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Visitors at Tulip Garden after it was opened for the public in Srinagar on Wednesday PIONEER PHOTO

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ Srinagar

With over 1.7 Million tulips of 74 exquisite varieties in its lap, Asia's largest Tulip garden overlooking the world-famous Dal Lake was thrown open on Wednesday by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, marking the beginning of the new tourism season in the Valley.

"Delighted to throw open Asia's largest Tulip Garden in Srinagar today," the Chief Minister's office posted on X.

The Chief Minister, sporting a skull cap and a traditional 'pheran' greeted and interacted with the tourists assembled at the garden to witness the blooming carpet of flowers.

He also extended an invitation to tourists from all over the world to make a plan to witness the sublime beauty of

nature and enjoy the warm hospitality of Kashmir. Visitors, who were seen posing for a group photograph, acknowledged the hard work of gardeners and all others who worked laboriously behind the scenes to decorate the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden.

The Tourism department is already expecting a heavy tourist influx this year as compared to last year. Last year, as many as 4.45 lakh tourists thronged the garden, which was the highest ever.

A record number of tourists visited the Kashmir valley this year raising hopes of hoteliers and all other stakeholders of a buoyant tourism season ahead.

The floriculture department has expanded the channel to the top of the garden. In addition, some fountains have been set up in the garden to make it more attractive.

Briefing media persons, Floriculture director Shakeel-ul-Rehman Rather said, "Tourists intending to visit the famous Tulip Garden can now book tickets online as authorities have started an online and QR code-based booking system at several places, including the Srinagar Airport."

"We have planted 17.50 Lakh tulip bulbs and other flowers," Rather said.

The director said this year, the department has started the facility of an online ticket booking system. "Tie-up has also been done with the tourism departments of many countries and their websites have the link for online tickets. Apart from this, tickets are also available through the physical mode.

The Union Territory administration has already made elaborate arrangements to accommodate the large rush of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir.

Supreme Court outraged by Allahabad High Court's insensitive rape order

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed the Allahabad High Court's recent observations on grabbing of a woman's breasts and pulling the drawstrings of her 'pyjama' not amounting to an attempt to rape and admonished that the order reflected total "insensitivity" and "inhuman approach".

Taking a strong exception to the High Court's observations made in its March 17 verdict, the apex court termed it a "very serious matter".

"In normal circumstances, we are slow in granting stay at this stage. But since the observations appearing in paragraphs 21, 24 and 26 are totally unknown to the canons of law and depict total insensitive and inhuman approach, we are inclined to stay the said observations," a Bench of Justices BR Gavai and Augustine George Masih said.

The top court took suo motu cognisance of the matter after "We the Women of India" collective wrote to Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna. "Until further orders, there shall be stay to the observations made by the judge in paragraphs 21, 24 and 26 of the order dated March 17, 2025," the Bench held.

to be naked..." Referring to the High Court's observations, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said, "This is one judgement I take a very serious exception." Attorney General R Venkataramani also appeared in the matter.

"It is a very serious matter," Justice Gavai said, "exhibiting total insensitivity on the part of the judge." The Bench added, "We are sorry to use such harsh words against the judge." The SG Mehta said the Chief Justice of the High Court was the master of the roster there and it was advisable that some steps were taken. "We are at pains to say that some of the observations made in the impugned order and particularly in paragraphs 21, 24 and 26 depict a total lack of insensitivity on the part of the author of the judgment," the Bench said.

and take such steps as deemed fit and proper," the bench said, posting the matter for hearing on April 15.

During the hearing, one of the advocates appearing in the matter said they moved a plea against the High Court Order. The Bench said the plea would be heard along with the suo motu proceedings. Another lawyer said they would file an application on behalf of the survivor's mother. The accused had challenged the summoning order of a special judge in Kasganj under Section 376 (rape) of the IPC, among other sections.

It came on record that an application was moved before the court of special judge, POCSO Act, alleging that on November 10, 2021, she (informant) was returning from her sister-in-law's home along with her 14-year-old daughter and Pawan, Akash and Ashok, who hailed from the same village, met her on the way and offered a lift to her daughter. They allegedly stopped their motorbike on the way to her village and grabbed her breasts.

Akash was accused of dragging her and trying to take her beneath the culvert while pulling the drawstrings of her lowers. The High Court said the alleged actions of the accused Pawan and Akash was "not sufficient to draw an inference that the accused persons had determined to commit rape" on the survivor as "apart from these facts no other act was attributed to them to further their alleged desire to commit rape on the victim."

Opposition parties also slammed the order as Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha member Priyanka Chaturvedi wrote to CJI Sanjiv Khanna calling it "flawed" and seeking the judge's disqualification "for delivering such a misguided verdict." Calling the observations "outrageous" and "unacceptable", Chairperson of the Congress Social Media and Digital Platforms Supriya Shrinete said, "If courts give such observations, where do children and women go and report about incidents when they are harassed?"

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The top court said it was not as if the order was dictated in the spur of the moment in the court. It noted the High Court had reserved its verdict on November 13, 2024, and after almost four months, the judgment was pronounced. "It is thus clear that the judge has authored the judgment after due application of mind," it said.

