

Two-thirds of bank customers in India expect reimbursement for scam losses: Survey



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ODOP-Expo at GIS-Bhopal will give global recognition to local products: Chief Minister Dr. Yadav

Bhopal (Agency): Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has said that One District-One Product is an important step towards making our artisans and farmers self-reliant. One District-One Product (ODOP) Expo organized at the Global Investors Summit Bhopal provided a global platform to the products of local artisans and farmers. Exclusive ODOP products of 38 districts were showcased at GIS-Bhopal, in which a unique confluence of tradition and innovation was seen. At GIS-Bhopal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described ODOP as a strong initiative towards self-reliant India. He said that a special product of every district can

become its cultural and economic identity. The ODOP program has paved the way for making local products a global brand. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the ODOP-Expo at GIS-Bhopal has given our local products, especially handicrafts and agricultural products, an opportunity to make a mark on the global platform. Special stalls were set up for ODOP in the expo, which were divided into live counters and process counters. In the live counter, the artisans demonstrated live the manufacturing process of eight major products like Bagh print, zari zardosi, batik print, carpet, chanderi saree, bamboo, sandstone and cloth jacket.

During the event at GIS-Bhopal, foreign investors and industrialists closely observed the skills of the



local artisans and understood their working style. The live counters of 'Kumhar Pura' and 'Technical Zone' of the expo also remained a major attraction. 38 district specific products related to food, spices and fruits were displayed along with their manufacturing process in the

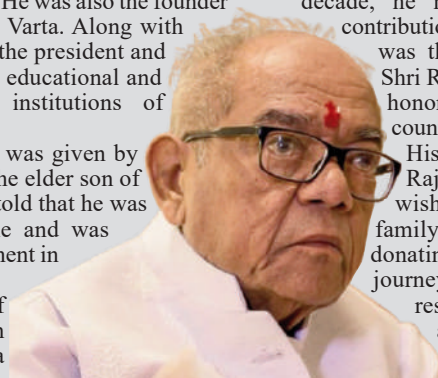
ODOP-Expo. Opportunities were also provided for the purchase and export of these products. Also, investors took samples of specific products, which increased the possibility of establishing business relations in the future. Under ODOP in Madhya Pradesh, traditional, textile and agricultural products of various districts are being promoted. These include bananas from Burhanpur, potato-based products and stone tiles from Gwalior, chilli products from Kargone, garlic products from Mandsaur, coriander products from Neemuch, tomato-based products from Satna, gajak and mustard products from Morena,

potato-based products from Indore, guava products from Bhopal, sarees from Chanderi, sarees and handloom products from Maheshwar, clay crafts and handicraft products from Tikamgarh and Bagh prints from Dhar. Bagh print, Chinnor rice of Balaghat, Datia and Tikamgarh bell metal work, Chanderi saree, Gond painting, handmade carpet of Gwalior, stone craft of Jabalpur, Kadaknath of Jhabua, leather toys of Indore, Maheshwari saree, Gajak of Morena, Ratlami sev, Sundarja of Rewa, Batik print of Ujjain, Sharbati wheat of Sehore, handloom saree of Varaseoni, metal work of Dindori have got GI tag.

Former minister Vishnu Rajoria dies

Bhopal (Agency): Vikas Putra of Harda, social worker, sharp journalist, educationist and successful former minister of Madhya Pradesh Vishnu Rajoria breathed his last on Tuesday evening in a private hospital in Bhopal. He was 83 years old. Shri Rajoria lived his life like a Karmayogi. He established many educational institutions in his lifetime. 6 decades ago, he established Career College, Career Hospital and Adarsh Private Limited along with the prestigious monthly Shikhar Varta of Madhya Pradesh. He was also the founder editor of Shikhar Varta. Along with this, he was also the president and member of many educational and social, cultural institutions of Madhya Pradesh. This information was given by Ashish Rajoria, the elder son of Shri Rajoria. He told that he was ill for some time and was undergoing treatment in a private hospital. There is a wave of mourning in Harda area

including Madhya Pradesh Congress family on the demise of Shri Rajoria. Many present ministers, former ministers, MPs, MLAs, former MLAs and many other leaders and social workers of Congress, BJP and other political parties expressed grief over his demise. His friend and former minister Bhagwan Singh Yadav expressed deep condolences and said that Vishnu ji was very active in the politics of Madhya Pradesh for three decades. He was considered a veteran Congress leader of his time. In the 1970-80 decade, he made an unprecedented contribution in his Harda region and was the people's leader there. Shri Rajoria also received many honors and awards from the country and abroad. His younger son Manish Rajoria said that as per the wish of his revered father, the family fulfilled the pledge of donating his eyes. His last journey will depart from his residence B-244, Shahpura at 11 am to the rest house in Subhash Nagar.



Mauritius is like 'Mini India': PM Modi

New Delhi (Agency): Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that the deep-rooted cultural connection between India and Mauritius is evident in the warmth of the diaspora in the island nation.

Addressing an Indian community event in Mauritius on



Tuesday evening, Modi said Mauritius is like a 'Mini India'. "Our forefathers were brought here from various regions of India. When we consider the diversity in language, dialects, and eating habits, this place truly represents a mini Hindustan—a miniature India!" the prime minister said.

"Whenever I come to Mauritius, it feels like I am among my own," he said. "Mauritius is not just a partner country. For us, Mauritius is family," PM Modi added. He further said that the decision has been made to extend the

Overseas Citizen Of India (OCI) card to the seventh generation of the Indian diaspora in Mauritius.

"In Mauritius, a decision has been made to extend the OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) card eligibility to the seventh generation of the Indian diaspora. I had the privilege of presenting the OCI card to the President of Mauritius and his spouse. Likewise, I am delighted to extend the same honor to the Prime Minister of Mauritius and his spouse," the PM said.

Addressing the Indian diaspora, PM Modi said, "I came to Mauritius 10 years ago on this date. It was a week after Holi, and I brought the joy of 'Phagwa' with me. This time, I will take the colours of Holi with me to India..."

"There is a feeling of belonging in the air here, in the soil here, in the water here," he added.

The prime minister said in times of crisis, India has always stood with Mauritius. "During Covid 19, India was the first country to deliver one lakh vaccines and essential medicines. When Mauritius faces a crisis, India is the first respondent. When Mauritius prospers, India is the first to celebrate. After all, for us Mauritius is family, as I said earlier," he added.

Court orders FIR against Arvind Kejriwal for 'defacing' public property

New Delhi (Agency): A Delhi court on Tuesday ordered Delhi Police to file an FIR against former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and others in a defacement of public property case. Additional chief judicial magistrate Neha Mittal said one Shiv Kumar Saxena submitted visual evidence with the date and time indicating that the illegal banners bore the names and photos of the accused persons, including Kejriwal. The court ordered the FIR against Kejriwal, former MLA Gulab Singh and then Dwarka councillor Nitika Sharma for installing "large-sized" banners. "The seriousness of the offence...can be gauged from the fact that it is not only an eyesore and public nuisance thereby destroying the aesthetic sense of the city



but is also hazardous and dangerous to the smooth flow of traffic by distracting traffic and poses a safety challenge to the pedestrians and vehicles. Deaths caused by collapse of illegal hoardings are not new in India," the court said. The court, taking note of the evidence, said that "hanging a banner board or affixing hoardings" amounted to defacement of property under Section 3 of the Act. "The application under Section 156 (3) of (erstwhile) Code of Criminal Procedure (power of magistrate to order police investigation in a cognisable offence) deserves to be allowed," it held. The station house officer (SHO) concerned was, therefore, directed to register the FIR "immediately under Section 3 of the Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007".

Northeast a priceless gem of our Bharatiya culture: Shah

Lucknow/New Delhi (Agency): The three day Youth Parliament organised by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad concluded today. On the last day, North-East Youth Parliament was held at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi under the joint collaboration of ABVP and Student's Experience in Interstate Living (SEIL).

The historic youth parliament witnessed the participation of 170 representatives from 95 student organisation across the seven states of north-east. Furthermore, 50 representatives from ABVP's Northeastern branches and 50 representatives from various northeast student organisations based out of Delhi marked their presence. The event saw participation of prominent student union including All Ollo Student Union, All Mishmi Student Union, All Tai Khamti Singhpo Student Union, All Meyor Student Union, All Idu-Mishmi Student Union, All Sherdukpen Student Union, All

Monpa Student Union, All Tutsa Student Union (Changlang & Tirap) and many others. The event was graced by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah as the Chief Guest along with others including Shri Mukund C.R., Joint General Secretary of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, ABVP National Organising Secretary Shri Ashish Chauhan, ABVP National General Secretary Dr. Virendra Solanki, SEIL Trustee Sunil Vasumatary, ABVP National Secretary Kamlesh Singh, ABVP Arunachal Pradesh State Secretary Biki Yadar and other senior leaders.

During the North-East Youth Parliament students expressed their views on education, health, connectivity, tourism, environment, business, entrepreneurship, drug issues, border security and other crucial issues. There was an in-depth discourse on various demands



such as accelerating the development of infrastructure, strengthening roads, railways and digital aspects, improving education quality, number of universities and hostels in region, promoting tourism through cultural exchange, empowering trade and boosting handicraft industry, awareness campaigns for de-addiction and stronger strategies for border security. Union Minister Amit Shah in

his address stated, "North-East is a priceless gem of our culture. The region is not only unique in diversity but also its cultural heritage, traditions and beliefs are an integral part of our nationality. Over the past decade, we have made concrete efforts to bring the North-East into mainstream of national development. Today, peace and stability have been established in the North-East resulting in a 70% reduction

in insurgency, a decline in martyrdom of security forces and 89% decrease in civil death rate. In recent years, more than 10,500 insurgents have surrendered and laid down arms. We are committed to preserving the cultural, linguistic and traditional heritage of North-East. The government is bringing effective flood control plans for the region under which construction of more than 300 new lakes is proposed. Meanwhile, compared to 2014-15, there has been a 153% increase in budgetary allocation for the northeastern states in 2024-25, reflecting our commitment to the development of this region. The government is committed to strengthening the peace, development, and unity of the Northeast, and in the coming years, this will be further reinforced."

He, in his address, further added that today if any student organisation discusses character building, it is only Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad.

ABVP prioritizes the nation. If you want to be at par to the future of Bharat, you must join ABVP. At the same time, ABVP should also act as a bridge between the student organisations of the North-East. ABVP National General Secretary Dr. Virendra Solanki stated, "ABVP has always played an active role in the security, cultural unity and overall development of North-East Bharat. Whether it is the issue of illegal infiltration from Bangladesh in Assam or initiative of awakening national consciousness through Shaheed Jyoti Yatra, ABVP has shown determination on every front. Under the SEIL, efforts have been made to strongly connect the North-East with national mainstream. This North-East & Youth Parliament is not just limited to dialogues but also a step to ensure student participation in policy-making under which the decisions are taken and demands are conveyed to the government."

Gunmen open fire on train in Pakistan; over 100 passengers taken hostage, claims rebel group

Karachi (Agency): Several passengers were injured when gunmen attacked a train in Pakistan's troubled Balochistan on Tuesday, prompting the provincial government to direct authorities to take "emergency measures".

"There are reports of intense firing at Jaffar Express, which was heading from Quetta to Peshawar, between Pehro Kunri and Gadar," Balochistan government spokesperson Shahid Rind said.

The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) claimed that it seized control of the train by derailing it, killed six security personnel and took over 100 passengers, including active duty personnel, into custody. However, there was no independent confirmation of their claim.

In a statement, the BLA warned that if Pakistan military launches an operation, "all hostages will be executed". The group is banned in Pakistan, the UK and the US. Official data on casualties was not available, but security sources said that the train driver and several passen-

gers were injured in the gunfire. Rescue teams and security forces have reached the scene, and an operation is under way to track down the assailants. Emergency was declared in the local hospitals.

Railway officials confirmed that the train's driver sustained serious injuries, and an emergency relief train has been dispatched to the area. Meanwhile, Controller Railways Muhammad Kashif said the train, comprising nine coaches, had around 500 passengers on board. "The train was stopped by armed men in Tunnel No 8," the controller said.



There are 17 tunnels in this area on the railway line and due to the difficult terrain, the speed of the train is often slow. The Balochistan government directed local authorities to take "emergency measures". A provincial government statement said an emergency was imposed at Sibi hospital and ambulances and security forces were on their way to the site.

