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Udaipur like murder in Amravati

MHA hands over probe to NIA

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Belatedly though, another Udaipur-like killing — involving the brutal murder of a 54-year-old medical shop-owner at Amravati over a WhatsApp message supporting suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma — came into sharp focus on Saturday, as the number of arrests in the macabre incident mounted to seven, including the mastermind, and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to take over the probe.

On a day when the four accused in the Kanhaiya Lal murder were attacked by an angry crowd while they were being escorted by the police to the court and the court sent them to the NIAs custody for 10 days, Maharashtra — eclipsed by the major political developments in the State — began to come to terms with the gruesome murder of a Amravati-based shop owner Umesh Prahladrao Kolhe at Amravati in eastern Maharashtra on June 21. Announcing the handing over of the investigations into the Amravati incident, Home Minister Amit Shah's office tweeted, "The MHA has handed over the investigation of the case relating to the barbaric killing of Umesh Kolhe in Amravati on 21st June to NIA. The conspiracy behind the killing, involvement of organisations and international linkages would be thoroughly investigated."

Soon after, an NIA team visited Amravati to probe the ghastly killing.

Interestingly enough, the Kolhe killing took place exactly a week prior to the murder of tailor Kanhaiya, who was stabbed to death in Udaipur.

However, the inhuman



An accused in Kanhaiya Lal killing case being manhandled by the public, as police take him away after he was produced at an NIA court, in Jaipur on Saturday. The court remanded killers Riaz Akhtari and Ghouse Mohammad and two others in 10-day police custody

incident was overtaken by the hectic political developments involving rebellion Eknath Shinde-led MLAs, resignation by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and subsequent change in the Government.

The Amravati police have so far arrested seven persons, including the mastermind Shaikh Irfan Shaikh Rahim, owner of an NGO from Nagpur. The others have been identified as Muddasir Ahmed (22), Shahrukh Pathan (25), Abdul Taufiq (24), Shoaib Khan (22) Atib Rashid (22) and Shamim Firoz Ahmed — in connection with the murder of Umesh Kolhe. The six prime accused have been booked under sections 302 (murder), 120 B (criminal conspiracy) and 34 of IPC.

The police made the arrests on the basis of a complaint lodged by Kolhe's son Sanket with the City Kotwali Police Station. Amravati's Deputy Commissioner of Police Vikram Sali said prima facie Kolhe's murder was an offshoot of a social media post sup-

porting Nupur, who had made controversial comments on Prophet Mohammad in a television debate.

The incident took place around 10.30 pm on June 21 when Kolhe was on his way home after closing his shop — Amit Medical Store. Sanket (27) and his wife Vaishnavi were accompanying him on another scooter.

Two motorcycle-borne assailants waylaid Kolhe. One of them stabbed him on the left side of his neck. In his complaint, Sanket told the police, "We were moving from Prabhat Chowk and our scooters had reached the Mahila College New High School's gate. Two men on a motorcycle suddenly came in front of my father's scooter and stopped him. One of them stabbed him on the left side of his neck with a knife."

"My father fell and was bleeding. I stopped my scooter and started shouting for help. Another man came and three fled the spot on the motorcycle. With help from passers-by, I rushed my father

to nearby Axon Hospital where he died during treatment."

The investigations have revealed that Kolhe inadvertently posted the message supporting Nupur in a WhatsApp group in which his Muslims customers were members. One of the arrested accused reportedly said that Kolhe's post was an insult to the Prophet and hence he must die.

Apart from arresting six persons in connection with the incident, the Amravati police have seized the knife with which the murder was committed, mobile phones, vehicle and clothes used for the crime, and obtained CCTV footage from the scene of crime.

"We have sent the seized electronic devices to for forensic tests, while the scrutiny of the bank accounts of all arrested accused and their family members were obtained and scrutiny is in progress," a senior police officer said.

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Cong links Udaipur killer with BJP, party rejects allegation

Cong shares photo of killer with BJP leaders, party calls it fake news

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A fresh row has erupted in the ghastly Udaipur beheading incident as the Congress on Saturday alleged that one of the main accused in the brutal killing of tailor Kanhaiya Lal is a "BJP member". The BJP summarily dismissed it as "fake news".

Allegations have been levelled upon the BJP that one of the killers Riaz Akhtari also called Riaz Akhtari had links with BJP Minority Morcha leaders of Rajasthan.

The Congress has sought to know whether the Centre had moved quickly to transfer the case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) due to the reasons that Attari is seen in pictures with Rajasthan BJP leaders and wanted to join the party.

Addressing a Press conference at the Congress head-

quarters here, party's media department head Pawan Khera said a very sensational disclosure has been made by a media group in connection with the Udaipur incident which pointed to the BJP links with Attari. Some reports have also referred to the accused as Attari. "The killer of Kanhaiya Lal, Attari is a member of the BJP," Khera said in a tweet after the Press conference.

He cited pictures and posts linking Attari with the said BJP Minority Morcha leaders — Irshad Chainwala and Mohammad Tahir.

"It has also come to the fore in the same disclosure that the main accused Attari often participated in the programmes of Rajasthan BJP leader and former Minister Gulabchand Kataria," he alleged.

"Through the posts of BJP leader Irshad Chainwala on Facebook on November 30, 2018, and Mohammad Tahir on February 3, 2019, October 27, 2019, August 10, 2021, November 28, 2019, and other posts, it is clear that Attari was not only close to BJP leaders, but was also an active member of the BJP," Khera alleged.

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Modi raps KCR graft politics, announces Har Ghar Tiranga op



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the BJP's National Executive meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP's two-day National Executive meet that kicked off in Hyderabad on Saturday lauded India's economic growth story, targeted Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Nara Chandrababhan Nara's "family-run corrupt politics" and announced a countrywide public outreach "Har Ghar Tiranga" (Tricolour in every home) campaign in view of the impending Assembly polls in many States and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

That the battlelines between the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and the BJP are clearly drawn were evident as Rao for the second-time did

not adhere to the customary protocol of going to the airport to receive Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and rather choosing to host the joint Opposition's presidential candidate and former Minister Yashwant Sinha in the State Capital.

While Rao termed the BJP meet a "circus", the BJP termed him a "fox" who feared the arrival of a tiger, in an apparent reference to Prime Minister Modi.

The BJP slammed KCR for not adhering to the protocol. The TRS countered it saying a representative had been deputed as part of protocol.

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CAPSULE

INDIA SLAMS USCIRF FOR BIASED COMMENT

New Delhi: India on Saturday slammed the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) for its "biased" and "inaccurate" comments on the country. The strong reaction from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) came a day after the USCIRF alleged "repression" of critical voices, especially religious minorities and those reporting on and advocating for them in India.

LANDSLIDE TOLL 29; RAIN HITS RESCUE OP

Imphal: The toll in the landslide at a railway construction site in Manipur's Noney district climbed to 29 on Saturday after eight more bodies were recovered from under the debris, officials said. Thirty-four people are still missing after a massive landslide hit the Tupul yard railway construction camp on the night of June 29.

DERA SACHA BEHIND 2015 SACRILEGE INCIDENTS: SIT

Chandigarh: The final investigation report of the Punjab Police on the 2015 desecration cases has pinned blame on Sirda-based Dera Sacha Sauda. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday handed over the 467-page report of the SIT of the Punjab Police to Sikh leaders.

MONSOON COVERS INDIA 6 DAYS IN ADVANCE

New Delhi: Southwest Monsoon has covered the entire country six days before the normal date, as parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat received their first seasonal rains on Friday. The Monsoon had set over Kerala on May 29, three days ahead of the normal date of June 1. "Southwest monsoon has covered the entire country on Saturday, six days before the normal date of July 8," the India Meteorological Department said.



Indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant goes for a sea trial, ahead of its commissioning into the Indian Navy, in Kochi on Saturday

Senior Kerala Cong leader held in molestation case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOCHI

PC George, a seven-term member of Kerala Legislative Assembly and who heads a faction of the Kerala Congress was arrested by the Kerala Police on Saturday in connection with a complaint filed by Saritha Nair, the solar scam "fame". "This is nothing but political vendetta. I'll fight it out in the courtroom," George told reporters while he was being led to the police vehicle.

George, who was summoned to Thiruvananthapuram for questioning by the police team investigating a criminal conspiracy case filed against the former by K T Jaleel, the SIMI leader-turned-CPI(M) minister.

Mid-way through the questioning, a police team from one of the nearby stations reached the venue and took him into

custody as a follow up to the complaint of molestation filed by Saritha Nair. She had accused George of molesting her in February 2022.

George (70), a maverick politician, has been slapped with Sections 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and Section 354-A-sexual harassment and punishment for sexual harassment.

A man committing any of the following acts (1) physical contact and advances involving unwelcome and explicit sexual overtures or (2) a demand or request for sexual favors, or (3) showing [pornography] against the will of a woman or (4) making sexually colored remarks. The offence under this section is cognizable, bailable and triable by any Magistrate.

Immediately after he was taken into custody by the police, George told media persons at Thiruvananthapuram that the arrest was the handi-

work of chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

"He is victimizing me because of my refusal to support the allegations made by Saritha Nair against former chief minister Oommen Chandi. I will fight it out in the Court," said George.

He also said that Vijayan was upset over the latest disclosures made by Swapna Suresh, the prime accused in the "Gold Smuggling Through Diplomatic Channel".

Swapna had given a statement to a Magistrate in Ernakulam under Section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code in which she had alleged that Vijayan had used the diplomatic route to transport a suitcase stuffed with Indian currencies to the UAE.

She also said that Vijayan's daughter Veena and wife Kamala had sought the help of the ruler of Sharjah for his help in making investments in that country.

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Pallavi denied permission to celebrate Sonelal's birth anniversary in Lko

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The differences between Union minister Anupriya Patel and her arch rival sister and Samajwadi Party MLA from Sirathu, Pallavi Patel, on Saturday, turned into a full blown family feud over celebrating the birth anniversary of Sonelal Patel, founder of Apna Dal, with the latter accusing the authorities of cancelling at the last moment the permission granted to her for holding a programme.

While Anupriya Patel celebrated the birth anniversary of Sonelal Patel in a grand manner at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow, Pallavi alleged that she was denied permission to celebrate the birth anniversary of her father by the district administration which cancelled the permission for it at the last moment.

Pallavi along with her supporters staged a dharna after being prevented from marching towards Indira Gandhi Pratishthan where the programme of Anupriya Patel-led Apna Dal (Sonelal) was being organised. Pallavi Patel, along with Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party president Om Prakash Rajbhar and Mahan Dal president Keshav Dev Maurya, were detained later by the Lucknow police.

In a hurriedly called press conference, flanked by Rajbhar, Keshav Dev and Apna Dal (Kamerawadi) president Krishna Patel, Pallavi alleged that she had booked three places for celebrating Sonelal Patel's birth anniversary but all were cancelled at the last moment.

"Initially I booked Ravindralaya but it was cancelled. Then I booked Vishveshwarya Hall but the booking was cancelled on June



(Top) Pallavi Patel being detained by police, (Above) Union minister Anupriya Patel paying floral tributes to her father and founder of Apna Dal Sonelal Patel in Lucknow on Saturday

29. Then again I booked Mercury Hall at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan but it was also cancelled," she claimed.

Pallavi alleged that the permission granted to her was cancelled on the orders of the high-

er ups. "I want to ask Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath under whom the Home department comes, who is giving the order to deprive and prevent me from holding the pro-

gramme. If it has been done by the chief minister himself, he must tell the basis on which the order has been issued. He should tell me about my crime. Is defeating a top Bharatiya Janata Party leader in the

assembly election my crime," she said.

Pallavi said there were three halls in the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan and the authorities should show the rule book if there was any provision that only one programme could be held there per day.

"If it does not show then it should be clarified on what basis my booking was cancelled and why I was prevented from celebrating the birth anniversary of my father. Why was my booking fee accepted and receipt issued to me?" she said.

Pallavi accused Anupriya of using Sonelal Patel's name and said she had forgotten his ideology. She claimed that she went to meet the chief minister on Friday night but was not given time even after waiting for more than three hours. She further accused Anupriya of attempting to outshine her political achievement (defeating BJP leader in assembly election).

Pallavi's mother Krishna Patel said the "act" of Anupriya was disgusting and painful. "What she has done is unpardonable," she said.

She said it was no longer a family matter, but a fight for supremacy. "It was I who made her the MLA and MP and she is no longer ashamed of doing such disgusting things," she said.

After the press conference, Pallavi along with SBSP president Om Prakash Rajbhar, Mahan Dal chief Keshav Dev and her supporters attempted to march towards the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan but were stopped by the police after which they sat on dharna in front of a city hotel. Initially the police tried to pacify them, but when they continued the dharna, Pallavi and other leaders were detained.

Yogi govt to improve transport infrastructure

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With the aim to improve transport infrastructure in the state, the Yogi Adityanath government has come up with a proposal to strengthen the network of airports, expressways, electric buses, and metro rails in major cities.

"The chief minister has already directed the four departments related to urban development for operationalisation of metro rail and electronic buses," a government spokesman said here on Saturday.

After the successful run of the metro rails in Lucknow, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida and Kanpur Nagar, the Uttar Pradesh government has focused on expanding the metro rail services in the state to Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Meerut, Jhansi and Prayagraj.

A presentation was made during which the chief minister directed officials of the departments concerned to initiate the necessary process in this regard. The chief minister was apprised that to boost urban public transport connectivity in Agra, the construction of a 29.4 km metro corridor comprising Corridor-1 from Sikandra to Taj East Gate (14 km) and Corridor-2 from Agra

Cantonment to Kalindi Vihar (15.4 km) was underway.

Work on the primary section from Taj East to Jama Masjid (6 km) is in progress. It is expected that by January 2026, people and tourists in Agra city will be able to enjoy the metro ride. When informed about the progress of the Gorakhpur metro project, the chief minister issued directives to start the work within six months. In its first phase, the 15.14 km-long Metro Lite of Gorakhpur costing Rs 2,670 crore would connect Shyamnagar to Madan Mohan Malviya Engineering College.

The second corridor, about 13 km long, will connect the medical college with Naushad crossing. The chief minister has given instructions to prepare the detailed project report (DPR) of Metro Neo project for the rest of the cities where the metro rail project is proposed.

The work of Lucknow Metro rail project phase-1B is under review. With a cost of around Rs 4,900 crore, the 12 km-long corridor will connect Chabragh railway station with Basant Kunj.

The 4-kilometer ropeway system in Varanasi, being built at the cost of Rs 410 crore, will connect the Cantonment railway station to the Church

crossing.

The government is also going to set up airports in areas that were left behind in the race of development for certain reasons. The Uttar Pradesh government on July 1 signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Airport Authority of India (AAI) for the operation and maintenance of five airports in the state. These airports will be developed in Aligarh, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Chitrakoot and Sonbhadra, the district selected under the Regional Connectivity Scheme. Shravasti, Sonbhadra and Chitrakoot are aspirational districts. Air connectivity from here will give new wings to the development of these areas.

Uttar Pradesh has benefited immensely from the UDAN scheme launched by Prime Minister Modi. Before 2017, the state had airports mainly in Lucknow and Varanasi while Gorakhpur and Agra had partially functional airports. Then air service was available from these four airports to only 25 destinations. Currently, nine airports are functional and work is underway at 10 airports. Air services are available to 75 destinations from Uttar Pradesh. The state will soon have five international airports.

CPI (ML) flays attack on Dalits in Robertsganj

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) has condemned the attack on Dalits in Robertsganj town of Sonbhadra and has decided to send a delegation to probe into the incident.

In a statement, CPI (ML) state secretary Sudhakar Yadav said a Dalit man was killed while several other were injured in the attack in Tenduwa village of Robertsganj.

"The incidents of attack on Dalits have increased in Yogi Adityanath government 2.0. In Mall police station area of Lucknow a Dalit was killed with bomb recently. The killers are still on the lam. The deceased's father has lodged a named report. The police are adopting a dilly-dallying approach in the investigation," he said. Yadav said he along with CPI (ML) leaders Shanker Kol and Suresh Kol would reach Sonbhadra on Sunday and meet the families of the victims. "The delegation will also collect information related to the incident in Sonbhadra," he said.

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Health services in UP in a shambles: Akhilesh

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Painting a grim picture of health services of Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party national president and former chief minister Akhilesh Yadav said that health services in the state had become miserable in the Bharatiya Janata Party rule as a result of which people were running from pillar to post to get treatment.

"During the Samajwadi Party regime, expensive machines were purchased which are now gathering dust because they have stopped working because of non-maintenance. Even the companies have refused to repair them," Yadav said during his interaction with media persons here on Saturday.

He said that had the BJP government maintained the health infrastructure of the Samajwadi Party regime many lives would have been saved.

"The state health minister is doing drama for cameras. He raids hospitals and claims that he has found fault and the same will be rectified. Whose fault is this? Whose government has been there for the last five years? If he is finding fault in medicine purchase and infrastructure, this clearly shows the previous government has not worked," Yadav said.

He said that the apathy of the government was evident from the fact that the medical university named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was being run from the 9th floor of the Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences established during the Samajwadi Party regime.

"This shows how serious the BJP government is in the matter of treating its leader and the public," the SP leader said.

Yadav said that under the Samajwadi Party government, the

facility of free treatment was being provided on a prescription of one rupee and there was a facility of free treatment of serious kidney, liver and heart diseases and cancer.

"In the present government, treatment has become expensive. Profits are being made from the poor. The 108 and 102 Ambulances service has been destroyed. Money is being charged from patients to take them to hospital," he alleged.

Referring to the chief minister's claim that health services were being provided at the district level, Yadav asked if the hospitals in districts were good, why the patients were rushing to hospitals in Lucknow.

"They are coming to Lucknow because patients in districts are dying without medicines and treatment. They are not getting proper treatment," he said.

Govt to set up six Dhanwantri Mega Health Parks

Lucknow (PNS): In an effort to improve the health infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh, the state government will be setting up six Dhanwantri Mega Health Parks with an investment of about Rs 30,000 crore.

These parks are being set up to make the state self-reliant by expanding the production of medical tools like health and surgical instruments and medicines on a large scale.

Under the Maharshi Sushruta Health Infrastructure Mission, health infrastructure is being created and renewed at a cost of Rs 10,000 crore to ensure an efficient health system at every level.

Along with doubling the number of seats for medical courses like MBBS, the state government will also appoint 6,000 doctors and 10,000 paramedical staff.

"The government is aware of the scarcity of doctors and paramedics in state-run hospitals. Efforts are underway on a war footing to ensure that the shortfall

of doctors can be met," Deputy Chief Minister Brjesh Pathak said.

Pathak, who holds the medical and health portfolio, said that besides appointing doctors, the government is on its toes to achieve the target of setting up government medical colleges with state-of-the-art facilities in every district of the state.

"It is the commitment of the government to have medical colleges in every district and we will fulfill the promise at the earliest," he said.

The Yogi Adityanath government has also set a target to open a dialysis centre in each district and double the number of ambulances equipped with state-of-art life support facilities.

"The government is also working on expanding the network of Jan Aushadhi Kendras and aims to make UP a tuberculosis-free state by 2025," the deputy chief minister said.

Aam Aadmi Party protest against Agnipath today

Lucknow (PNS): The Aam Aadmi Party will launch an agitation against the Agnipath scheme for short term recruitment in the Indian Army and against the shortage of funds for the security of the country's border.

Disclosing this, AAP leader Sanjay Singh said the workers and leaders of the youth and students' wings of the party would beg alms on Sunday to highlight the faulty policies of the Narendra Modi-led government and send Rs 420 through cheque or draft to the Union government to register its protest.

He said the government should stop lamenting about the shortage of funds for the security of the country's border. "Leaders of AAP youth and students' wings, Pankaj Awana and Vanshraj Dubey, will lead the protest and beg alms in protest against the Agnipath scheme and other faulty policies of the Union government," he said.

Elaborating further, Singh said 35,000 soldiers would be phased-out every year from the army. "On the other hand, China is recruiting 4.5 lakh soldiers every year. What is the intention of the Union govern-

ment? The Modi-led government is now saying it has no funds to pay salaries to soldiers," he said.

Singh said the Bharatiya Janata Party should bring back the money which was plundered and looted in the past. "The government should not compromise on our country's security. They should give pensions to ex-Servicemen and recruit youths in the army," he said.

Condemning the Udaipur beheading, the AAP leader said the link between Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's Rashtriya Muslim Manch and

the killers of Kanhaiya Lal should be probed. "There are some leaders of Rashtriya Muslim Manch, namely Tahir and Irshad, and the agencies should probe their links with the killers of Kanhaiya Lal," he said and asked why the BJP was silent on this issue.

"The investigating agencies should make an in-depth probe into the incident. I urge the Rajasthan government to quiz the leaders of Rashtriya Muslim Manch," he said.