The top court issued notices to the Centre, Uttar Pradesh government and the parties before the high court in the matter seeking their responses in the suo motu proceeding. "The Registrar concerned of this court is directed to forthwith communicate this order to the Registrar General of the High Court of judicature at Allahabad, who shall place the same immediately before the Chief Justice of the High Court of judicature at Allahabad, who is requested to look into the matter

CBI raids ex-Chhattisgarh CM Baghel's houses

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi/Raipur

The CBI on Wednesday conducted searches at 60 locations, including the residence of former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, in connection with the alleged ₹6,000 Crore Mahadev betting app scam, officials said.

The agency teams cracked on at Baghel's residences in Raipur and Bhilai, as well as the houses of a senior police officer and a close associate of the former CM, they said. The searches also covered the premises of Congress MLA Devendra Yadav in Bhilai town of Durg district and of IPS officers Anand Chhabra, Abhishek Pallava and Arif Sheikh, among others, sources said. Congress said the CBI's searches at Baghel's residences were politically motivated, and asserted it will not be intimidated by such actions.

In a social media post from Baghel's office, the former chief minister's office said, "Now CBI has arrived. Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is scheduled to

go to Delhi today for the meeting of the 'Drafting Committee' constituted for the AICC meeting to be held in Ahmedabad (Gujarat) on 8 and 9 April. Before that, the CBI has reached Raipur and Bhilai Niwas."

The CBI has taken over the investigation from the Economic Offences Wing of the Chhattisgarh Police, which had earlier named Congress leader Baghel, promoters of the app, Ravi Uppal, Saurabh Chandrakar, Shubham Soni, and Anil Kumar Agrawal, and 14 others in its FIR. Baghel had termed the EOW FIR "politically motivated."

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), which is also probing the case, has alleged that its probe revealed the involvement of several top politicians and bureaucrats from Chhattisgarh. The app was an umbrella syndicate arranging online platforms for illegal betting websites to enrol new users, create user IDs and launder money through a layered web of 'benami' bank accounts, it claimed. The projected proceeds of crime are about Rs 6,000 crore, the ED earlier said.

MHA finally responds to Rahul's citizenship issue

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Union Home Ministry on Wednesday informed the Delhi High Court that probe on the British Citizenship of Rahul Gandhi is "under consideration". Previous hearing, the High Court had sent notice to MHA to declare its stand, while the Ministry many times sought time to reply to the petition filed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy.

"In this regard it is humbly submitted that the subject matter is presently under consideration in the Ministry. Therefore it is requested to appraise the Honorable Court regarding the same on the next date of hearing ie 26.3.2025, thereby defending the interest of the Union of India," said MHA's Foreigners Division (Citizenship Wing). The next hearing is posted for March 28, by dismissing an intervening petition by a BJP worker Vignesh Shishir.

The BJP worker from Karnataka had approached Allahabad High Court, and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been asked to take a decision by April 21. A Division Bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice



Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi during the Budget session of Parliament PFI

Shishir. "It has been posted for hearing before High Court on April 21," the ASG pointed out.

The petitioner Subramanian Swamy alleged that Government was resorting to delay tactics.

"This is delaying tactic. My petition has been there since 2019. The minister had given a show cause notice to which Gandhi has not replied. At least, a direction can be passed to file his affidavit. When I had filed this matter, there was no other matter (in any other High Court). It is unfair that after doing all this work, they have recycled the same matter," Swamy said.

The Court nevertheless said that the issue is under the consideration of the MHA and the hearing can wait till a decision is taken by the Government. "ASG has been informed by Ministry about the Allahabad High Court order. It is for the Ministry to make this decision. We cannot pass any direction. We are only taking notice of the Allahabad High Court decision which has been passed by a division bench," the Delhi High Court remarked while adjourning the case.

Mirror, mirror on the wall...who's the fairest of us all?

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ Kochi

Sarada Muraleedharan, chief secretary of Kerala, who had made empowerment of women, social justice and equal opportunities as her mission in life found late on Tuesday night that the renaissance of the State as claimed by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has remained a non-starter and there is large scale discrimination based on colour of one's skin.

People in the State was in for a shock on Wednesday morning as Muraleedharan took to the social media to give vent to her shock and sorrow over comments made by a section of the society that the last seven months of her tenure as the top bureaucrat of Kerala was a period

of black while her predecessor's stewardship stood out as white. Muraleedharan had taken over as chief secretary from V Venu on August 31, 2024. Interestingly, Venu is her husband and it was a rare event in the State to see the wife succeeding her husband as chief secretary.

Venu happened to be of fair complexion while Muraleedharan was a bit on the dark side.

The comments about the colour of Muraleedharan's skin are yet another proof that the self-styled progressive State is yet to come out of the regressive mindset. The heart-wrenching account by Muraleedharan speaks about dilemma and taunts suffered by her because of the tone of her skin.

