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TERROR RETURNS TO KASHMIR, TOURISTS MASSACRED

AFTER NEARLY FOUR DECADES, PAHALGAM CARNAGE RIPS APART SEMBLANCE OF NORMALCY

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ Srinagar

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t least 26 tourists, holidaying in the famous tourist hotspot of Pahalgam in the Kashmir valley, were killed and several others were injured when a group of heavily armed terrorists, dressed in combat uniform, opened indiscriminate fire on them after verifying their religious identities on Tuesday afternoon.

After the February 14, 2019, Pulwama attack on a CRPF convoy, in which 40 jawans were martyred, Tuesday afternoon's attack is the most provocative strike on Indian soil by the terrorists sheltered by their Pakistan-based handlers operating from across the Line of Control.

The tensions between India and Pakistan may further escalate as the attack comes close on the heels of recent posturing by the Pakistan Army Chief, Asim Munir, on Kashmir. Last week, India rubbished Munir's remarks describing Kashmir as the "jugular vein" of Pakistan and said Islamabad's only link with Jammu and Kashmir is the vacation of illegally occupied parts of the union territory.

Condemning the terror attack on tourists in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that those behind the heinous act will be brought to justice. PM Modi also directed Home Minister Amit Shah to visit the attack site in Pahalgam.

In a post on X, the prime minister said, "They (terrorists) will not be spared! Their evil agenda will never succeed. Our resolve to fight terrorism is unshakable, and it will get even stronger."

The attack also coincided with the first official visit of US Vice President JD Vance

According to eyewitness reports, the 'gruesome' attack took place around 1430hrs when a large number of tourists, after taking horse rides and absorbing themselves in the pristine beauty of Kashmir valley, were relaxing and breaking bread with their loved ones in the pic-





Security personnel rushing to the spot after terrorists attacked a group of tourists at Pahalgam, in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, April 22 (left); Injured being shifted to a hospital in Anantnag district (right)

turesque Baisaran meadow, half-an-hour trek from Pahalgam. In a viral video, one of the attack survivors claimed that while they were having snacks, an armed man, dressed in a combat uniform, arrived and sprayed bullets at them after verifying the religious identities of the tourists present. Tourists, with their heads punctured with bullets, were also seen writhing in pain in the picturesque meadow of

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As gunshots rang out, there was panic, and tourists ran for cover, but there was no place to hide in the wide, open space, said another woman tourist.

It appears the terror attack was broadly aimed at shattering the peace prevailing in the Valley at a time when tourist footfall was skyrocketing and common Kashmiris were reaping rich dividends of peace after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A. In 2023, 2,11,80,011 tourists visited J and K, and in 2024, the number increased to 2,35,90,081.

Since March 26, over 8.25 lakh tourists

CHRONOLOGY OF RECENT **TERROR ATTACKS**

- August 14, 2024: Doda encounter (one officer, one terrorist killed)
- August 10, 2024: Anantnag encounter (four jawans killed and four injured)
- July 27. 2024: Kupwara encounter (one security personnel killed)
- July 22 2024: Rajouri encounter (one security personnel injured)
- July 15, 2024: Doda encounter
- (four soldiers, one policeman killed)
- July 9, 2024: Kathua encounter (five jawans killed)
- June 13. 2024: Gandoh encounter (one policeman injured)
- June 12 2024: Chattergala encounter
- June 9, 2024: Reasi terror attack

have visited Asia's largest tulip garden in Srinagar to see the blooming flower carpet of 17 lakh tulips of 74 varieties.

Tourists camping in Pahalgam vacated their hotel rooms in the aftermath of the gruesome terror attack. The local authorities facilitated their safe travels to instill confidence among them.

The terror attack ahead of the beginning of the Amarnath yatra is bound to affect the tourist season in the coming weeks.

The entire district administration and police force were mobilised and ambulances pressed into service. A chopper also helped evacuate those injured.

Till late Tuesday evening, the exact number of tourists killed in the terror attack was not confirmed by the police. The toll is still being ascertained, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said while describing the terror attack as "much larger than anything we have seen directed at civilians in recent years".

"I'm shocked beyond belief. This attack on our visitors is an abomination. The per-

petrators of this attack are animals, inhuman and worthy of contempt. No words of condemnation are enough. I send my sympathies to the families of the deceased," he said.

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Before heading to Srinagar, Union Home Minister Amit Shah briefed the prime minister, who is on a visit to Saudi Arabia, said he was leaving for Srinagar to hold an urgent security review meeting with all agencies.

"Anguished by the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. My thoughts are with the family members of the deceased. Those involved in this dastardly act of terror will not be spared, and we will come down heavily on the perpetrators with the harshest consequences," Shah said in a post on X.

Amit Shah also chaired a meeting at his home in Delhi, which was attended by Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Deka and Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, the sources said. CRPF chief Gyanendra Pratap Singh, J and K Director General of

Police Nalin Prabhatand some Army officials also joined the meeting through video conferencing. Mr Shah also spoke to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, they

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in a post on X said Deeply anguished by the news of terrorist attack in Pahalgam (Jammu and Kashmir). This dastardly attack on innocent civilians is an act of cowardice and highly reprehensible. My thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families.

Meanwhile, a massive anti-terrorist operation has been launched to hunt down the assailants, and security forces have fanned out in all directions.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who accompanied the Home Minister in a special flight from New Delhi Tuesday, said, "I strongly condemn the cowardly terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam. I assure the people that those behind this despicable attack will not go unpunished."

The ByStander

ECI objects to Rahul's swipe on poll body in US

RAJESH KUMAR New Delhi

Opposition and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent remarks about poll process in the country, the Candidates from polling station upto Election Commission of India (ECI) on constituency level," the ECI said. Tuesday rejected his allegations, saying any misinformation being spread, by anyone, is not only a sign of disrespect towards law, but also brings disrepute to the thousands of representatives appointed by their own political party and demotivates lakhs of election staff who work untiringly and transparently during elections.

"After any unfavourable verdict by the voters, trying to defame the Election Commission by saying that it is compromised is completely absurd. The entire nation is aware that each election process

including the preparation of electoral rolls, polling and counting etc. are all held daking exception to Leader of by Government staff and that too in the presence of authorised representatives formally appointed by Political Parties/

On Monday, Rahul alleged in Boston US, that, in simple terms, more people voted in the Maharashtra Assembly election than there were adults in the state. 'The Election Commission gave us a voting figure for 1730hrs, and between 1730hrs and 1930 hrs, 65 lakh voters voted. This is physically impossible. For a voter to vote, it takes approximately three minutes and, if you do the math, it would mean that there were lines of voters till 0200hrsbut this did not happen,"

VP escalates attack on SC after BJP

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ New Delhi

ice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday hit out at his critics for questioning his remarks on a recent Supreme Court order, asserting that every word spoken by a Constitutional functionary is guided by supreme national interest. He also asserted that Parliament is supreme.

This is the third of its kind remarks in recent times questioning the role and supremacy of judiciary and legislative which includes twice by the Presiding officer of Ràjya Sabha and certain BJP leaders including vocal Lok Sabha MP Nishikant Dubey. All faced severe criticism by the Opposition parties while BJP chief J P Nadda distancing itself over the controversial remarks by party members which also led slamming by the legal experts. In a related development, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Tuesday said



everything the Supreme court said was consistent with the country's constitutional values and guided by national interest.

Sibal's remarks in a social media post came soon after Dhankhar asserted that every word spoken by a constitutional functionary was guided by supreme national interest. Addressing a Delhi University event,

Dhankhar also said efforts of forces working against the country to tarnish and run down institutions should be neutralised, "be it that of the presidency".

Asserting that Parliament is supreme, Dhankhar said, "There is no visualisation in the Constitution of any authority above Parliament. Parliament is supreme... Let me tell you, it is as supreme as every individual in the country.'

He also underscored that there should be "no doubt" that the Constitution is for the people and its repository of safeguarding is that of the elected representatives. "They are the ultimate masters as to what the Constitution's content will be," he said.

DDA notice to Signature **Apartment residents**

RAJESH KUMAR New Delhi

→he Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has served a notice asking residents of Signature View Apartments in Mukherjee Nagar to vacate their flats at the earliest, as the deadline for evacuation, March 23, has passed.

An e-tender for its demolition was issued on March 17, shortly after the authority released standard operating procedures for the residents and the

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Resident Welfare Association (RWA) to coordinate the evacuation. In the notice dated April 15, the DDA stated, "The high court had mandated that all occupants vacate their flats between December 23, 2024 and March 23, 2025. That period has now lapsed." The DDA urged residents to vacate their flats at the earliest for their safety and to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the building. It has asked the RWA to coordinate with all residents for a timely evacuation. It has claimed that information on the reconstruction schedule and process for compensation will be shared

The authority also stated that it is committed to complying with the court's

directive regarding rent assistance, although it plans to appeal certain aspects of the ruling. The DDA had classified the 336-flat residential complex as a "dangerous building" due to structural safety concerns. The apartment complex, declared unfit for habitation by an IIT Delhi report in 2022, was ordered in January 2023 by the lieutenant governor to be vacated and rebuilt. However, residents claim that despite months of waiting, no concrete action has been taken. Many have already vacated, while others remain trapped in deteriorating buildings.

Many families are struggling to relocate without the promised financial aid, deep ening their uncertainty. Interestingly, residents of Signature View Apartments in Mukherjee Nagar are caught in a financial bind as they await rent compensation from the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), even as the agency moves ahead with demolition plans for their structurally unsafe homes.

RWA president Amrendra Singh Rakesh said 111 residents have already vacated their flats but have not received the promised rent compensation.

"Residents were assured of financial aid once they moved out. But even after 111 families vacated, no payments have been made," Rakesh said. He added that the delay has left residents uncertain about whether they will receive the promised compensation. For many, the uncertainty surrounding the payments is preventing them from moving out. One of the resident, who still resides in the complex, is reluctant to vacate without a clear guarantee of financial support.

A Royal wedding: British MP ties knot in desi style

BISWAJEET BANERJEE Lucknow

n an age when many couples opt for picturesque weddings in the Alps or the Amalfi Coast, a British MP returned to his roots with an emotional, culturally rich celebration that unfolded in the heart of Uttar Pradesh.

Navendu Prabhat Mishra, 36, a twotime elected Labour Party Member of Parliament from Stockport in the United Kingdom, tied the knot with Garima Tiwari of Bhopal in a spectacular Sanatan-style wedding in Lucknow on

From the earthy fragrance of turmeric during the haldi ceremony to the soulful beats of dhol echoing through a five-star hotel in Ansal Golf City, everything about the wedding exuded the charm of a quintessential Indian cel-

But what made it even more special was the groom himself-a rising British politician, clad in a cream-colored sherwani, touching the feet of elders, offering folded-hand greetings to guests, and joining the pheras with a sincerity that moved many to tears.

"This is not just a wedding. It is a celebration of heritage. It is rare to see someone who has achieved so much internationally come back and honour his roots in such a heartfelt way," said Arvind Tiwari, a relative of the bride.

Navendu Mishra, who moved to the UK from Mumbai in 2003 and has since become a prominent voice for the Indian

for nostalgia, but to reconnect with fam-

ily, tradition, and home. Weddings are deeply personal. My parents always wanted to celebrate it here, amidst family, culture, and tradition. Lucknow felt right-it is close to where we belong. We had guests from our village, family members I had not seen in years. If we had done this in London or Stockport, it would have lacked that soul. What happened here was beyond my imagination," Mishra said, visibly emotional after the wedding

rituals. The bride, Garima Tiwari, hailing from Bhopal but originally from Deoria district in Uttar Pradesh, looked radiant in lehenga, complimenting the traditional grandeur of the ceremony. A banker by training and an alumna of a Glasgow university, Garima met Navendu through family connections, and their bond grew stronger over shared values and cultural sensibilities.

"Despite being born and raised miles apart, they both have strong emotional ties to their roots. This wedding is proof that no matter how far you go, the bull of home is eternal," said Nilendra Pandey, Navendu's maternal uncle.

Garima's father, Harendra Tiwari, a retired officer from the Horticulture Department in Madhya Pradesh, called the wedding "a moment of pride for both families and a message to younger generations about the timelessness of our traditions?

As celebrations unfolded, the venue diaspora in British politics, insisted on saw an eclectic gathering of dignitaries celebrating his marriage in India, not just

Women outshine men in **UPSC** examination results

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

hakti Dubey has topped the civil ser-Svices examination 2024, with Harshita Goyal and Dongre Archit Parag getting the second and third ranks, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) announced on Tuesday.

Topper Dubey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Allahabad. She qualified for the examination with political science and international relations as her optional subject, the commission said in a statement.

Goyal has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the MS University of Baroda. She qualified for the exam with political science and international relations as her optional subject.

Parag, a Bachelor of Technology graduate in electrical and electronics engineering from Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Tamil Nadu, had philosophy as his optional subject, according to the civil services exam results declared by the UPSC.

Shah Margi Chirag, who has a Bachelor of Engineering degree in computer engineering from Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad, secured the fourth rank with sociology as her optional subject. Aakash Garg, who has a Bachelor of Technology degree in computer science from the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi, got the fifth rank with sociology as his

optional subject. The top five successful candidates comprise three women and two men. The civil services examination is con-

ducted annually in three stages - preliminary, main and interview — by the UPSC to select officers of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) among others.

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appeared in the test.

A total of 14,627 candidates qualified for appearance in the written (main) examination, which was held in September 2024. Out of these, 2,845 candidates qualified for the personality test or interview, which were held between January 7 and April 17 this year.

Of them, 1,009 candidates — 725 men and 284 women - have been recommended by the UPSC for appointment to various services.

Out of the total successful candidates, 335 are from the general category, 109 from the economically weaker sections, 318 from other backward classes, 160 from scheduled castes and 87 from scheduled tribes, according to a statement issued by the commission.

ED action in National Herald case BJP's political vendetta: Congress

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Senior Congress leader Udit Raj said that the Congress will expose the politics of lies and vendetta in the National Herald case. He said that the case is a desperate attempt by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party to divert the attention of the people from the real issues and to insult the national heritage.

Addressing the media at the State headquarters of the Congress here on Tuesday, Raj alleged the chargesheet

Mumbai, Lucknow, Patna and Indore but these properties, barring Lucknow, are under lease. Raj said that the Congress party gave a loan of Rs 90 crore in 100 small installments from 2002 to 2011 for payment of salaries of the employees because of the poor financial condition of the newspaper. He said that the Congress supported National Herald as it believes that it is an organisation which represents the ideology of the



filed by the Enforcement Directorate is a political conspiracy. He said that it is unfortunate that the accusations of money laundering have been made in such a case where a transaction of not even a single paisa was made. It is normal practice to convert debt into equity to make the balances sheet debt free.

He said that the National Herald was founded under Associated Journals Limited (AJL) company in 1937 by PD Tandon, Acharya Narendra Dev and RA Kidwai along with Jawahar Lal Nehru. The British felt threatened by the newspaper due to which they banned it from 1942 to 1945. The AJL has immovable assets in six cities- Delhi, Panchkula,

party. In order to revive the AJL, it was restructured in 2010 and Young Indian was constituted as a non-profit earning company. The then Congress president Sonia Gandhi, late Motilal Vohra, late Oscar Fernandez and Rahul Gandhi were the shareholders while Sam Pitroda and Suman Dubey were not shareholder directors. The debt of Rs 90 crore of the AJL was converted into equity in view of its poor financial condition.

The Congress leader said that the claim of BJP that AJL the total value of AJL is Rs 5,000 crore is a bundle of lies and the fact is that the Income Tax department has valued the properties of

USERC observes Earth Day through virtual lecture program

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To mark the Earth Day, Uttarakhand Science Education and Research Centre (USERC) hosted a virtual lecture programme for the students studying in various schools of the State.

While presiding over the programme, the USERC director Anita Rawat said that



the best way to protect the earth lay through connecting themselves with the science-based traditions in vogue here since ancient times. She suggested a holistic approach meant to protect the earth as well as plants, animals and humans living on it. Further, she stressed on adoption of a lifestyle based on love for

An USERC scientist Bhavatosh Sharma explained the conservation of the five elements of nature as well as energy conservation in detail to the students through a power-point

presentation. Over 150 students and teachers from 25 schools partici-

Devbhumi officially mourns Catholic pontiff's demise

In accordance with directives from the Central government, the State government declared a two-day State mourning on April 22 and 23 following the demise of

The officials informed that during the mourning period, the national flag will be flown at half-mast at all government institutions and establishments. Additionally, there will be no government entertainment programmes organised in the State during this period. Apart from this, on the day of the funeral, state mourning will continue and the national flag will again be flown at half-mast throughout the day at government

UVSP to conduct improvement examination for students

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■Dehradun

he Uttarakhand Vidyalayi Shiksha Parishad (ÚVSP) is expected to initiate the registration process for the improvement examinations for classes X and XII for the year 2025 by the end of April. The UVSP released the results for the class X and class XII

board examinations on April 19. This year in class X, 90.77 per cent of students passed, with a passing rate of 88.20 per cent for boys and 93.25 per cent for girls. In class XII, 83.23 per cent of students successfully cleared the exam with boys achieving a passing percentage of 80.10 per cent and girls 86.20 per cent. Further, students who did not achieve satisfactory marks or failed in specific subjects have another opportunity available through the UVSP.

Regarding this, the secretary of the UVSP Vinod Simalti stated that students who have either struggled to

achieve good marks or have failed in a specific subject should not be concerned. They will have the opportunity to enhance their scores by participating in an improvement examination. He said that the registration process for these improve-

> anticipated to begin by the end of April, after which students will be able to fill out their applications. According to him, students in class X who have failed in two subjects are liable to give improvement examinations, while in class XII, students

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who failed in one subject will give improvement examina-tions. Subsequently, the improvement examinations will take place in July, and the results are expected to be an-

nounced in August, he said.
He further added that there has been a noticeable improvement in student results this time. Prior to the start of the board examinations, teachers received training with model test papers and subsequently provided their students with guidance based on this training. This initiative has contributed to an increase in the pass percentage of students in the year 2025.

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Uttarakhand Sanskrit University VC meets governor

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The Uttarakhand Sanskrit Univer-**⊥** sity vice chancellor Dinesh Chandra Shastri met governor lieutenant general (retd) Gurmeet Singh and informed him about the work being done by the university under the 'one university-one research project'. He also presented a research book to the governor. The VC informed that the university has done research on the topic "Restoration of culture and Indian knowledge system: in the context of Uttarakhand State". Shastri said that through the re-

search, the difference between our pilgrimage and tourism has been clarified, and a code of conduct described in the scriptures has been prepared to maintain the dignity of the pilgrimage centres. He said that

due to ignorance of this difference, the purity of the holy pilgrimage sites is being affected, causing environmental, social and natural problems. Using technology, a QR code has also been given in this book, through which information about the code of conduct can be obtained on YouTube

Shastri said that code of conduct is very important for pilgrims to maintain the dignity of pilgrimage places. He said that according to the scriptures, faith and restraint have special importance during pilgrimage.