In the past, the railway tracks in this area have been attacked by Baloch militants by using rockets or remote-controlled bombs and the BLA claimed responsibility for most of the attacks.

In October last year, Pakistan Railways announced the restoration of train services between Quetta and Peshawar after a suspension of more than a month and a half. Balochistan has witnessed an uptick in terrorist attacks over the past year. In November 2024, 26 people were killed and 62 injured after a suicide blast ripped through a Quetta railway station. Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, is home to a long-running violent insurgency. Baloch insurgent groups frequently carry out attacks targeting security personnel, government projects and the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor projects in the oil- and mineral-rich province.

Immigration and Foreigners Bill introduced in Lok Sabha, Opposition seeks select panel scrutiny

New Delhi (Agency): The Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, despite the Opposition raising objections to its intent and seeking its review by sending it to a Parliamentary select committee. Congress MP Manish Tewari objected to the introduction of the Bill adhering to constitutional provisions. He pointed out that the Bill fails to provide an appeal mechanism against decisions taken by immigration officers.

The Chandigarh MP held these to be violating the "fundamental cannon of justice and jurisprudence". Further, he placed his concerns about the government barring movement of people with views in variance of the dispensation. The Congress leader emphasised the Bill must adhere to constitutional provisions. Tewari suggested that the Bill be sent to a Parliamentary select committee for scrutiny.

TMC MP Sougata Roy also opposed the Bill, claiming its provisions infringed upon fundamental rights.

In response, Minister of

State for Home Affairs Nityananda Rai, who had introduced the Bill in the Lok Sabha, held that disallowing entry of foreign nationals globally is the

eigners Bill, 2025 introduces new provisions, including the ability to refuse entry or stay to foreign national in the country on grounds of national security,



prerogative of the concerned country's immigration officer. "We are committed to drawing tourism from abroad. However, we also aspire to preserve peace and sovereignty of the country alongside national interest," he said.

He further informed the Lower House that the proposed legislation seeks to replace several pre-Independence era and pre-Constitution period Bills.

The Immigration and For-

sovereignty, or relations with a foreign state. The proposed law makes the decision of the immigration officer final and binding. Earlier, too, foreigners were denied entry, but the clause was not explicitly mentioned in any legislation, or rules.

The Bill also includes provisions requiring medical institutions to report the details of foreigners receiving treatment and their attendants to the Registration Officer.

Chief Judicial Magistrate awards 7 years imprisonment to convicted accused

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: Under the campaign "Operation Conviction" being conducted on the instructions of Director General of Police Uttar Pradesh, Direction of Additional Director General of Police Varanasi Zone, Varanasi Piyush Mordia and Inspector General of Police Vindhyachal Zone Mirzapur R.P. Singh, SSP Mirzapur Somen Burma is constantly being strongly pleasant and effectively advocating for quality deliberations and prosecution on priority basis in robbery, murder, robbery, conversion, cow slaughter act and other heinous crimes including women related crimes in the district. In the course of the said campaign, the police station in a registered proseThe police presented the witnesses before the court and testified by the police. Prosecution officer APO Ambareesh Pandey, Discretionary Sub - Inspector Suryabhan Yadav, Court Muharrir Chief Reserve Subedar Yadav and Ghanshyam Rai and advocate constable Ganesh were effectively lobbied. As a result of which the Court of Judicial Magistrate, Mirzapur Pragma Singh III registered the police station on the city.Section 379, 411, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 accused of Bhadvi, Bashikalan police station Lalganj district Mirzapur, resident of Salim Nat son Kalim, was punished with imprisonment of 07 years and a fine of Rs 4000.

Prabhu Jan Seva and Kutumb Prabodhan Matrishakti celebrated Holi

Staff Reporter
Varanasi: On one hand, on Holi, everyone applies colours to each other with great enthusiasm, but on the other hand, there is a section which stays away from these joys. Children of poor sections are not able to celebrate most of the festivals with enthusiasm and excitement. In such a situation, on Rang Bhari Ekadashi, Holi was celebrated by distributing gulaal, pichkari and sweets to the needy poor children at

Ravidas Ghat by Prabhu Jan Seva and Kutumb Prabodhan Matrishakti Dimension Kashi Prant. Laxmi Pathak, founder of Prabhujan Seva, said that today all the members of our organization distributed Gujia sweets and Pichkarias here with the aim of celebrating Holi among these needy children on the banks of Ravidas Ghat and wished Holi to the children by applying herbal abir and gulal. During this time, Laxmi

Pathak, Dr. Neeta Singh, Gudiya Rastogi, Richa Gupta, Sushma Singh, Sanju Singh, Rajni Jaiswal, Shukla, Dr. Kalpana Vishwakarma, Neeta Mitra, Renu Acharya, Priyanka Sangeeta Mishra, Manorama Didi, Usha Bhabhi, Sushma Shukla, Preeti Jaiswal, Sudha Tripathi and others were present there. Everyone gave Holi materials to the children, applied gulal to them and celebrated Holi with them by feeding them sweets. On this occasion, Roli Singh Raghuvanshi (Khula Aasman Sanstha), Diksha Singh Raghuvanshi, Sita Devi, Sanju Devi, Rekha Devi, Sudha Bali Singh, Ananya, Shweta, Anisha, Manish Kumar Mani, Gautam Upadhyay, Shiv Poojan etc were present.



Demand to hang the person who shot and killed the Sitapur journalist

Journalists sent a memorandum to the Chief Minister

Staff Reporter
Baberu. Demanding strict action against the killers who shot dead a journalist of Sitapur district, compensation to the deceased family, job to the wife of the deceased, security against the attacks on journalists, journalists of the Rural Journalist Association and other journalist organizations have sent a memorandum to the Chief Minister through the Sub-District Magistrate. On Tuesday, under the leadership of Late Suresh Chandra Gupta Shaheed Journalist Press Club Baberu District Banda President Kamlesh Kumar Chaurasia and General Secretary Jitendra Shrivass Jitu, journalists of Press Club Baberu, Print and Electronic Journalist Association and Rural Journalist Association and other organizations

reached Baberu Tehsil and shouted slogans against the goons who shot dead journalist Raghavendra Bajpai of Sitapur district and sent a memorandum to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath through the Sub-District Magistrate and told that Dainik Jagran journalist Raghavendra Bajpai from Sitapur district had published news of irregularities in paddy purchase a few days ago. Due to which some people were

angry with him, due to which on last Saturday afternoon, first his bike was hit and he was knocked down. And then he was shot dead, due to which all the journalist organizations of the entire state, district and tehsil are angry. And the way the incident was carried out by the goons in broad daylight, such criminals should be awarded death penalty and we demand from the Chief Minister that the wife of the

deceased journalist Raghavendra Vajpayee should be given a government job, compensation of at least one crore rupees and security of journalists should be ensured. On this occasion, Tehsil President of Rural Journalist Association Sandeep Patel, Kamlesh Kumar Chaurasia, General Secretary Jitendra Shrivass Jitu, Patron Shiv Vilas Sharma, Buddha Prakash Agnihotri, Mufeed Alam Khan, Nandu Chaturvedi, Ramu Tiwari, Subhash Chandra Sharma, Shubham Vajpayee, Ved Prakash Sharma, Hukumchand Sethi, Kamta Soni, Santosh Kushwaha, Shailendra Tripathi, Qasim Khan Naval Tiwari, Akhilesh Paswan, Vikas Kushwaha, Prabhanjan Gupta and journalists from other organizations were present.



BSF jawan commits suicide over illegal occupation of house

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: "Sir, evacuate my house!" Otherwise I have no way besides suicide. While saying this, the soldier of the armed Border Security Force cries with a buzz. Eyes are full of eyes, hidden pain inside the mind, even after running, the disappointment has been reflected from everyone instead of speedy justice.She was The army jawan was not worried that he was very upset to see the army jawan with a complaint in Bavardi and in the hands of the complaint rate in Bavardi, who reached the Mirzapur Superintendent of Police Office in Uttar Pradesh, but as soon as he started telling his problems, a large number of people gathered on the spot. Actually, this whole matter is related to Halia police station area of Mirzapur. Halia police station areaRuof

Ansari son Qayyum Ansari, a resident of Manigadha village, is posted in the area of Pokharajhar Bhutan border as a constable in the Central Armed Security Force (SSB). According to Jawan Ruof, he had built a two -room house in Halia's Deori Bazar a few years ago and built a house of two rooms. Where there was yet to be plaster on the wall of the house, meanwhile that duty when his leave was overReturned on. Seeing the house empty, took possession, the soldier has been pleaded Seeing the house empty as soon as the young Ruof went on duty, Santosh Kumar son took possession of the house in the late Ramapati. On knowing this, the victim's Armed Security Force jawan pleaded to vacate the house from Halia police station to the jurisdictional Lalganj,

but no hearing has been held. Later the jawanAnd has also pleaded with the Senior Superintendent of Police, but the disappointment has been received from here too. According to the aggrieved jawan, he has been putting on the complaint by the complaint every time, but no one is ready to listen to him, only comfort has been found.

While struggling with financial, mental and social harassment, the young Ruof vacating the house The Armed Security Force jawan alleges that he has been discharged for four years. He has come to plead with the satisfaction of occupying the house to vacate the house, but to vacate the house, he is far away in the SC-ST ActAfter implicating, there has been a threat to eat a job. Due to which he and his family are forced to live a life between stress and troubles. He said that his high officials also wrote a letter from the local police to get justice and evacuate their house through correspondence, but their high officials have been misled, citing the matter being in the court. Because mine neitherThere has been a dispute with anyone, nor has there been any connection with Santosh, who occupies the house. The jawan, who reached the Senior



Superintendent of Police office, pleaded and gave an application regarding freeing of the house, where he has been assured to take action by taking his application in the event of not meeting the Superintendent of Police. Shot on the outskirts with handgrenad, house in villageStumbling to get rid of constipation The young Ruof Ansari says with a sad heart, 'He has come to die for the country, he has also been shot in the leg from handgrandeade, but has never back down for the safety of the border.' But they have to stumble at the rate to make their own house constipated in their own village. "Sir, evacuate my house!" Otherwise I have any way apart from suicideWill not done. Saying this, the soldier of the armed Border Security Force cries and wept.

Ahead of Governor likely visit, guidelines given for no-holds-barred security arrangements

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: In view of the proposed district arrival/program of His Excellency Governor Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Pattel, on Tuesday, District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjan, Senior Superintendent of Police Somen Burma at the venue by District Magistrate and External Public Police and Administrative Briefing of officers/employees of PAC force including officers was done. During the briefing, the officers/employees of the police forces who came for duty from the district and external districts, in view of the highest security category, were given a point on all the duties and route system, by giving them point-wise, officers and employees appointed on various points

made in view of security arrangements with full vigilance and promptness to should arrive at the place and discharge the duty with full transparency. He said that in

said that in view of the heat, a provision of drinking water from place to place should also be ensured in sufficient quantity. Thereafter, touring the helipad, stage, program and parking lots made in view of the program proposed by the District Magistrate and Senior Superintendent of Police and After inspection, necessary guidelines were given to the concerned officials taking stock of the security system. On this occasion, Chief Development Officer Vishal Kumar, Additional District Magistrate (F/R) Shiv Pratap Shukla, Additional District Magistrate Namami Gange Devendra Pratap Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police Nitesh Singh and other concerned officers were present.



High officials briefing security arrangements in view of His Excellency Governor's arrival

Amid voter list row, EC calls political parties for meet

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: The Election Commission of India has invited suggestions from all National and State political parties by April 30, 2025 for any unresolved issues at the level of ERO, DEO or the CEO, as the case may be. In an individual letter issued to political parties today, the Commission also envisaged an interaction with the Party Presidents and senior members of the party, at a mutually convenient time, to further strengthen electoral processes in accordance with the established law. Earlier, during an ECI conference last week, Chief Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar had instructed CEOs, DEOs and EROS of all States/UTs to hold regular interactions with political parties, resolve any suggestions received in such meetings strictly within the legal framework already in place and submit an action taken report to the Commission by March 31, 2025. The Commission also urged political parties to proactively use this mechanism of decentralised engagement. Political parties are one of the key stakeholders amongst 28 stakeholders identified by the Commission as per the Constitution and statutory framework covering all aspects of electoral processes. The Commission in its letter to political parties also noted that Representation of the People Act 1950 & 1951; Registration of Electors Rules, 1960; Conduct of Election Rules, 1961; orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and Instructions, Manuals and Handbooks issued by Election Commission of India from time to time (available on ECI website) have established a decentralised, robust and transparent legal framework for holding free and fair elections.