"As a four-year-old, I apparently asked my mother

whether she could put me back in her womb and bring me out again, all white and pretty. I have lived for over 50 years buried under that narrative of not being a colour that was good enough. And buying into that narrative. Of not seeing beauty or value in black. Of being fascinated by fair skin. And fair minds, and all that was fair and good and wholesome. And of feeling that I was a lesser person for not being that — which had to be compensated somehow," writes Muraleedharan.

She further stated that it was her children who glorified the beauty of black and she felt happy afterwards about her tone. "Black is the all pervasive truth of the universe. Black is that which can absorb anything, the most powerful pulse of energy known to humankind.

Juvenile crime turns fatal, 16-year-old killed for ransom

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

A 16-year-old boy was abducted and killed for an ₹10 Lakh ransom in the Wazirabad area of north Delhi and three juveniles were apprehended in connection with the crime. They reportedly also tried to cut the boy's body into parts. All the three lived near the victim's home.

The class nine students were taken to a deserted area near Bhalaswa Lake, where he was stabbed multiple times, police officials said on Wednesday.

"The family members of the boy had received a call regarding a ransom of ₹10 Lakh. Later, they discovered his body," said the officer.

On Monday, a complaint was filed at the local police station about a boy missing since Sunday. The boy studied in Mukherjee Nagar.

"During investigation, it was found that the missing/kidnapped boy was last seen with three boys, two of them aged 16 and 17, on a motorcycle on Jharoda Pushta road," the officer said.

The sighting was confirmed through CCTV footage from the area.

Police apprehended all three boys, who, during interrogation, revealed they had kidnapped the boy for a ransom of ₹10 Lakh.

They said that on Sunday, they took him

with them on a motorcycle to hang out. They took him to a forested area near Bhalaswa Lake, where they stabbed him and fled, leaving him dead.

The next day, they called the boy's father, a driver by profession, using the boy's SIM and demanded a ransom of ₹10 Lakh.

"The body of the victim was discovered by a police team at the instance of the apprehended juveniles," the officer said. Police sources said that the accused also tried to cut the boy's body into parts. Victim's mother told reporters that the boys, who allegedly killed her, son lived nearby.

"My son left on Sunday around 7.30 pm after receiving a call, saying he will come back in 10 minutes. Later, we got a call with a demand for ₹10 Lakh," she said.

The father of the boy added, "Two boys came to our house to pick my son. After that, his mother kept calling him but it went unanswered. Around 9 pm on Sunday, his phone went off. I started a search for him and then went to the police station to register a complaint."

He said around midnight he got a call with the demand for a ransom, to be paid within three days, or else his son would be killed.

"He was killed so brutally. His throat was slit and he was stabbed multiple times. I want them to go through the same pain that my son did," he said.

They said that on Sunday, they took him

Muslim prayer inadmissible in Sabarimala: Islamic zealot

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ Kochi

Malayalam film industry's megastar Mammooty has been dragged into a controversy by a religious zealot O Abdullah, a Jama-at-e-Islami fundamentalist, who questioned the former for allowing another megastar Mohan Lal to offer prayers at the holy shrine of Sabarimala for the former's health.

Abdullah and another Islamic extremist Nazir Faizi who heads a powerful wing by name Samasta called for an atonement by Mammooty and they also demanded the megastar to apologise to the Muslim community in the State.

Mohan Lal's special pooja for the

health of his friend Mammooty, whom he addresses as Mammookka (a mark of respect for his senior) was the fall out of an unsubstantiated news that the latter was suffering from colon cancer.

Though there has been no communication from Mammooty or his close family members about the report, persons who claim to be close to the megastar said he was diagnosed with the ailment and was undergoing medication for the same.

What added to the controversial news was that Mammooty and family shifted to Chennai from Kochi and he has cancelled his shooting schedule for the next two months.

But this could be due to the fasting he

routinely undertakes during the Ramadan month. Mohan Lal who undertook a pilgrimage to Sabarimala on the first of Malayalam month Meenam had held special poojas as the shrine for his mother, wife and Mammooty.

The receipt from the temple authorities carrying the birth-star and name of Mammooty went viral in the social media and this made Abdullah, who masquerades as a journalist, furious. The Jamaat-e-Islami leader lambasted Mammooty and called him to perform atonement lest he may have to face religious punishment.

Abdullah's comment has created a furor in Kerala as Mammooty remains a

widely respected and adored artist in the State irrespective of caste and religion.

The Jamaat-e-Islami leader and another leader who owns educational institutions across Kerala have called for the establishment of a Caliphate in South India.

"This is ridiculous. Offering pooja at a temple is to request the God Almighty to cure the person for whom the ritual is held. The community and political leaders should see this as a plea to the deity for the well being of the person," said Sreejit Panicker, political observer.

Lal's pooja for Mammooty is happening in a film industry, which is a dog eating dog world.

