorded a surplus of 11 per cent, the latter tiptoed on the gainer list with two per cent. Chatra remained on the top of the deficit list with 61 per cent. The other rain losers include Seraikela-Kharsawan (59), Koderma (56), Hazaribagh (53), Dumka (52), Giridih (48), Khunti (41), Dhanbad (37), Ranchi (27), Bokaro (21) and East Singhbhum (10). (W-pb)

Villagers demand opening of Ganjia Barrage Gate

Jamshedpur, July 2: The closure of Ganjia Barrage Gate has left 150 acres land of eight villages of Yashpur, Chamaru and Tentoposi Panchayats submerged.

The farmers have suffered loss of worth lakhs due to the water on the banks of the river. Angered by this, the villagers of Rajgaon demonstrated on Saturday.

They also gave ultimatum of 24 hours to open the gate. Villagers also warned of protesting before the barrage office if the gates are not opened within the stipulated time. Villagers told that all the gates of Ganjia barrage have been closed for long time but the problem of rising water level has arisen in the last three days. Due to the continuous increase in the water level the fields have submerged. (W-mb)



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Kadma : Rituals at Rankini Mandir

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Jamshedpur, July 2: Vipatarani Devi puja was celebrated with great fervor at Sri Sri Rankini Mandir on Kadma Main Road. Thousands of women had gathered in the Rankini temple on the occasion. Describing about the said Vipatarani Puja, General Secretary of Rankini Mandir, Janardan Pandey and President Dilip Das said that Vipatarani is the form of Goddess Durga. It is believed that worshiping Goddess Vipatrani, the form of Goddess Durga, does not bring any trouble or calamity on her devotees, by the grace of Goddess Vipatrani throughout the year. This worship is especially worshiped by the women of the Bengali community. Under which, after listening to the story of Mother Vipatrani, women tie red threads on their left hand and men on their right hand while fasting. On the said occasion, senior members of Rankini temple like Vice President Shri K.G. Govind, A.R.Day, P.K. Senior and junior members including Singh, Pandu ji, Deepak Vishwas, Sanjay, Subhash Kumar Singh, Manoj, Harbhajan Singh also contributed a lot, due to which the above worship was completed successfully on a large scale.



Death toll in Colombia prison riot fire rises to 53

Bogota, July 2 (IANS) The number of inmates who died after a fire broke out earlier this week during a prison riot in the Colombian town of Tulua has increased to 53, local health authorities said. A top health official said that a young inmate succumbed to his injuries on Friday in a medical centre in the neighbouring city of Cali, where other prisoners were also in intensive care units, reports Xinhua news agency. Minister of Justice Wilson Ruiz said on Tuesday that most of the fatalities were due to smoke inhalation after a fight between two inmates broke out and one of them lit a mattress on fire. The resulting blaze in the prison, which houses some 180 inmates, was brought under control by the Tulua fire department and the injured inmates were transferred to local health centres.

S.Korea issues nationwide heatwave alert

Seoul, July 2 (IANS) South Korea on Saturday issued the third-highest alert against a scorching heatwave on Saturday, 18 days earlier compared to last year.

The Ministry of the Interior and Safety issues the alert when the daily temperature ceiling in over 40 per cent of the country reaches 33 degrees Celsius or higher for at least three straight days, reports Yonhap News Agency.

Under the heat alert, the Ministry is looking at measures to support workers who are vulnerable to inclement weather, including construction workers, elderly farmers and senior single-person households.

6 protesters killed in Sudan demonstrations

Khartoum, July 2 (IANS) Police in Sudan announced that six protesters were killed during demonstrations that took place in the capital Khartoum and other cities.

According to a police statement issued late Friday, 96 policemen and 129 soldiers from the Sudanese Armed Forces were injured during Thursday's protests, reports Xinhua news agency. The police accused the protesters of attacking the regular forces and strategic locations and damaging vehicles. Meanwhile, the Central Committee of Sudanese Doctors, a non-government organisation, said nine protesters were killed during Thursday's protests.

Sudan has been suffering a political crisis after the general commander of the Sudanese Armed Forces Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan staged a coup on October 25, 2021 and dissolved the Sovereign Council and the government.

Since then, the capital and other cities have been witnessing continued protests demanding a return to civilian rule.

US announces $820mn in additional security assistance for Ukraine

Washington, July 2 (IANS) The US has announced $820 million in additional security assistance for Ukraine which includes advanced anti-aircraft and aerial defense systems as well as additional ammunition for advanced rocket systems, the Department of Defence (DOD) said in a statement. Totaling $820 million, the new weapons came in two parts, according to the statement issued on Friday.

Aid worth $50 million, of which additional ammunition for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems is a part, will be drawn from the presidential drawdown authority that authorizes President Joe Biden to directly tap into existing American weapons inventories. The remaining $770 million falls under the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, through which the US government contracts with arms manufacturers to make weapons for Ukraine.

In this part, the US will provide Ukraine with two National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems, 150,000 rounds of 155 mm artillery ammunition for the howitzers and four counter-artillery radars, the DOD said.

According to the Department, the US has now committed approximately $7.6 billion in security assistance to Ukraine since the beginning of the Biden administration in January 2021, including approximately $6.9 billion since Russia launched its ongoing invasion of Kiev on February 24.The US has committed more than $8.8 billion in security assistance to Ukraine since 2014.

Russian strikes in Odesa kill 21 people

Kiev, July 2 (IANS) Ukrainian authorities have confirmed that at least 21 people, including a child, were killed due to Russian missile strikes in the southern Odesa region. In a statement, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (DSNS) said 16 people were killed when one missile hit a nine-storey building in the village of Serhiyivka on Friday night, the BBC reported. A separate strike on a holiday resort in the same village led to five fatalities, including the 12-year-old child. According to the DSNS, 38 people, including six children, were also injured in the strikes, which Russia has again denied of firing.

Ukrainian officials claimed that three missiles were launched from Russian warplanes over the Black Sea, reports the BBC. Odesa regional administration spokesman Serhiy Bratchuk said Soviet-era X-22 missiles were believed to have been used. The city's mayor, Gennadiy Trukhanov, told the BBC that there were no military installations or radar stations near Serhiyivka, despite the Russian Defence Ministry insisting there were.

He added that the people of Odesa are now "living their lives in fear" of further Russian attacks. In response to the strikes, Andriy Yermak, President Volodymyr Zelensky's chief of staff, accused Russia of being a "terrorist country".

"In response to defeats on the battlefields, they (Russians) are waging a war on civilians," he said.

Ukrainian Prez, Norwegian PM discuss support for Kiev

Kiev, July 2 (IANS) Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky met with visiting Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store to discuss further support for Kiev, the presidential press service said. During the talks on Friday, Zelensky thanked Store for the defense, political and humanitarian support and for the decision to allocate 1 billion euros for Ukraine. For his part, The Norwegian Prime Minister said Norway will continue supporting Ukraine amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Xinhua news agency reported. At their talks, the two leaders also discussed further defense support for Kiev and Ukraine's post-conflict recovery. Store arrived in Kiev earlier on Friday.

Iran's FM says durable guarantees key to conclusion of nuclear talks

Tehran, July 2 (IANS) Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian has said that the negotiations to revive the Iranian nuclear deal can succeed if the US provides durable guarantees for Tehran's economic benefits. "America's realism and obtaining stable guarantees for Iran's full economic benefit from the agreement can make the outcome of the negotiations fruitful," he tweeted on Friday.

Amir-Abdollahian added that Ali Bagheri Kani, Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, in full coordination with him, "seriously continues to negotiate logically, reasonably and actively for the lifting of sanctions".

"We continue our efforts with strength and logic," he said.

Typhoon Chaba makes landfall in China

Beijing, July 2 (IANS) Chaba, the third typhoon of the year, made landfall in the coastal area of Maoming city in China's Guangdong province on Saturday.

According to the provincial meteorological department, Chaba will move northwest at a speed of 15 to 20 km per hour, pass through Maoming and enter Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Saturday night, reports Xinhua news agency.

Intense downpours and rainstorms are expected to lash the western part of the Pearl River Delta over the weekend, while the seas off Guangdong will experience strong gusts of up to about



160 km per hour, according to the meteorological forecast.

The provincial government has upgraded its emergency response level for typhoons to Level II, the second-highest, effective 8.30 a.m. Saturday.

Five killed, 49 injured as three quakes rock Iran

Tehran, July 2 (IANS) At least five people were killed and 49 others injured as three earthquakes measuring above 6 on the Richter scale jolted Iran's southern Hormuzgan province on Saturday, an emergency official said.