Thandai Sooji Gujiya –nutritious take on classic Holi sweet

Staff Reporter
Varanasi: Here's how to make. Ingredients: For the Dough: - 2 cups Fortune Chakki Fresh Atta, - 2 tsp Fortune Sunlite Refined Sunflower Oil, - ½ cup warm milk (adjust as needed) and - A pinch of salt. For the Filling: - 1 cup Fortune Rawa (Sooji) - ½ cup grated khoya (or milk powder) - 2 tsp Fortune Chana Dal (roasted and powdered) - ½ cup finely chopped nuts (almonds, pistachios, cashews) - 3 tsp honey or powdered jaggery - 1 tsp cardamom powder - 2 tsp thandai powder (fennel, cardamom, saffron, rose petals, black pepper, melon seeds) - 1 tsp desiccated coconut (optional) **For Brushing & Garnishing: - 2 tsp Fortune Rice Bran Health Oil - Chopped pistachios & edible silver leaf (optional)** Instructions: 1. Prepare the Dough: - In a bowl, mix Fortune Chakki Fresh Atta with a pinch of salt. - Add Fortune Sunlite Oil and rub it into the flour until it turns crumbly. - Gradually add warm milk and knead into a semi-soft dough. Cover and let it rest for 20 minutes. 2. Make the Filling: - Heat a pan, dry roast Fortune Rawa (Sooji) until golden. - Add grated khoya and stir for 2-3 minutes until combined. - Mix in Fortune Chana Dal powder, nuts, jaggery, cardamom, thandai powder, and coconut. - Let the mixture cool completely. 3. Assemble the Gujiyas: - Roll out small circles from the dough. - Place 1-2 tsp of filling in the center, fold into a half-moon shape, and seal the edges with water. - Use a fork or gujiya mold for design. 4. Bake or Air-Fry for a Healthy Twist: - Preheat oven to 180°C and brush gujiyas with Fortune Rice Bran Health Oil. - Bake for 15-18 minutes until golden brown. Alternatively, air-fry for 12-15 minutes at 180°C. 5. Garnish & Serve: - Brush with a little honey or ghee, sprinkle chopped pistachios, and add edible silver leaf for a festive touch. 2. Baked Multigrain Mathri - A Healthy & Crunchy Holi Snack! From Sonia Shah, Nutritionist, Fortune Foods, Adani Wilmar Ltd. Ingredients: For the Dough: ½ cup Fortune Chakki Fresh Atta (for structure and fiber) 1 cup Fortune Chana Dal (roasted & powdered) (for protein and crunch) ½ cup ragi or bajra flour (for added nutrition) 2 tsp Fortune Sunlite Refined Oil (for crispness) 1 tsp ajwain (carom seeds) (aids digestion) ½ tsp black sesame seeds (adds crunch & nutrition) ½ tsp salt ½ tsp black pepper powder (for mild spice) ½ cup water (or as needed) For Brushing: 2 tsp Fortune Rice Bran Health Oil (for extra crispness and a golden finish) Instructions: Step 1: Prepare the Dough In a large bowl, mix Fortune Chakki Fresh Atta, Fortune Chana Dal Powder, and ragi/bajra flour. Add ajwain, sesame seeds, salt, and black pepper. Pour in Fortune Sunlite Oil and mix well until the flour becomes crumbly. Gradually add water and knead into a stiff dough. Cover and let it rest for 15-20 minutes. Step 2: Shape the Mathris Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F). Divide the dough into small portions and roll into balls. Flatten each ball into a small disc (about 2 inches in diameter). Use a fork to prick holes to prevent puffing. Step 3: Bake the Mathris Place mathris on a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Brush lightly with Fortune Rice Bran Health Oil for crispness. Bake at 180°C for 15-18 minutes until golden brown, flipping halfway through. Let them cool completely to get a crispy texture. Serving Suggestions: Enjoy with mint-coriander chutney or spicy pickle. Serve with masala chai for a festive Holi snack. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

Sonia Shah, Nutritionist, Fortune Foods, Adani Wilmar Ltd

Bike rider hits a young man, condition critical

Staff Reporter
Naraini. A person going for the last rites of a dead body was hit hard by a bike rider and injured. The person groaning in pain on the roadside was immediately taken to the hospital by two police personnel passing by the spot on their bike. Where during treatment, seeing his critical condition, the doctor referred him to the medical college. Shahid Khan, 55 years old son of Peru Khan, resident of Hadha village of Kotwali area, was going to Shivpur village for the last rites of a relative. Then a speeding bike rider coming from behind hit him hard near the canal bridge in Pangra village. Due to which the martyr got injured and fell down. During this, Shahid Khan's left leg broke and he got injured at many places. The martyr groaning in pain was taken to the hospital by police constable Rajesh Kumar, Rakesh Singh posted in Kotwali on their bike. Where during treatment, seeing his critical condition, the doctor referred him to the medical college.

A drunk person came in front of a scooter rider

Staff Reporter
Baberu. In Karhuli village of Marka police station area under Baberu tehsil area, on Tuesday, scooty riders Mansingh son of Bhawani Din age 35 years, Mahendra son of Lakkan Lal Singh 44 years, Yogendra son of Devraj Singh 45 years, resident of Armaar police station Marka were going from Baberu to their village on a scooty after buying goods from the market. Then a drunk person came in front of the scooty in Karhuli village. Due to which the scooty riders lost control and all three were seriously injured, while the passersby informed the family members and admitted them to the Community Health Center Baberu. Where first aid is being given by the doctor. The police reached the spot, caught the drunk person and is engaged in gathering information about the accident by interrogating him.

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Real money gaming industry bodies sign code of conduct

New Delhi (Agency). Industry bodies representing online real money gaming companies have signed the Common Q-Coordinated Interests in Gaming (COE). This code of conduct includes AIGF, EGF, and FIFS. Under the COE, member companies will be responsible for enhancing user security and responsible gaming practices such as KYC verification and setting spending limits. Members of these gaming industry bodies include leaders such as Dream11, My11Circle, Khelo Fantasy Live, SG11 Fantasy, WinZO and Jungle Games. The All India Gaming Federation (AIGF), Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS) and E-Gaming Federation (EGF) signed the COE.


PepsiCo aims to double its revenue in India

New Delhi (Agency). PepsiCo has announced that the company is aiming to double its revenue in India in the next five years. A company official said that PepsiCo is looking at India as a major market and is considering it as an engine of growth. The official said that PepsiCo is one of the top three of the three markets in India, where they have seen double-digit growth. Along with this, he told that the company has invested in new plants in Uttar Pradesh and Assam and is planning to open two additional plants. PepsiCo's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India and South Asia has said that the company is aiming to double its revenue in India in the next five years.

Wheat production expected to increase worldwide this year

New Delhi (Agency). Wheat production is expected to reach 796 million tonnes worldwide this year, which will be more than one percent increase for 2024. According to a report, wheat production is expected to increase in the European Union and America, but production may be affected due to adverse weather effects in some areas. There are also positive signs in paddy production, due to which global paddy production can reach 543 million tonnes in 2024-25. India, Cambodia, and Myanmar are contributing to this growth. However, there may be some reduction in the use of wheat in food, but the use in food and factories may increase. The depletion of global grain reserves threatens food security in 45 countries, particularly in Gaza and Sudan. The organization warns that acute food insecurity remains and that tackling this challenge will be difficult.


Rupee gains 1 paisa to 87.30 against US dollar in early trade



New Delhi (Agency): The rupee turned almost flat and gained 1 paisa to 87.30 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday on the back of weaker American currency and lower level of crude oil prices. However, volatile domestic equity markets amid fear of recession in the US and trade-related uncertainties impacted investor sentiment adversely, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 87.37, slipped to 87.39 and then slightly strengthened to 87.30 against the greenback in early deals, registering a gain of 1 paisa from its previous closing level. On Monday, the rupee sank 36 paise to close at 87.31 against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.20 per cent at 103.75. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.01 per cent to \$69.29 per barrel in futures trade. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex was trading 424.36 points, or 0.57 per cent, lower at 73,690.81 points, while the Nifty was down 117.90 points, or 0.52 per cent, at 22,342.40 points. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 485.41 crore on a net basis on Monday, according to exchange data. On the global macroeconomic front, US President Donald Trump has sought to downplay business concerns over the uncertainty caused by his tariff moves and did not rule out the possibility of a recession triggered by higher prices in the country. Meanwhile, China has retaliated against Trump's 20 per cent tariff of Chinese imports with an additional 15 per cent tax on key American farm products, including chicken, pork, soybeans and beef. The escalating trade tensions led to a crash in the US markets on Monday.


SEBI tightens rules for SME IPO

Mumbai (Agency). SEBI has tightened the rules for bringing IPO for small and medium enterprises (SME). According to this, the operating profit of the companies bringing the issue should be around Rs 1 crore in two out of the last three financial years. Also, promoters cannot sell more than 20 percent stake under the offer for sale. SEBI said in the circular that the minimum application size for SME IPO has been increased to two lots. Selling shareholders will not be allowed to sell more than 50 percent of their existing stake. The purpose of tightening the rules is to give an opportunity to SMEs with good track record to raise funds while protecting the interests of investors. According to the circular, companies bringing IPO will also have to publish announcements in newspapers and



RBI announces promotion of payment system

Mumbai (Agency). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced to promote innovation in payment systems, including rules with minimum intervention within the scope of central bank regulatory protection. Along with this, he also talked about expanding the reach of UPI (Unified Payment Interface). Malhotra declared this initiative ambitious at the inauguration of Digital Payments Awareness Week-2025. He said that the Reserve Bank, the government, banks and payment system operators have together taken several steps to promote digital payments. He saw the lasting benefits of this process, but



that RBI will continue to encourage innovation while promoting security and protection through soft touch regulations. He also talked about adopting a less intrusive approach to the payment environment and financial technology (fintech). He said that RBI is trying to balance different aspects with these regulations. Overall, the Reserve Bank of India is taking new steps to encourage innovation in the payment system along with its security and regulation. This initiative will strengthen India's digital payment sector and help keep it aware and safe.

After RBI and Sebi, govt kicks off search for new IRDAI chief

Mumbai (Agency): After appointing a new Governor at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the government is searching for a new Chairman for the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). The government has advertised for a new chairman for Hyderabad-based IRDAI, just four days before the end of the tenure of the current Chairman. There were expectations that the government will give current IRDAI Chairman Debasish Panda an extension on March 14, the day he will be completing his three-year term at the regulatory body. However, the government is now going ahead with its plan for a new chairman.

Further, the government is also planning to go for major




reforms in the insurance sector and IRDAI has appointed a committee to examine the reforms in the sector. The government has already announced a hike in FDI in insurance from 74 per

cent to 100 per cent. While all the selections for the top posts of regulatory bodies are supposed to be done by the Financial Sector Regulatory Appointment Search Committee (FSRASC), headed by the Cabinet Secretary, both the recent appointments – RBI Governor and SEBI Chairman – were done directly by the government without holding any interviews. The applicant for IRDAI chairman should have a minimum of two years of residual service as on the date of vacancy — March 14, 2025. This means the applicant's age should not exceed 63 years on the said date, according to the advertisement issued by the Department of Financial Services. The applicants should preferably have at

least 30 years of relevant work experience, should have worked as Secretary to Government of India or its equivalent level in Government of India or State Government or other institutions, and should have had a proven track record of leadership and authority in decision-making. Applicants from private sector should have worked as CEO or equivalent of a large financial institution. The appointment will be made by the Central Government on the recommendation of the Financial Sector Regulatory Appointment Search Committee. The committee is also free to identify and recommend, based on merit, any person other than those who have applied for the office.