The AAP leader hit out at the Enforcement Directorate, saying the agency had become a puppet in the hands of the

BJP.

"The ED played an active role in the BJP's plot in toppling the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in Maharashtra. Why is the ED not acting against those who defrauded several thousand crore from banks in the country and have settled in foreign countries," he said.

Singh said he was surprised why the ED was silent on the Rs 34,000 crore scam of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL). "This is the biggest scam till date. But the ED is not initiating any action in it," he said.

CS reviews preparations for tree plantation campaign

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On the occasion of completion of 100 days of the Yogi Adityanath government 2.0, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra through video conferencing regarding plantation of 35 crore saplings under Van Mahotsav.

Addressing the meeting, Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra said the Van Mahotsav programme was a very important festival of the government in its initiative to save the environment. "The chief minister wants this campaign to become a mass movement. The chief minister himself will plant trees in Chitrakoot. Governor Anandiben Patel will stay in Lucknow. Along with this, both deputy chief ministers of the state will plant trees in Prayagraj and Ayodhya respectively," Mishra said.

Expressing happiness over the preparations made so far for the tree plantation campaign, Mishra said that he was sure that on July 5, everyone would be seen planting trees. "It seems that with the collective efforts of all, we will achieve more than our fixed target of planting 35 crore trees," he said.

He said that clear instructions had been given by the chief minister that special emphasis should be laid on ensuring safety and watering of the planted saplings. Along

with this, geo-tagging of all the plantation sites should also be done, he added.

The chief secretary directed that the tree plantation programme should be given wide publicity. "Under the supervision of nodal officers, preparations should be completed regarding selection of species according to the local soil climate and availability of plants at the selected site. For this, daily review by the nodal officer at micro level is necessary," the chief secretary said.

Mishra said that maximum cooperation of women should be taken in the construction of Shakti Van. He said neem trees had great importance in the worship of Adi Shakti since ancient times, and trees bearing red and yellow flowers should be planted around the neem tree. "Ram forest should be developed at places related to Ramayana period, Radha forest, Krishna forest should be developed at places of Mahabharata period," he said.

"Similarly, forests should be developed in the name of Mahadev and in Mahoba in the memory of Alha Udal. For this, cooperation of all public representatives, government, non-government organisations, institutions, social organisations, judiciary, lawyers, businessmen, schools, self-help groups, Yuvak Mangal Dal, and National Cadet Corps should be taken," the chief secretary said.

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Woman ends life after verbal spat with hubby

Bereaved parents allege harassment

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A 24-year-old woman ended her life following a verbal spat with her husband in Thakurganj on Saturday. Bereaved parents alleged that constant harassment by her husband forced her to take the extreme step.

As per reports, the woman, identified as Nargis, was found hanging at her parents' house in Newzaganj locality in Thakurganj on Saturday. She was the wife of Nadeem, a resident of Khadra in Hasanganj police station area. On Friday, she had a verbal spat with Nadeem over some personal issue following which she left for her parents' house in Newzaganj.

On Saturday, she hanged

herself to death in a room on the top floor of the house. Police said Nargis was found hanging from the ceiling with a rope tied around her neck.

Her parents alleged that Nadeem used to harass Nargis off and on over petty issues and she ended her life when she had had enough.

"She had married Nadeem in November last year. Ever since, she was not happy, thanks to the behaviour of her husband. She came to us following a verbal spat with Nadeem and ended her life," they alleged.

In another incident, a 23-year-old woman was found hanging at her house in Jankipuram police station area on Saturday. Police said the woman, identified as Roshni Singh of Maurya Nagar, was found hanging from the ceiling with a saree tied around her neck around 7:30 am on Saturday. She was a native of Pihani in HarDOI and was married to Prem Prakash. The couple was staying in a rent-

ed house and had no issue from the marriage. The police could not explain the reason why the woman ended her life. She got married only a year ago.

Meanwhile, reckless driving by a car driver claimed the life of a man in Sushant Golf City area. The incident was reported on June 28 and a case was registered on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Tej Shanker Saini of Awadh Vihar Yojana (Sector 3). Reports said that on the fateful day, Tej was returning home after purchasing vegetables from a market and was hit by the speeding car around 6:45 pm. Commuters rushed the victim to Medanta Hospital where he succumbed to injuries. His brother Daya Shanker Saini said the car with three occupants was being driven at a high speed. "The errant driver did not stop the car after mowing down Tej Shanker and sped off the scene," he said.

Sushil Kumar appointed acting MD of UPMRC

Lucknow (PNS): Director (Operations), Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation, Sushil Kumar has been appointed the acting MD after Kumar Keshav relinquished the charge. According to the order issued by the Uttar Pradesh government, Sushil Kumar has been given additional (temporary) charge till the regular appointment.

Sushil Kumar joined UPMRC in 2015 and has contributed significantly in the metro rail operations in Lucknow and Kanpur.

He also worked as General Manager (Operations) in Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (then Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation) and took over as Director (Operations) in 2018. He is a graduate in Electrical Engineering from the University of Roorkee (now IIT-Roorkee) and also done Masters from IIT-Delhi. He is an officer of the Indian Railway Electrical Engineering Service (1991 batch).

'Doctor Se Suniye': Directly connecting with people through NIC platform

SHARMILA KRISHNA ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Health department has started a large-scale 'Doctor Se Suniye' campaign, which is one of its kind in the country. State Surveillance Officer Dr Vikasendu Agarwal said they are directly connecting with the general public through NIC platform and specialists from all big hospitals in the country will be addressing the public. One such session was held on Saturday.

The doctors will be addressing the general public on issues like non-communicable diseases, maternal health, child health, Covid etc. "The number of fresh Covid cases has already come down and it is not as much a concern as earlier. We are preparing for the communicable disease control and have sent a state-level officer each to all 75 districts for monitoring of the campaign," Agarwal said.

The state surveillance officer said they would keep

developing new episodes of 'Doctors Se Suniye' and the next session they are planning is on cancer.

"We have created an online link and anybody can listen to the doctors by using it. The link has been circulated to all the hospitals across the state. ASHA/ANM workers will go to villages and bring groups of people to the hospitals to listen to the programme. They can also questions which will be answered by the doctors," he said.

He said such an initiative has not been started in the health sector anywhere in the country.

"This type of outreach where doctors are addressing the public together has not happened anywhere. There is a complete panel of doctors. It is a unique initiative. This is a general discussion creating awareness about how diseases spread and how the outreach helps. It is not treatment specific. The doctors are talking to two million people simultaneously. Their questions will be assigned to the

district centre and from there the more common questions will be asked to the doctors. The general public sitting at the NIC can also ask the questions to the doctors," he said.

He added that the session on Saturday included Dr Rakesh Yadav, a child specialist from All-India Institute of Medical Sciences; Dr Himanshu from King George's Medical University; Dr Piyush Ranjan, a gastroenterologist from Sir Gangaram Hospital; Dr Deepa Tyagi, a gynaecologist from Lok Bandhu Hospital; Dr Salman Khan from Veerangana Avanti Bai Mahila Hospital; and Dr Pankaj Agarwal.

Dr Piyush Ranjan spoke on liver problems. He said the symptoms of hepatitis are jaundice and vomiting. "One should not go for treatment which is followed in rural areas not based on scientific findings. Clean water can remove Hepatitis A & E to a large extent. Hepatitis E is responsible for 50-60% of

jaundice cases in the country. There is no specific medicine for this and one has to drink clean water and maintain hygiene. No vaccine is available for Hepatitis E. Rather than investing in making a vaccine, one can invest in clean drinking water," he said.

"Hepatitis B is a big problem. It does not give any indication for a long time and goes from mothers to children. It is important to administer the vaccine to newborns. It can come through needle sharing, through tattoos and unsafe blood transfusion. Hepatitis B has been eradicated from many countries," he added.

"Hepatitis B starts without symptoms but it gives problems within five years. It can also lead to cancer. Hepatitis B integrates in the cell and is treated through injections which are costly and have side-effects but other drugs are also available now. When the treatment starts, the patients are told that it will continue for a long time," he elaborated.

Mastermind of gang among 3 held for fleecing banks

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Three fraudsters, including the mastermind of a gang that had fleeced several banks while masquerading as owners of car sale agencies, were nabbed by a team of STF from Para police station area on Friday.

Those arrested were identified as Vijay Kumar Prajapati and Amiruddin aka Amir of Delhi and Pradeep Sharma of Ghaziabad. The team recovered a car, five mobile phones, three Aadhaar cards, three SIM cards and other documents. The miscreants were named in a case registered at Ghazipur police station of Lucknow. They had been on police radar for a long time and were nabbed on a tip-off by an informer from Mohan road near Agra-Lucknow Expressway. The case was lodged by the then chief manager of SBI (Ismaiganj branch) Swati Agarwal in

2021. One of the fraudsters masquerading as the owner of car agency asked her to transfer over Rs 33 lakh to his account. For doing the favour to him, she was contacted by bank's former manager Deepak Singh. However, it later came to the fore that the real owner of the agency had not made any such request.

The prime accused, Prajapati, said he and his aides would procure bank details of motor agencies pretending that they would be purchasing cars from there. The gang would then put DP's of car agency owners as their own using SIMs purchased with the help of fake documents. Two terminated bank employees, Vinay aka Bablu and Kapoor Chacha, also helped the gang.

Prajapati said he and his aides used to call the banks asking them to transfer money for some urgent need. The money they got transferred in

bank accounts which they had opened in the names of their aides was withdrawn immediately. The gang is facing over 30 cases of fraud in Hyderabad, Ghaziabad, Bareilly, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh.

CASH, LAPTOP STOLEN

State president of Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party Mohammed Alim Khan was deprived of Rs 1.5 lakh in cash and a laptop in Krishna Nagar police station area on Friday. Reports said Alim, a resident of Sarojininar, reached Hydle crossing in Krishna Nagar for some work. He parked his car and went to a shop. "When I came back, I saw some sticky substance on the bonnet and its smell made me uncomfortable. As I got down from the car to check it out, someone stole the bag containing cash and laptop from my car," he stated in his complaint.

Tiger that killed five shifted to city zoo

Lucknow: The "errant" tiger, which had killed five people in less than 40 days and was captured three days ago, was shifted to the Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoo in Lucknow, an official said on Saturday.

The tiger had developed physical deformities due to which it could not hunt its natural prey in the wild and was thus forced to attack humans as easy prey, the official said, adding it was deemed unfit to be released into the forests.

"The errant tigress, which was found to be responsible for the recent human casualties in Manjhra Purab forest area, was shifted to Lucknow zoo on Friday night under the supervision of a veterinary expert," Akash Badhawan, divisional forest officer (DFO) of Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, told PTI.

"The tigress reached the zoo on Saturday morning safe and sound," he added. It was captured from the Manjhra Purab forest area of Dudhwa buffer zone on June 29 night.

Sanjay Kumar Pathak, field director of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, told PTI that the shifting was carried out at night as big cats are nocturnal animals.

"The captured tigress is estimated to be around nine years old and has developed physical deformities. Her left canines were found broken and worn out, incapacitating her from hunting her natural prey species in the wild and forcing her to attack upon humans as easy prey," he said.

Pathak also informed PTI that during its observation in captivity at Katarniaghat, the experts found it unfit to be released back into the forests. The tigress had killed five people in Manjhra Purab forest area around Khairatia village in the recent past: Mahesh of Dumera village on May 21, Kamlesh of Shahpur Padhwa on May 23, local priest of Khairatia Mohan Das on June 17 night, Suraj Singh of Nayapind-Khairatia on June 23 and Mindar Kaur of Kharatia on June 27. PTI



A rickshaw-puller tries to protect himself from rain in Lucknow on Saturday morning

Pioneer

Lack of IPR awareness major issue: Prof Singh

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

On the second day of the conference on 'Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Rural Development' at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University on Saturday, Prof HB Singh, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, GLA University (Mathura), was the chief guest, who gave a presentation on intellectual property rights.

He said lack of awareness is the major issue regarding IPR. He said IPR should be a mandatory course in the education system to make students aware. He emphasised on why India is lacking in patents, copyrights, trademarks etc.

He explained why people should patent their IPR and sensitised the students and young researchers about the benefits of the IPR. The session was interactive and lively where questions were asked by participants.

Convener of the programme Prof Naveen Kumar Arora motivated the young researchers and participants about protecting their research through patents. He added that youngsters should be encouraged and their ideas must be tapped. This is the reason why BBAU has initiated a young scientist conclave which will be organised every year not only for university scholars but also for scholars from other institutes

'Lack of awareness is the major issue regarding Intellectual Property Right. IPR should be a mandatory course in the education system to make students aware'

and even students from schools of Lucknow.

Manav Vikas Sansthan from Himachal Pradesh, HESCO from Uttarakhand and Shramik Bharti from Uttar Pradesh were also part of the

programme. Prof Shilpi Verma spoke about the importance of research to all the students and young researchers present there.

The Young Innovators Conclave was organised for young researchers and faculty members. A total of 37 young innovators presented their ideas in front of a panel of judges. Interesting ideas were displayed by scholars on environmental sciences, library & information sciences and other allied disciplines. Five best young innovators will be rewarded and given the opportunity to present their proposal to university for further funding.

In the second session of the programme, former director of

CSSRI Prof YP Singh delivered a talk about the approaches for resource poor farmers to manage salt-affected soil and poor quality groundwater. He spoke about the harmful effects of salt stress soil and their negative impacts on plant growth. He also shared his ideas on how farmers increase their income and improve livelihood.

DEM, BBAU, Prof Ram Chandra explained the public health hazard of industrial waste and their management for improvement of rural economy by innovative technologies. He also highlighted the problems arising during the filing of patents and copyrights etc, especially in India.

Doc awarded for contribution to AB-PMJAY

LUCKNOW (PNS): Nodal officer for AB-PMJAY at SGPGIMS and head of the Hospital Administration department Dr R Harshvardhan was awarded by Sangeeta Singh, CEO-SACHIS, AB-PMJAY, Uttar Pradesh, on the occasion of National Doctors' Day for treating beneficiaries, thereby supporting India's journey towards ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare service to all.

The day-to-day activities of the AB-PMJAY Cell are managed by senior resident Dr Kumar Dharmendra Singh and junior resident incharges Dinank Patel and Harshit Verma along with 'Arogya Mitras' Avansh Yadav, Manoj Yadav, Sumit Yadav, Anshu Verma and Saurabh Verma.

The programme has been monitored successfully over the years by Dr Harshvardhan under the leadership of SGPGI director Dr RK Dhiman.

The Government of India had launched 'Ayushman Bharat' programme with Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) being a quintessential subcomponent of it providing a cover of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to over 10.74 crore vulnerable entitled families (nearly 50 crore beneficiaries) cherishing quality care and wellbeing of its citizens. The benefits will accrue across the nation and the beneficiaries will be allowed to take cashless services from any public/private empanelled hospitals across the nation.

Under this scheme, there are more than 1,700 health benefit packages with defined rates. The SGPGI spokesperson said that in its commitment to providing excellent healthcare and in order to implement the flagship OI scheme, the programme was launched at SGPGI in 2019 owing to the efforts of Dr Harshvardhan.

SGPGI's hospital admn dept providing career options to students

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The department of Hospital Administration, Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), is providing career options to students. Head of the department Dr R Harshvardhan said they have extended the date to apply for the course to July 11.

The department of Hospital Administration was established in 1999 and it is dedicated to evidence-based professional healthcare and hospital administration in all its dimensions and ramifications.

"The endeavour has been to infuse professionalism in every walk of healthcare administration, which is but a natural consequence of its being. It is the only such department in government sector in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand rendering consultancy to different institutes, medical colleges and Department of Medical Education, UP, Department of Medical and Health and NHM etc on selected domains along the entire spectrum of healthcare administration," he said.

He added that the concepts are not limited to the institute, but the endeavour is to propagate the specialty to develop more and more hospital administrators for effective and efficient functioning of modern hospitals.

"Therefore, the department is also actively involved in organising training programmes and seminars for the Central government as well as state government health service officers along entire spectrum of hospital and health administration apart from many routine regular full-time

and part-time teaching programmes. The vision is to asseverate our knowledge, skill, competence and spiritual strength to nourish evidence-based professional healthcare administration and create human resource in healthcare administration, who will be par excellence in their specialty, riding on the trinity of teaching, training and research," he said. He added that MHA programme is of two-year duration encompassing interactive classroom training along with hands-on experience in managing administrative/non-clinical issues, concerns while at various clinical/non-clinical/patient care areas.

Further, they are extensively exposed to various administrative, managerial dimensions of State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation, RTI Cell, Adverse Drug Monitoring Cell, Central Condemnation and Disposal Cell, Sanitation Services, Biomedical Waste, Management Services, IGNOU Cell, CCTV services, Hospital Infection Control Cell, Patient Safety Cell, Quality Cell, AB-PMJAY Cell, Competent Authority and Hospital Based Authorisation Committee for Organ Transplantation and Central Control Room, to name a few under the department of Hospital Administration, SGPGIMS.

The second year of the programme is exclusively devoted to project work and research apart from administrative attachment to clinical and support service areas. The PGs are also required to complete a research project and submit a thesis. Apart from that, the PGs are also encouraged to participate and present posters, papers in various national and international conferences.

CITY BRIEFS



Doctors' Day celebrations at IMA

DOCTORS' DAY

Punjab National Bank celebrated Doctors' Day along with reputed doctors of the city at IMA in Lucknow. The chief guest on the occasion was Dr Neeraj Bora (MLA, Lucknow North), who said the ease with which doctors are shouldering their responsibilities and reaching the last person of the society is commendable. He appreciated PNB for celebrating Doctors' Day. Deputy general manager of the bank Pawan Singh said they are providing loans at the lowest rates for the development of health sector infrastructure. "The bank is always ready for financial assistance to the state for progress

in the field of health," he said. Singh highlighted the special schemes such as 'PNB Doctors Delight', 'PNB Sanjeevani' and 'PNB Jeevan Rakshak'. IMA (Lucknow) president Dr Manish Tandon, vice-president of IMA (UP) Dr Suryakant and secretary Dr Sanjay Saxena were also present on the occasion.

PRANIC HEALING CAMP

In order to enable the patients to verify the efficiency of the Pranic Healing Vivekananda Polyclinic is organising a week-long 'Free Pranic Healing Camp' from July 1 to 8. Pranic healing is 'no touch, no drug' therapy though it is

based on ancient Indian therapeutic system that was rediscovered by Master Choa Kok Sui from the Philippines. "Cleaning of AURA along with cleaning and energising 'chakras' of the body is the basic principle of pranic healing. It has marvelous results in eradication of cancer, cirrhosis of liver, additions, Parkinson's disease, tumours etc. There are no side effects as we are not touching the patients, not giving them any medicine or asking them to do any exercise. For the last two decades, the basic motive of continuation of pranic healing in Vivekananda Polyclinic and Institute of Medical Sciences has been to help the common man unable to get treated through other disciplines due to poor financial background and other constraints," a senior doctor said.

VAN MAHOTSAV

Van Mahotsav is an annual festival celebrated in the month of July during which thousands of saplings are planted all over the country. Van Mahotsav Week is celebrated from July 1 to 7 to spread awareness of forest conservation and to save environment.



Third campus of CMS in Rajajipuram inaugurated

On the occasion of Van Mahotsav, MoEF&CC's ENVIS-RP, Institute of Wildlife Sciences, ONGC-CAS, Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Lab, Department of Zoology, Garden and Ground Department, planted 51 saplings of kaner, shravani, palm, bougainvillea, gurbhal in Tagore Garden, University of Lucknow. Prof Amita Kanaujia and Prof SN Pandey planted saplings in Tagore Garden.

INAUGURATED

Founder of City Montessori School Jagdish Gandhi inaugurated the newly-constructed school's third campus in Rajajipuram. Senior principal of

Rajajipuram Campus Nisha Pandey, principal of Rajajipuram Campus-III Komal Valecha and a large number of teachers, parents and dignitaries were present on the occasion. The school building was tastefully decked up for the inauguration. Gandhi said this new campus is a part of their commitment to giving a new dimension to the all-round development and education of students. Earlier, the inauguration ceremony began with the school prayer followed by a welcome song. Children of pre-primary and primary classes welcomed the audience with their performances in educative-cultural programmes.

