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Never spoke against people: Madhya Pradesh minister

Bhopal (Agency): Madhya Pradesh minister and BJP leader Prahlad Patel, who sparked a controversy by saying that people have developed a habit of begging from the government and this "army of beggars is not making society stronger", clarified Monday that he never spoke against the people. "I made this remark among my own community members, something I have been saying for years and will continue to say in the future," he said.

Ukraine, trade talks on table as Jaishankar visits UK today

Delhi (Agency): Days after UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer hosted an emergency meeting of European leaders in support of Ukraine and its President Volodymyr Zelenskyy — after the latter's public showdown with US President Donald Trump and Vice-President JD Vance at the White House — External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is headed to London to meet the British government's leadership, including Foreign Secretary David Lammy.

Rajasthan MLA faces privilege motion for 'tarnishing govt image'

Jaipur (Agency): A breach of privilege motion was moved against Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) MLA Subhash Garg in the Assembly on Monday. The motion, presented by the government chief whip and Jalore MLA Jogeshwar Garg, alleged that the facts and issues raised by Subhash Garg in his adjournment motion on February 24 were false and misleading. The chief whip stated that Subhash Garg's claims were a deliberate attempt to tarnish the government's image without any supporting evidence. He argued that such actions amounted to contempt of the House and constituted a privilege violation.

The distance between youth and industries will be reduced: Chief Minister Dr. Yadav

MoUs signed with international training agencies at GIS-Bhopal

Bhopal (Agency): Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has said that as a result of the Global Investors Summit-Bhopal Regional Industry Conclave and Road-Show, Madhya Pradesh has become an attractive center for investors. It has also become an ideal place to provide skilled manpower. The state government has made several strategic partnerships towards creating an industry-ready work force by linking industry and skill development. This will create direct and indirect employment opportunities for lakhs of youth. The Skill Department signed MoUs with several domestic and foreign agencies at GIS-Bhopal. These agencies will provide skill training in



advanced trades and methods keeping in mind modern technology. This will increase employment opportunities for local youth and investors will get skilled work force. 8 MoUs were signed by Sant Shiromani Ravidas Global Skill Park and Technical Education Department to increase skill development and employment opportunities of youth at GIS. Simulation-based training is being started in the green energy

sector in collaboration with Indo-German Green Skills (GIZ) and the company Schneider Electric. This will meet the demand for skilled youth in trades like electrician and solar technician. Similarly, the partnership of GIZ and Siemens India will provide industry-ready green skills to IT trainees. This will strengthen sustainable and inclusive vocational programs in the state. On-the-job training and

upskilling initiatives are being taken in collaboration with Scientec Technologies and Apnetime Tech Pvt. Ltd. This will help develop talent as per the requirements of the industry. This company will connect the youth of the state with potential employers through its digital recruitment platform, making the process of getting employment simple and comprehensive. Trainees of electrician trade in the government divisional

Green Skills for Industry-Ready IT Trainees

In collaboration with GIZ and Siemens India, work is being done towards equipping IT trainees in Madhya Pradesh with industry-relevant green skills, promoting gender inclusion and empowering work-readiness.

GIS Bhopal will give a new dimension to vocational training and employment opportunities

Multilateral collaboration to promote green skills and industry-ready work force in Madhya Pradesh As an effective result of GIS-Bhopal, collaborations have been established with various national and international organizations to promote skill development and employment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh. Many important partnerships have been materialized with the aim of strengthening industry-focused training programs and vocational education.

ITI of Gwalior will be trained and sponsored by Martandak Solar Energy Pvt. Ltd. This will establish a balance between technical education and industry demand. Unnati Foundation is providing employment-oriented online

courses, psychometric analysis and career guidance through the SWAYAM portal, which will increase the employability of the youth. To connect the youth of the state with global opportunities, training in

Simulation-based training in the green energy sector

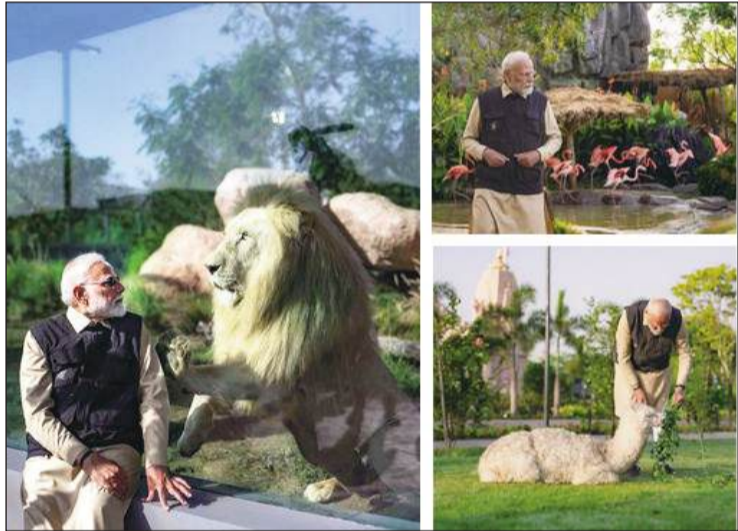
Indo-German Green Skills (GIZ) and the company Schneider Electric have signed an agreement with SSR Global Skill Park and Directorate of Skill Development to upgrade the quality of vocational training for electrician and solar technician trades in the state under the Simulation-Based Vocational Training for Green Energy Jobs (Green Skills) project.

PM Modi inaugurates animal rescue facility Vantara, calls it 'commendable effort'



Ahmedabad (Agency): Prime Minister Narendra Modi patted an Okapi, fed a recently orphaned one-horned Rhino calf, and witnessed an Asiatic Lion undergoing an MRI as he inaugurated Vantara — the wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and conservation centre established by the Reliance Industries and Reliance Foundation — in Jamnagar on Sunday, according to a press release issued by the RIL. Sharing a video and a few pictures in a post on X, the PM called the project a "commendable effort". A video shared by the company on Tuesday showed PM Modi feeding Lion cubs, an Okapi, Giraffes, Fish, Elephants and other species at Vantara — said to be home to more than 2,000 species and over 1.5 lakh rescued, endangered, and threatened animals from across the world. The video also stated that the project, spread over 3,500 acres, has the "world's largest cheetah conservation project". In his X post, Modi said, "Inaugurated Vantara, a unique

wildlife conservation, rescue and rehabilitation initiative, which provides a safe haven for animals while promoting ecological sustainability and wildlife welfare. I commend Anant Ambani and his entire team for this very compassionate effort. An effort like Vantara is truly commendable, a vibrant example of our centuries old ethos of protecting those we share our planet with." "PM patted an Okapi, came face to face with Chimpanzees in open who were got from a facility where they were kept as pets, hugged and lovingly played with Orangutan who were earlier kept in an overcrowded facility, saw up close a Hippopotamus which was under water, saw crocodiles, undertook a walk between Zebras, fed a Giraffe and a Rhino calf. The one-horned Rhino calf was orphaned as her mother died at the facility," said a statement from Reliance Industries Limited (RIL). Modi was accompanied by Reliance Industries chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani, his wife



Nita Ambani, and son Anant Ambani who was seen showing the PM around the facility in the video. The Central government recently conferred Vantara with the prestigious 'Prani Mitra' National Award, India's highest honour in animal welfare, under the 'Corporate' category, recognising the "exceptional contributions" of Radhe Krishna Temple Elephant Welfare Trust (RKTEWT), an organisation under Vantara dedicated to the rescue, treatment, and care of elephants. According to the statement from RIL, the PM visited the wildlife hospital where he played with and fed various species, including Asiatic Lion cubs, White Lion cub, Clouded Leopard cub, which is a rare and

endangered species, and a Caracal cub among others. "The White Lion cub, which was fed by PM Modi, was born at the Centre after his mother was rescued and brought to Vantara for care," the release said. Vantara breeds caracals, a now-rare breed of cat, in captivity for their preservation, the statement said, adding they are released in the wild later. "The PM visited the MRI room at the hospital and witnessed an Asiatic Lion undergoing an MRI. He also visited the Operation Theatre where a Leopard was going through a life-saving surgery after being hit by a car on the highway and brought here after rescue," it said.

India in Champions Trophy final

Defeated Australia by 4 wickets; Chase master Kohli scored 84 runs; Victory celebrated across the country

Dubai (Agency): Team India has made it to the final of the Champions Trophy by defeating Australia by 4 wickets. Chase master Virat Kohli became the Player of the Match in the semi-finals, who played a very important innings of 84 runs. In the semi-final played on Tuesday at the International Stadium in Dubai, Kohli made 3 big partnerships in the run chase. He added 91 runs with Shreyas Iyer, 44 with Axar Patel and 47 with KL Rahul. These partnerships made the run chase easy. In the end, Hardik Pandya scored 28 runs quickly and KL Rahul hit a six to give the victory. He returned unbeaten after scoring 42 runs. Australia batted first and gave a target of 265 runs. Captain Steve Smith scored 73 and Alex Carey scored 61 runs from Australia. Indian bowlers bowled out Australia. Mohammed Shami took 3 wickets, Ravindra Jadeja and Varun Chakraborty took 2 wickets each.

Supreme Court said - State governments failed to provide cheap treatment

New Delhi (Agency): The Supreme Court said on Tuesday, 'State governments have failed to provide affordable medical care and infrastructure. This is promoting private hospitals. The central government should make guidelines to stop this. In fact, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court, which said that in private hospitals, patients and their families are forced to buy

expensive medicines and medical equipment from the hospital pharmacy. Therefore, such hospitals should be reined in. The central and state governments should be ordered to stop this. A bench of Justice Suryakant and NK Singh heard this. The central government said in its reply that patients are not forced to buy medicines from the hospital pharmacy.

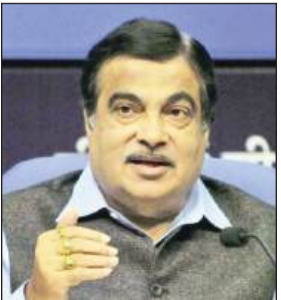


Free treatment for road accident victims from this month

Government will bear expenses up to ₹1.5 lakh, pilot project successful in 6 states including Haryana-Punjab

New Delhi (Agency): Road accident victims will get free treatment up to Rs 1.5 lakh from this month i.e. March 2025. This rule will also be mandatory for private hospitals. This system will be implemented across the country. NHAI will work as the nodal agency for this. According to the National Highway Authority (NHA) official, Section 162 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 has already been amended for the scheme. Before fully implementing this scheme, a pilot project was run in six states including Puducherry, Assam, Haryana and Punjab

in the last 5 months, which was successful. The NHAI officer said that as



soon as the police or any common citizen or institution takes the injured to the hospital, his treatment will start immediately. No fee will have to be deposited

for this. Whether the injured have family members with them or not, the hospital will take care of them. Both private and government hospitals will have to provide cashless treatment. Nitin Gadkari launched the cashless treatment scheme. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched the pilot project Cashless Treatment Scheme on 14 March 2024 to provide cashless treatment to road accident victims. After this, on 7 January 2025, Gadkari announced the official launch of the scheme across the country.

Nandan Kanan Express split into two parts

Coupling of S4 coach broke in Chandauli, UP, departed from DDU Junction after three hours

Mughalsarai (Chandauli), (Agency): Nandan Kanan Express train going from Anand Vihar to Puri split into two parts ahead of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay (PDDU) Junction in Chandauli, UP. The coupling of the train's sleeper coach S4 broke, due to which the train split into two parts. The incident took place in the yard about 6 km from PDDU Junction at 9.30 pm on Monday. As soon as the accident happened, there was chaos in the train. However, a major accident was averted due to the low speed of the train. The train was brought back

to PDDU Junction. After this, the coach with the broken coupling was cut and separated. Then the train was sent off at 12.30 pm. Let us tell you that Nandan Kanan Express reached PDDU Junction three hours late from its scheduled time of 06.25 pm. At 9:30 pm, the train left for Gaya from platform number one. During this time, the coupling of the train's sleeper coach number S4 broke. Due to this, six coaches including the engine moved forward while 15 coaches including the AC coach and guard bogie were left behind. As soon as the incident

happened, the guard informed the loco pilot. The pilot stopped the train. Both



parts of the train were brought back to platform number 7 and 8 of DDU Junction. Railway officials took immediate action and

separated the S4 coach from the train. All the passengers traveling in this coach were

seated in another coach. Tarabhadodas, who was traveling by train, said that as soon as the train left DDU Junction, the accident

happened about 15 minutes later. All the passengers panicked. The train stopped after going a little distance. Then the train was brought back. We sat for three hours. The speed of the train was low, so a big accident was averted. Otherwise a big accident could have happened. DDU Junction's station manager SK Singh said that the train left DDU Junction at night. It split into two parts after travelling 6 kilometres. The train was brought back to the junction and repaired. No passenger was harmed. The train was dispatched after three hours.