He said that the pilgrim should meditate on the deity while keeping control over the mind and senses and should keep the company of sages and teachers. The on

foot journey to the pilgrimage has been called the ultimate penance, Swa-adhyaya (self study), tapasya, evening worship and havan have been described as an integral part of the journey. Keeping restraint in food and living habits, being contented and self-reliant, speaking the truth and having a feeling of friendship, non-violence and respect towards all creatures have also been described as necessary during the iourney.

He said that the research also clarifies what things should be avoided during pilgrimage. According to the scriptures, consumption of meat, alcohol and intoxicants is completely

prohibited during pilgrimage. Taking donations at pilgrimages, keeping the idea of untouchability in pilgrimages, wearing clothes contrary to dignity, washing clothes in the water of the pilgrimage and crossing over to the other side by swimming are considered inappropriate. Appreciating the research work done by the university, the Governor said that this effort will not only help in the promotion of our ancient knowledge system and culture, but is also useful in maintaining the dignity of pilgrimage sites and strengthening environmental balance. He said that information about the pilgrimage code of conduct should reach as many people as possi-

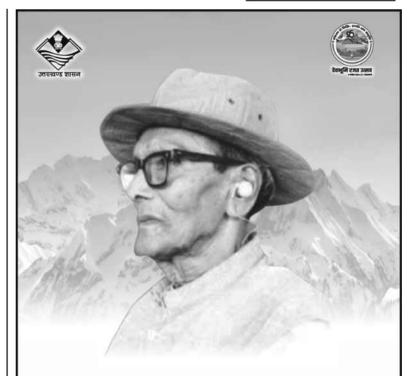
BIS hosts seminar on industry sensitisation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KASHIPUR

 $T^{
m he}$ Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) organised the 'Industry Sensitisation Programme and Standard Manthan' in collaboration with the Kumaun Garhwal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KGCCI) in which the leading industrialists of the region, especially the entrepreneurs associated with the plywood and wood-based panel product sector, participated. Among the dignitaries present was the former Union minister and MP, Ajay Bhatt and the director, BIS Dehradun, Saurabh Tiwari

Inaugurating the programme, KGCCI president Ashok Bansal said that such programmes act as a bridge between the industry and the government. He urged the entrepreneurs to adopt the quality standards set by BIS and prepare their products for global competition.





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BJP slams Congress over | Camps to be held in remarks on live-in relationship provision in UCC

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 $B^{\text{haratiya Janata Party State president}}_{\text{Mahendra Bhatt hit back at Pradesh}}$ Congress Committee president Karan Mahara for his remarks questioning whether BJP leaders would allow their family members to be in live-in relationships under the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Uttarakhand. Bhatt stated that the inclusion of live-in relationships in the UCC is based on Supreme Court judgments and the provision has been added after thorough legal study. He said that Mahara may lack awareness of the legal context. Bhatt said, "BJP's concern is not about promoting live-in relationships but ensuring legal protection in such situations, especially when chil-

dren are born or disputes arise." He clarified that the BJP's cultural values do not align with live-in relationships but the government has taken steps to legally safeguard individuals involved in them. Registration has been made mandatory to provide legal clarity and protect rights, in line with constitutional and judicial principles, he added. Dharampur MLA Vinod Chamoli also condemned Mahara's statement and questioned his mentality. He said that while opposing policy matters is a political right, targeting the families of political opponents is inappropriate. Chamoli urged Congress leaders to maintain decorum and avoid personal remarks in public discourse.

Union Home Minister's visit to Uttarakhand deferred

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah's scheduled visit to Uttarakhand on April 26 has been postponed, the Bharatiya Janata Party State president Mahendra Bhatt said. He informed that Shah was expected to participate in a programme organised by the Cooperative department at the Forest Research

Institute (FRI) in Dehradun. He said that the party had completed all necessary preparations for his visit but due to unspecified reasons, the visit has now been postponed. He did not provide further details about the cause of the postponement but stated that the party will share updates once a new date is decided.

Garhwal IG reviews Char Dham Yatra preparations and LUCC fraud cases

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The Garhwal Range inspector general of police Rajeev Swaroop held a review meeting with police officers from various districts including Tehri, Pauri and Rudraprayag at the zonal office in Pauri. The meeting was focused on preparations for the upcoming Char Dham Yatra and the investigation into fraudulent activities related to LUCC cooperative societies and

bus union members to inform them about traffic rules and the route plan. The officials were also directed to install signboards highlighting blind turns and danger zones. He directed them to keep disaster response equipment ready and identify alternative routes in case of roadblocks. The police will also give updates on route conditions, weather and crowd levels at the pilgrimage sites

and share them regularly through social media. Regarding LUCC-related fraud cases, the IG directed officers to ininvestigations and take prompt action. He ordered the investigating officers to examine bank accounts linked to the fraud to ensure individuals found involved should face legal consequences. Officers were instructed to arrest remaining accused persons, examine their movable and immovable

assets and initiate seizure proceedings. Family members who benefited from the fraud must be investigated too, he said. The Pauri senior superintendent of police Lokeshwar Singh, Tehri additional superintendent of police Jodh Ram Joshi, additional superintendent of police (Communications) Anoop Kala and other officers including circle officers and station in-charges from various regions were present during

Nyay Panchayats for UCC portal registration

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↑he Dehradun district administration will organise camps in each Nyay Panchayat in Dehradun for registration under the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) portal. The district Panchayati Raj officer has released the roster of these camps under the directions of chief development officer Abhinav Shah. The camps are being set up at the Nyay Panchayat level to facilitate local registrations for marriage, divorce and other related matters, as per the CDO. He informed that in Chakrata block, camps will be held on April 25 in Dasau, April 26 in Mindal, April 28 in Bunad Bastil, April 29 in Bhunad, April 30 in Kandoi Bondar, May 1 in Rangeu, May 2 in Begi and May 3 in Dimich Bhandroli. In the Kalsi block, there are nine Nyay Panchayats. Camps will be held on April 21 in Dagura, April 23 in Koruwa, April 25

in Bhanjra, April 26 in Naraya, April 30 in Koti, May 1 in Kalsi, May 5 in Udpalta, May 7 in Khadi, and May 8 in Ramleela Ground, Mundhaan. In Vikasnagar block, camps will take place on April 23 in Sorna, April 26 in Enfield store, April 28 in Sabhawala, and April 30 in Laghan. In Sahaspur block, camps are scheduled for April 23 in Arcadia Grant, April 28 in Aamwala, April 30 in Rampur Bhauwala, May 2 in Jhajhra and May 5 in Sahaspur. In Doiwala block, camps will be held on April 22 in Majri Grant, April 23 in Markham Grant and April 25 in Shyampur. In the Raipur block, camps are scheduled for April 25 in Raipur, April 28 in Sarona, and April 30 in Thano. Sinha has urged residents to attend the camps and complete their registrations under the UCC.

New SIT to probe Ghuddauri engineering college irregularities

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The chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has directed the officials to constitute a new Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe complaints of irregularities in appointments, promotions and other issues in GB Pant Engineering College Ghuddauri, Pauri.

He gave the order while chairing a meeting held at the secretariat here on Tuesday regarding the development of the engineering institutes of the state at the national

Dhami has directed the State administration to deploy faculty in all the engineering colleges of the State as per the norms.

The CM said that along with the arrangement of basic facilities, hostels and boundary walls in all the engineering colleges of the state, better road connectivity should also be ensured.

He expressed displeasure over the lack of recruitments in engineering colleges as per the norms

should also be ensured for placement of students from the campus

On a stern note, the CM ordered investigation into the non-operation of classes in the building constructed at Madhdura Pithoragarh for the Nanhi Pari Seemant Engineering Institute. He said that a thorough investigation should be conducted as to who had selected the place for the engineering institute and whether this place was suitable or not. "If it was not suitable, then why was the engineering institute built at this place? Why are classes not being conducted in this building even after spending about Rs 15 crore on the building?" he questioned. It is worth noting that at present this engineering college is being operated in the building of Government Inter College.
The Technical Education minis-

ter Subodh Uniyal, deputy chair-



and system set in place for the recruitment process. The CM also expressed his annoyance at the decrease in enrolment of the students in the engineering colleges of the

He directed the officers that along with increasing student registration, attention should be paid to better curriculum as well use of

the latest technology in all trades.

man of Infrastructure Monitoring Council Vishwas Dawar, chief secretary Anand Bardhan, principal secretary RK Sudhanshu, secretary Ranjit Śinha, vice chancellor of Veer Madho Singh Bhandari Uttarakhand Technical University Onkar Singh, additional secretary Swati Bhadauria and directors of engineering institutes attended the

Mock drill to check disaster preparedness for Yatra on Thursday

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companies. Swaroop emphasised coor-

dination among district police units

for traffic, parking, halting areas and

route diversion planning. He instructed officers to ensure proper facilities such as water, lighting and

toilets in halting areas. The force de-

ployed for the pilgrimage will be briefed and assigned duties starting

April 25. He directed to prepare a

strong traffic plan to prevent conges-

tion and hold meetings with taxi and

□ he National Disaster Management ▲ Authority (NDMA) and the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) are committed to ensuring the safety of pilgrims in the ensuing Char Dham Yatra. Stating this, the NDMA member secretary lieutenant general (retd) Syed Ata Hasnain said that the Yatra is important not only for Uttarakhand but for the entire nation. Lakhs of people from across India and abroad visit Uttarakhand to undertake the Char Dham Yatra. The focus of the authorities is to ensure that the pilgrims undertake the Yatra and return safely to their homes. With this aim in mind, the NDMA and USDMA acting on the directions

drill on forest fires in February, adding that this exercise had been appreciated

effectively if we work among the people of Uttarakhand, which is a plus point," he said.

Disaster Manage-



ment and Rehabilita-



of the Ministry of Home Affairs will conduct a mock drill focussed on the Yatra scenario on April 24.

Chairing the table-top exercise held for the mock drill here on Tuesday, Hasnain said that it is an opportunity to ascertain the strength of capabilities, preparations and resources. The mock exercise is also necessary to understand how these aspects can be used in a better manner during an actual disaster scenario. He said that the USDMA had conducted a good mock

tion secretary Vinod Kumar Suman claimed that the USDMA is fully prepared to deal with any disaster situation which may occur during the Char Dham Yatra. Constant coordination is being maintained with all linear departments, he said. As soon as the Yatra begins, nodal officers of

the Yatra will be deployed in the State

the linear departments associated with Emergency Operation Centre, he said.



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Gold Loan A/C No.: GL25094923, GL25400965, GL25534764, GL28707179, GL32335612, GL33537352 Branch Name: HALDWANI-KATGHARIYA SOHO GL. Taluka - HALDW

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL33488793. Branch Name: HALDWANI-MANGAL PADAV GL, Taluka - HALDWANI.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL31885327, GL31901615, GL31967885, GL31987498, GL32274673, GL32283956, GL32370736, ${\tt GL32374626, GL32435086, GL32450952, GL32468969, GL32685141, GL32916894, GL32926231, GL32995675, GL33021219, GL32916894, G$ GL33076759, GL33100496, GL33116309, GL33155929, GL33174550, GL33257012, GL33260397, GL33316572, GL33415180, GL33527473, GL33541273, GL34042295, GL34042990, GL34206592, GL34297672, GL34314699, GL34323526. Branch Name: HALDWANI-MUKHANI GL. Taluka - HALDWANI.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24754085, GL25073831, GL25122002, GL30973442, GL31862202, GL31878861, GL31975665,

GL32056863, GL32134338, GL32145885, GL32158410, GL32165239, GL32168196, GL32168831, GL32247175, GL32255060, GL32402374, GL32402845, GL33068485, GL33087599, GL33108807, GL33246403, GL33263373, GL33304924, GL33311672, GL33313797, GL33319262, GL33324623, GL33365282, GL33372011, GL33470658, GL34153084, GL34174240, GL34273158, GL34281490, GL34293296, GL34348615 Branch Name: HALDWANI-NAINITAL ROAD, Taluka - HALDWANI.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24515143, GL24529559, GL25150502, GL27282624, GL27804863, GL30974551, GL31354800, GL32492118, GL32619134, GL32636509, GL32703164, GL32790642, GL32802179, GL32810884, GL32815515, GL32827656, GL32834645, GL3283788, GL32911360, GL32925415, GL32935760, GL32954487, GL32971261, GL32997022, GL33015901, GL33042538, GL33249298, GL33338753, GL33365650, GL33367605, GL33373276, GL33388954, GL33389650, GL33441945, GL33459256, GL33475599, GL33501348, GL33505256, GL33510219, GL33897201, GL33955193, GL33960116, GL33964504, GL34026265, GL34119942, GL34155878, GL34180619, GL34258176, GL34655307. Branch Name: JASPUR-KASHIPUR ROAD GL, Taluka - JASPUR.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24365733. GL24367068. GL25062712. GL25452516. GL25502252. GL26255638. GL28143615. GL32885106, GL33340777, GL33424184, GL34499670.

Branch Name: KASHIPUR-NH 74 GL, Taluka - KASHIPUR Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24765682, GL31525472, GL32513342, GL32516043, GL32525415, GL32945263, GL33196505,

GL33340218, GL33415359, GL33433022, GL33497788, GL33513521, GL33805065, GL34095871, GL34116223,

Branch Name: KHATIMA-TANAKPUR ROAD GL, Taluka - KHATIMA. Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24311231, GL24602107, GL24644874, GL24775137, GL24859684, GL24979113, GL25211159, GL25791946, GL33140068, GL33683986

Branch Name: LALKUAN-RAILWAY STATION ROAD SOHO GL, Taluka -LALKUWAN. Gold Loan A/C No.: GL32936060, GL33155454, GL33253812, GL33843205

Branch Name: RAMNAGAR NAINITAL-RAMNAGAR GL, Taluka - BHIKIA SAIN.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL25259336, GL32246162, GL32254496, GL32727164, GL32744154, GL33114793, GL33924135, GL33939112, GL34226617, GL34247702, GL34265897, GL34304252, GL34313166.

Branch Name: RUDRAPUR UK-NAINITAL ROAD GL, Taluka - KICHHA. Gold Loan A/C No.: GL30784527, GL31929233, GL31930391, GL34015793

Branch Name: RUDRAPUR UK-SOLANKI HEIGHTS GL, Taluka - KICHHA.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL25236270, GL25531017, GL25617558, GL32784883, GL33071056, GL33084749, GL33110424, GL33121450, GL33164900, GL33575067, GL33775302, GL33800855.

Branch Name: SITARGANJ-GL, Taluka - SITTAGANJ.

Place: NAINITAL

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Date: 23.04.2025





UTTARAKHAND 04

40 beds reserved for dengue patients, GDMC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

With more than two dozen dengue cases being reported in Dehradun district so far, the Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) has reserved 40 beds for dengue patients within its premises, according to chief medical superintendent Dr RS Bisht. This year, the early detection of dengue



cases in Dehradun district has raised concerns among residents. Regarding GDMC hospital's preparations for dengue patients, Dr Bisht said that from April to the present, the hospital administration has collected 230 samples. Out of these, only one case has tested positive for dengue. The patient has been treated at the hospital and has since been discharged. He emphasised that the hospital is fully prepared to handle dengue cases. The isolation ward for dengue

patients includes 40 reserved beds-30 for adults and 10 for pediatric patients, located in the Ayushman building. Dr Bisht added that within the 30 adult beds, there are 10 ICU beds equipped with ventilators. Additionally, two of the 10 pediatric beds are also reserved for ICU care, complete with ventila-

tors. Dr Bisht stated that the blood bank at GDMC hospital is fully operational. The hospital has the capacity for 400 platelet units and can produce 100 to 250 platelets per day. Additionally, the central government has provided sufficient dengue test kits and in emergency cases, local purchases of the kits have been made, he said.

He emphasised that to ensure the prevention of dengue at the hospital, all uncovered

water tanks have been secured and regular fogging and pest control measures are being conducted. Dr Bisht advised

to wear longpeople clothing, use sleeved mosquito repellents and avoid stagnant water in their surroundings. He also informed that mosquito traps have been installed at every bed in the dengue isolation ward.

MCD to hand over wards to Sunlight company after terminating Econ's contract

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Dehradun

The Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) is considering handing over garbage collection responsibilities of some wards to Sunlight company after terminating its contract with Econ Waste Management. Econ was managing door-todoor waste collection in 26 wards but

failed to meet performance expectations, leading to its removal, according to Dehradun municipal commissioner Namami Bansal.

Bansal stated that despite repeated notices, Econ showed consistent negligence in operations and failed to make improvements. The company did not regularly operate door to door garbage collecting vehicles on scheduled routes and failed to pay its employees on time that resulted in frequent strikes. An investigation by the district administration and the municipal corporation also revealed multiple irregularities, confirming the complaints received over time.

She said that further violations came to light when the company was reportedly found dumping garbage in the Rispana river belt that forced the corporation to take serious action against them. Bansal informed that the MCD had originally given the contract to Econ through a formal tender process. Given the findings, the corporation not

only terminated the contract but also recommended that the company be blacklisted. The commissioner said that to ensure continued waste management services, the MCD is now planning to assign select wards to Sunlight Company temporarily while it works on a long-term solution.

Test begins at NIEPVD for shortlisting applicants

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

he National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) commenced the online testing procedure for student selections based on the applications received for enrollment in classes located on its premises on Tuesday. This selection process will conclude on April 24. The admission registration for various classes at NIEPVD began on February 10, with an initial deadline of March 15. However, parents reported delays in schools releasing their results, which hindered their ability to complete the registration process. In response to these concerns, they requested an extension.

Consequently, the deadline for the admission registration process for other classes was extended to April

Addressing the current status, the principal of NIEPVD Amit Sharma stated that the registration process for admissions concluded on April 10. He said that they received about 125 applications from various States for enrollment in the classes offered on the premises. Sharma informed that a shortlist of students



ated from the applications ceived, with selecthe tion process based on an online test. This online test for available

will be cre-

seats began on April 22 and will conclude on April 24. The assessment will evaluate students' basic knowledge, specific subject expertise and psychological attributes. A panel consisting of four to five members will conduct the online test and manage the selection process. He said that the shortlist of students might be ready by April 25 and classes are expected to commence in the first week of May, following document verification.

It will be recalled that this year in NIEPVD 10 seats have been allocated for Bal Vatika, while seats have been reserved for other classes as follows: five for class I, three for class II, one for class III, two for class IV and ten for class IX. Additionally, no seats were available for classes V, VII and VIII this year.