Youth held for threatening to repeat Udaipur incident

PNS ■ KANPUR

Ghatampur police arrested a youth on the basis of his Facebook ID for threatening to repeat Udaipur incident in Ghatampur also on Saturday. The youth allegedly also uploaded hate posts for Union Minister of State Sadhvi Niranjani Jyoti, MP Sakshi Maharaj and Sadhvi Prachi. Chandrajit Kumar of Gajner Road, Moosanagar, lodged complaint at Ghatampur Kotwali alleging that the posts made from the Facebook ID of Tanuj Shukla of Asha Nagar, Ghatampur, used foul language for the union minister of state and people of a particular community. He claimed that about a year ago the accused had also thrown a letter containing death threats for the union minister of state in the house of a person closely known to him for which an FIR was also lodged against him. Now, in his recent post uploaded on Facebook, the accused had allegedly threatened to repeat the Udaipur incident in Ghatampur also. Ghatampur town outpost incharge Vijay Prakash Singh said he did not

recover any smartphone from the accused. Only a keypad phone was recovered from his house. It appears as if somebody else may have uploaded the hate posts by creating fake ID in the name of Tanuj Shukla. Inspector SK Singh said investigation was on in the matter. Meanwhile, in another incident, a 52-year-old labourer who had arrived at his inlaws' place in Vidhnu police station area, jumped into the Ramganga canal on Saturday morning. He went towards the canal for a morning walk with his brother-in-law. His inlaws informed about his suffering from mental illness for the past several days. Labourer Dinesh Kumar (52) of Hanumant Vihar, Khadepur, had arrived at his inlaws' place with wife and children several days ago. On Saturday morning he walked towards the Ramganga canal with his brother-in-law Chhotey and reached near the shutter bridge. Chhotey said on Dinesh's insistence, he along with him climbed on the shutter bridge from where the latter suddenly jumped into the canal. On seeing Dinesh drowning in the canal, Chhotey too jumped

into the water but on failing to rescue him, he came out and apprised the family members and local police about the incident. Police with the help of villagers have launched the rescue operation. Meanwhile, on hearing about the incident, Dinesh's wife along with children rushed to the spot and fell unconscious. Station Officer (SO) Prakash Chandra Sharma said efforts were on to recover the body of Dinesh.

AMAN SELECTED IN NDA: State level athlete of the city Aman Pal has been selected in National Defence Academy (NDA). Pal had represented the city in the state level championships in 100 m and 200 m races. He bagged several medals in several competitions held at district level. His father Maharaj Deen Pal, employed in Police department, had also been a national level player. Aman Pal will now receive training in NDA at Khadakwasla, Pune. Rakesh Singh, Dr Devesh Dubey, Arvind Dhaudhyal, Madan Gopal, Mohit Dubey and Dinesh Bhaduria have hailed the selection of Aman Pal in NDA and wished him a bright future.

Foundation day celebrated

PNS ■ KANPUR

The prominent labour organisation of LIC, Indian Insurance Employees' Association (IIEA) celebrated the 75th foundation day at Merchants' Chamber Hall on Saturday. Secretary of the association, Rajiv Nigam, said in the current times it was highly essential to promote communal and social harmony. He said on July 1, 1951, the association came into existence and had since then been playing a vital role. He said the programme

was an effort to link hearts and said such programme are beyond religious barriers.

The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by bhajans. It was followed by musical recital of Kabir Das couplets by winner of 'Saregama' Gopal Sharma. Later six people were conferred with the title of 'Messenger of Harmony'. The association also felicitated prominent persons of the society. A large number of officials and staff took part in the programme.



Indian Insurance Employees Association celebrated the 75th foundation day of the association at Merchants' Chamber Hall on Saturday.

Significance of earthquake safety in architectural design explained

PNS ■ KANPUR

Prof CVR Murthy, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT-Madras, while addressing the valedictory session on Earthquake Resistant Practices for students of architecture colleges across India, at IIT-Kanpur on Saturday, explained in his inaugural lecture about the 'Significance of Earthquake safety in architectural design' and said the aim of this workshop was to sensitise the students of architecture in earthquake-resistant design practices through technical lectures.

He said through the design studios special guidance in earthquake-resistant design will be imparted majorly on the architectural design project. He said this workshop had been structured to guide the future architects through a hands-on programme on quake resistant designs.

The workshop was led by Prof Meera Shirokhar from Dr BN College of Architecture for Women, Pune, along with nine other faculty members. A special lecture for undergraduates was also conducted by Dr Shailesh Agarwal, BMTPC New Delhi, who elucidated

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hazard scenario and know-how with 'Vulnerability Atlas of India'. Vikram Hundekar, Mitimitra Consultants Pvt Ltd, Pune, also illustrated the use of confined masonry in IIT Gandhinagar Hotel design.

The studio sessions were a mix of desk work and informal lectures where individual cases were used to illustrate earthquake engineering concepts to the entire class.

During the eight-day workshop the students were asked to design an office complex on a site in Gandhidham, a city in Kutch district, Gujarat, located in the seismic zone V.

The students had been exposed to RESIST software to test the adequacy of their designs from a seismic performance perspective and this session helped them to arrive at reasonable sizes of structur-

al members. The designs prepared by the participants were evaluated by a team of 10 jury members who highly appreciated the designs of the participants and in the end 10 of them scored the first and 12 scored the second position. Balbir Verma complimented all the participants of this flagship project of NICEE.

He advised the participants to become well conversant with all aspects of architectural practices and exhorted the participants to become well aware of the importance of a structural engineer in the successful completion of any project.

The workshop was attended by 94 participants from 26 colleges all over India and Bhutan, out of which, 66 completed it successfully.

Body of minor girl found in well

PNS ■ KANPUR

Prayagraj (PNS): The body of a 15-year-old girl was recovered from a well in Prayagraj district of UP. The villagers suspected that the girl was murdered after being raped. Panic gripped in the Holagarh area of Gangapur on Saturday morning after the body of the teenager was found. However, her family members are tongue tied over the issue. Police are investigating the matter. The teenager from the Holagarh area had gone to the field on Friday night. After that night she went missing. The distraught family members launched a manhunt for her but failed to get any trace of her. On Saturday morning, the villagers spotted her dead body in the well located at some distance from the house and informed her family members. They reached the spot crying, in the meantime, the police of Holagarh police station also reached there and reviewed the situation. The body was taken out of the well with the help of the villagers, after which her family members identified the deceased.

Holagarh Police said that the body of the teenager has been sent for post-mortem. After the autopsy report comes, the exact cause of death will be known and further action will be taken. However, some people of the village have termed this incident related to old enmity.

'Rainwater harvesting helps reduce soil erosion and flood hazards'

PNS ■ KANPUR

Vice-Chancellor of Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology (CSAU&T), Dr Singh said a 90-day Groundwater Management programme between July and September will be carried out. He said the varsity had decided that it will extend all possible support by reaching out to all the villages. He said India relied heavily on agriculture and over 70 per cent population was dependent on it and to say 70 per cent irrigation rested on groundwater will certainly not be wrong. He said first of all rain water harvesting had to be adopted in the right earnest.

He said the varsity has always focused on creating awareness among the farmers for rain water harvesting and its management. He advised farmers to ensure they grow such crops which can utilise moisture of soil to the maximum. He said rain water retention was the need of the hour and this was to be taught to the farmers so that they do not allow the rain water to drain away. He said due to climate change and urbanisation, water shortage problems were



Vice-Chancellor of CSAU&T Dr DR Singh addressing presspersons.

increasing throughout the world in both developing and developed countries and community based rainwater harvesting can be a good option to solve local problems. Dr Singh said rainwater management was used to mitigate extreme rainfall events without increasing the capacity of existing sewer system. He said city of the future will be those which collected and utilised rainwater instead of draining rainwater under a law or regulation.

He said although rainwater harvesting was gaining much interest, the promotion had been limited due to several disadvantages such as seasonal variation, related cost etc. He said however,

most of these problems can be solved by making the system with more than one purpose which included, dual water system with rainwater and groundwater, hybrid system of rainwater and greywater, hybrid system with rainwater and desalination, adding values of flooding mitigation and food production.

He said rainwater harvesting helped reduce soil erosion and flood hazards by collecting rainwater and reducing the flow of stormwater to prevent urban flooding. He said most buildings that utilise rainwater harvesting systems had a built-in catchment area on top of the roof which had a capacity of collecting large volumes of water in case of rainstorms.

Dr Singh said in urban areas due to the concrete usage the water cannot be absorbed. He said it will be carried away so every care should be taken while constructing the rainwater harvesting pits in urban areas.

He added that while raining in the city, water will fall from the building roof so roof top rain water harvesting was ideal but every effort should also be made to prevent the rain water wastage as well.

Sections 4, 5 of CrPC not applicable to offences under IPC: High Court

PNS ■ PRAYAGRAJ

The Allahabad High Court has made an important observation while hearing a petition seeking quashing of the FIR.

Hearing the matter, the Allahabad High Court observed that the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of CrPC are not applicable to offences committed under the Indian Penal Code and these provisions are applicable when a particular Act is in force.

The order was passed by a division bench comprising Justice Kaushal Jayendra Thakar and Justice Gautam Chaudhary while hearing a petition filed by Mohar Pal and others.

While passing the order, the court said that Sections 4 and 5 of CrPC pertain to the procedure where an offence under a particular Act is committed.

It may be pointed out here that prayer was made for quashing the FIR registered

under sections 420A, 406 and 120B of IPC.

It is alleged in the FIR that the informant had taken machines at concessional rates from the petitioner number 1.

From the bank of the informant a transaction of Rs. 2,03,280/- was made to the petitioner Mohar Pal.

However, despite the money being given from the bank account, no machine was given to the informant.

Thereafter Kamlesh Singh, to whom the money

was sent, issued the check after deducting the commission.

The amount could not be recovered and hence, the informant again requested both the accused along with his brother but they have locked the premises and are not available.

In 2021, the court directed an inquiry as it was prima facie found that a cognizable offense had been committed by the accused and a charge sheet was filed.

Mother-son duo held for smack smuggling

PNS ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Smack smuggling is spreading rapidly in Prayagraj. Many people from the same family are involved in this business. Azhar and his mother Khurshida Begum, who live in Bahadurganj area of the city, have been arrested by the Muthiganj police in the same case here on Saturday. They have been apprehended from near Baradari. During the search, 414 grams of smack, two mobiles and more than two

thousand rupees in cash have been recovered from both of them. Police claimed that mother and son used to sell smack.

Khurshida Begum, a resident of Bahadurganj locality, was first caught in 2013. Muthiganj police arrested her and recovered the smack. After this, Khurshida was arrested several times by the police for selling smack. This is the eighth time that the Muthiganj police have arrested her. While her son Azhar is arrested for the second

time. Azhar was arrested for the first time in 2021. He was also accused of selling smack. Khurshida's family has always opposed police action.

Family members said that Khurshida was arrested for the first time in the year 2013 and her son Azhar was arrested last year for the first time after becoming an adult. The family members have raised fingers on the role of the police in this regard and have demanded a thorough investigation in this case.

IRS officer's tryst with storytelling

PNS ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Allahabad Diary penned by Indian Revenue Services officer Virendra Ojha depicts the true struggle of a Hindi medium youth preparing for competitive examinations while residing in University hostel. The story is of a boy and his mother who wanted to clear the civil services examination. This story is of many youths who dream to make it big in life.

The novel titled "Allahabad Diary-Ek Ghair Mamuli Dastan" portrays the real picture of Hindi medium students, preparing for Civil Services examination. The author spent his days of young age in Allahabad, he struggled and then after becoming an IRS officer he started writing, the whole scenario rolled down before his eyes like a cinema, and his pen did not stop even for a break for hours while writing a book.

In a parallel episode moves the story of a widow whose son had gone abroad to mint money leaving his mother alone. The loneliness of a widow, and the struggle of the youth are knitted so well that the reader glides from the main story to the parallel one without experiencing any jerk. The reader connects to the book so well because the writer himself had witnessed all the happenings closely.

KDA hands over bus stand to UPSRTC

PNS ■ KANPUR

Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) handed over the newly-constructed Signature Greens Bus Stand, Vikas Nagar, to the UP State Roadways Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) on Saturday. KDA had spent about Rs 12 crore on the construction of this bus stand. KDA Vice-Chairman Arvind Singh visited the bus stand with the chief engineer, executive engineer and officers of the UPSRTC, including the Regional Manager, on Saturday to take stock of the situation. The operation of the bus stand is likely to start from July 5. With the operation of this bus stand,

people would be prevented from massive jams taking place in different localities of the city from the buses running from Jharkarkati, Chunniganj, Azad Nagar, Vikas Nagar and Fazalganj Depots. On the occasion KDA Vice-Chairman Arvind Singh has directed UPSRTC regional manager to stop operation of auto-rickshaw etc. within 700 metre area from the bus stand with the help of Traffic Police department to prevent massive jam near the bus stand and facilitate smooth operation of buses. He also inspected various other amenities available at the bus stand which included the seating arrangements, clean potable water, toilets etc.

Plantation work to take off on July 5: DM

PNS ■ KANPUR

District Magistrate Visakh G Aiyer while chairing the District Tree Plantation Committee at the Collectorate on Saturday informed that a project had been prepared to ensure that all departments were involved in tree plantation and were able to achieve their given targets.

He said the target of tree plantation in the district was 40 lakh and nearly all the departments will mandatorily take part in the drive.

He said however it had also been made compulsory to ensure geotagging through Haritma Amrit Van App. He said the work on tree plantation will take off on July 5 and special tree plantation will be carried out on July 6 and 15.

He said tree plantation drive will begin at 6.00 am and continue till 6.00 pm on all days. He said although various kinds of trees will be planted yet more emphasis will be laid on setting up Amrit Van, Shakti Van, Nagar Van, Khadya Van, Bal Van and Yuva Van.

He said different nodal officials will be set for each one and the Shakti Van will exclusively be for women where they will plant trees themselves.

He said similarly in Bal Van the plantation will be carried out by children and same with Yuva Van where the youth will take up the responsibility.

He said a special control room which will work 24 hour and seven days a week will be set up and will deal



District Magistrate Visakh G Aiyer chairing a plantation drive meeting on Saturday.

with the queries of people who were interested in tree plantation drive.

He said on the pattern of elections voting will be carried out so as to decide which sector or which zone will be under which zonal magistrate. He also directed the

block development officials to tour their areas and find out what should be the share in the tree plantation drive.

He said all preparations had been made in this regard. He said it had also been decided to provide ID and password so that they can

post the entire details.

He said pictures had to be clicked and then uploaded. Chief Development Officer (CDO), Dr Mahendra Kumar, ADM LA SK Singh DFO and many other officials of various departments were present.



KDA Vice Chairman Arvind Singh (left) inspecting the Signature Greens Roadways Bus Stand with the UPSRTC officials on Saturday.

'SAM & MAM identification' drive to continue till Oct 2

PNS ■ KANPUR

District Programme Officer (DPO) Durgesh Pratap Singh informed that as per the UP government directive it had been decided to carry out a drive called 'SAM and MAM identification' which will continue till October 2 under Possible Nutrition Promotion Campaign. He said under this all the undernourished and malnourished infants and children will be identified and then various programmes will be arranged at the Anganwadis.

He said similarly Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) cam-

paign will also continue on a war footing. He said facts and figures reveal that children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) had nine times higher risk of dying than well-nourished children. He said an effort had been made towards treatment and recovery of such children under various Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres in Uttar Pradesh and to restore them to path of healthy development.

He said as per the government guidelines infants below six months of age with MAM be exclusively breastfed and to be adopted or continued for the first six months of a

child's life. He said breastfed infants under six months with MAM should be managed by providing supplementary food and skilled support to the mothers to enable continued breastfeeding.

He said the infant should be monitored for weight gain and a lactating mother should be admitted to SFP regardless of her own nutritional status if her infant was deemed to be MAM.

Singh said in addition to children under five, there were other groups vulnerable to MAM, including pregnant and lactating women, people living with HIV and certain groups amongst the elderly. He

said it was important that these groups not be overlooked in assessments of need in the context of MAM management programmes.

He said guidelines were available for planning and implementing MAM prevention and treatment programmes for PLW dealing with MAM in infants below six months of age and their mothers.

He added that the Anganwadis will make efforts to identify gaps in the literature and to generate the effect estimates necessary for including these interventions in the Lives Saved Tool (LiST).

He said the LiST models the reduction in child deaths by specif-

ic causes associated with increasing coverage of individual interventions.

He said recent mortality rates and cause of death data for newborns, infants and children were incorporated using estimates established by the Health authorities.

He said MAM was defined as WHZ between -2 and -3 standard deviations (SD), weight-for-height (WFH) 70-80 per cent of the NCHS or WHO reference median or mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) of 115-125mm.

SAM was defined as WHZ <-3 SD, WFH <70 per cent of the median NCHS.

BJP starts preparations for PM's proposed visit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has started its extensive preparations for the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 7. To review the preparations, a meeting of party's regional, district and city unit office-bearers and public representatives was held at its regional office at Rohaniya here on Friday. The PM will inaugurate an education conference at Rudraksh Convention Centre and Akshaya Patra Kitchen at LT College, apart from addressing a public meeting at Sigra Stadium where he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various projects. Addressing the meeting, BJP state co-incharge Sunil Ojha said after becoming PM, Modi has visited his parliamentary constituency more than 30 times and during every visit the PM has given gifts worth thousands of crores of rupees to Kashi. "Wherever the PM goes, he addresses the city as 'Meri Kashi' as Modi sees Kashi as his home and the people of Kashi as his family," he said and added that like every time, this time also PM Modi has to be welcomed according to the dignity of



Regional BJP chief MC Srivastava giving tips to party workers for preparations for PM's visit to Varanasi

Kashi. "We've to start preparations right from now by putting up party flags, banners, hoardings besides decoration of main crossings, attractive lighting etc on the routes through which his convoy is proposed to pass," he said, asking the social media and IT cells of the party to do proper publicity regarding PM's visit. Regional BJP president Mahesh Chand Srivastava said during his tenure of eight years, Modi has made India proud with Kashi in the whole world. "Today the world's great powers are themselves coming forward to

make relations with India. Everyone is building good relations with India," he said and appealed to the party workers to make arrangements for giving a grand welcome to the PM on his visit. "In order to ensure the participation of the general public in the proposed public meeting at Sigra Stadium, organisational efforts should be made at the party's Mandal and Shakti Kendra levels. "The responsibility of the office-bearers of all frontal units of the party has been assigned to ensure turning out of at least 1,000 workers from each of the 20 mandals of the district and 13 of the city unit," he said. The meeting was conducted by regional general secretary Ashok Chaurasia while the vote of thanks was proposed by regional general secretary Sushil Tripathi. The party's MLAs Dr Neelkanth Tiwari, Dr Avadhesh Singh, T Ram and Sunil Patel, MLCs Laxman Acharya and Shatrudha Prakash, district president Hansraj Vishwakarma, city chief Vidya Sagar Rai, mayor Mrudula Jaiswal, Zila Panchayat chairperson Poonam Morya, regional spokesman Navratan Rathi, Santosh Solapurkar and many others were also present.

NER GM inspects progress of track doubling project

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Newly-appointed General Manager (GM) of North Eastern Railway (NER) Ashok Kumar Mishra arrived in this parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi just a day after assuming his charge of office in NER headquarters at Gorakhpur and conducted a window-trailing inspection of Varanasi-Ghazipur City rail section in Varanasi division areas of NER on Saturday. Mishra also inspected the progress of work boarding push trolleys on Ghazipur City-Karimuddinpur section. After departing from Banaras railway station in a special train, along with Chief Administrative Officer (Construction) Rajiv Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager (Varanasi) Ramashray Pandey, ADRM (Admn) Rahul Srivastava, Chief Engineer (Construction) Ashutosh Pandey, Senior Divisional Engineer (Coordination) Rakesh Ranjan, Senior Divisional Signal and Telecom Engineer Tryambak Tiwari, Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)



NER GM AK Mishra inspecting progress of doubling project in Varanasi division area on Saturday.

Gaurav Gupta, Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) IC Subhash, Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction) Vineet Srivastava and other senior officers, the GM also reviewed the progress of various development works on Varanasi-Ghazipur City-Karimuddinpur section. With the aim of ensuring safety in rail operation, he conducted window trailing inspection at Aunrihar, Saidpur Bhitari, Nandganj, Ghazipur City, Shahbaz Kuli and

Yusufpur and then reached Karimuddinpur railway station. He thoroughly inspected the doubling works of Ghazipur City-Karimuddinpur railway section with push trolley and instructed the concerned to expedite the work. While reviewing the work related to the doubling project at all the stations between Ghazipur City and Karimuddinpur, he instructed the officers to provide adequate resources such as foot over bridges, high level

platforms for 24 coaches, electric lighting at the stations, provision of high mast light etc. Mishra directed to build water booths, toilets, ramps for differently-abled passengers and ensure completion of development work of passenger facilities at stations as per standard. He said that all such projects should be completed in a quality manner as per the set target. The GM did deep screening of railway tracks during rear window trailing and completed the journey taking cognizance of permanent and temporary vigilance orders of this section. From the point of view of safety, he reviewed the tracks, overhead traction, colour light signals, information/warning boards, passenger amenities and progress of doubling work between Ghazipur City-Karimuddinpur. He also gave instructions regarding the management of proper passenger amenities at various stations falling on Varanasi-Karimuddinpur railway section, public toilets and uninterrupted supply of drinking water at stations ensuring proper cleanliness there.