State to strengthen cooperative sector over next 4 years: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has stated that the Madhya Pradesh government is working with resolutions for the welfare of all. Currently, due to a transparent working style from Panchayat to the Secretariat, the cooperative sector has prospered along with other sectors. Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and Union Home and Cooperation Minister Mr. Amit Shah have provided guidance to work with the spirit of bahujan hitay-bahujan sukhay (welfare and happiness for all) to benefit the cooperative sector. Madhya Pradesh will certainly write a new story in the field of cooperatives. Just like the bonus system on milk in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh is also progressing in this direction. Additionally, Madhya Pradesh has a large area for fisheries, and

recently, in the Global Investors Summit, the cooperative sector also initiated working with the industrial sector. The cooperative movement in Madhya Pradesh is gaining momentum. Now, the systems in the cooperative sector are quite transparent, and various aspects of cooperatives will be worked upon in Madhya Pradesh. In the next four years, the cooperative movement will reach new heights. Yadav was addressing the state-level program of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 at Coordination Bhavan on Wednesday. Yadav welcomed the participants from across the state at the conference. He also handed over appointment letters to newly appointed cooperative inspectors in the cooperative department. Yadav appreciated the efforts of the cooperative

department. Yadav said that India has a long history of cooperatives. In ancient India, there was the tradition of the Ashwamedha Yajna. However, India never conquered any nation. It did not abolish the autonomy of small states but worked together with them and kept their self-sufficiency alive. If any nation truly follows the spirit of the United Nations, it is India. When it is said Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah, Sarve Santu Niramayah (May all be happy, may all be free from illness), it means connecting everyone together and making them participants in one's success. This is the abbreviated form of the Vedic saying Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family). Prime Minister Mr. Modi has worked to enhance India's dignity in the world. The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Mr. Modi envi-

sioned multi-purpose cooperatives in line with the core principles of cooperation. To realize this, the responsibility was given to Union Minister Mr. Amit Shah. The central government has focused on ensuring the welfare of all in the cooperative sector. In Madhya Pradesh, work is also being done in this direction. As a result of changes in the Cooperative Act, the process of society registration will now be completed in 30 days, whereas it used to take 90 days earlier. Previously, many difficulties had to be faced in this process. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Mr. Modi, efforts have been made to simplify procedures in the cooperative sector. He has worked towards making cooperatives multi-dimensional and multi-purpose. Yadav said that not only individuals but cooperatives will also be

ensured participation in industrialization. Madhya Pradesh will ensure more benefits for farmers, cattle breeders, and fish farmers in the cooperative sector and will reach the pinnacle in this field. The program was addressed by Vishwas Kailash Sarang, Minister of Cooperation and Sports & Youth Welfare, who said that Prime Minister Modi and Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah have given the mantra of prosperity through cooperation. Madhya Pradesh is becoming a leader in the cooperative sector. Recently, a new chapter was added at GIS-Bhopal when the topic of CPPP (Cooperative Public-Private Partnership) was introduced. Many innovations are also being made in the cooperative department. Work is being done according to ease of doing business standards.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav addresses a state level conference of International Cooperative Year 2025, at Samanvay Bhawan in Bhopal on Wednesday. Pioneer photo

Cyber Crime Branch busts online job fraud gang

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

The Cyber Crime Branch in Bhopal has arrested four individuals involved in an elaborate online job fraud scheme that duped victims by promising lucrative returns for completing virtual tasks. The accused were apprehended from Mandsaur, Ujjain, and Dewas following a detailed investigation into the scam. According to the police, the gang operated by creating Telegram groups where they offered fake online jobs. Victims were directed to fraudulent websites and asked to open Demat accounts under the guise of earning high profits. Once the victims deposited substantial sums, the fraudsters blocked withdrawals, claiming that their credit scores were low. To "increase the withdrawal limit," the victims

were manipulated into completing higher-value tasks, which further increased the gang's illegal gains. After accumulating significant funds in these accounts, the accused sold them to other cybercriminals for profit. The investigation began after Arun Prakash Chaudhary, a resident of Nehru Nagar in Bhopal, filed a complaint on October 7, 2024. Chaudhary reported that he had lost Rs 16,70,050, which was fraudulently transferred to the gang's bank accounts. Upon receiving the complaint, the Crime Branch launched an extensive inquiry that led to the identification and arrest of the perpetrators. During the operation, the police seized two mobile phones, three SIM cards, a cheque book linked to a fake account, and an ATM card

used in the scam. The arrested individuals have been identified as Kuldeep Meghwal (20) from Mandsaur, who provided bank accounts for the fraud; Lal Singh (31) from Ujjain, who was also involved in renting out accounts for the gang's operations; Nitesh Chauhan (26) from Ujjain, who opened accounts in the names of villagers and sold them on commission; and Rohit Jaiswal (22) from Dewas, who used the fraudulently obtained funds to purchase cryptocurrency. A senior officer from the Cyber Crime Branch stated that the investigation is ongoing to identify other members of the gang and track the money trail. Authorities have also issued a public advisory warning against falling prey to online job scams and urging citizens to report suspicious activities immediately.