Sensex sinks 380 points in early trade as Wall Street bleeds, global markets spiral



New Delhi (Agency): The Indian stock markets opened lower Tuesday morning, reflecting a broad sell-off across Asian markets after Wall Street tumbled overnight over fears that US President Donald Trump's tariffs threat could push the United States into recession. The 30-share BSE Sensex plunged 346.23 points or 0.47 per cent to 73,768.94 in the morning trade. The Nifty of NSE declined 124.80 points or 0.56 per cent to 22,335.50. Earlier, the US benchmark indices fell sharply Monday following Trump's statements that the economy is in a "period of transition" amid escalating trade tensions. From the 30 Sensex companies, IndusInd, Infosys, Mahindra & Mahindra, Zomato, Bajaj Finserv, UltraTech Cement, Tech Mahindra, Adani Ports, Tata Steel, Kotak Mahindra Bank and HDFC Bank were among the major laggards. Sun Pharmaceuticals, ICICI Bank, Nestle India, Bharti Airtel, NTPC and Titan were the gainers. The GIFT Nifty futures were trading at 22,430.5 as of 07:53 a.m. IST, indicating that the blue-chip Nifty 50 will likely open below Monday's close of 22,460.3. In Monday's morning trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 324.67 points or 0.44 per cent to 74,657.25. Investors' concerns about global economic instability shot up after Trump refused to predict whether the US could face a recession amid worries over his tariff policies. In the US market, technology stocks were hit hardest with the Nasdaq Composite suffering its worst day since 2022, tumbling 4%. Tesla shares plummeted 15.4%, while AI chip giant Nvidia lost over 5%. Asian markets were on a downward spiral on Monday, with Japan's Nikkei 225 sliding 2.7% and MSCI Asia ex-Japan falling 1.6%. Foreign portfolio investors (FPI) sold Indian shares worth 4.85 billion rupees (\$55.5 million), taking the total outflows to about \$28 billion since September-end when markets traded at their peaks. Nifty 50 is trading about 14.5% below the all-time high hit in September 2024, hurt by slowing earnings growth, US tariff uncertainty and relentless foreign selling. On March 5, Indian markets defied expectations by rebounding strongly despite Trump's announcement of reciprocal tariffs on India. The Sensex and Nifty jumped over one per cent to 73,730.23 and 22,337.30 respectively. This was considered to be a surprising move given the 16 per cent decline over the last five months.

An American recession: Donald Trump's tariffs have rekindled possibilities of a US economic downturn

New Delhi (Agency): Shares on Wall Street slumped on Monday to record one of the worst trading days since 2022, driven by concerns about the impact of President Donald Trump's trade policies on the US economy. Investors are now worried that a trade war could push the world's biggest economy into a possible recession, with Trump appearing not to rule out that possibility. Speaking to Fox News on Sunday, Trump parried a question on whether the US is headed into a recession with an uncharacteristically ambivalent response: "I hate to predict things like that. There is a period of transition, because what we're doing is very big. We're bringing wealth back to America, that's a big thing. And there are always periods (where) it takes a little time." This came days after Trump said his measures could lead to some pain in the "short term". This seems to be a markedly different outlook from Trump

in his first term, where he was much more responsive to stock market patterns. Incidentally, in Monday's selloff, while the tech-heavy NASDAQ was down over 4 per cent, Elon Musk-promoted Tesla was one of the stocks that fell the most, down more than 10 per cent and sharply lower than its peak back in December. There are three issues that analysts are pointing to amid the renewed "recession" talk. One, that Wall Street is perhaps now overreacting to the fact that it did not really believe Trump would follow through on this threat of tariffs that he made throughout his election campaign. So, when last week, the tariffs came into effect on Canada, Mexico and China, and more tariffs are likely on steel and aluminum products, the stock markets are perhaps responding to the fact that Trump is now walking his talk. There is also the broader uncertainty that this rapid back-and-forth on

tariffs by his administration has triggered. Secondly, bond yields—or the return a bond investor expects to receive each year over its term to maturity—are perhaps a better indicator of whether a recession is in the making. The American 10-year bond yield eased by 11 basis points Monday as demand for safe-haven assets increased after Trump declined to rule out a recession as a result of his tariff policies. When bond yields are going down, it means that the return an investor can expect from holding a bond is decreasing, which is typically caused by the price of the bond rising in the market (yields and prices of bonds have an inverse relationship). Lower yields potentially indicates a shift towards a more risk-averse sentiment among investors, often associated with economic uncertainty. Thirdly, though the broader economic data at this time is not indicating an impending American recession, there are

some clear pointers to a growth slowdown. Job market data is holding up so far based on the February jobs report that came out Friday, but consumer confidence is



down, and business surveys cite uncertainty as a reason for being cautious about capital investment. Fourth-quarter US gross domestic (GDP) growth for 2024 came in at a strong 2.3 per cent, driven primarily by consumer spending. However, the early data for this year suggest a slowdown could be on the cards. The various Federal Reserve Bank surveys have shown more caution among businesses, with the

Philadelphia Federal Reserve's Manufacturing Business Outlook Survey results showing that new orders and hiring are down, while prices are up. Comments from businesses across the country focus on the uncertainty surrounding tariffs and the potential negative impact on orders, adding to the pessimism. But Trump has, so far, shown that his administration is willing to tolerate this to achieve his broader ambitions, including rebalancing trade, his plans for deregulation, including promised tax cuts later in the year. And while Trump appears to be equivocal on the

recession prospects, his commerce secretary Howard Lutnick, and the main cheerleader of reciprocal tariffs within the new administration, was a lot less ambivalent at a press briefing. "There's going to be no recession in America. What there's going to be is global tariffs are going to come down because President Trump has said, you want to charge us 100 per cent, we're going to charge you 100 per cent! You know what they say? They say, No, no... don't charge us 100 per cent, we'll bring ours down... We'll unleash America out to the world, grow our economy in a way we've never grown before. You are going to see, over the next two years, the greatest set of growth coming from America... I would never bet on recession. No chance." Lutnick's bluster aside, there is a reason why the high tariff threats by the US are not likely to sustain. The structural issues with the

American economy is one key reason. The US economy relies heavily on trade, and that's part of its structural construct in the post-World War-II era. This is because the American economy consumes more goods than it produces domestically at full employment. As a result, its imports are almost always higher than its exports, resulting in a trade deficit. This trade deficit is a point of contention for Trump, which he's used as the trigger for the imposition of tariffs on countries around the world. But what this simplistic assumption glosses over is the fact that till the time America consumes more than it produces, it will have a deficit with a lot of countries. This is also triggered by the fact that the labour costs in America are high, and so it does not merit economic logic for US workers to be producing this efficiently in the country, like say garments or low-end consumer goods.



Considering the failings of capitalism, it is important to question some of its entrenched narratives. At an individual level, we can surely try and lead our lives on a much broader scale than that envisioned through the narrow pecuniary confines of Capitalism. As far as governments are concerned, they must put humans before banknotes. Much like the land ceilings which got rid of the Zamindari system, regulatory adjustments can put healthy limits on mega capitalism (e.g. no single entity can own more than 10 per cent market share) to encourage other players and strictly monitor monopolies and restrictive trade practices. Not getting unduly influenced by the profit-oriented outlook of capitalism is what will truly enrich mankind.

Manipur MP Arthur slams budget as “anti-people” for ignoring 60,000 displaced citizens

New Delhi (Agency): Outer Manipur MP Alfred Kangam Arthur has strongly criticised the Manipur Budget, labeling it “anti-people” for failing to address the needs of over 60,000 people displaced due to ethnic clashes in the state. The MP emphasised that the budget neglects those who have lost their livelihoods, homes, and suffered damage worth over Rs 20,000 crore.

“I implore the conscience of this House once again. Give me the privilege of relinquishing my seat, and I will not return. It is painful to come here, speak repeatedly, and not be heard. It is equally painful to see that my words are not translated into action on the ground. To return home to an empty house, knowing that today’s budget fails to address the needs of those affected, is unbearable,” Arthur said.

The MP also pointed out that the budget lacks a separate section for the hills and valley, a mandatory provision. He questioned how the allocation of funds would be determined without this separation.

He requested the Finance

Minister to reconsider the budget and allocate funds to support the affected communities.

“I request the Honourable Finance Minister to put this off and bring the actual budget so that we can go into the discussion of what is going to the hills and valley,” Arthur said.



The outer Manipur MP even accused the central government of not releasing the pending dues of NREGA. “The marginalised and poor of my constituency survive on NREGA, of which 50 per cent material component of 2023-24 has not been released and dues for 2 years have not been cleared,” he said.

He also criticised the Centre for not clearing payments for social assistance programmes, which has left the most vulnerable populations without aid.

Dowry system must be abolished in order to establish developed society: Governor

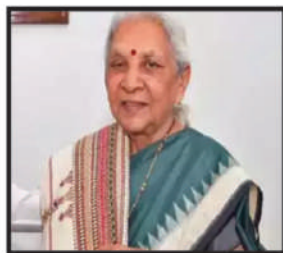
Azamgarh (Agency): As part of Governor Anandiben Patel's district tour program, the program for distribution of resource kits and loan/acceptance letters to the beneficiaries of various schemes at Anganwadi centers was inaugurated today at Hariaudh Kala Kendra Azamgarh with the national anthem.

Apprise Anganwadi workers about the importance of education: During this, the Governor said that to further improve the Anganwadi centres, children studying in Anganwadi centres should be motivated about the use of health kit (handkerchief, mirror, comb, nail cutter etc.). Also, Anganwadi workers should encourage children to use nail cutter and tell them that nails should be cut once a week. She said that to keep the children of Anganwadi centres clean, mirror should be kept according to the height of the children at the centres, so that the children coming can see themselves in it and how beautiful they look, and motivate them to stay clean. She said that cooperation should be taken from private hospitals to provide health kits at all Anganwadi centres. She said that Anganwadi workers should be told about the importance of education, so that they can also tell the children the importance of good education.

The dowry system must be stopped: She said that the dowry system should be stopped. Due to the dowry system, girls are beaten and exploited at home. We all have to stand up against the dowry system and stop it; only then a developed society, developed nation and developed state will be built. Governor said that various programs are being run by the Prime Minister to make India self-reliant and developed; this is possible

only when we all educate our children and let them study. Governor said that India will develop only when our society becomes TB free.

Divisional Commissioner and District Magistrate should invite girls: Governor Anandiben Patel directed the Divisional Commissioner and District Magistrate to organise a programme in a large auditorium and invite the girls and give them an opportunity to speak openly on the stage about dowry system, women harassment, de-addic-



tion campaign, child marriage, let us live, let us study, etc.

A maximum of Rs. 5 lakh is being made available to the beneficiaries of young entrepreneurs without any interest: The Governor said that under the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Yojana, a loan of maximum Rs. 5 lakh is provided to the beneficiaries without any interest. She directed the concerned officials to take feedback from the people who have been given loan under Yuva Udyami Vikas Yojana, to ensure that they are not using that money at the wrong place. Ayushman card proved to be a boon for senior citizens: She said that the Government of India has launched the Ayushman Card Scheme, under which free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh is provided in a year. Ayushman Card has proved to be a boon for senior citizens, if children grow up and move away, they can get their treatment done free of cost through Ayushman Card.

Trust managing Mumbai's Lilavati Hospital says Rs 1,500 crore misappropriated by ex-trustees

It claims black magic was performed on the hospital premises by erstwhile trustees and related individuals

Mumbai (Agency): The charitable trust that runs Mumbai's well-known Lilavati Hospital on Tuesday alleged that funds of over Rs 1,500 crore were misappropriated by its former trustees and other related individuals. The Lilavati Kirtilal Mehta Medical Trust (LKMMT) has lodged separate complaints with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and at the Bandra police station. It has also claimed that black magic was performed on the hospital premises by erstwhile trustees and related individuals. The complaints allege the misappropriation, uncovered during a forensic audit of Lilavati Hospital's financial records, has impacted the trust's operations and health care services provided by the leading

private medical facility located in upscale Bandra area. “We filed complaints which translated into FIRs due to the orders of the Bandra Magistrate Court. Three FIRs have been filed against the former trustees and other related individuals. A fourth proceeding against these individuals is now pending before the magistrate, which is based on our complaint filed in the Bandra police station for black magic and occult practices,” LKMMT Permanent Resident Trustee Prashant Mehta told reporters.

The Bandra Magistrate Court has ordered an inquiry against these very individuals, he added. “We are committed to upholding the integrity of the Lilavati Kirtilal Mehta Medical Trust and ensuring that funds

meant for health care services are used solely for the benefit of patients who rely on us daily.