DM held meet with religious leaders and dignitaries of various communities

■ **Dy DMs asked to maintain peace system and in mixed population areas**
■ **Strict eye on anti-social elements including old controversies/people of record cases: DM**

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjana and Senior Superintendent of Police Somen Burma in view of the upcoming Holika Dahan and colorful Holi festival in a peaceful and cordial atmosphereIn the Collectorate Auditorium, a meeting of various religious gurus, distinguished citizens and concerned officials of all the police stations/tehsils of the district was met with the district level piece committee and appealed to the festival of Holi to be celebrated with mutual harmony and Ganga Jamuni Tehzeeb. In the meeting, one Holika site was reviewed in various places of the district

that all the accountants, Amin should stay in their respective areas so that the information about any situation can be known to the administration and police administration. He said that all the police station heads, Deputy District Magistrates and Jurisdiction down on the day of Holi, in view of the prayers of the people, in a peaceful manner Get the festival completed so that there is no untoward incident anywhere. He said that the traditional procession will be taken out in the traditional manner, new procession or no procession will be taken out without permission. In any procession, weapons will not be demonstrated by anyone, if it is found anywhere, strict action will be taken against it. DJ's sound intensified in processionThe sound should be played within the prescribed standard and not played any obscene songs in the DJ. The District Magistrate said that there should be a close watch on those who consume mischievous elements and drugs/alcohol, if the color of mutual harmony and

reconciliation is disturbed by someone in the color of Holi, which takes action with that power, no person should be forced to collect forcibly. District MagistrateHe

areaAnd in the municipality and rural areas, the District Panchayat Raj Officer should ensure cleanliness by taking special care on cleanliness. Instructions



DM Priyanka Niranjana and SSP Somen Burma addressing the meeting of Peace Committee in view of Holi festival

appealed to the religious leaders and dignitaries to consume the youth of their area not to consume drugs or do not let the festival of Holi spoil in any charge. The District Magistrate listened to the talk of the citizens who came from various police stations and directed the concerned officials for their solution. Instructed the officials of the Electricity Department to maintain continuous power supply and loose wires. Urban

were also given by Jal Nigam to maintain water supply. The District Magistrate, while directing the Chief Medical Officer, said that no doctor should give a leave to be posted at their health centers and necessary life-saving medicines also at all health centers. Provide Senior Superintendent of Police Somen Burma said that in the event of any dispute, not taking the law in their hands, immediately the concerned police station,

Provincial protest against electricity privatization enters 97th day: Sangharsh Samiti

Next agitation declaration during Sangharsh Samiti in Lucknow on March 8



Electrical engineers and employees protesting on the 97th day to protest against electricity privatization

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, On the call of the Electricity Employees Joint Conflict Committee, Uttar Pradesh, on the 97th consecutive day, electricity workers continued protests on all districts and projects.All the constituents of the Sangharsh Samiti have been convened in Lucknow on 08 March of central officials of labor associations/service organizations. The next program of conflict will be announced in this meeting. The officials of the Sangharsh Samiti said that the Power Corporation management should leave the insistence of privatization and run a program to improve the trust by the power workers. He said that in the end of November last, the Power Corporation Management By launching the melody of privatization, the energy corporations of the state have unnecessarily created an atmosphere of

industrial disturbance. He said that this atmosphere should end in the widespread interest of the state and consumers.The management should say that there will be no privatization and dedicated to one year improvement, then the electric workers will try day and night to show the AT & C losses below the national standard 15%. He said that the struggle committeeThis basic mantra is always reform and conflict. Struggling against privatization, the Electricity Employees Joint Conflict Committee, Uttar Pradesh has called for the power workers to show the record of maximum revenue collection in the month of March. Electricity workers should get involved in this campaign of improvement with conflict. He said that there is only corruption behind privatization. If the power corporation management is for its privatizationIf the

stubbornness remains stubbornly, the Electricity Employees' Joint Conflict Committee will inform the general public about all the corrupts behind it. For this, under the aegis of the National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers, four big rally will be organized in the state in the month of March, the date of which will be declared on March 08. Today Varanasi, Agra, Meerut, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Mirzapur, Azamgarh, Basti, Aligarh, Mathura, Etah, Protests held a protest meeting in Jhansi, Banda, Bareilly, Devipatan, Ayodhya, Sultanpur, Harduaganj, Paricha, Obra, Pipri and Anpara. In today's meeting, engineers Deepak Singh, Engineer Vineet Mishra, Anshu Kumar Pandey, Rajesh Kumar Gautam, Vinod Kumar, Ashutosh Bajpai etc. were present in front of the Chief Engineer Office.

MSDE Conducts Rashtriya Karmayogi Seva-Bhav Training

Staff Reporter
Varanasi: In a significant step towards strengthening governance through capacity building, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) successfully conducted a training session today under the Rashtriya Karmayogi Seva-Bhav Program of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC). This initiative is part of the government's broader Mission Karmayogi framework, which aims to enhance the effectiveness and responsiveness of public service by instilling a deep sense of service, accountability, and collaboration among government officials. During the session, Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said, "Skilling is not just about individuals - it's about empowering institutions, strengthening governance, and ensuring that every decision we take aligns with the larger goal of national development. This session reaffirmed our commitment to proactive leadership and transforming governance into a purpose-driven, people-first mission. I extend my gratitude to our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his vision of Mission Karmayogi, which is modernizing civil services and equipping officials with the right mindset and skills to drive India towards Viksit Bharat @2047." The National Karmayogi Seva-Bhav



Program is designed as a large-scale intervention that focuses on shaping mindsets rather than merely imparting skills. The objective is to reinforce the spirit of Seva-Bhav among government employees, ensuring that their everyday responsibilities are aligned with the larger goal of citizen welfare. Under Phase - I of this initiative, Shri Pritam Dutta, Director, MSDE, was trained as a Master Trainer by CBC. The training session held today at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi, was conducted under his leadership for nominated officers across the Ministry. Through a structured and interactive format, the session engaged participants in reflective discussions, experience-sharing, and problem-solving exercises. The training was structured into four modules, each lasting 1.5 hours, and emphasized a collaborative approach to governance. By focusing on the real-world challenges faced by officials, the program encouraged participants to develop solutions that enhance public service delivery, improve inter-departmental coordination, and strengthen citizen engagement.

A huge feast was organized at Bajrang Bali temple

Staff Reporter
Sumerpur. The munshi posted in the police station organized a huge feast in the Bajrangbali temple of Itra on the fulfillment of his wish. Hundreds of people including the station in-charge attended the feast and received prasad. Head clerk Ramraj posted in the police station organized a feast in the Bajrangbali temple of Itra on Tuesday on the fulfillment of his wish. Police station in-charge Anoop Singh along with the SI of the police station, constables etc. attended the feast and received prasad. On this occasion head Sundarlal Prajapati, BSP leader Ram Phool Nishad, Arun Prakash Tiwari, Krishnadev Pandey etc. were present.

The 52nd National Ramayana Fair concluded with a grand ceremony

Staff Reporter
Banda. The 52nd National Ramayana Fair concluded with a grand ceremony at the hands of Padma Vibhushit Tulsi Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Swami Rambhadracharya Maharaj. Bhajans were sung by Padma Vibhushan Bharti Bandhu of Raipur, and Kathak dancer Anupama Tripathi of Banda, director of Gurukulam Kathak Center, described the various forms of Krishna and the love of gopis for Krishna through her presentation. She started the presentation with a solo dance with Chaturanga, which included traditional Badishen and Bol Chhum Chhann Bajat Pajaniya. After this, under the direction of Anupama, the artists of Gurukulam showed through the Meera Bhaktinac dance drama



based on Meerabai that Lord Shri Krishna loves someone as a lover, someone as a child, someone as a warrior and someone as a recluse. Girdhar Gopal Sharma was overwhelmed by the wonderful peacock dance and Holi of flowers by the artists of Mathura. Dhediya dance was presented by the team of Sujata Kesari Prayagraj. On this occasion, the artists who performed in

the program were honored by the Culture Department by former MP Bhairon Prasad Mishra, Executive President of the Fair Prakashant Karvariya, General Secretary Karuna Shankar Divedi. Minister Pradyum Dubey Lalu and Joint Minister Manoj Garg Dwivedi, Ashutosh Pathak, Ram Pratap Shukla along with thousands of spectators were present.

In the important meeting of Congress after Holi, the work of taking the policies to the masses will be done



Staff Reporter
Banda. An important meeting of the district city officials was held in the District Congress Committee office, Station Road on Tuesday under the chairmanship of District President Pradumm Kumar Lalu Dubey Advocate. In which, after deep deliberation, it was decided to organize foot marches and Jai Bhim, Jai Babu, Jai Samvidhan programs at the tehsil block and booth level with the aim of taking the

policies of the Congress to the people after the Holi festival. Prominently present in this meeting were office minister Shivbali Singh, city Congress Committee President Afsana Shah, senior Congress leader Sankata Prasad Tripathi, General Secretary Satya Prakash Dwivedi Advocate, Dharendra Pandey, Dhiru Vice President, B Lal Treasurer, Ashok Vardhan Karna, KP Singh and a large number of Congress people.

BRIEFS Ekart joins forces with IKEA for home furnishings



Staff Reporter
Varanasi: Ekart, one of India's leading 4PL supply chain companies, has partnered with IKEA to power last-mile deliveries for its home furnishings business, enabling seamless doorstep fulfillment of orders placed on IKEA's website. As part of this collaboration, Ekart will play a crucial role in executing the optimized fulfillment of large parcels across IKEA's extensive catalog of over 7,000+ products, including furniture, home décor, and household essentials, across North India. Mani Bhushan, Chief Business Officer, Ekart, said, "This partnership is a testament to Ekart's ability to offer enterprise grade supply chain solutions to large retail brands. IKEA's vision is to create a better everyday life for many people, and Ekart is proud to be an enabler in this mission. For us, it has been about shared values of transparency and sustainability in the supply chain with an uncompromising commitment to customer delight and reliability. Through this collaboration, we will continue to unlock the world-class customer experience that IKEA is known for. IKEA satisfies its customers through a philosophy of close listening, engagement and support, and it matches well with Ekart's mantra of reliability, response, and resolution. We look forward to delighting customers with this partnership." Saiba Suri, Country Customer Fulfilment Manager, IKEA India, said, "EV-led deliveries are at the heart of our expansion in the north of India. This move also brings us closer to our global EV100 goals. We are glad to extend this partnership with Ekart in our new market and look forward to powering IKEA India's expansion story with greater efficiency and sustainable means as we grow together."

Film star Akshara Singh inaugurates Senco



Staff Reporter
Varanasi: Senco Gold and Diamonds, one of the largest jewelry retail chains in India proudly announces the grand opening of its second store in Varanasi at Bhelupur and 174th store in India.Spanning an impressive 4600 sq. Ft, this expansion marks a significant step in the brand's commitment of providing customers with exquisite jewelry and impeccable craftsmanship across the city. Adding glamour and excitement to the grand celebration, the new showroom at H.K. Das Shopping Plaza, Bhelupur, was inaugurated by renowned actress and Bhojpuri film star Akshara Singh. The newly opened store features an extensive collection, ranging from modern lightweight designs in the Everlite collection to timeless wedding classics like the Shagun and Gathbandhan collections, making it the perfect destination for every occasion. Commenting on the launch, Joita Sen, Director of Senco Gold & Diamonds said, "Varanasi holds a special place in our hearts, and we are delighted to expand our presence in this culturally rich city with our second store. At Senco Gold & Diamonds, we are committed to offering our customers exquisite craftsmanship, timeless designs, and an unparalleled shopping experience."

Ahraura-Dongia Dam Main Canal Committee meeting held

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, According to prior information, the meeting of Ahraura Dongia Dam Main Canal Committee was concluded at Ahraura Dam. Which was chaired by Kismet Kushwaha and Prahlad Singh Kisan. In the meeting, the Dongia Dam will be opened from today on the demand of farmers regarding the operation of canals. Man Canal from 05 March Dhuria Minor will be given water from Half Pansel and water will be provided through the Ahraura Dam to the Gadai system and Maintain Hussainpur beer through the Jehirao in Bhagwat Branch and Mughalsarai Rajwaha. There is no demand of farmers in Gadai River and Chowkia branch, so it will not get water. At the Ahraura Dam Main Gate, the work of soil filling is going on near Sulis because there are leakage there. meeting Prominent in Omprakash Under Engineer, Siddhnath Singh President Ahraura Dongia Dam Main Canal Committee, Prahlad Singh Kisan, Mukut Dhari Singh, Swami Dayal Singh, Parashuram Maurya, Amarnath Maurya, Ramji Bind East Head, Yogesh Singh, Sanjay Singh, Haisla Verma, Chaudhary Ramesh Singh, Ram Raj Bind, Ramnarsha, Ramnarsha, Ramnaraksha Singh, Vishnuksha Singh, Ramvriksha Singh, Ramvriksha Yadav, Mallu Yadav, Ramsringar Singh and farmers of the regionBe present.