According to the official, the first 6.1-magnitude quake occurred at a depth of 10 km at 2.02 a.m., followed by two strong tremors of up to 6.3 magnitude a few hours later, reports Xinhua news agency.

Many aftershocks with a magnitude of above four have also been registered.

The earthquakes have damaged some houses in rural areas, destroyed a number of bridges and overpasses, and caused



landslides. Mojtaba Khaledi, a spokesman for the country's emergency services, said ambulances and helicopters have been sent to the quake-hit areas.

He noted that in some areas, power outages have occurred, which are being fixed.

The CEO of Hormuzgan Province's Red Crescent Society, Mokhtar Salahshour, said the rescue work has ended and that people have been given refuge in emergency shelters, adding tents and aid items have been distributed.

Inflation in Italy surges to highest level in 36 years

Rome, July 2 (IANS) Prices in Italy were 8 per cent higher in June than a year earlier, marking the highest one-month increase in prices in 36 years, the country's National Statistics Institute (ISTAT) said.

The year-on-year increase was far higher than in May, when prices rose 6.8 percent, a level that was itself the highest one-month increase since Italy adopted the euro currency in 1999, Xinhua news agency quoted the ISTAT as saying in a report.But the last time prices rose as much in one month as in June was in January 1986, when Italy still used the now-defunct lira as its national currency.



On a month-to-month basis, prices in June were 1.2-per cent higher than in May, the institute said.

ISTAT said prices were victims of "widespread inflationary tensions" led by energy prices, which were 48.7 per cent higher in June than a year earlier. That is higher than the 42.6 per cent increase between May 2021 and May 2022.

The main factor pushing energy prices higher is the Russia-Ukraine war.

Higher energy prices have also pushed prices higher for processed food (8.2 per cent higher in June), non-processed food (9.6 per cent higher), recreational and personal care services (up 5.0 per cent), transport (7.2 per cent higher), and general services (up 3.4 per cent), since all those areas rely heavily on energy use.

Other factors, such as the unusually hot and dry summer in Italy, are seen as reducing domestic agricultural output by as much as a third this year.

But those developments are too recent to be fully reflected in the June inflation figure.

Turkey increases minimum wage amid soaring inflation, currency volatility

Ankara, July 2 (IANS) Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced that the country's minimum wage would be hiked up in the face of soaring inflation and volatile currency rates.



"The minimum wage will be 5,500 Turkish liras ($328) with an interim increase of 30 percent, effective immediately starting on July 1," Erdogan said.

At the beginning of this year, the government increased the monthly minimum wage by 50 per cent to alleviate the financial burden on workers, reports Xinhua news agency.

Turkey has long been struggling against ever-increasing inflation.

In June, the total losses of the Turkish lira against the US dollar amounted to almost 100 per cent in one year.

Erdogan has long been focusing on a low-interest policy to increase exports and production for a stabilised lira, asking for patience from his voters.

Czech Republic assumes 6-month EU Council presidency

Prague, July 2 (IANS) The Czech Republic has assumed the helm of the six-month rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) from France.

The presidency was launched with a joint meeting of the Czech government and the European Commission, headed by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in the eastern Czech town of Litomysl, reports Xinhua news agency.

In a tweet following the meeting, Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala said his government had discussed with the European Commission the current problems that concern the EU and Czech citizens.

"One of the main tasks lying ahead of us is the energy self-sufficiency of the EU. If we act unitedly, we have a chance to solve the current crisis," he said.

Von der Leyen said a lot of work lay ahead for the Czech presidency,



including energy security, climate protection, economic recovery and digitalization.

"I'm sure we will make good progress on strengthening our energy security while delivering on our climate goals; combining investment and reforms for a robust economy; and deepening our global partnerships," she tweeted.

The Czech Republic joined the EU in 2004, and assumed its first EU Council Presidency in 2009.

This year, the country has said that its priorities during its presidency will be the refugee crisis and aid to Ukraine, energy security, defence reinforcement and resilience of the European economy.

During a visit to the Czech Republic on Thursday, European Council President Charles Michel said the Czech presidency comes at a "turning point" for Europe.

"Never has our Union faced such great challenges," he said, adding that an informal EU summit will be held in Prague on October 6-7.

Protesters storm Libyan Parliament

Tripoli, July 2 (IANS) Anti-government protesters have stormed the Libyan Parliament in the city of Tobruk as demonstrations took place across the country, including the capital Tripoli, against an ongoing political deadlock, continued power cuts, and rising price.

A BBC report said that the protesters on Friday also set fire to part of the building as images posted online showed thick columns of smoke.

Meanwhile, the protesters in Tripoli called for fresh elections and their



demand was backed by the head of the interim unity government, Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, who said all the country's institutions needed to be changed.

The unrest came a day after UN-brokered talks in Geneva aimed at paving the way for a ballot ended with little progress.

Libya was expected to hold presidential elections on December 24, 2021.

However, the elections, part of a roadmap adopted by the UN-sponsored Libyan Political Dialogue Forum to regain stability in the country following years of political division and insecurity, were postponed indefinitely due to technical and legal issues.

Libya has witnessed escalating violence and instability ever since the fall of the late leader Muammar Gaddafi's regime in 2011.

B'desh's Awami League sacks leader for humiliating college principal

Dhaka, July 2 (IANS) Bangladesh's ruling party, Awami League has sacked a local leader after he humiliated the principal of a college in Narail.

A video of the incident on June 18 showed locals and students putting a garland of shoes around the neck of Swapan Kumar Biswas, the acting principal of Mirzapur United Degree College, in the presence of police, accusing him of "belittling Islam" for his alleged attempt to save a Hindu student from Islamists.The suspension of the Awami League leader, Akter Hossain Tinku, who is also a teacher at the college, came after he was seen in the video.Akter was president of Bichhali Union Council Unit of the party.Meanwhile, education authorities in Narail have banned students from using mobile phones in schools, colleges and madrasas after the incident.

On Friday, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal announced that the government would ensure proper investigation into the incident.

Following the incident, the principal and the student were taken to to the police station.

However, police said the principal was not detained.

The Bangladesh Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education has formed a committee to investigate the incident amid protests across the country.

Swapan has not been staying at home since the incident. His wife said he went into hiding because he was feeling insecure.

German govt lowers 2023 national budget

Berlin, July 2 (IANS) The German government has approved the national budget for 2023, with projected revenues and expenditures of around 445 billion euros ($463 billion), 10 per cent less than in 2022.

Since Europe's largest economy is scrambling to return to a balanced budget, for the first time since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the new budget is to be in line with the country's so-called debt brake, reports Xinhua news agency.

After taking on new debts of almost 140 billion euros this year, Germany's national budget for 2023 only provides for 17 billion euros in new debt.

Adherence to the debt brake, which requires a balanced budget and was first activated under former Chancellor Angela Merkel back in 2009, is of "great importance", Minister of Finance Christian Lindner said on Friday while presenting the federal budget.

"Anyone who incurs permanently high debts will at some point have to turn the tax screw to serve old



debts, and in the end that is nothing other than strangulation of our entire economy," he added.

Germany is seeking to further reduce new borrowing in the coming years. From 2024 to 2026, the government only wants to take on debt of between 12.3 and 13.8 billion euros each year.