Celsius in New Tehri. The maximum and minimum temperatures were each three degrees Celsius above normal in Dehradun while the maximum was three degrees above and the minimum was two degrees above normal in Pantnagar. Similarly, the maximum and temperatures were both three degrees above normal in Mukteshwar while the

maximum and minimum were

both one degree above normal in

New Tehri on Tuesday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Justice (Retd.) R.M. Lodha Committee (In the matter of PACL Ltd.) Status of payment to investors/applicants of PACL Ltd.

1 The Justice (Retd.) R. M. Lodha Committee had called for submission online by investors of PACL Limited of applications for refund vide press release dated February 08, 2019. The Committee has been processing applications received from investors in a phased manner, slab wise, and currently applications with claim amount up to Rs. 20,000/- have been processed and payments have been effected in respect of eligible claim applications. The payments are processed after verification of documents uploaded by the investors along with their applications and payment amount calculated accordingly.

2. The Committee has also from time to time provided investors, having claims upto Rs. 19,000/- and whose applications were found deficient, an opportunity to check status/deficiencies In their applications and make good the deficiencies so that the applications could be. processed. The last such opportunity was provided upto June 13, 2024. Currently, the facility to rectify the deficiencies in the claim applications is not available and Investors may await further notification from the Committee in this regard.

3. As on March 31. 2025, the Committee has successfully effected refunds in respect of 22, 16,132 eligible applications (with claims upto Rs. 20,000/-) aggregating to Rs 1163.03.crore.

Mumbai

April 17, 2025 **Nodal Officer-cum-Secretary** CBC 15204/11/0029/2526

File No. 59/3/2021-NMET-Part(1)

भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA खान मंत्रालय / MINISTRY OF MINES राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास / NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION TRUST

rvites applications for following posts in National Mineral Exploration Trust, by deputatio (including short term contract) from officers/officials of the Central Govern Governments / Autonomous Bodies / Statutory Organizations / Public Sector Undertakings Universities / Recognized Research Institutions:-

S. No.	Designation	Level of	No. of
		Pay	Post(s)
	PROJECT DIVISION		
I.	Director*	L-13	01
	MONITORING & COORDINATION	DIVISION	
2.	Joint Director	L-12	01
3.	Sr. Geologist/Sr. Engineer/Sr. Geophysicist/Sr. Geochemist	L-II	01
	FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS DIV	ISION	
4.	Director	L-13	01
5.	Asst. Director (Fin.)	L-10	01
6.	Accountant	L-6	01
	ADMIN, AND LEGAL DIVISI	ON	
7.	Assistant	L-6	01
	Total		07

The last date for receipt of applications for the above posts in National Mineral Exploration

Trust is 27.05.2025. For details/eligibility, please visit the websites:- www.nmct.gov.in.,

CBC 26113/12/0001/2526

(Geetika Sharma) Deputy Secretary and HoD

1197/2025

NORTHERN RAILWA **TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. DEN/III/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tender. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc.

Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.						
Tender No. Date	26-DRM-MB-25-26 Date 22.04.2025	27-DRM-MB-25-26 Date 22.04.2025	28-DRM-MB-25-26 Date 22.04.2025			
Name of Work	Provision of RCC wall, new shed, new wharf, road works and other misc. works in track depot/CBJ Under DEN/Track/MB	Strengthening of Guide Bund of Br. No. 974 DN & Br. 975 DN & Strengthening of approach of various bridge in BE-RAC section of MB division	Heavy repair and improvement to ORH at RMU & BE under ADEN/BE			
Tender Closing Date Time	16.05.2025 16:00 hrs.	16.05.2025 16:00 hrs.	16.05.2025 16:00 hrs.			
Advertised Value (Rs.)	1,16,95,603.59	4,26,97,667.76	79,91,587.42			
Earnest Money (Rs.)	2,08,500.00	3,63,500.00	1,59,800.00			
Bidding Start Date 02.05.2025		02.05.2025	02.05.2025			
Validity of Offer (Days)	60 Days	60 Days	60 Days			
Period of Completion	08 Months	12 Months	08 Months			

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

No.: 75-W/2/3/WA/Publication Dated: 22.04.2025

PICICI Home Finance | Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400051 | Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai 400059 Branch Office: Showroom No. 301, 3rd Floor, Shri Ram Arcade, Old Municipal No. 74, Rajpur Road, Dehradun Pin:- 24800

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him, her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in

particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time

П	available, to redeem the secured assets.					
	Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch	
	ll l	Salman. (Borrower), Yusuf Ali (Co-Borrower), LHDEH00001343779.	556 Khasra No. 556 Kha Mauja Hasanpur Pargana Pachhwadoon Tehsii Vikasnagar Dehradun UK Khasra No 556 Kha 1 Dehradun-248001 (Ref. LAN No. LHDEH00001343779). Bounded By- North: Gogl, South: Land of Samusuddin And Etc, East: Land of Iqbal, West: Main Shimla Road./Date of Possession- 17-Apr-25	10-10-2022 Rs. 29,58,363/-	Dehradun	
	ll l	Salman. (Borrower), Yusuf Ali (Co-Borrower), LHDEH00001345091.	556 Khasra No. 556 Kha Mauja Hasanpur Pargana Pachhwadoon Tehsil Vikasnagar Dehradun UK Khasra No 556 Kha 1 Dehradun- 248001 (Ref. LAN No. LHDEH00001345091). Bounded By- North: Gogl ,south: Land of Samusuddin And Etc, East: Land of Iqbal, West: Main Shimla Road./Date of Possession- 17-Apr-25	10-10-2022 Rs. 97,505/-	Dehradun	
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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date : April 23, 2025, Place: Dehradun Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limite

Temperatures continue to climb, State to get hotter today

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

The mercury has continued to rise in Dehradun and other parts of the State with temperatures in various areas being recorded at above normal levels on Tuesday. The temperatures are likely to rise further today. The State Meteorological Centre has forecast that dry weather is likely to prevail in all districts of the State on Wednesday. The provisional State capital Dehradun is forecast to witness a mainly clear sky. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be about 38 degrees Celsius and 21 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun today. The maximum and minimum temperatures recorded in various parts of the State on Tuesday were 37.5 degrees Celsius and 21.3 degrees Celsius respectively in Dehradun, 38.7 degrees Celsius and 19.6 degrees Celsius in Pantnagar, 26.4 degrees Celsius and 13.4 degrees Celsius in Mukteshwar and 27 degrees Celsius and 13.7 degrees



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS

It is hereby notified to all concerned borrower(s) in specific and the public, in general, that we, IIFL Finance Limited ("IIFL") are auctioning gold ornaments of defaulted customers who neither regularized their loans nor paid the outstanding amoun ing informed through registered auction notices and repeated reminders. Public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the following loan accounts will be conducted online through E-Procurement Technologies Limited on their online auction platform https://egold.auctiontiger.net on 26.04.2025 between 02:00 P.M to 05:00 P.M. Change in venue or date (il any) will be displayed at the auction center. If for any reason the E-Auction cannot be held on the date mentioned herein or the auction does not get completed on the same day, IIFL reserves the right to conduct or proceed with the said auction on any subsequent date on the auction platform and/or auction center with same terms and conditions. The unauctioned gold ornaments shall be auctioned on subsequent working days after displaying the details on auction platform and/or auction center. In case the auction at Branch level fails, the same will be re auctioned on **07.05.2025** without any further notice at district level at the specified district centre. If for any reason, the district level auction cannot be held on the date mentioned herein or the auction does not get completed on the same day, IIFL reserves the right to conduct or proceed with the district level auction on any subsequent date with same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased, then all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to nominee/legal heir.

District Centre: DEHRADUN-SRI RADHA KRISHNA MANDIR GL - IIFL Finance 81 A, FIRST FLOOR, ABOVE BIBA SHOWROOM, DILARAM CHOWK, RAJPUR ROAD, DEHRADUN-248001.

Branch Name: DEHRADUN-CHAKRATA ROAD GL, Taluka - DEHRADUN. Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24848427, GL25479665, GL25557791, GL25566219, GL30895249, GL32707503, GL32764696, GL32772107, GL33097085, GL33223843, GL33307789, GL33319480, GL33834941, GL33973307, GL34014871, GL34150566,

GL34177876, GL34182932, GL34233537, GL34340088. Branch Name: DEHRADUN-DOONPLAZA, Taluka - DEHRADUN.
Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24963716, GL25570668, GL26807491, GL32436848, GL32488278, GL32938156, GL33002644.

Branch Name: DEHRADUN-GMS ROAD GL. Taluka - DEHRADUN. Gold Loan A/C No.: GL31914595, GL31935203, GL32248543, GL32255888, GL32617114, GL32638008, GL32656066 GL32665325, GL32684634, GL32686174, GL32846378, GL34006821.

Branch Name: DEHRADUN-SHIMLA BY PASS ROAD GL, Taluka - DEHRADUN.
Gold Loan A/C No.: GL27376352, GL32163715, GL32167385, GL32267646, GL32285223, GL32377890, GL32409310, GL32680716, GL32686241, GL32707219, GL32844331, GL33155345, GL33174428, GL33343337, GL33947979, GL33965759 GL34072606, GL34089974, GL34198789, GL34213785, GL34297181, GL34314584.

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Branch Name: DEHRADUN-VIKAS NAGAR GL, Taluka - VIKAS NAGAR.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL2508199, GL25502892, GL25610674, GL26643162, GL26859819, GL28046975, GL29159828, GL32603540, GL32610873, GL32654099, GL32659100, GL33169766, GL33781168, GL33921119, GL33944218, GL34015875, GL34270729, GL34293233, GL34321619, GL34323696, GL34365782. Branch Name: RISHIKESH-DEHRADUN ROAD GL, Taluka - RISHIKESH.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL23524638, GL25277073, GL31831785, GL32579995, GL32676899, GL32690181, GL32711885, GL32761769, GL32765446, GL32765575, GL32770500, GL32785284, GL32789369, GL32805280, GL32806241, GL33253503, GL33259967, GL33341979, GL33385610, GL33410577, GL33423487, GL33532374, GL33756018, GL33957347, GL34117587 GL34135977, GL34336624, GL34907799.

Branch Name: RISHIKESH-HARIDWAR ROAD GL, Taluka - RISHIKESH.

Gold Loan A/C No.: GL24774133, GL31829443, GL31948975, GL31962776, GL32092238, GL32251417, GL32257556, GL32506959, GL32517273, GL32526909, GL32575769, GL32768257, GL32774111, GL32934367, GL32935380, GL32954150, GL33008953, GL33015450, GL33471689, GL34001101, GL34022149, GL34093083, GL34115429, GL34198470, GL34224442,

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PMHS agrees to assurance given by Health secretary

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 Γ ollowing detailed discussions on demands of government doctors with the Health secretary on Tuesday, the administration assured the doctors that action will be taken on two of their three main demands within a month. The members of Provincial Medical Health Services (PMHS) held a meeting with the Health secretary R Rajesh Kumar here on Tuesday. The meeting was aimed at addressing the long pending demand of the doctors employed by the State government. After detailed deliberations on three major demands, the Health secretary said that the necessary procedure will be initiated to fulfill two of their demands withint the next one month. Kumar assured the doctors that the State government is working in this direction with full seriousness and sensitivity. Discussions were also held on the third demand and it was stated that it may take more time to do the needful to meet it. Stating this clearly, the Health secretary assured the doctors that the government will work seriously and constructively on this demand too. The PMHS office bearers said that the Health secretary's stance was found to be satisfactory and positive, which was appreciated by the PMHS dele-

gation. The PMHS office bearers said that they have agreed to the positive assurance given by the Health secretary and decided to postpone their decision to wear black ribbons and protest, for the next one month. The organisation believes that their demands will be met within the time frame given by the government. Welcoming the stance of the State government, the PMHS has expressed hope that this attitude of cooperation between the Health department and doctors will continue in the future.

Expedite process & start building Rispana-Bindal elevated road: Bardhan

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hief secretary Anand Bardhan said that the Rispana-Bindal elevated road project will play a major role in resolving traffic congestion in Dehradun. He directed the officials concerned to complete the official formalities for this project soon. The chief secretary also directed the officials of Public Works Department (PWD) and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to regularly monitor their important projects. Bardhan said this while chairing a meeting with the officials concerned to review the status of important projects in the State on Tuesday. Bardhan said that the Rispana-Bindal elevated road project is vital for resolving traffic congestion in the provisional State capital. He directed the officials to complete the official formalities to ensure that construction of this project begins soon. He said that important projects like the Rispana-Bindal elevated road and the Tehri ring road are reviewed on a weekly basis in order to ensure that they are completed on time. Talks should be held with the Finance department regarding the various options for funding these projects. The priority of all the projects should be ascertained and the officials should ensure that these are completed on time, the chief secretary said. Reviewing NHAI projects, Bardhan said that necessary steps should be taken to complete these works on time. Work on the Haridwar-Nagina Road should be completed soon. He further said that this is a very important project considering the ensuing Char Dham Yatra and the 2027 Kumbh. In addition to this, the work on the construction of the Ballupur-Paonta Sahib Road should also be expedited, the chief secretary said. Secretary Pankai Pande, additional secretaries Vija Kumar Jogdande, Vinit Kumar and Vishal Gupta from the NHAI, among other officials concerned, were also present in the

Kumaon commissioner checks works ahead of tourist season

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Checked the road traffic, parking, shuttle service and other arrangements from Bhawali to Kainchi Dham in Nainital district in view of the tourist season. During the inspection on Tuesday, he directed the officials concerned to complete work on the bypass and other tourist related tasks so that those visiting Bhawali, Nainital and Kainchi Dham do not face any inconvenience. Rawat first visited the Naini Bend sanatorium at Bhawali where he directed Public Works Department officials to expedite works on culvert and road widening. At sanatorium Ratighat phase II, he sought information about the shuttle service. He directed the officials to ensure proper



drinking water and other facilities at the shuttle service site. He directed the officials to improve the condition of the bypass so that tourists can use this route too, which will prevent inconvenience to visitors during the tourist season. Rawat also inspected the helipad near Ratighat, adding that helicopter service to Kainchi Dham will make the journey to the world famous pilgrimage site more convenient while also enhancing employment opportunities for the locals. Rawat also checked the multistories parking, Dhyan Kendra, pathway and bridge being built at Kainchi Dham at a cost of Rs 63 crore. Seeking information about the work from officials of the executing agency PWD, he told them to also ensure drinking water and toilet facility at the park-

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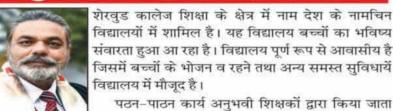
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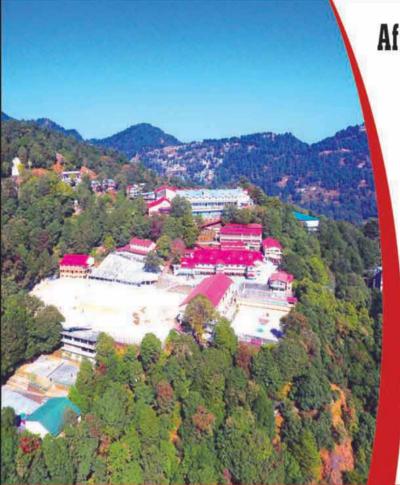
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A cultural gesture or a strategic reachout?

JD Vance's 3-day visit to India is more than a family trip. It's a message

nited States Vice President JD Vance's three-day visit to India might appear on the surface as a cultural homecoming for his family, but beneath the surface lies a layer of strategic nuance that reflects the evolving dynamics of India-US relations particularly amid the backdrop of Donald Trump's sanctions policy. Vance's India trip is being billed as a family-focused tour, with cultural visits to Jaipur and Agra aimed at helping his children connect with their Indian heritage through their mother, Usha

However, even such personal diplomacy carries weight. As the highest-ranking US official to visit India under the current administration, his presence alone sends a strong signal: despite recent tensions and Trump-era trade policy headwinds, the US values its long-term strategic relationship with India.

While the official itinerary includes only one major formal engagement — a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi followed by a state dinner — the subtext of that conversation is expected to be significant. Trade negotiations between the two nations remain in a delicate phase, especially with Trump's reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods paused only temporarily until July. The resumption or removal of those tariffs hinges on political will from both sides. Vance's visit offers a diplomatic window for quiet discussions, signalling a willingness from Washington to keep dialogue channels open even if the Trump administration's broader rhetoric leans toward economic nationalism.

Vance's visit comes just weeks after Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard's trip to India, indicating a deliberate staggered engagement from Trump's key officials. Vance's attendance at regional and business forums in Jaipur, including a speech at the Rajasthan International Centre, and his interactions with political figures, provide an opportunity to reinforce bilateral ties beyond just military or economic frameworks.

His presence also comes at a time when Modi is preparing for a high-profile visit to Saudi Arabia, underscoring how both nations are recalibrating their global engagements and seeking balance in a multipolar world order. Vance's India stop, sandwiched between Italy and other key visits, thus plays a quiet yet strategic role in maintaining American visibility in the Indo-Pacific theatre.

By prioritising a family-led cultural immersion alongside limited political engagements, Vance is walking a fine line. It's a display of soft power — highlighting shared values, people-to-people ties, and the significance of diaspora connections — while also reaffirming the transactional, interests-based nature of current US foreign policy under Trump.

The symbolic guard of honour, shopping trips for Indian handicrafts, and visits to Jaipur's heritage sites are diplomatic gestures that soften the harder edges of policy friction. This duality makes Vance's visit a potent blend of optics and opportunity. Whether Vance's trip translates into tangible outcomes on trade or security remains to be seen. But the fact that his first visit to India is being positioned as a cultural one, while quietly engaging on serious policy matters, reflects the Biden-Trump transition's lingering complexities — and how Vance is being groomed not just as a vice president, but as a statesman with cross-cultural appeal.

In a time of strained alliances and recalibrated partnerships, JD Vance's India visit is a quiet assertion: that while policy may shift, relationships endure — and sometimes, it's the personal visits that pave the way for political resets. As India and the United States navigate a landscape marked by shifting alliances and political flux, visits like Vance's offer more than ceremonial value. They signal intent, test the waters of diplomacy and often sow the seeds for future policy recalibration. In an age when optics can drive narrative, such symbolic overtures may well prove to be the quiet bridges over turbulent geopolitical waters.

India bolsters ties with Sri Lanka

As China deepens its presence through major investments, India is doubling down to protect its strategic interests — offering aid, infrastructure to send a message that it is Sri Lanka's most reliable partner

mid the intensifying India-China battle for influence in Sri Lanka, New Delhi has reason to be satisfied following the recent two-day state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the island nation during which economic, defence, and energy ties with an important neighbour were shored up. India's strategic interests are intrinsically tied with those of Sri Lanka, hence the need to maintain close and robust bilateral relations with it. New Delhi also sought to convey to the Anura Kumara Dissanayake - led Government the message, yet again, that it can reap greater benefits from India, which is a reliable friend.