BRIEFS

BSE shares fall due to SEBI's new proposal

Mumbai (Agency). SEBI has put pressure on Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) shares due to market risk. Apart from this, a global brokerage firm has reduced the target price of BSE by about 14 percent due to this proposal, due to which a big fall was seen in the shares. Currently, BSE's share is trading 3.47 percent down at Rs 4,473.05, while in intraday it fell by 5.14 percent to reach the level of Rs 4,395.70. The brokerage firm says that due to SEBI's proposal, the industry's options premium will come down to 0.4 to 0.3 compared to cash equity turnover. Due to this, it will be difficult for the market share of the average daily premium traded on index options contract to cross 30 percent. This figure was 22 percent in February. In such a situation, the brokerage firm believes that the activity of proprietary traders may decrease and its impact may be seen on BSE shares because about 70 percent of the average daily turnover of BSE comes from them.

Relevance of gold will increase in the coming years: Nageshwaran

New Delhi (Agency). Chief Economic Advisor V Anant Nageshwaran said that the relevance of gold as an asset class will increase in the coming years. He said at the IGPC – IIMA Annual Gold and Gold Market Conference 2025 that gold will remain relevant not only as a value, cultural and religious purposes, but also as an important portfolio diversification mechanism. He said that until the world is able to reach an international monetary system from the current international monetary non-system, the importance of gold as an asset class will remain. In the last three months, the value of gold has increased by more than \$ 200 an ounce or eight percent to \$ 2,860 an ounce. Nageshwaran also hoped that India will find ways to productively use the gold assets it has.

India will be at the forefront in the AI era: Piyush Goyal

Mumbai (Agency). Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that the strong policies of the Modi government will help entrepreneurs and innovators to take advantage of the new digital wave, making India at the forefront of the AI era. In his talk at Mumbai Tech Week 2025, the Union Minister said that I am confident that with the investments being made in the necessary infrastructure, capital and skill availability, Mumbai can become the tech hub of India. The Union Minister posted on X, Mumbai Tech Week 2025 had a wonderful conversation, where I got the opportunity to speak in detail about India's advantage in adopting AI and contributing to its ethical use. India is establishing a leadership position in the adoption of Artificial Intelligence.

Now, Sula Vineyards brings Indian wines for passengers aboard IndiGo's wide-body aircraft



New Delhi (Agency): Passengers flying on the Delhi-Bangkok-Delhi route aboard IndiGo's newly-launched wide-body aircraft can now enjoy Sula's wines, as Sula Vineyards has joined hands with low-cost Indian carrier as the official beverage partner. Starting March 1, this collaboration is a part of IndiGo's commitment to bringing Indian flavours to the global platform, said the airlines. According to as release by IndiGo, the initiative offers an elevated travel experience to its international passengers with its specially curated beverage selection that features Sula's signature Chenin Blanc and Red Zinfandel wines, both served in eco-friendly cans. Expressing his enthusiasm for the partnership, Rajeev Samant, CEO of Sula Vineyards, said: "This collaboration marks a significant milestone in bringing India's finest wines to a wider audience. We are proud to partner with IndiGo to introduce Sula in Cans aboard its widebody flights. With Sula Chenin Blanc and Sula Red Zinfandel, passengers will experience a thoughtfully crafted beverage that enhances their journey, elevating both quality and taste. This partnership reflects our shared commitment to promoting Indian excellence and making Sula wines a preferred choice for international travellers."

Top US official visit to India aims to operationalise cooperation in critical minerals, academic exchanges

New Delhi (Agency): At a time when India and the United States are stepping up the bilateral engagement on critical minerals, a top American official has visited India to operationalise cooperation between the two countries in advancing research in this sector. Dr Tom Lograsso, director of the Critical Materials Innovation Hub, visited Mumbai and Pune during February 24-28 to strengthen research and development (R&D) linkages between India and the US. The visit comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to Washington on February 13, where India and US launched the Transforming Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology

(TRUST) initiative, which aims to focus on the recovery and processing of critical minerals, including lithium and rare earth elements (REEs). In addition to the TRUST initiative, the visit also operationalised the Catalyzing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology (COMPACT) initiative, also launched during PM Modi's visit to the US. "Dr Lograsso's visit outlined a clear roadmap for future cooperation, which includes launching a bidirectional student exchange programme and a lab-to-lab agreement between Iowa State University, the Ames National Laboratory's Critical Materials Innovation

Hub and Indian institutions," a press release by the US Consulate General Mumbai said. "The visit also included high-level discussions with executives from some of India's leading conglomerates, establishing partnerships to develop and license technologies for more efficient production of critical mineral supply chains to boost prosperity and

security," the release added. The TRUST initiative followed India's induction into the US-led Minerals Security Finance Network in September last year. India joined the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP) in 2023. Unlike previous multilateral partnerships, however, the TRUST initiative will build on bilateral engagement. It also positions India and the



IPO pipeline faces uncertainty as market sentiment takes a big hit

Companies may potentially delay, shelve planned IPOs

Mumbai (Agency): The Initial Public Offering (IPO) market is bracing for a slowdown as 26 companies, which have the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) approval to raise over Rs 43,000 crore between April and December 2024, are yet to launch their offerings. The prolonged delay is attributed to the prevailing market volatility, characterised by weakening investor confidence due to concerns over tariff wars and lacklustre corporate earnings with incessant selling by foreign investors adding to the market woes. Experts warn that the domestic IPO activity is likely to be severely impacted by the current market sentiment, potentially delaying or even shelving these planned offerings. According to data obtained from Prime Database, 26 domestic companies received approval from the Sebi between April and

December 2024, and they are yet to hit the primary market. These companies are looking to raise Rs 42,390 crore. Typically, a company has 12 months to launch its IPO after receiving approval from the Sebi. "Companies that received approval from October onwards, which is when the sell-off started, till December 2024 are perhaps hoping that market conditions will improve for them to launch their IPO," said Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group. The domestic stock market has been on a downward spiral, with benchmark indices — Sensex and Nifty — plummeting 14.7 per cent and 15.6 per cent, respectively in the last five months. This fall in domestic equity benchmarks has primarily been led by a massive sell-off by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) who dumped Rs 2.12 lakh crore worth of equities

between October 2024 and February 2025. Some of the big IPOs that have received Sebi nod between October and December 2024 and yet to launch the offers are Schloss Bangalore Ltd (Rs 5,000 crore), Ather Energy Ltd (Rs 4,500 crore), Avanse Financial Services Ltd (Rs 3,500 crore), Manjushree Technopack Ltd (Rs 3,000 crore) and Ecom

Express Ltd (Rs 2,600 crore), as per Prime Database. "The IPO market always follows the secondary market with a lag, both on the way up and way down. When the secondary market starts picking up, we see IPO activity three to four months after that," he said. A few

companies that have received regulatory approval between April and September 2024 and still have valid approvals include Securities Depository Ltd (Rs 3,000 crore), S K Finance (Rs 2,200 crore), Kalpataru Ltd (Rs 1,590 crore),

Asirvad Micro Finance Ltd (Rs 1,500 crore) and Belstar Microfinance Ltd (Rs 1,300 crore). Haldea said the companies that had received the Sebi approval before September seem to have missed the window to launch an IPO. This would not be the first time companies have chosen not to launch their IPOs even after receiving regulatory approval. "Since 2019, 94 companies looking to raise roughly Rs 1.35 lakh crore, allowed their IPO approval to lapse. IPO is a once in a lifetime event for a company and when markets are volatile or bearish, companies prefer to let their approval lapse," Haldea noted. Despite a sharp

decline in markets, the number of companies filing for IPOs continues to remain high. In January 2025, 29 companies filed offer documents with the market regulator to raise an approximate amount of Rs 22,667 crore. This is almost double the number of companies that had filed for IPO fund raising in January 2024. In February 2025, 13 players applied to Sebi for IPO, compared to 9 in the same period of 2024. "In January, there were a record 29 filings. So the pipeline is getting even bigger. However, unless the market attains some stability, you would not see many IPO launches," Haldea said. In 2024, IPO fund raising surged to a record high, with 91 companies raising Rs 1.6 lakh crore. Even the number of small and medium enterprises (SME) IPO touched a high of 240 compared to 182 in 2023, according to Prime Database.

Trump's tariff war causes panic in markets across the world

Mumbai (Agency). Indian benchmark indices fell on Tuesday amid weak global cues, as auto and IT sectors witnessed selling in early trade. According to market experts, the uncertainty caused by US President Donald Trump's tariff war is increasing in global trade. They said, threats of 25 percent tariffs on Canada and Mexico and 20 percent tariffs on China (now additional 10 percent has been imposed) are turning into action. The response to these tariffs imposed by Trump is not yet known. In response to tariff hikes by the Trump administration, Canada will impose a 25 percent tariff on US imports worth 30 billion Canadian dollars in the coming 21 days. According to market experts, Nifty has followed by 22,600 and 22,800 levels. A breakdown below 22,000 could trigger selling pressure towards 21,800, while a recovery above 22,500 could trigger a relief rally. The index is still in a bearish zone and needs a decisive breakout for a trend reversal. Meanwhile, Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech, Nestle India, Infosys, Tata Steel, M&M and Titan were the top losers in the Sensex pack. Whereas, only ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and SBI were the top gainers. In the previous trading session in the US markets, the Dow Jones closed at 43,191.24, down 1.48 per cent. The S&P 500 index closed at 5,849.72, down 1.76 per cent, and the Nasdaq closed at 18,350.19, down 2.64 per cent. In the Asian markets, only Bangkok was trading in the green. China, Japan, Seoul, Jakarta and Hong Kong were trading in the red. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continued their selling spree for the eighth consecutive day as they sold shares worth Rs 4,788.29 crore on March 3. However, domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought shares worth Rs 8,790.70 crore on the same day.

India's GDP growth may remain at 6.5 percent in 2025-26

New Delhi (Agency). India's GDP growth rate may remain at 6.5 percent in the financial year 2025-26. Also, the monsoon season will also be normal, due to which commodity prices are expected to remain soft. The report expects private consumption to improve. However, investment growth will depend on private capital expenditure. The report said that private consumption is expected to improve further due to improvement in agricultural production and expected reduction in food inflation. Softening of food inflation will create space for discretionary spending in the domestic budget. The report said that the increased income tax exemption in the Union Budget 2025-26 will boost for 2024-25 is projected at 6.5 per cent, lower than the previous fiscal's GDP growth rate of 9.2 per cent. However, the growth rate remains close to the pre-pandemic decade average of 6.6 per cent between FY11 and 2020 and will help India retain its tag of the fastest-growing large economy. Gross domestic product (GDP) growth is expected to rise to 7.6 per cent in the fourth quarter, taking the GDP growth in the current fiscal to 6.5 per cent. GDP growth in the third quarter of the current fiscal has risen to 6.2 per cent, higher than the second quarter GDP growth rate of 5.6 per cent.

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Number of women seeking retail credit nearly trebles in five years



Mumbai (Agency): A significant surge in women seeking credit has been reported in the financial system, with a threefold increase in credit demand from women borrowers between 2019 and 2024. The number of women borrowers availing retail credit in India has increased at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 22 per cent in the last five years ended 2024, according to a report. This growth reflects a significant shift in financial behaviour, with women increasingly leveraging credit to meet personal and professional goals. Significantly, around 60 per cent of women borrowers who availed credit are from semi-urban or rural areas, the report released by TransUnion Cibil and NITI Aayog said. Women's share in business loans and gold loans has increased by 14 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively, since 2019. Interestingly, women under 30 account for only 27 per cent of retail credit uptake, compared to 40 per cent for men in the same age group. The number of women opening business loan accounts has grown fourfold over the past six years. By 2024, 42 per cent of loans availed by women were for personal finance, a slight increase from 39 per cent in 2019. While credit supply to women in business sectors has improved, the majority of loans availed by women continue to be against gold. In 2024, 36 per cent of all loans availed by women were gold loans, up from 19 per cent in 2019. The report, jointly published by TransUnion CIBIL, Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) of NITI Aayog, and MicroSave Consulting (MSC), highlights the notable growth in women's participation in credit origination. Credit for financing business purpose (business loans, commercial vehicle & commercial equipment loans, loans against property) witnessed about 37 lakh new loan accounts opened by women, with disbursement totalling Rs 1.9 lakh crore. While the number of accounts opened for business purpose has grown 4.6 times since 2019, these loans constitute only 3 per cent of overall loans availed by women borrower in 2024, the report said. Credit for personal finance needs (personal loans, consumer durable loans, home ownership, vehicle loans) continues to be a major share of loans availed by women. As many as 4.3 crore such loans of value Rs 4.8 lakh crore were opened. These accounted for 42 per cent of all loans availed by women in 2024, according to the report.

