

BRIEFS

Four disposals in more than half a hundred cases



Staff Reporter Maudaha. Out of more than six dozen cases that came up in the district level Sampoorana Samadhan Diwas organized in the tehsil premises in the city, only four cases could be resolved on the spot. Due to which disappointment was visible on the faces of most of the complainants. On this occasion, the Municipal Council President also demanded immediate electricity connection in the newly constructed tube wells from the District Magistrate to solve the problem of drinking water in the city. District Officer Ghanshyam Meena presided over the district level Samadhan Diwas organized in the auditorium building located in the tehsil premises of the city. On this occasion, a total of eighty complainants put their problems before the District Magistrate and demanded their solution, but the problems of only four complainants could be resolved on the spot. Most of the cases were related to water, electricity, Kisan Samman Nidhi and ration card. On this occasion, Municipal Council President Raza Mohammad alias Shrinath, in view of the drinking water problem of the city, demanded immediate electricity connection in the three newly constructed tube wells in the city so that the city residents can get relief from the water problem. In this case, SDO Vimal Srivastava informed that electricity connection has been made in the tube wells near Meera pond and power house and work is in progress on the tube well near Shatti Mata. Shriram Mishra, Kailash, Lalu, residents of Rivan, Karhiya village informed the District Magistrate that the promises of providing water to every house under Namami Gange project are proving to be hollow and water is not available in many localities of the village, due to which the villagers are wandering here and there for every drop of water. Apart from this, other complainants also put their problems before the District Magistrate and demanded their solution. The District Magistrate warned the officers and employees present in the Samadhan Diwas that the complaints received in the Samadhan Diwas should be investigated immediately and resolved in time, although disappointment was visible on the faces of most of the complainants due to their cases not being resolved. On this occasion, Chief Development Officer Chandrashekhar Shukla, Deputy District Officer Rajkumar Gupta and Police Circle Officer Vinita Pahal along with senior officials of the district and area were present.

The commissioner heard the public problems and conducted a surprise inspection of the community health center



Staff Reporter Banda. Commissioner of Chitrakootdham Mandal participated in Tehsil Diwas organized in Tehsil Mau of Chitrakoot district. On this occasion, the Commissioner listened to the public problems seriously and directed the concerned officials for quick and quality redressal of complaints. After Tehsil Diwas, the Commissioner inspected the Community Health Center Mau. Chief Medical Officer Mau was present in the event. During the inspection, cleanliness of the medical center, drinking water system, availability of medicines, presence of doctors, functioning of CCTV camera were found satisfactory. Apart from this, he directed that patients should get quality treatment, hepatitis B vaccine should be administered to children on time, calcium medicines should be distributed to women as per their requirement, patients and visitors should be treated gently, there should be proper arrangement of ramp and tricycle for the disabled and all arrangements should be ensured in the community center as per the National Quality Assurance Standards set by the Government of India.

Five couples held each other's hands



Staff Reporter Sumerpur. A mass marriage of girls was organized in a guest house near the railway gate of the town under the aegis of Babel India Trust. 5 couples got married in this ceremony. Dashrath Kushwaha of the organization said that the marriages of the five couples were conducted with great pomp and show. The couples who got married include Akanksha Sayer with Ramraj Lalpura, Saurabh Ghatpur with Aaradhana Khadehi Jar, Pradeep Chaki with Shanti Lama, Ankrit Koreana Kanpur with Babli Sijnoda, Awadhesh Kupra with Preeti Sayer, etc. Mahendra Kushwaha, Satish Saini, Suresh Kushwaha, Vasant Maurya, Radha Devi, Pradeep, etc. of the organization were present in the program.

District Panchayat member's accountant assaulted

Staff Reporter Maudaha. Some people beat up the accountant who was looking after the work of the district panchayat member digging the pond, on which the police have registered a case and started investigation. Rajkumar son of Gurudev, a resident of village Karhaya of Kotwali area, told in the complaint letter given to the police station that he is the accountant looking after the work of district panchayat member Vipin Pandey. On Sunday, he was getting the work done by the laborers in the big pond of Karhaya. Then Pradumn Singh, Pappu Singh, Yagyesh Vishwakarma, Santram Soni of the village came and started abusing and beating him, threatening to stop the work. The victim told that when he called the PRB, the matter cooled down at that time, but after two hours the said people came again and started beating him, in which the fifteen thousand rupees that were in the pocket to be given to the laborers also fell.

Public complaints should be resolved with quality and timeliness: DM



District Magistrate heard the problems of the complainants in Naraini Tehsil

Staff Reporter Banda. On Monday, Sampoorana Samadhan Diwas was organized in Tehsil Naraini under the chairmanship of District Magistrate J. Reebha. The District Magistrate instructed the district level officers to resolve public complaints with quality and timeliness. A total of 104 applications were received in Sampoorana Samadhan Diwas. Out of which 56 applications were received from Revenue Department, 13 from Police, 07 from Supply, 08 from Development, 06 from

Fruit and vegetable vendors of Maharana Pratap Chowk shifted to bending zone



Staff Reporter Banda. On Monday, the administrative staff along with the police administration remained stationed at Maharana Pratap Chowk to shift all the

vegetable and fruit vendors sitting on the footpaths and carts on the main road from Maharana Pratap Chowk towards LIC building to the banding zone built next to the GIC ground over bridge. All

Under 14 cricket trials were held at the Sports Stadium under the aegis of DCA

Staff Reporter Banda. For the inter-district cricket competition, the District Cricket Association Banda organized the Under 14 cricket trial at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Sports Stadium Banda. 30 participants took part in the cricket trial.