The underlying message herein being that China isn't one. It was also conveyed to Colombo once again that protecting India's security interests as well as its own should be of paramount importance. Towards this end, New Delhi also extracted from President Dissanayake an assurance, yet again, that he will keep in mind India's security interests.

To New Delhi's undoubted relief, President Dissanayake reiterated that he will not allow Sri Lankan territory to be used in any manner that will threaten India's security interests. For now, the Dissanavake Government appears to be walking the talk on this account going by news reports that Sri Lanka cancelled a joint naval exercise with India's arch-foe Pakistan, which was to be held in the waters off the strategically located Trincomalee, not too far from the Indian coastline. But not before New Delhi intervened and made its security concerns known, following which the exercise which was to have been held around the dates PM Modi was to visit the island nation - was scrapped. Given its strategic imperatives in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), it's essential for New Delhi to consolidate its influence in Sri Lanka where India no longer holds sole sway, and to maintain robust ties with the new Government in place there.

In its outreach to the island nation, New Delhi is also seeking to burnish its credentials as a leader of the Global South, projecting itself as a dependable partner for nations facing economic hardship, and who need not fear falling into a debt trap as is often the case when they avail of loans from China.

During the PM's visit, there was also important messaging for Colombo about the perils of hob-nobbing too closely with Beijing, with PM Modi stating during the visit, "We have shared security interests. The security of both countries is inter-connected and co-dependent." As a maritime neigh-



lanes, New Delhi knows that Chinese expansionism can pose a strategic threat to both India and Sri Lanka.

The spreading tentacles of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in Sri Lanka too have given New Delhi sleepless nights. As China's footprints in Sri Lanka increase, New Delhi

knows well that it cannot afford to let its guard down vis-à-vis Beijing as the latter builds deep inroads into India's immediate and extended neighbourhood. This has forced

India to redouble its efforts to ramp up its engagement and pro-

vide all manner of development assistance to countries in its neighbourhood so that they remain within its sphere of influence. In the case of Sri Lanka, India provided financial assistance totalling \$4.5 billion in 2022 and 2023 to it during its post-pandemic economic meltdown. This played a vital role in helping Sri Lanka obtain an IMF bailout. India's outreach to the Dissanayake Government has also seen it convert \$20.66 million given as lines of credit into grant assistance to reduce Sri Lanka's debt burden. All this, plus New Delhi's willingness to help Sri Lanka achieve economic stability, is possibly what has helped it forge close ties thus bour in the Indian Ocean straddling vital sea far with the Dissanayake Government.

Despite pursuing a policy of 'Neighbourhood First, India's strategic space in the IOR is increasingly shrinking amidst a relentless Chinese onslaught. Though India has coined the new term 'Mahasagar' (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) replacing the earlier coinage of 'Sagar' (Security and Growth for All) for countries in the IOR, containing China's influence remains a challenge. India's efforts don't always bear fruit, especially when China-leaning Governments are in power in the neighbourhood. Besides, the offer of Chinese loans and financial assistance to build infrastructure is too tempting to resist for cash-strapped neighbours of India struggling to execute mega projects.

In the case of Sri Lanka, the Left-leaning

Dissanayake has adroitly managed to balance his country's diplomatic ties with the two Asian giants in the six months since he took charge. It also means that the island nation for now is seeking to reap the benefits from the fierce India-China rivalry in Sri Lanka and the wider IOR. So if Dissanayake earlier this year managed to secure the largestever FDI (foreign direct investment) of \$3.7 billion for his country from China for a stateof-the-art oil refinery at Hambantota to be built by Sinopec, he's being wooed by India as well in the area of energy security. PM Modi's visit saw the joint launch of the plan to build the Sampur solar power plant.

It will be developed by the Trincomalee Power Company, which is a joint venture between Ceylon Electricity Board and India's NTPC. To boost the island nation's energy security, all the more imperative as it went through a crippling forex crisis post the pandemic — which meant huge fuel shortages

the visit saw a tripartite agreement between India, Sri Lanka, and the UAE to develop Trincomalee as a regional energy hub. India needs to consolidate its foothold in Trincomalee on the island nation's eastern coast and keep China at bay. With its huge natural harbour, Trincomalee is of immense geo-strategic import and has the potential to be developed as a naval base. India is also already jointly redeveloping with Sri Lanka World War II — era strategic oil tank farms in Trincomalee. Apart from Trincomalee, New Delhi is also keeping a close eye on another strategic port, the one in Kankesanthurai, which lies not too far away from the Indian coastline. The port in Sri Lanka's Tamil-dominated northern province is close to the Indian coastline and is being "rehabilitated" with a \$61.5 million grant assistance from India. Given its vital security stakes in Sri Lanka, a defence cooperation agreement with the island nation, the first between the two countries, inked during the visit would also help India counter

Chinese moves in the region. After all, China's hegemonic ambitions present a real and present danger to India and indeed the entire IOR.

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Overthinking is injurious to mental health



verthinking is a subtle but destructive habit that many people silently suffer from. It often disguises itself as caution or deep reflection, but in truth, it's a mental loop that traps individuals in cycles of worry, doubt, and inaction. While it may seem like a method of preparation or problem-solving, overthinking is far from harmless it quietly undermines peace of mind, self-confidence, relationships, and even opportunities.

What begins as a desire to make the right choice or prepare for future outcomes quickly spirals into obsessive thinking. The mind replays conversations, dissects every detail, and invents endless "what ifs" and "should haves

Instead of arriving at clarity, individuals find themselves stuck in a loop of mental noise that prevents real progress. A 2013 study published in the Journal of Abnormal Psychology found that overthinking is closely linked with anxiety and depression. Repetitive negative thinking was shown to be a shared factor in many mental health issues. This highlights that overthinking isn't just an annoying quirk it's a serious risk factor that drains emotional energy, limits engagement with real life, and inhibits personal growth.Overthinkers often question every decision they make, fearing failure or embarrassment. This undermines

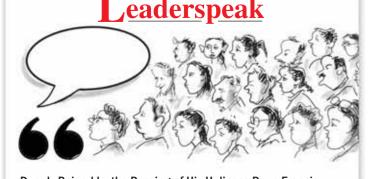
self-trust, making even small choices feel high-stakes. When action. Journaling is another powerful tool. Writing down someone begins to believe that every decision must be perfect, they become paralysed by the fear of imperfection, holding themselves back from growth, both personally and professionally. Relationships are also affected. Overthinkers tend to overanalyse texts, tones, or expressions, often creating negative narratives. A delayed response from a friend can spiral into "They're mad at me," or "I must've said something wrong." These imagined scenarios create emotional distance. tension, and unnecessary stress, making it hard to connect authentically. On top of that, the constant mental activity can interfere with sleep, leading to insomnia or disrupted rest, which further affects emotional well-being. So what fuels this habit of overthinking? At its core, overthinking is driven by fear — the fear of failure, of being judged, of losing control.

Often, these fears stem from past experiences where mistakes were punished or outcomes were unpredictable. As a coping mechanism, the brain tries to take control by playing out every possible scenario. Ironically, this attempt at control results in more chaos and mental fatigue. To escape the grip of overthinking, the first step is awareness. You can't change what you don't recognise. Start by observing your thought patterns and identifying when helpful reflection turns into rumination. The next step is to disrupt the cycle. One effective technique is to set a "thinking deadline." For instance, give yourself 30 minutes to evaluate a decision, weigh the pros and cons, and then make a choice. This method trains your brain to move from overanalysis to your thoughts gets them out of your head and onto paper, immediately reducing their emotional charge. It also engages the logical part of the brain, helping you process emotions more constructively.

Cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT), a scientifically supported method, is built around this very idea — challenging irrational thoughts and replacing them with more realistic, balanced perspectives. Most importantly, take action. Overthinking convinces us to wait until we feel perfectly ready, but clarity often comes after we start. Even the smallest step — sending a message, making a phone call, beginning a project — can break the mental gridlock and build momentum.

We begin to see that the consequences of our decisions are rarely as catastrophic as we imagine, and even when things go wrong, we gain experience and resilience. Building trust in yourself is crucial. Each small, confident decision reinforces your capability. Along the way, practising self-compassion helps loosen the grip of perfectionism. You don't need to be flawless or have all the answers. Life is unpredictable by nature, and embracing that truth allows space for peace and growth. In the end, overthinking drains our most valuable resources — time and mental peace. It disguises itself as preparation but only delays action and postpones growth. Life isn't meant to be overanalysed — it's meant to be lived fully and authentically.

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Deeply Pained by the Passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. Pope Francis will always be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility, and spiritual courage by millions across the world. From a young age, he devoted himself towards realising the ideals of Lord Christ. He diligently served the poor and downtrodden. For those who were suffering, he ignited a spirit of hope.

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



Letters to the Editor

SY Quraishi and the politics of identity

Madam — Former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi responded firmly to BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's recent remark labelling him a "Muslim Commissioner." On Monday, April 21, Quraishi stated his unwavering belief in an India where individuals are defined by their contributions, not their religious identities. He noted that for some, such identities are used to push hateful political narratives. Quraishi served India with distinction as Chief Election Commissioner from July 2010 to June 2012. During his tenure, he introduced key reforms such as the creation of a Voter Education Division and Expenditure Control Division, and he founded the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management.

A proud member of the Haryana cadre of the IAS, Quraishi's public service career is a model of integrity and dedication. His work has been recognised by many, including Dr Gopalkrishna Gandhi, the distinguished grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and C Rajagopalachari. Dr Gandhi lauded Quraishi's efforts to uphold the values of India's constitutional institutions. Dubey's inflammatory comment followed Quraishi's criticism of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, which he described as a "sinister and evil plan" to seize Muslim lands. In a time when hate speech threatens the fabric of democracy, voices like Quraishi's serve as crucial reminders of the constitutional values India must contin-BHAGWAN THADANI | MUMBAI

Rohit Sharma's wankhede moment

Madam — There could be no better timing than this for Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma. Soon after the Mumbai Cricket Association honoured him by naming a stand after him at Wankhede Stadium, he delivered a stunning unbeaten 76-run knock against Chennai Super Kings, featuring four boundaries and six sixes.

His performance not only secured victory but also pushed Mumbai Indians up to sixth place on the IPL points table. From a young boy in Borivali known for breaking window panes to a cricketing legend who has broken records on the global stage, Rohit's rise is truly inspirational.

His success stems from a passion for the game and an unrelenting commitment to his team, not personal mile-

What sets Rohit apart is his leadership, consistency, and ability to inspire. He is the only Indian cricketer to win two T20 World Cups — once as a player, once as captain and has led the team to multiple ICC titles.

He is also the only player with three double centuries in ODIs and holds records for the most international sixes and the highest ODI score.

A fearless and flamboyant cricketer, Rohit Sharma's name now fittingly graces a stand at Wankhede. When he bats, it's nothing short of a festival for fans — an experience of joy, energy, and unforgettable moments.

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Nurturing emotional bonds

Madam — Recent scientific research lends weight to poet William Wordsworth's timeless observation that "the child is father of the man." A study conducted by King's College London, Duke University, and the University of Osloemphasises that children given the right emotional support can positively influence society as a whole. It is troubling to see that emotional bonds within families are weakening. The lure of seductive technologies is isolating children from authentic human interaction, inhibiting essential emotional and intellectual qualities such as empathy, compassion, and kindness.

In the 21st century, children are often subjected to rigid schedules and academic pressure, leaving little time for meaningful connection with their parents. Given the rise in societal violence, insecurity, and alienation, even small acts of kindness — whether a warm gesture, kind word, or embrace - can serve as seeds for empathy and resilience. In a world increasingly fragmented by ego, hatred, and authoritarianism, the parent-child relationship remains a powerful antidote to many of humanity's ills. Emotional support fosters empathy, resilience, and compassion — qualities essential for a humane society. As technology and pressure erode connection, small acts of love within families can counteract alienation and help shape a more compassionate, unified future.

RANGANATHAN SIVAKUMAR | TAMIL NADU

A BREWING CRISIS THREATENING **KERALA'S COMMUNAL HARMONY**

unambam, the jewel of Vypeen Island in Kochi, is a picturesque suburban area nestled along the Arabian Sea. However, it has now become the Achilles' heel of Kerala. In 1902, Abdul Sattar, a prominent member of the Kutchi Memon community - a Muslim trading group from Gujarat that had migrated to the state - was granted a lease for over 400 acres of land in Munambam by the princely state that governed the area. Later, in 1948, his close relative Mohammed Siddique Sait registered the deed, and in 1950, he endowed the land to Farook College in Kozhikode.

Over time, the college sold portions of the land to various encroacher-occupants. In 1971, the Paravur Sub Court ruled that the land was covered under a formal wagf deed. This decision was upheld by the Kerala High Court in 1975. Reports submitted by the Ernakulam Collectors to the High Court in 2008 and 2009 also confirmed the land's wagf status. Subsequently, in 2019, the Kerala Waqf

waqf, effectively nullifying all previous land sales. Amid the ensuing confusion, numerous tourist resorts have been established on the disputed land. The residents of the area - primarily Latin Catholic fisherfolk have been staging a relay hunger strike for over 175 days, demanding recognition of their revenue rights over the land they have long inhabited. Unfortunately, the issue has been framed as a Christian-Muslim conflict, driven by partisan political narratives that now threaten Kerala's communal harmony. Union Minister Kiran Rijiju, during his speech in Parliament while introducing the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2025, stated that the Munambam issue would be resolved in favour of the residents once the Act came into force. These statements reflect a lack of sincere intent to address the serious concerns of the affected residents. A respected Archbishop recently told the media that the hope for a resolution now lies with the State Government.

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Why India must cut GST on farm equipment?

As rural labour dwindles and food security demands rise, mechanisation is no longer optional — it's imperative. Yet the very tools needed to modernise farming are taxed more than luxury items, placing an unjust burden on small and marginal farmers



ndia's agricultural sector, the backbone of rural livelihoods, is at a critical juncture. The transition to modern and mechanised farming is no longer a choice but is necessary to ensure food security, optimise productivity, and improve farmers' incomes. Yet, a significant bottleneck hampers this transition — the irrational Goods and Services Tax (GST) structure on tractors and other agri-implements.

Today, farm equipment is taxed at 12 per cent, more than a luxury watch is taxed at 5 per cent. For a small or marginal farmer purchasing a low-horsepower tractor costing ₹5-7 lakh, this means paying ₹60,000 to ₹84,000 upfront as GST alone — a prohibitive cost for most. This, in turn, delays the mechanisation process in areas where it is needed

Pre-GST Scenario Was More Farmer-Friendly

Before the implementation of GST on July 1, 2017, tractors and most agri-implements were exempt from excise duties and subject to only 4-6 per cent Value Added Tax (VAT), depending on the state. Fertilisers, an essential element of agriculture, were previously taxed at 6 per cent (1 per cent excise and 5 per cent VAT). In the GST regime, the introduction of a 12 per cent GST rate on fertilisers was reduced to 5 per cent. However, on agricultural machinery still, 12 per cent GST disrupted the affordability landscape, disproportionately impacting small and marginal farmers, who make up over 86 per cent of India's total landholdings and are responsible for producing more than 60 per cent of the country's food grains.

While GST has unified the country's indirect tax system, it has also inadvertently penalised these vulnerable farmers by making essential farm tools more expensive. Rationalising GST to 5 per cent or even zero for tractors, their components, and agri-implements would significantly ease their financial burden and accelerate rural mechanisation.

Haryana's Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has recently written to the Union Finance and Agriculture Minister seeking GST exemption on 10 essential farm implements like rotavators, zero-till drills, super-seeders, straw-balers, and tractormounted spray pumps — a move and other states CMs should also collectively endorse.

Policy Contradictions: Subsidise on One Hand, Tax on the Other

The contradiction is glaring. The Government's flagship schemes, like the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation (SMAM), offer subsidies of up to 50 per cent on machinery such as tractors, combine harvesters, sugarcane harvesters, cotton pickers, for establishing custom hiring centres (CHCs) and also to individual farmers for buying pump sets, tractor mounted sprayers, zero till and seed drills. Yet, these efforts are undermined when the same equipment attracts a steep GST rate.



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A reduced GST rate on farm machinery will empower smallholder farmers and reduce the Government's subsidy burden. Lowering upfront taxes means farmers can buy machines at more reasonable prices, translating into more minor subsidy requirements for the Government.



Inconsistencies in the Green Energy

The policy incongruities extend to the renewable energy sector as well. Renewable energy devices such as solar panels, biogas plants, and windmill components attract only 5 per cent GST to promote sustainability. Electric vehicles (EVs) also enjoy a 5 per cent GST and a 15 per cent discount on third-party insur-

ance premiums. Yet, electric tractors - vital for reducing agriculture's carbon footprint — are taxed at 12 per cent GST, the same as diesel tractors, and do not qualify for any insurance premium relief. According to a study by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT), aligning electric tractors with EV incentives could reduce the price gap between electric and diesel tractors by nearly 40 per cent, helping India make a greener shift in agriculture.

The Urgency for Mechanisation

Mechanisation is the key to addressing India's agricultural productivity paradox. Despite India being the world's second-largest agricultural producer, only 47 per cent of its farming processes are mechanised, compared to 95 per cent in the United States, 75 per cent in Brazil, and 57 per cent in China. At this pace, India will need at least 25 more years to reach comparable levels.

Labour shortages due to rural-to-urban migration have further exacerbated the crisis. The share of the agricultural workforce has dropped from 59 per cent in 1991 to just 39 per cent in 2023. Mechanisation is essential to offset this shrinking labour force, increase yields, reduce drudgery, and make farming more attractive to rural youth.

Limited uptake

Tractors dominate India's farm equipment market,

while implements such as harvesters, seed drills, tillers, and planters account for only 15-20 per cent of the market share. This limited uptake is due to the prohibitive costs and a lack of awareness about the productivity benefits of modern equipment.