“The gross misconduct and financial misappropriation un-



covered during forensic audit is not just a betrayal of the trust placed in the alleged and fraudulent former trustees, but a direct threat to the very mission of our hospital,” Mehta maintained.

He said LKMMT will ensure

that every individual involved in these illegal activities is held accountable.

“We request the Enforcement Directorate to take swift and decisive action in investigating these financial crimes under the provisions of the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act),” he stated.

After receiving control of the trust after a long legal battle, the present trustees allegedly identified large-scale irregularities in the affairs of the hospital management body by their predecessors and decided to conduct a forensic audit. Chetan Dalal Investigation and Man-

agement Services, and ADB and Associates were appointed as forensic auditors.

The auditors found large-scale irregularities, manipulation, siphoning off of funds in the affairs of LKMMT by its erstwhile trustees, Mehta claimed. “We undertook audits and the forensic auditors have come up with more than five reports, which clearly state that more than Rs 1,500 crore has been siphoned off and misappropriated by this illegal group of trustees. This money has been siphoned off by former trustees most of whom are NRIs and residents of Dubai and Belgium,” he alleged. On the basis of the findings of the forensic audit, the current trustee filed three complaints at the Bandra police sta-

tion alleging forgery and misappropriation of funds. After registration of FIRs, the case was transferred to the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) which is carrying out an investigation.

Further, the third FIR at the Bandra police station alleged that Rs 1,200 crore was misappropriated by indulging into illegalities with third-party distributors in respect of procurements for the hospital. In addition to these FIRs, Mehta said another case is under investigation in Gujarat in respect to theft of valuables from Lilavati Hospital's facility in the adjoining state. Speaking about black magic rituals performed on the hospital premises, he said, “We have discovered seven urns with human hair and skulls.”

Two-thirds of bank customers in India expect reimbursement for scam losses: Survey

Ludhiana (Agency): A recent survey conducted by US-based global analytics software firm FICO has revealed that two-thirds of bank customers in India expect banks to reimburse

better fraud detection systems, while 50 per cent expect more scam warnings.

The survey report, titled “2024 Scams Impact Survey: India”, also found that 37 per cent



scam victims and implement better fraud detection systems to protect them.

The survey, which polled 11,000 consumers across 14 countries, including India, found that 66 per cent of Indian consumers believe banks should always reimburse scam victims. Additionally, 57 per cent of consumers want banks to set up

of consumers would hold banks accountable if they fell victim to a scam. However, 87 per cent of consumers were satisfied with the scam resolution process. Dattu Kompella, Managing Director in Asia for FICO, stated that Indian consumers expect their banks to take the lead in combating fraud. He added that dissatisfaction with scam handling can be costly for banks, both financially and reputationally. According to the survey, 56 per cent of consumers would lodge a complaint with their bank, while 30 per cent would escalate the issue to regulators. Another 3 per cent would switch banks entirely.

Parliamentary panel seeks action to boost women's representation in CAPFs

Chandigarh (Agency): Almost a decade after the central government reserved up to 33 per cent vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for women, the representation of women personnel in these forces remain way below target, prompting a key parliamentary panel to urge the government for taking remedial steps. As of January 2025, women personnel comprised just 4.48 per cent of the posted strength in the six CAPFs that function under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). In January 2016, the government had implemented a policy reserving 33 per cent of constable positions in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF),

and 14 to 15 percent in Border Security Force (BSF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), specifically for women.

“The committee notes that actual representation remains below target. Therefore, it recommends targeted recruitment drives for women, particularly in CRPF and CISF,” Parliament's Standing Committee on Home Affairs said in its report tabled on March 10. The committee also emphasised uniform access to support facilities across all units and the importance of robust mechanisms to address workplace issues, including zero tolerance policy against sexual harassment. “To further improve women's progression, the committee recommends creating

mentorship programmes and leadership development initiatives. It also suggests exploring flexible deployment options or soft postings during specific life stages to enhance retention,” the report said, while noting the government's positive steps to enhance women's representation in CAPFs, including reservations and supportive initiatives like fee exemptions and childcare facilities.

The CAPFs comprise three border guarding forces – BSF, SSB and ITBP, and two non-border guarding forces – CRPF and CISF, besides the Assam Rifles, which functions under the operational control of the Army and has a dual role of internal security in the north-east and guarding the India-Myanmar border.



ment. The ministry, in its order issued on Monday, said that the WFI has taken compliant measures, so in larger interest of the sport and athletes, the ministry has decided to lift the suspension. There were complaints that the WFI was still operating from the residence of Brij Bhushan, prompting the ministry to form a verification committee, which performed a spot inspection and found that the Federation had shifted its office to East Vinod Nagar in New Delhi. The ministry was satisfied with the corrective measures taken and considering that not having a competent body in place will affect Indian wrestlers' medal chances at 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympic Games, it ended the suspension. “I thank the government for taking this step. It will allow us to function smoothly. It was

needed for the sake of the sport. The athletes were suffering for lack of competitions,” Sanjay Singh said.

The ministry, though, has asked the WFI to follow certain directions, such as the Federa-

FIR filed for obstructing, stoning ED vehicle after raids at Bhupesh Baghel's house in Chhattisgarh

Raipur (Agency): The Durg Police has filed an FIR into an incident of obstructing and stoning of a vehicle that was part of the Enforcement Directorate team that searched the residence of former Chhattisgarh chief minister and senior Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel in a case against his son, official sources said.

The complaint has been filed at the ‘Old Bhilai’ police station in the said district on Monday night by the driver of the private vehicle. The ED had raided Baghel's residence in Bhilai's Mansarovar Colony and 13 other locations in Durg as part of a money laundering investigation against his son Chaitanya Baghel in an alleged liquor scam case. The searches went on for about eight hours during which the ED seized about Rs 30 lakh in cash and some documents, according to sources. The driver

said in his complaint to the police that about 15-20 protestors stopped the four-wheeler while it was leaving around 4:30 pm on Monday from Baghel's residence and some people climbed on the bonnet. Someone also

public servant (221), assault or use of criminal force against a public servant (132) and wrongful restraint [126(2)] of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and section 3 of the Public Property destruction law against a



hurled a stone that hit the front windshield of the vehicle, the FIR said. The police have pressed sections related to rioting [191(2)], unlawful assembly (190), voluntary obstructing

man identified as Bhilai resident Sunny Agarwal and 15-20 others.

The senior Baghel, 63, was present at the house during the action. He later questioned the motive of the ED raids even as

the Congress said the raids against the Baghel's were a “conspiracy” to “manage headlines” on a day when Parliament's Budget session reconvened and the government faced questions from the opposition on multiple issues.

Chaitanya Baghel is expected to be summoned for questioning in the case at the ED office in Raipur.

The alleged liquor scam in the central Indian state, as per the ED, was orchestrated between 2019 and 2022 when Chhattisgarh was ruled by a Congress government led by CM Baghel.

The federal probe agency had earlier said the Chhattisgarh liquor “scam” resulted in “massive loss” to the state exchequer and filled the pockets of the beneficiaries of a liquor syndicate with more than Rs 2,100 crore of proceeds of crime.

'US tariff threats hit Indian exports in February'

Chandigarh (Agency): Indian exports in February were impacted by US tariff threats, a government source said. India is considering offering incentives to exporters amid global uncertainty, with a decision expected within a month, according to Reuters.

India is considering new incentives for its exporters amid global trade uncertainty and the potential impact of tariffs threatened by the Donald Trump administration on shipments to the United States, a government official said on Tuesday. Pressure on Indian exporters is mounting due to aggressive policies being pursued by trade partners like the US and the European Union.

The government is expected

to make a decision on providing incentives to exporters within a month and funding has already been allocated in the budget for the year beginning April 1, the official, speaking on the sidelines of an event, said. The government did not immediately reply to an email seeking comment.

India's exports in February were affected by the threat of US tariffs, the official said. India will release trade data for February on March 17.

After a meeting between Trump and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month, the two countries had agreed to resolve traffic rows and work on the first segment of a deal by the fall of 2025, aiming for bilateral trade worth \$500 billion by 2030.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said that the impact of the US tariffs will be felt on India.

For context, On February 18, US President Donald Trump outlined a new trade policy focused on fairness and reciprocity and said that the US would implement reciprocal tariffs, charging other countries the same tariffs they impose on American goods. Trump emphasised that this approach would address unfair trade practices, including non-monetary barriers, subsidies, and VAT systems to encourage foreign countries to either reduce or eliminate tariffs against the US or set up their manufacturing base in the US which will add to its growth in the long term.

Sports ministry revokes Wrestling Federation of India suspension after 15 months

New Delhi (Agency): The Sports Ministry has revoked the suspension imposed on the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), ending the months of uncertainty surrounding the sport and paving the way for resumption of activities, including selection trials for the upcoming Asian Championship in Amman.

The ministry had suspended the WFI on December 24, 2023 for lapses in governance and procedural integrity by the new body, which was elected on December 21. It had asked IOA to form an ad-hoc panel to run the affairs of the Federation.

The Sanjay Singh-led body had announced the conduct of Under-15 and Under-20 National Championships in Nandini Nagar, Gonda – the stronghold of former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh – and the choice of venue irked the government since the former BJP MP was facing charges of sexual harass-

ment. The ministry, in its order issued on Monday, said that the WFI has taken compliant measures, so in larger interest of the sport and athletes, the ministry has decided to lift the suspension.

There were complaints that the WFI was still operating from the residence of Brij Bhushan, prompting the ministry to form a verification committee, which performed a spot inspection and found that the Federation had shifted its office to East Vinod Nagar in New Delhi.

The ministry was satisfied with the corrective measures taken and considering that not having a competent body in place will affect Indian wrestlers' medal chances at 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympic Games, it ended the suspension.

“I thank the government for taking this step. It will allow us to function smoothly. It was

needed for the sake of the sport. The athletes were suffering for lack of competitions,” Sanjay Singh said.

The ministry, though, has asked the WFI to follow certain directions, such as the Federa-

rective could be understood in that context.

“The EC of the WFI must give an undertaking in this regard within 4 weeks. Any violation of the undertaking will invite appropriate legal action, including the action under the Sports Code,” the ministry said in its order. It also said that the WFI must ensure that the selection for all international events should be done in a fair, fair and transparent manner as per the extant provisions of the Sports Code and the other latest instructions issued in this regard along with regulations issued from time-to-time by the UWW (United World Wrestling).

The WFI president said there is nothing that can't be followed. “We have already shifted to a new office and soon we will call for an EC meeting and also issue a circular for the selection

trials. We have no issues in following these instructions,” he said.

The Asian Championship is scheduled to be held in Amman, Jordan from March 25. The Indian wrestlers missed out on competing in Ranking Series tournaments in Zagreb and Albania due to the ministry's suspension and the court cases filed by prominent wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia and Satyawart Kadian.

The Indian wrestlers could have missed participation in the World Championship also last year but after they protested outside the residence of Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, they were allowed to participate.

The wrestlers, who had led the protest against Brij Bhushan, had contended that the WFI did not have the authority to pick national teams since it was suspended.

The court had directed the

Indian Olympic Association to restore the ad-hoc panel for managing the WFI but the sports body had refused, saying UWW, the world governing body, recognises only the WFI and won't accept entries from the ad-hoc panel.

The UWW, which lifted its suspension on WFI on January 13, 2024, had threatened IOA to suspend WFI again if there was interference in its governance.

“We are so relieved that this suspension has been lifted. There was a complete lull, the young wrestlers were suffering for no fault of theirs. They were missing tournaments, there was no national camp. The suspension should have been lifted long back,” said a coach associated with a leading training centre in Haryana. Vinesh, Bajrang and Sakshi Malik had accused Brij Bhushan of sexual abuse of junior wrestlers and held a long protest at Jantar Mantar.

Gabbard to visit India, likely to address Raisina dialogue on March 18

New Delhi (Agency): US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard on Tuesday said she will visit India as part of a multi-nation trip to the Indo-Pacific, in furtherance of US President Donald Trump's objectives of peace and freedom. This will be Gabbard's first India visit since her US Senate confirmation as the Director of National Intelligence. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the US in February, Gabbard was the first high-level Trump administration official to call on the Prime Minister at Blair House on February 12.

In India, Gabbard will address the Raisina dialogue on March 18, where she has been invited by Prime Minister Modi. The New York Times said today. “I am wheels up on a multi-nation trip to the Indo-Pacific, a region I know very well having grown up a child of the Pacific. I will be going to Japan, Thailand, and India with a brief stop in France en route back to DC,” Gabbard said in an X post as she embarked on the visit.