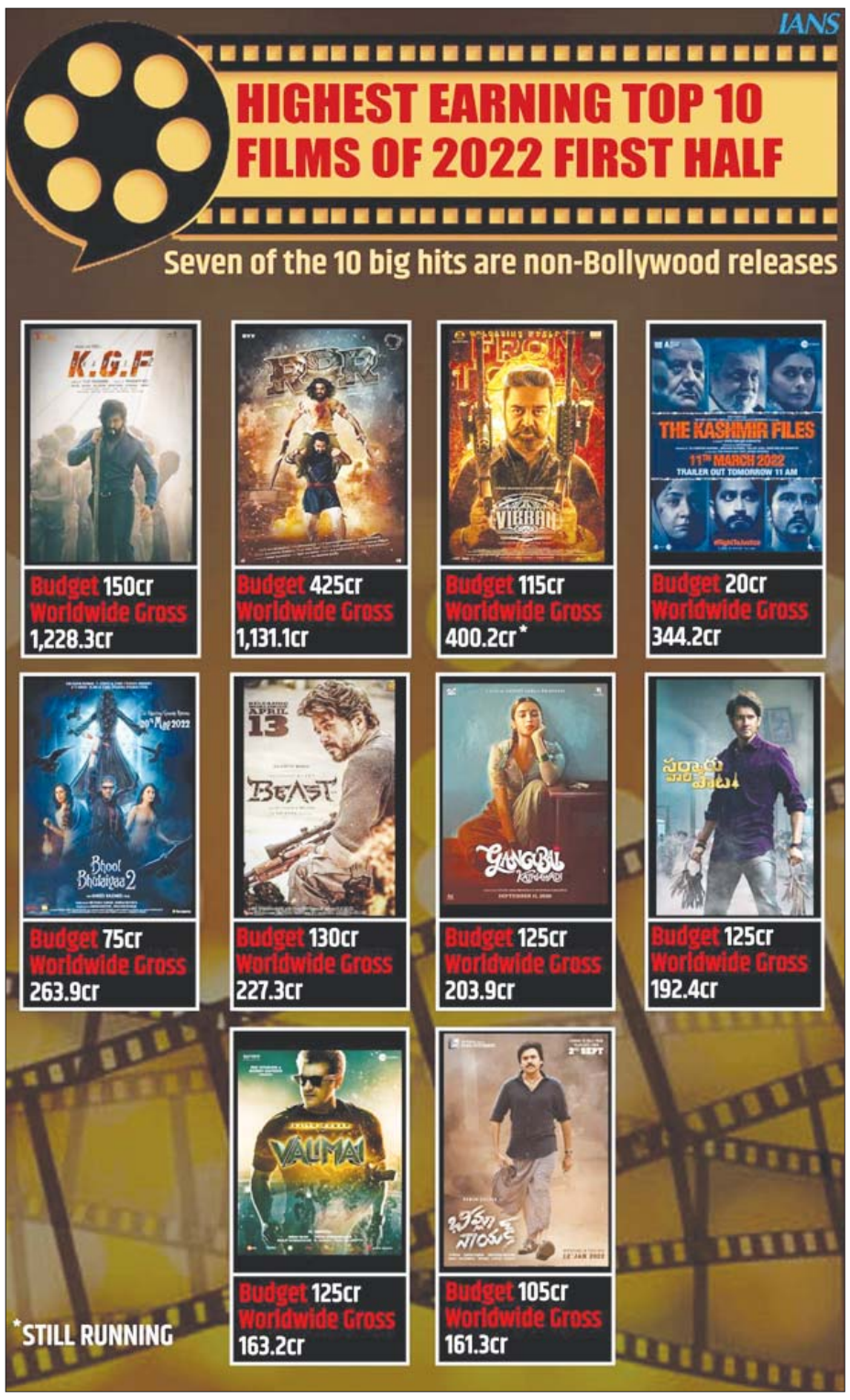
In the first quarter of 2022, Germany's public debt fell by 992 million euros compared to the previous quarter, according to the Federal Statistical Office (Destatis).

Mostly due to "actions taken to address the Covid-19 pandemic", public debt had previously grown to 2.32 trillion euros.

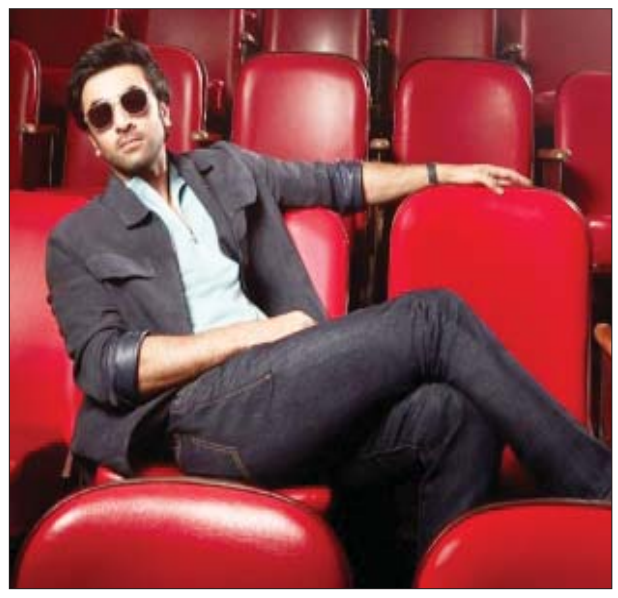
The larger budget this year also included a supplementary budget of around 40 billion euros for "measures directly related to the consequences" of the Russia-Ukraine war, the Federal Ministry of Finance said.

In addition to the ongoing pandemic, Germany's 2023 budget will continue to be shaped by the "burdening factor" of the conflict, the government said.

Consequently, the budget will provide 5 billion euros for "global crisis prevention".



Ranbir's big dream: To play villain once in his lifetime



Mumbai, July 2 (IANS) Bollywood star Ranbir Kapoor, who is set to return to the silver screen four years after his last outing 'Sanju' with the upcoming period actioner 'Shamshera', harbours the dream of essaying a negative character.

The actor expressed his wish to do so and spoke about his love for the bad boys of Hindi cinema, the towering villains who make the hero bigger, in the third episode of 'RK Tapes', a special promotional video series.

The actor listed out some of his favourite on-screen villains -- the iconic Amjad Khan as Gabbar Singh in 'Sholay', Amrish Puri as Mogambo in 'Mr. India', Sanjay Dutt as Kancha Cheena in 'Agneepath', Ranveer Singh as Alauddin Khilji in 'Padmaavat' and Shah Rukh Khan in 'Darr'.

"We invariably side with the hero," Ranbir said in the video. "But if there was no villain for the hero to show his heroism, how would a hero be a hero? I have a dream that once I will do a negative role and people will tell their kids 'so jaa, so jaa nahi toh Ranbir aa jayega'!"

He added: "As our cinema evolves, the villain's character too is becoming more and more complex and interesting. I'm looking forward to the bad guys we are yet to watch, to the actors who will scare us out of our seats and to the villains that will redefine evil."

'Shamshera', which also stars Vaani Kapoor and Sanjay Dutt, has been directed by Karan Malhotra and has been produced by Aditya Chopra under the banner of YRF.

The trilingual film is arriving in cinemas on July 22 in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

Manjari Fadnnis on how OTT has changed her career and 'Miya Biwi Aur Murder'



Mumbai, July 2 (IANS) After two of her recently released shows 'Masoom' and 'Miya Biwi Aur Murder' (MBM), which have given her a chance to prove her versatility as an actress and earning her appreciation for her work, Manjari Fadnnis says that, finally, she is feeling satisfied as an artiste.

Making her Bollywood debut with the film 'Jaane Tu Yaa Jane Naa' in 2008, the actress said that post the success of the film, she was getting typecast for the longest time and never got a real opportunity to grow with her craft.

In conversation with IANS, Manjari said, "I was facing a certain kind of typecasting by most of the casting directors. I was always offered sweet, girl-next-door characters, girlfriend of a rich boy etc. I am always told that I give a vibe on-screen with my smile, good looks, and so on.

"But my point was, if it is about my look, a makeup artist can change it. I am an actress so I need the chance to prove my skill. I always wanted to act as some character that is intense or quite opposite of who I am in real life. I was feeling so suffocated for the longest time."

Though in between she kept working in Hindi, Marathi and South India films, according to Manjari, it started changing from 2019 when she signed up for the web film 'Barot House'.

She said: "That film and our director Bugs Bhargava changed the game for me and of course, I am thankful for that. But I also mentioned that it is because of OTT shows and films that actors like us are finally getting our due. Whether it is me, Pratik (Gandhi), Amit (Sadh) who are in the industry from a young age but mostly got sidelined in mainstream Bollywood. Now things are good with us."

While her performance in 'Masoom' starring Boman Irani and Samara Tijori in the lead was quite intense, her character in 'MBM' was just the opposite.

In MBM, which is a comedy show, she plays a housewife named Priya who does not get attention from her police officer husband and goes for a Tinder date with another guy.

A murder takes place and as bizarre as it may sound, Priya and her husband try to solve the murder, connecting the dots by taking references from the television show 'CID', which Priya used to watch in repeat telecasts while sitting idle at home.

Manjari said, "Yes, it was a bizarre comedy and everything about the character is crazy and it was a laugh riot. I got the script just after the first lockdown back in 2020. We all were going through a tough time then so, it was like comic relief in our real lives too, while shooting."

'Miya Biwi aur Murder' features Rushad Rana, Ashmita Bakshi and Prasad Khandekar. It is streaming on MX Player.

Health

CoVarScan-a rapid Covid test that may help identify variants in hours



New York, July 2 (IANS) A team of researchers has developed a rapid Covid-19 test that might help in identifying different variants of the SARS-CoV-2 in just hours.

