



Woman gives birth to son-in-law's child, becomes surrogate mother



US top market for India's aluminium, new tariffs threaten \$1-billion exports

Dino Morea knows his worth, recalls feeling insecure when offers dried up: 'I am not at the top'

Football will be promoted in the state with the encouragement of Prime Minister Modi: Chief Minister Dr. Yadav

The Prime Minister told in an American podcast that Shahdol is a mini Brazil

Bhopal (Agency): Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared memories of his visit to Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh in a detailed conversation with American podcaster Lex Friedman. In the podcast, PM Modi discussed the tribal dominated village Vicharapur of Shahdol district. He said that during his visit to Shahdol district, he came to know about the place where the residents have an unwavering love for football. They call their region Mini Brazil. In the American podcast, PM Modi said that Madhya Pradesh is a state in the Central Part of India, Shahdol is a district there, Shahdol district is a very big tribal belt, where many tribal

people live, tribal women run self-help groups there. During his Shahdol visit, Prime Minister Modi met and interacted with women members of self-help groups and players who are the pioneers of the football revolution of Shahdol division and encouraged them. Sharing the memories of his visit to Shahdol district, Prime Minister Modi said that I was talking to them. In Shahdol, I saw that around 80 to 100 youngsters, small children, all were sitting in the same manner, wearing sports dress. I went to them and asked them where are you people from? The answer I got was, we are from Mini Brazil. I asked the players what is Mini Brazil?

The players told that people call our village Vicharapur Mini Brazil. I then asked how



is it called Mini Brazil? The players told that in our village, people in every family have been playing football for four generations. More than 80 national players have emerged from

the village. The entire village is dedicated to football and they say that when an

individual match takes place in our village, 20 to 25 thousand spectators come from the surrounding villages. Prime Minister Modi said that the craze of football is increasing in India

these days, I consider Shahdol's Mini Brazil a good sign for that. This creates team spirit. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for his encouragement and said that this will increase the enthusiasm of players not only from Shahdol but from the entire state. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the state government will provide all possible help to further encourage football in the state. The Chief Minister said that the state government is leaving no stone unturned in promoting sports. The players of our sports academies have brought laurels to Madhya Pradesh and the country at the

national and international level. Efforts have been made to provide better facilities to football players on the initiative of former Shahdol Division Commissioner Rajiv Sharma to encourage football in Shahdol division. The expected results are being achieved. Football clubs have been formed in almost all the villages of Shahdol division including village Vicharapur of Shahdol district and football players are being encouraged. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also discussed about the football revolution of Shahdol division in Mann Ki Baat program in the past, which has given new impetus to the football players of Shahdol division.

China mirrors PM Modi's optimism on bilateral ties, cites 'elephant-dragon ballet' as sole option

New Delhi (Agency): China has mirrored Prime Minister Narendra Modi's positive stance on restoring Sino-India relations, emphasising that a harmonious "ballet" between the elephant and dragon is the sole viable option for both nations.

In a recent podcast with Lex Fridman, PM Modi expressed optimism about the restoration of ties between India and China. China appreciated Modi's remarks, noting that a cooperative pas de deux between the two nations is essential for global stability and prosperity.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning highlighted the 2,000-plus years of friendly exchanges and mutual learning between India and China, contributing to civilisational achievements and human progress.

She added that a successful



meeting between Prime Minister Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of BRICS Summit in Russia's Kazan provided strategic guidance for the improvement and development of bilateral ties.

PM Modi emphasised that India-China cooperation benefits not only the two nations but also the world. He noted that the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has normalised, and both countries

are working to restore the pre-2020 status along the border.

Speaking to Fridman, Modi said, "The 21st century is the Asian century. Competition is natural but there should not be conflict." "We are both old civilisations. If you scan past records, you will find China and India have always learnt from each other. At one point they contributed 50 per cent of the world GDP. We do not have any history of conflict in the past,"

Modi said. He added that in future too India wants its ties with China "to remain strong".

"Differences between the two neighbours are natural, occasional disagreements are also natural. Families have disagreements too. Our attempt is that differences should not plummet into disputes. We stress dialogue over discord. That is the only way to achieve a stable, cooperative relationship which is in the best interests of both nations," said the PM, adding that the 2020 border standoff led to distances, which were now being addressed.

Modi also mentioned his meeting with Xi Jinping at Kazan, and said, "We are working to restore the pre-2020 status. Gradually, we hope for old trust to be restored. It will take some time because five years have passed by."

India conveys concerns over pro-Khalistani activities to US, New Zealand

New Delhi (Agency): India has conveyed its concerns to the US and New Zealand over the activities of pro-Khalistani elements in their countries and sought action against these separatist groups. Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised concerns with his New Zealand counterpart Christopher Luxon over the activities of pro-Khalistani elements in New Zealand. Modi sought cooperation from New Zealand to tackle these elements. Modi,



referring to the 2019 Christchurch terror attack in New Zealand and the 26/11 Mumbai strike, said that terrorism in any form is "unacceptable". "Strict action is necessary against those guilty of terrorist attacks. We will continue to cooperate together against terrorist, separatist and radical elements," he said.

"In this context, we shared our concern about anti-India activities by some illegal elements in New Zealand. We are confident that we will continue to get the cooperation of the New Zealand government against all these illegal elements," he said. Similarly, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard in New Delhi and conveyed India's concerns over the activities of Khalistani separatist group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) on American soil. Singh urged the US to declare SFJ as a designated terrorist entity. In an over 30-minute meeting at his office in Raisina Hills, Singh also apprised Gabbard about SFJ's alleged links with Pakistani spy agency ISI as well as its "collaboration" with Babbar Khalsa militant group, and pressed for action against it, they said.

PM Modi, New Zealand's Luxon offer prayers at Gurdwara Rakabganj

New Delhi (Agency): Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his New Zealand counterpart Christopher Luxon on Monday offered prayers at Delhi's historic Gurdwara Rakabganj. The meeting came hours after PM Modi flagged to Luxon concerns around anti-India activities in New Zealand, especially pro-Khalistan activism.

The two leaders held a bilateral meeting earlier in the day. In his message,



Prime Minister Modi welcomed Luxon and said "It is a matter of immense joy to be welcoming Prime Minister Christopher Luxon to Delhi. It is equally gladdening that such a youthful, dynamic and energetic leader will be the Chief Guest at this year's Raisina Dialogue. We had wide ranging talks earlier today, covering all important sectors relating to India-New Zealand friendship." The Raisina Dialogue begins today with Prime Minister Modi's inaugural speech.

Manipur ethnic violence cases will be tried in Guwahati, says Supreme Court

New Delhi (Agency): The trial of Manipur ethnic violence cases probed by the CBI would be conducted in Guwahati, where it has already been transferred to, the Supreme Court said on Monday. "We clarify that the trial of transferred cases will be



held before the courts at Guwahati," a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna said after not-

ing the submissions of a lawyer over the fate of the trial in the cases were transferred to Guwahati for pre-trial proceedings by the top court on August 25, 2023. The Bench also extended the tenure of a panel headed by former Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice Gita Mittal till July 31 and posted the matter for further hearing in the week of July 21.

The top court had set up the panel, which also included former Bombay High Court judge Shalini P Joshi and former Delhi High Court judge Asha Menon, on August 7, 2023, to oversee relief and rehabilitation of the victims of ethnic violence in the state.

India, Sweden seek to boost trade, investment ties

Both countries see potential for collaboration in areas such as green technologies, renewable energy, smart infrastructure and healthcare

New Delhi (Agency): India and Sweden explored ways to further strengthen their bilateral trade and investment partnership during a meeting between Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs Maria M Stenegerd in New Delhi on Monday. Sweden is the 21st largest investor in India, with cumulative foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows amounting to USD 2.51 billion from April 2000 to March 2024. Key sectors in India attracting Swedish FDI include automo-

biles, industrial machinery, engineering, electrical equipment, and metallurgical industries.

"We discussed ways to further strengthen the India-Sweden bilateral trade and investment partnership, fostering economic cooperation and opening up new business opportunities in both nations," Minister Goyal said on X. Both countries see potential for collaboration in areas such as green technologies, renewable energy, smart infrastruc-

ture and healthcare. The Joint Economic Commission (JEC) remains the primary institutional platform

for government-to-government dialogue between the two nations. India and Sweden's bilateral relationship is underpinned by robust economic ties, expanding trade, and increasing two-way investments. In June 2024, India exported goods worth USD 104 million to Sweden and imported USD 171 million, resulting in a trade deficit of USD 66.6

million. Compared to June 2023, India's exports to Sweden grew by USD 32.4 million (45.2 per cent), while imports from Sweden increased by USD 30.3 million (21.6 per cent). Key exports from India to Sweden until June 2024 include: ready-made garments of cotton worth USD 8.82 million, electric machinery and equipment worth USD 5.31 million, automobile spare parts worth USD 5.22 million, iron and steel products worth USD 3.9 million, and ready-made garments of other textile materials worth USD 3.84 million.



Finance Minister Sitharaman launches mobile app for PM Internship Scheme

Ludhiana (Agency): Launching a dedicated mobile application for the Prime Minister Internship Scheme, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday urged more companies to join the programme while appealing the MPs to encourage youth to join the scheme. Targeted at providing 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth during



2024-25, the pilot project of the scheme was launched on October 3, 2024. "The scheme is aimed at getting youth from Tier II and III cities and help them to understand the skills that are required by the industry as well as the job availability," Sitharaman said, after launching the app in New Delhi.

Maintaining a shortage of people in terms of industry expectations and requirements and the scheme is aimed at bridging that gap, the FM emphasised that there is no compulsion on industry and no interference. "The scheme is for a national cause," Sitharaman asserted, while urging more companies to be part of it.

Exhorting the Indian industry to participate in the larger interest, she said, "You need to open the window... for people to have a peek."

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of State for Corporate

Affairs Harsh Malhotra said the scheme provides on the ground experience for youth and will help in contributing towards Viksit Bharat.

"In the first round of the scheme's pilot project, more than 1.27 lakh internship opportunities were provided by the companies and the second round of the project started in January this year under which over 1.18 lakh internship opportunities have been posted by around 327 companies. The deadline for applications in the second round is March 31," he shared.

Sitharaman informed that the scheme's website and app are being made more accessible. It is available in various languages, she said, adding that every language should have its prominence and interns will be provided monthly financial assistance of Rs 5,000 for 12 months and a one-time grant of Rs 6,000 under the scheme.

"The scheme, announced in the 2024-25 Union Budget, aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in the top 500 companies in five years," she recalled, while stating that the top 500 companies have been identified by the Corporate Affairs Ministry, which is implementing the scheme, on the basis of their average CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) expenditure over the last three years. Stating that more companies beyond the top 500 ones are expected to join the scheme, Corporate Affairs Secretary Deepti Gaur Mukherjee said the government has also introduced a framework for assessment of the implementation of the pilot project.

Govt will do its job, you do yours: Rane tells Hindutva bodies amid calls to raze Aurangzeb tomb

Pune (Agency): Maharashtra Minister Nitesh Rane on Monday invoked the demolition of Babri masjid and asked Hindutva outfits to do their duty while the government will carry its responsibilities amid protests by right-wing bodies for the removal of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's tomb.

Rane, known for making controversial comments, also



case of government inaction, the VHP warned that it would march to Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district and demolish the grave. Rane also denounced the portrayal of Shivaji Maharaj as a "secular king". "We must continuously emphasise that Shivaji Maharaj was the founder of Hindvi Swarajya. This identity must be reiterated repeatedly so that the attempts of certain groups to portray him as a secular king, can be thwarted (by us) as true devotees of Shivaji Maharaj," he said.

Rane reiterated that Shivaji Maharaj's army never had Muslim soldiers. "It is not as if only a handful of people understand history while the rest do not. We, too, have knowledgeable sources guiding us.

"The British referred to my king as a Hindu General. When Adil Shah sent Afzal Khan to kill Shivaji Maharaj, the decree issued at the time explicitly stated that the spread of Islam had been hindered during Shivaji Maharaj's reign. These historical records are now coming to light," the BJP leader added.

Rane said he would repeat his "no Muslim soldiers in Shivaji Maharaj's army" stand in the Assembly if given an opportunity. "We cannot allow a distorted version of our king's history to be propagated," he said.

According to Rane, the true history is being conveyed to future generations through the Hindi movie "Chhaava", based on Shivaji Maharaj's son Sambhaji Maharaj. "Aurangzeb demanded that Sambhaji Maharaj (Shivaji Maharaj's son) convert to Islam.