Subhash Ghai blames actors for Bollywood’s star crisis, says no superstars in 10-15 years except Ranbir Kapoor: ‘Salman, SRK are stars as...’



The dearth of superstars in the Hindi film industry in the current generation is evident to both audiences and filmmakers. In a recent interaction, prolific filmmaker Subhash Ghai spoke about this issue and explained how excessive analysis and the growing emphasis on the business aspect of filmmaking have brainwashed actors. He pointed out that instead of focusing on their craft, actors today are more concerned with making money, building their brand, and other financial factors. Speaking on the YouTube channel Game Changers, Ghai explained that in the past, all actors—regardless of their star power—were addressed by their character’s name on set. The filmmaker emphasized how important this was for performances. He shared, “We never used to call actors by their name on the set. We would call them by their character’s name. We would call Anil Kapoor ‘Lakhan’ and Jackie Shroff ‘Ram’ on the sets of Ram Lakhan. We do this because when they shoot for the film for a year or 9 months, they get into that character, and the whole film’s team knows them by their character’s name. Characters are the most important thing in making a good story because they are telling the story.” Ghai also pointed out how today’s actors are more focused on brand-building, which, in his opinion, is affecting their performances. “I am very particular about actors, and these days actors think of themselves as a brand. The actor would be surrounded by talent managers who would read the script. How will you understand how the character will look on the screen by reading the script? They should ask the actors to pick a scene and act and judge whether they can do it or not.” He further stated that the presence of talent managers has worsened the situation. “The actors make their talent managers sit in these meetings, and it is because those talent managers will bring in money, deciding what all brands fit into that project.

Aman Gupta refuses Shark Tank India pitchers’ Shilajit-based product, Vineeta Singh says they’re losing money with each sale

Considering India is the most populated country in the world, it is ironic that sexual health discussions are still seen as taboo topics. Probably why, in the latest episode of Shark Tank India 4, Zinga Vita’s pitch about their Ayurveda company didn’t just make the ‘sharks’ smile and laugh, but also gave a lot of points to ponder. Chandigarh-based Dheeraj

Nagpal and Sachin Goel’s Zinga Vita makes multiple products based on the ayurvedic supplement, Shilajit. Arguing that sexual wellness isn’t the only benefit of Shilajit, the team said that it improves metabolism, and can be used by men and women. With a firm focus on removing the taboo from Shilajit, the entrepreneurs asked for Rs 1



crore for 1.25% equity at a valuation of Rs 80 crore during their Shark Tank India pitch. When asked by the entrepreneurs to try their

product, Aman Gupta, quickly replied with a huge smile plastered on his face, “I don’t need Shilajit... What are you even talking?” This lightened the room up as questions started flying from all over about why they think a product that has been in the market for so many years together would need a facelift of sorts. The owners responded with

claims of increased awareness in India, and a demand in the US for the product, which claims increased strength, improved vitality, and muscle gain. Vineeta didn’t waste a moment before asking if these claims were made after a new study since Shilajit has always been known for erectile dysfunction issue.

Deepika Padukone yelled ‘Who’s this?’ after Nilu Kohli accidentally sprayed water on her face: ‘She actually looks like a Goddess’

Actor Nilu Kohli has collaborated with several A-listers in the Hindi film industry throughout her career. In a recent interaction, she recalled her first meeting with Deepika Padukone on the sets of Break Ke Baad in Mauritius and how she was left awestruck by her beauty. Nilu also spoke about Anushka Sharma’s simplicity and how the actor remains grounded on set, free from any starry tantrums. Speaking to Hindi Rush, Nilu recounted an incident where her love for plants unintentionally landed her in trouble with Deepika. She shared, “We were shooting for Break Ke Baad in Mauritius. There was this huge bouquet that was there on the set and during the shoot from morning to evening, the bouquet was drying up.

So, out of my love for plants, I was trying to water the bouquet. Suddenly this voice came, ‘Who is this?’ and I looked and it was Deepika Padukone sitting on the other end. The water that I was spraying on the bouquet fell on her face. I looked at her and was awestruck. She actually looks like a Goddess. I just said sorry.” Nilu Kohli also reminisced about working with Anushka Sharma on the sets of Patiala House. Praising Anushka’s down-to-earth nature, she described how the Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi star was warm and approachable, blending seamlessly with the cast and crew. She said, “Anushka is very simple. We only make them bigger than what they are. She was very down-to-

earth and simple. She was very much like us, sitting and chatting with

everyone.” On the professional front, Deepika Padukone was last seen in Rohit Shetty’s Singham Again. After welcoming her daughter, Dua, last year, she has made several public appearances but has yet to announce her next project. Anushka Sharma, on the other hand, has been away from the silver screen for a long time, with her last film being Shah Rukh Khan’s Zero (2018).



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Madhuri Dixit: ‘When I dance, it’s like a prayer for me....’



Bollywood star Madhuri Dixit, who is set to perform at the 25th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards on Sunday, says dance is a form of “prayer” for her. The IIFA Awards 2025 kickstarted in Jaipur on Saturday and will come to a close on Sunday. Besides being a noted actor, Madhuri Dixit is a trained Kathak dancer known for popular songs, including “Ek Do Teen” (Tezaab), “Tamma Tamma” (Thanedaar), “Kaahe Chhed” (Devdas), and “Kay Sera Sera” (Pukar). “Dance is very spiritual for me. When I dance, it’s like a prayer for me... I’m excited because my performance is going to take place here in Jaipur, and my performance has the fragrance of Jaipur’s soil, so I’m looking forward to it,” the actor told PTI on the green carpet of the IIFA Digital Awards on Saturday night. Madhuri Dixit, accompanied by her husband Sriram Nene at the event, said IIFA gives an opportunity to the film fraternity to come together every year. “We celebrate each other’s successes here. I’ve had a long association with IIFA. When we come to IIFA, there’s a lot of excitement and a focus on performances,” she added.

Nora Fatehi says actors ran paid PR campaign to declare her ‘done’, recalls confronting one: ‘Stay in your lane’

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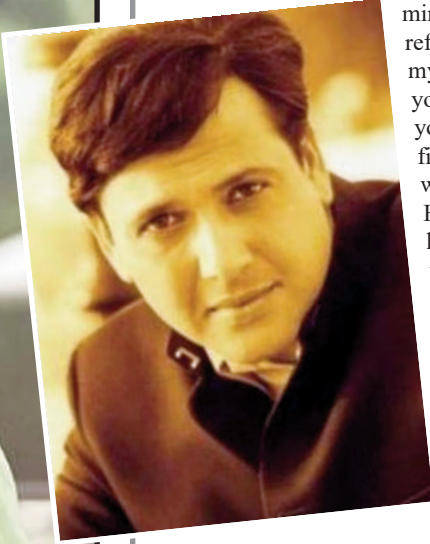
Nora Fatehi, known for her electrifying dance numbers in the Hindi film industry, recently opened up about how several actors have used her name to promote themselves. She revealed that some even paid their PR agencies to compare their performances with hers, implying they had replaced her. Nora recalled confronting an actor who had spoken behind her back. Speaking to BBC Asian Network, she said, “They would go and pay their PR agencies and ask them to put their and my picture together with the caption, ‘Nora is done. I am the new Nora.’ Don’t do that. That’s ridiculous. Just because I don’t have anyone to call you and ask you not to do that, doesn’t mean that you can ride over me. Stay in your lane and be respectful.” Nora also shared how she made a strong comeback after dealing with an injury. “So, when I was sitting with the ankle

injury and reading that Nora is done, I was like okay wait till my ankle is healed, let me show you. And I swear I wasn’t fully recovered from the injury when I performed ‘Payal.’ I thought we need to send a message before 2025 comes in.” Nora starred in Honey Singh’s music video, titled “Payal,” last year. Acknowledging the competitive nature of the industry, Nora admitted that “everyone is trying to take everyone down.” She pointed out that while people might be sweet to her face, they often work behind the scenes to replace her. When asked how she deals with such two-faced behaviour, she revealed, “I do confront them sometimes. I confronted a girl who was talking about me. I will not be a pushover or a doormat.” Nora also spoke about being deceived by an agency that made her audition for a role while secretly pushing another actress for the same project. “They told me they hadn’t heard back, but then they got another girl locked for that part. They made me sit for months wondering what was happening,” she said. She eventually decided to drop the agency.



Govinda says Bollywood conspired against him, regrets turning down Rs 100 crore film: ‘I would slap myself’

Govinda has been away from the big screen for a long time. In a recent interaction, he spoke about his absence from projects and revealed that he regretted turning down a Rs 100 crore film. He also claimed that many in the film industry deliberately tried to tarnish his reputation. Speaking to Mukesh Khanna on his YouTube channel, Bheeshm International, Govinda shared, “When they were writing that I didn’t have work, I had left a Rs 100 crore film. I was looking in the mirror and slapping myself for refusing the project. I told myself, ‘You have gone mad, you could have financed yourself with that money.’ The film had the same role that is working these days.” However, Govinda defended his decision, emphasising the importance of staying true to oneself. “It’s important to be honest with yourself and listen to your inner voice,” he said. The actor also recalled the phase when he was allegedly defamed in the industry, claiming that these attacks were



planned. “I went through a defamation phase and it was pre-determined. They wanted to remove me from the film industry. I understood that I, an uneducated person, have come in-between educated people and they want to remove me. I can’t spoil their name but I didn’t know to what extent they will go. Conspiracies started against me, people were caught outside my house with gun. My nature changed after all these conspiracies,” he revealed. In an earlier

Govinda recalled the phase when he was allegedly defamed in the industry, claiming that these attacks were planned.

Palak Muchhal opens up about ‘arranged marriage’ with Mithoon and how they discovered they were meant to be: ‘We soon realised that...’

Not only have playback singer-lyricist Palak Muchhal and composer Mithoon touched the souls of millions with their musical prowess, but they have also won hearts as an adorable couple. Palak recently opened up about their bond as husband and wife, emphasising that it is built on friendship, love and mutual respect. Mentioning that they enjoy doing things together,

she also shared that they have found in each other a friendship unlike any they have experienced before. “Our companionship is the greatest blessing in the world for us. We love travelling, so whenever we get even the smallest window, we take off and explore. We also enjoy trying different (vegetarian) cuisines,” she said during a recent appearance on SCREEN’s The Suvir Saran



Show. Palak also mentioned that she enjoys cooking for Mithoon. Despite being in the same profession, Palak

Mucchal emphasised that their careers have never caused discord between them. Revealing that theirs was an arranged marriage of sorts, she said: “But we soon realised that we had to be together; we were made for each other. We are unique in our values and thought processes and we have very clear priorities in life. If you find a partner whose priorities are as clear as yours, it’s a

blessing. He has a heart of gold.” The couple tied the knot in 2022. Palak and Mithoon first collaborated on Aashiqui 2 (2013), where she, along with Arijit Singh, lent her vocals to the song “Meri Aashiqui” which was composed by Mithoon. She later worked with her husband on tracks like “Keh Bhí De”, “Door Na Jaa”, “Yu Tere Hue Hum”, “Udd Jaa Kaale Kaava” and “Bandhan”.

interaction with The Times of India, Govinda spoke about his financial struggles and alleged mistreatment by the industry. “In the last 14-15 years, I have invested money and lost around Rs 16 crore. I was treated badly by some people from the fraternity too. My films didn’t get theatres and they wanted to demolish my career, which didn’t happen,” he said. When asked if there was a conspiracy against him in Bollywood, he affirmed, “Yes, of course it was. As they say, apne bhi paraye ho jaate hain (friends turn their backs on you). If fate is not on your side, then your own people also turn against you.” On the professional front, Govinda was last seen in the 2019 film Rangeela Raja. During his recent appearance on The Great Indian Kapil Show, he announced that he has three upcoming projects in the pipeline.