Shivpal offers prayers at KV temple

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

President of Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) Shivpal Yadav, along with his family, offered prayers at Kashi Vishwanath temple here on Saturday.



PSP chief Shivpal Yadav offering prayers at Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi on Saturday.

After prayers at the temple, he also saw the sprawling premises of Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham (Corridor). During his stay there, Angvastram, Rudraksh garland and prasad were presented to him on behalf of the temple administration. After getting information about his visit many of his supporters also reached the corridor. Shivpal Yadav met the supporters at gate number four of the corridor. He told the newsmen that it was his personal tour. Later, the PSP chief also tweeted that the family got the privilege of worshipping Shri Vishweshwar Jyotirlinga.

SAMPOORNA SAMADHAN DIWAS

The officers received more matters related to land, electricity and police while hearing the grievances of people during the Sampoorna Samadhan Diwas on Saturday and directed the departments concerned to address the complaints on a priority basis in a week. The complainants should also be apprised of the solution to their problems.

Drizzle greets devotees

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Though there was no heavy rain, drizzling greeted the devotees on the second day of ongoing famous three-day Rathayatra Mela here on Saturday. There is a firm belief among the Banarasis that the Rathayatra Mela always witnesses rain. Though there were heavy weather conditions throughout the day, the city witnessed just drizzling during the day hours. However, it made the weather pleasant for those willing to see this famous fair. Normally, the fair sees heavy rush in the evening hours but due to heavy weather conditions, even during day hours good rush of devotees was seen to offer prayers at Lord Jagannath, his brother Balabhadra and sister Subhadra, whose idols were kept on the traditional Rath (chariot). On this wooden chariot based on 14 wheels and placed near Rathayatra crossing, Lord Jagannath will stay there till the wee hours on Monday, prior to their return to Jagannath temple at Assi. Elaborate security arrangements have been made in the fair areas and no vehicles were allowed to move to Rathayatra crossing from any of the corners, including Bhelupur, Luxa, Mahmoorganj and Sigra.



Rathayatra Mela witnessing heavy rush of devotees on second day in Varanasi on Saturday.

After a gap of two years, the grandeur of this one of the lakha melas (in which lakhs of people turn out) of this holy city returned as during the last couple of years due to Covid-19 restrictions, only formalities were done by the priest family at closed temple premises. The history of this fair is old as since 1802 it has been celebrated here. In 1780, Pandit Nityanand, the chief priest and manager of Jagannath temple in Puri visited this holy city and then set up a temple of Lord Jagannath near Assi.

Inter-state gang kingpin arrested

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Railway Protection Force (RPF) of North Eastern Railway (Varanasi Division) registered a major success when they arrested the kingpin of an inter-state gang involved in stealing railway lines and electric wires worth ₹1.25 crore. The arrested person is a resident of Ballia district and used to sell stolen goods in connivance with many factories, making his base in Patna (Bihar).

Giving this information, Senior Divisional Security Commissioner (SDSC) of RPF (NER) Dr Abhishek Kumar said that on March 27 last, the drivers of two vehicles were arrested from Kadipur station yard for stealing the railway lines. Later, both of them were sent to jail after registering a case under Section 3RP (UP) Act with RPF post at Varanasi City railway station. During interrogation, the arrested drivers informed that some person had directed them to get the goods from there on mobile.

Later, seeing a big network working behind the crime, the case was handed over to the inspector (CIB/Varanasi) Abhay Kumar Rai and after investigating the said case, an ex-army personnel Ranvijay Singh, a resident of Hardiya under Sikanderpur police station of Ballia district was found to be the mastermind of the gang. The RPF team comprising RPF/CIB/BSB Abhay Kumar Rai (EO), head constable Vinod Singh, Janardan Yadav, Sudhir Kumar Rai, Prabhat Kumar Mishra and Manindra Yadav succeeded in arresting the retired army personnel from Sikander area of Ballia district on Friday afternoon. During interrogation, the arrested gang leader informed the RPF how he got SIM numbers from the fake Aadhar cards of other persons to commit the crime.

He told the RPF that through these fake SIM numbers he had arranged vehicles from the transport companies for stealing government goods lying in the open railway lines and electric wires and later, he collected the same somewhere in Patna from where he sold the goods to different factories. After committing every crime, he destroyed the used SIM and mobile phone. The SDSC informed that the arrested kingpin of this inter-state gang confessed that he had stolen Railway goods from places like Danapur, Bhagalpur, Kahaigaon, Bagaha, Muzaffarpur and Naugachia and after collecting the same in Patna, he sold the same to various factories and the estimated value of the stolen property so far is around ₹1.25 crore.

Air Marshal AP Singh assumes charge as AOC-in-C CAC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Air Marshal AP Singh assumed the appointment of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) Central Air Command (CAC) on July 1. The Air Marshal was commissioned into the fighter stream of IAF on 21 December 1984. He is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College

and National Defence College. AP qualified Flying Instructor and an Experimental Test Pilot, he has more than 4900 hours of flying experience. His operational tenures include being the Flight Commander and Commanding Officer of a MiG-27 Squadron and Air Officer Commanding of an air base. As a test pilot, he has served in 'Aircraft and System Testing Establishment' in various ranks and capacities. He led the MiG-29 Upgrade Project Management Team at Moscow, Russia; he was the LCA Project Director (Flight Test) at 'National Flight Test Centre' and Air Defence Commander at South Western Air Command. Prior to assuming the present appointment, he was Senior Air Staff Officer at Eastern Air Command.

For his distinguished service, the Air Marshal was awarded with Ati Vishisht Seva Medal by the President of India on 26 Jan 2019. On assuming appointment, the AOC-in-C was presented a ceremonial Guard of Honour. He then laid a wreath at the CAC War Memorial, paying tribute to the brave Air Warriors who laid down their lives serving the nation.

NCR GM interacts with passengers, takes feedback

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

General Manager of North Central Railway (NCR) Pramod Kumar interacted with passengers on board Patliputra-Lokmanya Tilak Term Express & took feedback from passengers. GM NCR Pramod Kumar travelled in Train No. 12142 Patliputra-Lokmanya Tilak Term Express on Saturday from Prayagraj cheoki to Manikpur and took feedback from passengers regarding cleanliness in the train. Feedback regarding cleanliness at station and station premises was also taken. General Manager, accompanied by Shri Principal Chief Commercial Manager S. K Singh, ADRM/G

Shri Sanjay Singh and CPRO Shivam Sharma interacted with the passengers travelling in all classes of the train. During the journey, the General Manager took their views of some South Indian tourists who were returning from Prayagraj. In this sequence, Shri Pramod Kumar also interacted with some senior citizens. During this, feedback was taken by the officials after talking to about 150 passengers. Most of the passengers expressed happiness and satisfaction on the facilities and arrangements of the Railways and said that there has been a lot of improvement in recent years. Some passengers suggested some

improvements that can be implemented further. These suggestions were noted accordingly. The General Manager advised all the passengers to contact All India Railway Help Number 139 in case of any complaint or emergency. During the inspection of the train, the General Manager checked the arrangement of the pantry car and saw the rate list and the list of approved items. In this sequence, Kumar also checked the equipment like refrigerator and boiler etc. The General Manager also looked after the medicals of all Pantry Car Staff. Pramod Kumar also interacted with the OBHS staff and enquired

about their functioning and their problems. He also took stock about the quality of linen as well as its entire management cycle. General Manager instructed for necessary improvement in it. The General Manager also checked the cleanliness of toilets, availability of dustbin holders, proper availability of water, and fire extinguishers. While checking the fire extinguisher, he saw the expiry, availability at the right place and also gave instructions for necessary improvement at some places. Prior to getting onboard, the General Manager inspected Prayagraj Chheoki station and took stock of the passenger facilities and other arrangements at the station.

Triveni Exp to remain partially cancelled till Aug 31

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Triveni Express train running between Chopan-Singrauli will remain partially cancelled till August 31. This train will remain cancelled from Chopan to Singrauli and from Chopan to Shaktinagar. Triveni Express runs from Tanakpur to Shaktinagar four days in a week and between Tanakpur and Singrauli on three days. Due to the short termination of the train at Chopan station, the journey of the passengers will be difficult. 15074 Tanakpur - Singrauli Express running from Tanakpur on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from July 1 to August 31 will have a

short termination at Chopan station. It will remain cancelled between Chopan to Singrauli. From Tanakpur from July 2 to August 30, train 15076 Tanakpur - Shaktinagar Express will be short terminated at Chopan station on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. This train will remain cancelled between Chopan and Shaktinagar. 15073 Singrauli - Tanakpur Express will run from Chopan. It will remain cancelled between Chopan - Singrauli. 15075 Shaktinagar - Tanakpur Express will run from Shaktinagar on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from July 3 to August 31. It will remain cancelled between Chopan to Shaktinagar. Rail pas-

sengers said that railways had silently cancelled this train. This information has not been released either. When the passengers arrived for the journey at Prayagraj Junction, they came to know at the ticket counter of the station that the train was partially cancelled. Passengers were upset due to the information about the sudden cancellation of the train. Triveni Express runs from Tanakpur to Shaktinagar on four days in a week and between Tanakpur and Singrauli on three days. PRO of Prayagraj Division Amit Singh said that the partial cancellation of Triveni has already happened, it has been extended further.

Rare laser surgery done at SSH BHU

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

For the first time in Purvanchal (eastern UP), a surgery of urinary bladder tumour by endoscopic Thulium fibre laser enucleation (ThuLEBT) was performed successfully in Sir Sunderlal Hospital (SSH), BHU. A few days ago, a 38 year old male patient complained of blood in urination in Urology OPD, SSH,

BHU. On evaluation the patient was found to have urinary bladder tumour. Dr Lalit Kumar Agarwal, working as an assistant professor in Urology department in Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), BHU performed this ThuLEBT surgery successfully. "This type of surgery was performed first time in this area of UP," claimed Dr Agarwal, adding that usually bladder tumour endoscop-

ic surgery is called TURBT in which bladder tumour is removed in pieces but in ThuLEBT, we do enucleation of bladder tumour by laser and take out it in single piece. "It has certain advantages over conventional TURBT like less chances of bleeding and jerk leading to perforation of bladder, correct diagnosis and less chances of operation again," he said.

Summer camps conclude in BLW

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

A colourful cultural programme was organised by the BLW Sansthan on the occasion of the conclusion of the summer camps in Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) here on Saturday. The chief guest of the programme was Senior Personnel Officer (SPO) and Sansthan vice-president Rajkumar Gupta while the special guest was PRO Rajesh Kumar. The SPO said such camps organised for children during summer vacations not only inculcate positive thinking among them but also provide them an opportunity to learn new knowledge for enhancement of their personality. The PRO said such activities help in physical and mental development of children as well as in the progress of their career. Sansthan secretary Alok Kumar Singh said like previous years, summer camps were also con-



A winner of summer camp being awarded at BLW Sansthan in Varanasi on Saturday.

ducted this year for theatrical, zumba and Bollywood dance in which about 250 participants took part. Certificates and prizes to winners of various competitions (slogan, essay, painting, quiz, debate etc) held recently were also given away. The vote of thanks was proposed by Avinash Singh while the programme was conducted by

Ekhlaq Hussain Khan. Meanwhile, under the leadership of PCMO Dr Devesh Kumar, a heart health check-up camp was organised at BLW's Central Hospital in association with cardiac specialist of Max Hospital (New Delhi) Dr Rajeev Agrawal. After inaugurating the camp Dr Devesh Kumar threw light on preven-

tion of heart diseases with a healthy lifestyle, proper nutrition, control of obesity and regular medicines. Dr Rajeev Agrawal, his representative Sushil Upadhyay, Additional Divisional Medical Officer Dr SK Maurya and Dr Brajesh Kumar also addressed the camp. A total of 65 heart-related patients were screened and treated. Earlier, under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a motorcycle rally, along with RPF band and LED display vehicle which was taken out by the RPF personnel of NER from Banaras railway station, was welcomed when it reached Central Market crossing where Kundan Loco has been displayed. Later, it was flagged off by BLW GM Anjali Goyal for its further journey. The function was also attended by PCME Amitabh, Principal Chief Personnel Officer Pradeep Kumar Singh, Deputy General Manager Vijay and PRO Rajesh Kumar.

Awareness rally flagged off

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

MLA Ratnakar Mishra has appealed to people to adopt ways of sanitation first and then make others aware in the larger interest of the society. These views were expressed by the MLA while flagging off an awareness rally under Dastak campaign and communicable disease control drive on Friday. He said precaution is more important than cure. Before the rally he administered oath to officials to adopt all ways to control communicable disease. A rally was jointly taken out by the Health department and Nagar Palika Parishad in which equipment, including spraying machine, fogging machine etc were demonstrated and pamphlets and stickers were distributed. The rally was taken out from divisional hospital and culminated at women hospital. The rally was led by all ACMOs and staff of other agencies associated with the Health department.

HONOURED: After the completion of 100 day drive under Mission Shakti-4 Ananta Samman Samaroh was organised at Collectorate on Friday. After inaugu-

rating the function by lighting the ceremonial lamp DM Praveen Kumar Laxkar told the officials who were selected for the honour to keep their spirit for the empowerment of the women alive in future too as it is the need of the hour. He praised the initiative of the government under which awareness among women was paving way to make them self reliant, self-confident and instilled the spirit of strong will power. Enumerating the welfare schemes introduced in the recent months the DM said it as the visionary approach of the chief minister who thought at the ground level and aimed to empower the real needy. He advised the officials to go to the field and take steps to benefit the genuine needy. DPRO Arvind Kumar and PO ICDS Vani Verma were among those honoured. Addressing the gathering Probation Officer Shakti Tripathi appreciated the officials concerned who gave full support for the successful drive and expected that the cooperation will be available in future too with more enthusiasm. Social Welfare Officer Girish Dubey threw light over the schemes which became successful to change the scenario. ASP (City) Sanjay Kumar underlined the role

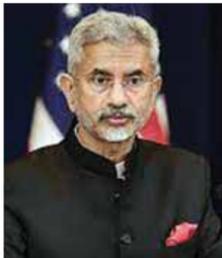
of the police under the drive and said it is the outcome of the drive that all the helplines are being used to redress the problems of the needy. CEREMONY: Former district governor Rotary Club Satpal Gulati said if service to the needy was our motto giving award was an acknowledgement of outstanding service. These views were expressed by him as the chief guest at an award distribution ceremony organised under the aegis of Rotary Club Mirzapur Gaurav on Friday. He said it was the visionary approach of the Rotary leadership which introduced different projects as per the need of the hour and through different activities we teach the lesson to the society that we should think above the self. President of the chapter Deepak Kushwaha praised the entire team which worked hard to carry out the projects successfully. The members were awarded for their achievements and personalities from different fields, including medical services, were honoured for their dedication. Shivam Agrawal, Sandeep Jain, Raj Bahadur Singh, Akhilesh Singh, Amit Ahuja, Ashish Mehrotra and others were present.

Ukraine likely to dominate G-20 FMs' meet in Bali next week

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine and its effect on food and energy supply is likely to dominate the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting next week. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will attend the conclave in Bali ahead of the G-20 summit to be held in November.

Indonesia is hosting the summit and is keen that Russian President Vladimir Putin also attend the high-profile event. Prime Minister



Narendra Modi along with other world leaders will take part in it. Indonesia is the Chair of G-20 this year while

India will head it next year and host the summit.

At the Foreign Ministers meet on July seven and eight, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will be present. Indonesia has also invited Ukraine's foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba for the event.

Incidentally, Indonesian President Joko Widodo held bilateral talks with Modi last week on the sidelines of the G-7 summit in Germany. The two leaders discussed the G-20 chairmanship. India is the chair of the grouping for next year and will hold the summit in

Delhi. The Indonesian President recently visited Ukraine's capital Kyiv and Moscow.

India has all along favoured dialogue and diplomacy to end the Ukraine conflict. Modi reiterated this stand on Friday in his talks on the telephone with Putin. The two leaders have talked to each other on the phone four times since the Russian military action in Ukraine started on February 24. Modi had also urged Putin to hold one on one talks with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

India raps US body for 'repression of religious minorities' remark

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India on Saturday slammed the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) for its "biased" and "inaccurate" comments on the country. New Delhi said the comments reflect a "severe lack of understanding" of India.

The strong reaction from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) came a day after the USCIRF alleged "repression" of critical voices, especially religious minorities and those reporting on and advocating

for them in India.

"We have seen the biased and inaccurate comments on India by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

Replying to media queries on USCIRF's comments on India, Bagchi said the comments reflect a "severe lack of understanding" of India and its constitutional framework, its plurality and its democratic ethos.

"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," Bagchi said. The report, released in

June, recommended to the Biden Administration to designate India, China, Pakistan, Afghanistan and 11 other nations as "countries of particular concern" in the context of religious freedom.

The recommendations, however, are not binding on the US government.

During a special virtual congressional briefing, USCIRF Commissioner Anurima Bhargava had alleged that Indian government officials were tolerating and engaging in religious persecution of minorities.

Cong warns BJP of legal action if party fails to say sorry for circulating Rahul's doctored video

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday went on an offensive and asked BJP president JP Nadda to apologise over party leaders circulating a doctored video of Rahul Gandhi and warned the saffron party of legal action if it failed to say sorry.

In a letter to Nadda, Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Jairam Ramesh said that the BJP party leaders were "deliberately and enthusiastically" sharing a modified report that was aired on Zee News at 9 pm on July 1.

"The original video was Rahul Gandhi's comment on the SFI [Students Federation of India] violence on his Wayanad office, but it was deliberately and mischievously doctored to appear as if it was a comment on the heinous murder of Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur," Ramesh wrote.



On June 24, Rahul Gandhi's office was vandalised by members of SFI. The members wanted Rahul Gandhi to intervene on behalf of farmers in a Supreme Court verdict about having 1-km boundaries around forest tracts and wildlife sanctuaries. The boundaries could harm the life and livelihood of many inhabitants, especially in the densely-populated Idukki area.

In Udaipur, on June 28, a tailor was killed for supporting suspended BJP

spokesperson Nupur Sharma. She had made disparaging remarks about the Prophet Mohammed in May.

Ramesh on Saturday said that BJP leaders like MP Subrat Pathak and MLA Kamlesh Saini had shared the doctored video of Rahul. Ramesh also said that Lok Sabha MP Rajyavardhan Rathore propagated the fake video.

"Despite being cautioned by my party colleagues that the clip was maliciously false and misleading, Rathore persisted with amplifying the same, first deleting and then re-uploading the same," Ramesh wrote.

"This leaves no doubt that his actions were deliberate and part of your party's strategy to defame the former Party president to defame the Congress party and to further polarise an already sensitive, communal situation," Ramesh added.

Pakistan summons Indian envoy to protest against blocking of its twitter handle in India

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD

Days after India blocked Pakistani Twitter handles in the country, Islamabad on Saturday summoned Indian Charge d'Affaires (CdA) Suresh Kumar to lodge a "strong" protest over this action.

"The Indian Charge d'Affaires (CdA) in Islamabad was called to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today and a strong demarche was made on the Indian government's blocking of access to the content of 80 accounts on Twitter, including accounts of Pakistan's diplomatic missions in Iran, Turkey, Egypt, UN-New York and the national broadcaster Radio Pakistan, by activating geo-blocking and censorship laws," a statement issued by Pakistan Foreign Office (FO) said.

India banned official Twitter accounts of several Pakistani diplomatic missions, journalists and some prominent personalities under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

"The CdA was conveyed that these Indian actions were against the international standards, obligations, norms, and framework of the flow of information and reflected the alarming pace of shrinking space for pluralistic voices and curbing of fundamental freedoms in India," the Pakistan FO said.

It also urged the Indian government to immediately reverse its actions relating to the blocking of Pakistan's diplomatic missions' Twitter accounts in India, calling India's move "illegal" and one that is "completely against the rights to access to information and fundamental freedom of



opinion or expression."

The Twitter handle was blocked some days ago for reportedly spreading fake and unverified news. Moreover, 16 YouTube news channels, including six Pakistan-based channels were blocked for spreading disinformation related to India's national security, foreign relations, and public order.

Sarvana Stores booked for defrauding Indian Bank ED attaches properties of Sarvana Stores worth ₹234.75 cr for money laundering

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached immovable properties of Saravana Stores (Gold Palace) Chennai amounting to Rs 234.75 crore in relation to a money laundering case for defrauding Indian Bank.

The ED initiated an investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) based on the FIR dated April 25 registered by the CBI, Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Chennai.

The agency had recorded the PMLA case on May 26.

Late Pallakudurai, P Sujatha and YP Shiravan Partners of Saravana Stores (Gold Palace) allegedly had

conspired with unknown public servants and unknown others with the criminal intention to cheat Indian Bank, T Nagar Branch, Chennai, the ED said in a statement.