Hafiz fulfilled by reading Quran in mosques

Staff Reporter
PRAYAGRAJ: The holy month of Ramadan is moving forward with a lot of speed, some three days in mosques, seven days, in ten days, reading the Quran in Hafiz mosques, then the Taraweeh is being read in a mosque, Taraweeh is being read for the whole month. Allahabad Dada Mian's tomb is from the tomb Mughal emperor Dara Shikoh considered Dada Mian as his ideal (Guru). To keep the memory of Dada Mian alive, he got a royal mosque in Bahadurganj which was completed in that royal mosque today. Hazrat Mufti Hafiz Shah Mohammad Mukrab Ullah Ali Mian Masjid from the thirteenth generation of Khankhah is the Imam of the Imam which was



studying in the moon night today. After that, the Imam appearing, after the end of Taraweeh, read Fatiha and prayed in Allah's place. After that, on completion of Taraweeh the Namazis in the royal mosque made their Imams garlanded (welcome) by wearing a garland of rose flowers. All the Namazis prayed for themselves and the family for the family. Mohammad mian Farooqui, mahmood Farooqui, Usaid Farooqui Advocate, Mubbrij Farooqui, Mujtaba Farooqui Advocate, Maulana Ashfaq Nizami, Qari Lukman, Javed Khan, Mohammad Sadiq urf Laddu, Mohammad Ali, Imtiaz Shamani, Qadir Siddiqui, Ikram Ansari, Shahbaz urf Tajub etc. were present.

Sarai Abdul Malik's Qadri Taraweeh completed

Staff Reporter
PHULPUR: In the Kadri Masjid next to IFFCO near IFFCO a Quran was recited to the masjid near IFFCO Sarai Abdul Malik Old Basti Gram Panchayat of Phulpur Vikas Khand People paid Namaz Taraweeh. On the occasion of Taraweeh Maulana Sadre Alam made a place in the hearts of the people by firing the title. Namazio listened to the statement from Dhag. Ignored But Alhaj Maulana Hafiz and Kari Sadre



Alam gave cash and loaded with flower garlands. Nat Sharif Ghulam Muhammad read. On this occasion, the secretari of Qadri Masjid S. Jamal Qadir

was present. Syrini was given to all for Namazio. Sadar Sadar Rizwan of Qadri Masjid Naib Sadar Abdul Rasid, made the Namaziyas who came. On the occasion of Taraweeh, Nisar Ahmed, Istiyak Ahmed, Israr Ahmed, Lalla Shah, Saba alias Ajju, Abdul Farid, Shahbaz Saeed Ahmed, Abdul Waheed alias Raja, Mo. Kaiyum, Mo. Lalla (Salim), Mo. Faiz, Mo. Suab, etc. offered prayers. The people present prayed for the country's well-being and good peace.

Workshop organized under DM for procurement of wheat

- **Resolve problems in wheat storage and transport: DM**
- **Proper arrangements should be made for drinking water and farmers to sit: District Magistrate**

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: For purchasing wheat in the district, a workshop of all the center in -charge of the district and the officers of the concerned department was organized under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjana. Made in the

auditorium. In the workshop, detailed information was given about the mandate and instructions issued by the government regarding the purchase of the purchasing center in -charge wheat. The District Magistrate directed all the Center in -charge that the center in -charge should establish contact with the farmers in charge so that the target can be met in time. He said that wheat for storage and transport, arrangements should also be ensured so that no further problems have to be faced. The District Magistrate also said that along with proper arrangements for the farmers to sit at all the centers, arrangements should be made for shadow/tarpaulin, drinking water. There should

be moisture measuring device, fan, fork for weight etc. at the centers. He said that he said that arrangements



Ravi Crop Purchase meeting and instructions to the concerned District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjana

given in wheat purchasing policy. According to all the centers should be opened from 08 am to 08 pm. The District Magistrate said that

the farmers should be paid through the PFMS portal within 48 hours. Giving information, Deputy RMO

Expert Tips to Protect Your Tresses During Holi Celebrations

Mumbai (Agency): Holi is a festival of celebration & joyful abandon but chemical-laced colours can play havoc with your hair and skin. Well-known hair designer Darshan Yewalekar who has styled stars like Salman Khan, Saif Ali Khan and Ranveer Singh recommends natural Holi colours and also offers hair care tips everyone can benefit from. Protect your hair with oil: Being seen in public with oily hair is not really common when it comes to celebrities but when someone like Deepika Padukone wears oil in her tresses, there is usually a very good reason. During Holi, a sleekly oiled style prevents colours from seeping into the roots of your hair by creating a protective sheath that prevents damage. This also makes it easy to wash your hair later on. Additionally, your tresses feel adequately hydrated. Massage a generous amount of oil on your scalp and your hair strands a few hours before playing Holi.

Braid your hair or wear buns: It is obvious that leaving your hair open during Holi can harm it so braids as well as buns work well if you want to avoid colour damage. Such styles also prevent tangles and protect hair from coming in direct contact with colours. Alia Bhatt has often sported this fuss-free look and anyone can experiment with French braids, Dutch braids, or even milkmaid braids for convenience and style. If you're feeling adventurous, you can weave braids into a bun and accessorise the look with pretty flowers in quintessential Indian colours. Wear a scarf: Kareena Kapoor Khan has aced the scarf game and this is also a good way to keep Holi colours out of your hair. Scarves and bandanas also protect hair from UV rays and keep oiled tresses out of sight while looking stylish to boot. The best part is that scarves and bandanas are versatile and can go well with unobtrusive buns, braids or ponytails.

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Meeting of Board Level Agricultural Export Monitoring Committee held under Div Commr



Divisional Level Agriculture Export Monitoring Committee meeting Mandal Commissioner Balkrishna Tripathi

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: A meeting of the Board Level Agricultural Export Monitoring Committee was convened in the Commissioner's Office Auditorium under the chairmanship of Mandalayukta Vindhychal Mandal Balakrishna Tripathi. Dr. Amit Yadav assistant on amendments in the meeting in the meeting such as transport grant, global gap and organic farming certification, MRL testing Agriculture Marketing Officer Vindhychal/Varanasi Mandal gave the farmers, FPOs and exporters of the board. Calling to create clusters of organic clusters, desi bajri, fresh vegetables, it was said that farmers will be benefited with financial assistance on exporting from the cluster, as well as discussing new crops in new clusters and adding new crops in agricultural export policy, Uttar Pradesh government in agricultural export policy The exporters were urged to get transport grant on export products as taken by the exporter of Shri Shashwat Pandey Bhadohi under the board. In addition, for making more and more authorized users of GI product, Adam Chinese Rice to the Department of Horticulture, Agriculture, Food and Drug Cosmetics, Banaras lame mango, Banaras Paan Patto, Rammagar Bhata, Banaras Chilli authorized Officers were instructed to make users. He said that farmers can get a premium price of the product if they become authorized users. So that exports can be promoted from Vindhychal division and farmers' income can be increased. On this occasion Joint Development Commissioner Ramesh Chandra, Joint Director Agriculture Dr. Ashok Upadhyay, Joint Commissioner Industry Virendra Kumar, Additional Commissioner Food and Drug Cosmetics, Including Animal Husbandry Fisheries, Mandi, Divisional Officer and Assistant Agricultural Marketing Officer Vindhychal Mandal, Jyeshth Agricultural Marketing Inspector Mirzapur Circle, FPOs and exporters were present.

Hafiz in royal masjid narrates Quran Mukamamal Taraweeh



Staff Reporter
PHULPUR: In the royal Masjid located in Rahmatganj locality of Veerkaji Gram Panchayat of Phulpur Vikas Khand 20 -year -old Hafiz and Qari Abushama Saheb told Jumerat a Quran Mukamal Taraweeh today, the local people around the masjid and the locals reached the masjid and reached the masjid and to fast in the Burkkat month of Ramadanul Mubarak, then Namaz Inna Special 20 Rakat Namaz of Taraweeh was performed. On the occasion of Taraweeh, Kari Nizam Sarwar Anzna made a place in the hearts of the people by firing the title. The Namazis heard the statement well. Ignored But Hafiz Saheb was given a flower garland by giving them cash.

Nizam Hafiz and Kari Mohammad Yakub did on this occasion. The packet of anchor and sand was given to all for the Namazis. Sadar and Mutavalli Molvi Mohammad Ayub Shah of Shahi Masjid performed the prayers of the coming prayers. On the occasion of Taraweeh, the special Moazjiz Istiyak Ahmed Siddiqui of Bharouti, Anwar Ahmed Siddiqui of IFFCO, SP's senior leader Ashfaq Ahmed Siddiqui Veerkaji, Syed Mohammad Shamim, Hafiz Mohammad Mashar Madari, Mohammad Mashar Madari, Mohammad Abdul Kuddush, Mohammad Sajid, Mohammad Irshad Irshad Mohammad Saif, Mohammad Irshad Mohammed Saif, Mohammad Ahmed, Mohammad Ahmed, Mohammad Ahmed People present prayed for the country's well-being and good peace.

Main accused of molestation shot & arrested in encounter, three in custody

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: A video went viral on social media on March 16, in which a girl was being molested and misbehaved by three youths. Based on this video, the police took suo motu cognizance and started investigating the case, in which the names of four accused came to light. Halia police registered a case regarding this incident. On Monday, the police received information that the main accused of this incident, Pintu Pal, is hiding in the jungle of Muraliya and is trying to escape.

UP Minister inaugurated Wi-Fi facility after worshipping mother Vindhyavasini Devi

Assuring 24 hours power supply in Vindhyachal



State Energy Minister A. K. Sharma inaugurating WiFi in Vindhyachal

renovation/beautification work of major religious places is being done. The abode of Maa Vindhyavasini is such a holy place, if some major holy places are calculated on earth, Vindhychal Dham is a major place. The intention of our government is in the development of culture and heritage, now ancient sites/religious places are also being linked to modern facilities. There is an important step towards inaugurating and creating Digital India. He said that the aim of our government is to reach the benefit of schemes to every eligible person to the last end of the state. Giving assurance of 24 hours of power supply in the city development minister Vindhychal Dham, he said that the dilapidated wires and old transformers are being replaced by improving the power system. Minister Kumbh in Prayagraj Regarding the success of the fair, a large number of devotees had come to Vindhychal

through Kumbh Mela, along with Prayagraj, good arrangements were made in Vindhychal. He said that better arrangements will be made at Vindhychal and religious places on Navratri and Ram Navami. Former Chairman Municipal Council Shyam Sundar Kesari about the development work done by Mirzapur Municipality He gave information and said that the municipality will try to make Mirzapur Ardash Municipality. On this occasion, Vidyamajhwan Shuchismita Maurya, Chairman Cooperative Jagdish Singh Patel, Chairman Panda Samaj Pankaj Dwivedi, Pandit Sudhakar Mishra, Pandit Diwakar Mishra, Additional District Magistrate (F/R) Shiv Pratap Shukla, Additional Superintendent of Police Nitesh Singh, Executive Officer Municipality Mirzapur Goa Lal, BJP Nirla, BJP Nirla Rai, Malti Tripathi, and other citizens of the city and dignitaries were present.

Curtains draw over review meet of NABARD UPARO

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: In the meeting room of the bank headquarters, a review meeting of NABARD UPARO was held under the chairmanship of Chairman Dr. Jagdish Singh Patel. Dr. Nandini Ghosh DGM NABRD UPRO, Lucknow attended the meeting and participated in the meeting. In the review meeting, he according to the increase in bank business and the intention of the government By providing maximum benefits to farmers, he shared his suggestions for increasing income and progress of cooperatives. He said that the complaint in the bank should be resolved quickly. Committees constituted by the Management Committee should be held on time. The accounts of dairy and fisheries committees should be opened in the District Cooperative Bank and the benefits of animal husbandry, fisheries, solar scheme in the schemes issued by the government are provided by the bank to the farmers Be



Dr. Jagdish Singh Patel, Chairman of District Cooperative Bank holding a review meeting of NABARD UPARO

benefited. After the meeting, the packs computerization training being given to the packs of Sonbhadra and Mirzapur districts in the bank was inspected. After that, certificates were also distributed to the trainees. In the meeting, Assistant Commissioner and Assistant Registrar Cooperative Vipin Singh, D.D.M. NABARD Shashwat Singh, CEO Rajkumar Yadav of the bank, Deputy General Manager Manjusha and Bank Officer and Bank Officer and Among the employees, Nagesh Singh, Dr. Satya Prakash, Om Prakash Chandra, Ajit Srivastava and System Integrator Mirzapur Mukesh Kumar were present.

Problem of electricity consumers will be heard every Monday in Superintending Engineer Office

Now consumers will get relief from hearing problems: Superintending Engineer Electricity

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur: Superintending

Engineer Er. Ramdas, while informing all the electrical consumers of district Mirzapur, told that the Superintending Engineer Office for the diagnosis of consumers is every Monday on every Monday The problem will be heard and the complaint will be resolved properly. Appealing to the power

consumers, he said that anyone who has a complaint related to electricity in this regard can reach the Superintendent Engineer's office every Monday and keep his problem before the officer. Superintending Engineer Er. Ramdas told that this facility was given to solve the problems of electricity consumers Has been.