Congress urges Election Commission for ballot paper voting in future

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

A meeting of all recognized national political parties was convened on Tuesday at the Election Commission office in Bhopal to discuss strategies for the upcoming Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. On the instructions of Madhya Pradesh Congress President Jitu Patwari, JP Dhanopia, the Congress party's election commission-in-charge, was authorized to represent the party in the meeting. During the meeting, Dhanopia presented the party's suggestions and concerns before the Election Commission. Dhanopia emphasized that electronic voting machines (EVMs) often cause confusion and doubts among the public. To address these concerns, he urged the Election

Commission to revert to the ballot paper system for future elections, including by-polls. He also recommended increasing the display time of the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) slip from 7 seconds to 10 seconds. Furthermore, he suggested that VVPAT slips should be deposited in a ballot box for voter verification, and the VVPAT slips should be counted alongside EVM votes before announcing the election results. The Congress representative also proposed that mock polls be conducted two to three times during the voting day to ensure the accuracy of the EVMs. Additionally, he insisted that presiding officers must complete and provide Form 17C to polling agents after the voting process. He called for the establishment of perma-

nent Block Level Officer (BLO) offices in every Assembly constituency to facilitate continuous voter registration, deletion, and transfer processes. Dhanopia raised concerns about irregularities by BLOs in adding or deleting voters' names. He recommended that BLOs should be required to prepare a formal report (Panchanama) before removing any voter's name from the list. Moreover, he stressed the need to inform voters whenever changes are made to the voter list, such as alterations in both numbers or serial numbers, to prevent confusion during elections. Highlighting discrepancies in the 2023 Assembly elections and 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Dhanopia claimed that there were numerous duplicate entries in the voter lists. He

urged the Election Commission to implement a software program to identify and eliminate duplicate entries continuously. He also demanded that political parties be provided with color photo voter lists in both physical and digital formats to make voter identification easier. Additionally, he recommended linking the voter list with Aadhaar cards and suggested that thumb impressions should be taken during voting to prevent fraudulent voting. Dhanopia also raised concerns about the deployment of Anganwadi workers on election duty, alleging that they influence voters in favor of the ruling party. He urged the Election Commission to exclude Anganwadi workers from poll-related duties to ensure free and fair elections.

Bhopal records highest temperature at 38 degrees

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

For the first time this summer season, the temperature in seven cities of Madhya Pradesh has crossed 40°C. Bhopal recorded the highest day temperature of the season at 38.8°C. The highest day temperature was recorded in Talun (Barwani) and Ratlam reaching 40°C, Rajgarh at 39.7°C, Dhar at 39.3°C, Shivpuri at 39°C, and Prithvipur (Niwari) at 38.9°C. According to the Meteorological Department, a heat alert has been issued for the next two days, with temperatures expected to drop by 1-2°C after that. The rise in temperatures follows a period of hailstorms and rainfall last week, which brought cooler conditions across the state. Since Monday, however, the weather has shifted, and temperatures have increased by 3-5°C in most districts. Thirteen cities, including Gwalior, Ujjain, Khajuraho, Dhar, Tikamgarh, Mandla, Sagar, Satna, Shajapur, Umaria, Seoni, Khargone, and Betul, recorded temperatures above 39°C. Gwalior hit 39.9°C, Ujjain recorded 39°C, and Indore reached 38.2°C. In the last 24 hours, temperatures rose by 2.3°C-2.5°C in districts of the Gwalior and Sagar divisions, with no significant changes observed in other parts of the state. The temperatures were notably higher than usual in the Ujjain and Sagar divisions, where they increased by 2.2°C-2.9°C, while the Gwalior division saw the most significant rise, with temperatures climbing by 2.9°C. Night temperatures remained relatively stable, with minor variations across different regions.



Students take part in a face painting competition during the annual cultural programme at Government Women's Polytechnic college in Bhopal on Wednesday.

10-year-old critically injured after electric shock while flying kite

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

A tragic accident occurred in the Nishatpura police station area of Bhopal on Tuesday afternoon when a 10-year-old boy suffered severe burns after coming in contact with a high-tension power line while flying a kite. According to reports, the child, identified as Shaurya, was flying a kite near his house around 3 p.m. when the kite became entangled in the high-tension wire. As he tried to retrieve it by pulling the string, he suffered an electric shock, leaving him severely burned. Residents in the area immediately rushed him to Kamla Nehru Hospital, where doctors confirmed his condition to be critical. Local residents expressed concern over the dangerously low-hanging high-tension lines in the neighborhood, which they say pose a constant risk of similar accidents. Authorities have been urged to address the issue to prevent further inci-

dents. In a separate incident, a woman attempted suicide by jumping from the Bhadbhada Bridge in the Kamla Nagar police station area on Tuesday morning. The incident occurred around 9 a.m. when passersby witnessed the woman jump and immediately informed the police. Responding promptly, the police rescued the woman and transported her to a nearby private hospital. Due to her critical condition, doctors later referred her to Hamidia Hospital for advanced treatment. The identity of the woman remains unknown, and the police are actively investigating the case to determine her identity and the reason behind the suicide attempt. Eyewitnesses reported that the woman appeared to be alone and suddenly jumped from the bridge without any prior warning. As of now, the woman remains in critical condition, and efforts to trace her family and establish the circumstances leading to the incident are ongoing.