"Investigation revealed that Saravana Store (Gold Palace) Chennai has applied for sanctioning of loan by fabricating Balance Sheet and projecting sound financial health of the firm. There is a huge mismatch between the sales reported and credit entries of the firm. The said firm has presented a cosmetic picture of expected turnover for upcoming financial years at the time of availing loan," it said.

Further, in order to cheat the Indian Bank, a significant wrongful loss and deriving

personal gain, the firm in collusion with property valuer, bank officials, and certain private persons proposed to purchase assets at a price which is clearly much higher than the real fair market value, it said. "The investigation conducted by the Enforcement Directorate under the PMLA, 2002 has adequately established the ill motives of accused individuals and Bank officials from the inception," it said.

Investigation further revealed that the accused persons overstated the inventory, transferred the assets without the knowledge of the Bank, used the OCC limits to repay the term loan, misappropriated and diverted the funds for



which it was not sanctioned, and committed other irregularities. Through these acts, the said accused persons and firms cheated the bank and caused wrongful loss to the Bank and

corresponding wrongful gain to themselves.

The accused company has generated 'Proceeds of Crime' amounting to Rs 240 crore out of criminal activities, it added.

ED attaches ₹173.48 cr assets under PMLA in Kerala case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs 173.48 crore under provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in a case against S Martin and others of Kerala.

Attached properties consist of various movable and immovable properties in the form of bank accounts and land situated in Tamil Nadu standing in his name as well as in the name of his various companies.

The ED had initiated investigation under the provisions of PMLA against S Martin and others based on the chargesheet

filed by Anti-Corruption Branch, Central Bureau of Investigation, Cochin.

"The PMLA probe revealed that the Partners of M J Associates S Martin and N Jayamurugan made unlawful gain with a corresponding loss to the Government of Sikkim to the extent of Rs 910,29,87,566 on account of inflating the Prize Winning Tickets claim for the period from 01.04.2009 to 31.08.2010, which is nothing but proceeds of crime as defined under Section under Section 2(1)(u) of the PMLA, 2002," the ED said in a statement.

Martin and others have invested the said parts of the proceeds of crime that they had earned from their lottery busi-

ness in immovable properties by floating various companies by joining with his family members or through his family members to project the same as untainted properties. So far, four provisional attachment orders have been issued for the attachment of properties worth Rs 278 crore, it said.

Martin had maintained credit balance of Rs 20.22 crore in his various bank accounts and his companies have acquired immovable properties worth Rs 153.26 crore from the loans and advances given by Santiago Martin and his family members with the intention to launder proceeds of crime amounting to Rs.910,29,87,566, it added.

Assets of Madhucon Group worth ₹96.21 cr attached in money laundering case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached 105 immovable properties and other assets worth Rs 96.21 crore belonging to Madhucon Group of companies, its directors and promoters in a money laundering case against Rancho Expressway Ltd Bank Fraud on money laundering charges.

The ED has identified land assets of Rs 88.85 crore at Hyderabad, West Bengal and

Visakhapatnam, Prakasham, Krishna District and movable assets of 7.36 crore including shareholding of the promoters in Madhucon Projects Ltd, totalling to Rs 96.21 crore and has issued the Provisional attachment order on Friday to preserve the proceeds of crime.

The PMLA investigation was initiated in this case on the basis of a CBI FIR registered on March 12, 2019 by the Anti-Corruption Branch, CBI, Ranchi, against Rancho Expressways Limited (A

Madhucon Group company) and its Directors.

Subsequently, the CBI filed chargesheet on December 30, 2020 before the Special Judge for CBI cases, Ranchi against Rancho Expressways Ltd. and others.

In this case, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had awarded project of four-laning of NH-33 from 114 Km to 277.50 KM (approximately 163.50 KM) on Ranchi, Rargaon-Jameshpur Section on annuity basis on design,

build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) pattern to Madhucon Project Ltd. on March 18, 2011.

A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Rancho Expressway Ltd. was incorporated by Madhucon Group, to execute this project. Kamma Srinivasa Rao, Nama Seethaiah and Nama Prithvi Teja were the founder directors of the said company and Madhucon Project Ltd. was the Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) contractor

of the project.

The Madhucon Group couldn't complete the project despite availing the full loan amount, and subsequently, their contract was terminated and an FIR was registered based on the directions of the High Court which were in turn based on the reports of SPIO and NHAI.

The ED conducted searches, recorded the statements of multiple bankers, forensic auditors, engineers, sub-contractors and promoters of Madhucon

Group and conducted a fund trail investigation.

During the search operations in June 2021, the ED seized incriminating evidence and unaccounted cash of Rs 34,00,000 from the residential premises of Madhucon Group's Chairman Nama Nageshwar Rao.

The ED investigation revealed that Rancho Expressways Limited represented by its directors and promoters obtained loans of Rs 1,030 crore from the consor-

tium of banks led by Canara Bank.

The Madhucon Group did not utilize the entire loan amount for its stated purposes, and diverted it to its associated entities and utilized it for other works and also directly siphoned off the loans by giving bogus works to its related shell entities.

The work on the ground suffered and they could not complete the work despite drawing the entire loan amount. They also managed

the maintenance reports and work progress reports to falsely claim higher expenses.

Multiple inspections by the Forensic Auditors and NHAI have revealed that the on ground progress of the work achieved by Madhucon Group was only 50.24 percent whereas, they had already drawn a loan amount of 90 percent.

Through round-tripping, the Madhucon Group diverted Rs 361.29 crore from the loan funds and received in its accounts.

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MODI RAPS KCR GRAFT POLITICS, ANNOUNCES HAR GHAIR TIRANGA OP

The BJP congregation appreciated the "Agnipath" scheme, which triggered a row and violence across several States in protest, and the Government's announcement of 10 lakh jobs.

"After Covid-19, the financial figures of the country are very encouraging. The country's exports have increased. FDI has increased in the country. In the last 8 years, many path breaking decisions have been taken in the country from the GST to the PLI," Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said after the National Executive passed the economic and "garib kalyan" resolution proposed by Rajnath Singh and seconded by Piyush Goyal and Manohar Lal Khattar.

The country is moving on a high track growth rate of 8.7 per cent while the rest of the world is still reeling under stress in the post-coronavirus phase, he said.

Earlier, in his inaugural address, BJP president JP Nadda lauded and paid "homage" to the "sacrifices" of party workers who, he said, are being "slaughtered" in West Bengal, Kerala and Jammu & Kashmir.

The meet is being attended by Modi, top Central and State leaders and Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled States.

Nadda lauded the leadership and "pro-poor"

politics of Modi vis-a-vis what he said "destructive and obstructive politics" of Opposition parties.

He said, "Most of the Opposition parties are family oriented and indulging in corrupt practices. They are continuously trying to impede all Government of India's policies towards making India resilient and resurgent."

Lashing out at the Opposition, the BJP chief accused it of "making failed attempts to mislead the country on several issues, including those on surgical strikes and the Rafael fighter aircraft purchase." He described the Opposition attitude as "self-destructive".

Focusing on the States of West Bengal and Kerala, and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Nadda paid tribute to BJP workers who he said have been "slaughtered" for keeping the flag of the party high and "working against all odds". He thanked the leadership of the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, for taking a "historical stand" on the abrogation of Article 370 and bringing Jammu & Kashmir into the Indian mainstream. He said the BJP workers have been making major sacrifices in Jammu and Kashmir facing the onslaught of "separatists".

In the same vein, Nadda spoke about the "sacrifice made by Syama Prasad Mukherjee who gave his life to unite Kashmir under one flag and one Constitution".

The BJP president repeatedly praised the leadership of the Prime Minister in the last eight years making "Garib Kalyan as his priority".

Nadda highlighted in detail the flagship central policies working for "garib kalyan" and particularly for "emancipation of poor women" mentioning construction of 11 crore toilets for them. He said the choice of Draupadi Murmu as NDA presidential nominee too "reflects social emancipation" under the BJP Government.

The BJP meeting also planned the "har ghar tiranga" (Tricolour at every home) exercise to reach out to 20 crore people, according to former Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje.

The two-day BJP national executive meeting which began in Hyderabad at International Convention Centre will conclude on Sunday with Prime Minister's address and passing of a political resolution and a separate statement on Telangana.

UDAIPUR LIKE MURDER REPORTED FROM MAHA

On his part, Sanket has told the police that his father was not associated with any political party. "I have heard that he was murdered over a social media post. I checked his Facebook account and did not find anything objectionable in it. I am sure he was not murdered for robbery. Only the police can establish as to what was the motive behind my father's murder," Sanket said.

Meanwhile, in a letter written on June 27, 2022 (a day before the killing of Kanhaiya) to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Independent MP from

Amaravati Navneet Rana said since Kolhe regularly made pro-Hindu posts on social media, suspecting it could have links similar to the Udaipur killing.

Among other things, Navneet charged that former Congress Guardian Minister of Amravati district police commissioner Aarti Singh to cover up the incident, and demanded a probe and action even against the city police chief.

Earlier in the day, a special court on Saturday sent the four people accused in the murder of Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal Teli to 10-day custody of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Teli was stabbed to death, allegedly by Mohammad Riyaz and Ghouse Mohammad, on June 28 for purportedly sharing on social media former BJP spokesperson Nupur's remarks on the Prophet.

Outside the court, the four accused were attacked by the people who had gathered there.

Riyaz and Ghouse were arrested the same day. Two others accused in the case - Asif Hussain and Mohsin Khan - were arrested subsequently. The four were produced before a Jaipur court on Saturday afternoon - of them, Riyaz and Ghouse were brought with their faces covered. The CBI court number 1, which deals with NIA cases, sent them to 10-day NIA custody.

With the NIA having taken over the investigations, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Rajasthan Police has handed over all documents

related to the case to the Central agency.

CONG KILLER WITH BJP, PARTY REJECTS ALLEGATION

Questioning the "silence" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, the Congress leader asked whether the BJP and its leaders are trying to create an atmosphere of religious frenzy in the country.

"Is the BJP, through its spokespersons and leaders, trying to take advantage by polarising the country," he asked.

Khera said Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had welcomed the transfer of this case to the NIA.

The Centre has rushed a team of NIA to the Congress-ruled Rajasthan to probe the case and its possible foreign links, treating the killing as a case of "terrorism".

Denying the murder accused's alleged BJP links, the BJP's IT cell chief Amit Malviya dismissed the claim as "fake news".

"I am not surprised that you are peddling #FakeNews. The Udaipur murderers WERN'T members of the BJP. Their attempt to infiltrate was like the LTTE assassin's attempt to enter the Congress to kill Rajiv Gandhi," he tweeted.

"The Congress should stop fooling around with terror and national security," Malviya said.

'CAPTAIN BOOM' RATTLES ENGLAND

Smashes Lara's world record with bat, wreaks havoc with ball

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

Skipper Jasprit Bumrah held sway with a mesmerising all-round performance, which included a world record feat with the bat and an incisive spell with the ball as India seized complete control from England on a rain-hit second day of the rescheduled fifth Test here on Saturday.

Such was the power of Bumrah's all-round show (31 off 16 balls and 3/35) in his first appearance as India captain that it easily overshadowed Ravindra Jadeja's superbly constructed third Test hundred that took India to a commanding first innings score of 416.

England were in all sorts of trouble with half of the team back in the pavilion as the scoreboard made a sorry reading at 84 for 5. The hosts still 332 runs behind the visitors.

In the first session, Stuart Broad must have had a feeling of 'deja vu' when he was literally butchered by the stand-in Indian captain, who scored 29 runs with the willow and also was gifted six extra runs to make it 35, highest ever in a single over in Test cricket.

In his first match at the helm as captain, Bumrah would have never thought that he would pip Brian Lara's maximum runs (28 runs) in a single Test match over, which



remained intact for 18 years. George Bailey and Keshav Maharaj though had equalled the feat.

Broad can't be faulted if he remembered that September, 2007 night in Durban, when Yuvraj Singh pummelled him for six sixes in an over. He got his 550th Test wicket on the day but by the end of it all, Bumrah had wiped that wry smile off his face.

When England came out to bat, the skipper had nicely warmed up and bowled a

menacing first spell and for a change was rewarded for even putting his "foot wrong" on two occasions that resulted in additional deliveries which fetched him a couple of wickets.

After two days of play, India hold all the aces and look good to retain the Pataudi Trophy and stay in contention for a place in the World Test Championship final.

While India next play a Test series against Bangladesh in December, the second day

in Edgbaston might have provided India with a realistic long-term captaincy option in traditional format as and when Rohit Sharma decides to call time on his Test career.

Bumrah was good with his bowling changes, field placements and also DRS call of his own bowling.

In all, a complete package in place. At the start of the day, Jadeja reaffirmed his status as India's most valuable player across formats as he scored his

best Test hundred -- 104 off 194 balls.

This century, though, was of a far better quality than his earlier two, especially if one factors in the conditions, match situation and quality of opposition bowling.

Jadeja hit 13 boundaries, and his near four and half hours stay at the crease, gave Pant an opportunity to play his natural attacking game, even as the former dourly defended as and when required.

A punchy drive through



cover-point region got him his third century four months after he got the second one in Mohali.

Having already scored 2500 runs in Test cricket alongside taking 242 wickets, Jadeja can safely be termed as the best all-rounder that the Indian team has had since the great Kapil Dev.

A Test batting average of 37 plus is better than many specialists who have played for India over the years.

Bumrah used the bat like a

sword and even the top-edges seemed like ball hitting the "sweet spot" as four boundaries and two sixes came off Broad's over. There were hooks, pulls and drives to enthral the capacity crowd.

The Indian captain, in fact, gave the hosts a dose of 'Bazball' (Brendon McCullum's attacking philosophy), which had become a trending lingo in English cricket during the past few weeks.

While Rishabh Pant's century for the ages and Jadeja's

third Test ton set up the platform, one can't discount the 93 runs that India added with contributions from number 9, 10 and 11.

As far as England's bowling is concerned, James Anderson (5/60), who is a month shy of turning 40, is still class personified, as he got his 32nd five-wicket haul in Test matches.

But 40 extra runs, including 14 no balls, will certainly haunt England in the long run.

Once he came out to bowl, Bumrah had by then already known left-handed opener Alex Lees' (6) weaknesses. He went round the wicket and got one to nip back slightly with the angle as it breached the opener's defence.

In case of Zak Crawley (9), Bumrah bowled a fuller delivery on the 'fourth off-stump' and Crawley's drive was snuffed up by Shubman Gill stationed at third slip.

Similarly, after another rain break, he tested Ollie Pope (10) with another fuller delivery that was slightly wider and the expansive drive only ended in Shreyas Iyer's hands in the second slip.

But India saved their best for the last as Mohammed Siraj got one to rear up awkwardly with wobbly seam as England's best batter Joe Root (31) could only get into a tangle and offer a simple catch to Rishabh Pant behind stumps.

Women's Hockey WC: India eye revenge against England in opener

PTI ■ AMSTELVEEN (NETHERLANDS)

No more considered as pushovers, a rejuvenated India would seek revenge against England when the two sides open their Pool B campaign in the Women's Hockey World Cup here on Sunday.

The Indian women's hockey team would be eager to settle scores against a side which shattered their bronze medal hopes in last year's Tokyo Olympics.

India came tantalisingly close to claiming their maiden Olympic medal in Tokyo, only to lose 3-4 against England, who are playing as Great Britain in the showpiece here.

But going into the tournament, the Indians would be high on confidence, especially after finishing a creditable third in their maiden outing in the FIH Pro League.

India's best performance in the World Cup was a fourth place finish at the inaugural edition in 1974, but since achieving a historic fourth place in Tokyo Games, the team has been on a phenomenal rise.

The Indian women's team achieved its best-ever world ranking, a sixth position in May and then gave some top teams of the world a run for their money in the FIH Pro League.

The Indian team finished on the podium ahead of strong sides like Belgium, Australia and England.

Experienced goalkeeper Savita Punia performed captaincy responsibilities brilliantly since taking over from talismanic Rani Rampal, who has been sidelined since the Tokyo Games due to a hamstring injury.

Savita has been in stellar form, while she will have young and energetic back-up in Bichu Devi Kharibam.

Former players laud Pant for his 'special ton under pressure'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Flamboyant India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant's sublime counter-attacking ton on the opening day of the rescheduled fifth Test against England earned praise from the cricket fraternity, which described the knock as "a special one under pressure".

India were staring down the barrel at 98 for 5 before Pant (146 off 111 balls) scripted a remarkable turnaround in the company of Ravindra Jadeja, who remained not out on 83 on Day 1 at Birmingham.

The duo shared a match-changing 222-run stand off 239 balls.

Pant, who rendered the England bowlers helpless, hammered 20 boundaries and four sixes, in his awe-inspiring effort.

"Simply awesome@Rishabh Pant! Well done," the iconic Sachin Tendulkar tweeted.

"Crucial innings by @imjadeja. Rotated the strike well and played some amazing shots."

Former India captain and current BCCI president Sourav Ganguly tweeted:

"Special exhibition of test match batting under pressure Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja can't get better than this."

Following are the Twitter reactions of some more former and current cricketers on Pant's blitzkrieg:

Virender Sehwag: Pant is in a league of his own. The most entertaining cricketer in the world, this is a special one.

Venkatesh Prasad: Box office stuff from Rishabh Pant. One of the best counter-attacking innings that one will ever see. One special player. Suresh Raina: What a fan-

tastic partnership. Pant and Jadeja keep up your spirits with the same intent, kudos to you both.

Harbhajan Singh: Top knock 100 Rishabh Pant when team needed the most... Keep it up.

Amit Mishra: When in trouble, call the Spiderman! What a fierce knock by rockstar Rishabh Pant against a quality English bowling under such circumstances. Best way to fight a fire is to fight it with the fire.

Sanjay Manjrekar: Pant is playing great Test innings for fun these days! Hats off!

Shubhankar miss cut at Irish Open

PTI ■ KILKENNY (IRELAND)

India's Shubhankar Sharma seemed all set for a fine second round after a solid first day as he had a birdie-birdie start from the 10th in the second round of Horizon Irish Open at Mount Juliet Estate.

Then everything went downhill with two double bogeys and two other bogeys between the 13th and 18th.

He double bogeyed 13th and 16th and bogeyed 14th and 18th and there ended his hopes.

On his second nine, the front stretch of the course, Sharma had one birdie and no more bogeys, but it was too late as he finished 3-over for the day and even for 36 holes, which was good enough only for tied 89th and he exited early. It was Sharma's third straight ins cut and sixth one in seven starts with a tied 14th in between at

Dutch Open. Jorge Campillo moved into the halfway lead after the Spaniard carded a four under second round 68, even as 2019 Open winner, Shane Lowry delighted the local fans with birdies on last four holes to just make the cut after himself having resigned to an early exit.

It was a great day for locals as another home favourite Séamus Power, playing with Lowry, put on a thrilling late show for the jubilant fans.

On a day when the weather changed frequently the County Kilkenny saw both heavy rain and cold weather in the afternoon. Earlier, Campillo set the clubhouse target at 11-under in more favourable morning conditions.

Gopichand hopes for historic high in CWG after epic Thomas Cup win



PTI ■ KOLKATA

Chief national coach Pullela Gopichand is hopeful that the country's male shuttlers will be able to reclaim the gold in men's singles and better their record in doubles event at the upcoming Commonwealth Games following India's epic Thomas Cup win.

Indian shuttlers had claimed an unprecedented six medal, including two golds, three silvers and a bronze, at the 2018 edition of Commonwealth Games.

Kidambi Srikanth and the pairing of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy had finished second best at Gold Coast but Gopichand feels they can go the distance this time after fashioning India's epic win in the Thomas Cup in May.

"As a team, for the world, this performance (Thomas Cup) means a lot. We haven't performed this way at the team level, in the men's section especially," the 48-year-old said here.

"It's a huge thing, in general the team is excited and very hopeful after the way we performed in the Thomas Cup. I'm hopeful that we would do better than last time."

"Last year we won two gold medals, can we do better than that? But looking at the Thomas Cup, I'm sure we will have a chance to better our records in the men's singles and doubles."

Prakash Padukone (1978) and Syed Modi (1982) and Parupalli Kashyap are the only Indian men to win the coveted gold at CWG, while Chirag and Satwik had created history by becoming the first-ever Indian pair to win a CWG medal en route to bagging a silver in 2018.

The Birmingham showpiece will be held from July 28 to August 8.

Will speak to Park, hope to sort out Sindhu's issues

French player who beat Serena reaches 4th round at Wimbledon

AP ■ WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND

Whether her opponents are tournament favorites or crowd favorites, Harmony Tan keeps knocking them out of Wimbledon.

First there was Serena Williams, a seven-time champion at the All England Club. Then came 32nd-seeded Sara Sorribes Tormo. On Saturday, it was British player Katie Boulter.