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This week IPOs of three different companies will come

New Delhi (Agency). There can be a golden opportunity for those who invest money in IPOs, as this week IPOs of three different companies are going to be held. Two of these IPOs will be from the SME segment, which can prove to be very exciting and profitable. Divine Heera Jewelers IPO and Paradeep Transport IPO are going to open on March 17, both IPOs are presenting a big opportunity for the people, where investors are expecting good returns. Also, AriesInfra Solutions IPO is going to open on March 20, which is from the mainboard segment. This IPO can also present a big opportunity for investors. This week the shares of two companies will also be listed in the stock market, which will also be in the SME segment. So, this can be a real challenging and profitable week for investors. It will be very important to take an investment decision after carefully looking at and researching the IPOs of all these companies. Investors are advised to make their investments in line with their financial goals and risk tolerance.

Another metro line to be laid in NCR, tender issued

New Delhi (Agency). Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL) has given the good news of another metro line to Gurugram. Under this project, 15.2 km long viaduct and 14 elevated stations will be constructed from HUDA City Center to Sector 9. The estimated cost of this project is Rs 1,286 crore and the tender bids will be opened on April 22. If everything goes on time, the first phase of the new metro line will be ready by 2027. Construction of another important commercial property is starting in Gurugram, which will connect Gurugram to important cities and ensure direct connectivity. Through this project, stations will be constructed from HUDA City Centre to Sector 45, Sector 46 (Cyber Park), Sector 47, Subhash Chowk, Sector 48, Sector 33, Hero Honda Chowk, Udyog Vihar 6, Sector 10, Sector 37, Basai and Sector 9. The selected contractor will be given the responsibility of surveying the viaduct alignment, which will ensure the successful construction of the project. According to this project, the entire metro project to be built in Gurugram will be 28.5 km long and will also include a 1.85 km section from Basai Village to Dwarka Expressway. The 26.65 km long main corridor from HUDA City Centre to Cyber City will be elevated, with a total of 27 stations. A depot interchange will also be built with the Yellow Line of Delhi Metro, which will strengthen direct connectivity between important parts of Gurugram and Delhi. With the construction of this metro line, the people of Gurugram will get better facilities and the development of the city will move forward at a fast pace.

India, New Zealand relaunch FTA talks after 10 years amid US pressure to open agri, dairy sector



New Delhi (Agency): India and New Zealand on Sunday announced the relaunch of free trade agreement (FTA) talks after a 10-year break, following a meeting between New Zealand's Trade Minister Todd McClay and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal here, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said. The announcement of the talks comes as India has stated its aim to conclude trade negotiations with the US and the European Union this year. Trade talks with Australia for a comprehensive deal are also in progress along with renegotiation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) trade deal. Trade experts said a major challenge in negotiations with New Zealand has been the country's demand for greater access to India's dairy market, which India has traditionally protected to support millions of farmers. However, US pressure on India to open its agriculture and dairy sectors could influence the negotiations this time around, think tank Global Trade and Research Institute (GTRI) said. The trade talks were announced as the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Christopher Luxon, began his four-day visit to India on Sunday, during which he is set to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Luxon will be accompanied by a high-level delegation, including ministers, senior officials, and business representatives. "This will be the first visit to India by Prime Minister Rt Hon Luxon in his current capacity," the Ministry of External Affairs said. "The India-New Zealand FTA negotiations aim to achieve balanced outcomes that enhance supply chain integration and improve market access.

Implement dynamic pricing for AC classes, review fares to align with cost: House panel to Railways

New Delhi (Agency): While reiterating its earlier recommendation to increase passenger revenues by reviewing AC class fares, the parliamentary standing committee on Railways has said that the government should implement a dynamic pricing model for AC classes and premium trains. It must also ensure affordability for low-income passengers to balance "social obligations", the committee said. It added that a comprehensive fare review should be undertaken from time-to-time to align AC class fares with costs and ensure gradual, affordable adjustments for non-AC classes. "The committee, therefore, recommends that Indian Railways should adopt a comprehensive, multi-pronged strategy to enhance net revenue while ensuring affordability for low-income

passengers. This includes implementing dynamic pricing models for AC classes and premium trains, regularly reviewing flexi-fare schemes based on demand, and expanding non-fare revenue through initiatives like e-auction policies, advertising, and commercial utilisation of railway assets," said the parliamentary committee in its report on action taken by Government on "Demands for Grants (2024-25) of the Ministry of Railways", which was presented in the Lok Sabha on March 10, 2025. The committee added: "The Committee also feels that in order to balance social obligations, Indian Railways should continue targeted subsidies for suburban and non-AC travel. However, operational efficiency must be improved through accelerated electrification and energy efficient

technologies." The standing committee on Railways gave similar recommendations in its first report on Demands for Grants (2024-25) of the Ministry of Railways in December 2024.



As reported by The Indian Express on February 24, in the five years since the Covid-19 pandemic, the revenues from AC class and all Second Class tickets including Sleeper Class (which offer a berth), have more or less flipped. In 2019-20, revenues from passengers travelling in AC (AC First Class, AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier and AC Chair

Car), were just over one-third or 36 per cent of the total passenger revenues of Rs 50,669 crore. Passengers travelling by non-AC (excluding sub-urban) accounted for a bulk of 58 per

cent revenues. This trend has almost reversed now. In 2024-25, those travelling by AC classes in the Railways are expected to have contributed 54 per cent of total passenger revenues of Rs 80,000 crore. Those in non-AC classes (excluding suburban) are estimated to have contributed just 41 per cent of Railways' passenger

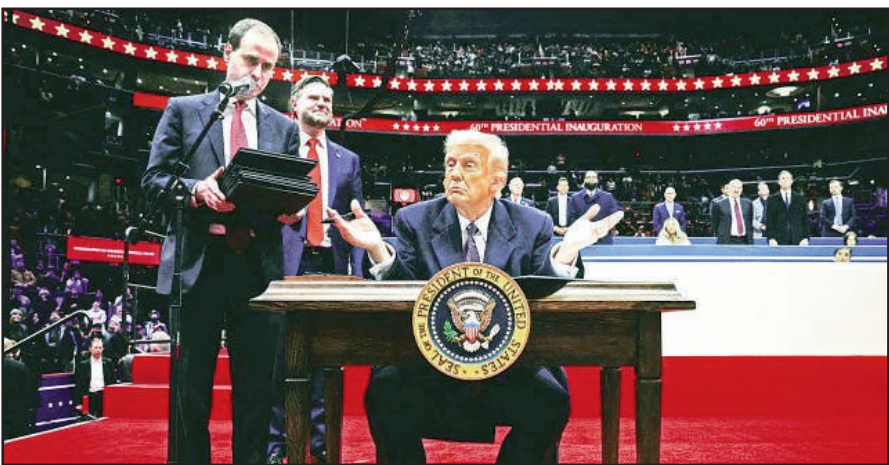
revenues. According to an analysis of Budget documents by The Indian Express, AC 3-tier witnessed a fundamental transformation in five years by displacing the sleeper class to become the highest revenue-generating class of the Indian Railways. The number of passengers travelling by AC 3-tier is just 26 crore, or 3.5 per cent of the total 727 crore passengers (including suburban), but generates Rs 30,089 crore or 38 per cent of the Rs 80,000 crore total passenger revenues estimated in 2024-25. The standing committee also noted that the passenger segment of the Indian Railways is heavily subsidised since suburban services recover only 30 percent of the cost, non-AC travel recovers 39 per cent of the cost and AC travel generates only a marginal surplus of 3.5 per cent.

US top market for India's aluminium, new tariffs threaten \$1-billion exports

New Delhi (Agency): The Donald Trump administration's decision to raise tariffs on aluminium imports from 10 to 25 per cent starting March 12 is set to hit Indian exporters, for whom the United States has become the largest international market for aluminium products. In 2023-24, India's aluminium exports to the US stood at \$946 million (Rs 7,831 crore), after exceeding \$1 billion in each of the previous two financial years, according to official trade data. Exports have surged in recent years, up from just \$350 million in 2016-17, when Trump began his first term as US President. While India accounts for only 3 per cent of US aluminium imports, it is the largest supplier of aluminium conductors — stranded wires and cables used in electrical applications. India is also the world's second-largest

aluminium producer after China, though much of its output is consumed domestically. As the new 25 per cent tariffs are significantly broader than those imposed in 2018, covering a wider range of semi-finished and finished aluminium products, it may disrupt the recent growth momentum of firms with strong export focus on the US. However, while some may see a hit in revenues, the overall impact is expected to be limited, as aluminium exports form a small share of business for most companies. The US, despite being India's top market, accounts for around 12 per cent of total aluminium exports. In 2024, the US imported nearly 38 per cent of aluminium conductors by weight from India, valued at \$130 million. In 2023, imports peaked at \$261 million, rising from just \$40 million in 2021, data from

the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) showed. Aluminium conductors, used



in high- and medium-voltage cables, efficiently transmit power to the grid due to their lightweight and durable properties. Indian exporters have been keen on the US market, driven by rising demand in states like California, Texas, Nevada and Arizona, where infrastructure spending and

grid modernisation efforts have accelerated. In addition to aluminium conductors, the US also imports other products from

India, including unwrought aluminium (\$185 million in 2024), nails and fasteners (\$107 million), and wire (\$98 million), USITC data showed. India also accounted for 26 per cent of all aluminium tube and pipe fittings imported into the US in 2024, valued at \$16 million. In 2018, Trump had

imposed 25 per cent tariffs on steel and 10 per cent tariffs on aluminium imports. "But exemptions and loopholes have permitted evasion of the

tariffs and weakened the effectiveness of the programme," the White House said in a release on February 11, soon after Trump's second term started. "The countries of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, the European Union, Ukraine, and the United

Kingdom had received exemptions, which prevented the tariffs from being effective," it said. India did not receive any exemptions, and export of aluminium conductors saw an increase despite tariffs. The impact of the latest tariffs is likely to be higher on the aluminium industry as compared to the steel industry. "India exports primary aluminium (around 40% of our domestic aluminium production is exported). India's direct aluminium exports to the US are around 6-8%. Consequently, the surge in tariff in the US is likely to have a relatively higher impact on export volumes and its realisations for Indian aluminium manufacturers than steel manufacturers," CareEdge Ratings noted in a recent analysis. The spillover effect on India's steel industry could be more pronounced if

China, also hit by the latest tariffs, diverts excess steel into the Indian market. "India's direct steel exports to the US are relatively low, constituting around 4% of its total exports in CY24. As a result, the direct impact on the steel sector's sales volume due to the imposition of tariffs by the US is not expected to be significant. However, there is likely to be an indirect effect on realisations if major steel exporters to the US divert some of their supplies to India," CareEdge said. While the US ranked only sixth among destinations for India's iron and steel exports — valued at \$476 million (Rs 3,935 crore) in 2023-24 — it was the largest market for iron and steel articles, with exports touching \$2.8 billion (Rs 23,128 crore) in the same period. As with aluminium, the Trump administration's latest tariffs extend beyond raw steel to include steel products as well.

Grid operator warns of 'high-risk' power shortages in May, June; unmet demand projected to surge

New Delhi (Agency): India's top grid operator has flagged May and June as "high-risk months" citing anticipated power shortages, warning that unmet electricity demand could reach 15-20 gigawatts (GW), particularly during non-solar hours. The National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC), in a new report, has recommended implementing demand-side measures, such as shifting electricity use to off-peak hours, to reduce stress on the grid during critical periods.

"May 2025 is the most critical month, followed by other high-demand summer



months. The data suggests that system vulnerabilities are heightened during these

periods, likely due to peak demands and potential variability in renewable

generation," the NLDC said in a report released in January. It also suggested

invoking emergency powers under Section 11 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to require imported coal-based plants to run at higher capacities.

While solar generation helps meet peak demand during daylight hours, it falls short in the evenings and early mornings due to its intermittency. Meanwhile, India's baseload power capacity — dominated by coal-based plants — has remained stagnant over the years, making it increasingly insufficient to meet rising

demand in non-solar hours. As a result, the NLDC, under the Grid Controller of India Ltd, anticipates significant power shortages this summer, particularly in May and June.

In the best-case scenario, the loss of load probability (LOLP)— a measure of the likelihood that electricity demand will exceed supply — is estimated at 19 per cent for May. In the median scenario, the LOLP rises sharply to 31 per cent, meaning there is nearly a one-in-three chance that supply will fall short.

Focus on improving crowd management under station redevelopment scheme: House Panel to Railways



New Delhi (Agency): The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways has recommended that a special focus should be given on improving the crowd management under the government's Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

The Committee's observation came at a time when, on February 15, 18 people were killed at New Delhi Railway Station in a stampede. The passengers were trying to board Prayagraj-bound trains for the Maha Kumbh.