Khelo India Para Games will start from March 20



New Delhi (Agency). Khelo India Para Games will be held in New Delhi from 20 to 27 March. Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has said that in this second session of Khelo India Para Games, about 1,230 para athletes will participate in six

competitions. These games will also include the winners of Paris Paralympics and Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2022. As per the schedule, sports competitions like para athletics, para archery and para powerlifting will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru

Stadium from 21 to 26 March. Para badminton and para table tennis events will also be held in the Indira Gandhi Stadium complex. At the same time, shooting matches will be held at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range from 21 to 25 March. Emerging players will get an opportunity to hone their sports and competitive skills from Khelo India. The first edition of Khelo India Para Games was held in Delhi in December 2023. Then Haryana was at first position while Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were at second and third position respectively.



Amelia Kerr celebrating after taking three wickets in the match between Gujarat Giants and Mumbai Indians during the WPL match in Mumbai.

Harry will not play IPL, threat of ban looms

London (Agency). England cricketer Harry Brook will not be seen in the IPL starting from March 22. Harry has withdrawn from the IPL even though Delhi Capitals bought him for Rs 6.25 crore in the auction held last year. Harry can be banned for the next two seasons if he refuses to play without any sufficient reason. Harry has said that he is preparing for the upcoming series on behalf of the national team and for this I need time to refresh myself. He also said that playing for the country is my first priority. Harry was bought by Delhi Capitals for Rs 6.25 crore in the mega auction held in November. This is the

second consecutive time that Brook has withdrawn his name from the IPL and in such a situation, he can now be banned. As per the new rule introduced by IPL, any player who registers himself in the player auction and does not make himself available before the start of the season after being selected in the auction will be banned from participating in the tournament and player auction for 2 seasons. However, if the player withdraws from the tournament due to injury or medical reasons, then there will be no ban on him. Brook said in a statement on his social

media account, this is a really important time for England cricket and I want to fully commit to



preparing for the upcoming series. To do this, I need time to recharge after the busiest phase of my career so far. I know that not everyone will understand this and I do not expect them to either, but I have to do what I feel is right. Playing for my country will remain my priority and focus. It is worth noting that last season, Brook withdrew from the tournament due to the death of a close one.

Santner said our bowlers were under pressure because of Rohit



Dubai (Agency). New Zealand cricket team captain Mitchell Santner has praised Indian team captain Rohit Sharma. Santner has said that Rohit may fail on some occasions but his style is such that he proves to be decisive on big occasions. According to Santner, in the title match, his team players came under pressure at the very beginning due to Rohit's style of playing. In the final, Rohit's brilliant batting gave the Indian team a good start. Rohit scored a half-century in just 41 balls in the final. He played an innings of 76 runs. He was seen batting in a different style in this match. Rohit just changed his attitude and he was successful in playing a big innings for the team. He

played this innings when the team needed it the most. Santner said that his attitude creates dullness in the bowlers. He is aggressive by nature and I think he and Shubman Gill coordinate well. Shubman Gill waits for a bad ball but Rohit is happy to play the bowlers at that length. He does not wait and our team's bowlers were also afraid of him. Santner also said that the way Rohit plays, you may fail a few times but as he played against us in the final on a slow pitch. It shows that if you give your team such a start then you can keep yourself ahead in the match. The kind of aggression he showed during the powerplay made the match slip out of our hands.

ICC made Santner the captain of its team, Rohit did not get a place

Dubai (Agency). The International Cricket Council (ICC) has made Mitchell Santner the captain of its team for the Champions Trophy 2025. Surprise is also being expressed at this decision of the ICC because under the captaincy of Santner, New Zealand has been defeated twice by the Indian team under the captaincy of Rohit Sharma. Santner's team lost to Rohit's Indian team once in the league match and once in the final. In such a situation, it was believed that Rohit would get the captaincy of the ICC team. In the

been taking similar decisions in the past as well. In the World Cup 2023, Australia captain Pat Cummins did not get a place in the ICC team even after winning the ODI World Cup. Six Indian players including Virat Kohli and KL Rahul have been included in the ICC team. ICC's Best Team of the Tournament: Mitchell Santner (Captain) (New Zealand), Rachin Ravindra (New Zealand), Ibrahim Zadran (Afghanistan), Virat Kohli (India), Shreyas Iyer (India), KL R a h u l

tournament in which no team won more than 3 matches, Rohit won all five matches. Rohit was also the Player of the Match in the final. Even though he scored less than 200 runs in these five matches, the way he led the team, he should have been selected for the Team of the Tournament and given the captaincy. In such a situation, it is being said that he should have got a place in any case but did not get it. ICC has

(Wicketkeeper) (India), Glenn Phillips (New Zealand), Azmatullah U m a r z a i (Afghanistan), Mohammed Shami (India), Matt Henry (New Zealand), Varun Chakraborty (India) and Axar Patel (India).



ICC gave the reason for not inviting PCB official on stage in Champions Trophy award ceremony

Dubai (Agency). The International Cricket Council (ICC) has given the reason for the absence of any official of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) in the award ceremony of Champions Trophy. ICC said that according to the protocol, Mohsin Naqvi was invited as the chairman of the host board but he did not reach Dubai. Under the ICC protocol, only the nominated representative is present on the stage. That is why no other PCB official was called on the stage. Earlier, the Pakistani media had alleged that a PCB official was present in the ceremony but he was not invited on the stage. Regarding this, the ICC spokesperson said that Mohsin Naqvi, chairman of the PCB management committee and nominated representative of the host board, was invited to the ceremony but he did not attend it. The spokesperson said, Mohsin Naqvi was not available and did not go to Dubai for the final. Responding to the criticism over the absence of Pakistani representation on the stage, an ICC spokesperson said, "The ICC only invites the head of the host board to attend the



awards ceremony, such as the President, Vice President, Chairman or CEO. Other board officials, whether present at the venue or not, are not part of the proceedings on the stage." The ICC also stressed that this protocol has been followed consistently in all tournaments and is not limited to the Champions Trophy alone. The absence of the PCB official on the stage was only due to the absence of the board's nominated representative. It is

worth noting that PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi did not say anything on this matter. He praised everyone for the successful organization of the tournament. He wrote on social media, "I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated PCB team, vigilant law enforcement agencies, supportive provincial governments, respected ICC officials and the cricket teams that traveled to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy 2025.

Delhi Capitals will enter with new captain, coach and mentor



New Delhi (Agency). Delhi Capitals will enter IPL 2025 starting from March 22 under the guidance of new captain KL Rahul and new coach Hemang Badani. Apart from this, the team has appointed former England captain Kevin Pietersen as a mentor. Now it remains to be seen how successful the trio of Rahul, Badani and Pietersen is. Rahul has been a captain before, while Badani has also been a coach, but Pietersen

has become a mentor for the first time. In such a situation, his goal this time will be to win the title for Delhi Capitals. Now it remains to be seen how successful he is. This will be the first time that Pietersen will play the role of supporting staff with a cricket team. Pietersen will now work with head coach Hemang Badani, cricket director Venugopal Rao, bowling coach Munaf Patel and assistant coach Matthew

Mott in the DC coaching staff. He is joining a team for the first time. Before this he has been doing commentary. Pietersen played for DC in IPL 2012 and 2014. In this, he scored 305 and 294 runs. He also captained the franchise in 17 matches. Pietersen, who has played 200 T20s, has 5,695 runs to his name. He has scored 1001 runs in 36 matches for Delhi Daredevils, Royal Challengers Bangalore, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Pune franchise in the IPL. Delhi Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal said, Pietersen was one of the best batsmen of modern times, and his presence in our team is a valuable addition. Earlier this week, Delhi Capitals also announced the appointment of coach Matthew Mott as their assistant coach.

Rahul may be out of the opening matches of IPL

Mumbai (Agency). Wicketkeeper-batsman KL Rahul is likely to be out of the opening matches of the 18th season of IPL starting on March 22. According to a report,

Rahul's wife Athiya Shetty is about to give birth to their first child and at such a time Rahul wants to be with her. Rahul was bought by Delhi Capitals in the auction this time for Rs 14 crore. Earlier

he was the captain of Lucknow Super Giants. Rahul has played 132 IPL matches so far and has scored 4683 runs with the help of four centuries and 37 half-centuries.

Varun should have got the Player of the Tournament award: Ashwin

Mumbai (Agency). Former Indian team spinner R Ashwin has said that Varun Chakravathy, who took 9 wickets in the ICC Champions Trophy, should have been given the Player of the Tournament but this award was given to New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra, who was the runner-up. Ashwin said that it is surprising that despite being the match winner, Varun was not selected as the Player of the Series. He said that Varun played an important role in the victory of the Indian team. Ashwin said, whatever is said, according to me the Player of the Tournament was Varun Chakravathy. He did not play the entire tournament but he made a huge difference. If Varun was not there, the final match would have been very different. He added the X-factor. If I were the judge, I would have given this award to Varun. He was the biggest difference. Ashwin was very impressed with the ball of Varun with which he dismissed Glenn Phillips. He said, Phillips was not covering the stumps, so Varun went out of the crease and bowled a googly. Ashwin praised the Indian bowlers for restricting New Zealand to 251 runs in the final. Ashwin said, I am very happy for captain Rohit Sharma and coach Gautam Gambhir. Remarkably, this Indian team won the Champions Trophy without main fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah. What does this tell you? Where does this leave Indian cricket? I am very happy. I think it will take some time for the world to understand Indian cricket. Varun admitted that he did not expect his campaign to go like this. After the match, he said - I did not expect it to be like this. The dream came true. Chakraborty's bowling surprised everyone. He troubled the batsmen a lot with his spin. It was difficult to read his balls. This was the reason why he was so successful. Ashwin said that the team played unitedly and got the reward.



Akshar also included in the race for the new captain of Delhi Capitals

New Delhi (Agency). All-rounder Akshar Patel and experienced batsman KL Rahul are strong contenders for the captaincy of Delhi Capitals in the IPL starting on March 22. The franchise officials will announce the name of their new captain in the next few days. Delhi Capitals will hold a short training camp in Delhi before moving to Visakhapatnam for their first two matches. Rahul may not play in one or two matches as his wife Athiya Shetty is pregnant and he wants to be with the family. In such a situation, Capitals can make Akshar the captain in place of Rahul. Rahul has joined the Delhi team for the first time. Akshar has played 150 IPL games and has scored 1653 runs at a strike rate of around 131 and taken 123 wickets at an economy rate of 7.28, although Rahul has been the IPL captain for the last few years and has led Punjab Kings and Lucknow Super Giants in the past.

Jadeja will not retire from ODIs yet

Mumbai (Agency). Indian cricket team's all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has said that he is not retiring yet. So do not speculate about his retirement. Jadeja had said goodbye to the shortest format after the Indian team's victory in the T20 World Cup. In such a situation, it was believed that he would also retire from the ODI format after the team's victory in the Champions Trophy. At the same time, Jadeja has now put up a post on social media regarding his retirement. Jadeja shared a four-word post on social media and wrote, no unnecessary rumors, thank you. Jadeja's performance has not been up to his name for some time, although his performance in the Champions Trophy was good. In the title match, Jadeja took 1 wicket for 30 runs, while in batting he came to bat at number 8 and remained unbeaten after scoring 9 runs in 6 balls. He also hit the winning shot in the final match. In the final, Jadeja was selected as the fielder of the match and India's fielding coach T Dilip gave Jadeja the fielding medal. It is worth noting that Jadeja made his ODI debut in 2009 and since then he has played 204 matches in this format.

A team of 25 people prepared it in three months

Finance Minister Jagdish Devda will present the seventh budget today

Bhopal (Agency): The second budget of the Mohan Yadav government of Madhya Pradesh will be presented by Finance Minister Jagdish Devda in the Assembly on March 12. This budget has been prepared by a team of 25 people in about three months. This is the seventh budget of Finance Minister Jagdish Devda. This time the budget will focus on the Prime Minister's mantra of farmers, women, youth and the poor. The Finance Department is prepared after assessing all the departments, taking feedback, discussing with officials and ministers and taking suggestions from public representatives. A budget of more than four lakh crore rupees has been prepared by a team of 25 people in three months. In this, the government also takes suggestions by holding meetings with the public and experts for their participation.

After this, the Chief Minister, Finance Minister, Chief Secretary and Finance



Prepared under the guidance of CS Jain

The budget has been prepared under the leadership of Anurag Jain, the administrative head of Madhya Pradesh. Anurag Jain, a 1989 batch IAS officer, is currently the Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh. He has expertise in budget. He has been a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India. At the same time, he has also worked as Additional Chief Secretary of the Finance Department in the Madhya Pradesh government. It is said that Jain has been looking after finance-related work while posted in the PMO. Born in Gwalior, Jain has studied B.Tech.