EDITORIAL

Yogi's rise

The recently concluded Maha Kumbh has not only reinforced Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's political dominance in the state but has also positioned him as a key contender in any post-Narendra Modi succession debate. As the massive gathering of devotees unfolded, it became clear that the event was being shaped into a grand spectacle of religious and administrative prowess ~ one that placed Mr Adityanath firmly at the centre of the BJP's future. The scale of the Maha Kum – bh, with its staggering claim of 66 crore attendees, provid – ed the UP CM with an unparalleled stage to solidify his image as a leader deeply embedded in Hindu religious sentiment. Unlike past Kumbh Melas, which were largely seen as spiritual gatherings, this edition bore the unmistakable imprint of a political project aimed at reinforcing the chief minister's brand. His near-daily presence ensured that devotees associated the seamless administration of the event with



his leadership, bolstering his image as a decisive ruler. This development is significant because it marks a departure from the BJP's traditional leadership dynamics. While the party has long

been defined by Mr Modi's towering presence, the question of succession will gather relevance in coming years. Mr Adityanath's growing stature makes him an inevitable factor in this conversation, particularly when contrasted with other potential contenders. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, often seen as Mr Modi's most trusted lieutenant, remains powerful within the party's organisational framework. However, his influence is largely derived from his proximity to Mr Modi rather than an independent mass base.

Unlike Mr Modi, who built his career as the unchallenged leader of Gujarat before stepping onto the national stage, Mr Shah does not command a state of his own. This distinction is crucial, as the BJP's rise has in recent times been driven by leaders who have proven their mettle through state-level governance before making the national leap. Mr Adit – yanath, on the other hand, has cultivated a personal following that extends beyond party structures. His aggr e – ssive governance style, emphasis on law and order and staunch Hindutva positioning, have made him a rallying figure for a section of the BJP's base. More importantly, his control over Uttar Pradesh – the state that sends the highest number of MPs to Parliament – gives him strategic leverage. While the Modi-Shah duo remains the fulcrum of the BJP's national leadership today, the emergence of a leader with an independent power base within the party could signal friction ahead. Mr Adityanath's rise suggests that the post-Modi BJP may not be as straightforward as a handover to a central leader. Instead, it could evolve into a contest where state-level heavyweights begin asserting their influence, challenging the centralized command structure that has defined the party in recent years. The Maha Kumbh was not just a religious event ~ it was a political moment that reinforced this shift. Whether Mr Adityanath's ascent is fully embraced by the BJP's national leadership or leads to internal power struggles remains to be seen. What is certain, however, is that Mr Adityanath is now a formidable player in the BJP's national future.

Starmer's Test

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's visit to Washington was important for transatlantic diplomacy. It was his first official engagement with President Donald Trump, a leader known for his forceful style and unpredictable rhetoric. The meeting highlighted the delicate balancing act Mr Starmer must perform ~ asserting British interests while navigating Mr Trump's transactional approach to international relations. One of the most striking moments came when Mr Starmer handed Mr Trump a letter from King Charles III, inviting him for a second UK state visit. The gesture was diplomatically as tute, signaling Britain's intent to maintain strong ties with Washington regardless of political shifts. It was also a pragmatic move, appealing to Mr Trump's appreciation for personal recognition and grandeur. In an era where soft diplomacy can be just as impactful as policy discussions, this invitation set the tone for a more cordial engagement. However, the meeting also underscored Mr Trump's characteristic dominance in diplomatic settings. He took control of the conversation, setting the agenda and choosing which reporters would ask questions. Mr Starmer, despite his composed demeanor, found himself adjusting to Mr Trump's style rather than leading the discourse. This dynamic is unsurprising, given Mr Trump's preference for positioning himself as the central figure in any interaction.

Yet, Mr Starmer's willingness to engage and his ability to push forward key UK concerns ~ particularly on trade and security – showcased his diplomatic resilie – nce. Trade was a focal point, with Mr Starmer attempting to secure assurances that the UK would not face new tariffs under Mr Trump's administration. Mr Trump ackno – w ledged Mr Starmer as a "tough negotiator" but stopped short of concrete commitments, merely suggesting that a trade deal was possible. This reflects the broader uncertainty surrounding US-UK economic relations. While Mr Trump thrives on deal-making rhetoric, his unpredictability makes long-term agreements difficult to pin down. Mr Starmer will need to continue pressing for commitments to protect British economic interests. Beyond trade, the discussion touched on the UK's negotiations over the Chagos Islands, where the US maintains a key military base. Mr Trump signaled a willingness to support the UK's agreement with Mauritius, a potential shift from Republican opposition. While this may seem like a minor diplomatic win, it highlights the broader geopolitical considerations Britain must navigate under an America-first administration. Mr Starmer faced a challenge when the issue of free speech arose. US Vice President J.D. Vance had recently criticized the UK and Europe for allegedly curbing speech freedoms. Mr Starmer responded firmly, defending Britain's long history of upholding free expression. His direct rebuttal was a rare moment where he seized control of the conversation, underscoring his ability to push back when necessary. In the end, Mr Starmer's visit was less about securing deals and more about laying the groundwork for future engagement. His challenge will be to assert Britain's interests without being overshadowed by Mr Trump's forceful diplomacy.

Dis/Agree: There's money in sports now, players need to plan their futures

Ramvilas Sharma



“ Things have changed since Gopichand and I played. Sporting Federations, corporates must do more. And players need to plan for their futures

Both Pullela Gopichand and I played sports in times when there was no money in the field. So, I would like to understand the context of his statement that middle-class parents shouldn't encourage sports as a career option. It's a bit too harsh because things have definitely improved for sportspersons. But first, let's address some of the points Gopichand has raised. In the past, we at the Western Railways were flooded with applications from athletes. Now, it's rare for women cricketers to even apply for a Railways job. The best of them have central contracts and receive match fees. When we played, we had to depend on PSUs for financial security. Railways was the only place that offered permanent jobs even after one's playing days, unlike contractual jobs with Air India or the Tatas. Now, I don't think players are adequately planning for their future. Even a stellar international career is not long — from five years to 20, the latter in the rarest of cases. Will money earned during this period suffice for the rest of one's life? It is true that our country does not have a sports mindset. When athletes win glory, they are raised up like royalty. And they are brought down and forgotten just as easily. Some of the points made by Gopichand have resonance. Having been both a player and recruited athletes as a Sports Officer, I can say there's truth in non-sports managers in Railways wanting a full staff, and not wanting athletes who "run away" (according to them) for half a day, for practice. That's why we approached the Railways Board and got 330 plus days of paid leave approved for athletes to focus

on training. However, after their sporting career is over, there are a few instances of athletes taking departmental exams and rising to the gazetted officer level and up to Deputy rank. Some athletes may not want to rise above the clerical level. Perhaps because gazetted officers have transferable jobs and sometimes, they don't want to take on the responsibility. They prefer remaining stagnant and are satisfied in the 9 to 6 job. But, be it Mithali Raj or P T Usha, hockey players, and Sanjay Bangar and Murali Karthik — they have all risen and are free to work in sport. It's up to the individual's ambition, but the Railways is still your safest bet. Of course, we have to fight our battles. A majority of officers might not care about sports. The same officer who may ask you for an India vs Pakistan match pass can say refuse permission for training the next morning. We are a jealous country, and the fact that sportspersons enter jobs at a relatively high grade, and get leaves and out-of-turn promotions, is definitely a source of aggravation. I've often heard "Arre tum log ko easily promotion mil jaata hai. Thoda bohot khel gaye aur afsar ban gaye." Many don't understand the effort we put on the field or in a gym. They think we get paid despite not coming to the office. There will be some managers whose cabins you will not be allowed to enter, but if you perform at the job, most doors open. I could walk into my GM's cabin anytime. Some reach the Sports Officer's post but don't know the ABC of administration. They can be taken for a ride and get browbeaten by seniors. There are training institutes to bring

you up to speed. We even appointed sports squads so that TCs who work only half the day, can complete their "collection targets". Departments are supportive and I always say, "If you perform, we will fight for you." But you have to make an effort to fit into the groove. Having said that, the mentality of people and government in India has to change for sport. It can't just be about the Olympics. You win a medal and get praised and flooded with money. And everything is forgotten for the next three years. Let's respect the culture of sports. We have a 15-20 page sports policy at the Railways, which looks at recruitment, leave policy and facilities. It is the duty of federations to enable their athletes to get jobs and provide a supportive environment in which to train. It can't just be the responsibility of the PSUs. But federations have to play their part. The Mumbai Cricket Association ensured corporate teams linked up with cricketers. It will be tougher for other sports but federations should try and go beyond sponsorships and ensure jobs for the athletes. Corporates need to start chipping in. Though, unlike Railways and PSUs, I don't see them giving 300 days leave. But that's what Railways did to support entire teams. Corporates can surely pick small batches in individual sports. If the government mandates a corporation should look after athletes in Game A, B or C, and do everything to take them to the pinnacle of medals and World Cups and look after them after their careers are over, it isn't impossible. If you have the will, a way will be found.

European countries gave 40000 crore rupees aid to Ukraine



US President Donald Trump is a topic of discussion in the whole country and the world these days. The way Trump is working to fulfill his business objective while ignoring the policies of America and European countries, anger is being seen against Trump in the countries of America and Europe. Its widespread effect has started to be seen among the states of America and European countries. The way Trump has behaved with the President of Ukraine was not liked by Europe and NATO countries. After Zelensky returned to London from America, representatives of 27 countries attended a meeting in Britain in support of Ukraine. All the countries together announced to give immediate aid of Rs 40000 crore to Ukraine to help the war-torn Ukraine. After the sanctions in Europe and NATO countries, about Rs 40000 crore of Russia was deposited with European countries. The countries of Europe decided to immediately give that money to Ukraine as help. This can be considered a historic decision. Europe had to take such a decision for its security. The way US President Donald Trump was imposing one-sided conditions on Ukraine to stop the war between Russia and Ukraine, and was not involving NATO countries in the peace talks, has received a strong reaction in the international world. European countries want that European countries should also be included in peace efforts along with America. 24 leaders of 44 European countries personally participated in the London Summit. Which confirms this. They oppose the hooliganism being done by preparing a peace proposal for the peace that US President Trump is trying to establish between Russia and Ukraine. The Prime Minister of Poland even said that we cannot leave 50 crore European citizens at the mercy of America. 14 crore Russians cannot force 50 crore European citizens. 44 European countries have unanimously passed the proposal. They will not surrender to Russia and America. They are capable of fighting their own battle. In European countries, there is more anger against the current US President Donald Trump than against Russia. America is reneging on the agreement that was made with Ukraine and NATO countries. Due to which now the countries of Europe have united and stood with Ukraine. After the incident that is being seen at the global level, it can only be said that if US President Donald Trump does not hold talks with Europe and NATO countries soon, then America can be completely isolated. Due to the kind of decisions that US President Donald Trump has taken in the last two months, rebellion against Donald Trump has started in the states of America as well. Protests have started in America against Elon Musk. Agitations have also started against Vice President Benes. In such a situation, Donald Trump's political and administrative position is getting weak in America. This consensus is being formed in America, Donald Trump is fulfilling the business agenda along with his friend Elon Musk. Due to which American interests are being harmed. The way Trump has started promoting crypto currency. They have issued their own crypto currency. Due to which the US dollar is being questioned the most. Countries around the world are looking for an alternative to the dollar. In such a situation, problems are going to increase for America and Donald Trump in the coming times. This is all that can be said.