The House panel also took note of the slow progress of works under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and said that a dedicated task force should be established to oversee project timelines. "The Committee further recommend that the redevelopment of stations under the scheme focus on improving crowd management to prevent any untoward incidents. This should include the provision of multiple and adequately spacious entry/exit points, well-positioned security checkpoints, proper lighting, and clear signage," said the Standing Committee on Railways in its report on Demands for Grants (2025-26) of the Ministry of Railways, which was presented in the Lok Sabha on March 10. The Committee also directed the Railways to ensure sufficient deployment of personnel to maintain smooth and efficient passenger movement, so that both safety and convenience can be enhanced. According to the report, against the target of revamping 453 stations during 2024-25, only one station could be upgraded till December 2024. "...the Committee desires the Ministry to establish a dedicated task force to oversee project timelines, ensuring regular communication between contractors, local authorities and railway officials to address potential bottlenecks promptly. The Committee also desires the railways to engage with local representatives and concerned State Government early in the planning process to secure necessary clearances and foster a collaborative environment, reducing bureaucratic delays." Launched on December 23, 2022, the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme envisages to develop a station as a "city centre", which will have modern facade, regulated traffic movement, well-lit, aesthetically pleasing grand porches, landscaping, and representation of local art and culture, signages and roof plazas.

EDITORIAL

Pak in grip of terror

Failure to allay Baloch concerns proving fatal

Notorious for sponsoring cross-border terrorism over the decades, Pakistan is now itself struggling to rein in terrorist groups. There has been an alarming surge in terror attacks on Pakistani soil in recent months, with the Jaffer Express hijacking in Balochistan being among the most audacious. The security forces killed all the hijackers, who belonged to the proscribed Balochistan Liberation Army, and rescued the majority of the train passengers, but the multi-agency operation is unlikely to deter separatists who are seeking independence for their mineral-rich province. The brazen targeting of Army, police and



intelligence personnel by militants is clearly aimed at undermining the authority of the Shehbaz Sharif-led government and the military establishment.

Raising the bogie of the 'foreign hand', President Asif Ali Zardari has said that the authorities are aware of the external support and funding being received by terrorists to inflict human and financial losses on Pakistan. The allusion is to India and Afghanistan, two neighbours with which Islamabad's relations are either in deep freeze or going from bad to worse. At stake are Pakistan's ties with its all-weather ally, China. Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, figures prominently in the Chinese scheme of things. It accounts for a significant part of Beijing's \$65-billion investment in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which falls under President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road initiative. Prioritising Chinese interests, Pakistan has failed to allay Baloch concerns about rampant exploitation of the province's resources. This has emboldened insurgents to target Chinese citizens and projects as well.

Pakistan's Kashmir fixation has blinded it to its own problems. If the beleaguered nation wants to be seen as a victim rather than a perpetrator of terrorism, it must reach out to aggrieved groups and stop blaming foreign players. It should also ensure that its territory is not used for plotting cross-border terror attacks. The ball is in Pakistan's court.

HP's waste woes

Garbage dumps a looming ecological disaster

The Himachal Pradesh government's proposed Policy for Solid Waste Management Facilities in Rural Areas, 2024, though a welcome move, raises pressing concerns about the state's overall waste management strategy. Aiming to streamline waste segregation and disposal at the panchayat level, the policy must be expedited as HP is already grappling with a waste crisis, exacerbated by ineffective execution of past plans. The data is staggering. The state generates approximately 375 tonnes of solid waste daily across 60 urban local bodies (ULBs). The legacy waste backlog stands at over 2.48 lakh tonnes, with only six of the 16 identified sites having been cleared. Meanwhile, the National Green Tribunal has flagged a 9.6-



MLD (million litres per day) shortfall in sewage treatment capacity and 20 ULBs still lack sewage management facilities. Shockingly, while some sewage treatment plants are overloaded, a significant proportion of households remain disconnected, exposing a critical flaw in planning.

The government has signed pacts with cement manufacturers for co-processing non-recyclable plastic waste, but this remains a limited solution. A large proportion of plastic waste—from shampoo bottles to chips packets—continues to clog water bodies and urban landscapes. While over four lakh rural households still await access to proper wet waste disposal, the sheer volume of accumulating garbage suggests that incremental measures will not suffice. A long-term, action-oriented strategy is needed—one that includes mandatory waste segregation at source, expansion of waste-to-energy projects, stricter plastic production regulations and comprehensive recycling initiatives. The recently announced environmental cell within the Urban Development Department must act decisively to bridge policy gaps. Himachal's fragile ecology cannot withstand poor waste management. The voters must make it a poll issue, pressing upon the government to embrace outcome-driven enforcement. Otherwise, the very hills that attract millions of tourists will soon be buried under mounting waste.

Can India trust China when it says both nations should dance together?

Ramvilas Sharma



China continues to view India from the prism of competition. Unless this approach shifts fundamentally, the sweet nothings about the dance of the elephant and dragon are meaningless.

It's been five months since the Kazan deal between India and China. Dialogue between the two sides has since accelerated, and the language has softened. In his press conference at the sidelines of the annual session of China's legislature, the National People's Congress, Foreign Minister Wang Yi talked about the need for a "cooperative pas de deux of the dragon and the elephant." Meanwhile, in his recent interaction at Chatham House, Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar talked about the "very unique" relationship that the two countries share. That said, substantive normalisation hasn't made much headway since October 2024. Jaishankar acknowledged as much at Chatham House, saying that India and China are discussing some steps to ensure that the relationship moves in a "more predictable, stable and positive direction." Specifically, he added: "the resumption of pilgrimage to Mount Kailash, the direct flights between the two countries, the journalists' issues—all these are being discussed, but there are some other issues; for example, we had a mechanism about trans-border rivers...we are looking at this package...it's hard. You know, obviously, we would like to see it done

sooner rather than later. And then we will see what happens after that." It is quite telling that five months since the deal on disengagement, both sides are still working to pluck what are essentially low-hanging fruits. Two fundamental factors lie at the heart of the vexed nature of the India-China relationship. First, there is clearly a difference in how both sides view the nature of the standoff in Eastern Ladakh and the broader boundary issue. Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi's remarks in mid-January are worth recalling. Discussing the situation in Eastern Ladakh, he said that the two sides were still dealing with a "degree of standoff", given the changes in terrain, stocking and deployment. It was a timely reminder that the fundamental nature of the challenge along the Line of Actual Control has changed since April 2020. Moreover, the old status quo is unlikely to be restored. For India, peace and tranquility at the border remains a prerequisite for building a stable relationship. Jaishankar too was categorical about this at Chatham House. Dwivedi's recent comment about a "two-front war threat" being a "reality" further underscores the gravity of the developments on the border with regard to China. Beijing, meanwhile, has

talked about its intent to work with India to "jointly preserve the peace and tranquillity in the border areas". However, its officials have also said that "we should never allow bilateral relations to be defined by the boundary question, or let specific differences affect the overall picture of our bilateral ties." Such compartmentalisation is inimical to ensuring stability and predictability in the relationship. It's quite remarkable that this is precisely the argument that Chinese officials have been making to their American counterparts over the past few years. Even in his press conference last week, Wang Yi lashed out at the US for engaging in "two-faced acts." So, one would assume that it should not take much reflection for Beijing to grasp New Delhi's perspective. Just like China seeks a new balance with the US, there is also a need for a new balance between the India-China relationship too.

This is the second factor that makes deals on evidently straight-forward issues difficult. During his interaction at Chatham House, Jaishankar outlined the challenge between India and China as two neighbours rising in parallel, resulting in the shifting of the balance between them. In such a situation, the issue is "how do you create stable equilibriums and then transition to the next set of equilibriums," he said. The EAM added: "We want a stable relationship, but we want a relationship where our interests are respected, our sensitivities are recognised; where it works for both of us. That has really been the challenge in the relationship."

Why hypocrisy is the meat of the matter

While it may be ethically, spiritually and morally desirable, vegetarianism does not necessarily assure one a place in the hallowed halls of goodness

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In Spiti, we had stopped at the monastery of Dhankar. A young monk came to us and asked when we would return to Shimla. A little hesitantly, he wondered if we had space in the vehicle, and if so, would we take the Rinpoche, the 'Precious One', the Head Lama of the monastery, with us? He would be en route to McLeodganj, where many of the head monks gathered annually for their winter retreat. We said we would be honoured to. A few days later, we picked the Rinpoche and the young monk, and set off. It's a long drive and my friend, whose car it was, planned to do this non-stop. In between, when we took a break, an absolutely gorgeous little Lhasa Apso would pop out of the monk's deep sleeves, be let out to do his business and then, the little dog would hop back into the arms of his loving master.

We were repeatedly offered tsampa, which is made from roast barley flour. This, like buckwheat and other millets, forms the mainstay of plant-based food in the area. Then, there is literally 'hard cheese' called chhurpi in parts of India's northeast and in portions of the Trans Himalaya. In the Trans Himalaya, given the soil conditions, the climate and high altitude, the number of crops per year is severely limited. Green vegetables are mostly brought in from lower areas. In the way that Chango's famous apples are grown in cold aridity, Kinnaur's peas are prized not only for their flavour, but also for their relative rarity. While communications and supplies have improved considerably and have brought variations in diet, there were times when asking for a vegetable, if any was available, meant that one would get soggy cabbages for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Traditional dietary options remained limited. The result is that despite the fact that most people of these areas are Buddhists, almost everyone eats meat. The animal is honoured by every part of it being eaten or used. The authoritative biographer of His Holiness the

Dalai Lama, Alexander Norman, notes: "It is characteristic of the Buddhist approach to avoid absolutes. Also, to the dismay of some, the Dalai Lama, though he has often spoken in favour of vegetarianism... is not a vegetarian himself."

While it may be ethically, spiritually and morally desirable, vegetarianism does not necessarily assure one a place in the hallowed halls of goodness. Some of the worst humans on our planet have been vegetarians and have touted their supposed saintliness with this,



as their only qualification. Take the case of Adolf Hitler. Towards the last years of his life when he committed the greatest atrocities against humans, Hitler touted his vegetarianism at every given opportunity. A close associate, the minister of armaments and war production, Albert Speer, observed that the Fuhrer gave descriptions of animal suffering and slaughter at meals to try to dissuade his colleagues from eating meat. Robert Payne, biographer of several world leaders, wrote that the Nazi propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels, portrayed Hitler as "a virtuous man, an ascetic who did not drink, smoke or eat meat".

Returning from America and the World Parliament of Religions that had been held in Chicago, in 1893, Swami Vivekananda spoke to the Hindus of Tamil Nadu's Sivaganga. That is where he made his famous statement: "We are neither Vedantists, most of us now,

Welfare of minorities will be possible only through education and labour

Good education is the first condition for laying the foundation of a civilized society. It is education that makes a human a good human. Without a social environment and education, even a human child is seen behaving like an animal. That is why education has been given importance in every era. Propounding the importance of such education, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said in a function that if more engineers, IPS and IAS officers come from the minority community, then everyone will progress. Giving the example of former President Dr. Abdul Kalam, he said that today we have the example of former President Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. It is worth understanding that if he did not get the opportunity to study, nothing would have happened, this is the power of education. Such education gives a person the thinking to move forward. It is education that promotes life values and creates a human being who gives the right direction to the society and the country. Union Minister Gadkari said this during a convocation ceremony and since he does not talk about religion, caste and sect in public, he reiterated what he had said during the Lok Sabha elections last year and said, 'Whoever talks about caste, I will kick him.' This should be a fundamental statement and should be kept in mind not only in politics but in every field, whether it is a matter of education or recruitment in private and government jobs. Anyway, Gadkari is also known for his outspoken statements, so even after hearing such a thing, people do not feel that he has spoken too much, or there is something inappropriate in his words. As far as education is concerned, there is no doubt that focus should be on education, but before this it will also have to be decided that education should not only make clerks and officers. There has always been a need for such an education and it should be there which creates social welfare humans. But sadly, the superficial structure of our education system looks Indian, but the soul embedded in it is the creation of the British, which lays special emphasis on preparing clerks instead of making good human beings. This is one thing, and another thing is that the honesty that should have emerged in the field of education and employment after so many years of independence is nowhere to be seen. As a result, highly educated and qualified youth are seen wandering from door to door, while less qualified persons with recommendations and political connections can be seen adorning high positions. This is creating a sense of resentment among the youth. Is it any less serious that a clerk's post is advertised in a government office and doctors and engineers are also seen among the lakhs of candidates who apply? This is indeed a matter of serious concern. The education system cannot be held responsible for this alone, but the saying that the blind distributes the sweets and the recipients are identified at the higher level is also being proved true, and attention needs to be paid to this. As far as providing education and equal opportunity to minorities is concerned, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new 15-point program for the welfare of minorities is being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. This is a comprehensive program aimed at ensuring that the deprived and weaker sections of the six centrally notified minority communities get equal opportunities to avail the benefits of various government welfare schemes and contribute to the overall socio-economic development of the country.

nor Pauranics, nor Tantrics. We are just 'Don't-touchists'. Our religion is in the kitchen. Our God is the cooking pot, and our religion is, 'Don't touch me, I am holy'."