After developing CoVarScan, a rapid Covid-19 test that detects the signatures of eight hotspots on the SARS-CoV-2 virus, last year, the team now tested that on more than 4,000 patients' samples. The researchers reported that their test is as accurate as other methods used to diagnose Covid and can successfully differentiate between all current variants of SARS-CoV-2. "Using this test, we can determine very quickly what variants are in the community and if a new variant is emerging," said researcher Jeffrey SoRelle from the University of Texas Southwestern in the US.

"It also has implications for individual patients when we are dealing with variants that respond differently to treatments," SoRelle added. Compared to whole-genome sequencing, CoVarScan had 96 per cent sensitivity and 99 per cent specificity, the researchers said, in a study, published in the journal Clinical Chemistry. It identified and differentiated Delta, Mu, Lambda, and Omicron variants of Covid-19, including the BA.2 version of Omicron, once known as "stealth Omicron" because it did not show up on some tests designed to detect only the Omicron strain. While several other tests for Covid-19 exist, they generally detect either a fragment of SARS-CoV-2 genetic material or small molecules found on the surface of the virus and don't provide information to identify the variant. In addition, many researchers worry that these tests aren't accurate in detecting some variants -- or may miss future strains. To determine which variant of Covid-19 a patient has, scientists typically must use whole-genome sequencing, which is time-consuming and expensive, relying on sophisticated equipment and analysis to spell out the entire RNA sequence contained in the viruses, the team said. In early 2021, SoRelle and his team wanted to track how well current tests were detecting emerging variants of SARS-CoV-2. But they realised that sequencing a lot of specimens would not be timely or cost-effective, so they designed their own test. "A common critique of this kind of test is that it requires constant adjustment for new variants, but CoVarScan has not needed any adjustment in more than a year; it is still performing very well," said SoRelle. "In the future, if we did need to adjust it, we could easily add as many as 20 or 30 additional hotspots to the test," he added.

Science

'Cost of alternatives will come down as cheaper plastic items go out of circulation'

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) As the ban on identified single use plastic (SUP) items kicked in, the Environment Ministry on Friday said that it hoped the cost of alternative products shall come down as these cheaper plastic items are phased down completely.Admitting that the alternatives (to plastic) are generally more expensive than SUP, the Ministry said, plastic is a commonly available product and petro-based plastic products are comparatively cheaper."The alternatives may be more expensive as long as the SUP items exist in the market. With the ban coming into effect, the scale of production of alternatives will go up and their cost will come down," a top official from the Ministry said.Asked if the government is planning to support or incentivize industry shifting to alternatives (Incubator support), pat came the answer that to encourage, the transition from manufacturing of banned SUP items, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) is providing support to enterprises under various schemes of the Ministry.

As to the progress in development of standards for biodegradable plastics, the Ministry official said, a tentative/ provisional Indian Standard has been notified by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for the assessment of biodegradability of plastics in varied conditions.As reported by IANS on the day it was published, i.e. on June 17, the notification by the BIS, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, will help manufacturers of products to determine ultimate aerobic biodegradability of plastic materials and thereby enable them to replace their existing practices for upgraded standards.

Arjun Kapoor opens up on his 'Ek Villain 2' transformation



Mumbai, July 2 (IANS) Bollywood actor Arjun Kapoor, who will be seen soon in the upcoming film 'Ek Villain 2', recently spoke about his physical transformation for the part, which the trailer of the film exhibits in full glory. The actor battled obesity and won over it and looks fitter than ever waiting to go all guns blazing.

Talking about the same, the actor said, "I'm thrilled with the love that I have got for 'Ek Villain 2' trailer. Honestly, it has been a long road for me to ensure that I achieve a transformation that I'm proud of. It has been a real struggle because of my health issues but I thank everyone for their encouragement.

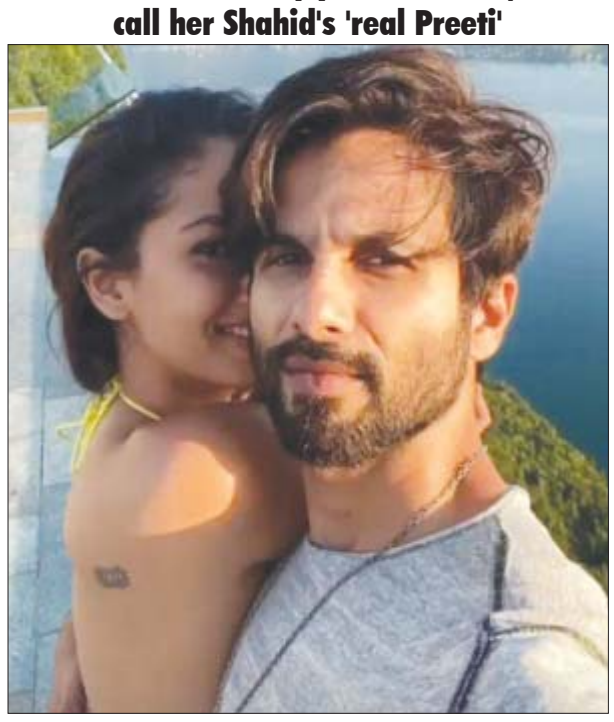
"I'm proud of myself for staying put, for putting in the long hours at the gym, for eating right every day and for having the mental strength to put my health as a priority."

In the scene, he is seen saying, "Maar De Par Mein Uthta Rahunga Akhri Saans Tak". People have drawn parallel to Arjun's real life where trolls have constantly tried to put him down but he has always found the strength to come back stronger!

He added, "It has not been easy but the journey seems sweeter today after seeing the lovely reactions. I understand that everyone criticised me at one time. They didn't know what I was going through. I didn't reveal too. But their feedback motivated me to bounce back.

"So, to everyone who trolled me, who criticised me, who hated me, I say thank you. The energy you gave me, I used it to transform myself. I will always be a work in progress and I'm proud that I will keep at it and keep coming back for more," he added.'Ek Villain 2' also stars John Abraham and Disha Patani in key roles. Meanwhile on the work front, Arjun has an interesting mix of films lined up for the year.Apart from 'Ek Villain 2', the actor will also be seen in Aasman Bhardwaj's 'Kuttey' and Ajay Bahl's 'The Ladykiller'.

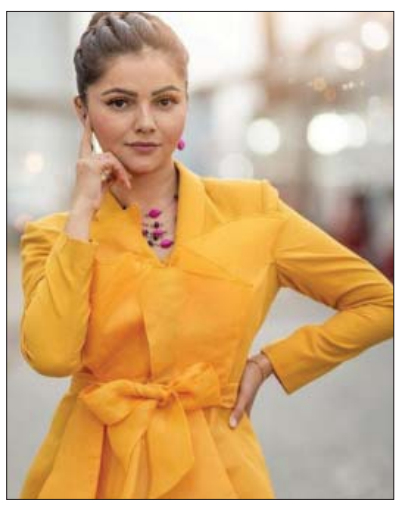
Shahid shares vacay pics with Mira, fans call her Shahid's 'real Preeti'



Mumbai, July 2 (IANS) 'Kabir Singh' star Shahid Kapoor is currently on a vacation with his wife Mira Rajput and their kids, Misha and Zain, in Switzerland.

The actor recently took to his social media to share a few romantic pictures with Mira from their picturesque vacation. Taking to the stories section of his Instagram, Shahid shared a picture with Mira who was in a backless yellow dress. He had his hand around her waist as she looked away from the camera. He also shared a picture with Mira, on his feed. It showed Mira with her head on his shoulder. The mountain range can be seen in the background in blue as the sun shines on them. A fan commented on his post, "What a fabulous both you looking (sic)." Another wrote, "So cute." A fan even wrote, "Kabir Singh ki asli Preeti." Many also blessed the couple in the comments section. Meanwhile, on the work front, Sahid will be soon making his OTT debut with his series 'Farzi', which also stars the 'Super Deluxe' star Vijay Sethupathi, Raashi Khanna, Kay Kay Menon, Regina Cassandra, Zakir Hussain, Bhuvan Arora, Amol Palekar, and Kubbra Sait. Shahid is also working with director Ali Abbas Zafar on an action-entertainer film.

Rubina Dilaik opens up on dangers of doing stunts on 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 12'



New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) The well-known TV actress Rubina Dilaik shares her experience of being part of 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 12' and the reason to say 'yes' to the show.