Blue Economy vision and ecological responsibility

Ramvilas Sharma

India's ambitious Blue Economy vision is reshaping the way the country engages with its vast marine resources. At the heart of this transformation is Kerala, with the Quilon Fish Bank emerging as a crucial player in sustainable fisheries. However, recent concerns over large scale dredging, resource extraction, and the long-term impact on marine biodiversity have raised important questions about balancing economic growth with ecological stability. The Quilon Fish Bank, known for its rich biodiversity and high productivity, is among India's most significant fishing grounds. Spread across Kollam and Alappuzha districts, this region is a vital breeding ground for numerous fish species and shrimp. Kerala's fisherfolk have long depended on these waters for their livelihood, making sustainable fisheries management crucial for the state's economy and food security. However, recent developments, such as the planned dredging of 242 square kilometers of the seabed in Kollam, have sparked widespread concern. Reports indicate that India's Geological Survey has identified 7.45 billion tonnes of sand in Kerala's coastal and offshore areas. While the government sees this as an opportunity for economic development, local communities fear it may lead to habitat destruction, loss of fish stocks, and increased coastal erosion. The controversial dredging project is part of a larger Blue Economy initiative aimed at tapping into the ocean's resources for economic growth. While this approach has potential, questions remain about its long-term sustainability and impact on Kerala's delicate marine ecosystem. The Blue Economy concept emphasizes responsible and sustainable use of marine resources to drive economic progress. India, with its vast coastline and rich maritime heritage, has identified the Blue Economy as a critical driver of growth in the 21st century. The government's policy framework seeks to integrate economic growth with environmental conservation. While large-scale resource ex-

traction, such as sand mining and deep-sea fishing, forms part of this vision, efforts are also being made to minimize ecological disruption. Scientific research, eco-friendly technologies, and strict regulations are being implemented to ensure sustainability. One of the key objectives of India's Blue Economy plan is to modernize the fisheries sector. Investments in advanced fishing infrastructure, cold storage facilities, and alternative livelihood programmes, such as seaweed farming and mariculture, are providing fishermen with new income opportunities. These initiatives aim to reduce dependence on over-fished species and promote a more balanced marine ecosystem. Despite the promising aspects of the Blue Economy, concerns remain about its impact on marine biodiversity. The Quilon Fish Bank is a prime example of this dilemma. Dredging and sand mining, while economically lucrative, have the potential to disrupt fish breeding cycles, alter ocean currents, and increase vulnerability to coastal erosion. The fragile balance of Kerala's coastal ecosystem is already under stress due to climate change and unregulated fishing practices. Further extraction of marine resources could push it to a tipping point, endangering not just marine species but also the livelihoods of thousands of fishing families. Experts warn that Kerala's geographical location – between the Arabian Sea and the Western Ghats – makes it particularly vulnerable to environmental degradation. To address these concerns, the government has been expanding Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to safeguard critical habitats. These conservation zones play a vital role in replenishing fish stocks and maintaining biodiversity. Additionally, advanced monitoring systems are being introduced to track fish migration patterns and regulate fishing activities, ensuring long-term marine health. India's approach to the Blue Economy is also being shaped by global collaborations. By align-

ing with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 14 on ocean conservation, India is reinforcing its commitment to responsible marine resource management. Countries like Norway, Japan, and Australia have successfully implemented sustainable fisheries policies that balance economic interests with conservation. Learning from these models can help India refine its own Blue Economy strategy. Kerala's government has also taken steps to enhance coastal resilience. Large-scale coastal protection projects, such as artificial reefs and mangrove restoration, are being undertaken to mitigate the impact of erosion and habitat loss. However, these efforts need stronger support from the Central government to ensure long-term effectiveness. The future of the Quilon Fish Bank and Kerala's fisheries sector hinges on finding a middle ground between economic growth and environmental sustainability. While resource extraction and development projects are necessary for progress, they must be undertaken with strict environmental safeguards. A multistakeholder approach involving the government, local fishing communities, environmentalists, and global experts is essential. Policymakers must prioritize scientific research and ecological impact assessments before approving large scale marine projects. Empowering local communities with alternative livelihood options, enhancing conservation efforts, and enforcing stricter regulations on resource extraction can help ensure a sustainable future for Kerala's fisheries. India's Blue Economy vision holds immense promise, but its success will ultimately depend on how well it balances development with ecological responsibility. With continued investment in research, conservation, and community welfare, the Quilon Fish Bank can serve as a model for sustainable fisheries, ensuring that Kerala's fisherfolk have a bright and resilient future in India's evolving maritime economy.

BRIEFS

Uttar Pradesh woman hanged in UAE

Dubai (Agency). Shahzadi Khan, a woman from Banda in Uttar Pradesh, was hanged in the UAE on February 15. The Ministry of External Affairs informed the Delhi High Court about this on Monday. Shahzadi was accused of killing a 4-month-old child. She was in a Dubai jail for 2 years. The court had sentenced her to death 4 months ago. Shahzadi's father had knocked the door of the Delhi High Court two days ago, seeking intervention from the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. Shahzadi was a resident of Goyra Mugli village in Mataundh police station area of Banda. Before going to Dubai, Shahzadi used to work in a social organization Roti Bank. Her face was burnt on one side in childhood. In the year 2021, she came in contact with Uzair, a resident of Agra, through Facebook. Uzair trapped Shahzadi in his trap by lying. Uzair called the princess to Agra to get her face fixed. After this, in the name of getting her treated, he sold her to a couple Faiz and Nadia living in Dubai in November 2021.

Indian shot dead

Amman (Agency). An Indian citizen was shot dead by Jordanian soldiers on the Israel-Jordan border. The deceased is Annie Thomas Gabriel (47), a resident of Thumba in Kerala. The Indian Embassy in Jordan confirmed the incident and informed Gabriel's family. The embassy said that they are trying to bring Gabriel's body. Gabriel's family said that they received an email from the embassy on March 1. Gabriel went to Jordan on February 5 with 4 people including his relative. His relative talked to the media about this incident. The relative said - Gabriel was caught by Jordanian soldiers while crossing the Israel border. When the language was not understood, the soldiers opened fire.

Iran's Parliament sacked Finance Minister Abdul from his post

Tehran (Agency). Iran's Parliament passed an impeachment motion against Finance Minister Abdul Nasir Himmati and sacked him. This decision came after rapidly rising inflation in Iran and a sharp fall in the value of the Rial. Iran's President Masoud Pazshkian also defended his Finance Minister during the impeachment proceedings in Parliament. During this, 182 out of a total of 273 MPs of the Parliament were present. Iran's economy has been facing a crisis for a long time. On Sunday, the price of Rial in Chor Bazar was at the level of 9 lakh 20 thousand against every US dollar. Last year in mid-2024, it was at the level of 6 lakhs. Iran's President Masood Pazshkian took power in July last year with the aim of reviving the economy and ending sanctions from some western countries. But even after this, the price of Rial continued to fall and after Bashar al-Assad lost power in Iran-backed Syria in December, its condition has been getting worse day by day. Iran's economy, which is facing sanctions from many countries led by the US, has been facing constant crises. After the US withdrew from the nuclear deal in 2018, this situation has gone from bad to worse.

Where Ukraine’s borders stand after 3 years of Russian invasion

New Delhi (Agency): Upending the global order, US President Donald Trump has cosied up to his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in recent days while berating the embattled Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. After a public spat last week, Trump claimed that Zelenskyy was “not ready for peace”. On February 12, Trump sent shockwaves throughout Europe, declaring that he had spoken to Putin and was ready to begin peace negotiations. The second blow came shortly after when the US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth told the Ukraine Defense Contact Group in Brussels to recognise that “returning to Ukraine’s pre-2014 borders” was “unrealistic”.

Critics argue that with such statements, the US had weakened Ukraine’s bargaining position. According to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), Russia controlled around 20 per cent of Ukrainian territory as of February 21, 2025. These include territories in the south and east, Crimea (which was captured in 2014) and some ground north of Kharkiv. Ukraine declared independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. It shares its borders with Russia in the east, Belarus in the north, and Poland, Slovakia, Hungary,

Romania and Moldova in the west. To its south, lies the Black Sea. Russia has set eyes on dominating the Black Sea, essentially making Ukraine a land-locked country, and denting its trade logistics. Gaining control of the Black Sea not only plays



into the expansionist mindset of the Kremlin but also gives Russia easier access to European markets. To that effect, Russia annexed Crimea, a southern peninsular region in the Black Sea, in February 2014. Months later, pro-Russian separatist forces also took control of parts of Donetsk and Luhansk in the eastern Ukrainian region of Donbas. Since then, the region

has witnessed continued fighting between Russian-backed separatists and Ukrainian forces. On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a “special military operation” in Ukraine, advancing into key territories from the south and east. Despite several

reverse Russian advances in Kherson and Kharkiv swiftly. It also launched a counteroffensive in Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk in June 2023.

In August 2024, Ukraine launched a surprise incursion into Russia’s Kursk Oblast. However,

fighting to the north of Kharkiv, which ISW has termed as “subordinate main effort” on Russia’s part.

Ukraine, too, maintained its control over parts of the Kursk Oblast. On February 11, Zelenskyy told The Guardian that they would offer to “swap one territory for another” with Russia. However, he did not know which part of Russian-occupied land could Ukraine ask for in return for parts of Kursk. “All our territories are important, there is no priority,” Zelenskyy said.

On Monday, Zelenskyy said that a deal to end the war “is still very, very far away”. Trump called it the “worst statement that could have been made by Zelenskyy”. “This guy doesn’t want there to be Peace as long as he has America’s backing,” Trump posted on Truth Social.

“America will not put up with it for much longer,” he added. Shortly after, the White House announced that the US had halted all military aid to Ukraine to assess if “it is contributing to a solution”.

“The President has been clear that he is focused on peace. We need our partners to be committed to that goal as well,” an official said. It remains to be seen how the move will impact Ukraine’s defence.

Pope's health improves, ventilator removed, but danger remains



Vatican (Agency). Pope Francis, who has been ill for a long time, is currently stable and no longer needs any kind of ventilation. This is a sign that he has successfully overcome the shortness of breath he faced on Friday and his lung condition is improving. However, doctors believe that the danger is not completely over yet. The Pope is currently recovering from a double attack of pneumonia. According to the information, the Pope is still on high-flow oxygen support, but the concern about his health after the attack of severe cough on Friday has now subsided to some extent. Doctors told about his health on Sunday that he is stable, but still not completely out of danger. Due to the Pope's illness, prayers and wishes are being offered for him from all over the world. At present, the Holy Year is being celebrated in the Vatican, due to which a large number of devotees are coming to Rome. Pope Francis has been admitted to Rome's Gemelli Hospital since February 14.

Why are 50 crore Europeans pleading to 30 crore Americans

Varsav (Agency). Ukraine's neighboring country Poland's PM Donald Tusk has said that it is a paradox that 50 crore Europeans are pleading to 30 crore Americans to protect them from 14 crore Russians. He described Washington's position on the Ukraine war as a dilemma and said that we need to overcome this dilemma. Let us tell you that after the meeting between US President Trump and Ukrainian President Zelensky at the White House, Poland's PM Tusk gave a statement in support of Ukraine. Then he tweeted that dear Zelensky, dear Ukrainian friends, you are not alone. This

meeting between Trump, his deputy JD Vance and Zelensky went beyond diplomatic limits. During this, Trump and JD had a heated debate with Zelensky. This debate became so bitter that Trump asked the Ukrainian President to leave the White House. Not only this, the US President also canceled the dinner organized in honor of the Ukrainian head of state.

Let us tell you that since the attack on Ukraine by Russia in 2022, Poland has been a major ally of Ukraine, which has provided extensive military assistance including tanks, heavy equipment and ammunition. According to the



former Ukrainian ambassador to Poland, Warsaw has given 45 military aid packages to Kiev since 2022, totaling more than \$ 4 billion. Among NATO member countries, Poland spends the

highest share (4.7 percent) of its gross domestic product (GDP) on defense. The statement of the Prime Minister of Poland has come after the failure of talks between

US President Trump and Ukrainian President Zelensky at the White House. Poland Donald Tusk said that Poland should adopt additional insurance policies as a way to strengthen its national and European defense capabilities. Tusk said that Europe should take more responsibility for the security of the continent. Donald Tusk said that it is a paradox, how it sounds, 500 million Europeans ask 300 million Americans to protect them from 140 million Russians. If you know how to count, then trust yourself. The Polish PM stressed that Europe currently suffers from a lack of imagination and courage.

He told that the army of European countries with Ukraine has 2.6 million soldiers, while the US has 1.3 million, China has 2 million and Russia has 1.1 million soldiers. Tusk said that Europe has an edge over everyone. He said that the same thing applies to fighter planes. Europe with Ukraine has 2,091, the US has 1,456, China has 1,409 and Russia has 1,224 fighter planes. It is worth noting that after the failure of the talks between Zelensky and Trump in Washington, NATO countries have gathered in London to consider the Ukraine war. Here, Poland's Donald Tusk said that Europe has woken up.

Black bear kept illegally in Pakistan freed

Islamabad (Agency). A black bear illegally kept in eastern Pakistan has been freed and brought to Islamabad for treatment, an animal welfare organisation said. The seven-year-old bear was illegally kept in Punjab province. Local authorities intervened to move the bear to a safe place. Veterinarian Dr Aamir Khalil said, "We were successful in opening and cutting its chain and nose ring. Though its condition is fine, it has a fractured jaw and is missing teeth." Khalil said bear fighting is illegal in Pakistan but it is still practiced in some parts of the country.



In London, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gehr, European Commission President Ursula Vanderleon, European Council President Antonio Costa, French President Emmanuel Macron, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and leaders of other European countries were seen together.

Japan is facing an existential crisis, birth rate continues to decline

Tokyo (Agency). Japan is facing an existential crisis today due to falling birth rate. Japan, famous all over the world for its advanced technology and science, is witnessing a steady decline in the birth rate, due to which the population of Japan may reach the brink of extinction in future. According to the recently released government data, the number of children born in Japan in 2024 was only 7,20,988, which is five percent less than in 2023. In contrast, 16,18,684 deaths were recorded in the country in 2024, which is double the birth rate. Population experts say that if



this trend continues, only one child will be born in Japan by 2720. Researchers have warned that if concrete steps are not taken in time, Japan could become the

first country in the world whose population will be completely wiped out.

Japan's population peaked at 128.1 million in 2008, but since

then it has declined by about 5 million. It is estimated that the population will fall below 100 million by 2048 and to 87 million by 2060.

According to experts, there are several reasons behind the declining birth rate in Japan.

The main reasons are fewer marriages, economic instability, women's employment status and traditional gender roles in society. Births outside of marriage are very rare in Japan, while men are expected to be financially stable. Many young Japanese are unable to marry due to job instability, which is affecting the birth rate.