Exhorting people to change, the words he uttered just before this, have equal import: "Give up all those old discussions, old fights about things which are meaningless, which are nonsensical in their very nature. Think of the last 600 or 700 years of degradation when grown-up men by hundreds have been discuss-

ing for years whether we should drink a glass of water with the right hand or the left, whether the hand should be washed three times or four times, whether we should gargle five or six times. What can you expect from men who pass their lives in discussing such momentous questions as these and writing most learned philosophies on them!" While Swami Vivekananda was not speaking in the context of vegetarianism, or its absence, but about false beliefs and rituals, some of these words would have implications in a provocative and inconclusive debate.

Political or social appropriations and misappropriations of both heroes and villains is nothing new. Yesterday's hero is today's villain and the other way round. Should there be praise for the vegetarian and condemnation for the meat-eater? An image from a childhood book has stayed with me. This is of a Mayan hunter praying over an animal he has killed; he says: "I have need."

As one writes this, it may be added that I am what one would call a non-vegetarian in passing. Nor am I a rigorously religious person. But, as a Hindu, I do not eat beef. That does not make me a better or worse human than someone who does. It is simply an acknowledgement of the belief system that I was born into, and one that I accept. It advocates giving up hypocrisy. Here, you, the reader, may be ahead of me.

BRIEFS

Threat of attack on Pakistani army

Islamabad (Agency). After the Balochistan Liberation Army hijacked a train in Pakistan, now Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan is also threatening attacks in Pakistan. Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan said in a statement that the Pakistani army is a 'cancer' for the country. To teach it a lesson, 'Operation Al-Khandak' will be launched. Through this operation, attacks will be carried out on the Pakistani army, security agencies and their allies. Army bases, security forces and government institutions will be targeted. The organization said that the Pakistani army has been ruining the country for the last 77 years and it will continue its fight against it.

Airstrike on Houthi rebels, 21 killed

Sana (Agency). The US Army carried out an airstrike on Houthi rebels in Yemen on Saturday. 21 people have lost their lives in this attack. This is America's first major action against Houthi rebels after Donald Trump became president. Trump posted about this on social media. He wrote - Houthi terrorists, your time is up. America will wreak havoc on you from the sky like never before. In fact, this action has been taken in response to the Houthi attacks on American ships in the Red Sea. Four months ago, Houthi rebels had attacked American warships in the Red Sea. Trump said that Iran is funding these Houthi terrorists. These terrorists are firing missiles at American planes and targeting our soldiers and allies. These attacks have caused billions of dollars of loss to the US and the global economy and put the lives of innocent people at risk. Warning Iran, Trump said that stop supporting Houthi terrorists. Do not try to threaten America, its President. If you do this, America will hold you fully responsible and we will not take it lightly! Trump said that Joe Biden never took action with force against these attacks, so the Houthis would have attacked fearlessly. It has been a year since the last time an American ship safely passed through the Suez Canal, Red Sea or Gulf of Aden. But now Houthi attacks on American ships will not be tolerated.

Nepali student gave such a speech in school, people are comparing him with Hitler

Kathmandu (Agency). The speech of a student from Nepal is going viral on social media. In this speech given in the school, the student talked about the development and bright future of Nepal, but the way he gave the speech, people were surprised to see it. The 2 minute 19 second video is being shared on social media. Hundreds of comments have come on it. Many people are praising the enthusiasm and speech of this student, while some users are comparing him to Adolf Hitler. The name of this student is being told as Abhiskar Raut. He gives a speech in front of the people who came to the school program. Introducing himself as the head boy, he starts his speech with the situation of Nepal, then he talks about the history and pride of Nepal.

Tulsi Gabbard says Donald Trump committed to defeat Islamist terrorism threat: 'PM Modi also takes it seriously'



NEW DELHI: US Intelligence chief Tulsi Gabbard, who is on an official visit to India, reiterated President Donald Trump’s unwavering commitment to defeating the threat of Islamist terrorism, which she termed as a direct and ongoing danger to the American people. Gabbard underscored that Prime Minister Narendra Modi also takes the threat of terrorism seriously, emphasising that both nations are dedicated to addressing this persistent threat together. Gabbard discussed how terrorism impacts not only the US but also India, Bangladesh, Syria, Israel and different parts of the Middle

East. “President Trump, through his first administration in the presidency, and it continues now, has been very clear about his commitment to defeating this threat of Islamist terrorism that has unfortunately plagued us, and continues to pose a direct threat to the American people.” "But, we see how it's been impacting people here in India, in Bangladesh, currently ongoing in Syria, Israel and different countries in the Middle East. So this is a threat that I know Prime Minister Modi also takes seriously and one where the leaders of our two countries will work together to try to identify

and defeat that threat," she added. Gabbard, who is the Director of National Intelligence in the United States, expressed her commitment to ensuring that the US intelligence community is focused on its core mission of securing the nation, seeking out the truth and reporting the truth so that US President Donald Trump can make the best informed decisions. Meanwhile, India on Monday raised the issue of anti-India activities carried out by the banned pro-Khalistani organisation Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) in the US during the meeting of defence minister Rajnath Singh and Tulsi Gabbard

Clashes erupt on Lebanon-Syria border after 3 Syrian soldiers killed



NEW DELHI: Fighting erupted along the border between Lebanon and Syria overnight into Monday, Syrian state media reported, after three Syrian soldiers were killed in earlier clashes. The violence came a month after dayslong fighting between the Syrian military and armed Lebanese Shia groups closely allied with the ousted Bashar Assad government in Syria's Al-Qasr area. Lebanon has been seeking international support to boost funding for its military as it gradually deploys troops along its porous northern and eastern borders with Syria and along its southern border with Israel. The Lebanese and Syrian armies said they are

communicating with each other to ease tensions. Lebanese troops have been deployed in large numbers in the area. Families in the border areas fled toward Hermel in Syria amid the overnight clashes and shelling. Syria’s interim government accused militants from the Lebanese Hezbollah group of crossing northeastern Lebanon into Syria on Saturday, kidnapping three soldiers and killing them on Lebanese soil. Hezbollah in a statement denied any involvement. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, said the Shia groups were involved. The circumstances of the incident remain unclear.

'Juliet Rose' is the world's most expensive rose



Washington (Agency). Do you know that the world's most expensive flower is also a rose? The name of this expensive flower is 'Juliet Rose', whose price has reached crores of rupees. Whenever there is talk of the most expensive flowers on the Internet, the name of Juliet Rose is definitely included. Its beauty, rarity and unique fragrance make it so valuable. Not only did it take years to grow it, but it also cost crores of rupees. About 3 million dollars (about Rs 25 crore) were spent to prepare this rose. It was developed by the famous breeder David Austin by mixing many roses. It took a full 15 years to develop Juliet Rose. Although now this rose can grow in 4-6 weeks, it needs special care and favorable conditions. The biggest feature of this rose is its unique petals, which bloom in a wonderful mixture of peach and white. Its fruity and sweet fragrance makes it even more attractive. This rose was first displayed at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2006 and its price was estimated at \$15.8 million (about Rs 130 crore). It is still considered the most expensive rose in the world. Its unique design, rarity and complex process of growing it make it so special and valuable. Even today, Juliet Rose is historically recorded as the most expensive rose.

Train hijack case: Pakistan blames India to hide its failures

Islamabad (Agency). Pakistan has a long history of directly blaming India to hide its failures. For this, it talks nonsense and throws mud at India. Pakistan has also blamed India in the train hijack case. Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhary, Director General of Pakistan Army's media wing Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), called India the main sponsor behind helping the rebels in Balochistan. He said that the recent attack on Jaffar Express is a continuation of this policy. The DG held a press conference with

Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti. Pakistan, which spreads terrorism all over the world, has fabricated allegations against India for terrorism in Balochistan. ISPR said that regarding the recent attack in Balochistan and other terrorist incidents in the past, we believe that the main sponsor of these attacks is your eastern neighbor (India). Earlier, the Pakistani Foreign Ministry had made similar allegations against India, to which the Indian Foreign Ministry had given a befitting reply. Indian Foreign Ministry



spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, 'The allegations made by Pakistan are baseless and we reject them. The whole world knows where the center of global terrorism is. Pakistan should

introspect on its own failures instead of pointing fingers at others. Pakistan oppresses the people of the state of Balochistan. The Baloch people want to create an independent country of their own. ISPR DG said that Jaffar Express was stopped through IED explosion in the hilly area. Apart from this, he was also seen getting angry at the Indian media. He said that the Indian media was in support of the terrorists. He also alleged that the Indian media created fake videos using artificial intelligence to spread malicious propaganda about the

attack. He said that the situation was blown out of proportion. He also alleged that the terrorists were in touch with their handlers in Afghanistan. The Chief Minister of Balochistan was seen supporting Pakistan instead of his people. He spewed venom against India and said that we are in an intelligence war through Afghanistan. He claimed that terrorist commanders were released from Afghan jails. He also claimed that there was division among terrorist groups like TTP and BLA and others, but India united them.

40 tornadoes in 8 US states, 34 deaths

Washington (Agency). In the US, the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Indiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee are in the grip of tornadoes. So far 40 tornadoes have hit these states. The weather department has expressed the possibility of the situation getting more serious. So far 34 people have lost their lives on Saturday and Sunday. Missouri has had the highest number of deaths at 12. 10 crore US population is affected. 2 lakh homes have lost power. Due to dust storm in Kansas, about 50 vehicles collided on the highway. 8 people died in this. 6 people died in Mississippi and three are missing.



People waving Romanian and European Union flags during a demonstration in Bucharest.

Risk of colon and liver cancer due to excessive egg consumption

Harvard (Agency). Excessive consumption of eggs can increase the risk of cancer, especially colon and liver cancer. This claim has been made in a recent study. Scientists believe that an element called choline present in eggs turns into trimethylamine (TMA) when it comes in contact with intestinal bacteria. This TMA is converted into trimethylamine-N-oxide in the liver, which can increase inflammation in the body and promote the growth of cancer cells. According to the report, frying eggs at high temperatures can produce chemicals in it, which can be



carcinogenic i.e. cancer-causing. The study also stated that if a person eats more than three eggs a week, the risk of colorectal cancer

can increase by 71 percent. On the other hand, if eggs are eaten in limited quantities, then this risk can be reduced to a great

extent. A study conducted in Uruguay between 1996 and 2004 found a direct link between high egg consumption and various types of cancer. This research included 3,539 cancer patients and 2,032 healthy individuals. However, experts say that eggs are not completely unhealthy. They contain high quality protein, vitamin D, B12, selenium and other nutrients, which strengthen the body's immunity. But excessive consumption can increase potential risks. According to Harvard Medical School, eating one or two eggs a week can be considered safe.

Woman gives birth to son-in-law's child, becomes surrogate mother



Sacramento (Agency). Usually a close or professional woman is chosen for surrogacy, but a 52-year-old woman decided to become a surrogate mother to fulfill her daughter's wish. The name of the woman living in California is Christy Schmidt. Christy decided to become a surrogate for her own daughter and gave birth to her son-in-law's child. Christy's daughter Heidi and her husband John tried to become parents for many years after marriage, but every time they were disappointed. In 2020, Heidi finally got pregnant, but her happiness did not last long. Doctors told that she has a rare problem called 'uterine didelphys', in which a woman has two uteruses. Due to this, one of her twins died in the 10th week, and in the 24th week she also lost her second child. This accident broke Heidi. The doctors made it clear that it would be very risky for Heidi to conceive again. In this situation,

IVF and surrogacy were the only options left for her. When Heidi talked to her mother about this, Christie immediately offered herself to become a surrogate. At first Heidi did not believe it, but when Christie underwent a medical examination and the doctors found her healthy, Heidi trusted her mother's decision. Christie conceived the child of her son-in-law John and daughter Heidi through the IVF process. At the age of 52, she once again experienced motherhood, but this time for her granddaughter. Her pregnancy was normal and in March 2022, she gave birth to a cute baby girl, Ekko Joy. When Heidi held her daughter in her arms for the first time, tears welled up in her eyes. Some people criticized Christie's decision and said that she was taking away the experience of becoming a mother from her daughter, but Christie did not care about these things. For her, this was the biggest gift she could give to her daughter.