She says: "Initially more than excitement, there was nervousness. Maybe I sound foolish but when I was going to do 'Bigg Boss', I had not seen that show and similarly, I had never followed this show. But as I am doing stunts, slowly I am understanding its format."

On the question why she said, 'yes', she replies: "I did not have a daily soap running at this point in time. So, I said yes. And of course this is one of the biggest reality shows that Indian television has, and being a part of it is definitely important and honourable for an artist."

While sharing about the most challenging stunt that she performed on the show, Rubina adds: "The most challenging one was to perform a stunt in freezing cold. At night the temperature here is 3 or 4 degrees celsius and to do some activity or stunt in ice at that time is really tough."

Rubina, who has been part of 'Bigg Boss', also finds 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' more challenging.

As she says: "It is way more challenging. As here the challenge is not how you can balance but more than that it involves a lot of physical strength and in past three or four stunts I had been bruised badly, so that adds more to the challenge I am facing."

On how she prepared herself for the show, physically and emotionally, the 'Chotti Bahu' actress shares: "I believe there is nothing to as such prepare physically because what physical strength we've been working on for over years now is what is going to be tested here. So nothing specific. But yes emotionally and mentally I've been trying to keep myself focused and balanced as much as I can."

A Maharashtrian in Purani Dilli: Amruta Subhash on shooting for 'Saas Bahu Achaar Pvt. Ltd.'

Mumbai, July 2 (IANS) Marathi and Bollywood actress Amruta Subhash, who is currently awaiting the release of her upcoming OTT series ?Saas Bahu Achaar Pvt. Ltd., recently shared the set of challenges that she encountered during the making of the series.

The biggest challenge, according to Amruta, was to walk the tightrope of the dialect.

"Up till now, I was offered roles that were mostly Maharashtrian characters," she said, adding, "But Suman belongs to Old Delhi, so I had to have the Purani Dilli way of speaking. I am grateful to my dialect coach, Pratik Shrivastav. He trained me in this dialect. Purani Dilli has a different kind of Hindi."

Recalling her days shooting in Purani Dilli, Amrutha said: "My Hindi has a Marathi tone, so whenever that came up, Pratik would at once say, ?Bhai tu Maharashtra gayi hain, usko Dilli lekar aa'. Another challenging part of shooting was ?Dilli ki thand'. The production team took good care of us, but I am very sensitive to cold."

The actress also faced physical challenges as she had to traverse the complicated lanes of old Delhi on a bicycle.

"Another challenge was that I had to ride a men's bicycle through Purani Delhi's narrow lanes.



Driving in Purani Dilli lanes is more difficult than driving anywhere else. But it was great fun and the shots have come out beautifully."

She also shared that for her, the best part was that the script was shared with her and not narrated.

"I always feel safe when this happens as when an actor is given the complete script, it is easier to decide. Once I started reading the script, I was transported to Suman's world.

"It was great to go through the journey of Suman Shrivastav and see her graph move from vulnerability towards strength and confidence. The best part about the script was that even if Suman was lonely and divorced, she was not sad," she said.

Amrutha concluded by pointing out: "Even director Apoorv kept on telling me ?I want her struggle to be attractive. I want people to say look at the way she is struggling, even I want that struggle' because normally what happens is that we keep ourselves away from struggles as we keep saying ?oh god,< give me a simple life'. 'I don't want struggles in life'. But when you go through it, you be like ?oh my god! this struggle is so attractive' and that is what I came across when I was reading the script."

?Saas Bahu Achaar Pvt. Ltd.' will stream on ZEE5 from July 8.

Large borrowers' loan accounts and bad loans decline : RBI

Chennai, July 2 (IANS) The share of large borrowers for scheduled commercial banks (SCB) has declined in the recent times while their share in the gross non-performing assets (GNPA) also went down, said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

According to the RBI's Financial Stability Report, June 22, the share of large borrowers, those having aggregate fund and non-fund based exposure of Rs 5 crore and above, has been declining in the recent years.

This indicates the reduction in credit concentration and diversification of borrowers.

Their share in total GNPA of SCBs moderated marginally to 62.3 per cent during second half of 2021-22 and remained well below its level in September 2020 (75.6 per cent).

The GNPA ratio of large borrowers has been



declining over the last two years to reach 7.7 per cent in March 2022, the RBI said.

As industrial activity revived during the second half of the year, the share of top 100 large borrowers in SCBs' total loan books as well as in SCBs' GNPA increased.

These borrowers accounted for 17.1 per cent of SCBs' total credit and 6.9 per cent of their GNPA, the RBI report said.

According to the report, the asset quality of SCBs continued to improve through the year, with GNPA ratio declining from 7.4 per cent in March 2021 to a six-year low of 5.9 per cent in March 2022.

The Net non-performing assets (NNPA) ratio also fell by 70 bps during 2021-22 and stood at 1.7 per cent at the year-end. The slippage ratio, measuring new accretions to NPAs as a share of standard advances at the beginning of the period, declined across bank groups during 2021-22.

The write-off ratio declined for the second successive year to 20 per cent in 2021-22.

IRDAI sets Rs 11.73L cr premium target for non-life insurance industry by FY27

Chennai, July 2 (IANS) Ever heard of a sectoral regulator giving targets for the industry as a whole and also for the individual players?

Well, it happened in the insurance sector with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) Chairman Debasish Panda, at his meeting with the heads of non-life and reinsurance companies at Hyderabad on Friday.

"The IRDAI is now looking at the market developmental role. All these years, the Authority was carrying out the regulatory role," a senior industry official told IANS preferring anonymity.

Pointing out the low penetration of the non-life sector in the country - about 1 per cent- two decades after opening up the sector, Panda said the global average of insurance penetration is 4.16 per cent.

He said the target penetration rate is 2.52 per cent by FY27 and it means the Indian non-life sector would grow from Rs 2.20 lakh crore premium from FY22 to a whopping Rs 11.73 lakh crore by FY27.

Panda also listed out the target for all the non-life insurance companies.

At the meeting Panda sounded like a consultant or a CEO of an insurance company but certainly not like a sectoral regulator.

Target the low hanging fruits, he told the insurers and also cited a couple of low hanging ones.

For instance, he said the balance in the 45



crore Jan Dhan accounts - that started with zero balance some years back- is now about Rs 1.5 lakh crore.

Similarly, the central government gives Rs 6,000 per annum to small and marginal farmers.

Asking the industry to chalk out strategies to tap these segments which in turn would increase insurance penetration amongst the rural segments, Panda said there should be an information technology interface between the insurers and the bankers.

The regulator also said, once the software interface between the two organisations is there, then the certificate of insurance could be sent to the policyholders.

He said nominees of many policyholders who had died of Covid were not aware of the insurance policy taken by the deceased from the banks.

Panda said the IRDAI will involve itself in sorting out the regulatory issues by taking up the matter with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) if need be.

The IRDAI Chairman also told the industry captains that the Authority is on mission mode on the following:

-developing and implementing risk based supervisory with a knowledge partner;

-establish framework for risk based capital in two to two-and-half years time;

-strategies for implementing applicable IFRS/Ind AS accounting standards;

-developing an ecosystem for InsureTech and

-strengthening the policyholder grievance redressal mechanism and naming it as Bima Bharosa.

Panda also said onboarding of new players will be made easy with a 'no objection certificate' from IRDAI to go to the Registrar of Companies to incorporate the company will be automatic.

He said a two member facilitation cell at IRDAI will be formed. The cell will handhold the investors.

The IRDAI Chairman also said a new intermediary channel 'Bima Vahak', a community centric one will be formed. The channel will be women centric and technology enabled.

Toyota launches 'The Urban Cruiser Hyryder'

New Delhi/ Jamshedpur : Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today unveiled the new Urban Cruiser Hyryder, Toyota's first Self-charging Strong Hybrid Electric SUV and the first of its kind, in the B SUV segment in India.As one of Toyota's sustainable mobilityofferings, the Urban Cruiser Hyryderinherits Toyota's global SUV lineage with its bold and sophisticated styling and advanced tech features, making it a perfect choice in the segment.

Based on theAdvanced Body Structure, the Urban Cruiser Hyryder has been designed for a greener future,deliveringa unique combination of exemplary dynamic performance, best in class fuel economy, quick acceleration, lower emissions,and a smooth drive.

Present at theoccasionof its unveilingin New Delhi, Mr. Vikram Kirloskar- Vice Chairman, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "Toyotahas always been guided by the strong commitment to build a sustainable community, living in harmony with nature.One of our key focuses is to shift towards low-carbon energy sources and provide practical and sustainable mobility solutions, in support of various ambitious national goals"

Ola Electric slips to 4th spot as EV registrations fall amid fire fears

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) As customers delay purchasing electric two-wheelers amid fire incidents, Ola Electric again saw its registration dipping in the month of June, taking the company to fourth place in the overall category.