Puppy ate 24 socks, had to undergo surgery



Washington (Agency). Have you ever heard of an animal eating some socks and having to undergo surgery to save it? Something similar happened with a cute puppy who ate not one but 24 socks. This incident is from California, USA. The Corona Animal Emergency Center here gave information about this in its post on social media. It was told that a 7-month-old Bernese Mountain dog named Luna had swallowed not one but 24 socks of her owner along with some other things. Due to this, her health deteriorated so much and surgery had to be done to save her life. Vet doctors immediately operated on her and removed everything that she had swallowed from her stomach. They told that due to these things, the intestines of Luna's stomach had choked and her life was in danger. The owner's family came to know about it when they noticed that Luna was vomiting and her stomach had become very hard. When the pictures of Luna's X-ray and the things that came out of the operation were shared on

Instagram, people were completely shocked. After the operation, it was found that apart from 24 socks, Luna had also eaten a hair band, 2 hair ties, a shoe insert, a baby's diaper and some other small clothes. Still, it is surprising that the people at home did not even get a clue that Luna had eaten so many socks and other things and they did not even know about it.

The doctors of the center have advised people that they should also be alert for their pets and if their pet is vomiting and at the same time his stomach has become hard, then it is an emergency.

Seeing the pictures and videos of this post, on one hand people felt relieved that the dog was cured, on the other hand people have praised the doctors wholeheartedly. You must have also heard such stories that a child swallowed a coin or something and after that he had to undergo surgery. We have seen and heard many times in animals also that when a cow's stomach was bloated, several kilos of polythene was removed from it through an operation.

Yennai Arinthaal to Vidaamuyarchi: When Ajith Kumar, the father, took over from AK, the superstar



Jason Momoa, just a generally top-class guy, once said, “My kids are my greatest piece of art. If I can pump them full of amazing stuff and surround them with beautiful art and music, then I’m going to live out my life watching them.” As parents, choosing the songs they listen to, the movies they watch, and the books they read, is paramount to shaping their world views, and understanding of their own selves. But what if you are not just another parent? What if you are in a field that has the power to influence many? What if you are in the top echelons of an industry, and have the power to make others’ creativity sing and dance to your own tunes? That’s a good enough definition of stardom, and it is this superpower that actor Ajith Kumar has wielded in the past ten years to change the flavour of his films altogether. Of course, it is a given that Ajith might have had a say in all his films since his ascension to superstardom in the early 2000s, but there can be no doubt that in the past decade, things have changed beyond recognition. He has made eight films in the past ten years, and each of those films existed for two reasons — 1) To impart a few socially conscious messages 2) To recalibrate his fandom. This decision to change the tide of his films started with the release of Yennai Arinthaal, which hit the screens in February, 2015, a month before the birth of his son, Aadvik, and a month after the seventh birthday of his daughter, Anoushka. There can be no doubt that fatherhood changed the way Ajith approached his films. There, of course, was always the doubt that racing was his one true passion, and cinema just fuelled the resources to follow his one true love. But his brand of cinema and stardom attracted scores of loyal fans, who stood by him throughout the ups and downs of his career. And Ajith acted in at least one film a year to satiate their desires. But he always wanted to push the envelope of acceptance of his choice of lead roles. Not many would agree to do a Mankatha as their landmark 50th film, or actually at any point of their career.

Elon Musk targets Oscars’ diversity standards: ‘The nominations should be solely based on merit, not...’

Billionaire Elon Musk has voiced his criticism for the representation and inclusion standards set by the Academy for nominations at the Oscars. The 97th Academy Awards took place at the Dolby theatre in Los Angeles. Now, Elon Musk’s remarks about the Academy’s strategy to promote more inclusion in

the process of storytelling have led to controversy. Musk took to his X account and reposted a document which listed out the ‘Representation and Inclusion Standards’ given by the Academy. Musk wrote, “This is messed up. Should just be who is best, not who is best with an asterisk.” Musk had targeted Oscars in



2024 as well when Oppenheimer emerged as the Best Picture winner. “Winning an Oscar now just means you won the woke contest,” he said on X. In another post, he had written, “When an award is diluted, everyone knows, including those who received it, and it no longer commands respect.” The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and

Sciences have set certain rules for movies, which want to be considered for the Best Picture category. RAISE was implemented in 2020 and has been amended many times since then. The rules dictate the films to include members of underrepresented groups. These include African-American, Hispanic, disabled, women, LGBTQ+ and many more.

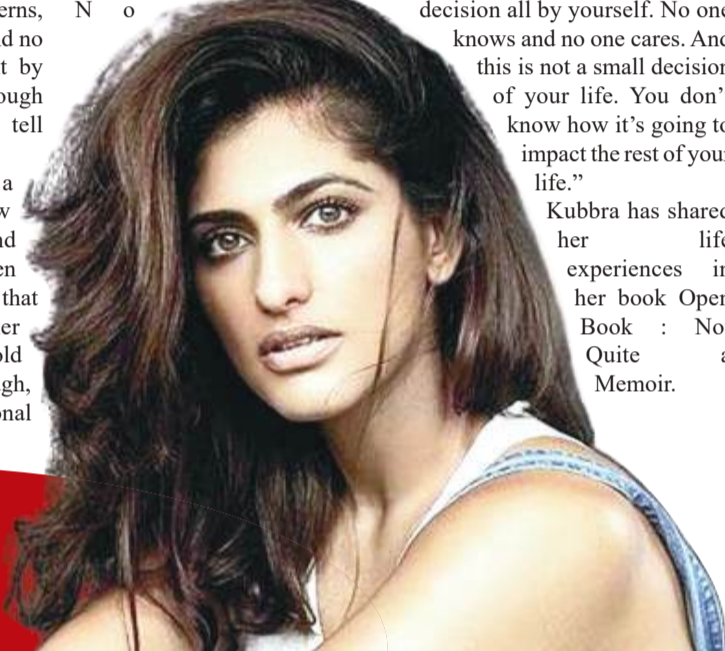
Kubbra Sait says she felt ‘hollow, very weak’ when she decided to get an abortion: ‘What if I died? No one knows and no one cares’

Kubbra Sait has opened up about her personal experiences many times in the past, and in a recent interview, the Sacred Games actor spoke about her experience of getting a medical abortion and how it impacted her mentally. Kubbra shared that at that time, she did not see it as an act of courage but could only decipher that she was “too weak to take it forward.” Kubbra shared that she went for the procedure all by herself and later wondered that this could have changed the trajectory of her life. In a chat with Bollywood Bubble, Kubbra said, “When I went through the abortion, I don’t think I was being strong at all. I was just too weak to take it forward. I didn’t have the courage or the strength to say that if I don’t

do this, then I will live with it. I felt very weak at that time. I felt hollow. I felt like I was not worth it at all. But what came out of it much later was strength. That you made a decision for yourself and stood by your own thoughts. You broke stereotypical patterns, you broke societal norms and no one knew about it. I went by myself and got myself through the abortion. I didn’t tell anyone.” Kubbra said that she met a female friend of hers a few weeks after this incident and during the conversation, when her friend was complaining that Kubbra wasn’t paying her enough attention, the actor told her what she had been through, and this triggered an emotional

response. “I just told her. ‘Who went through an abortion? You?’ And that’s when it hit her and that’s when it hit me and that’s when I started weeping because I was like, ‘I have not told this to anyone’.”

one knows that this is what I have gone through,” she said. Kubbra said that at the time she did not realise that this could have had life altering repercussions and said, “What if I died? And you are taking this decision all by yourself. No one knows and no one cares. And this is not a small decision of your life. You don’t know how it’s going to impact the rest of your life.” Kubbra has shared her life experiences in her book Open Book : Not Quite a Memoir.



Kubbra Sait opened up about the time when she had to get an abortion and she went all by herself.

Bring back Bollywood – As films are re-released, here’s what should also return to the Hindi film industry

While re-releasing films may mean much-delayed profits for some filmmakers or just some nostalgia for us as audiences, the larger insight here is perhaps that audiences are open to watching different kinds of movies.

To say that Bollywood is in disarray would be making an understatement. Multiple producers and studio executives have declared on and off the record to journalists that they can’t figure out what audiences will like anymore. But amidst the disturbing obsession with writing stories where masculinity and violence are paired together and glorified, a new trend has emerged. Re-releasing old Bollywood films in movie theatres. It started as nostalgia where old hits were released in theatres again on the anniversary of their original release. The stars of the film, director and producer would be called to reminisce and share anecdotes about the movie and what went on behind the scenes. But the success of these nostalgia-laden events seems to have opened gates for more recent films also to be re-released. Movies which didn’t do well when they originally released but have developed a cult following or have a loyal

fan base thanks to social media reels have made more money the second time around. Are audiences having an offline throwback Thursday or flashback Friday moment, where they rewatch films decades later in theatres? Or are audiences so starved for some variety that even movies which flopped a decade ago are doing brisk business today? I can’t help but wonder, if Bollywood is revisiting old films, why not bring back elements that truly made our cinema enjoyable? Like memorable music and great love songs. Amidst the pressure to make songs go viral on social media or serve as a marketing tool to drive audiences into theatres, music has suffered a tremendous loss in our films. Earlier, there was more diversity in the kind of films being made, and this organically led to variety in the kind of music that was composed. As a 90’s kid who grew up listening to Udit Narayan, Alka Yagnik, Kavita Subramaniam, Sonu Nigam, Kumar Sanu, Shaan and KK at their absolute best, it is depressing to see how homogeneous music in Hindi cinema has become.



Samir Soni would sit at the beach and cry, didn’t get any work for months after Baghban’s success: ‘Didn’t come here to be a villain’

Samir Soni first stepped into the spotlight when he appeared as an ungrateful son to Amitabh Bachchan’s character in Baghban in 2003. In a recent interview, Samir recalled that even though Baghban was a massive hit and people were appreciating the film everywhere, he did not get any job offers for three months. Samir said that at that time, he would go on the

beach every evening and cry his heart out wondering what he was doing in the entertainment industry. In a chat with Ujjawal Trivedi on his YouTube channel, Samir recalled that prior to appearing in Baghban, he had done a film called Dance Like A Man which won a National Film Award but following that win, he wasn’t getting any work offers. When he got the offer of Baghban and



received a narration from director Ravi Chopra, he wondered why he was being offered a villain’s role.

“Honestly, in my head , I thought ‘Sir, what is this role that you are giving me? Chaar nikamme ladke. Unme se koi bhi nikamma ladka. Aisa karta kaun hai? Aur main toh hero banne aaya hu. Aap log zabardasti mereko villain bana rahe ho. Kyu kar rhe ho mere sath aisa? (Four loser boys, one of those losers. Who does something like this? And I have come here to be a hero.

You guys are turning me into a villain. Why are you doing this to me?’”. Samir said that he went back home after the narration and wondered what he should do. “I thought that you do a small film like Dance Like A Man that gets a National Award, no one even watches it. You will not get a big film. Then what will you do?” he thought and decided to call director Ravi Chopra.

Ramayan’s Dipika Chikhlia says she isn’t interested in a role in Ranbir Kapoor-starrer film: ‘You are known as Sita, you should die as Sita’

Dipika Chikhlia, who is best known for playing Sita in Ramanand Sagar’s Doordarshan show Ramayan, is still recognised for her character by the masses. Though it has been over three decades since Dipika played that role, she shared in a recent interview that people still call her ‘Sita’ wherever she goes and seek her blessings as if she is a goddess. Arun Govil, who played Ram alongside her in that show, will soon be seen playing another role in Nitesh Tiwari’s Bollywood film Ramayana, starring Ranbir Kapoor, and when Dipika was asked if she wanted to be a part of that project, she said she believes she should “die as Sita.” Dipika said that a few years ago, she was offered another serial based on Ramayan where the makers wanted her to play Kaushalya. Dipika shared with Siddharth Kannan that at first, she was “confused” but her brother told her, “You are known as Sita,

and you should die as Sita.” Dipika said that she believes no other iteration of Ramayan will be as popular as the one made by Sagars back in the 1980s so she would rather not tamper with her image. “I clearly understood that people have known me as Sita ji and nothing will become as popular as Sagar’s Ramayan. Then why should I fiddle with my image? I am Sita, I have accepted it. For 35 years, I have taken the responsibility of being Sita then why should I try to be something else,” she said.

Dipika said that someone has to be “foolish” to believe they are gods after playing the role of gods so she completely understands the distinction between who she is and the roles she plays but, at the same time, she also understands that she can’t play negative roles as people tend to see her in a certain light. She recalled that she was recently given two offers and in both these cases, her character was required to smoke. Dipika rejected these roles. “I have gotten messages from big production houses for a film and they wanted me with a cigarette in my hand, both of them. And I said no. Sometimes I wonder, how can you even ask me something like that?” she said.

Dipika Chikhlia said that she does not want to tamper with her image as Sita and thus, unlike Arun Govil, she does not want to play a role in Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana.