K-Diddy? Kim Soo Hyun compared to disgraced US rapper overseas; K-netizens call it ‘embarrassing’



Kim Soo Hyun’s scandal shows no signs of cooling off anytime soon. What started as a dating rumour with actress Kim Sae Ron has now transformed into a full-blown controversy, with accusations suggesting he dated a minor. Soo Hyun’s image has taken a major hit, with fans turning away and brands quietly removing his face from their platforms. What’s making things worse? The controversy has now gone global. International coverage is picking up steam, the internet is flooded with #CancelKimSooHyun hashtags, and nicknames like “K-Diddy” are making the rounds, linking him to the disgraced U.S. rapper caught in serious allegations. Korean netizens are now accusing the actor of “dragging the country’s name through the mud.” On The Qoo, a popular South Korean forum, users pointed out a post where Kim Soo Hyun was referred to as “K-Diddy.” The post even featured a photo of the actor alongside a statement about his alleged relationship with Sae Ron (The authenticity of the image cannot be verified by IE.) Many noted how the scandal has gained more traction internationally, with one commenting, “There’s more outrage about this overseas than here in Korea.” “Embarrassing,” one person wrote. Another added, “They’re tarnishing the name of a successful K-drama. What a disgrace to the country.” A third chimed in, “Oh my, the Puff Daddy scandal was seriously messy. It might be a bit of an extreme comparison, but I guess it shows how seriously they’re taking this.” Others pointed out, “And yet, in Korea, he’s still allowed to film variety shows.” Another bluntly said, “This is such an embarrassment for Korea... K-Diddy?” While one netizen concluded, “The problem is, he dated a minor, and now he’s trying to find a way out of it.” Kim Soo Hyun had a packed slate of projects lined up after the massive success of his Netflix hit Queen of Tears with Kim Ji Won. But that was all before his scandal with late actor Kim Sae Ron exploded. It was earlier reported that Soo Hyun might have to hit pause on his filming commitments.

F1 trailer teases intense racing action, reveals Brad Pitt and Damson Idris’ veteran-rookie dynamic

Apple has released a new trailer for the upcoming film F1, starring Brad Pitt and Damson Idris in the lead roles. The film has had audiences speculating for a proper look since the first teaser dropped eight months ago. The two stars will play a veteran F1 racer and a rookie in the film, directed by Joseph Kosinski, who

tackled a similar dynamic in his blockbuster film Top Gun: Maverick, with Tom Cruise and Miles Teller. Brad Pitt plays Sonny Hayes, a washed-out F1 driver who is currently slumming it in the Gran Tourer scene. He is approached by Ruben, played by Javier Bardem, who offers him a spot on his team. Ruben wants to pair



Hayes with rookie Joshua Pearce in order to bring some kind of cosmic balance to his team. With Fleetwood Mac’s ‘The Chain’ playing in the background, both drivers

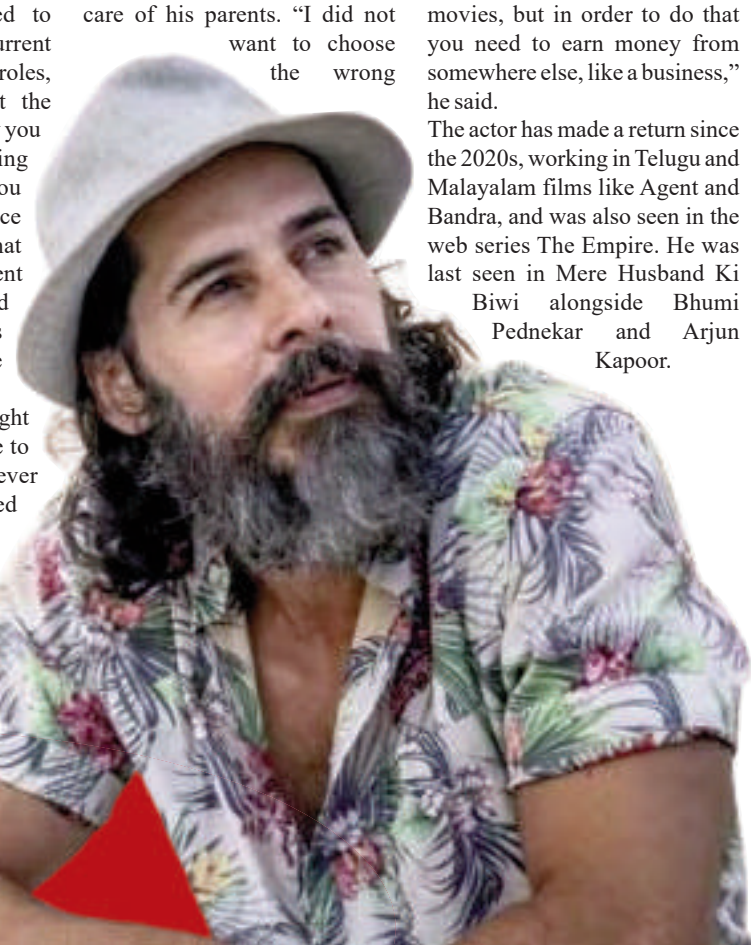
juggle the fast-paced and high-stakes world of Formula 1. The cinematography is dynamic, intimate, and sweeping, putting viewers inside the cars during high-speed races. Kosinski seems to be returning to the kinetic visual style that he refined in Maverick. The action-packed chases and the old-fashioned drama

are all present, except this time, everything takes place on the ground. The rest of the cast includes Kerry Condon, Simone Ashley, Tobias Menzies, Calie Cooke, Kim Bodnia, and more, with several Formula 1 drivers such as Lewis Hamilton, Esteban Ocon, and Pierre Gasly all set to make an appearance as well.

Dino Morea knows his worth, recalls feeling insecure when offers dried up: ‘I am not at the top’

Actor Dino Morea entered the Hindi film industry just before the turn of the century. After making his mark in the fashion sphere, the supermodel turned to acting with the Raj Kaushal film Pyaar Main Kabhi Kabhi (1999). His next film, Raaz (2002), made him an overnight sensation, and he received high praise for his role. His career slowed down in the 2010s, which prompted him to diversify. In a recent interview with Pinkvilla, the actor shared the insecurities that he faced after the offers started drying up. He also shared the importance of staying in touch with reality. “When you are sitting at your home and waiting for the offers, sometimes you do bad roles just to remain relevant for the audience,” said the actor. Dino stated that when he entered the industry, playing the lead role was

more important compared to now. He said that in the current scenario, there are no ‘lead roles, just characters,’ and that the industry has evolved. “Now you can’t go around thinking you’re the lead role or you deserve one; you need to face reality,” the actor added that he understands his current worth in the industry, and that is the reason why he is doing smaller roles more often. He said that his parents taught him to be kind and humble to everyone, because you never know when you might need their help. When asked whether he ever needed monetary help from his parents during his low phase, Dino replied that he was the one taking



Dino Morea reflected on his insecurities, and said that he isn't delusional about his worth in the industry.

Honey Singh on creating socially responsible songs: ‘We are artistes, not scholars’



Rapper Yo Yo Honey Singh recently shared his views on artistes making songs that have a deeper social message embedded in them. He feels that the listener does not accept it when artistes try to deliver a message. “There is no responsibility for an artiste to do such a thing because we are artistes, not scholars,” the “Glassy” singer said in an interview with India Today, noting how his 2008 track about Shaheed Bhagat Singh and his 2023 track about woman empowerment were major flops. Honey Singh credited the return to his classic ‘carefree’ style to the audience and the kind of reception he got from them. “This is why we make songs like ‘Angrezi Beat,’” added the rapper before sharing his experiences while making his 2024 album Glory. “I was acting like a 40-year-old man with a sense of sensibility and responsibility towards my audience. So I decided I was not going to be naughty and funny, but nobody liked it either.”

Fired Marvel star Jonathan Majors reveals he was ‘sexually abused by men and women’ since age 9

Jonathan Majors opens up about childhood trauma, abuse, and rebuilding his life post-trial as he prepares for the release of Magazine Dreams following his assault conviction.

For the first time since he waded through a sea of cameras and slipped into the back of a Chevy Suburban outside a Manhattan courthouse, actor Jonathan Majors has opened up about his side of the story. The New York jury’s guilty verdict in his assault case against ex-girlfriend Grace Jabbari derailed his career, one that had been riding high on Creed III’s box office success, a mega Marvel role in Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania, and an Emmy nod. Now, in a conversation with The Hollywood Reporter, Majors opened up about the parts of his life no one has seen or heard—until now. “I dealt with sexual abuse from both men and women from the time I was nine,” Jonathan Majors told The Hollywood Reporter. “From people who are supposed to look after you, in the absence of a father. I was f—ked up.” As he prepares to flip a new page in his career with Magazine Dreams hitting theaters on March 21, the Creed III star opened up about the trauma he’s carried for years. While Majors avoided speaking directly about his domestic

violence case, citing legal restrictions, he did offer an insight into his early life and the emotional fallout that followed after his infamous trial and public criticism. Growing up in Dallas, Majors was close to his mother, a pastor, but his father left when he was just eight. After his legal troubles, he found himself facing his long-buried wounds. “I underwent therapy,” he said. “As a result began to unpack childhood traumas I had not confronted before.” Majors shared that when he finally told his mother about the abuse, her reaction was one of misery and regret. “She apologised for not being able to protect me,” he recalled. “I’m like, ‘It’s not even an issue, Mom. I just want you to know. And now we can all get busy and continue to connect and grow and learn from it because it’s something that was in our family.’” Processing his past, Majors says, has given him a deeper understanding of his own behaviour. “There are no excuses,” he admitted. “But by getting help, you begin to understand things about yourself.” Despite public sentiment against him, Majors still has strong backing from industry figures willing to work with him again, including Michael B Jordan and Matthew McConaughey.



‘Aamir Khan shot amid public, no one recognised him’: Nitesh Tiwari recalls actor took 1 year to say yes to Dangal, describes his prep

Aamir Khan’s Dangal (2016) went on to become the highest-grossing Indian movie of all time. Based on the Phogat family, the film not only broke box office records in India, but it also crossed borders by becoming a superhit in China. Dangal continues to live in people’s hearts, backed by remarkable performances, hit songs, and a heartwarming story. On Aamir’s 60th



birthday today on March 14, the film’s director Nitesh Tiwari revealed several BTS stories with Aamir and reflected upon his personality, in an exclusive interview with SCREEN. He is such a treat to work with; he is a director’s actor. The best part is that he is willing to go to any lengths to fulfil the director’s vision. That itself says a lot about the kind of passion he has for his craft. The correct word to use for him is passionate. In case of Dangal, Aamir sir was so happy with the script, he didn’t want anything altered. The music sessions with Amitabh Bhattacharya used to happen at his farmhouse in Panchgani. We had to whisk away Pritam da (composer) there so that he can fully give us his time without being distracted by anything else. That’s where we did most of our music, those were also really fun moments with the team. I always had Aamir in my mind as Mahavir Phogat. I am so glad and lucky that he came on board. He connected with the role and script instantly. However, he took his sweet time to say yes. He loved the script the moment he heard it, but he was not sure at that stage of his career, he wanted to play the role as he was essaying characters who were much younger, including Dhoom 3. He said that if you are ready to wait for a few years, then we can reconnect again. But then within a year, when PK was going to release, I narrated it to him again and he said, ‘Lets do it, this has not left me’. So, he took a year to say yes finally, I was actually willing to wait longer. Aamir sir is somebody who follows rules. If there were certain rules made for everyone on the set, he wasn’t allowed to flout them. There were times when he would try to say jokingly, ‘Dekhiye sir, aapka security mujhe phone andar nahi laane deraha hai (Your security is not allowing me to take phone inside)’. I would just say that no one is allowed to bring in their phones and the same rule applies to you. He used to laugh and say sportingly, ‘Acha, theek hai beta!’

Mohanlal and Prithviraj Sukumaran’s Empuraan back on track as co-producer dispute resolved; makers reveal FDFS timing

The path is now clear for the highly anticipated arrival of actor Prithviraj Sukumaran’s third directorial venture L2: Empuraan, the action thriller starring Malayalam superstar Mohanlal in the lead role. Despite facing significant challenges and persistent rumours of a potential postponement, fuelled by the delay in the commencement of its final and major leg of

promotions, the makers have officially confirmed that the film will hit theatres as scheduled on March 27, 2025. Meanwhile, Prithviraj announced on Saturday that Sree Gokulam Movies has joined Aashirvad Cinemas and Lyca Productions as a production partner for the film. Previously, rumours had suggested that the movie’s sluggish promotions were due to an internal rift



between Aashirvad Cinemas and Lyca Productions, raising concerns about a possible delay in the movie’s

release. However, it has now been revealed that Sree Gokulam Movies’ head Gokulam Gopalan stepped in at the last minute to salvage what is being touted as the biggest Malayalam film of all time. “It is to resolve the issues between them that we have to try, right? An industry shouldn’t suffer because of these problems. That’s why I intervened. I believe the dispute has been resolved in a

way that didn’t cause any trouble to anyone,” he shared during a chat with Reporter Live, expressing confidence that the film will arrive on its originally planned date. While the full extent of Sree Gokulam Movies’ involvement remains unclear, Gopalan was asked whether his company had to reimburse Lyca Productions in full for its investment in Empuraan till now.