The cricket trial was conducted by coach Shiv Pratap Singh. During this, DCA secretary Wasif Jama Khan, Dhananjay Karvariya,



Mahendra Kachhwaha, Manoj Mishra, social worker Sunil Saxena, Vinay Shrivastava, Mahesh Sahil,

Rajendra Awasthi, Manas Tripathi, Anwarul Amin, Supreet Som, and other players were present.

Take action by giving notice to careless Asha workers: DM

Health committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of DM

Staff Reporter Banda. On Monday, the meeting of the District Health Committee was held in the Collectorate Auditorium under the chairmanship of District Magistrate J. Ribha. In the meeting, the District Magistrate instructed all the in-charge medical officers that action should be taken against those ASHAs who are showing indifference in their work by giving them notice. He instructed to improve the work in Barokhar Khurd, Tindwari. He instructed to identify new private hospitals of the district under the Ayushman scheme and run the scheme.

He instructed to pay attention to the development blocks Kamasin and Bisanda in

were given to the concerned in-charge medical officers to pay special attention to



complete vaccination. He instructed to prepare a micro plan for vaccination and enter information in the e-Kavach portal. Instructions

Naraini, Baberu in the e-Kavach portal. Instructions were given to improve the work of vaccination of children from one year to 2

years in Barokhar Khurd and Jaspura. He instructed to take action to ensure the availability of drinking water in Anganwadi centers under Jal Jeevan Mission. While reviewing the entire vaccination and Janani Suraksha Yojana, he directed that the beneficiaries should be provided the benefits of Janani Suraksha on time. He instructed the medical officers to expedite the work of Aabha ID and complete it soon. Chief Development Officer, Chief Medical Officer, all the in-charge medical officers and officers of the concerned departments were present in the meeting.

Husband opened fire on wife, condition critical

Staff Reporter Maudha. On Monday afternoon, the husband suddenly fired at his wife with an illegal pistol which passed through the stomach of the wife. She has been referred to a higher centre in a critical condition while the accused is absconding. Sangram Singh, son of Nathu Singh, a resident of village Tikri in Kotwali area, who used to work in Gujarat's industrial city Ahmedabad and had returned from Ahmedabad on Sunday. He had a dispute with his wife Poonam Singh over some issue due to

which he fired at Poonam Singh with an illegal pistol whose bullet passed through Poonam Singh's stomach. She was taken to Banda district hospital for treatment in a critical condition from where she was referred to a higher centre in Kanpur after first aid. While the accused fled from the spot and the police is searching for him. Police told quoting the accused's father Nathu Singh that his son was mentally deranged and was undergoing treatment earlier and during this time he used to work in Ahmedabad. He had

returned to the village only yesterday. He does not know what he and his wife fought over. The accused has a 12-year-old daughter and There is a ten year old boy. In this regard, Area Officer Vinita Pahal said that the Kotwali police and field unit are investigating the incident, the accused is being searched, necessary legal action will be taken after getting the complaint from the family. At the same time, there is a lot of discussion in the village about this matter and people are talking about different things.

SP inspected Naraini police station



Necessary instructions given to subordinates



Staff Reporter Banda. On Monday, Superintendent of Police Palash Bansal inspected Naraini police station. During this, instructions were given to update the police station records and registers. During the inspection, information was taken from Inspector-in-Charge Naraini about the graph of criminal incidents in his police station area and he was also instructed to identify such hotspots where criminal incidents occur more during

the night and police should be constantly patrolling such places. In the course of reviewing the crimes, it was instructed that the wanted persons should be arrested soon and also ensure the speedy disposal of pending investigations so that the accused can be punished as soon as possible through effective advocacy. Instructions were also given to investigate the pending applications and dispose them off quickly.

Complete resolution day was organized under the chairmanship of judicial SDM

Staff Reporter Baberu. Tehsil Sampoorana Samadhan Diwas was organized in Baberu Tehsil auditorium on Monday under the chairmanship of Judicial SDM Narendra Yadav and Tehsildar Lakhna Lal Rajput. In this, complainants from different villages of Baberu Tehsil area submitted applications regarding their respective problems. In which most of the applications were related to land disputes, water problems, electricity problems, problems of roads dug up in every village and police. In which a total 76 applications were received, out of which 6 applications were disposed of on the spot. At the same time, remaining applications were handed over to the concerned officers and employees and instructions were given to dispose them within a week.

Trump-Musk row slams Tesla shares, \$150 billion in market value wiped out



New York (Agency): Tesla shares went into free-fall on Thursday as President Donald Trump publicly feuded with the electric vehicle maker's billionaire CEO Elon Musk, his self-proclaimed "First Buddy."