The Government and multilateral agencies are already focusing on mechanisation schemes. However, these interventions will not reach their full potential unless complemented by lower tax-

Farm mechanisation is not merely about replacing manual labour; it is about optimising inputs, improving efficiency, and securing rural incomes in a challenging agrarian landscape. It is time for the GST Council to undertake an urgent review of agri-implement tax slabs. A uniform GST rate of 5 per cent or zero on all agricultural machinery and their components would make mechanisation affordable for small and marginal farmers, stimulate demand in under-mechanised regions, encourage the adoption of green technologies like electric tractors, and reduce Government subsidy outflows in the long run. The 'magical' character of farm mechanisation needs a booster dose. Rationalising GST will empower farmers, create rural entrepreneurship opportunities via CHCs, and help India achieve sustainable development goals. It will bridge the mechanisation gap and unlock the true potential of Indian agriculture. Mechanisation is the future, but affordability is the

India's agricultural future hinges on widespread mechanisation, yet high GST rates on essential farm equipment act as a major roadblock. Small and marginal farmers — who form over 86 per cent of India's agrarian base — are unfairly burdened by the 12 per cent GST on tractors and implements, a rate higher than that on luxury items. This policy contradiction undermines Government subsidies offered through schemes like RKVY and SMAM, inflating costs and stalling progress. Haryana's call for GST exemption on key implements is a step in the right direction that other states must support. The mismatch extends to green technologies too — electric tractors face the same GST rate as diesel ones, with none of the incentives that electric vehicles enjoy. This hinders both affordability and sustainability goals.

Meanwhile, India's mechanisation rate lags behind other major agricultural economies, slowed further by rural labour shortages and high upfront machinery costs. Rationalising GST to 5 per cent or zero for all agricultural equipment is critical. It would ease financial pressure on farmers, reduce Government subsidy burdens, and accelerate the adoption of both conventional and green technologies. Mechanisation is not a luxury — it's a necessity. Affordability, enabled through fair taxation, is the key to unlocking a more productive, sustainable, and prosperous agricultural future.

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RTI amendment erodes transparency

By removing the public interest safeguard from Section 8(1)(j), the amendment now imposes a blanket exemption on all personal data — even when linked to public duties — thereby crippling the citizen's ability to hold public officials accountable

≺he recent amendment to the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, through the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, marks a pivotal retreat from the transparency regime that India painstakingly built over nearly two decades. By shielding personal information under a blanket exemption, the Modi Government has altered the balance between privacy and the public's right to know.

The operation of the RTI Act — informed by several judgments by the Supreme Court and High Courts - has shown that personal information not related to public activity was already protected.

It underlines that there was already sufficient judicial restraint in place to protect genuinely private data. Landmark rulings like Girish Deshpande vs CIC (2013), and the Puttaswamy (2017) privacy judgment, drew clear boundaries between personal data and information relevant to public interest. Courts consistently held that unless the disclosure of personal information served a larger public cause, it should be denied.

Therefore, the amendment was not needed and shows legislative overreach, reflecting mistrust in judicial discretion. It signals a shift from a principle-based regime to a bureaucratic shield where no scrutiny is possible. The amendment now legalises the denial of information that courts had earlier allowed when public interest was evident-setting a regressive precedent that may encourage arbitrariness and corruption.

The SC judgment reinforces that safeguarding personal privacy and promoting institutional transparency are not mutually exclusive but are jointly essential.

This point underscores a vital democratic balance. The Supreme Court, especially in the Puttaswamy case, held that privacy is a fundamental right but not an absolute one; it must be balanced with transparency, especially when public interest is involved. The original RTI Act embodied this balance by permitting the release of personal information where larger institutional accountability or public interest was at stake.

The amendment breaks this balance by giving unchecked primacy to privacy, even when it is used as a smokescreen to hide inefficiency, nepotism, or corruption. For instance, public access to officials' attendance, disciplinary records, or property



details - which can reveal disproportionate assets - would now be blocked. The implication is that institutions become unanswerable to the public, reducing the citizen's role from a watchdog to a mute spectator.

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sweeping

changes have been introduced through the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, amended which Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. Earlier, this section exempted disclosure of personal information unless there was an overriding public interest. The amendment

removes this public interest override and comprehensively exempts all personal data from disclosure under RTI, regardless of its connection to

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public duties. It is a fundamental shift from a "case-by-case" evaluation to an "absolute bar" on access to personal information, thereby hollowing out the core of the RTI

The implication is grave: details about the conduct, performance, assets, and public duties of Government officials — even when crucial to detect corruption-can now be shielded from public scrutiny under the excuse of "Privacy". It turns the RTI from a transparency-enabling instrument into a tool riddled with opaque exemptions, undermining citizens' ability to hold officials

accountable. This proviso was a crucial equaliser — it mandated that any information which cannot be denied to Parliament or a State Legislature should not be denied to

a citizen. Its removal gives disproportionate access to legislators while stripping ordinary citizens of equal standing in accessing information. It opens the doors for selective transparency, where MPs and MLAs can access sensitive Government information while citizens are stonewalled. This defeats the spirit of the RTI Act, of 2005 which was built on the idea that transparency is not a privilege but a right.

The move indicates a central tendency to empower the political class at the cost of democratic equity. It also allows the bureaucracy to selectively disclose information to suit political interests while denying the same to activists, journalists, or public-spirited individuals.

This technical change has a wide-ranging impact. By using the DPDP Act to amend Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, the Government has effectively introduced a data protection regime that overrides the RTI's foundational purpose-access to public information. The phrase "all personal information" is undefined and absolute, allowing information officers to deny almost

anything under the guise of personal data. Details such as educational qualifications, performance appraisals, transfer postings, and reasons for disciplinary action can all

now be denied, even if such data expose abuse of power or fraud. This will embolden non-performance, discourage whistle-blowers, and limit the ability of journalists, lawyers, or citizens to demand accountability. In essence, it turns a demo-

cratic law into a bureaucratic fortress. The Modi Government claims that legal obligations under RTI remain unaffected but this assertion is misleading. Section 44(3) of the DPDP Act directly amends the RTI Act itself, thereby altering the legal obligation.

There is a common perception amongst the citizens having consciousness about the RTI Act that the center should pause and review the amendment which reflects a broader democratic concern as it will dilute the purpose of the entire process of seeking information. The vociferous demand to reconsider the amendment is a red flag from the opposition and civil society as these changes are not about protecting privacy but about restricting scrutiny.

The repeal demand stems from fears that the Government is creating an architecture of secrecy behind the smokescreen of data protection. If allowed to persist, this may institutionalise opacity and convert public institutions into information black holes-something antithetical to participatory democracy.

The RTI Act was a landmark law that was an unprecedented achievement of the people's movement under Magsaysay winner, Aruna Roy that democratised access to governance and brought the citizen to the center of accountability. By altering its core provisions, the Modi Government risks reversing this progress.

While data protection is necessary in the digital age, it should not come at the cost of institutional transparency. Instead of finding a nuanced balance, the Government has chosen to impose blanket opacity.

The implications go far beyond legalese-they erode the foundations of a transparent republic, where the citizen has the right to question power. This amendment must be revisited, reviewed, and if necessary, repealed to restore the sanctity of the RTI Act.

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Russia batters Ukraine as peace talks come to crux

ussian drones battered the Ukrainian port city of Odesa in a nighttime attack, local authorities said Tuesday, less than 24 hours after a purported Easter ceasefire unilaterally declared by Moscow ended and just over a day before Ukrainian, British, French and US officials are due to meet in London to discuss the war.

Anticipation is building over whether diplomatic efforts can stop more than three years of fighting since Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbour.

Trump said last week negotiations were "coming to a head" and insisted that neither side is "playing" him in his push to end the grinding war.

This came after Secretary of State Marco Rubio suggested last week the US might soon back away from negotiations altogether if they don't progress. He spoke in Paris after talks among U.S., Ukrainian and European officials produced outlines for steps toward peace and appeared to make some long-awaited progress.

A new meeting is expected Wednesday in London, and Rubio suggested it could be decisive in determining whether the Trump administration continues its involvement.

Odesa came under a "massive attack" by Russian drones overnight, injuring at least three people, the head of Odesa regional administration, Oleh Kiper, wrote on his Telegram page Tuesday.

A residential building in a densely



populated urban area, civilian infrastructure and an educational facility were hit,

The Ukrainian air force said Russia fired 54 Shahed and decoy drones at Ukraine overnight, marking a resumption of longrange attacks that have blasted civilian areas and sown terror throughout the war.

Russia has stepped up in the past months its use of Shahed drones, expanding its production of the weapon and refining its tactics, the International Institute for Strategic Studies said in a recently pub-

After Putin declared a unilateral cease-

fire on Saturday, Ukraine said it was ready to reciprocate but said Russian attacks were continuing. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Russia violated the ceasefire more than 2,900 times.

The Associated Press was unable to verify whether a ceasefire was in place along the roughly 1,000-kilometer front line.

Russia has effectively rejected a US proposal for an immediate and full 30-day halt in the fighting by imposing far-reaching conditions. Meanwhile, both Russia and Ukraine are preparing for the spring-summer military campaign, Ukrainian and

Pope's funeral for Saturday morning, with public viewing starting Wednesday

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ardinals have taken their first decisions following the death of Pope Francis, setting Saturday as the date for his funeral and allowing ordinary faithful to begin paying their final respects starting Wednesday, when his casket is brought into St. Peter's Basilica.

The cardinals met for the first time Tuesday in the Vatican's synod hall to chart the next steps before a conclave begins to choose Francis' successor, as condolences poured in from around the world grieving history's first Latin

The cardinals set the funeral for Saturday at 10 am in St. Peter's Square, to be celebrated by the dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Giovanni Battista

US President Donald Trump has announced he and first lady Melania Trump plan to attend Saturday's funeral Argentine President Javier Milei is also

Francis died Monday at age 88 after suffering a stroke that put him in a coma and led his heart to fail. He had been recovering in his apartment after being hospitalized for five weeks with pneumonia. He made his last public appearance Sunday, delivering an Easter blessing and making what would be his final greeting to followers from his popemobile, looping around St. Peter's Square.

In retrospect, his Easter appearance from the same loggia where he was introduced to the world as the first pope from the Americas on March 13, 2013, was a perfect bookend to a 12-year papacy that sought to shake up the church and return it to its Gospel-mandated mission of caring for the poorest.

"He gave himself to the end," said Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, the head of the Italian bishops' conference and considered a possible contender to be next pope. "To go out to meet everyone, speak to everyone, teach us to speak to everyone, to bless everyone." The first images of Francis' body were released Tuesday, showing him in the wooden casket, in red vestments and his bishop's miter, with the Vatican secretary of state praying over him in the chapel of the Domus Santa Marta hotel where he lived and died.

In his final will, Francis confirmed he would be buried at St. Mary Major basilica, which is outside the Vatican and home to his favorite icon of the Virgin Mary. Before and after every foreign trip, Francis would go to the basilica to pray before the Byzantine-style painting that features an image of Mary, draped in a blue robe, holding the infant Jesus, who in turn holds a jeweled golden book.

Francis stopped by the basilica on his way home from the Gemelli hospital on March 23, after his 38-day hospital stay, to deliver flowers to be placed before the

icon. He returned April 12 to pray before the Madonna for the last time.

Bells tolled in chapels, churches and cathedrals around the world and flags flew at half staff in Italy, India, Taiwan and the U.S. After Francis' death was announced by the Vatican camerlengo. Soccer matches in Italy and Argentina were suspended in honor of the Argentine pope who was a lifelong fan of the San Lorenzo soc-

World leaders praised Francis for his moral leadership and compassion, while ordinary faithful remembered his simplicity and humanity

though, but in a two-room suite in Santa Marta on the other side of Vatican City. He died there and his body was transferred to the hotel chapel in the lobby, where the private viewing was being held Tuesday for Vatican officials and members of the pontifical household.

In changes made by Francis last year his body was not placed in three wooden coffins, as it had been for previous popes. Rather, Francis was placed in a simplified wooden coffin with a zinc coffin inside.

Once in St. Peter's, his coffin will not



"Like every Argentine, I think he was a rebel," said 23-year-old Catalina Favaro, who had come to pay her respects in the Buenos Aires church where Francis discovered his priestly vocation. "He may have been contradictory, but that was nice,

In East Timor, where Francis' final outdoor Mass drew nearly half of the population last September, President Jose Ramos-Horta praised Francis' courage. "Papa Francisco was a brave man who was not afraid to speak out against the rulers of the world who seek war, but do not want to seek peace," Ramos-Horta said.

"He challenged the powerful to act with justice, called nations to welcome the stranger, and reminded us that our common home - this Earth - is a gift we must protect for future generations," said Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu, who is Muslim. Nigeria is Africa's most populous country and has around 30 million Catholics, representing about 14% of the total population.

The pope's formal apartments in the Apostolic Palace and in the Santa Marta hotel were sealed Monday evening, following a centuries-old ritual. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, who as camerlengo had the task of announcing the death and confirming it once the cause was determined, presided over the rituals.

be put on an elevated bier but will just be be placed simply facing the pews, with the Paschal candle nearby. "He was a pope who didn't change his

path when it came to getting dirty,"

Francis' vicar for Rome, Cardinal Baldassarre Reina, said in a Mass in his honor. "For him, poor people and migrants were the sacrament of Jesus." After the funeral, there are nine days

of official mourning, known as the "novendiali." During this period, cardinals arrive in Rome and meet privately before the conclave. To give everyone time to assemble, the

conclave must begin 15-20 days after the "sede vacante" - the "vacant See" - is declared, although it can start sooner if the cardinals agree. Once the conclave begins, cardinals

vote in secret sessions in the Sistine Chapel. After voting sessions, the ballots are burned in a special stove. Black smoke indicates that no pope has been elected, while white smoke indicates that the cardinals have chosen the next head of the Catholic Church The one who has secured two-thirds of

the votes wins. If he accepts, his election is announced by a cardinal from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica who tells the world "Habemus Papam," Latin for "We

Global tributes pour in for Pope Francis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Vatican City

rief and tributes for Pope Francis were shared around the world Tuesday, a day after the popular pontiff died at age 88.

Cardinals will meet at the Vatican Tuesday to begin scheduling Pope Francis' funeral and burial, planning the conclave to elect his successor and making other decisions about running the Catholic Church.

History's first Latin American pontiff charmed the world with his humble style and concern for the poor but alienated many conservatives with critiques of capitalism

Francis recently returned to the Vatican after 38 days in a hospital for a respiratory crisis that developed into double pneumonia, the longest hospitalisation of his 12-year papacy. He last appeared in public on Sunday with an Easter blessing and popemobile tour through a cheering crowd in St

No funeral date has been announced. The next pope is yet to be decided.

Harvard sues Trump

administration over grants

Here's the latest: AUSTRALIAN CANDIDATES CANCEL CAM-

PAIGN EVENTS: Both Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and opposition leader Peter Dutton cancelled campaign events planned for Tuesday out of respect for the late pontiff, as early voting began for a May 3 general election.

Flags were flown at half staff from government buildings across the country where a 2021 census found 20 per cent of the population were Catholics.

Albanese was raised as a Catholic but chose to be sworn in as prime minister when he was elected in 2022 by making a secular affirmation rather than by taking an oath on a Bible. Albanese attended a Mass in honour of the pope in Melbourne's St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday morning.
"I try not to talk about my faith in pub-

lic," Albanese told reporters, but added "At times like this, I think what people do is they draw on who they are and certainly my Catholicism is just a part of me."

Dutton, who was raised by a Catholic father and Protestant mother and attended

an Anglican school, planned to go to a church service in Sydney.

"I don't think it's a day for overt politicking at all. I think that the day is best spent reflecting," Dutton told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

INDIA DECLARES THREE DAYS OF MOURNING:

The Indian flag flew at half-staff on Tuesday at all government buildings as the country observed three days of mourning as a mark

of the respect for Pope Francis. The Indian flag will be flown half-staff on government buildings across the country for the next two days, as well as on the day of the pontiff's funeral, the Home Ministry said

TAIWAN'S CATHOLICS REMEMBER FRANCIS: Members of Taiwan's Catholic community gathered at a church in the capital Taipei for a sombre mass as believers prayed and reflected on Francis' spiritual legacy.

Former Premier Chen Chien-jen, a devout Catholic who visited the Vatican multiple times at the invitition of Francis and previous popes, spoke of the deep loss felt by the faithful.

Trump allies are increasingly turning on one another

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⊣he infighting and backstabbing that plagued President Donald Trump's first term have returned as a threat to his second, with deepening fissures over trade, national security and questions of personal loyalty.

The latest turmoil threatens to engulf the Pentagon, where Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has pushed out top advisers and faces fresh controversy over sharing sensitive information about airstrikes in Yemen outside of classified channels.

A former Pentagon spokesperson who was ousted last week wrote in Politico that Trump should fire Hegseth for presiding over a "full-blown meltdown."

The interpersonal drama is not - at least yet - a dominant plot line of Trump's return to the White House. But its reemergence after a period of relative discipline in his ranks reflects a turbulent management style that has been suppressed or papered over, not reformed.

Trump's national security team was recently rattled by an Oval Office visit from Laura Loomer, a far-right conspiracy theorist who has been questioning his staff's trustworthiness. The Republican president fired some of the officials, emboldening Loomer to continue scrutinizing people across the administration.

In an interview with independent jour-

nalist Tara Palmeri released on Monday, Loomer mocked the idea that the White House is "one big happy family."

"The advisers don't get along with each other," she said. "The heads of agencies don't get along with each other."

Tariff trouble causes friction for the Trump team

Much of the tension is connected to Trump's determination to use tariffs to rebalance the global economy, with officials often contradicting each other and occasionally turning to insults. Trump adviser Elon Musk, the billionaire entrepreneur whose companies could suffer from higher costs brought on by import taxes, sharply criticized Peter Navarro, Trump's top counsellor on trade, as "dumber than

a sack of bricks." White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt dismissed the idea of growing dissension within the administration, saying there are "far more examples of the president's team working together enthusiastically and collaboratively to advance the administration's goals."

"The numbers and results of this administration speak for themselves," she said. "The president and his team are getting work done."

Trump has always had a high tolerance for chaos, shunning traditional policy deliberations to entertain divergent opinions and viewing unpredictability as a negotiating tool. He's spent years fostering a competitive atmosphere among his staff members, who are often chosen for their devotion and penchant for aggression.

But now the increasing strife underscores the risks for more turmoil in the months ahead, as Trump presses forward with a dramatic overhaul of the federal bureaucracy, international trade, foreign policy and more.

The only thing they have in common is the belief that they should show personal fealty to Trump. That got them the job but shows how unserious they are. - JOHN BOLTON, FORMER NSA

John Bolton, who served as national security adviser in Trump's first term before writing a tell-all book critical of the president's inner circle, said the drama reflects the lack of a consistent ideology and the inexperience of many administration offi-"The only thing they have in common is the belief that they should show personal fealty to Trump," Bolton said. "That got them the job. That may in fact keep them in the job. But it shows how fundamentally unserious they are." The situation is a test for Susie Wiles, the

White House chief of staff, who helped run Trump's presidential campaign last year. She earned a reputation for imposing an unusual level of order on Trump's chaotic orbit - though she carefully avoided trying to control Trump or his impulses - and he praised her as "the ice maiden."