Varun said, due to this I may not get a chance in Tests

New Delhi (Agency). Indian cricket team's mystery spinner Varun Chakraborty, who impressed everyone with his brilliant bowling in the ICC Champions Trophy, has said that he wants to play Test cricket but may hardly be able to play. Varun believes that he is not made for Tests. He also said that with the type of bowling he has, it does not seem possible to get a place in Tests. This spinner has played 27 List A and 106 T20 matches since his domestic cricket debut in September 2018. After this, he got a place in the Indian

T20 and then ODI team for the limited overs. Varun was

this he had to face a lot of criticism. Varun has only one



part of India's team in the 2021 T20 World Cup, where the team was eliminated in the group stage itself. After

first class match to his name. He played this match against Hyderabad in November 2018. Varun wants to play

Test cricket but due to less experience in domestic cricket, he feels that he cannot fulfill his dream of playing for India in this format. Varun said, "I am interested in Test cricket but my bowling style is not suitable for Test cricket. My bowling is almost like medium pace. In Test cricket, you have to bowl 20-30 overs continuously. I cannot do this. I can bowl a maximum of 10-15 overs, which is not suitable for the Test format. Currently, I am focusing on 20 overs and 50 overs white ball cricket."

World Rapid and Blitz Team Chess Championship to be held in London

London (Agency). After Duesseldorf 2023 and Astana 2024, the next edition of the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Team Chess Championship will be held in London from June 10 to June 16. This time the prize money has also been increased to 5 lakh euros (about 4.5 crores). The amount for Rapid has been

kept at 3,10,000 euros and for Blitz at 1,90,000 euros. At the same time, a new knockout level has also been added for Blitz this time. In the new knockout level, on the first day, matches will be played on the basis of pool on a round robin basis system, after which 16 teams will enter the play-offs. This time also there can be a minimum

of 6 and a maximum of 9 players in the team. Along with this, one female player and one player with rating below 2000 will also have to be included in the team. This time there can be a tough competition between the team WR of world number one player Magnus Carlsen of Norway and MGD1 of Arjun Erigasi of India.



Japanese women's doubles pair participating in the All England Badminton Championship in Britain.

Father said this is an unforgettable experience for us

Laxman reached Ayodhya with his family on his mother's birthday and had darshan of Ramlala



Ayodhya (Agency). Former cricketer VVS Laxman reached Ayodhya with his family on the occasion of his mother's birthday and had darshan of Ramlala. Laxman reached Ayodhya with his entire family, elder brother, mother, father and sister. Along with offering prayers in the temple, he also participated in the aarti of Saryu river along with his family. After darshan and worship in the temple, Laxman also met Champat Rai, general secretary of Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Tirtha Kshetra Trust. During this, Champat Rai gave a grand welcome to Laxman and also presented him a souvenir. Laxman then participated in the aarti of Saryu river in the evening, where Mahant Shashikant Das presented him with a shawl and a souvenir. Laxman had come

to the monastery and temples with his family to make his mother's birthday memorable. Laxman's father, who became emotional after seeing Ram Lalla, said, "It is a matter of good fortune for us that we have come to Ayodhya with the whole family. The names of our sons are also Ram and Laxman. Whenever we get a chance, we chant 'Shri Sitaram, Jai Shri Ram'. Today we got the privilege of seeing Ram Lalla and performing Saryu Aarti. This is an unforgettable experience for us." After the Saryu Aarti, Mahant Shashikant Das said, "With the grace of Lord Ram, many celebrities have come here after Ram Lalla was enthroned in the grand temple in Ayodhya. This shows the divinity of this holy land and the glory of Ram Bhakti."

Young cricketers have an opportunity to win Olympic medals: Virat



New Delhi (Agency). Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has said that if the Indian team reaches the final of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, he is ready to return from retirement and play in the title match, although it remains to be seen whether he gets

permission for this or not. For the first time in 100 years, cricket is being included in Los Angeles, so that the current players also have an opportunity to win Olympic medals. The last time cricket was a part of the Olympics was in 1900, when only Britain and France were

Mumbai Indians' concerns increased regarding the form of these three players



Mumbai (Agency). Mumbai Indians team under the captaincy of Hardik Pandya will enter the fifth season of IPL starting from March 22 with the intention of winning the title. The team's performance was not good in the last season. In such a situation, this time it will have to give its best performance. Mumbai Indians, who have won five trophies, last won the title in the year 2020. Since then the team has not been able to do anything

special. Apart from captain Pandya, the team has many good players including Rohit Sharma, Tilak Verma, but the poor performance of Suryakumar Yadav, Will Jacks and Reece Topley has increased its concerns. **Suryakumar Yadav** The bat of the team's aggressive batsman Suryakumar Yadav has been silent for a long time. He was able to score only 28 runs in the five-match T20 series against England. At the same

time, he scored only 38 runs in four innings of Vijay Hazare Trophy and 109 runs in five innings of Ranji Trophy. Therefore, it is important for Mumbai that Suryakumar comes into form. **Will Jacks** Mumbai bought Will Jacks in the mega auction this time. Last season, Jacks scored 230 runs in eight matches and also took two wickets for Royal Challengers Bangalore. During this, he scored 100 runs in 41 balls against

Gujarat Titans but the team did not retain him. Jacks' form has been very bad recently. He was able to score only 225 runs in SRH at an average of 25. In such a situation, Mumbai would like him to get back into form for the season.

Reece Topley England fast bowler Reece Topley played four matches for RCB last season. He was able to take only four wickets. This time Mumbai Indians have included him in their team. Topley, he was able to take only three wickets in the Abu Dhabi T-10 League, while he was able to take only four wickets in seven matches of the Bangladesh Premier League. In such a situation, he will have to perform better to contribute to Mumbai's victory.

Ambati, Sachin and Yuvraj performed brilliantly

India Masters won the IML T20 title



Raipur (Agency). India Masters won the International Masters League (IML) T20 title by defeating West Indies Masters by 6 wickets due to the brilliant performance of captain Sachin Tendulkar, Ambati Rayudu and Yuvraj Singh. Brian Lara was the captain of the West Indies Masters team in this league but he failed to make his team win. Apart from Sachin, Yuvraj also performed very well from India Masters' side. Batting

first in this match, West Indies Masters scored 148 runs for 7 wickets with the help of Lendl Simmons' 57 runs and Dwayne Smith's 45 runs. Thus, India Masters got a target of 149 runs to win. Vinay Kumar took 3 wickets while Shahbaz Nadeem took 2 wickets from India Masters' side. After this, India Masters achieved this target at the loss of 4 wickets in 17.1 overs on the basis of Ambati Rayudu's innings of 74 runs. Rayudu scored the highest 74 runs from 50 balls

with the help of 9 fours and 3 sixes from India Masters' side while captain Sachin Tendulkar scored 25 runs from 18 balls. Stuart Binny remained unbeaten by scoring 16 runs from 9 balls. Gurkeerat Mann scored 14 and Yuvraj Singh scored 13 runs from 11 balls. Ashley Nurse took the highest 2 wickets from West Indies Masters' side. Chasing 149 runs for victory, India Masters had a good start. Sachin and Ambati scored 67 runs for the first wicket. Gurkeerat came in after Sachin's dismissal but he too could score only 14 runs. After Gurkeerat's dismissal, Yuvraj took the innings above 100 runs with Rayudu. Then Rayudu returned to the pavilion. Yusuf Pathan got out without opening the account. Yuvraj held one end and along with Stuart Binny took the innings to the target.

Modi said, results show which team is better between India and Pakistan

New Delhi (Agency). Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the results show who is better between the Indian and Pakistani cricket teams. Modi said that he is not a cricket expert and

judges the better team only on the basis of results. Modi said these things during a conversation with an American podcaster on Sunday. On the other hand, regarding football, he said

that the great Diego Maradona is considered the real hero of his time, but if we talk about the current generation, then Argentina's Lionel Messi remains the favorite.

Wicketkeeper batsman Jitesh told the reason for making Rajat Patidar the captain



New Delhi (Agency). Everyone was surprised when Rajat Patidar was made the captain of Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. Fans believed that Virat Kohli would get the captaincy once again but it did not happen. Regarding this, now the team's wicketkeeper batsman Jitesh Sharma has made an important disclosure. Jitesh said in a podcast. Rajat Patidar was the best choice to become the captain. Jitesh said, Virat Bhai has not captained for the last few years, and this year too he did not feel like captaining. He refused when asked by the team management. According to Jitesh, after Virat Kohli's decision it became clear that this time only Rajat Patidar will get the opportunity for captaincy. Rajat had performed very well for RCB in the last few years and it is believed that this was also one of the reasons for getting the captaincy. Jitesh said, Rajat Patidar has always performed well for the team. He is a great cricketer and has all the qualities of captaincy. Making him the captain is a right move, and everyone will fully support him. Jitesh was bought by RCB for Rs 11 crore in the mega auction held last year. Jitesh was earlier a part of Punjab Kings but now he will take over the responsibility of wicketkeeper in RCB. Jitesh said, I have always played with Rajat Patidar and I am sure he will lead very well. I am fully ready to help him.

Malay Raj of Bihar became the net bowler of CSK team

Mumbai (Agency). Now a young cricketer from Bhagalpur, Bihar will be seen bowling in IPL. This fast bowler named Malay Raj has been made the net bowler of Chennai Super Kings (CSK). In such a situation, now Malay will be seen bowling to all the top batsmen of CSK including Mahendra Singh Dhoni in net practice. Malay has been selected due to good bowling. Bihar Cricket Association has also given him a no objection certificate for the pre-season camp of IPL 2025. Along with Malay, Zeeshan and Nazir of Bihar are also included as net bowlers of CSK. CSK will bear the travel and other expenses of these players. Malay has played for Bihar in Mushtaq Ali Trophy, Vijay Hazare Trophy and Ranji Trophy. Malay plays cricket for Patna district. Malay's family is excited with this great achievement.

Ishan's aggressive batting in intra-squad match, scored two half-centuries

Hyderabad (Agency). Wicketkeeper batsman Ishan Kishan, who has been out of Team India for a long time, is looking in good form ahead of the 2025th season of IPL. Ishan has played brilliant innings during the intra-squad match for Sunrisers Hyderabad. Playing in the top order with Abhishek Sharma, Ishan scored 64 runs in just 23 balls and 73 runs in 30 balls. This video posted by Sunrisers on social media shows Ishan's tremendous shots. Sunrisers had to face defeat in the final last year. In such a situation, this time he has added key players like Ishan Kishan to the team while dropping many poorly performing players from the team. Ishan was bought by Sunrisers for Rs 11.25 crore in the mega auction. Ishan will bat at number three after Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma open the innings. Ishan Kishan previously played for the Mumbai Indians team. He made his debut in 2016 and since then he has been one of the leading openers of the IPL. He has scored 2644 runs in 105 innings with 16 half-centuries. He was a key player for the Mumbai Indians, although Mumbai released him before the 2025 IPL season.

Transport scam

Congress handed over documents related to the scam to Lokayukta, Leader of Opposition claims

Minister Govind Rajput bought illegal properties in the name of wife, son

Bhopal (Agency): The gold brick and 10 crore cash scandal found in MP last year created a lot of political uproar. The matter got so heated that its heat reached the assembly. The opposition in the house raised loud slogans and demanded a fair investigation. Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar reached the Lokayukta office on Monday. Where he submitted documents against former Transport Minister and current Minister Govind Rajput to the Lokayukta. Along with this, he has demanded attachment of the property. After submitting the memorandum to the Lokayukta, Umang Singhar



has expressed the possibility of a big scam in this case. He said that the budget of the Transport Department was only 150 crores, but the scam is of 5000 crores. This is all public money. Umang Singhar alleged that benami properties have been purchased in the name of many people including Minister Govind Rajput, wife and son. He said that for the last 3 months, the government is trying to cover up this matter. The pace of its investigation is being slowed down. There is a scam of crores of rupees. This is the money of the people of the state. Bricks are being taken

out but the public does not know whose it is. These are bricks bought from the hard earned money of the public. That is why the Congress Legislature Party came to the Lokayukta today. We have given papers with proof and have demanded immediate action on this. He further said that the registry and proof of illegally purchased benami property, property bought in the name of family members have been submitted. There are many people like Govind Rajput, his wife, children, family, Sanjay Srivastava, Sanjay Dalde, Veeresh Tumaram, whose property information has been given.

If investigation is done, big crocodiles will be caught

Umang Singhar also alleged that property worth more than 150 crores has been hidden in the election manifesto. We have given papers with proof. The Lokayukta has assured to investigate. Congress has only demanded that its investigation be completed. Despite having so many investigation agencies, the government is hiding it. If there is an investigation, even big crocodiles will be caught in it.

Information given to Lokayukta

Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar also said that we have given all the information about the former Transport Minister (Govind Rajput) and his associates. The Speaker has assured that it will be discussed in the House. The investigation is going on very slowly. He has said that the investigating agency (Lokayukta) is investigating. The Lokayukta has clarified that he will give this evidence to the investigating agency. After this, there will be an investigation and then action will also be taken.