Bhavish Aggarwal-run Ola Electric saw 5,869 electric scooters' registrations (as of June 30), according to the VAHAN data.

The June tally for EV two-wheelers was led by Okinawa Autotech, at 6,976 vehicles, followed by Ampere Vehicles Pvt Ltd at 6,534.

Hero Electric came third with 6,486 EV 2-W registrations across the country.

Ather Energy moved up from May to reach 3,797 vehicles, along with Revolt that saw a big leap in registrations to reach 2,419 vehicles for June.

Ola Electric was the top EV player in the country in April and since then, it has seen its position sliding continuously.

Ola's registration numbers fell by more than 30 per cent on June 30, compared to May 30.

Okinawa had sold 9,302 electric scooters in May and Ola Electric delivered 9,225 units of the S1 Pro electric scooter.

According to Ola Electric, they were prepared to see the impact of supply chain constraints, especially on cell shortage in June.

"We calibrated our business priority for the month to focus on bettering our customer service and brought our TAT (turnaround time) to within 48 hours. Come July, we are confident that supply chain issues will start fading out and our strong order book will be fulfilled," the company said in a statement.

However, industry experts feel that the continuous fall in the EV 2-W registrations number is owing to the fear the new buyers have around them amid rising fire episodes, battery explosions and government probes that have found fault with batteries.

An expert committee set up by the Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry has found safety system flaws in batteries of electric two-wheelers.

The electric two-wheeler manufacturers took shortcuts in order to bump up the production and meet the growing demand rather than looking into ensuring safety for the riders, according to the initial report.

The expert committee found that the EV manufacturers offered no mechanism to identify overheating of cells and isolate failed battery cells.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), which was earlier tasked with investigating electric two-wheeler fire incidents by the Road Transport and Highways Ministry, also found serious defects in the EV two-wheeler batteries.

These defects occurred because the electric two-wheeler manufacturers like Okinawa Autotech, Pure EV, Jitendra Electric Vehicles, Ola Electric and Boom Motors may have used "lower-grade materials to cut costs", the DRDO probe had revealed.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has now issued new performance standards for lithium-ion batteries to safeguard the consumers amid the rising EV fire episodes in the country.

BYJU's says will file FY21 results by July 15, denies reports on Deloitte

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) Edtech giant BYJU's on Saturday denied reports that its auditor Deloitte is yet to sign off its 2020-21 (FY21) financial results, saying that the company will file the financial results by July 15.

In a statement to IANS, BYJU's which was last valued at $22 billion "strongly denied" the reports.

"We strongly deny the allegations about Deloitte not signing our results. Our FY21 results will be out by July 15," a company spokesperson said.

Earlier reports said last month that BYJU's auditor Deloitte hasn't yet signed off on its 2021 financials and "its reticence comes from the lending and accounting decisions that BYJU's has made".

BYJU's then said that it has completed the consolidation of businesses, a process that was on for some time, and will be filing its financial results soon.

The edtech unicorn made at least 10 acquisitions for a cumulative transaction value of about $2.5 billion last year.

Multiple acquisitions were made in FY21 and each of these acquisitions had a different accounting style and year, according to the company.

BYJU's said that all business practices, from student success to governance and accounting standards, have been in operation for the last six years, have been audited by Deloitte and records are submitted to all relevant



authorities over these years.

The company also said that the acquisition process of Aakash Educational Services is on track and is expected to be completed by August.

BYJU's acquired Delhi-based offline test preparatory services provider Aakash for $1 billion last year.

A company spokesperson had told IANS that the acquisition of "Aakash is fully on track and all payments are expected to be completed by the agreed upon date, i.e., August 2022".

"Aakash is our most successful acquisition till date and we are very proud to have them in our fold," the spokesperson added.

So far, BYJU's has raised over $6 billion in funding, with its Founder and CEO Byju Raveendran infusing $400 million from his own pocket, during the latest $800 million funding round at a valuation of $22 billion in March.

BYJUs is also aiming to file an IPO in the US through the SPAC route.

The edtech company is in for a big change with Raveendran set to focus his energies on global operations, especially in the US, as the Indian online edtech market shrinks considerably with schools, colleges and tuition centres reopening.

The company is also reportedly in talks to raise another $1 billion as it expands globally.

According to reports, BYJU's is eyeing Nasdaq-listed edtech company, 2U, for nearly $1 billion at $15 a share.

'Enhanced cooperation between India, B'desh will make S Asia hub for apparel innovations

Bengaluru, July 2 (IANS) Enhanced cooperation between India and Bangladesh can go a long way in strengthening their position in the apparel industry and making South Asia the hub for apparel and textile innovations, Bangladesh's High Commissioner H.E Muhammad Imran said here on Saturday.

"Efforts are being made to boost cooperation between the two countries, and am confident that the Apparel Sourcing Week (ASW) 2022 will play a key role in this," he said.The ASW 2022, Asia's premier sourcing show for the apparel industry, has been held successfully in Bengaluru with new opportunities and avenues to strengthen India-Bangladesh collaboration and bilateral trade and make Asia the global Apparel Sourcing Hub.Organised by Apparel Resources, ASW is taking place in Bengaluru with an overwhelming response from all partners.

Some of the topics to be covered on Saturday of ASW 2022 include Mitigating Risks in Sourcing, D2C Opportunities for Fashion, among other panel discussions and industry sessions.

Bangladesh's High Commissioner to India Muhammad Imran, Shelley Salehin, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Chennai, and Faruque Hassan, President, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), were the guests of honour at the inauguration held on Friday.

ASW 2022 features an expanded line-up of manufacturers from leading apparel hubs from across the globe including India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh who are showcasing their manufacturing prowess to established and emerging brands.

Major Asian economies including India, Japan and China are making Bangladesh their sourcing destination for garment items. In fiscal 2020-21, Bangladesh exported garment items worth 421.86 million to India, which was $420.73 million in fiscal 2019-20, according to an official statement.ASW 2022 also endeavours to take India-Bangladesh collaboration in the industry to the next level by building on the existing and potential synergies between the two countries.

T.Raja Kumar takes over as FATF chief

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) T. Raja Kumar of Singapore has been appointed as the president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the anti-money laundering watchdog.

Kumar has replaced Marcus Pleyer who was holding the post till now, and will discharge his service for next two years.

"Raja Kumar starts as FATF President today. He will focus on enhancing the effectiveness of global anti-money laundering & counter-terrorist financing measures, improving asset recovery and other initiatives," FATF tweeted while making the announcement on Friday.

Kumar has been working against global terror financing for quite a long time.

Soon after taking over the charge, Kumar presented his objectives for the coming Plenary period (July 2022 -June 2024) to strength the FATF.

"During the Singapore Plenary years, the FATF will prioritise work in strengthening Asset Recovery, countering Illicit Finance of cyber-enabled crime, increasing Effectiveness of Global AML Measures, Reinforcing FATF Partnerships with FSRBs. During the Singapore Presidency, the FATF will continue its core work of



identifying and analysing money laundering and terrorist financing methods and trends, developing and refining the FATF Standards, and evaluating and supporting the assessments of countries within the Global Network," Kumar said.

Raja Kumar holds an LLB (Hons) degree from the National University of Singapore and a Master's degree in Philosophy (Criminology and Law) from the University of Cambridge. Kumar also attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in 2006.

Kumar had been assisting the Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore and the Singapore Police Force for over 35 years.

Kharif 2022: Rice, oil seeds sowing less, pulses, coarse cereals more over 2021

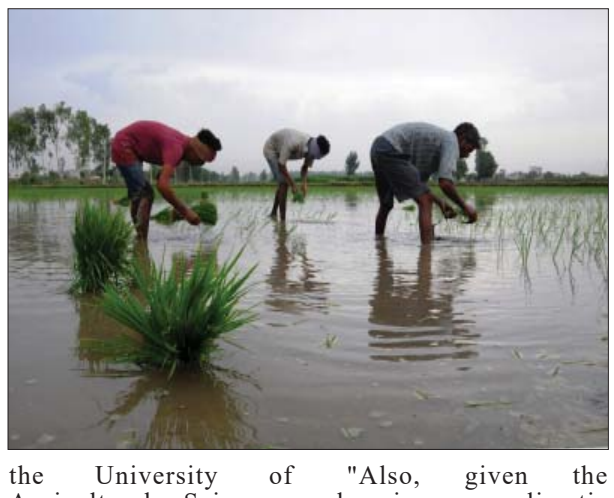
New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) As large parts of central and northwest India witnessed delayed monsoon, sowing for Kharif season's mainstay rice and oil seeds has decreased compared to last year, even as that for pulses and coarse cereals has increased, even if slightly, government data showed on Friday.