During Trump's first term, he had four chiefs of staff - one of them serving in an acting capacity for more than a year. The second, former US Marine Gen. John Kelly, became a sharp critic of the president after he left the job, describing him as a fascist during the 2024 election.

White House closes ranks around Hegseth

With his new administration, Trump has surrounded himself with loyalists, and he's been reluctant to throw anyone overboard in response to negative coverage from the mainstream media, which he considers to be an enemy. Allies say the hesitance to make personnel changes in this term is meant to deny giving a win to critics, even if it means leaving troubled officials in

On Monday, the president brushed off reports that Hegseth participated in a second group chat to talk about pending airstrikes in Yemen last month. The first chat, which used the encrypted messaging application Signal, involved top administration officials as well as the editor of The Atlantic, who was accidentally included in the discussion.

NY Indian Film Festival to pay tribute to Shyam Benegal

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≺he legacy of legendary Indian filmmaker Shyam Benegal will be honoured at the New York Indian Film Festival here, which will celebrate its silver jubilee this year with a repertoire of diverse cinematic works featuring celebrated artists such as Manoj Bajpayee, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, James Ivory and

The festival, the longest-running and prestigious US festival dedicated to Indian independent cinema, will celebrate its milestone 25th edition here from June 20-22, spotlighting "bold new voices, storied auteurs, and urgent narratives" from the Indian subcontinent and its global dias-

"What began as a grassroots platform

is now a global stage for Indian independent cinema," Festival Director Aseem Chhabra said in a press statement

"This year's lineup is one of our most powerful and wide-ranging to date. From deeply personal documentaries to regional narratives that rarely reach global audiences, the 25th edition of NYIFF reflects the evolving language of Indian

The festival will pay tribute to Benegal, "titan of Indian parallel cinema", who passed away in December 2024 at the age of 90. NYIFF will screen a 4K restoration of "Manthan", Benegal's landmark 1976 film about India's White Revolution, restored by the Film Heritage Foundation. The film premiered at the Cannes Classics

It will also honour the work of Oscarwinning film director James Ivory, with "An Arrested Moment", a short documentary from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, directed by Dev Benegal. The film explores Ivory's "enduring fascination with Indian art and culture. The 2025 NYIFF lineup includes 22 fea-

ture-length films-18 narratives and four documentaries-spanning more than a dozen languages and regions. The festival program also includes 21 short narrative and documentary films. From Tamil and Odia to Assamese,

Hindi, and Malayalam, the selection of the works to be showcased at the festival "reflects both the diversity and the evolving language of Indian cinema," it said.

Chhabra said Siddiqui, who has won two NYIFF best actor trophies, will be

attending this year's festival.

Executive Director of the Indo-American Arts Council, which presents NYIFF, Suman Gollamudi said the festival has long been a space where India's cinematic legacy meets its most daring futures. "At 25, we are not just celebrating the past-we are investing in what's

The 2025 festival opens with the East Coast premiere of the Manoj Bajpayee, Priyanka Bose and Deepak Dobriyal starrer "The Fable", directed by Raam Reddy. With a debut at the 2024 Berlinale, the film "merges surrealism and psychological tension against the Himalayan backdrop". The film, whose ensemble includes Tillotama Shome in a cameo, recently took home Best Film at the Leeds International Film Festival.

- identify any rational connection between antisemitism concerns and the medical, scientific, technological, and other research it has frozen that aims to save American lives, foster American success, preserve American security, and maintain America's position as a global leader in innovation," the university wrote in its lawsuit. "Nor has the Government acknowl-

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to limit activism on campus.

arvard University announced

Monday that it was suing the

Trump administration to halt a

freeze on more than USD 2.2 billion in

grants after the institution said it would

defy the Trump administration's demands

In a letter to Harvard earlier this month,

the Trump administration had called for

broad government and leadership reforms

at the university as well as changes to its

admissions policies. It also demanded that

the university audit views of diversity on

campus, and stop recognising some stu-

dent clubs. Harvard President Alan Garber

said the university would not bend to the

government's demands. Hours later, the

government froze billions of dollars in fed-

"The Government has not - and cannot

edged the significant consequences that the indefinite freeze of billions of dollars in federal research funding will have on Harvard's research programs, the beneficiaries of that research, and the national interest in furthering American innovation and progress," it added.

The Trump administration, in the April 11 letter, told Harvard to impose tougher discipline on protesters and to screen international students for those who are "hostile to the American values."

It also called for broad leadership reforms at the university, changes to admissions policies and the removal of college recognition for some student clubs. The government also demanded Harvard audit its faculty and student body to ensure wide viewpoints in every department and, if necessary, diversify by admitting additional students and hiring new faculty. Last Monday, Harvard said it would not comply, citing the First Amendment. The following day, Trump took to his Truth Social platform, questioning whether the university should lose its tax-exempt status "if it keeps pushing political, ideological, and terrorist inspired/supporting

The Trump administration also threatened to block the university from enrolling international students. The university frames the government's demands as a threat not only to the Ivy League school but to the autonomy that the Supreme Court has long granted American universities. For the Trump administration, Harvard presents the first major hurdle in its attempt to force change at universities that Republicans say have become hotbeds of liberalism and antisemitism.

Rasika Dugal.

WORLD 09

Pope's calls made him revered figure in Gaza

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dhaka

angladesh has rejected New Delhi's charge that the recent killing of a Hindu leader was part of a "pattern of systematic persecution" of minorities in that country.

Body of Hindu community leader Bhabesh Chandra Roy, 58, a resident of Basudebpur village of Dinajpur district in north Bangladesh, was recovered on Thursday night. His son has claimed Roy was allegedly abducted from his home in the village, about 330 kilometres northwest of Dhaka, and beaten to death.

"It is unfortunate that the death of Mr Bhabesh Chandra Roy has been described as part of a 'pattern of systematic persecution' of Hindu minorities under the interim government," interim government chief Muhammad Yunus' press secretary Shafigul Alam told the state-run Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) news agency late Monday.

Alam, who is currently accompanying Yunus to an international conference in Qatar, said Bangladesh is not a country where one would find government-sponsored systematic discrimination against minorities. Rather, he claimed, the Bangladesh government protects the rights of all of its citizens irrespective of religious

The Bangladesh reaction came days after India condemned the alleged abduction and killing of the Hindu minority leader in Bangladesh and called on the interim government in Dhaka to live up to its responsibility of protecting the minorities. This killing follows a pattern of system-

atic persecution of Hindu minorities under the interim government even as the perpetrators of previous such events roam with impunity," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X on Saturday.

Roy's family had lodged a case with Dinajpur police after his murder against four named suspects and several unnamed individuals. "The accused took my father to an unknown location and beat him to death in a premeditated manner," Roy's son 28-year-old Swapan Chandra Roy, alleged in his written complaint.

Swapan Chandra Roy named Atikur Rahman as accused number one, who according to media reports, runs an informal money lending business.

Police said according to the family complaint, Roy borrowed Taka (Tk) 25,000 from Rahman agreeing to repay it in monthly installments of Tk 3,250 but financial hardship debarred him from regular repayment despite the lender's insistence making him sick.

Roy's son, in the complaint, said that on



Pope Francis prays at Israel's separation barrier on his way to mass in Manger Square next to the Church of the Nativity, traditionally believed to be the

April 17 afternoon the accused went to Roy's house on two motorbikes and took him away under the pretext of an urgent discussion and added that he received a call in the evening when a co-accused, Ratan Islam told him his father had fallen sick.

The accused abandoned Roy on a spot near his home and fled and doctors declared him dead as the family took him to a hospital.

Yunus's press secretary, however, said "in this particular case, we have ascertained that the victim went out with some individuals previously known to him" and the autopsy report did not detect any prima facie sign of bodily injury.

'This notwithstanding, the authorities have ordered viscera analysis to conclusively determine the cause of death," he said, adding that appropriate actions would be taken once the viscera report is available. 'We invite all quarters to refrain from making fabricated and insightful comments on the incident," Alam added.

Roy's son said his father was a farmer by profession and also served as the vicepresident of the local unit of Puja Udjapan

Dinajpur's district police chief Marufat Hossain acknowledged the filing of the case by Roy's son. "We are taking the matter seriously and conducting a thorough investigation," he told reporters.

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What do Iran-US nuclear talks signal?

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

egotiations between Iran and the United States over Tehran's rapidly advancing nuclear program will move Wednesday to what's known as the "expert level" - a sign analysts say shows that the talks are moving forward rapidly. However, experts not involved in the talks who spoke with The Associated Press warn that this doesn't necessarily signal a deal is imminent.

Instead, it means that the talks between Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and US Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff haven't broken down at what likely is the top-level trade - Tehran limiting its atomic program in exchange for the lifting of economic

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"Agreeing to technical talks suggests both sides are expressing pragmatic, realistic objectives for the negotiations and want to explore the details," said Kelsey Davenport, the director for nonproliferation policy at the Arms Control Association who long has studied Iran's nuclear program.

"If Witkoff was making maximalist demands during his talks with Araghchi, such as dismantlement of the enrichment programme, Iran

would have no incentive to meet at the technical level." That technical level, however, remains filled with possible landmines. Just how much enrichment by Iran would be comfortable for the United States?

What about Tehran's ballistic missile program, which US President Donald Trump first cited in pulling America unilaterally out of the accord in 2018? Which sanctions could be lifted and which would be remain in place on the

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Notice for Conversion of Section 8

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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND E D U C A T I O N (C I N : U80902DL2019NPL351856), having ts registered office at A-39, Kewal Kunj Apartment, Plot No. 46, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, has applied to the Regional Director, Northern Region, for conversion from a Section 8 Company to a Private Limited Company under Section 8(4)(ii) read with Section 18 of the Companies Act, 2013. Any objections may be sent within

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company at its registered office. For M/s ESTONIAN COUNCIL FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Yogesh Kasana to inform the public at large that Mrs. Rajwatt is the owner of Residential Plot of land area measuring 311 Sq. Yards i.e. 260.02 Sq. Meters, out of Khasra No. 1326M. situated at Village Kasna, Pargana Dankaur, tehsil and Disk. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. vide Sale Deed dated 27.11.2021 (Doc. No.22293) executed by Mrs. Reenu W/o Mr. Jagesh Bhati and same to be financed by Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Ltd. That, Original Regd. GPA dated 08.03.2021 (Doc. No.412) executed by Mr. Jagesh Bhati in favour of Mrs. Reenu has lost/misplaced and FIR for the same also lodged vide FIR dated 19/04/2025.So, to comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/ or creating mortgage of the said property isfare hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned about his objections within 7 days from loday, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLP. B-938, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2, Nolda, UP-201301Contact#0120-4269379

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[Rule 35]

A petition under section 241-242 of the Companies Act. 2013, fo oppression and mismanagement was presented by Ms. Minu Subba titled as Minu Subba vs. Siri Ram Sya Hydro Power Private Limited and Others on the 13.06.2023, and the said petition is fixed for hearing before bench IV of National Company Law Tribunal, Delhi on 27.05.2024. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the petitioner's advocate notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and petitioner's advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition/ application/ reference, the grounds o opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition/ application, reference will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the

Aparna Jair Advocate for petitione New Delhi-110048

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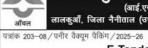
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Whereas the above named applicant (s) has / have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 20,53,193.03 (RUPEES TWENTY LAKH FIFTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE AND THREE PAISE ONLY) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this otice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 27.08.2025

ake notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be

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All the matters will be taken up through video Conferencing and for that purpose:(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/software:
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MR. PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH S/O SHIVPAL SINGH R/O: 1045, G NO12, PATEL NAGAR, Advertisement detailing petition Section 34 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. Whereas, this Court Company Petition No 111/ND/2023 issued notice to you, the above named Respondent No. 9 s not.possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore, this notice is given by publication directing you to make appearance before Ld. Joint Registrar(Judicial) of thisHon'ble Court on 09.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M. to defend the above mentioned petition. above, the Petition will be heard and determined in your absence

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Railway, in terms of Railway Board letter no. 2022/TC(FM)/ 10/04 dated 13.06.2022, invites bids through e-Auction (www.ireps.gov.in) for the contract of Management and operation of Cloakroom (on ROMT basis) situated at Anand Vihar Railway Station (ANVT) Main hall adjacent to Parcel Office (Area 24.726 Sq Mtrs) for 5 (five) years as per detail and schedule given below: S. Date & Time Assets to be auctioned

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Reforms key to India's growth story over next two decades: FM

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ndia's quest for sustained growth over the next two decades hinges on a new paradigm, driven by bold reforms, enhanced domestic capabilities, and strategic institutional collaborations suited for the evolving global landscape, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday.

The last two Union Budgets have laid the groundwork for this transformation, with a clear multi-sectoral policy agenda, she said, while speaking at Hoover Institution at Stanford University California.

In the last decade, she said the government has undertaken structural reforms, rationalising over 20,000 compliances, decriminalising business laws and digitising public services to reduce friction.

She further said a significant thrust on infrastructure development has also created a strong foundation for manufacturing-led growth by bolstering investor confidence over the last 10 years.

Our experience with implementing the Business **Reform Action Plan by different** state governments has demonstrated that deregulation is a powerful catalyst for industrial

- NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, FINANCE MINISTER

This has been enabled by a more than four-fold increase in the union government's capital expenditure between 2017 18 and the 2025-26 Budget, she said.

"Our experience with implementing the Business Reform Action Plan by different state governments has demonstrated that deregulation is a powerful catalyst for industrial growth," she said.

Going forward, the Finance Minister said, sustaining India's growth momentum calls for a fresh approach of bold reforms, adaptive strategies in line with changing global landscape.

"Over the next two decades, sustaining

India's growth momentum calls for a fresh approach grounded in bold reforms, stronger domestic capacities, renewed institutional partnerships and adaptive strategies suited for the evolving global landscape," she said.

India has set a goal to become a developed nation by 2047, the year when the country would enter the 100th year of its independence from British rule.

"As we lay the foundation for a developed India, we must stay committed to longterm goals, without losing sight of present realities. The global order is changing. That poses challenges but also opportunities. We must be prepared to tackle the former while seizing the latter," she said. India's journey to become a 'Viksit

Bharat' by 2047 is not merely an aspiration but a shared national mission powered by a vision for inclusive, sustainable, and innovation-led growth, she said.

Despite the pandemic shock and a banking crisis, she said, "our progress over the past decade, anchored in strong macroeconomic fundamentals and steady reforms, gives us confidence and direction for the road ahead." As a result, she said, India has risen from the world's tenthlargest economy to the fifth-largest.

Quoting a report by Indiaspora and BCG, she said, Indian first-generation immigrants founded 72 unicorns between 2018 and 2023 and these unicorns were worth at least USD 195 billion in valuation and employed nearly 55,000 people.

More than 65 per cent of Global Capability Centres (GCC) in India have their headquarters in the US, she said, adding, these GCCs provide high-valueadded, bespoke services in areas such as R&D, management consulting and auditing. Observing that the US is a mature start-up hub which has developed over 50-60 years, while India's start-up journey is a nascent one, she said, "over the course of the last decade, the government's focus was on reducing the cost of entrepreneurial risk-taking by removing regulatory and infrastructural barriers.Rs

India, US have finalised terms for BTA: USTR

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ndia and the US have finalised the terms of reference outlining the L roadmap for negotiations of the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), according to a statement issued by the

US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer said that these ongoing talks will help achieve balance and reciprocity by opening new markets for American goods and addressing unfair practices that harm US workers.

"India's constructive engagement so far has been welcomed, and I look forward to creating new opportunities for workers, farmers, and entrepreneurs in both countries," he said in a statement.

"I am pleased to confirm that USTR and India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry have finalised the Terms of Reference to lay down a roadmap for the negotiations on reciprocal trade," Ambassador Greer said.

He claimed that there is a "serious" lack of reciprocity in the trade relationship with India. India and the US on Monday said that they made "significant progress" in negotiations for a mutually beneficial bilateral trade pact as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US Vice President JD Vance held wide-ranging talks here.

Vance is the first US vice president to visit India in 12 years after Joe Biden visited New Delhi in 2013.

On February 13, the two countries announced to negotiate the BTA. It was decided to finalise the first phase of the pact by the fall (September-October) this

to the USTR, the United States is looking at increasing market access, reducing tariffs and non-tariff barriers, and negotiating a robust set of additional commitments to ensure long-term benefits.

US has long recognised significant trade barriers with India and as a result, the US ran a USD 45.7 billion goods trade deficit with India in 2024, a 5.1 per cent

The US total goods trade with India was estimated at \$129.2 billion in 2024. According to the US. India's average applied tariff is 17 per cent, among the highest of the world's largest economies

(USD 2.2 billion) increase over 2023, the statement said. "The US welcomed the tariff reductions India implemented during the Prime Minister's (Narendra Modi) meeting with President (Donald) Trump in February and its willingness to further reduce tariffs on US products as part of the BTA," it added.

The US total goods trade with India was estimated at USD 129.2 billion in 2024. According to the US, India's average applied tariff is 17 per cent, among the highest of the world's largest economies, while America's average applied tariff is 3.3 per cent.

India's average applied tariff rate on agricultural products is 39 per cent while the USA's is just 5 per cent. "In addition to tariffs, technical barriers to trade, regulatory barriers, and restrictions on access to the market in the services, industrial, and agricultural sectors also reduce US exports to India," it said.

On April 2, President Trump imposed a 10 per cent tariff on all countries and individualised reciprocal higher tariffs on nations with which the US has the largest trade deficits in order to level the playing field.

"The ToR (Terms of Reference) announcement with India is a critical step forward in negotiations with India to achieve reciprocal trade with one of our most strategic partners and deliver results to the American People," the statement

ToRs include issues such as tariffs, non-tariff barriers, rules of origin, and customs facilitation.

FM Sitharaman invites global IT companies to India

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¬inance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday met several IT industry leaders and invited them to explore opportunities for technical collaboration and investment. During a bilateral meeting with Google Cloud CEO Thomas Kurian and his team here, Sitharaman encouraged them to explore local linkages in India for territorial collaboration and to develop tech for India and the world market under the 'Make In India' initiative.

They discussed the transformative evolution of India's digital infrastructure under the Digital India initiative in recent years, positioning the country as a global leader

in digital adoption.

Kurian appreciated India's AI Mission and the trajectory India is taking under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also emphasised the need to connect India to the global network through land and sea cable infrastructure.

During another meeting with Turing CEO Jonathan Siddharth, the Finance Minister highlighted India's policy framework for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and encouraged his company to explore opportunities for collaboration and fruitful engagement. Siddharth expressed his desire to see India at the forefront of the AI revolution and spoke about working in the domain of AI with India and through Indian contributors to create a sovereign model that can serve as a template for the world, the finance ministry said in a series of posts on X. Data Robot CEO Debanjan Saha also called on the Finance Minister and referred to India's potential to become an AI superpower and expressed interest in participating in the AI Centre of Excellence, for which the Union Budget 2025-26 recently allocated ₹500 crore.