Three killed in mishap in Rewa district

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Three persons were killed and two others injured after the car they were travelling in fell into a canal in Rewa district. The accident took place around 9 pm on Tuesday at Amilki village located in Govindgarh police station limits, an official said. "Five persons were travelling in the car. The route from where it was passing was diverted for the construction of a culvert. But instead of taking the diversion, the vehicle went straight and fell into the canal," he said. While one person died on the spot, two others succumbed to their injuries in the hospital, he added. The injured persons were undergoing treatment at the Sanjay Gandhi Hospital in Rewa, he said. Krish Khatik died on the spot, while Raj Khatik and Rajiv Rajiv Rajak succumbed to their injuries during treatment, the hospital's deputy superintendent Yatnesh Tripathi said. The deceased as well as the injured persons suffered head injuries, he said. The condition of the injured duo was serious, Tripathi added.

SISTec hosts annual techno-cultural fest on theme 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047'

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Sagar Institute of Science and Technology (SISTec) inaugurated its annual techno-cultural fest, Sagar Euphoria, with enthusiasm and grandeur at its Ratibad campus. This year's event, inspired by the theme "Viksit Bharat @2047," showcased national pride and a vision for a developed India by 2047. As part of its commitment to recognizing excellence, SISTec presented the Tejomay Awards 2025 to distinguished organizations that have made exceptional contributions on national and international platforms, strengthening the nation's growth trajectory. The Tejomay Awards 2025 were conferred upon the Airports Authority of India Bhopal, BHEL Bhopal, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation, Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company, and the National Informatics Centre Bhopal for their outstanding work, dedication, and contributions to nation-building. Additionally, Naman Deshmukh, founder of Tech Plus Gadgets and a distin-

MP will become the best startup hub in 2 years: Minister

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Madhya Pradesh's Minister for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Chaitanya Kashyap asserted that the state will become the best startup hub in the country within the next two years. He made the statement during the concluding ceremony of 'Navonmesh 2025,' Central India's largest innovation carnival, organized by the Atal Incubation Centre-Rabindranath Tagore University (AIC-RNTU) at Scope Global Skills University on Wednesday. The minister emphasized India's rich history of entrepreneurship before the arrival of the Mughals and the British. "Before foreign invaders and colonial rulers arrived, India's economy contributed about 25% to the world's GDP. Our artisans excelled in crafts, silk, and metalwork, with traders taking Indian products worldwide," Kashyap said. "However, the invaders and British policies destroyed our

industries, forcing us into a job-seeking mentality. Today, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, we are reviving that entrepreneurial spirit. With our comprehensive startup policy and a ₹100 crore fund, we are working toward making Madhya Pradesh the best startup state in the nation." Kashyap also lauded the efforts of RNTU Chancellor Santosh Choubey, recognizing his contributions to fostering innovation long before the term "startup" became widespread. The event was graced by prominent dignitaries, including RNTU Chancellor Santosh Choubey, Scope Global Skills University Chancellor Siddharth Chaturvedi, AIC-RNTU Director Nitin Vats, Madhya Pradesh Startup Centre Executive Head Abha Rishi, RNTU Vice-Chancellor Prof. R.P. Dubey, and SGSU Vice-Chancellor Vijay Singh. Chairman of the Madhya

Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission, Bharat Sharan, emphasized the concept of "Production by the Masses" over "Mass Production." He underscored the vital role of youth in realizing the vision of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India), encouraging them to engage in entrepreneurial ventures. Speaking on the critical link between education and industry, RNTU Chancellor Santosh Choubey highlighted the importance of integrating production and entrepreneurship within educational institutions. "The New Education Policy promotes the establishment of production and entrepreneurship centers in universities to drive economic growth. We started working on this vision five years ago by fostering industry-academia partnerships," Choubey said. "With the support of NITI Aayog, we established AIC-RNTU and have incubated 135 startups, many of which have secured multi-crore funding."

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Jay Bhattacharya confirmed as NIH head

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Indian-American scientist Jay Bhattacharya has been confirmed by the US Senate as the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the country's top health research and funding institutions. Bhattacharya, a professor of Health Policy at Stanford University, was confirmed by a 53-47 vote on Tuesday, according to the official website of the US Senate.

of modern biomedical science fails this basic test," the news portal quoted him as saying. "If confirmed, I will carry out President Trump and (Health and Human Service) Secretary Kennedy's agenda of Making America Healthy Again and committing the NIH to address the dire chronic health needs of the country with gold-standard science and innovation," he said.

In a statement on Tuesday, Stanford Medicine "proudly" congratulated Bhattacharya on his appointment and called his commitment to public service "commendable". "As an institution, we are staunch supporters of the NIH's mission, which continues to advance the frontiers of medical knowledge and unlock new possibilities for health improvement," it said.

IMF approves loan for Pakistan to address climate change

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The International Monetary Fund approved a loan of \$1.3 Billion for Pakistan to address climate change while also reaching a staff-level agreement on the first review of the already agreed \$7 Billion loan.

The new agreement spans over 28 months under the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Facility which aims to help nations address climate challenges while committing to reforms.