Kharif sowing has taken place over a total of 278.72 lakh hectares (ha), 15.70 lakh ha less compared to 294.42 lakh ha last year this time, a dip of 5.33 per cent. The Southwest Monsoon has had slow progress over central and south peninsular India and after a small hiatus, was active earlier this week. As of Friday, except for some parts of Rajasthan, it has covered the rest of the country.

But it is not just this year - several areas are witnessing delayed monsoon rains for a longer time now. "Rainfall has been delayed regularly for the last decade or so. (Therefore), we have seen that farmers in our belt start sowing only by June end or July first week," said N.S. Tomar, Joint Director, Gwalior division in Madhya Pradesh Agriculture Department.

"For paddy, the nurseries are done while for bajra, maize, and jowar, the sowing has started only now," he said, adding that the state has seen an increase in paddy, maize, and jowar this year.

T.N. Prakash Kammardi, former Professor and the head of Department of Agricultural Economics at



the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, pointed out how the delay in sowing will, in turn, delay production of oil seeds and cereals. "We don't yet have varieties that can deal with delay or failure in monsoon; it is high time we get such seeds."

"Also, given the changing climatic conditions, we need to keep in mind that when it comes to monsoon rainfall, uncertainty will be the rule while normal will be an exception," said Kammardi, who was also the former Chairman of the Karnataka Agricultural Prices Commission (KAPC).

Data from the Union Ministry of Agriculture showed that rice is sown over 43.45 lakh ha, compared to 59.56 lakh ha in 2021, which is 16.11 lakh ha less (minus 27.05 per cent).

Pulses have been sown over 28.06 lakh ha, compared to 26.23 lakh ha in 2021, which is 1.83 lakh ha more (plus 6.99 per cent), among them, moong and other pulses have witnessed higher sowing area while arhar, kulthi, and urad have witnessed far lesser sowing compared to last year. At 10.76 lakh ha and 3.18 lakh ha, moong and other pulses are 31.81 per cent and 71.52 per cent higher compared to last year's.

Total coarse cereals have also witnessed a decline with 46.34 lakh ha compared to 50.36 lakh ha in 2021, a decline of 4.01 lakh ha (minus 7.97 per cent). Of them, bajra has seen the maximum sowing with 15.01 lakh ha compared to 10.23 lakh ha in 2021 (plus 46.72 per cent) while jowar is yet to pick up with only 1.78 lakh ha sown area compared to 2.75 lakh ha in 2021, a decline of 35.10 per cent.

Even the oil seeds saw relatively lesser sowing at 46.34 lakh ha compared to 50.36 lakh ha last year (minus 7.97 per cent).

The government data also showed that even sugar cane has seen a decrease with 52.92 lakh ha sown areas compared to 53.41 lakh ha last year, less by 0.91 per cent.



Gujrat Police Crime branch produces Activist Teesta Setalvad in the court in Ahmedabad on Saturday, Jul 02, 2022.

Ex-Kerala MLA PC George arrested for outraging modesty of Solar scam accused

Thiruvananthapuram, July 2 (IANS) In a dramatic development, seven-time legislator P.C. George was arrested by the Crime Branch of Kerala police on Saturday for allegedly outraging modesty of solar scam accused.

George was told there is a complaint against him filed by the Solar scam accused that her modesty was outraged and hence he is being arrested.

Before being taken away by the police for further questioning in the case of solar scam accused, George said this is nothing but a high level conspiracy "to trap me by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan".

"You will all know what she said about me in the past. She told me that barring me all other political leaders have exploited her. This case was registered based on her complaint and was taken by the police on Saturday around 11 a.m. This is nothing but a conspiracy because this lady several times wanted me to testify before the CBI that former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy had misbehaved with her. I refused to do so and hence this has been a conspiracy," said George.

"I have done no wrong and hence I have nothing to fear. Now I have been arrested and later they will produce me before a court and maybe I will be sent to jail. No issues at all, as I will fight this baseless allegation and prove I have done no wrong, as by her own admission, I was the only political leader who did not misbehave with her.



Now she has joined hands with Vijayan," said George.

George also added that in the morning he had presented before the police officials after a complaint was registered by K.T. Jaleel, a Left legislator that he along with Swapna Suresh (prime accused in gold smuggling case) had conspired against the Vijayan government.

Incidentally, the complaint of the solar scam accused is that George misbehaved with her in February this year at the Government guest house, here.

George represented the Poonjar assembly constituency in Kottayam district for seven terms, but lost the April 2021 assembly polls.

Presently, he heads the Kerala Janapaksham (Secular) party after quitting from the Kerala Congress (M) a few years ago.

In May this year, George was in the news for a hate speech and is presently out on bail after being in jail for a few days.

George's wife said she knows her husband very well and he has done no wrong.

"This is the revenge of Pinarayi Vijayan and he is out to finish George. He is a very sincere person and this lady who has given the complaint has come to our house many times. This was a trap by the police as it was told that he will only be made a witness in the conspiracy case," said his wife.

His daughter-in-law (daughter of legendary Malayalam actor Jagathy Sreekumar) said this is nothing but an act of vengeance by Pinarayi Vijayan.

Father-son duo make video of married woman, blackmail her for money

Bengaluru, July 2 (IANS) Karnataka police have lodged a case against father and son for blackmailing a married woman with her private video in Mysuru, police said on Saturday. The police have launched a hunt for the accused father and son after the woman approached Hebbal police in Mysuru city. Hebbal Layout residents Govindaraju and his son Pramod have been made accused in this case. The police said that the victim stayed very close to the house of the accused persons. They made a video in their mobile of her taking a bath when the victim's husband had gone to work. The accused had been blackmailing the victim for two years for money. They also harassed her sexually, police said. They threatened the victim that they would make the video viral on social media and also would send it to her husband.

SW monsoon covered entire country six days ahead: IMD

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) The southwest monsoon covered the entire country on Saturday, six days ahead of its scheduled date, as per the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

"The southwest monsoon has further advanced into the remaining parts of north Arabian Sea, Gujarat and Rajasthan. Thus, it has covered the entire country on Saturday, against the normal date of July 8," IMD senior scientist R.K. Jenamani said.



The IMD data shows that in the last 20 years, the SW monsoon had covered the whole country exactly on July 8 only once, in 2011. The earliest it had covered the whole country was in 2013 on June 16 while the most delayed was in 2006 when it covered the whole country on July 24. After hitting the Kerala coast on May 27, three days ahead of its scheduled arrival, the monsoon has had slow progress over the south peninsular areas and central India. Then, in absence of favourable systems, rather because of a weak system, there was no advancement of monsoon for four to five days in between before finally it touched Delhi NCR and large parts of NW Indian plains on June 30, three days behind schedule.

On July 1, the IMD had said the conditions are favourable for further advancement of monsoon into remaining parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat during next two days. "When we say during the next two days, it can mean any time during those 48 hours. That way, our prediction is correct, said a meteorologist.

Meanwhile, for July, the IMD has predicted "normal to above normal" rainfall probability likely over some parts of north India, central India and most parts of south peninsula while it forecast "normal to below normal" rainfall over most parts of east and northeast India and areas adjacent to the east central India and some parts of west south Peninsular India.

BJP to reach out to 20 cr homes through Har Ghar Tiranga prog

Hyderabad, July 2 (IANS) BJP national vice-president Vasundhara Raje on Saturday said two resolutions will be passed during National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting and topics or issues of political resolution will be decided by the Committee.

She also said that party will launching several new outreach programmes like 'Har Ghar Tiranga' and further strengthen 'panna pramukh'. The BJP NEC will also make a statement on state of affairs in Telangana.

Sharing the details of national office-bearers' meet, former Rajasthan Chief Minister Raje said that the two resolutions one political and second economic will be passed in the NEC after discussion.

"During national office-bearers meet, draft of resolutions was discussed,"



she said. Asked about recent killing in Udaipur and Supreme Court's comment on Nupur Sharma's controversial statement, Raje said that topics of political resolution will be decided by the NEC.