Department officials discuss the prepared proposal of the budget and finalize it. The

PS Rastogi is the head of the budget team

Manish Rastogi is the Principal Secretary of the Finance Department of the state. Under his leadership, the team of the Finance Department has prepared the budget. At present, he is the main

Lokesh Jatav Secretary Finance Department

Lokesh Jatav, Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Finance Department, also has a very important role in budget preparation. He has also been the Commissioner of Commercial Tax Department in Indore. 2004 batch IAS

Important role of Tanvi Sundriyal

IAS officer Tanvi Sundriyal has the most important role in preparing the budget 2025-26. Budget Director Sundriyal in the Finance Department took information from all the departments and took it forward. 2010 batch IAS officer

doer of the budget team. Earlier, Manish Rastogi has been the Principal Secretary in the Chief Minister's Office in the Shivraj government. Born in Indore, Rastogi has studied BTK.

officer Lokesh Jatav has been Collector in many districts, Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Commissioner in State Education Center, Secretary in Food and Consumer Protection Department. Born in Betul, Jatav has studied till graduation.

Tanvi Sundriyal has many achievements to her name, from preparing the tourism policy of Madhya Pradesh to setting up branches of digital market. Tanvi Sundriyal was born in Ranchi, Jharkhand and she completed her B.E.

Secretary Lokesh Jatav and Budget Director Tanvi Sundriyal.

Anurag Jain, Principal Secretary of Finance Department Manish Rastogi,

Government files will not be lost, there will be no delay

Other municipal corporations of MP will be digital like Indore



Bhopal (Agency): Now there will be freedom from the manipulation of government contract files and important documents in the state's largest municipal corporation Indore. Actually, Indore Municipal Corporation has started the work of preserving all the files and important documents under it in digital format, this is the first time when all the files of Indore Municipal Corporation are being prepared in digital form. Like Indore, other municipal corporations of the state will also be digitalized. The big reason behind this is the disappearance of documents and files from the records of the Municipal Corporation. In the recent payment scam of about Rs 90 crore here, the original copy of 174 files is not available even with the Municipal Corporation. At present, Indore Police is investigating only the scam of Rs 31 crore recorded in 48 files. Actually, Indore is the first municipal corporation of Madhya Pradesh, which is working to digitize all its documents. These days, the main documents of all the departments of the Municipal Corporation are being called and prepared in digital format. Therefore, the Municipal Corporation administration has instructed all the departments to digitize the necessary documents.

1 crore documents will be digitally recorded

Under the digitization of the Municipal Corporation, about one crore documents of the Municipal Corporation will be scanned and saved in digital format. This will not only protect the documents, but will also help people to get the documents easily. People will not have to visit the Municipal Corporation to get the documents. They will be able to get the documents with a single click without applying.

That is why digitization is happening

It is worth noting that there were allegations of fraud in the water works department in Indore Municipal Corporation. Here, five contract firms had got illegal payments through fake contracts. These contractors not only created fake files but also took payment of crores of rupees from the Municipal Corporation through fake signatures of officials in the fake file, the investigation of which is still going on.

BRIEF NEWS

The name of this stadium of Delhi will be changed

Delhi (Agency): Like UP, MP, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, now the BJP government in Delhi has indicated to change the names of famous places, stadiums and other institutions. Delhi government minister and NDMC member Pravesh Verma has said that he will bring a proposal to change the name of Talkatora Stadium in the next meeting of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). This statement of BJP MLA and minister Pravesh Verma has come after taking oath as a member of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Tuesday. During this, BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj and NDMC Vice-Chairman Kuljit Singh Chahal were present. Immediately after the swearing-in, Pravesh Verma attended the NDMC meeting. It is believed that he can propose to change the name of Talkatora Stadium in this meeting. He had also raised this issue during the Delhi Assembly elections and is now preparing to put it on the table of NDMC. Earlier, on the last day of the Delhi Assembly election campaign, while campaigning against AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, he had promised the people of New Delhi to change the name of the stadium. BJP had fielded Pravesh Verma from the New Delhi seat. Pravesh Verma had told the people that if his party came to power, the Talkatora Stadium would be renamed after Maharishi Valmiki. Pravesh Verma had said that in the first meeting of NDMC after February 8, we will change the name of Talkatora Stadium to Lord Maharishi Valmiki Stadium. He had also said that every airport, stadium and major building should be named after a 'god or martyr' who sacrificed for the country. Talkatora Stadium is a major sports complex of Delhi. National and international level competitions are organized here. Pravesh Verma has been demanding to change the name of this stadium for a long time. He believes that it should be named after some historical or patriotic personality, so that the youth get inspiration. This is not the first case of changing the names of symbols coming under the jurisdiction of NDMC. Even before this, the names of many roads have been changed. These include Aurangzeb Road being renamed as Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, Dalhousie Road being renamed as Deendayal Upadhyay Marg and Ross Road being renamed as Rajendra Prasad Road.

Do these things before renting property to foreign nationals in Delhi

Delhi (Agency): Delhi Police has issued an important directive urging property owners, hotel operators and administrators to ensure compliance with legal procedures before renting property to foreign nationals. Some necessary rules have been made in this regard, non-compliance of which can lead to legal action. Delhi Police ADCP PRO Sanjay Tyagi said that property owners have to follow some rules. Such as informing FRRO- If a property owner rents his property to a foreign national, he has to inform the Foreign Regional Registration Office (FRRO). Preparing guest register- Property and hotel owners have to maintain a guest register, which contains complete information of the foreign national. This register should be available at all times for inspection by the police or registration officer. Giving information to local police- Before giving rent, the information of the foreign national has to be submitted to the concerned local police station, so that his background can be checked. Under Section 7 of the Foreigners (Amendment) Order, 2016 and the Foreigners Act, the property owner has to submit information online on the FRRO portal by filling Form 'C' within 24 hours. This includes nationality, contact number, purpose of visit, duration of stay, visa details. Apart from this, it will also be mandatory to prepare a guest register under Form-B. Delhi Police clarified that if any hotel owner, property owner or administrator does not follow these rules, strict legal action will be taken against him.

Baseline test will be conducted in government schools in the month of April

Bhopal (Agency): The School Education Department is conducting bridge course to improve the level of study and efficiency of students taking admission in class 9 in government schools in the state. For this, 9 thousand 312 resource persons of Hindi, English and Mathematics subjects have been prepared. Their training has been done in the month of February at Valmi Institute in Bhopal. There are 4 thousand 200 high schools

and 4 thousand 100 higher secondary government schools in the state. Now the arrangement of training one teacher each of Hindi, English and Mathematics in these schools has been started from the month of March. About 27 thousand teachers in the state are being trained in bridge course. Through bridge course, government schools will get help in reducing the drop-out rate. The trained teachers will conduct the bridge course in the month of April and from 16 June to 20 July. The bridge course will be conducted in all government high and higher secondary schools. Apart from these 3 subjects, these children will also be taught science and

Sanskrit subjects. The Directorate of Public Instruction has also prepared the timetable of the bridge course to be held in the school.



During the bridge course itself, the baseline test of these students will be taken in English, Mathematics and Hindi on 5th and 12th April. The baseline test papers will be uploaded on the Vimarsh

portal of the School Education Department on 31st March. In this regard, instructions have been given to the District Education Officers. Separate

arrangements have been made for the students who will not be able to give the test on the scheduled dates due to some reason. Arrangements have been made for the evaluation of

the answer sheets of the baseline test by the concerned teachers on the same day. Bridge courses in English, Hindi and Mathematics have been arranged for the students with low proficiency in the baseline test.

After the completion of the bridge course in government high and higher secondary schools, arrangements are also being made for an endline test to check the quality of the students after 20th July. This test will be held between 21st and 25th July. In this regard, the Directorate of Public Education has given instructions to all government schools. For monitoring the bridge

course, regular monitoring will be done by state, division and district level officials at 3 levels. The District Education Officer has been asked to monitor at least 10 schools per month. The District Project Coordinator and Block Education Officer will assist him in this task.

During the operation of the bridge course, the district level officials will randomly call the answer sheets of at least 10 percent of the students at the district level and re-evaluate them. Continuous efforts will be made throughout the year at the Directorate of Public Education level to improve the efficiency of these children.

There will be no tension of ticket on Holi, you will be able to travel even if the train is full

Delhi (Agency): Passengers have to face a lot of problems due to heavy crowd on trains and railway stations during festivals. Especially during big festivals like Holi, Chhath and Diwali, it becomes difficult to get a place in trains. To control this crowd, the Railways has made a plan. Under this scheme, 80 trains will be kept on standby at 60 major stations. This will control the sudden crowd and passengers will also be able to travel comfortably. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav told the Rajya Sabha on Monday that the crowd of passengers increases on Holi, Chhath, Diwali and other

major festivals, so we have prepared 80 special trains to control the crowd. These will



be run when needed. He said that to avoid crowd during festivals, the Railways has also tightened the ticket booking process. Now only the number of seats in the

train will be sold. This will not cause crowd gathering inside the trains and

passengers will be able to travel comfortably. On this occasion, the Railway Bill has been passed in the Rajya Sabha. The aim of this bill is to modernize and streamline

the operation of the railways. This bill will simplify many important processes related to the railways and will prove helpful in providing better services to the passengers. Earlier, this bill was approved in the Lok Sabha in December 2024. This step taken by the Railways during the festivals will provide great relief to the passengers. Railways have requested the passengers to prepare for their journey in advance and not buy tickets from people who do not have the right to sell tickets. That is, take tickets only from official places.

Phone stolen near metro station, youth raised an alarm, then a big revelation

Delhi (Agency): Two vicious criminals were caught red handed by the police in a robbery incident in Pandav Nagar area of East Delhi. The incident took place on the night of March 8 near Mayur Vihar Phase-1 metro station, when two robbers were trying to escape after snatching a person's iPhone-15. But due to the vigilance of patrolling beat constable Yogesh, they could not run far and were arrested on the spot. The police have recovered the looted phone and the stolen scooter. According to Delhi Police, the arrested accused have been



identified as Shahrukh (21) and Prince (26). Investigation revealed that both of them are professional criminals and have been involved in many cases before. Shahrukh, a resident of Sanjay Camp in Trilokpuri, is a mechanic by

profession and has 13 criminal cases registered against him. At the same time, Prince is a resident of Block 34 of Trilokpuri and works as a helper in a garment shop, but he has been found involved in 43 cases so far. DCP East Abhishek Dhania said that at the time of the incident, Deepak Singh Jadoun, who is a deputy manager in ICICI Bank, was walking with his friend Rupak Sahu after dinner. As soon as they reached near the metro station, both the accused came on a scooter and snatched Deepak's mobile and started running away.

Delhi's new government brings new EV policy



Delhi (Agency): The Delhi government has recently released its new EV policy 2.0, which aims to make 95 percent of new vehicles electric by 2027. It has a provision to replace CNG autos, taxis and light commercial vehicles with EVs. The government will increase the charging infrastructure, provide subsidy on purchase and run skill development programs. It is believed that this policy can be implemented from April 1. Many big decisions are being taken since the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party government in Delhi. The Delhi government recently released its new EV Policy 2.0. Its target is to make 95 percent of new vehicles electric by 2027. In the proposed Delhi EV Policy 2.0, all CNG auto-rickshaws, taxis and light commercial vehicles will be converted into EVs (electric vehicles) in a phased manner. This new policy of the Delhi government can come into effect from April 1. After its implementation, CNG vehicles will start being phased out. Transport Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh had recently held a review meeting regarding the new policy. In this meeting, the minister emphasized on increasing electric mobility in the city to the officials. Along with this, he also explained the entire policy outline. Under the new EV policy of the Delhi government, all CNG auto-rickshaws, taxis and light vehicles will be converted into electric vehicles (EVs) in a phased manner. It was told in the meeting that public transport should also be transferred to electric buses. Under the new policy, the government will help in purchasing electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, e-light commercial vehicles (e-LCV) and e-trucks. It was told in the meeting that a State EV Fund will be created to encourage EV policy. Funds will be collected through green levy, pollution cess and aggregator license fees. The proposed subsidy was also discussed. It was said that with the increase in these vehicles, fuel vehicles will be reduced, which will reduce air pollution in the capital. The government will bring e-buses on the roads of Delhi on priority basis.