Additionally, freeing \$1 Billion for the country under the \$7 Billion bailout programme would bring the total disbursements to \$2 Billion.

"The IMF team has reached a staff-level agreement (SLA) with the Pakistani authorities on the first review of the 37-month extended arrangement under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF), and on a new 28-month arrangement under the IMF's (Resilience and Sustainability Trust) with total access over the 28 months of around \$1.3 Billion," Nathan Porter, mission chief to Pakistan, said on Tuesday.

"Upon approval (by the IMF board), Pakistan will have access to about \$1 Billion under the EFF, bringing total disbursements under the programme to about \$2 Billion," he added.

According to Radio Pakistan, the two agreements giving access to about 2 billion dollars is a "testament to Pakistan's significant strides in economic reforms, focusing on tax equity, monetary stability, energy sector transformation, and climate resilience."

The IMF in its statement also appreciated Pakistan for its efforts to bring stability.

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Argentina secures World Cup spot

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Buenos Aires

Defending champion Argentina celebrated throughout Tuesday as the team secured its place at the 2026 World Cup hours before an historic 4-1 win over archrival Brazil.

After Bolivia's 0-0 draw with Uruguay at El Alto, about 85,000 raucous Argentina fans kicked off the festivities at the Monumental de Nunez Stadium despite the absence of Lionel Messi.

For Brazil, its worst deficit in South American World Cup qualifying history compounded pressure on coach Dorival Júnior. Brazil is in fourth place in South American qualifying with 21 points, 10 behind Argentina but only two behind second-place Ecuador.

Third-place Uruguay and fifth-place Paraguay also have 21 points, and Colombia is one point behind them in sixth. Seventh-place Venezuela has 15 points after a 1-0 win over 9th-place Peru.

Brazil was missing three regular starters — goalkeeper Alisson, defender Gabriel Magalhães and midfielder Bruno Guimarães — and wasn't really competitive from start to finish.

It's the first time Argentina has won both



matches against Brazil in a World Cup qualifying tournament. The home victory was also Argentina's first against the Brazilians since qualifying for the 2006 World Cup.

Argentina has led South American qualifying from the start, with few hiccups and major away wins at Brazil and Uruguay. But coach Lionel Scaloni has not fielded 37-year-old Messi in several games.

Messi has an injury to his adductor and was not included in Argentina's squad for the two latest matches.

ARGENTINE FLAIR, BRAZILIAN DESPAIR Striker Julián Álvarez said

Gonzalo Molina. Brazil got one back via Matheus Cunha in the 26th after a mistake by Cristian Romero, who lost the ball to the Brazilian by the edge of the box.

During the break, Brazil sought to get some grip by boosting its presence in the midfield with Joao Gomes and the substitution of Murillo and striker Rodrygo.

"Everything we planned, from the first minute of play, did not happen," Brazil's coach told a news conference.

Brazil captain Marquinhos said all players should have done better in Buenos Aires. "It isn't only about Dorival," Marquinhos said.

Argentina scored its two first goals in only 12 minutes of play, both thanks to accurate passing and some clumsy Brazilian defending.

Alvarez netted the first in the 4th minute after Marquinhos, Murillo and Guilherme Arana failed to reach the ball.

Argentina scored again eight minutes later with Enzo Fernández, once again from close range after a low cross by

Nigeria's World Cup qualifying hopes dealt major late blow

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Cairo

Nigeria conceded a last-minute goal in a major blow to its World Cup qualifying hopes, when Egypt and Morocco all but booked their places at next year's tournament.

Zizo's goal was enough for unbeaten Egypt's 1-0 win over Sierra Leone in Cairo on Tuesday, while Morocco looks assured of qualifying with a nine-point lead over its rivals after a 2-0 win over Tanzania.

Real Madrid's Brahim Díaz scored a penalty after Nayef Aguerd broke the deadlock on a rebound for Morocco's fifth win from five games in Group E.

Zizo struck just before the break for Egypt to maintain a five-point lead over Burkina Faso, which had defeated Guinea-Bissau 2-1 on Monday in Group A.

Nigeria's nightmare

Zimbabwe's Tawanda Chirewa scored in the final minute to silence the home fans in Uyo, Nigeria as the visitors claimed a 1-1 draw.

Nigeria star Victor Osimhen put the Super Eagles on course to claim just their second win in Group C after Friday's 2-0 victory over Rwanda had rekindled Nigeria's qualification hopes.

Meanwhile, South Africa defeated Benin 2-0 to consolidate

the top spot. Bafana Bafana leads with 13 points from six rounds, five clear of Rwanda (which drew with Lesotho 1-1) and Benin.

Only the nine group winners secure automatic qualification. The four best-placed runners-up will compete to be the African contender in FIFA's six-country playoff for the last two qualification spots at the World Cup next year in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Algeria makes a statement

Wolfsburg forward Mohammed Amoura scored a hat trick as Algeria defeated Mozambique 5-1 to open a three-point lead over the visitors in Group G.

Cape Verde remained top of Group D with a 2-1 win in Angola, though Cameroon responded with Vincent Aboubakar scoring twice in a 3-1 win over Libya.