Leader of Opposition demanded to investigate and attach property

Umang Singhar posted on social media X that there has been corruption on a large scale in the transport scam. But in the name of investigation, only negligence is being done. Big leaders of BJP, while holding many big posts, have done corruption and purchased hundreds of acres of land in their own name, wife and sons, relatives and others through illegal transactions. He met the Lokayukta to demand an enquiry into this illegal benami transaction and attachment of the property so that the tampering with the hard earned money of the common people of the state can be stopped.

Govindpura police arrested a goon selling liquor illegally

Bhopal (Agency): On 17.03.2025, an informer informed that a person is selling illegal liquor near the culvert behind Ambedkar Bhawan near Kanya School Barkheda. Upon verification of the information, 340 quarters of illegal country liquor, quantity 61.2 liters, worth Rs. 23,800/- were seized from the possession of accused Mukesh Rajput alias Babbi father Ramkumar Rajput age 47 years resident of House No. 27 Ramnagar Avadhपुरी Bhopal. The accused was arrested. Crime number 191/25 section 34(2) of Excise Act was registered against the accused and investigation was taken up. The accused was produced before the Hon'ble Court at J.R. and sent to jail. On 15.03.25 complainant Prabha Singh wife of Brijesh Singh age 38 years resident of H.No. 67 Vallabh Nagar Avadhपुरी Bhopal went to Vijay Market at about 08.30 pm, her Realme mobile was kept in her purse, there were also 220/- rupees in the purse, when she reached in front of Sabji Market Main Road Vijay Dwar, two unknown boys on a motorcycle snatched her purse and mobile. On protesting, one of the boys took out a knife and twisted my hand. Both the boys ran away with my purse and mobile. My son Anvesh followed them and found the number of the motorcycle of those boys, whose number is MP-04-QB-3305. On the report, crime number 188/25 under section 309(4), 3(5) BNS was registered and investigation taken up. During investigation, the informer informed that two boys were talking about selling a mobile near Barkheda culvert. On reaching



the spot, one boy ran away and after surrounding him, another boy was caught who told his name to be Rohit Ahirwar, son of Haridas Ahirwar, age 27 years, resident of slum 69, New Basti, near the banyan tree, Bagh Mugalia, Bhopal, from whom the mobile and the motorcycle used in the incident were seized as per the seizure memo. The accused was arrested. During investigation, the accused Jeetu alias Jitendra Jatav, son of Deviram Jatav, age 30 years, resident of Multi No. 04, Bagh Mugalia, Police Station Bagh Sewania, was arrested and a Samsung mobile phone, which was snatched by the accused from Police Station Bagh Sewania, was seized from his possession as per the seizure memo. After the accused were arrested, they were produced before the J.R. Court and sent to jail. Commendable role- Uni Gajraj Singh, Uni Bharat Singh Meena, Sub-Inspector Sonia Patel, PR Santosh Malviya, PR Kuber Bhadoria, R. 2008 Laxminarayan, R. 3821 Lokendra Singh, R. 593 Subhash Tomar, R. 30 Avtar Gurjar played a commendable role.

BRIEF NEWS

3 workers came under the influence of poisonous gas in New Friends Colony

Delhi (Agency): Three workers who went to clean the sewer in the evening in New Friends Colony area of south-east Delhi came under the influence of poisonous gas. One of these workers died in AIIMS, while the treatment of another worker is going on. On hearing the noise, a security guard of a nearby office took out a laborer Shivdas safely. The fire department was informed about this incident at around 5:45 in the evening, after which the fire department team reached the spot and took out the other two workers trapped inside. Later these workers were taken to AIIMS, where one laborer has been declared dead while the other laborer is admitted in the hospital. The deceased has been identified as Pantial Chander, while Ramkishan is undergoing treatment. In another case, a 20-year-old woman died in a private hospital in Shalimar Bagh area of north-west Delhi, after which her family alleged medical negligence and a dispute arose over the cost of treatment. According to the police statement, the deceased woman has been identified as Manasvi, a resident of Trinagar. According to the statement, she was admitted to the hospital on March 10 after complaining of fever. Despite being treated for six days, she died on March 16. After the complaint of the family, the local police have registered a case and started investigation. The statement quoted the complainant as saying that the family paid Rs 18 lakh for her treatment. The family claims that she did not get adequate medical care.

Police officers were stunned to see the figures of challans in crores

Delhi (Agency): Traffic police challan vehicles for breaking traffic rules in the capital, but instead of paying the challan, people start looking for Jugaad. This is the reason why the number of challans is increasing and the number of people paying it is decreasing. In the last one year, challans worth more than Rs 1,597 crore were issued on hand held devices (on the spot), but the recovery could be only Rs 69 lakh 71 thousand. The main reason for this is Lok Adalats, where people get their challans settled. Let us tell you that the amount of challans issued by the traffic police goes to the transport department. According to the data of the traffic police, in 2020-21, hand held device challans worth more than 244 crores were issued (on the spot) to more than 10 lakh 47 thousand people for breaking traffic rules and the traffic police recovered about Rs 18 crore 86 lakh. But since then, both the number of challans and the amount have increased, but the amount of the challan has been continuously decreasing.

Cross traffic slowing down the speed at three places in Delhi

Delhi (Agency): The biggest reason for the jam between Delhi-Gurugram on NH-48 is the cross traffic at three places. These facts have come to light in the study conducted by various agencies. The New Delhi DM has given instructions to the NHA to solve this problem. Recently, a study was conducted by the Road Safety Committee regarding the jam on NH-48. It was observed that vehicles are crossing each other at Shankar Vihar Chowk, Mahipalpur Flyover and Telco Chowk. New Delhi DM Sunny Singh, SDM, NHA, Traffic Police, MCD and PWD officials visited the spot regarding this problem. They studied the reasons for the jam on this road for about three hours. It was found that the first bottleneck on NH-48 is formed near Parade Road. Apart from this, cross traffic at three places slows down the speed of vehicles. Many times, traffic jams also occur due to breakdown of vehicles and movement of buses on the highway. The DM has instructed NHA to find a solution to end cross traffic immediately. It should be tried for 15 days and if it is successful, it should be made permanent.

Corporation's action against those affecting the city's cleanliness and air quality continues

Corporation staff collected spot fine of Rs 35,150 in 230 cases

Bhopal (Agency): The action by the Municipal Corporation against those affecting the city's cleanliness and air quality continues. In this sequence, the corporation's teams collected Rs 35,150 as spot fine in 230 cases. The corporation administration has appealed to the builders to make full use of green net during building construction and cooperate in improving the city's air quality, otherwise strict action will be taken by the corporation administration. On the instructions of Corporation Commissioner Harendra Narayan, the corporation's health

department staff on Monday took action under the campaign against those who spread C&D waste and building construction material on roads, public places in the zone areas and those who do not install green net on the buildings under construction. The Corporation staff took strict action against those who spread garbage and dirt on roads, do not keep two dustbins, do not keep garbage separately, urinate in open places, use banned polythene and deface property etc. and spoil the beauty of the city and collected spot fine/penalty amount in all types of cases

as follows:-

Zone No. 16 staff collected Rs. 5,600 in 24 cases.



Zone No. 13 staff collected Rs. 5,150 in 35 cases. Zone No. 14 staff collected Rs. 3,800 in 33 cases. Zone No. 7 staff collected Rs. 3,000 in 15 cases.

Zone No. 21 staff collected Rs. 2,500 in 25 cases. Zone No. Staff of Zone No.

02 collected Rs. 2,450 in 17 cases. Staff of Zone No. 05 collected Rs. 2,300 in 11 cases. Staff of Zone No. 15

collected Rs. 1,800 in 08 cases. Staff of Zone No. 08 collected Rs. 1,400 in 05 cases. Staff of Zone No. 18 collected Rs. 1,400 in 11 cases. Staff of Zone No. 20 collected Rs. 1,300 in 13 cases. Staff of Zone No. 03 collected Rs. 1,000 in 10 cases. Staff of Zone No. 17 collected Rs. 1,000 in 02 cases. Staff of Zone No. 10 collected Rs. 900 in 09 cases. Zone No. Staff of Zone No. 01 collected Rs. 650 in 05 cases.

Staff of Zone No. 04 collected Rs. 500 in 03 cases. Staff of Zone No. 09 collected Rs. 300 in 03 cases. Staff of Zone No. 11 collected Rs. 100 in 01 case. Thus, the corporation staff collected a total amount of Rs. 35,150 as spot fine/penalty in 230 cases. The corporation administration has appealed to the builders to ensure full use of green net at the time of building construction and cooperate in the work being done by the corporation to improve the air quality in the city, otherwise strict action will be taken continuously by the corporation administration.

Reduction in revenue collection increased the difficulties of Delhi government

Delhi (Agency): Delhi government revenue department officials said on Sunday (March 16) that the revenue collection of the Delhi government, excluding GST and VAT, is likely to be less than the budget estimate. According to official data, till February 2025, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Value Added Tax (VAT) collection was Rs 40,009 crore, collection from motor vehicle tax and excise duty was Rs 2,810 crore and Rs 5,516 crore respectively. According to Delhi government officials, in its budget for the year 2024-25, the Delhi government has estimated the total tax

revenue to be Rs 58,750 crore. This includes Rs



41,000 crore from GST and VAT, Rs 3,600 crore from tax on motor vehicles, Rs 7,750 crore from stamp and registration duty and Rs 6,400 crore from excise duty. Revenue department officials said that revenue

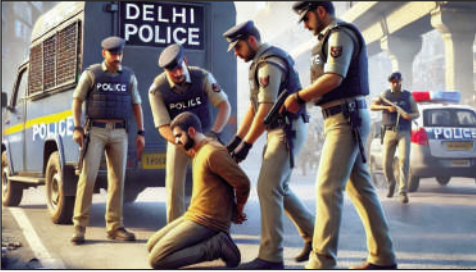
collection from motor vehicle taxes and duties and

excise duty, excluding GST and VAT, is expected to be low. He said that the collection from motor vehicle taxes was 22 per cent less than the budget estimate. Excise duty revenue was 14 per cent less than the

estimate. Earlier, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta had said on March 15 regarding the Delhi budget that the budget session of the Delhi Legislative Assembly will start from March 25. The BJP government will present the budget of 'Developed Delhi' for 2025-26. The BJP government will solve every problem of the farmers of Delhi. He said that suggestions have also been taken from the farmers of Delhi before the budget. The demands of the farmers will be considered. Apart from this, the Delhi government will make every effort to ensure property in the rural areas and villages of Delhi with the help of the Center.

Now the eve-teasing squad will not be able to escape in Delhi! Anti Eve Teasing Squad will be deployed

Delhi (Agency): The safety of women has always been a big issue in Delhi. Complaints of eve-teasing come from women every day. But now the noose is going to tighten on the eve-teasing squads because anti-eve-teasing squads named Courtesy Squad will be deployed in Delhi. This squad is being formed on the lines of Uttar Pradesh's Anti Romeo Squad and it will be deployed in all the sensitive areas of the capital. Delhi Police has formed a special anti-eve-teasing squad named 'Anti Eve-Teasing Squad' to further strengthen the safety



of women. This step has been taken to prevent crimes against women in public places in Delhi and ensure quick action against the criminals. The police had already issued strict guidelines under 'Action against sexual crimes in

public places'. But, to further strengthen the safety of women, now district-wise 'Anti Eve-Teasing Squads' will be formed. These squads will be active at bus stands, metro stations, markets, parks, around schools and colleges and other sensitive areas. As per the orders of the Delhi Police Commissioner, at least two special squads will be deployed in every district. The responsibility of these squads will be to prevent molestation and other crimes against women and take prompt action against the criminals.

Becoming SHO in police station became difficult, Delhi Police implemented new rule



Delhi (Agency): It will not be easy to become a Delhi Police Station House Officer (SHO) in the capital Delhi. Delhi Police has made the process of appointment of SHO difficult with its new rule. Delhi Police will now conduct a merit-based examination for the appointment of SHO. For the first time in history, Delhi Police is going to conduct an examination for the appointment of SHO. It is known that till now, the posting of SHO was done on the basis of seniority and experience. However, now the new rule of Delhi Police will increase transparency and competition in the selection process of SHO. The aim of this move of Delhi Police is to appoint efficient and qualified SHOs to deal with digital crimes. Let us tell you that Delhi Police is taking the initiative to conduct examinations especially for cyber police stations. These are the stations which have been at the forefront in dealing with digital crime cases in Delhi. 122 police inspectors have applied for the examination for 15 posts of Cyber SHO, due to which there will be a lot of competition. This examination is going to be held on March 18 at the Delhi Police Academy in Wazirabad. Delhi Police is looking for a sharp-minded candidate to curb the growing cyber threats in the capital. The SHO selected through the examination will be entrusted with the management of cyber crime investigation, digital forensics and cyber security enforcement. Talking in this regard, an inspector from West Delhi said that the competition is tough - only 15 will be successful. Balancing daily police duty and exam preparation is a tiring job, but we know the importance of this role.