"FM @nsitharaman underlined the steps that the Government of India has taken over years to boost digital infrastructure, including budgeting ₹10,300 crore for IndiaAI Mission, creating AI language technologies through BharatGen and Sarvam-1, and the establishment of the Srijan Centre for

Generative AI at IIT Jodhpur @saide_iitj among others," another post said. The Finance Minister explained to him about the potential opportunity through the proposed Rs 1 lakh crore corpus, private sector-driven research, development, and innovation scheme, and informed about India ranking first globally in AI skill penetration where India is ahead of many developed countries. In another meeting with Anjney Midha, General Partner with a16z and Raghu Raghuram advisor VMware, Sitharaman suggested that a16z and VMware may like to explore collaboration across sectors within the domain of AI including in education, healthcare, and AI Centres of Excellence.

ITC Hotels signs 14 Fortune Hotels in 2024-25



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TC Hotels Ltd on Tuesday said it signed 14 'Fortune Hotels' and opened Leven new properties under the brand in 2024-25, to further strengthen presence, especially tier II and tier III markets.

The new properties are located across emerging markets and gateway destinations and will further strengthen the brand's presence, especially tier 2 and tier 3 markets in the upscale to midmarket category, the company said in a state-

As of March 31, 2025, Fortune brand had a portfolio of 78 hotels comprising 56 operational hotels across India and Nepal with 22 hotels in pipeline, it

"As we enter this new financial year, we reaffirm our commitment to sustained

growth and excellence in hospitality," ITC Hotels Ltd Managing Director Anil Chadha said.

He further said, "This footprint expansion endeavours to offer travellers access to prime locations and Fortune's comfortable hospitality."

In FY25, the company said Fortune saw six new hotel openings in India at Pahalgam, Puri, Chennai, Candolim (Goa), Palampur (Himachal Pradesh), Ekta Nagar (Gujarat) and its first international hotel opening in Nepal at Bhaktapur.

The new signings were in Goa, Kolkata, Chennai, Rishikesh, Indore, Bhimtal, Mukteshwar, Gorakhpur, Mohali, Surat and Ayodhya, it said, adding that with these Fortune Hotels now has presence in over 65 cities across

Gold breaches ₹1 lakh mark

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old prices surged by ₹1,800 to zoom past the crucial ₹1 lakh-mark for 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid buying rush by local jewellers and stockists in anticipation of increased demand during Akshaya Tritiya and wedding season even as global macroeconomic uncertainties continued to fuel safe-haven According to the All India Sarafa

Association, the precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity climbed ₹1,800 to hit the lifetime peak of ₹1,01,600 per 10 grams from Monday's closing level of ₹99,800 per 10 Gold of 99.5 per cent purity also jumped

₹2,800 to hit a record high of Rs 1,02,100 per 10 grams in the local markets on Tuesday. It had settled at ₹99,300 per 10 grams in the preceding session. Akshaya Tritiya, which is considered the

most auspicious day to buy gold, falls on April 30. The ongoing wedding season will continue till May end. The yellow metal has spurted by ₹22,650

per 10 grams, or nearly 29 per cent, since December 2024.

Meanwhile, silver prices remained flat at ₹98,500 per kg on Tuesday.

The new all-time-high attained by the yellow metal is primarily influenced by the rising tensions between President Trump and US Fed Chair Jerome Powell regarding the interest rate cut.

"Additionally, weakness in the US dollar following the tensions between Trump and Fed Chair Powell, and uncertainties around the US-China trade war are another crucial factors that has pushed gold price to a record high," Colin Shah, MD, Kama Jewelry, said.

CAIT demands regulator for e-commerce PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

¬raders' lobby CAIT on Tuesday demanded setting up of an indepen-L dent regulatory body for digital commerce for oversight and fixing accountability on e-commerce and quick commerce platforms, alleging anti-competitive practices like predatory pricing, deep discounting and exploitation of gig workers.

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) also sought expeditious roll-out of the National e-Commerce Policy and e-Commerce rules under the Consumer Protection Act, both currently under finalisation by the Commerce as well as Food & Consumer Affairs Ministries, respectively, to safeguard the interests of retail traders. It recommended an imposition of a 'luxury tax' under the prevailing GST framework on goods sold via e-commerce platforms, arguing that the practice of buying goods online be considered a 'lux-

Currently, goods and services tax is a four-tier tax structure with slabs at 5, 12, 18, and 28 per cent.

Dhairyasheel Patil, National President, All India Consumer Products Distributor Federation (AICPDF), and CAIT's Senior Vice President, told PTI that as per estimates, as many as 10 lakh kirana stores have shut down operations in the last two-three years, owing to lack of viability and afford-

CAIT, traders' representatives adopted a resolution demanding immediate enforcement of FDI and ecommerce policies and rolling out of e-commerce rules

At a conclave organised by

ability. While several kirana stores have also come up during the period, he said, more shops have closed as compared to the number of new retail shops opened.

"Quick commerce has now expanded to 100 cities. In metro cities, 70 per cent of the retailers are using rented shops. Till now 10 lakh shops have been shut as per our estimates in the last two-three years. Though new shops have also opened, the number of new shops that have opened is less as compared to the number of small retail stores that have shut down due to lack of affordability and viability of operations," he shared.

The traders' body also recommended prohibition of inventory-led operations by platforms posing as marketplace.

As per existing rules, 100 per cent FDI is allowed through an automatic route in the marketplace model of e-commerce. However, overseas investment is not permitted in an inventory-based model. In the marketplace model, e-commerce

rectly influence the price of the goods. It has been reported in the past that the CCI, which works to ensure fair business practices across sectors in the marketplace,

entities can only provide a platform for

third-party sellers and they cannot own the

inventory. They also cannot directly or indi-

is already looking into alleged anti-competitive ways of e-commerce companies. At a conclave organised by CAIT, traders' representatives adopted a resolu-

tion demanding "immediate enforcement of FDI and e-commerce policies and rolling out of e-commerce rules under Consumer Protection Act; imposition of luxury tax under GST on purchase of goods from e-commerce platforms; and stoppage of human right violations committed by quick commerce & e-commerce compa-

They also stated that accountability of ecommerce platforms should be fixed and banks should be directed not to discriminate their credit card usage between e-commerce and small shopkeepers in terms of offering cash backs.

The resolution also adopted recommendations seeking "prohibition of inventoryled operations by platforms posing as marketplaces; formation of an independent regulatory body for digital commerce; mandatory transparency in algorithms, pricing, and seller selection; and protection and promotion of small Kirana stores and offline

Tenure of RBI Deputy Governor extended

till May 2026, according to sources.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

¬he government has extended the term of RBI Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar for another one year

This is the second one-year extension granted to him. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the re-appointment of Rao for a period of one year with effect from May 3, 2025, or until further orders, sources said quoting a government order dated April 21. The ACC is headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He was appointed as RBI Deputy Governor in May 2021 for an initial period of three years. In his previous role as Executive Director, Sankar was look-

ing after the Department of Payment and

Settlement Systems, the Department of Information Technology, Fintech and the Risk Monitoring Department in RBI.

Sankar has also in the past served as an IMF Consultant (2005-11) towards developing government bond markets and debt management. Outside his career at the RBI, Sankar holds the role of Chairman at Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS) and is also a member of the Board of Directors at ReBIT (Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited) and a member of the governing council at

Rupee falls 8 paise to settle at 85.23 against **US dollar**

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The rupee consolidated in a narrowrange and settled for the day lower by 8 paise at 85.23 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, as the support from positive domestic equities was negated by dollar short-covering by investors. orex traders said foreign fund inflows supported the domestic unit. However, a

Moreover, concerns persisted over economic headwinds from tariffs and US monetary policy that could dampen demand.

recovery in crude oil prices dented investor

sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 85.11 and moved between the intra-day high of 85.07 and the low of 85.23 against the greenback.

The unit ended the session at 85.23 (provisional), registering a loss of 8 paise over its previous closing level on Tuesday, after witnessing a gaining streak for five straight

Sensex, Nifty rise for 6th day on row

rise helped by gains in banking and FMCG shares and foreign fund inflows. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed

187.09 points or 0.24 per cent to settle at 79,595.59. During the day, it jumped 415.8 points or 0.52 per cent to 79,824.30. The NSE Nifty rose by 41.70 points or 0.17 per cent to 24,167.25. Barring IT

and energy sectors, most indices ended in the green, with realty, FMCG, and banking emerging as the top gainers. From the Sensex pack, ITC, Hindustan Unilever, Mahindra & Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Eternal, Kotak Mahindra Bank, State Bank of India and

ICICI Bank were the major gainers. On the other hand, IndusInd Bank fell the most by 4.88 per cent after reports claimed that the bank has hired EY for forensic audit into ₹600 crore microfinance discrepancy.

The bank after the market hours informed exchanges that it has not engaged EY for a forensic audit as reported in the news item but its Internal Audit Department (IAD) is conducting a review of the MFI business to exam-

From the Sensex pack, ITC, Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty advanced on Tuesday, marking their sixth straight day of Mahindra Pank State

Hindustan Unilever, Mahindra & cent and midcap index went up by 0.81 per cent. BSE sectoral indices, realty jumped 2.40 per cent, FMCG (1.87 per cent.) **Kotak Mahindra Bank, State Bank of India and ICICI Bank** were the major gainers. Power **Grid was among the laggard**

ine certain concerns.

Power Grid, Bharti Airtel, Infosys, and Bajaj Finserv were among the laggards. "Despite negative global cues related

to Trump-Fed tensions, the national market has maintained its optimism. The RBI's relaxed liquidity coverage ratio guidelines, which are anticipated to enhance credit growth, boosted the finance sector. Foreign inflows have remained consistent for the fourth consecutive day, driven by a weakening dollar and competitive valuations.

"Additionally, domestic macroeconomic conditions are improving, with declining inflation and rising expectations of further rate cuts by the RBI, which are likely to lower costs and stimulate demand. These factors are expected to support corporate earnings in FY26," Vinod Nair, Head of Research,

Geojit Investments Limited, BSE smallcap gauge jumped 0.82 per cent), consumer durables (1.43 per cent), healthcare (0.75 per cent), consumer discretionary (0.72 per cent) and bankex (0.61 per cent).

BSE teck, BSE Focused IT, power, utilities, IT and telecommunication were the laggards. As many as 2,477 stocks advanced while 1,504 declined and 149 remained unchanged on the BSE.

Since April 9, the BSE benchmark has jumped 5,748.44 points or 7.78 per cent, and the Nifty zoomed 1,768.1 points or 7.89 per cent. pause after a strong uptrend is normal. While strong domestic fundamentals continue to provide support, underperformance in the US markets is capping the upside momentum," Ajit Mishra - SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd said.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth ₹1,970.17 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

In Asian markets, Shanghai SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng settled higher while South Korea's Kospi index and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 ended lower.

INBRIEF

FRENCH AMBASSADOR VISITS **GNDU FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE** Amritsar: French Ambassador Thierry Mathou

visited Guru Nanak Dev University's Golden Jubilee Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, engaging with startups and faculty. The visit, lauded by university leadership, marked a key step in strengthening Indo-French innovation and academic collaboration



VEDANTA CHAIRMAN HAILS RAJASTHAN Jaipur: Vedanta Chairman Anil Agarwal urged

accelerated industrial growth in Rajasthan, citing its vast mineral wealth and \$196B GDP lag. He emphasized transforming resources into value-added products and praised the state's entrepreneurial spirit, reaffirming Vedanta's commitment to

India finish third in ISSF World Cup

ndian shooters finished third at the ISSF World Cup after the pair of Prithviraj Tondaiman and Pragati Dubey failed to reach the medals round in the trap mixed team event, here on the final day.

Simranpreet Kaur Brar fetched India's final medal in the women's 25m pistol event on Monday, taking the country's tally to seven, including two gold, four silver and a bronze. While the USA also ended with seven

medals, they edged ahead of India to take second place, courtesy of a higher gold-China finished on top of the standings

medals. The standout performer for India was 18-year-old Suruchi Inder Singh, who claimed both of the country's gold medals. She outgunned Paris Olympics double medallist Manu Bhaker to win the 10m air pistol title before teaming up with Saurabh Chaudhary to secure gold in the mixed

team event. In the trap mixed team event

on Monday, Tondaiman and Dubey post-

rafted into the senior national

women's team following an impres-

sive performance in the Hockey

India League with JSW Soorma Club,

young midfielder Ajmina Kujur is desper-

ate to make the most of the opportunity

in the upcoming five-match away series

India are set to play two games against Australia A on April 26 and 27, followed

by three matches against the Australian

senior team on May 1, 3, and 4 at the Perth

a chance to play now so I have to give my

"I am grateful that they have given me

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against Australia.

Hockey Stadium.



ed a combined score of 134 to finish eighth, while the other Indian pair of Lakshay and Neeru ended 13th with the total score of 128. Only the top four teams advance to the medal rounds.

K Sultan Singh, Secretary General, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), seemed pleased with the young Indian

100 per cent. Two years ago, I was in the

senior team camp but I didn't make it into

the team. Now that I have been given this

chance, I am going to ensure I make the

most of it," Kujur said in a Hockey India

I am learning a lot and I am excited

Kujur had been training in the senior

"Training with the seniors has been a

national camp in SAI, Bengaluru, since

March 23 in preparation for the tour.

to play with them ahead

release upon landing in Australia.

Training with the seniors has

been a wonderful experience.

- AJMINA KUJUR, HOCKEY PLAYER

"It was a young squad and the exposure of going half-way around the world into alien conditions, adapting to the surroundyour best for India, will be an experience

"Remember, the next LA Olympics will be a similar experience. Having said squad as they have been doing generally over the years, performed splendidly,

In the back-to-back World Cups in Argentina and Peru, Indian shooters reached a total of 32 finals, including medal matches in the mixed events and returned with 15 medals including six gold.

The 18-year-old Suruchi was the most successful, bringing home three gold and one bronze medal.

Arya Borse was the other World Cup debutant to shine, making it to three finals and returning with two silver medals in the mixed team rifle event.

"It gives us immense pleasure to look at the depth we have developed in the sport. There are so many accomplished international shooters who were back home and not part of this tour and still we have produced such results. This shows that Indian shooting is moving in the right direction," Singh said.

The next international assignment for Indian shooters will only for shotgun exponents who will compete in the Cyprus World Cup, beginning in the first week of

Pole vaulter Meena breaks own national record

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xtending his sparkling form this season, Madhya Pradesh pole vaulter Dev Kumar Meena broke his own national record with an effort of 5.35m on his way to gold medal-winning show on the second day of the National Athletics Federation Senior Championships here Tuesday.

The 19-year-old Meena dominated the men's pole vault event as he bettered his earlier national mark of 5.32m which he had scaled while finishing on top during the Uttarakhand National Games in February

Tamil Nadu athletes M Gowtham (5.15m) and G Reegan (5.10m) took the silver and bronze respectively. Former national record holder S Siva - also of Tamil Nadu — finished fourth with an effort of 5.05m.

Meena, however, fell short of the Asian Championships qualification mark of 5.51m set by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI). Asian Championships will be held in Gumi, South Korea from May 27-31. Pole vault is one event in which there is a huge gap between Indian and international athletes.

The Asian record in men's pole vault is 6m, set by Ernest John Obiena of the Philippines in 2023, while the world record stands in the name of Swedish superstar Armand Duplantis at 6.27m.

Meena said he was a bit disappointed at missing out on the Asian Championships qualification mark.

"I wanted to raise the bar but there was light drizzle and my coach advised aganist continuing," Meena said.

On the tracks, there was intense com-

petition in the women's 400m in which Uttar Pradesh's Rupal Chaudhary, one of the pre-race favourites, conserved every ounce of her energy to explode at the home stretch and win the gold with a time of 52.55 seconds.

Tamil Nadu's Asian Games medallist mark of 2.23m.

Vithya Ramraj (52.81 seconds), who had a good lead in the first 300m, couldn't switch gear in the last 100m. She was edged out by Rupal on the tape.

I just wanted to catch up and shifted to another gear as the first 200m was slow," Rupal said after winning the gold

Vithya said she paid the price for running at top gear in the first 300m.

Top six runners in the women's 400m dipped below the Asian Championships qualification time of 53.80 seconds.

Asian Games medallist Jyothi Yarraji too expressed her satisfaction in winning women's 100m hurdles gold with a time of 13.23 seconds and bettering the Asian Championships qualification time of 13.26 seconds.

Yarraji said she had pulled her right hamstring three weeks back and couldn't dip below 13 seconds.

"Kochi was my only chance for me to make the cut for the Asian Championships. Hence, I had no choice but to compete," said Yarraji who holds the national record of 12.78 seconds.

In men's 110m hurdles, national record holder Teias Ashok Shirse of Maharashtra clinched the gold with a below-par time of 13.65 seconds. He missed the Asian Championships qualifying time of 13.56 seconds. His NR stands at 13.42 seconds.

National record holder high jumper Jeswin Aldrin is set to miss next month's Asian Championships in Korea as he was beaten by P David of Tamil Nadu for the

David jumped 7.94m while Aldrin of Reliance produced an effort of 7.83m well below his national record distance of

The Asian Championships qualifying distance is set at 8.07m

Meanwhile, Sarvesh Anil Kushare of Maharashtra won gold in men's high jump after clearing 2.26m. He bettered the Asian Championships qualifying

with four gold, three silver and six bronze

ings, the ranges, and then bringing out which will hold them in good stead," Singh was quoted as saying in a press release.

I am desperate to make most of opportunity: Kujur

Everyone has enjoyed training with each other and now it is time for us to give it our best against Australia, the 23-year-old said. "The senior players are really helpful, especially Sushila di (Sushila Chanu) who has supported me a lot during the camp. She tells me every time I make a mistake and has taught me how to play to my strengths. I also tend to think a lot when I make an error but the senior players have helped me cope with it and I am a lot more confident now."

wonderful experience. I am learning a lot

and I am excited to play with them ahead.

At the start of the year, Kujur played a crucial role in the HIL (Women) as she featured in all the seven matches for runnersup side JSW Soorma Hockey Club. Next, she played the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship for Odisha and, although her team was

in the midfield. "I have been focusing on my fitness a lot more, which I think has really helped me improve my game," she said. Kujur started playing hockey at the age of 11.

knocked out in the pool stage of Division

A, she dished out a stand-out performance

Coming from Sundargarh district in Odisha which is famous for its rich hockey culture, the sport has always been a part of her life. She was first introduced to hockey when she saw her father and brothers play in their village.