Sudan's missed chance

Sudan lost control of Group B with David Sebit scoring in stoppage time to earn South Sudan a 1-1 draw.

It allowed both Congo and Senegal to take advantage, which they did with 2-0 wins over Mauritania and Togo, respectively.

Iran qualifies for 2026 World Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Tehran

Iran qualified for the 2026 World Cup after Mehdi Taremi scored twice in a 2-2 draw with Uzbekistan.

The Inter Milan striker scored his second goal in the 83rd minute on Tuesday, giving Iran the point it needed to qualify to a fourth straight appearance at the World Cup and a seventh overall.

The 48-team tournament will be hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico. Relations are tense between Iran and the United States.

President Donald Trump has linked the actions of Yemen's Houthi rebels to Iran, warning Tehran it would "suffer the consequences" for further attacks by the group.

Uzbekistan, three points behind Iran in Group A, would have qualified for the first time with a victory and twice took the lead at the Azadi Stadium.

Khojimat Erkinov struck after 16 minutes but Taremi put Iran back on level terms seven minutes into the second half by firing an unstoppable volley into the roof of the net from the edge of the area.

Immediately, Abbasbek Fayzullaev restored Uzbekistan's lead but, Taremi responded, this time from close range, to send Iran to the World Cup where it will attempt to progress past the group stages for the first time.

The top two from each of the three groups of six in Asia are guaranteed a place, while the teams that finish third and fourth will advance to a further stage to compete for two more places.

Third-placed United Arab Emirates defeated bottom team North Korea 2-1 to move four points behind Uzbekistan while Asian champion Qatar is out of the running for automatic qualification after a 3-1 loss in Kyrgyzstan.

Socceroos move closer to qualification Earlier, Australia took a big step toward securing a spot at tournament with a 2-0 win over China in Hangzhou that also ended the hosts' hopes of automatic qualification.

First-half goals from Jackson Irvine and Nishan Velupillay were enough for the Socceroos. Australia is second, three points clear of third-place Saudi Arabia, which drew 0-0 at already-qualified Japan. China has yet to return to the World Cup since its 2002 debut and remains bottom of the group, level on six points with Bahrain who lost 1-0 in Indonesia.

Saudi Arabia is still in the hunt for a seventh appearance after a battling goalless draw in Japan. The hosts dominated at Saitama Stadium but were unable to get the breakthrough.

South Korea drops points again

In Group B, South Korea stayed top but dropped two points for the second time inside a week, drawing 1-1 at home to Jordan.

South Korea needed just six minutes to take the lead through Lee Jae-sung.

Olympic venue plans in place for Brisbane 2032

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Brisbane

Ready. Set. Wait. It'll be another year or two before construction begins on the main Olympic stadium for the Brisbane 2032 Olympics.

And this is racing mode.

It's taken almost four years since the International Olympic Committee awarded the 2032 Summer Games to Brisbane to finalize a cohesive venue plan, and now the countdown is serious for the 7.1-billion Australian dollars (US\$4.4 billion) construction program.

"There's a lot of work to be done when you start spending billions of dollars on infrastructure and development," added Conry, who led the 100-day review of all venue options and reported back to the state government this month.

"We have over seven years, plenty of time to build a stadium. We'll have it ready in 2031 and for a period longer than is required for preparation for the Games," Conry joined Andrew Liveris, the president of the Brisbane 2032 organizing committee, in pitching the Olympic construction and legacy plan to the Infrastructure Association of Queensland on Wednesday, a day after

state Premier David Crisafulli unveiled the latest concepts. A new 60,000-seat stadium built in inner-city parkland, a sailing venue on the Whitsunday islands near the Great Barrier Reef and a crocodile-inhabited rowing venue in Rockhampton on Queensland's central coast are part of the program that Crisafulli launched with a theme that seemed universal among politicians and citizens: just get on with it.

Rather than shrink the scale, his government expanded it to cities and sites up and down the Queensland coast, factoring in international tourist destinations and relatively lesser-known regions. Some of them — the rowing for instance — may ultimately be rejected by international sports federations. But it's on the drawing board. The state government also aims to bring in private-sector funding for an indoor arena that will be outside the Olympic scope but could possibly become a venue for events in 2032.

Lionel Messi to visit India in October

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Football fans in India will have another glimpse of Lionel Messi and his Argentine team in an exhibition match in Kerala in October, 14 years after the World Cup-winning captain first visited the country.

In November last year, Kerala Sports Minister V Abdurahiman had announced the news of Argentina visiting the southern state and playing two friendly matches in Kochi.

On Wednesday, HSBC India became the official partner of the Argentine team to collaborate and promote football in India, and announced that the match will be held in October.

"Under this partnership,

the Argentine national football team, including legendary player Lionel Messi, will visit India for an international exhibition match in October 2025," a release from HSBC India said.

Singapore, covering the competitive season in 2025 ahead of the 2026 World Cup qualification final matches."

Messi's first visit to India was to play a World Cup qualifying round match against Venezuela in Kolkata in September 2011. Argentina won that match 1-0 at Salt Lake Stadium.

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