"I think I like grass," said Tan, who won three straight matches at a tournament for the first time in her career. "I really like to play with some slice, volley, everything with my game."

The unseeded Frenchwoman is making her debut at the All England Club. She has played at the French Open four times, reaching the second round once. She also played at this year's Australian Open and again reached the second round. At the U.S. Open, she lost in the first round in 2018 in her only appearance at Flushing Meadows.

On Saturday, Tan beat Boulter 6-1, 6-1 on No. 2 Court. She never faced a break



point in the match and converted five of the 10 she earned.

Tan's debut at Wimbledon came on Day 2 of the tournament on Centre Court, the biggest stadium on the grounds. That's where she eliminated Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam singles champion, in three sets.

"It was really emotional for the first round against Serena, and after it was just play match for match," Tan said on court. "Today was really good tennis. I don't know why, but ... It depends (on) the day."

US men's soccer reach 1st Olympics since 2008 with U-20 win

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States qualified for its first Olympic men's soccer tournament since 2008 when the Americans beat Honduras 3-0 at San Pedro Sula in the semifinals of the Under-20 championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Paxten Aaronson of the Philadelphia Union, an 18-year-old brother of Leeds midfielder Brenden Aaronson, scored in the third minute on Friday night.

Alejandro Alvarado, who made four appearances last season for Portugal's Vizela, added a goal in the 23rd, and Quinn Sullivan, Aaronson's Philadelphia teammate, scored in the 43rd as the U.S. Earned a berth in the 16-nation field at the 2024 Olympic tournament in France.



Olympic men's soccer is limited to players under 23, with each nation allowed three wild cards over the limit. After the U.S. Failed in three straight qualifying cycles

as many clubs refused to make top players available, CONCACAF altered qualifying from under-23 teams and included it as part of its under-20 championship.

The U.S. was eliminated from 2012 Olympic qualifying when Sean Johnson allowed Jaime Alas' goal to go in off his hands in second-half stoppage time, giving El Salvador a 3-2 draw in the Americans' group stage finale.

The Americans lost a 2016 Olympics qualification game to El Salvador 2-0, then were beaten 3-2 by Colombia in a two-leg playoff for another berth.

The U.S. Lost to Honduras 2-1 in last year's Olympic qualification game as goalkeeper David Ochoa gifted a goal when he chipped a ball off an opponent and into his own net.

Lahiri moves up leaderboard with 67 in 2nd round at John Deere Classic



PTI ■ SILVIS (US)

Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri turned in a solid second round which ended with a painful bogey on his last hole, but still produced a card of 4-under 67 to move up the leaderboard in the USD 7.1 million John Deere Classic event.

The 35-year-old Lahiri, who started birdie-birdie from the 10th, was on a good run. He turned in 2-under and added birdies on first, third and fifth at which point he was 5-under for the day and 7-under for the event.

Another birdie or more could have brought him close to Top-10, but instead a bogey on ninth, his closing hole, dropped him to 6-under

and with the rest of the field also finishing later, he was T-24 at the end of the second day, eight places better than the first day.

Lahiri is now nine shots behind the leader, J T Poston (62-65) who is 15-under and four ahead of second placed Denny McCarthy (66-65) at 11-under.

The top Asian star was Chinese Taipei's C T Pan who powered into tied seventh place at the halfway stage as he seeks to challenge for a second career PGA TOUR victory.

The 30-year-old Pan fired a flawless 7-under 64 to match for a two-day total of 9-under 133 and T-7.

Notable players to miss the cut were defending champion Lucas

Glover, Cameron Champ, Webb Simpson and Brandt Snedeker.

The top three players not otherwise exempt in the top 10 and ties will qualify for the 150th Open Championship at St Andrews.

Lahiri hit 10 of 18 greens in regulation during his second round. He began well with a drive to the left side of the fairway on the par-5 10th and hit his 73 yard approach to 11 feet for birdie.

On the next, the 432-yard par-4 11th hole, Lahiri had a 145 yard approach shot, setting himself up for the birdie from inside six feet to move to 2-under.

On the 215-yard par-3 12th green, Lahiri suffered from a tough three-putt after missing a putt from

6-feet for a par. He made up on 14th. After a 316 yard drive on the 361-yard par-4 14th, Lahiri chipped his second shot to five feet, which he rolled in for a one-putt birdie on the hole to get back 2-under.

He again gave away a shot on Par-5 569-yard 17th. He got to the green in four and two-putted from 32 feet for a bogey.

He holed a 15-foot putt for birdie on first and then again hit a great approach to six feet on third for yet another birdie. That was followed by another fine approach and a birdie from inside five feet. But on the 503-yard par-4 ninth, Lahiri had a bogey after hitting the green in 3 and two putting to finish 4-under for the round.

talktime

SHAKTI ARORA

The actor, who primarily works in Hindi television is known for his performances in Tere Liye, Pavitra Rishta, Meri Aashiqui Tum Se Hi and Silsila Badalte Rishton Ka. He speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about his role in Kundali Bhagya, what made him say yes to the role, what got him into acting and more. Tune in to Kundali Bhagya every Monday to Friday at 9:30 pm on Zee TV

'TV HAS HELPED ME BECOME WHAT I AM TODAY'



■ Please tell us something about your character.

I am playing the character of Arjun in Zee TV's Kundali Bhagya. He is a rich hotelier from London, who acquires heritage properties and builds them into hotels. After returning to India, he aims to acquire several properties for his business. While my character might seem pretty simple, I must say that there are a lot of layers to Arjun and they will gradually unfold on TV. He is bound to bring various twists and turns to the storyline, especially by creating havoc in the lives of the Luthras.

■ What made you say yes to the role?

When I got a call for this opportunity, I was very skeptical as the popular and long-running show has several characters already and when you

introduce a new character or an actor, then he needs to work extra hard to make a place for himself on the show. It was a challenge, but the character sketch and storyline really got me excited. In fact, I have been away from television shows for almost 2 - 3 years now and I wanted to return with an exciting character, which I feel Kundali Bhagya has given me. I am really excited about Kundali Bhagya and I hope people shower me with love and respect like always.

■ What kept you busy while you were away from screen for three years?

I finished my last show in 2019, after which I wasn't satisfied with the characters I was being offered. So, I decided to wait for the right opportunity. In between, I traveled a lot and I almost turned into a travel influencer, visiting 8 - 10 countries in a short span of time. However, it didn't pan out. I also utilised my break to learn more about the stock market, and start a few businesses, amongst other things as well.

■ How has TV helped you shape your career?

Most of the work that I have done in terms of acting has been on TV. In that case, I believe that TV is the medium through which I have achieved everything to date and established myself as an actor. Even though TV is looked down upon, in my belief, TV is the greatest medium that we have in our country, which the audience watches on a regular basis. There are several TV actors, who are a known names in every household now, sometimes even more known than some top Bollywood actors.

■ What got you into acting?

I never had a plan B, I always wanted to be an actor, and hence, I worked hard for it from the beginning. In fact, when I came into acting, I soon realized that the craft will be my most valuable asset. After being part of a few popular projects, people started appreciating my work and that further pushed me to improve my craft further and I will continue to do so.

■ From your debut in 2006 to starring in so many shows till now, what have been the developments or changes?

I believe we have definitely grown in terms of camera quality in the TV industry, but we have a long way to go in terms of content and packaging. However, having said that, TV is evolving on a regular basis and we've come a long way from where we started.

■ What else is in the pipeline?

I don't want to think about tomorrow, I just want to focus only on Kundali Bhagya. I want the show to do well and hope people enjoy watching my character and my performance.

■ Any special message for your fans/viewers?

My fans have been waiting to see me on TV screens for the past 3 years, and I am sure my entry into Kundali Bhagya will surely excite them. I also want to thank them for loving and appreciating my work to date and I hope they continue with the same trend (laughs).

Plan Your Day

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DGTL is a festival full of discovery, inspiration and surprise. For seven years they have tantalised visitors and kept them hungry for more through music, art and production. They are making a sustainable impact on the global festival landscape. Always mindful of their environmental and social impact, they work with enthusiastic partners to

spread the message and expand their reach. They design impressive stages within raw, industrial settings. They are also partnering with the best vjs and creating light effects and visuals.
What: Music
Where: Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi
When: December 9 & 10
Time: 2:00 pm - 12:00 am

Sound of music

Music is the best medicine. Here are the top 10 songs of the week that will lift up your weekend mood

- Bollywood vibes**
Dafa Kar (A R Rahman)
Saamna (Akasa)
Mast Nazron Se (Rochak Kohli)
Kya Kar Diya (Vishal Mishra)
Macha Macha Re (Mika Singh)

- English Vinglish**
Psychofreak (Camila Cabello)
Seven Bridge Road (Jake Bugg)
Wings Of Stone (Adam Levine)
FREE (John Legend)
Crazy (Doechii)

Masterstroke



Newly launched Blessful Sleep Gummies are perfect bliss to induce restful sleep. With a hectic schedule and long tiring day, sound sleep is all we need to wake up refreshed. Take two beautiful sleep gummies 30 minutes before bedtime and dive into your dreamland. Additionally, it also helps in rejuvenating your skin health overnight. You can easily manage your sleep-wake cycle with wholesome ingredients; Vitamin B6 to fall asleep faster, Passiflora Extract that induces restful sleep by relaxing your body and mind, and Melatonin to improve your sleep routine. These non-habit-forming gummies calm your body and mind by coping with daily stress. Passion Fruit Flavour gummies will reverse the skin damage caused by stress and rejuvenate the skin from within, while you sleep tight. These Gummies will help you in getting your dream sleep and managing your sleep disorders. It is a 100 per cent clinically tested & doctor recommended product for managing sleep disorders.
— Divij Bajaj, CEO & Founder, Power Gummies

Your nails tell a lot about you

Long and well-manicured fingernails are symbolised by women beauty and fashion. However, the very first step towards beautiful nails is a healthy nail. For women and men both, nails can be the indication of overall body health

In the world of personal care, there is a growing percentage of people who recognise nail care as prudent as their face and rest of the body. Long and well-man-

icured fingernails are many times symbolised by women beauty and fashion. However, the very first step towards beautiful nails is a healthy nail. For women and men both, nails can

be the indication of overall body health. A healthy nail is smooth and without any discoloration. If you notice any breakage or any sort of discoloration in your fingernails, it can be

a result of bad nutrition and poor digestion. Even chewing your fingernails is a symptom of your mental health, as you will see in this article. We will mention few conditions that

you should not neglect if they arise. Book an appointment with your health specialist if you detect any of these given conditions with your fingernails and take necessary actions.

Ridged or rippled nails

You might have seen thin vertical ridges over the nails of an older person. It is very common and occurs naturally as a result of the aging process. But what if the ridges are larger than what they should normally be? Beware, since it can be a sign of iron deficiency, or Vitamins A, B, especially B12, or keratin. This can also be an early symptom of psoriasis, or inflammatory arthritis, or hormonal imbalances. You can look for discolored nails, and the skin under the nail may seem reddish-brown.



Yellowish or pale nails

Not having regular nail hygiene is not the only reason for your yellow nail coloration. It is also associated with a fungal infection. Your nail bed could retract while the nails thicken and it can even crumble as the condition progresses. Although it is rare, yellow nails could also signal critical diseases, such as psoriasis, diabetes, and lung, or thyroid disease.



White, pale or blue nails

Your nails appearing to be discolored or different in color could be a sign of trouble, such as pale nails, which signify anaemia or congestive heart failure or liver disease or even malnutrition. White nails with darker rims may signal liver problems such as hepatitis. And nails having a bluish tone may indicate cardiovascular or lung problems like pneumonia, asthma, or emphysema that



can result from the body not getting sufficient oxygen.

Brittle and chipped nails

Many of us have been victims of a chipped nail at some point in our lives. Brittle nails break or chip way too easily and can be the indication of nutritional deficiency such as iron, protein, or insufficient calcium, biotin, zinc, or vitamin B-complex levels such as B12. Brittle nails can also be a symptom of thyroid gland malfunctioning. They are also a common symptom of Raynaud's syndrome, which is an illness afflicting the blood vessels, due to which there is a restriction in blood flow to the limbs.



Dark stripes under the nails

If you observe dark lines under the nails, it could be a symptom of melanoma, which is a malignant form of skin cancer, and requires an immediate visit to the doctor



Curved nails
"Koilonychia" is the condition in which spoon-shaped curved nails look peculiar and are indicative of a deficiency of Vitamin B12 or iron.

Beau's lines

Beau's lines are the reference to deep grooves running horizontally across the nail from side to side. Generally, they are an outcome of an injury but could also develop due to diabetes or zinc deficiency. It can also be because of malnutrition, and both fingernails and toenails are at risk of developing them.



Nail biting or chewing
Nail biting is often overlooked as a behavioral pattern. However, compulsive nail biting and nail chewing can be a symptom of constant anxiety or even obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Remember to always take care of your delicate nails and avoid biting or tearing them apart. Consider buying a good quality pair of nail clipper to keep their length manageable. Trim and cut your nails right after a bath when they are soft. Lastly, do not forget to lotion them to keep them moisturised.
—Rajesh U Pandya, Managing Director, KAI India

QUIRKY TALE

A peek into Lucky Bisht's life

Saying that Lucky Bisht's life has been anything short of a Bollywood movie would be a wrong statement. He has served various Government agencies like R&AW, NSG, Special Forces and many more with diligence. For his exceptional service and dedication, Bisht was also selected as the Best Commando from NSG in 2009.



However, Bisht chose to get into Bollywood and has given all his heart and soul to the industry. He reaffirmed his purpose, that is, to serve the nation, but this time through powerful storytelling.

Bisht also launched his own production house by the name Lucky Commando Films (LCF) in the year 2019. His production house is a hub of creativity and innovation.

Flaunt it with style

Every Bollywood celebrity tends to invest heavily in the character's nerves to give justice to the character. To acquire the ideal perspective and location, Bollywood actors may even have to shoot outside in the blazing heat. Due to their outdoor shooting schedules in the gloomy weather, Bollywood actors often get sunburned or injured certain injuries. And that is what Warina Hussain's latest pictures showcase. She took to her social media and posted a slew of pictures of herself in which she is seen donning a hot mini orange bodycon dress.



One finance tip at a time with FinCocktail

People don't want to follow or listen to superheroes today, they want people just like them to give them aspirational goals or the right advice for a smart choice. It's this trend that's led to a massive boom of influencer culture in India and while the popular categories of influencers remain, a new breed of influencers are taking over the social media by a storm. Welcome to the world of finance.



As Bill Gates once said, "If you are born poor it's not your mistake, but if you die poor it's your mistake". The world of finance influencers are ruling these these days.

Sayali Rai and Niyati Thaker with their brand - FinCocktail have built a loyal community. While Rai, holds a BSc in Finance from NYU Stern School of Business and an MBA in Finance from Babson College and a corporate experience at Citi, Thaker holds a BBA from Kingston University from London and has completed all three levels of CFA, along with a corporate career at ASK Wealth Advisors as a private wealth manager. The duo always had the inkling towards contributing to a financially literate youth of India and with that thought in mind, the duo collaborated towards building FinCocktail.

Sayali says: "At the very crux of our brand is a mission. It is a thorough purpose that drives us every day. When we realised that words like financial independence, financial literacy were traded around by people without much understanding, we knew what we had to get to the table."

Niyati adds: "FinCocktail provides free content on various social media platforms. Our work is out there for everyone who wants to sharpen their understanding of all things personal finance."

How Akul Narula is representing event industry

In the hi-tech digital transformation and post-pandemic, events and entertainment have taken a new momentous high. There have been various transitional changes like the influx of online and virtual webinars that encouraged the active participation from the people so that the show must go on.



Akul Narula aces in event management. He has attributed the success of various event management projects to his analytical thinking. The event management industry has grown manifold in the past decade and aims to soar high in the coming years. In the fintech industry, many large scale conferences are taking place that are managed by the leading event companies of India.

Event industry is closely associated with the entertainment industry and it also gives the boost to the media world. The arrangement of the awards and conferences are part of the media and event world. Meta verse world has also intruded into the event industry and many key events are being arranged through that platform. With recent event of a wedding in South India where 500 guests were invited online, this space is surely going to be the next destination for the people.

With this and attaining new highs, Narula aims to bring more innovation and technological advancement in the events world.

Events showcase entertainment by rewarding their work and thus establishing a name in the entertainment industry. They are an important part of the entertainment industry.

the pioneer agenda

I'm a big believer in accepting yourself and not really worrying about it — Jennifer Lawrence



Not many would be 'charitable' to Thackeray who has now been left with a mere rump of Shiv Sena, which is restricted to only commercial Capital Mumbai, writes DEEPAK K UPRETI

UDDHAV THE LAST OF THE THACKERAYS ?

Can Uddhav Thackeray who quit as Chief Minister of Maharashtra, be justified in saying "Et tu Brute?" to Shiv Sena breakaway group leader Eknath Shinde? Will the average Shiv Sainik buy his allegations that Shinde conspired with the BJP to kill his 'Maha Vikas Aghadi' government?

Not many would be that 'charitable' to Thackeray who has now been left with a mere rump of Sena that is restricted to only commercial Capital Mumbai.

Now that Shinde is in the saddles of the Chief Minister, Uddhav will face an enormous challenge in keeping his hold over the cadres of the Shiv Sena. It may seem a tall order for a man who failed miserably in keeping his legislature party united and faced the mortification of seeing two-thirds of his MLAs deserting him.

The Uddhav-led Shiv Sena, which a few months ago had a plan to go national and contest elections outside Maharashtra, is now fighting for its survival as a political party within the western state.

While the question which is the "real Shiv Sena" would be decided by the Election Commission and the court, the Sena of Uddhav Thackeray is gasping for Oxygen on its own political turf that has been successfully invaded by the new-age Shiv Sainik, steered cleverly by a buoyant BJP leadership.

The lightning strike by 'Shinde-Sena' in the last 10-days and cloak and dagger drama that spread and unfolded in Mumbai, Ahmedabad to Gauwhati have made the Shiv Sena 'panth pradhan' poorer with as many 39 MLAs, leaving him to lead a largely Mumbai-based organization.

But in Mumbai, too, newly-anointed chief minister and rebel leader Eknath Shinde himself has a strong base in Thane, his long-time constituency.

Thackeray may find his Mumbai base further squeezed with several Mumbai MLAs- Sada Sarvankar, Prakash Surve, Yamin Jadhav, Mangesh Kudalkar- going along with Shinde.

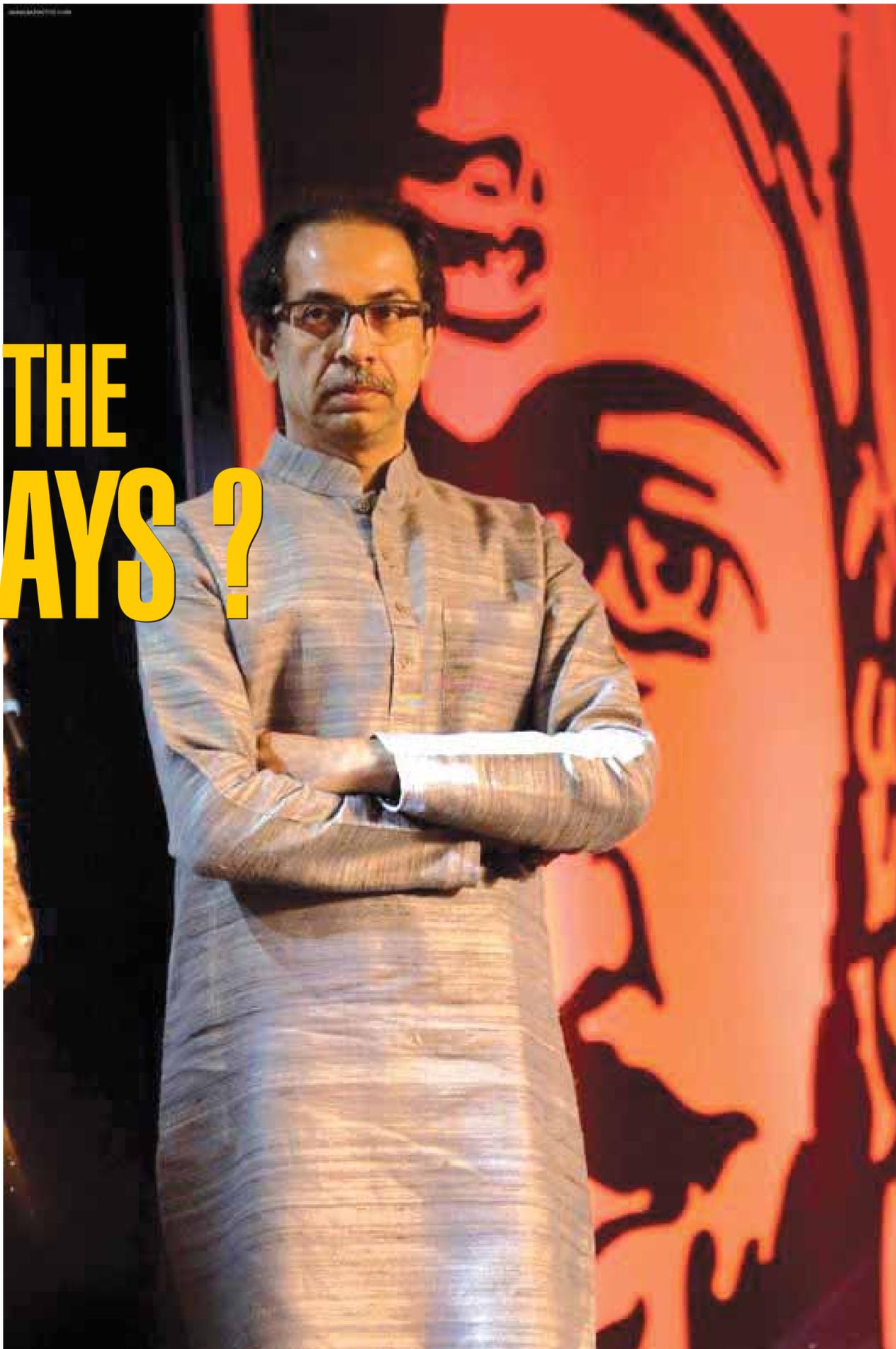
Several senior Shiv Sena MLAs who have rebelled and moved with Shinde have deep district and panchayat-level political roots of decades in north Maharashtra, Vidarbha, and the Konkan region and thus would make it very difficult for Thackeray to re-grow his party outside Maharashtra.