Former players to hone coaching skills under foreign cocch

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

→he Badminton Association of India (BAI) wants former top Indian players to hone their coaching skills under foreign coaches and work with junior players but also strive to save the Indian style of play from fading. BAI had advertised coaching position

and received an overwhelming response with as many as 49 former players applying for the job.

We invited applications from the top players who want to come into coaching with BAI and SAI. We got 49 applications out of which we have shortlisted 10-11. The list has gone to SAI for approval," BAI General Secretary Sanjay Mishra said in an interaction.

Mishra stressed the importance of preserving the traditional Indian playing style, which he believes is slowly fading due to the increasing influence of foreign coaches. "The Indian style is somewhat fading. Prakash (Padukone) sir used deception to win the All England, (Pullela) Gopichand played net game to win. But now, under foreign coaches, the Indian shuttlers are playing a more physical game, more like the Indonesian or Malaysian style."

"Maybe our physique also doesn't fully support that kind of play. After playing one or two games the body may not be able to sustain the tempo. So these Indian coaches can pass on our style apart from learning the foreign style which may give better results," he added.

BAI plans to rotate the shortlisted coaches across training centres. Initially they will be assigned to junior players at the National Centres of Excellence (NCoE). "These coaches will be rotated in the centres. We want these coaches to work with junior players at the NCoE before moving to elite coaching.

The BAI is also focussing on the development of junior players as it wants to create a "chain of talent".

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- SANJAY MISHRA, BAI GENERAL SECRETARY

"Our focus at the NCoE is on junior players. Earlier, we would just hold 15-day camps before tournaments. But now, with the NCoE, they have a consistent space to train together," he said.

"It will take 3-4 years, but eventually, the question of 'who after Sindhu?' or 'who after Prannoy?' will be answered." "In China if top two are not playing, the

third string player also goes and wins a tournament. We want to develop a similar system, prepare a chain of players so that even if the top two are not available then third best player has the capability to reach the semifinals."

Mishra added that the top players will be given a choice to train across the three NCoEs in Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Guwahati where one foreign coach will also be stationed.

Currently, Malaysia's Tan Kim Her works at NCoE in Hyderabad and Indonesian Irwansyah Adi Pratama in Bengaluru while South Korea's Park Tae-Sang, who coaches junior players, works in Guwahahti.

He also added that shuttlers will undergo fitness tests thrice a year.

Nottingham Forest beat

Tottenham in Premier league

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ottingham Forest beat Tottenham 2-1 to move into third place in the Premier League and deepen the gloom at White Hart Lane.

Forest was clinical in front of goal and 2-0 up within 16 minutes against a team that showed many of the same failings that have dogged it all season.

Elliot Anderson's deflected shot bagged the opener after five minutes and Chris Wood added a second with a header 11 minutes later. Between the two, Wood had a goal chalked off for offside.

Although Spurs controlled possession in the second half it took it until the 87th minute to score, when Richarlison netted a header. The result was another disappointing one for Spurs fans, who booed their team off at the final whistle.

Although Ange Postecoglou has guided the team to a Europa League semifinal, Monday's defeat was its 18th in 33 Premier League games and left it in 16th place. For Forest, meanwhile, it was a return

to winning ways after defeats by Everton and Aston Villa. In third place, it was one point above

Newcastle, two above Manchester City and

three above Chelsea and Aston Villa.

They will be joined in the top tier next season by Leeds United and Burnley, both of which guaranteed spots in the Premier League with wins. Leeds beat Stoke City 6-0 and Burnley

beat Sheffield United 2-1 to open unassail-

able leads in the second-tier Championship with only two games remaining. The top two gain automatic promotion and the next four go into the playoffs for

the last remaining spot. The victories ensure another two US-owned clubs will enjoy the estimated revenue uplift of around \$180 million that

comes with a place in England's top tier. Leeds is owned by the San Franciscobased 49ers Enterprises group, members of whom include American golfers Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas. Red Bull, the energy drink company whose other soccer interests include owning Leipzig in Germany, bought a minority stake in the

club last May. Burnley, meanwhile, has been majority-owned since 2020 by the ALK Capita investment group. The New York group is fronted by US Businessman Alan Pace and counts former NFL star JJ Watts as a notable shareholder.

Super Cup: Chennaiyin FC vs Mumbai City FC

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ed by forward Connor Shields, Chennaiyin FC have named a ✓strong squad for their Kalinga Super Cup 2025 opener against Mumbai City FC here on Wednesday.

The tournament winners will earn a qualifying play-off spot for the AFC Champions League Two.

Apart from Shields, head coach Owen Coyle has also named standout Indian performers Irfan Yadwad and Jiteshwor Singh, among others.

Wilmar Jordan Gil and Daniel Chima Chukwu lead the attack, with the former aiming to become the outright topscorer of the Super Cup. With eight combined goals across

multiple editions, Jordan, the leading

cup scorer in 2023, is a goal shy of Sunil

Chhetri at the top of the all-time standings. Chennaiyin head into the tournament on the back of a convincing 5-2 win over Jamshedpur FC in their final league game in March.

The Marina Machans then spent three weeks training locally and played a friendly against East Bengal FC in Kolkata in the build-up to Super Cup.

'We're under no illusions how difficult the game will be-Mumbai City are a wonderful side, with some outstanding players, both foreign and domestic," said Coyle during a pre-match press

'We're looking forward to the game, we've shown that when we are at our very best, we can stand toe-to-toe with the best teams. The Super Cup is a great opportunity for everybody because there is an AFC spot available."

Bangladesh fights back against Zimbabwe in test

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ajmul Hossain Shanto hit 60 not out as Bangladesh fought back against Zimbabwe on a rain-truncated day three of the first cricket test.

Shanto's knock, which included seven boundaries, helped Bangladesh reach 194-4 in its second innings with a 112-run overall lead before bad light forced an early stumps Tuesday.

Jaker Ali is 21 not out.

After the entire first session was washed out due to a wet outfield, Bangladesh resumed on 57-1 - still 25 behind Zimbabwe — and appeared to be in control thanks to Shanto, its captain, and Mominul Haque. But Zimbabwe struck back with the

wickets of Mominul, who made 47 after

56 runs in the first innings, and Mushfiqur Rahim. Shanto and Ali stabilized the innings and have shared a 39-run partner-

ship for the fifth wicket. Bangladesh was dismissed for 191 in its first innings and trailed by 82 runs after Zimbabwe replied with 273 all out.

Fast bowler Blessing Muzarabani ended the day with 3-51. He struck in the seventh over Tuesday, dismissing Mahmudul Hasan Joy for 33 after a short-pitched

delivery. Hasan, who survived twice because of poor fielding by Zimbabwe on Monday, added just five runs to his overnight total.

Pacer Victor Nyauchi (1-28) was rewarded for his excellent line and length by dismissing Mominul after forcing the batter to play and edge behind. Mominul hit six fours in his 84 ball-47.

England tour: Around six names in contention for two reserve middle-order slots

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

he national selection committee is expected to name the India and India A squad for the Test tour of England in the second week of May and there will be at least six contenders for a couple of reserve middle-order slots that would be up for grabs.

During the tour of Australia, the BCCI sent a 17-member team but for the five Tests against England, the final squad could be 15 or 16 as the India A contingent's presence makes it easier to call up anyone if the situation warrants. However, the national selection commit-

tee under Ajit Agarkar might need to do some brainstorming when it comes to selecting the fringe players, especially the reserve batters from the pool that comprises domestic performers, some tried and tested names and a couple of names who are yet to realise their true potential.

If everyone is fit and fine, then skipper Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli select themselves. The all-rounder's slot belongs to Nitish Kumar Reddy for the time being. There would be a slot for one extra middle-order batter if it is a squad of 15. A couple could be added if they beef it up to 16 for the assignment that will start June 20 and wind up only in the first week of

While no one would like to zero in on them right now, there are at least six names that are expected to be discussed as per PTI's understanding. One, if not two, can find their place in the senior team while the rest will certainly be a part of the India A series against England Lions which will be held at the same time.

B Sai Sudharsan

With seven tons in 29 first-class games, Sai Sudharsan is a player to watch out for even in red ball cricket. He has already been a big hit for Gujarat Titans in the IPL. The reason why selectors will have a closer look at the southpaw is his tight technique and he also did well for India A in Australia before getting injured.

His biggest strength is that he can open the batting and also bat in the middle-



order as per the team's requirement. He is a long-term prospect and at 23 and half years, he is ready for the big league.

Shreyas Iyer

Shreyas Iyer 2.0 is a player who cannot be ignored as he has come back to red ball cricket with a far more tighter technique and plays the short ball way better than he did during his earlier stint. On the England tour, experience will be

of premium and having played 14 Tests, including one in England in 2022, Iyer knows a thing or two about challenges. After being dropped from central contracts, he has played a lot of domestic crick-

et and looked at ease. Whether he will get another shot at red ball is the question.

Rajat Patidar

If one goes purely by statistics, then Patidar has probably blown away his chance at Test cricket by not even getting a single fifty against England at home. However, there are very few players outside the current India set-up who are as classy as the MP batter with strokes all round the park.

Add to it, his elegance which also at times can be his undoing. The Ranji season (less than 450 runs) didn't go as per plan but can Agarkar's committee show a leap of faith is the pertinent question.

Karun Nair

One of India's only two triple centurions in Test cricket, Karun Nair lost his way in the middle before finding his mojo for Vidarbha in what has been a dream domestic season with more than 850

first-class runs. He had once tweeted a couple of seasons ago "Dear cricket, give me one more

chance" and who knows the England tour could be that for him. In 2018, he didn't impress Ravi Shastri and Virat Kohli during net sessions and perhaps 2025 could be a different script for the Bengaluru man. **Devdutt Padikkal:**

Another sinewy left-hander, who got a

chance to make his Test debut in Australia due to the absence of Rohit Sharma in the first game. Padikkal did show glimpses of his talent in the second innings during an effective stand with Yashasvi Jaiswal. He has been in good touch in IPL and if he doesn't make the senior team cut, he will be in and around the India A team for sure. Sarfaraz Khan

After he scored a 150 against New Zealand in Bengaluru in October, Sarfaraz should have sealed his place in the Test squad but some atrocious shot selection in the following Tests put him down in the pecking order. In Australia, he was more of a tourist and was not even discussed for a place in the first XI. However for the sake of continuity, selectors can still look at him.

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उत्कृष्ट शिक्षा व कुशल प्रबंधन के चलते यह विद्यालय कक्षा 12वीं तक जा पहुचा है। वर्ष 1952 में सनवाल स्कुल की स्थापना एंजेलिना ग्रेस सनवाल द्वारा की गई थी। लिहाजा सनवाल स्कूल अपने उद्देश्य की पूर्ति करता हुआ 73 साल का सफर तय करने में न केवल कामयाब हुआ है, बल्कि हजारों बच्चों का भविष्य संवारने में अपनी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा चुका है।

सीबीएससी बोर्ड से संबद्ध सनवाल स्कल अंग्रेजी माध्यम से संचालित किया जा रहा है। वर्तमान में प्रबंध निदेशक गौरव सनवाल विद्यालय का कशल प्रबंधन का दायित्व निभा रहे हैं, जबकि ए इमेन्युअल प्रधानाचार्य के पद पर बेहतर शिक्षण कार्य रही हैं। वह कहती हैं कि विद्यालय को आगे ले जाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं और आधुनिक शिक्षा के साथ बच्चों का भविष्य संवारने हेतु दायित्व निभा रही हैं।



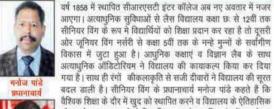
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नए अवतार में सीआरएसटी इंटर कॉलेन



वैश्विक शिक्षा के दीर में खुद को स्थापित करने व विद्यालय के ऐतिहासिक गौरव को बरकरार रखने के लिए विद्यालय को आधुनिक रंग में ढालने का प्रयास किया गया है। साथ ही अंग्रेजी माध्यम से संचालित जूनियर विंग को इस सत्र से जोड़ा गया है। जूनियर विंग पूर्व में अमेरिकन किड्स के नाम से संचालित की जाती थी, अब सीआरएसटी जुनियर विंग के साथ बच्चों को शिक्षा प्रदान कर रही है। जुनियर विंग की प्रधानाचार्य दीपा बिष्ट कहती हैं कि बच्चों के चहुमुखी विकास को लेकर जीवन समर्पित किय है। फिल्ले एक दशक से भी अधिक समय से वह अपना दायित्व निभा रही हैं। जिसके फलस्वरूप उनका शैक्षणिक मार्ग अग्रसर है। वर्तमान ने

विद्यालय का कुशल प्रबंधन पदमश्री अनुप साह द्वारा किया जा रहा है।



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clean, green, sunny and spacious environment provides excellent facilities for the physical and mental growth of children, ensuring they develop into bright and confident individuals. This English-medium school is efficiently managed by a team of dedicated staff members under the guidance of the Principal, Mrs. Rakhee Sah. She emphasizes the school's commitment to providing the best possible atmosphere for the all-round development of her beloved students. The school has also introduced smart classes and projectors, enhancing engagement and making learning more interactive for young minds. These advancements help create a dynamic learning environment. Additionally, the school promotes activities that develop gross motor skills, such as Origami, Dance, Taekwondo, and games, which serve as valuable components of a wellrounded physical education program. The school also has a centralized heating and cooling system for the covinence of

आवासीय विद्यालयों में उत्कृष्ट भूमिका निभा रहा पाइन क्रस्ट स्कूल



आयारपाटा की सुंदर वादियों में पाईन क्रस्ट बोर्डिंग स्कूल देश के विभिन्न प्रांतों के बच्चों का भविष्य संवारने में जुटा हुआ है। विद्यालय में समस्त सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं। बच्चों के बेहतर भविष्य बनाने के लिये वह जरूरत के मुताबिक आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति की जाती है। विद्यालय

अंग्रेजी माध्यम से संचालित किया जाता है। प्रबन्धक संतोष कुमार कहते हैं कि जिम्मेदारी के साथ अपना दायित्व निभा रहे हैं। विद्यार्थियों का सर्वांगीण विकास उनका लक्ष्य है।

SCHOOLS IN NAINITAL: IN QUEST OF MULTIFACETED EXCELLENCE



Afzal Hussain Fauji Nainital

institutions spread over the captivating lake district of Nainital, they were considered benchmarks of quality and छात्राओं का भविष्य संवार रहा एमएल साह बाल विद्या मेदिर futuristic education earlier and even today they occupy the premier key services across the world. अंग्रेजी माध्यम से संचालित यह विद्यालय नगर के विद्यालयों position in terms of academic Dozens of renowned actors में खास स्थान रखता है। देश के विभिन्न प्रांतों की छात्राएं इस excellence not just in the country but विद्यालय में शिक्षारत हैं। यह विद्यालय आवासीय के साथ दिवसीय है, जो शिक्षा के तमाम मापदंडों की पूर्ति करता है

> just students from India but those almamater. from foreign countries also study in These schools affiliated to multiple boards, needs mentioning that many of the the global standard. Nainital-based schools are more than

The academic 150 years old. Over the years, environment the ranking of the schools here across the world has been included in the tophas undergone notch ten schools at the national massive changes level- a glorious tradition that in the past few continues undimmed till date.

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particular, stand in a class by these institutions keep holding top positions themselves; without peer, so to say. in all the three branches of the Indian Army. Truth to tell, there is hardly any state Plus, a number of politicians, academicians, in India from where students do not literatures and business leaders proudly come to receive education here. Not recall their days in Nainital and their loved

these schools, given their fame as including ICSE and CBSE, are shaping the institutions which offer future of the children. Most of the schools comprehensive education and are run in English medium and the quality of nurturing environment. It hardly living of the residential schools is truly of

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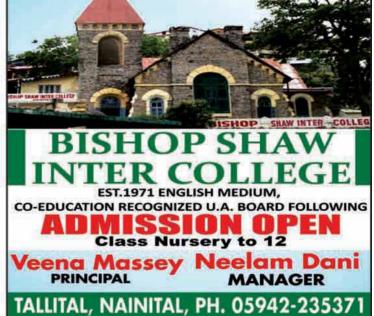
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विकास में जुटा हुआ है। अनिवार्य विषयों के अलावा अतिरिक्त विषय भी



The residential schools in Nainital, in education in Nainital. Further, the alumni of नगर का अग्रणी विद्यालय है विशय शॉ इंटर कॉलेज





से सम्बद्ध अंग्रेजी माध्यम से संचालित नगर के अग्रणी विद्यालयों में स्थान रखता है और अनुभवी शिक्षकों द्वारा बच्चों का भविष्य संवारने में जुटा हुआ है। विद्यालय प्रबंधन की विशेषता है कि बेहद कम शुल्क में बच्चों को उत्कृष्ट शिक्षा प्रदान कर, शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अपना दायित्व बखूबी निभाता आ रहा है। तल्लीताल क्षेत्र में झील के समीप विद्यालय का वातावरण शिक्षा के माकूल है। विद्यालय प्रबंधक नीलम दानी कहती है कि उनका प्रयास

बिशप शॉ इंटर कॉलेज उत्तराखंड बोर्ड

विद्यार्थियों को उत्तम शिक्षा प्रदान कर बेहतर भविष्य बनाना है। भविष्य में भी उनका प्रयास जारी रहेगा। प्रधानाचार्य वीना मैसी कहती हैं कि वह वैश्विक शिक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए आधुनिक शिक्षा प्रदान करने में जुटी हुई हैं।

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कक्षा पांचवी तक अंग्रेजी माध्यम से संचालित यह विद्यालय नगर में नन्हे मुन्ने बच्चों की पहली पसंद बन गया है। स्कूल का वातावरण बच्चों को खुब भाता है। पढ़ाई का स्तर उच्च स्तरीय है। अनुभवी शिक्षिकाएं बच्चों की मनोस्थित को समझते हुए, उन्हे शिक्षा देती हैं। विद्यालय में बच्चों के

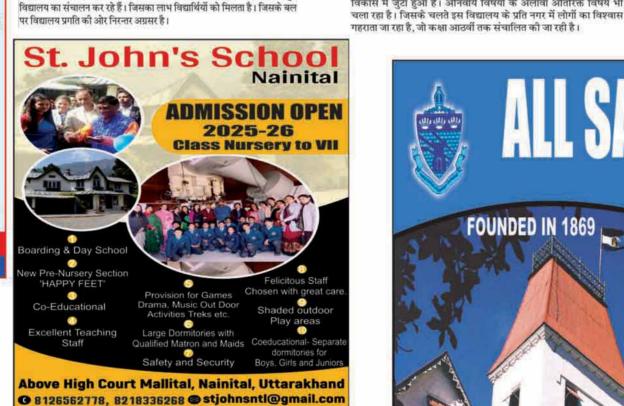
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