Chahal reaches Baba Nirala's refuge



Mumbai (Agency). Cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal, who is out of the Indian team, is going through a bad phase these days. He has also divorced his wife Dhanashree Verma. Meanwhile, a video of Chahal has surfaced which will make you laugh. In this post, Chahal, who looks upset, is seen asking for help from Baba Nirala. Last week, the second part of the third season of MX Player's web series 'Ashram' was released and Bobby Deol played the role of Baba Nirala in this series. Chahal reaches Baba Nirala's court, so that his dream of becoming an opening batsman can be fulfilled. Chahal says, "Please make me an opening batsman." Baba says, 'Amen.' Immediately after this, Yuzvendra Chahal is seen opening water bottles, tiffin and jam doors. Chahal then says, "Baba, you made me a good opener." Reacting to this, Baba Nirala says, "No one goes empty-handed from Baba's ashram." Whereas former opener Shikhar Dhawan has called this video funny.

Former Pakistani cricketer challenged the Indian team, if it is better then play 10-10 matches

Lahore (Agency). Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and its veteran cricketers have been continuously requesting to send the Indian team on Pakistan tour but the Indian board has been rejecting it due to security reasons. PCB also tried to put pressure on India through ICC but when ICC refused, the former Pakistani cricketers have stooped to a low level. In this episode, former Pakistani spin bowler Saqlain Mushtaq has challenged the Indian team. He said that if the Indian team is really a better team than us then it should play 10 Tests, 10 ODIs and 10 T20 Internationals with

Pakistan. Saqlain said this in the Pakistani media. Former cricketer Inzamam-ul-Haq was also present there during



this time. This statement has come at a time when many former veterans have raised questions on the cricket rivalry between India and Pakistan and said that it is no

longer as exciting as before because now the matches are being played on one side because the Pakistani team

well. On the other hand, Saqlain does not agree with this. He said, if we leave aside the political issues, then their players are very good and they are playing good cricket. Saqlain also said, if you are really a good team, then I think if you play one series against Pakistan, then everything will become clear. Saqlain believes that it is not right to compare the two teams on the basis of a few matches. Playing more matches will make the real picture clear. Saqlain also admitted that everything is not right in the Pakistan team at the moment.

Asked if Shama is a fitness coach Harbhajan Singh got angry at Congress leader Shama for commenting on Rohit



New Delhi (Agency). Former Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh has said that no one has the right to make controversial comments about the team captain Rohit Sharma. With this statement, Harbhajan has given a befitting reply to Congress spokesperson Shama Mohammad who called Rohit a fat and average captain. Harbhajan said that Rohit has served the Indian team for more than a decade and he is still leading the team very well. He also said that Rohit is a great player who has done a lot for the country. He is still the captain of the Indian cricket team and is in the team on the basis of his fitness and performance. If his fitness was not good, he would not have been a part of the team. Harbhajan Singh in his befitting reply to Shama

said that to join the team, one has to go through many levels of fitness. I want to know whether Shama is a fitness coach, BCCI president or someone associated with any sport who is underestimating Rohit's fitness. I don't think she has understood the facts correctly. He further said that Rohit is being compared to a player who is still in the team, but this comparison is not correct at all. I think Shama is not aware of the correct parameters of fitness. We should focus on Rohit Sharma's contribution instead of discussing his fitness or personal matters. Earlier, Congress leader Shama had raised questions about Rohit's fitness. Shama had said on social media that he is overweight and is not even a skilled captain but has reached here by luck.

Lahore. South Africa will face New Zealand on Wednesday in the second semi-final of the ICC Champions Trophy cricket tournament. In this match, both the teams will put in their best efforts to win. While the South African team will enter the field with increased morale due to the victory against England in the last league match of Group B. At the same time, New Zealand had to face defeat against the Indian team in the last league, from which it would like to recover. Both the teams are strong contenders for victory. In this match, the South African team would like to break the notion by registering a win that says that it crumbles under pressure during big ICC matches. South Africa and New Zealand have won the Champions Trophy once each in the years 1998 and 2000, but then this tournament was called the ICC Knockout Trophy. The New Zealand team missed out on winning the title despite reaching the finals twice in the ODI World Cup (2015 and 2019) and once in

The match will start at 2:30 pm

South Africa-New Zealand match will be held today in the second semi-final of the Champions Trophy

Both the teams are as follows:

New Zealand: Mitchell Santner (captain), Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Nathan Smith, Kane Williamson, Will Young, Jacob Duffy.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (captain), Tony de Zorzi, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Wiaan Mulder, Lungi Ngidi, Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickelton, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs, Rassie van der Dussen, Corbin Bosch.

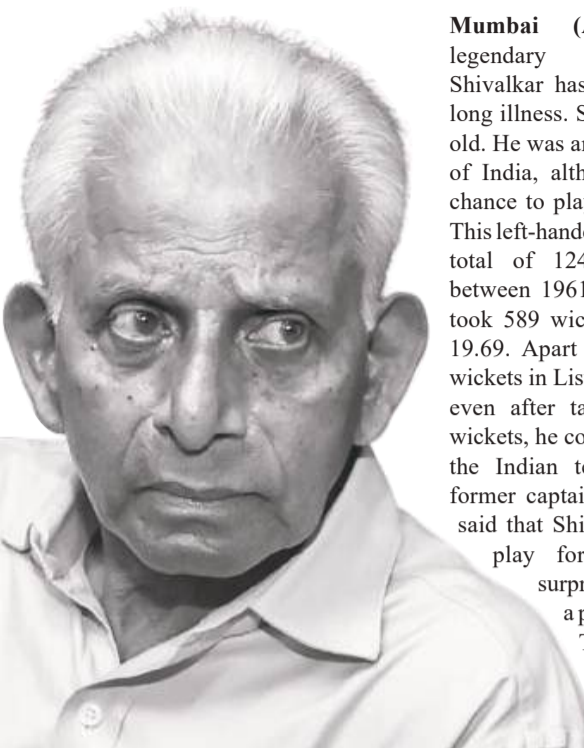
the T20 World Cup (2021), so this time it would not want to make a mistake. In this tournament, New Zealand finished second in Group A while South Africa finished number one in Group B. There is not much difference between the two teams, although the South African team looks a little better in bowling. Both teams have good batsmen. Spinners are likely to play an important role in this match as the pitch at the Gaddafi Stadium is a

bit slow. In such a situation, spinners can make a difference. New Zealand defeated South Africa in the triangular series held here last month, which would like to inspire them. Before the Champions Trophy, New Zealand successfully chased a target of 305 runs against South Africa here and then won the tri-series by defeating Pakistan in the final. Kiwi team's experienced batsman Tom Latham feels that this

experience will prove beneficial for them. He however said, 'The South African team we played against was a little different. There were many players in that team who were not in this team. Some of their main players were playing in SAT20 then, so this time the match will be different. I guess we will get the benefit of our previous experience of Lahore in playing against South Africa. He said, 'We will prepare our best and try

our best. We are waiting for the challenge of the semi-finals. Our attitude is always the same. We try to play the best cricket of our kind. At the same time, experienced batsman Kane Williamson will also try to get back into form by playing an innings of 81 runs against India. In bowling, the team has players like Matt Henry and Will Oauriki. Henry took the highest number of eight wickets against India on a slow pitch. Apart from captain Mitchell Santner, the Kiwi team also has excellent spinners like Michael Bracewell, Rachin Ravindra, Glenn Phillips and Mark Chapman. On the other hand, South Africa is also in good form. It has fielded its best team. Its batsman Ryan Rickelton has performed very well so far. The team also has players like captain Temba Bavuma, Rassie van der Dussen and Aiden Markram. Apart from this, fast bowlers like Vian Mulder, Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Marco Jansen increase its strength. The responsibility of spin will be with Keshav Maharaj and Tabrez Shamsi.

Mumbai's legendary spinner Shivalkar is no more



Mumbai (Agency). Mumbai's legendary spinner Padmakar Shivalkar has passed away after a long illness. Shivalkar was 84 years old. He was among the best spinners of India, although he never got a chance to play for the Indian team. This left-handed spinner took part in a total of 124 first-class matches between 1961-62 and 1987-88 and took 589 wickets at an average of 19.69. Apart from this, he got 16 wickets in List A cricket. In this way, even after taking more than 600 wickets, he could not get a chance in the Indian team. Regarding this, former captain Sunil Gavaskar has said that Shivalkar was eligible to play for India but it was surprising that he did not get a place. The spinner played till the age of 48 after entering the Ranji Trophy at the age of

22. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) honored him with the CK Nayudu 'Lifetime Achievement' award in 2017. Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) President Ajinkya Naik said on the death of Shivalkar, "Mumbai cricket has lost a true legend today. He will be remembered as the best spinner along with his contribution to the game." While paying tribute to Shivalkar, Gavaskar said that 'he was more deserving of playing in the Indian team than some others.' Gavaskar wrote an emotional message on the death of Shivalkar and said, "This is indeed very sad news. In a short span of time, Mumbai cricket has lost two of its legends Milind and Padmakar. Both of them were the architects of many victories." He said, "As the Indian captain, I regret that I could not convince the national selectors to include him in the Test team."

KKR players will be seen in new jersey in IPL 25



Mumbai (Agency). Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) will be seen in new jersey in IPL 2025. Defending champion KKR has released its new jersey for the Champions Trophy. The new jersey that has been introduced on social media has three stars. Kolkata Knight Riders has also released a video of the new jersey. In this video, the three stars on the team's jersey have been described as a symbol of Korbo-Ladbo-Jeetbo. It is worth

noting that KKR has won the IPL title three times so far. In this way, these three stars also tell about its three IPL titles. Apart from this, there is also a golden badge on the jersey. KKR has released a video of the new jersey. In this video, the little child who counted the stars in the film 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' is also counting the stars here. While counting the stars, he says, Korbo, Ladbo, Jeetbo. Apart from this, many star

players of KKR are also seen in the video. These players include Venkatesh Iyer, Rinku Singh and many other cricketers. It is worth noting that in IPL 2024, KKR achieved historic success under the captaincy of Shreyas Iyer. However, the name of the captain of the team has not been revealed yet for this season. At the same time, recently all-rounder Venkatesh Iyer had said that if he was given an opportunity, he is ready to captain. Venkatesh, however, has no experience of captaincy at any level in competitive cricket. The 2025 season of the IPL will begin on March 22 with a match between KKR and RCB at Eden Gardens. It will also conclude at the same place on May 25.

BCB increased salary but Shakib did not get the dues of last four months

Dhaka (Agency). Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has increased the match fees of the players as well as their salary but the former captain and all-rounder of the team Shakib Al Hasan has not received

the salary of the last four months. BCB has also accepted this but said that the government has frozen Shakib's account, due to which he could not be paid. Shakib has not returned home yet due to security

reasons. At the same time, a BCB official said that Shakib has not been paid the salary of September, October, November and December yet and the main reason for this is that his bank account is frozen.

The title match of the Champions Trophy will be between India and South Africa: De Villiers

Johannesburg (Agency). Former South African cricketer AB de Villiers has said that the final of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 will be played between India and South Africa. After the league matches, four teams India, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have reached the semi-finals. The Indian team will face Australia in the semi-finals while the South African team will face New Zealand. De Villiers has predicted that the final will be played between India and South Africa. De Villiers said, "It is not possible to tell the two finalists of the Champions Trophy, but my conscience says that the Indian and South African teams will compete here just like the T20 World Cup final.

Wrestler Sushil Kumar gets bail

New Delhi (Agency). The Delhi High Court has granted bail to Olympian wrestler Sushil Kumar, the main accused in the murder case of junior wrestler Sagar Dhankhar. Sushil will have to furnish a bail bond of Rs 50,000 and two sureties of the same amount. Sushil Kumar, along with others, is accused of attacking former junior national wrestling champion Sagar, a resident of Rohtak, Haryana, and his two friends Sonu and Amit Kumar over a property dispute in the parking lot of the Chhatrasal Stadium in the city on May 4, 2021. He has been in judicial custody since June 2, 2021 in this case. He has been granted interim bail to perform the last rites of his father and undergo ligament surgery. Sagar died in the attack by Sushil and his associates. After this incident, Sushil was absconding but was arrested by the police after 18 days. After his arrest, he was also suspended from his railway job. In October 2022, the trial court had framed charges against Sushil Kumar and 17 others, which led to the start of his trial. Charges were framed against Sushil Kumar and other accused under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including sections related to murder, rioting and criminal conspiracy. According to the chargesheet of Delhi Police, Sushil had hatched this conspiracy.

Madhya Pradesh Police's e-Rakshak App gets FICCI Smart Policing Award

Bhopal (Agency): In a program organized on 4 March 2025 in New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh Police's state-of-the-art e-Rakshak App was honored with the prestigious FICCI Smart Policing Award 2024.

This award is given by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) to encourage digital innovation in policing. This year more than 200 nominations were received from all over India for this award, after thorough evaluation of which Madhya Pradesh Police's e-Rakshak App was selected for this prestigious award.