Is Thackeray culpable of complacency and living in his ivory towers and dreaming big without working on the ground?

As they say coming events cast their shadows before. The straws in the wind were there for all to see, but the Sena chief turned blind eye to the omen. In the hindsight, he looked to be deep in slumber after a two and a half-year run as Chief Minister in 'Varsha Bungalow', cut off him from 'Matoshree', the house built by Bal Thackeray, where common Shiv Sainik, corporators, or MLAs would in the past go and get redressal of their grievances on a day-to-day basis.



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Shiv Sena lost its second Rajya Sabha seat to the BJP in the recently concluded Rajya Sabha elections with its candidate Sanjay Pawar failing to get nine requisite votes.

Team Uddhav then publicly blamed six of its erstwhile supporters for "betraying" the Sena but failed to set its house in order, which was simmering with charges of "inaccessibility" of Thackeray.

The disconnect was too visible to be ignored by coalition partners. Nationalist Congress Party leader Sharad Pawar said he had "warned" Thackeray to watch out lest he is caught by sudden surprises.

Ignoring the deft moves made by BJP leader and former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis who cleverly 'tapped' the unrest within Sena, Thackeray allowed Raut, a loudmouth and part of his coterie, to make unproductive comments like "Give us control of the ED for two days and we'll get even Devendra Fadnavis to vote for us."

This is the lowest point that the Thackerays have seen since senior Bal Thackeray first entered an alliance in 1989 with the BJP for Lok Sabha and came into power for the first time in

1995 with Manohar Joshi, prominent Shiv Sena leader becoming the CM of the state. Narayan Rane was another Shiv Sainik (who is now with BJP) who occupied the CM post.

Uddhav is seen to have committed a cardinal sin and a tactical blunder in 2019 by himself stepping into Chief Minister's post and not nominating someone from Shiv Sena, a tradition set by his father who continued to be in the hallowed 'Matoshree', seen to be the final court of Justice for all Shiv Sainiks until he died in 2012.

Thus, Uddhav lost the 'moral authority' that the senior Thackeray held over Shiv Sainik by 'abstaining' from power.

But a much greater blunder that Uddhav has been accused of committing is tailoring the "Hindutva agenda" to suit his power goals and joining hands with "secularists" in the MVA coalition government.

It would be difficult for Uddhav to answer the charges of Shinde-led Shiv Sainik that it is he "who has betrayed" the 'ideals' espoused by his father and not them "who continue to fight for a Hindu cause".

With Shinde now occupying the

office of the Chief minister, his camp may, as of now, have an edge in convincing average Sainiks that they are battling to save the "real Shiv Sena" from the clutches of those someone whose strings were pulled by 'secular-left-liberal enemies'.

The success of mass mobilization by two Shiv Sena rival factions would depend on to which side can convince the Sena voters on the "betrayal theme". However, Shinde, a Maratha, may be counted on to make a dent in Sharad Pawar's Maratha vote bank. This could give his faction added fillip at the time of election and also serve the BJP in cutting down Pawar to size.

Amidst all these high voltage political theatrics, it will be interesting to see if the BJP astutely ropes in the mercenary Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) leader Raj Thackeray as the third party in the new ruling combination in Maharashtra.

If the breakaway Shiv Sena Group is to be merged into MNS it would gain the respectability of the Thackeray title or counter cousin Uddhav and further legitimize its existence in the eyes of Shiv Sena workers.

Raj Thackeray who has been inter-

acting with top BJP leadership has, for some time, been warning against loud-speakers in the mosques with 'Hanumanchalisa' in Mumbai.

Though Raj Thackeray is doing BJP's bidding vis-vis his cousin, the saffron party yet does not have full confidence in him and is wary of his political intentions. But as of now, though not 'trusted and tested', the other Thackeray may have a place in the BJP game plan for Maharashtra.

The first trial with the fire of Thackeray, post his exit from power, to prove the substance of his side of Shiv Sena to the people of Maharashtra as against the 'Shinde Shiv Sena' would come soon in the BMC, Thane, and Kalyan-Dombivili civic polls.

Uddhav will need to reinvent his politics and prove its 'Hindutva credentials' after he has taken the "secular dip". It is not an easy task after his two and half years of company with MVA allies.

His move to rename Aurangabad city as Sambhaji Nagar and Osamabad city as Dharashiv has come too late with the obvious intent already read!

(The writer is a special correspondent of The Pioneer)

CHECK THOSE TRIGGER POINTS

The Migraine Awareness Month has just concluded. Owing to lack of awareness around migraine—a headache that can cause severe throbbing pain or a pulsating sensation, usually on one side of the head—people afflicted with the disorder often suffer in silence. Very few know that migraine ranks in the top 10 leading causes of years lived with disability, worldwide. THE HEALTH PIONEER brings a detailed report on this commonly prevalent illness and medications available to manage it.

I feel my head pounding when I try to move or when a door slams. It gets much worse when curtains are pulled aside. Bright, white lights make it worse, leaving me feeling dizzy.”

“It’s like I am being hit in the head with a hammer before I am totally incapacitated in bed. Sometimes, it is for days that I am unable to carry out even my daily routine.”

These are just a few testimonies shared by the patients suffering with migraine. Astonishingly, around 1 billion people worldwide have migraine. This makes it the third most common illness in the world, allergies and cold flu being the first two respectively.

In India, over 200 million people have migraine, which remains undiagnosed in many cases. Among the age group of 15-49, migraine is the number one cause of YLD (Years Lost due to Disability). Unfortunately, there is still a lack of awareness around this condition.

Untreated, a migraine attack may last for 4-72 hours, and tension headaches may potentially last for a week, impacting more women than men.

Migraines present as severe and debilitating headaches – usually on one side of the head – that cause a painful throbbing and pulsating feeling and is often accompanied by nausea, dizziness, vomiting and sensitivity to light and sounds.

Chronic migraine is defined as a headache occurring on 15 or more days per month for more than three months, which, on at least 8 days per month, has the features of migraine headache.

Episodic migraine is defined as having headaches on fewer than 15 days a month.

According to a recent study, in India, migraine patients have poor awareness of their headache triggers and do not recognise it unless asked specifically.

The doctors suggest Yoga and meditation that can help the body to recover from stressful events such as migraine episodes. In fact, a study published in 2018 found that Yoga paired with Ayurveda, a holistic form of medicine, reduces migraine symptoms and pain intensity and improves quality of life.

Owing to the lack of awareness around the condition, about 40 per cent of the patients in India end up consulting with a general physician or other doctors for issues related to eyes, digestion, or ENT related problems. According to a study conducted by the World Health Organisation (WHO) less than 50 per cent of people suffering from migraine consult a physician and it is very often confused with sinus, cervical headache, hunger headache and even a hangover.

Therefore, 50 per cent of patients self-medicate as they go to chemists for painkillers.

Reaching out to a specialist, that is a Neurologist, can be truly beneficial for patients suffering from migraine. A neurologist can help dive deeper into the intricacies of the condition and find solutions towards managing it.



DR DEBASHISH CHOWDHURY
Head of Neurology Department,
GB Pant Hospital, Delhi

Underdiagnosis and insufficient treatment is due to gaps in knowledge. Understanding triggers help as they could be related to stress, hormonal changes, weather changes, sleep cycle, bright lights, etc. There is low awareness regarding the distinction between migraines and home remedies to alleviate symptoms temporarily. With chronic migraine, only 1 in 20 patients find the correct diagnosis and guided treatment. Some chronic and mild conditions have similar symptoms and so, patients are diagnosed with these instead of migraine, which can further delay their treatment therapies.

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A wide range of migraine treatment is available aimed at stopping symptoms, cutting down intensity and attacks and preventing future episodes. Many medications have been designed to treat migraine, its frequency and intensity. Medications used to combat migraines can be pain-relieving medications and injections such as nerve blocks. Then, there are certain devices that are based on neuro-modulation therapies that can be taken monthly or quarterly basis, preventive therapies, and Botox injections which are approved by the USFDA. These all are safe and result-oriented, but should be taken only after consulting a doctor. But best medicines are lifestyle modifications such as avoiding triggers that cause migraine. Then there are evidences that meditations and some stretching exercises too helps in subsiding the illness.

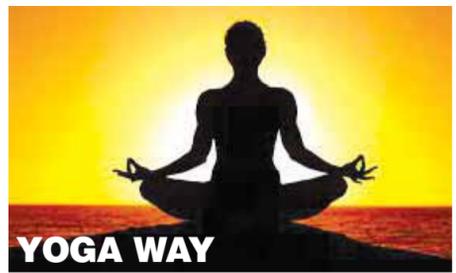
DR RK DHAMIJA
Director, Institute of Human Behaviour
and Allied Sciences (IHBAS) Delhi

Owing to its chronic nature, migraine is one of the non-curable diseases like diabetes or epilepsy, but it is preventable and controllable. Migraines can have a negative impact on not just the patient, but also their families, co-workers and the society, which is why it is important to diagnose and treat patients in a timely manner. By identifying and avoiding the triggers, or

in some cases by using preventive therapy, patients can partially prevent and/or control the disease. Preventive therapy can be highly beneficial for the patients if followed with adherence. As for any other disease, treatment adherence and a healthy lifestyle are two key aspects in order to prevent the disease and live a healthier life.

ISHWAR V BASAVARADDI
Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga,
Union Ministry of Ayush, Delhi

People commonly use medication to treat their symptoms. However, other methods such as Yoga may be an effective way to reduce the frequency and severity of migraine. However, someone who experiences migraine should avoid Yoga classes that are vigorous or involve heat, as well as poses that stress the neck.



- YOGA WAY**
- Loosening Practices: Neck Movements (Right and left bending/Forward and backward bending)
 - Chest Movements (Vakshsthal Shakti Vikasaka)
 - Asana: (Tadasana/Urdhahastattanasana/Kati Kakrasana/ Ardha Ustrasana/Shashakasana/Marjarasana/Vakrasana/ Makrasana/Bhujangasana/Setubandhasana/Saral matsyasana/Saral Pavanmuktasana/Shavasana)
 - Kriya: Jalneti (twice a week)/Kapalbhati(daily)
 - Breathing (Abdominal Breathing/Thoracic Breathing)
 - Pranayama (Suryabhedan Pranayama/Chandrabhedan Pranayama/ Ujjayi Pranayama/Bhramari Pranayama)
 - Bandha (Jalandharabandha)
 - Relaxation/ Dhyana (Yoga Nidra/Dhyana)

TRIGGERS

Some foods (processed food, ice creams, aged cheeses, salty foods); drinks (alcohol, caffeinated beverages, wines); food additives (monosodium glutamate); stress, bright lights, sounds; missing sleep or too much sleep; intense physical exertion; changes in weather and some medicines like oral contraceptives and vasodilators may trigger migraine.

REASONS WHY MIGRAINE IS LARGELY MISDIAGNOSED

Myth: Migraine is just a headache, and nothing needs to be done about it
Fact: If you do not recognize you have a migraine the frequency of the headache starts to increase with the passage of time and taking pain killers to avoid the pain can prompt the next headache to come faster. The frequency of attacks increases this phenomenon, known as a 'Rebound Headache Phenomenon', also known as 'Medication Overuse Headache' involving from 5 to 10 to 20 attacks a month.
Myth: I cannot have migraine because it is a one-sided headache
Fact: Migraine can be both-sided, front or back condition.
Myth: Only adults have migraine
Fact: Children around 6 years of age can also have migraines.

- PREVENTIVE MEASURES**
- Avoid loud noises and bright lights
 - Take breaks from the TV or computer screen to rest your eyes, and adjust the brightness levels on digital screens. Pay close attention to all visual and audio disturbances, and make sure you can easily avoid them if a migraine arises.
 - Pay attention to food choices
 - Keep a headache diary
 - By keeping a diary, you can easily identify your specific migraine triggers.
 - Beware of hormonal changes
 - Take supplements
 - Pay attention to the weather
 - Eat and sleep on a regular schedule
 - Avoid stress: Although we can't always control stressful situations, we can control how we react to them.
 - Choose relaxing exercises
 - Plan ahead

NEWS BRIEFS

- Newly-elected MLA from Rajinder Nagar constituency Durgesh Pathak visited Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi recently on the occasion of National Doctor's Day and interacted with medics and other healthcare workers. The hospital in a statement said he met Dr D S Rana, Chairman (Board of Management) of the hospital, and other senior officials.
- Tata 1mg, a digital health company, has announced complimentary health check-ups for more than 1,000 doctors across various hospitals in cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Pune, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Dehradun. The participant doctors would be checked on more than 70 health parameters including liver function test, kidney function test, thyroid profile, glucose, lipid profile, vitamin D and vitamin B12.
- The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi has received a patent from the Indian Patent Office for its nanotechnology-based cancer detection system for early and effective identification of prostate cancer. The order was issued by the patent office after the institution amended its claims and submitted all the required documents in recent months.

Last week, Fortis Memorial Research Institute (FMRI) at Haryana's Gurugram celebrated its completion of 1,000 plus Bone Marrow Transplants (BMTs) at its various sites across the country.

Survivors of blood cancers and blood disorders such as thalassemia or aplastic anemia at the event echoed sentiments and were thankful to their doctors that they got a second chance of life given that the disease is still considered as a death sentence.

In 2020, BLK Super Speciality Hospital in Delhi too crossed 1,000 BMTs. It celebrated the milestone with much fanfare with the BMT recipients who included young, middle-aged as well as elderly persons.

So what's so special about the BMT procedure that is becoming a sort of achievement in the sector?

"BMT is a suitable treatment for both cancerous and non-cancerous conditions such as sickle-cell anaemia or thalassemia. Relapse in BMT is less compared to the relapse in chemotherapy and therefore, BMT is a well-preferred treatment for blood cancers. In recent years, haploidentical BMT has been observed to give as good a result as a full-matched BMT. With scientific progress and better drugs, India is achieving the current BMT success rates," explained Dr Rahul Bhargava, one of the leading haematologists in the country and Principal Director, Hematology, Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram.

However, a lot remains to be done. Though BMTs are on a steady rise in India, with about 3,000 transplants being performed yearly, there remains a gap as a significant number of patients with blood disorders are also adding up, Dr Bhargava said.

He pointed out that while America conducts 930 BMTs in a centre itself, just 3000 BMTs are being conducted in 72 centres across India.

In fact, it is less than 10 per cent of the actual requirement in India. Even today, 90-95 per cent population cannot afford it. No cancer centre is complete without a BMT unit. Unfortunately, 90 per cent cancer centres in the so-called cancer grid

BMT, A Ray of Hope For Blood Cancer Patients

Even today, 90-95 per cent of the population cannot afford Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT), a special therapy for patients with blood cancers or blood disorders. Unfortunately, 90 per cent cancer centres in the so-called cancer grid are neither planning or allowing BMT units to come up. The Government must make it mandatory to have a BMT centre in each State and all the big cancer hospitals, Dr Rahul Bhargava tells THE HEALTH PIONEER

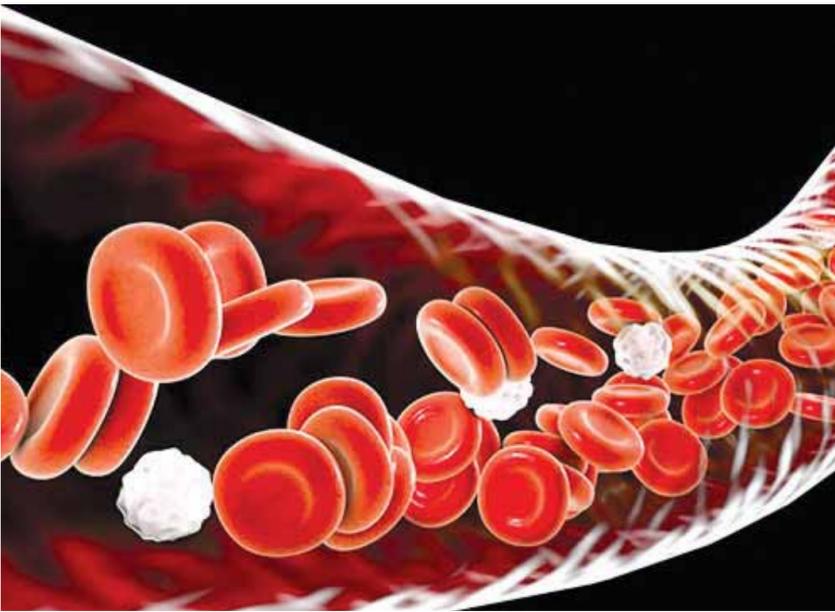


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are neither planning or allowing BMT units to come up. The Government must make it mandatory to have a BMT unit in each State and all the big cancer hospitals, he suggested.

Moreover, the number of physicians dealing with only blood cancers is few and far between in the country – around 350 to 400 for a population of 1.38 billion. The challenge is that the diagnosis gets delayed.

Explaining the BMT procedure, Dr. Bhargava said: "BMT is like blood transfusion where we collect the stem cells from the peripheral blood after giving growth factors. The growth factors allow the stem cells to move out from the bone marrow to peripheral blood. It is collected from the same machine from which the platelets are collected.



"Once these stem cells are collected they are either stored or they are transfused through the veins in the body."

Talking about the recent advancements in the sector, he said in blood cancer, apart from chemotherapy, BMT needs to be done so that the survival rate is

increased from the existing 40 per cent to 70 per cent. Moreover, recent advancements like CART-T are on the way which promises increased life to more patients.

Besides the costs involved in setting up a BMT, the sustainability, costs of improvement programmes, the required accreditation, HLA and

blood banking; quality assessments, well-trained doctors and nurses are essential. The BMT should be covered under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, so that more patients can be covered.

Also, there is a need to increase the donor availability, points out the doctor who has helped set up a few BMT centres in Government hospi-

tals like in Bikaner and Indore.

"Only 30 per cent of patients have an HLA-matched sibling or family donor in India. Therefore, large donor registries should be created. Since BMT is not a surgery but involves only changing the blood through the recipient's arms and transporting it to the bone marrow, creating a donor pool and spreading its awareness will make BMT accessible to people.

"With BMTs, we are successfully curing incurable diseases like leukaemia, myeloma, thalassemia and also improving the quality of life for the patients.

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It's not that there has been no success in the sector. In cancers like Multiple Myeloma, if survival was three years, now it is six to eight years. Similarly, in Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) where the survival was five, it is now 30 years. So many people are getting cured due to newer sophisticated drugs in the sector. So, one must understand that blood cancer is no longer a death sentence and if detected early, it can be cured. It's time we end the stigma; spread awareness about the disease to ensure early diagnosis and treatment, said the doctor.

Hongkongers' forlorn bid to save democracy

Hong Kong completed 25 years of Chinese rule on July 1 this year. However, it has been an arduous journey for the islanders who have copped all the hassle under the tight reign of China. Initially, the Hongkongers didn't realise the hidden agenda of the Communists, but in the last decade, since the coming of Xi Jinping to power in 2012, they have started feeling suffocated under China's constricting grip.