She informed that the recent Assembly polls of Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Goa, local bodies polls, bypolls of Rampur, Azamgarh and Tripura were also discussed. She said that as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the BJP will launch 'Har Ghar Tiranga' to connect with people and to make it a large movement. "We are trying to reach out 20 crore homes during the campaign," she said. "The national office-bearers meet also emphasise on more pravas of leaders so that they stay among the people."

Emphasis also given on further strengthening of booth. "It has been decided to form team of 200 active workers at each booth, form Whatsapp group," she said.

Aditya Birla SBI Card launched

New Delhi, July 2: SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, today announced the launch of 'Aditya Birla SBI Card', a highly rewarding lifestyle credit card, in a strategic partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL), the lending subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. The card has been designed to give customers significant reward points on their spending around telecom, fashion, travel, dining, entertainment, and hotels, among others. This makes 'Aditya Birla SBI Card' one of the most compelling cards for customers across segments, offering exciting benefits on both premium and mass brands that belong to the Aditya Birla Group.

The rewards-centric credit card has been launched in two variants - 'Aditya Birla SBI Card SELECT' and 'Aditya Birla SBI Card', on the Visa platform. Cardholders can avail greater value back in the form of reward points on their spends on Aditya Birla Group Companies, be it on telecom bills through Vodafone Idea (Vi) or on lifestyle stores such as Louis Philippe, The Collective, Van Heusen, Allen Solly, Peter England, American Eagle, Polo, and Pantaloons among others. In fact, this card provides an added advantage of accelerated Reward Points on spends in hotels, a key benefit for travel savvy consumers.

According to Mr. Rama Mohan Rao Amara, MD & CEO, SBI Card, "We are delighted to join hands with Aditya Birla Finance, one of the leading NBFCs in India. This partnership will enable us to issue credit cards to Aditya Birla Group's customer base, thereby providing them a great product for all their spending needs. This is in line with our strategy of enhancing value for both customers and co-brand partners. The customer acquisition process will be completely digital, thereby ensuring an enhanced customer experience. Aditya Birla SBI Card's unmatched benefits coupled with Aditya Birla Group's extensive and diversified brand portfolio will be a striking proposition for customers looking to spend across varied lifestyle categories."

Delhi: 9-year-old dies after lanter falls on him

New Delhi, July 2 (IANS) A 9-year-old boy was killed after the front lanter of a house fell on him, an official said here on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Kunal, a resident of AD Block in Rohini's Begum Vihar area.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Rohini) Pranav Tayal said that the incident took place on Friday when the boy was playing in front of an old house in Begum Vihar. "A PCR call was received at the Begumpur police station stating that a boy got injured after the front lanter ('chhajja') of a house fell on him in Begum Vihar," the DCP said.

The injured boy was rushed to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

2 boys detained in K'taka for celebrating Bajrang Dal activist Harsha's murder

Shivamogga, (Karnataka) July 2 (IANS) Karnataka police have detained two minor boys of the minority community for celebrating the murder of Bajrang Dal activist Harsha in Shivamogga district of Karnataka, police said on Saturday.

The accused had made a collage of Harsha murder case photos along with theirs on the whatsapp status and added a film dialogue to it.

The post celebrated the murder of Bajrang Dal activist and projected the accused boys as the ones who killed him. Realising the sensitivity of the matter that it could spark communal tensions, police launched a search for the boys and detained them.

Shivamogga SP B.M. Lakshmi Prasad has confirmed that the police department has lodged suo motu cases against four boys for sharing posts which could disturb communal



harmony. A hunt has been launched for the other two.

Harsha was hacked to death by a gang of miscreants in February at the height of the hijab crisis triggering concerns and law and order situation.

Popularly known as Harsha Hindu, Harsha was in the forefront of Hindutva activities and questioned illegal transportation of cows. He shared fierce Hindutva messages on his social media accounts and also commented on the hijab issue.

The murder has led to widespread violence and threatened to spread all over the state. The police department had clamped curfew orders since last Monday and as many as 2,000 policemen have been deputed to ensure no untoward incident happens.

The ruling BJP is claimed that few organisations are trying to give a message through the murder. The opposition Congress maintained that as elections are nearing, the BJP wants to take political advantage of the murder.

Building promoter shot dead in Bengal's Bhatpara

Kolkata, July 2 (IANS) A building promoter was shot dead in broad daylight on Saturday afternoon at Bhatpara in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal.

The event took place near the residence of local Lok Sabha member from Barrackpore, Arjun Singh, who has recently returned to Trinamool Congress from BJP.

It is learnt that the victim has been identified as Salauddin Ansari, a local real estate promoter by profession. According to eyewitnesses, Ansari was sitting in front of his residence at around 12 noon, when suddenly three persons came to him and started talking to him.

"They even offered him a cigarette, which he accepted and smoked. However, suddenly, one of the three whipped out a firearm and fired three bullets aiming at Ansari's head from point-blank range," a local eyewitness said. Ansari died on the spot. The three immediately fled the spot.

Top officers from the Barrackpore City Police immediately rushed to the spot. They are currently trying to find out whether the reason of the murder was any business, personal or political rivalry. However, a political spat has already started over the incident. Senior state BJP leader Rahul Sinha said that incidents of gang-rivalry and shoot-out are quite common in that area. "Almost everyday some incident of gang-war is reported from this area. All these gang members have close connections with the ruling Trinamool Congress. The police know everything but are silent," he said. However, Arjun Singh said that BJP is unnecessarily trying to politicize the issue. "As per initial reports, this is a case of business rivalry. Investigation is on and the culprits will not be spared," said Singh.

Mizoram launches online processing of RTI

Aizawl, July 2 (IANS) The Mizoram government launched online processing of the RTI making it the 8th state in the country to offer online facilities for the applicants who are seeking various information under the Right to Information Act, officials said on Saturday.

Launching the Mizoram RTI online scheme at a function held here, Chief Minister Zoramthanga highlighted the practicality of providing easy accessibility to RTI applications and being able to track the progress of the applications by the applicants from remote places and outside the state.

He also said that this RTI online facility will be a useful platform to showcase the achievement and performances of the state government.

As BJP revelled, Fadnavis held key meetings with cops, others

Mumbai, July 2 (IANS) While the delirious Bharatiya **Janata Party (BJP)** erupted in celebrations on Friday, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was closeted in a series of meetings including with top police officials, party sources said here on Saturday.



Fadnavis' absence along with some other leaders, at the revelry became a point of discussion amid speculation that he was still in a dark mood after the post of DyCM was abruptly thrust on him by the party top leadership on Thursday (June 30).

An aide close to him claimed that on the contrary, Fadnavis had a series of meetings tied up with several top police brass, party leaders and officials as he could be handling several sensitive portfolios, including probably the home department. The meetings were to chalk out strategies ahead of the Special Assembly Session of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on July 3-4 to elect the new Speaker and to seek the 'vote of confidence' for the new government headed by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Late in the night, Shinde-Fadnavis also held a separate meeting to ensure the legislature session goes off smoothly and to strategise the crucial cabinet formation process, likely to be set in motion after the confidence vote.

Punjab to compensate moong growers

Chandigarh, July 2 (IANS) As Punjab farmers are dismayed with the moong crop being procured below the MSP of Rs 7,275 per quintal, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday announced the government to bear the gap up to Rs 1,000 per quintal for the crop sold below the price. The Chief Minister said the incentive is being given to all the moong cultivators, including those who have already sold the crop. As per government estimates, the total arrival of moong in 2021-22 was 2.98 lakh quintals and with the state announcing MSP on the crop, the total production this season is around four lakh quintals. At present, the crop is being procured by Markfed, a nodal agency for moong procurement, at Rs 7,275 per quintal.

Yashwant Sinha arrives in Hyderabad to warm welcome by KCR



Hyderabad, July 2 (IANS) Opposition's presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha on Saturday landed in Hyderabad to a warm welcome by Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and leaders of ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS).

CM KCR, his cabinet colleagues, TRS working president K. T. Rama Rao, party MPs, state legislators and other leaders received Sinha at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad. Later, the convoys of KCR, Sinha and others left for Jalvihar in a huge rally with hundreds of TRS workers on motor bikes participating in it. The rally will pass through Begumpet, Raj Bhavan and Kharitabad to reach Jalvihar onthe banks of Hussain Sagar lake. The opposition presidential candidate and CM KCR will address a meeting at Jalvihar. TRS, which has declared support to Sinha, decked up all the roads leading to the airport and along the rally route with party flags, posters, banners and cutouts of Yashwant Singa and KCR. Leaders of AIMIM are also likely to call on Sinha at a hotel later.