On this occasion, G.K. Pillai, former Home Secretary, Government of India, honored Chanchal Shekhar, Additional Director General of Police, State Crime Records Bureau, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Police with

the FICCI Smart Policing Award 2024 for this innovative initiative. Madhya Pradesh Director General of Police Kailash Makwana expressed happiness on this



achievement and congratulated all the officers of SCRB.

e-Rakshak App: Digital revolution in policing
MP e-Rakshak - The Smart Cop App has been developed to strengthen the safety of the

public and law and order. This app helps the policemen working at the beat level to identify criminals and suspicious persons by making them technically capable. Earlier, policemen

had to identify criminals mainly on the basis of personal experience and acquaintance, but now through this app, information about criminals of entire Madhya Pradesh is available at one click. This makes

quick verification of suspicious persons and vehicles possible, so that effective control can be established on crimes.

Key features of the app
Information of habitual criminals: Policemen can see complete information of criminals present in their area of work through the app.
Quick identification during patrolling: The name of any suspicious person can be searched in the database of criminals.

Face Recognition Module: On uploading the photo of any accused, records of criminals similar to him can be obtained immediately. After photo matching, the data is safely deleted.

Vehicle Search: Information about the vehicle can be obtained from its registration number, engine number or chassis number. This facility is also linked to the RTO

database, so that vehicles involved in theft or crime can be quickly identified.

Contribution in app development

Hemant Chauhan (Deputy Inspector General of Police, State Crime Records Bureau), R. S. Prajapati (Assistant Inspector General of Police), Pranjali Shukla (Assistant Inspector General of Police, CCTNS), Indra Namdev (Inspector, CCTNS), Heera Singh Thakur (Assistant Sub-Inspector), Surendra Raghuvanshi (Assistant Sub-Inspector) and Arshdeep Singh (Head Constable) had a special contribution in developing this important technological innovation.

This award will inspire Madhya Pradesh Police to further strengthen its role in digital policing, which will ensure crime control and public safety.

Participation of AIIMS Bhopal experts in National Conference on Rare Diseases

Bhopal (Agency): Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal, has always promoted a culture of academic excellence and knowledge-sharing among faculty members and students. Recently, eminent experts and researchers from across the country participated in the National Conference on Rare Diseases held in Mumbai. The aim of this conference was to discuss the latest research, diagnosis, treatment and government policies related to rare diseases.

In this conference, Dr. Bhavana Dhingra, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, AIIMS Bhopal was invited to chair the session on rare anemia in children. Dr. Dhingra discussed the latest research and therapeutic strategies in the diagnosis and treatment of rare anemia. Under her guidance, this session proved to be helpful in making physicians and researchers aware of new information in the field of rare anemia. Apart from this, her SRLF student, Ms. Pooja Soni, presented an important case report on a rare mitochondrial disorder identified at AIIMS Bhopal Genetics Clinic. His presentation not only clarified the process of diagnosis of this rare disease but also highlighted the possibilities of developing effective treatments for such diseases in



future.

Describing the participation of AIIMS Bhopal in the conference as important, Prof. Singh said, timely and accurate diagnosis is extremely important for patients affected by rare diseases. Such conferences provide a platform to experts to share new medical techniques and research. The contribution of Dr. Bhavana Dhingra and Ms. Pooja Soni is highly commendable in this direction.

BRIEF NEWS

Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta said that immediate action will be taken on CAG report and the culprits will be punished

Delhi (Agency): The proceedings of the first session of Delhi Assembly have been completed. Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta said that this session lasted for 5 days and the proceedings of the House were conducted smoothly every day. During this time, the House worked for a total of 18 hours and 18 minutes and the MLAs expressed their views 126 times. The Assembly Speaker said that the previous government had to struggle a lot regarding the CAG report. He told that we kept knocking every door, went to the High Court as well, but did not get the report. Now when this responsibility has come on our shoulders, we have presented the CAG report. He assured that PAC (Public Accounts Committee) will give its report in three months and the government will not delay in punishing the culprits. He also told that the House has directed all the concerned departments to present the Action Taken Report (ATR) in a month. The Assembly Speaker said, "We will take action against the culprits without even a minute's delay. Vijender Gupta said that in the previous government, rules were disregarded during the proceedings of the Assembly, but now this will not happen. He clarified that the House will run completely according to the rules and the previous wrong traditions will be abolished. He told that LG V.K. Saxena sent a message to the House for the first time, which boosted the morale of the MLAs. But the opposition created a ruckus even on this. The Speaker said that the proceedings of the House will run according to the rules and there will be no compromise in this. He said that the attitude of the opposition is worrying. The opposition created a ruckus during the address, due to which the proceedings of the House had to be disrupted. The House received a total of 280 notices, out of which 42 issues were raised in the House and sent to the concerned departments. Vijender Gupta said that the participation of all the MLAs in the House is necessary. He told that an MLA had violated the rules in the House, for which he had to apologize. The Speaker informed that he will meet Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday and will invite him to come to the Delhi Assembly. He expressed hope that Om Birla will accept his invitation. The Assembly Speaker said that the government can bring an ordinance if needed keeping in mind the public interest. This session of the Delhi Assembly went on as per the rules and an assurance was given to take action on the CAG report soon. Despite the uproar of the opposition, many important issues were discussed in the House and the government made it clear that strict action will be taken against corruption.

Suspension of students protesting in Jamia campus stayed

Delhi (Agency): The Delhi High Court on Tuesday stayed the suspension of several students of Jamia Millia Islamia, who were protesting in the campus without prior permission. The court has also ordered the formation of a committee headed by the Vice Chancellor, which will include other university officials and student representatives. This will resolve the issue and reduce tension. The Delhi High Court on Tuesday stayed the suspension of several students of Jamia Millia Islamia, who were protesting in the campus without prior permission. The court has also ordered the formation of a committee headed by the Vice Chancellor, which will include other university officials and student representatives. This will resolve the issue and reduce tension. Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma has directed the university to submit a report related to the suspension of students involved in campus protests. The court is currently hearing the petitions of students opposing the suspension letter issued by the Chief Proctor's office. Due to this letter, they were immediately suspended and banned from entering the university campus.

Powerful ministers could not get even a single rupee from the centre

14 departments are lagging behind in getting funds under the joint schemes of the centre and state government

Bhopal (Agency): The MP government is taking loans every month for the implementation of schemes. This situation is also arising because the MP is not able to get the amount from the centre under the joint schemes of the centre and state government. This situation is when Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has given a free hand to the ministers to try to get the amount from the centre for the schemes related to their department. The situation is such that many powerful ministers of the state government have not been able to get even a single rupee from the centre. These include Rajendra Shukla (Deputy CM and Medical Education Minister), Tulsilawat (Water Resources

Minister), Sampatiya Uike (PHE Minister), Inder Singh Parmar (Higher Education Minister) and Vishwas Kailash Sarang (Cooperative Minister).

It is worth noting that in the financial year 2024-25, a total budget provision of Rs 54,989.12 crore was made for the joint schemes of the Center and the State. Out of this, Rs 37,652.74 crore was to be received as the share of the Center, while the state government had to spend Rs 17,336.37 crore as the state share. According to the Finance Department, till February 21, Mohan Government has received only Rs 18,925.85 crore under the central schemes, which is Rs 18,726.89 crore less than the total central share.

Now the race to Delhi will intensify

According to the information received from the Finance Department, the MP government needs Rs 18,726.89 crore from the central government in the current financial year. Therefore, to obtain this amount, the ministers and officials of the Mohan government will go to Delhi and talk to the Union ministers and officials. Actually, this amount is related to 37 departments under the joint schemes of the Center and the State Government. However, the central government has not released a single rupee to 14 departments in the span of 11 months. Now when only a few days are left for the end of the financial year, the ministers of the MP government will rush to Delhi for the amount to be received from the Center. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav himself can also meet the ministers of the departments for the amount to be received from the Center and request them to release the funds.

Many departments did not get a single rupee

Despite the provision in the budget in the current financial year, the 14 departments which have not received a single rupee as the central share till now include the Renewable Energy Department, AYUSH Department, Horticulture Department, Science and Technology Department, Scheduled Caste Welfare Department, Cottage and Village Industries Department, Higher Education Department, Medical Education Department, Cooperative Department, Labor Department, Culture Department, Water Resources Department, Tourism Department and PHE (Public Health Engineering) Department. At the same time, the Forest Department and School Education Department are the ones who have received more amount.

The proceedings of the House lasted for 18 hours and 18 minutes

Delhi (Agency): Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta said that this time the proceedings of the House lasted for 5 days, and every thing has been put in public discussion. He said that the most important issue during the session was the discussion on the 2nd CAG report. The right to act on CAG reports also lies with the Delhi Assembly. Therefore, the House will fulfill its responsibility completely. He told that the House ran for a total of 18 hours and 18 minutes. And 126 members put forth their views in the House on different issues. Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta told that this time the proceedings of the House lasted for 5 days, and every matter was put in public discussion. He said that the most important issue during the session was the discussion on 2 CAG reports. The right to act on CAG reports also lies with the Delhi Assembly. Therefore, the House will fulfill its responsibility completely. The Speaker told that a record number of MLAs participated in the discussion during the proceedings of the Assembly. The Speaker told that the House ran for a total of 18 hours and 18 minutes.

In five days in the Delhi Assembly, 126 members put forth their views in the House on different issues. Everyone was given a chance to speak. He said that the CAG report should have come in the



House earlier but it was presented now. Gupta said that just the CAG report coming is not enough. He said, 'I was also a member in the previous House, there was no platform where we did not knock the door. After that we went to the court. The court also gave its verdict. But still the CAG report was not presented in the House'. He said that the court had said at that time that the Speaker has the right to present the report in the House. Now that I have

become the Speaker, without wasting a minute, he presented the report in the House. He said that we were continuously raising this demand in the previous House, now the CAG report

will be taken in the coming time. The Speaker of the Assembly said that this time we have started a new tradition of passing the vote of thanks to the Lieutenant Governor, on which a letter came from the LG. He said that this happened for the first time in history. Gupta said that what hurt him the most in these 5 days was the attitude of the opposition. He said that 109 notices have been received under Rule 280. He said that the proceedings of the House were completed on all days. Even after the proceedings of the House were disrupted due to the uproar, the proceedings of the House were completed. The Speaker said that on the last day, the proceedings of the House continued for a record-breaking time starting from 11 am to 6 pm. He said that everyone should follow the rule book, only then the House will run. He said that the uproar that happened in the House on the congratulatory motion on the first day and the uproar that happened on the address of the Lieutenant Governor was very sad. He said that there is a discussion of calling the budget session in the third week of March and action is being taken on it.

Police nabbed the person who cheated in the name of Policy Bazaar

Delhi (Agency): An accused who had cheated more than 50 elderly people in the name of policy by becoming a fake agent of Policy Bazaar has been caught by the North-West District Cyber Police

Station from Nangloi. The police has taken this action on the complaint of an elderly woman. The accused was repeatedly changing his hideouts to escape the police.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that, Property Plot No. B-2 area 1500 Sq. Ft. situated at Village Shivpuri Tukda No. 2 Priyadarshini Colony, Ward No. 31, Shivpuri Tehsil & Distt. Shivpuri (M.P.) Part of Survey No. 1186/40, the boundaries of said property are in the East 30 ft. Wide Road, in the West House of Satish Gautam, in the North-Plot No. 03 Agrawal, in the South House of Naresh Tiwari on Plot No. 01. The said property was first sold by Shashikya Sewak Vetan Bhogi Grah Nirman Sehkhari Sanstha Maryadit Shivpuri through its president Mahesh Kumar Trivedi S/o Basant Kumar Trivedi in favour of P.K. Channa S/o Gurudattamal Channa Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 526 Volume No. 1327 Dated 27.05.1985. After the death of P.K. Channa S/o Gurudattamal Channa the said property was mutated in favour of Mrs. Manmohani Channa W/o Late Mr. Pavan Kumar (PK) Channa in revenue records through Mutation Order dated 17.11.2017 from Tehsildar Shivpuri Vide Case No. 95/A-6/2017-18. Thereafter Mrs. Manmohani Channa W/o Late Mr. Pavan Kumar (PK) Channa gifted said property to his nephew Ajay Channa S/o Krishnbaldev Channa vide Registered Gift Deed E-Regn. No. MP392922018A1818876 dated 20.12.2018. After that Ajay Channa S/o Krishnbaldev Channa executed an agreement to sale in favour of Somprabha Tomar W/o Arvind Singh Bhadoriya and Somprabha Tomar W/o Arvind Singh Bhadoriya is taking a loan, and she is obtaining loan by mortgaging his title in the security. But the previous Title Deed that is Registered Sale Deed No. 526 Volume No. 1327 Dated 27.05.1985 has been lost, this earlier Registered Sale Deed has not been pledged/mortgaged to any person, bank, financial institution or government. If any other person or institution, the government in any way, within 15 days from the date of the said publication, submit the documentary evidence to my office, otherwise, in case of non-receipt of any kind of objection, the said property Equal mortgage will be taken by the Housing Finance Company and the said institution will have first charge on the said property and no objection will be accepted after the period given in this notice.

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