As per the handover agreement between the Chinese Government and the UK, the basic liberties and freedom would be available to the islanders for the 50 years since 1997. At its halfway mark, even the outside world, international community, has realised that the Hongkongers have lost their basic liberties. Now a Chinese security structure is being imposed on the Hongkongers and the law-breakers are branded as anti-nationals. Many of the offenders are transported to the mainland for receiving a Chinese sense of "justice".

The new generation of Hongkongers is getting restless under the over-imposing and suffocating Chinese security state as many underline the fact that the promised rights under the Basic Law are being denied by China. But for Beijing, Hong Kong is an integral part of China and what applies to the mainlanders applies to the islanders. So, there is no point of compromise and discussion on this issue neither by the earlier colonial power, the UK nor by any global governance agency.

As per Beijing's reasoning, any disturbance or deteriorating law and order chaos in Hong Kong is an internal issue of China. Therefore, the rest of the world, particularly the West, should no longer be bothered about it.

The moot point is: Is it as simple as the way the Xi regime has projected it to be? Of course, not. Indeed, Hong Kong is an integral part of China; by no stretch of imagination, it is any longer a colony of the UK after the July 1, 1997 historic handover of the territory to China.

However, as per the historic deal, Beijing was supposed to respect and adhere to the basic rights and liberties available to the Hongkongers till 2047. Till this year, Beijing



A girl poses for a photo at a promotional booth commemorating the 25th anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule at a shopping centre on July 2, 2022

islanders of the rights and liberties is a Communist mechanism to assimilate them with the deprived mainlanders.

Now, it is a forlorn hope that there would be a democratic system in the island. The historic "One Country, Two Systems", as mentioned in the Constitution of Hong Kong, has long disappeared. And clearly, Xi, the forever President of China, has directly contributed towards it. The current National Security Law stifles the vibrant civil society of Hong Kong.

The most visible changes are the disappearance of hundreds of pro-democracy groups, activists, newspapers (like Apple Daily and Stand News), websites, booksellers and finally the legislators from the Legco.

The most interesting part of this unwelcoming atmosphere in the city is that today the annual candlelight vigil commemorating the brutal Tiananmen Square of 1989 has been banned by the administration.

Sadly, Hong Kong was ranked at 148th in the world for press freedom index this year. It must be noted here that once the city was known as the beacon of press freedom in Asia. It's tumbling down about 70 ranks in comparison to last year.

To pro-Beijing lawmakers, stringent laws were required to prevent anti-national activities in this part of China. Indeed, to many of them, the island territory was reaching a critical point and its people demanded a peaceful atmosphere. And for many such legislators, the Hongkongers still enjoy enough rights and freedoms in the city state.

Finally, it is apparent that Beijing has prevailed over Hong Kong. It has truly demolished the democratic epitaph of the city. It is certain that the road ahead is arduous for freedom-loving Hongkongers.

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It seems China is scared of the democratic spirit of the Hongkongers. Therefore it has buried the historic 'One Country, Two Systems', as mentioned in the Constitution of Hong Kong. And clearly, Xi, the forever President of China, has directly contributed towards it



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should have not touched the democratic ambience so far enjoyed by the island people. To that end, Xi and his cronies are directly violating the basic freedoms of the locals in Hong Kong. Under the Basic Law, a slew of progressive electoral reforms was also promised so as to bring forth a fully franchise system to elect the members of the Legislative Council of the city, popularly known as the Legco. But eventually, what has come to the forefront is a crude National Security Law and a limited franchise reform measures that now allows only the "patriots" to run for the Hong Kong leadership. And on this June 30, the National Security Law completed two years as it was promulgated on the same date in the year 2020. In fact, the National People's Congress (NPC), the rubber-stamp Parliament of China had revealed its plans of bringing such legislation months before its inauguration.

The root of the Umbrella Movement and various democratic protests lies in the blatant violation of the Basic Law or Mini Constitution under which

the NPC had agreed to respect the autonomy of the territory. In fact, since the formal transfer of the territory, it has been administered as the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Further, the mainland authorities committed to maintaining a unique administrative system "One Country, Two Systems", under which Beijing will follow the Communist pattern and Hong Kong will carry on with the capitalist system of economy and polity. And this autonomy, wherein basic rights and freedoms were to be enjoyed by the Hongkongers will be continued for another fifty years i.e. till 2047. Clearly, many locals were happy that they will be able to have a free life even under the Communist China and will not be affected by the opaque and the authoritarian regime of Beijing.

Today, the international community has voiced concerns against the illegal interference by Beijing in Hong Kong. The most important and far-reaching comment came directly from 10, Downing Street, the office of

the British Prime Minister two years back. In the wake of massive overhauling of the legal administration of Hong Kong, the UK, the former colonial master of the city, proposed a citizenship offer to the islanders in the middle of 2020. The decision has also demonstrated the legacy of British control for nearly a century over this part of China.

When Hong Kong was handed over to China by then UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to Deng Xiaoping, the then President of China, there was a call for issuing this kind of unique citizenship offer from Britain. However, such measures were not considered by the Government of the UK during that time in July 1997.

What has provoked the current Boris Johnson regime to make the citizenship offer to millions of Hongkongers? On November 11, 2020, the Chinese Parliament decided that any Hong Kong legislator who promote or support Hong Kong independence, refuse to recognise China's sovereignty over Hong Kong, seek foreign countries to interfere in the

affairs of Hong Kong, or endanger the national security of Hong Kong, will be in breach of the parliamentary oath and disqualified from the membership of the Hong Kong Legislative Council with immediate effect. This decision of the National People's Congress (NPC) eventually disqualified four members of the Legislative Council.

Back home in London, it was advocated that this sudden move of Beijing was a ploy to harass and stifle all voices critical of the policies adopted by the mainland authorities over the years. Truly speaking, this new rule set by the bosses in China has become another tool to suppress the concerns of the locals in Hong Kong.

Today, the British Government feels that this decision of the NPC directly breaches the legally binding historic Sino-British Declaration signed on 19 December, 1984 in Beijing. The Declaration which came into effect on 27 May, 1985 clearly outlines the administrative arrangement of Hong Kong after the withdrawal of

the UK on July 1, 1997.

What has been highlighted by Westminster today is that China has violated its earlier commitment of providing considerable autonomy to this former colonial territory. In fact, this high degree of autonomy and freedom of speech for Hong Kong was very much guaranteed under the Paragraph 3 and Annex I of the joint Declaration.

The British Government noted that this is for the third time the Chinese Government has breached the legally binding declaration since the handover of the territory in 1997. The first such instance took place in 2016, the second, when Beijing imposed the National Security Law in June 2020, and third, in November of 2020. This clearly indicates what Beijing is aiming to pursue in Hong Kong.

Clearly, China is scared of the democratic spirit of the Hongkongers. It is obvious that the rights and liberties the Hongkongers enjoyed before the Chinese crackdown were ever even imagined for the mainlanders. Hence depriving

PERSPECTIVE

Collaborations key to eliminate malaria

From the tangible progress India's efforts made towards malaria elimination, it is likely that malaria will be history by 2030. What will be required to carry India's progress to the finish line is sustained political will and action, innovative partnerships, strengthened healthcare systems and empowered workers

While Covid-19 continues to dominate headlines and the public health agenda, a crucial health summit was held in Kigali, Rwanda, on June 23, 2022. The landmark Kigali Summit on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) took a step away from talking about the pandemic itself and focused instead on one of its most alarming by-products — the rise in malaria cases and deaths worldwide. Globally, 85 malaria endemic countries witnessed 241 million cases of malaria in 2020, a significant increase compared with 227 million cases in 2019. Malaria deaths also increased, going from 6,96,000 cases in 2019 to 6,27,000 cases the following year.

Recognising the need for immediate action, the global community came together at the Summit to reinforce their commitment to ending Malaria in time to achieve global Sustainable Development Goals. As one of the highest malaria-burden countries in the world, India must consider key takeaways from this Summit and strengthen its efforts to end malaria once and for all.

So far, our commitment to ending malaria has resulted in a steady decline of the disease in India — we were the only high-endemic nation in the world to achieve a 17 per cent

decrease in reported cases between 2018 and 2019 and an even more staggering 45 per cent decrease between 2019 and 2020. Odisha has played a critical role in India's success against malaria. The State reduced its malaria burden by 94 per cent, between 2016 and 2020.

Still, as of 2020, India contributed to 82 per cent of malaria cases and deaths in the South Asian region. This naturally makes us a key player in any global effort to eliminate malaria successfully. As we begin to bring focus back to priority health programmes in India, there are several steps that may be taken to help us achieve our malaria elimination goal. The need of the hour is integration and cooperation, at the programme level and among nations and states, a point that was underscored over and again at the Kigali Summit.

Regional cooperation in India can address several existing barriers to malaria elimination in the country. Given that States have responsibility for implementing public health programmes, the sharing of best practices would ensure that our successes are replicated across the country.

In Odisha, the pioneering DaMAN programme has contributed to considerable learnings and insights on private

sector collaboration and integrated service delivery.

Odisha mobilised components under other health programmes to afford an inter-sectoral approach to ending malaria that could prove useful to other States as well. By involving, for example, the department of urban development and housing, we could ensure insecticidal spraying to disrupt mosquito breeding cycles. Another example could be the department of Panchayati Raj which ensured village-level community mobilisation by involving elected representatives.

At the national level too, policymakers can play a critical role in supporting elimination efforts by reviewing the implementation of programmes in their constituencies. At the Kigali Summit, the use of digital scorecards by parliamentarians to track core indicators for malaria elimination was highlighted as a measure that allowed countries to tailor services based on district-level needs.

This resulted in concerted action and motivation to accelerate malaria elimination. India already has in place an electronic monitoring database

that organises States in categories based on their levels of malaria. The real-time sharing of this data in the form of scorecards with policymakers, who could review progress against the disease in their constituencies, would provide much-needed impetus to eliminate malaria.

At the same time, while policymakers are key champions for malaria elimination, another key idea that pervaded across the summit in Kigali was the need to inspire every community member to act against malaria. Communities constitute the heart of public

health programming. It is with community engagement, empowerment and ownership that we can succeed against malaria. Thus, continued focus on community-based interventions that educate the community about the importance of using insecticide treated bed-nets, allowing indoor residual spraying and accessing care in a timely manner is crucial.

Odisha has also made innovative use of behaviour change communications to better health responses towards malaria, especially in the Bastar district which has one of the

highest burdens of malaria in the State.

This includes the production and dissemination of creative collaterals like posters, flipbooks, game cards, snake & ladder game, question answer booklets among others.

The State also runs mass awareness campaigns through engagement of district and block level "kalakar sangathans". By empowering community members to comprehend the benefits of anti-malarial interventions and serve as champions who foster greater and greater trust among larger numbers of people, we can soon bring safe and effective measures against malaria to every home in India.

From the tangible progress India's efforts have made toward malaria elimination and from the successes of different countries in successfully ending endemic malaria, it is clear that malaria elimination in India is not only possible but required by 2030. What will be required to carry India's progress to the finish line is sustained political will and action, innovative partnerships, strengthened healthcare systems and empowered workers working closely with the community to meet humanity's shared goals.

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD

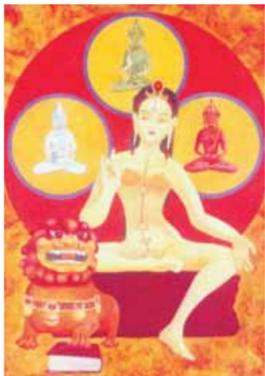
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ARIES March 21-April 19

This week you will be full of energy and vitality and this will further help to maintain a perfect harmony of your body, mind and soul. You know what you want from life and will maintain a balance between personal and professional life. You need to take some time out to relax. On the professional front, the week is satisfactory. Those in the field of finance will perform better. Trust your communication skills and listen to your inner voice and this will bring you desired results. You are likely to connect with important people who matter to your professional growth. On the relationship front, a fresh start is foreseen. A good time for love birds. Couples will experience a truly deep love in the coming days.

Lucky number 3
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Saturday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week you will witness a sound mind and body connection. Consider your thoughts and behaviour while dealing with a health issue. Genetics and environment play an important role in creating such conditions, but negative thinking makes the situation worse. Seek help from a counsellor, if required, to deal with this negativity. On the professional front, you need to think before acting on any situation, else it will lead to an unfavourable consequence. If required, re-evaluate your goals and change your priorities. This week foresees some turbulence in your love life. A relationship might end or have already ended. It will be an unpleasant situation as you will dwell on the memories of the past. You may heal by forgiving and learning from your mistakes.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Camel Brown
Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

You have to be very careful about your health and be observant as there are fine solutions for many health issues. Do not avoid situations where you have to decide on your health, as this can help you recover from your health issues. Maintain balanced behaviour and a positive outlook. On the career front, you will be overburdened and is likely to be weighed down by responsibilities and commitments. You need to improve time management techniques to ensure that the work burden doesn't exhaust you. Ensure you take a rest. Relationship-wise, this week foresees happy family time, both for committed and single people. You and your partner will enjoy a peaceful time as you both are on the same page.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Rose Gold
Lucky day Tuesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You will enjoy good health this week. Therefore, invest your energy into something productive. This is the right time to start a new health regime like a fitness plan, a diet plan or an exercise routine. Those who are facing any health challenges, then they are likely to recover soon with the help of people around. Being optimistic will help you big time. On the professional front, things look favourable. You will be happy to help others and will make the working experience a pleasant one. The money will be in abundance. In the love life, you are likely to face conflicts. Therefore, try to have open communication with your partner to avoid any misunderstandings. Singles, this is not a good time to get into a relationship.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Off-White
Lucky day Monday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

For a healthy life, you need to have patience and mental strength. Stay optimistic and spread good vibes around you. Share your motivation and inspiration with others that might just as well heal them. For those who are dealing with bad habits, this is the right time to correct them. On the career front, uncertainties and confusion will dominate you and make your goals unclear. Colleagues and peers might try to limit your capabilities. Be confident and you will overcome all the opposition. In the matter of heart, you and your partner are likely to feel inspired and motivated. Try to express your feelings. A new beginning is on the cards for singles. Productively use your creative energy.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

For the betterment of your health, this week you will be working towards correcting the issues. If the issues are becoming problematic then it is advised to make some changes for a healthy lifestyle. You need to pay attention to your diet, exercise, and also some relaxation time. If required, consult a health professional. On the career front, those who are looking for a new position, then you will attain it. This week is a crucial time for you. You are likely to gain a new project. Work towards maximizing your potential for a longer period. With hard work and persistence, you will leave a positive impact on senior management. Love life is not so rosy. A relationship has either ended or is on the edge of getting over. Don't let this situation dishearten you. You will overcome this situation.

Lucky number 16
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Sunday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week your health is likely to get affected due to stress and anxiety. Some disappointing situations will be emotionally exhausting. Make sure you take some time out for meditation and also proper rest. Be optimistic. On the work front, you are likely to face difficult circumstances due to your thoughts and perspective. Try to look at things from a different viewpoint and you may find many options available to sort out the difficulty. Those looking for employment may get a call for an interview. This week you may feel that your relationship is becoming boring. Therefore, you need to sit and openly discuss with your partner about the feelings. Things will change for the better. Singles, analyse what you want from the relationship and then consider entering into it.

Lucky number 7
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Thursday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you are likely to neglect your physical and emotional health. It is high time you change your lifestyle and choose a more healthy way of living. You need some time to rebuild your physical, mental and spiritual energies. Ensure a positive outlook in life to deal with health issues. On the career front, you will experience some negative energies that may cause mental pressure on you. Be sincere towards your work and nothing will harm you. Financially, this is not a good time. Stay away from gambling as major loss is indicated. A committed relationship may expect a new height of intimacy and joy. Singles, may soon find deep and true love in someone.

Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

There is something big that awaits you this week. You are full of enthusiasm and adventurous to face the challenges life throws at you. Your health is at its best and you will experience high energy and vitality. A positive attitude and jolly nature will enhance your personality. In terms of your career, you have to stay focused and keep a positive outlook. Be careful about the rivals in your workplace and do not disclose your strategies and plans to anyone. The week is favourable for spiritual healers and medical practitioners. Utilize this time to enhance your knowledge. Listen to your inner voice to follow the right track. In terms of the relationship, committed couples will enjoy strong bonding this week. Your reputation and goodwill will fetch you rich dividends and this will help you lead a charmed life.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Pastel Blue
Lucky day Thursday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week your health will be good. Look out for new ways to maintain it, this could be following a new fitness routine or a diet plan. Follow whatever suits you, as it will increase your vitality. Emotionally, you are content and will spend a good time with your family. On the work front, you will be successful in achieving your goals. Your efforts will be acknowledged. This week you will shine, but make sure that success doesn't get into your head as this will bring disappointment. Those seeking jobs may find one. In the love life, if things are not going well, then talk to your partner openly. Singles, before starting a relationship you need to be aware of your emotional issues and try to correct them.

Lucky number 1
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Health will be good this week and you will be confident about the future. Explore new ideas to maintain your health status. Stay away from circumstances that will make you lazy. Those suffering from some illness may expect a speedy recovery. It is important to be grateful to those who stood by you in the journey of your progress. Professional life looks good. Those who are employed are like to get the next position in line. Negotiating your value is worth your effort. A partnership proposal from an old friend or colleague is on the cards. Go for it as this will prove lucky for you. On the relationship front, express your feelings with passion. Singles may find love this week. A positive start will give you confidence.

Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Silver
Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you will possess the inner strength to take up any physical and mental challenge. You should make some efforts to uplift your fitness level by following a workout regime. A legal issue is likely to keep you a little tense. You should work towards avoiding negative vibes, this will help you to be a confident person. On the career front, you will not have any pending work. Those who have started a new venture may have a cause for worry, but this will be temporary. It is advised to stay calm this week. Relationship-wise, love will bloom and so will you. Happiness and contentment in all relations are indicated. Your dream of a perfect relationship may come true.

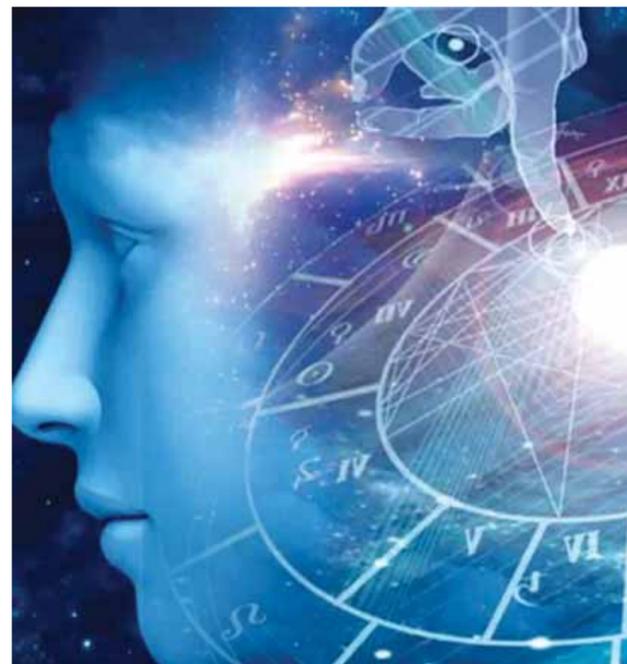
Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Sunday

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precision probable trajectory of the other coordinate of the energy particle. Astrology too, works on a similar way. It doesn't straightaway define future. It looks at the map of heaven at the time of one's birth, which defines the energy signature of every individual. That throws light of seed potential inherent in a being – the desire and mind trends - coming as it may as Karmic carryover from the past. Looking at the seed potential, probable future trends can be predicted with a fair amount of precision. It is something like sowing the seed of mango. Being aware of its chemistry of growth, you would know how much time it will take to blossom out into a fruit bearing tree.

But what is predicted can't be taken in finite terms. It is subject to other variables. In astrology, three factors are taken into consideration – Desha, Patra and Kala. Desha refers to overall environmental condition, which if adverse, things won't move on expected lines. During the ongoing pandemic, world's economy was badly hit. No matter how your future trends indicate, nothing could have moved on expected lines. Patra speaks of one's personality trends, which will define how well you pursue the task in hand. Because of some inherent fault lines,

you do not put in your whole into it, you may fail to make it to the desired destination.

Here again, the latent potential in a being is immense, which unfolded in full, would know no limits. The irony, however, is that because of clouds of ignorance around our cognitive instrument, we could hardly access 5 to 7 percent of the landscape of mind, which is available by default. More than that is subject to conscious efforts. By submitting to a spiritual process, we will be able to reflect upon our own limitations. Acknowledge and then address them on the strength of fresh educative inputs. Such a purified mind would be able to unfold its full potential. With such an expanded vision, you may see things with an open mind without any preconditioning whatsoever. You may then see things in the right perspective due, which may help discriminate between 'what you want' and 'what is right', and accordingly pick up the most appropriate lead. So, the course of destiny could be changed through conscious efforts.

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