Investors watched the unfolding drama with growing worry about what the fracas could mean for Musk's business empire. The carmaker's shares ended the day down 14%, wiping off \$150 billion in market value on a day absent other news about the company.

Traders dumped Tesla in heavy trading after Musk quickly responded to Trump's criticism with social media posts that stepped up criticism of the president's tax bill. Trump fired back further, alleging Musk was upset because the bill takes away tax benefits for electric vehicle purchases. Openly feuding with Trump could pose multiple hurdles for Tesla and the rest of Musk's sprawling business empire. The U.S. Transportation Department regulates vehicle design standards and would have a big say in whether Tesla can mass-produce robotaxis without pedals and steering wheels.

The agency is also investigating Tesla's driver-assistance software, known as "Full Self-Driving," following a fatal crash.

"Elon's politics continue to harm the stock. First he aligned himself with Trump, which upset many potential Democratic buyers. Now he has turned on the Trump administration," said Tesla shareholder Dennis Dick, chief strategist at Stock Trader Network.

With EV sales falling, Musk over the last year has re-oriented Tesla's future around self-driving robotaxis. On an earnings call last year, he said investors "should sell their Tesla stock" if they did not believe the company would solve the technological challenges of driverless vehicles. Wedbush analysts have said the AI and autonomous opportunities could be worth \$1 trillion alone in market value for the company.

Musk has advocated for one federal approval process for autonomous vehicles to streamline the current maze of different state regulations.

Ross Gerber, CEO of Tesla investor Gerber Kawasaki Wealth and Investment Management, said the feud with Trump "creates a negative force against Tesla" that could jeopardize regulations and risk more government investigations.

"Every benefit that was perceived he would have got now turns into a negative," Gerber said.

Rapid uptake of crypto in developing economies raises concerns, says IMF's Gita Gopinath: Here's why

New Delhi (Agency): The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) first deputy managing director Gita Gopinath on Thursday flagged concerns about the rise of crypto uptake in developing economies saying that though nascent, it poses a risk in terms of currency substitution. In an interview with the Financial Times, Gopinath said "we are seeing some pretty rapid growth of uptake of crypto in some emerging markets."

Emerging markets faced risks from crypto uptake, especially stablecoins, in terms of "disintermediation of their financial institutions," she said. "In terms of currency substitution, those risks are rising," Gopinath added.

Gopinath's comments came against the backdrop of US President Donald Trump's

push for a strategic crypto reserve and backing to the issuance of stablecoins to make America the "crypto capital of the world".

In the Indian subcontinent, Pakistan has recently struck a deal with US-based World Liberty Financial Inc (WLFI) a firm backed by the Trump family, for that country to emerge as a crypto hub while promoting the use of blockchain technology and the use of stablecoins for payments and remittances. Amid a spate of activity in the crypto space, experts echo Gopinath's warning that cryptocurrencies may pose a risk to the currencies and financial institutions of developing and emerging economies. Stablecoins are cryptocurrencies whose value is pegged to an asset such as a currency or commodity such as gold.

Cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin have rallied since Donald Trump took over as US President owing to the reversal of his earlier skeptical stance on digital coins. He appointed David



Sacks as the White House crypto czar while also naming crypto backer Paul S Atkins as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) chair. Flagship cryptocurrency Bitcoin's price stood at \$104,512.82 apiece, down 0.07 per cent, at

7:30 pm on Thursday. Last month, Bitcoin breached the \$110,00 mark for the first time after the passage of the GENIUS Act Bill in the US Senate owing to bipartisan support.

If passed the GENIUS Act is also expected to allow crypto companies to produce more stablecoins. Issuers must be in compliance with anti-money laundering provisions and anti-terrorism regulations, according to the Bill's fine print. Further,

stablecoins issuers must back the digital currency with fiat currency or highly liquid assets in a 1:1 ratio. They must also maintain separate reserves to backstop the stablecoins, according to the GENIUS Act Bill.

Democratic Senator Mark R Wright, who backed the bill, stated that while there were concerns about the Trump family's involvement in cryptocurrencies to "evade oversight, hide shady financial dealings, and personally profit at the expense of everyday Americans... blockchain technology is here to stay."

He said it was in America's interest to take the lead on shaping crypto policies.

Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren warned that the GENIUS Act Bill did not meet the minimum standards such as

guaranteeing consumer protection and preventing the illicit use of stablecoins. Passage of the GENIUS Act may pose a risk since the illicit use of stablecoins already make up 60 per cent of unlawful crypto transactions. If passed, the GENIUS Act is expected to boost the stablecoin market's growth by 10X to \$2 trillion, Warren said citing industry estimates.

Pakistan recently announced a collaboration between the Pakistan Crypto Council and the WLFI, which envisages the use of blockchain technology to promote financial inclusion. It also aims to monetise national assets such as rare earths besides using stablecoins in trade and remittance.

Pakistan eyes the status of a regional crypto hub as a result of this agreement.

Central Bank buys stakes in Future Generali life, non-life ventures

Mumbai (Agency): Government-owned Central Bank of India on Thursday acquired stakes in two insurance ventures of Future Generali group in India. The bank has acquired a 24.91 per cent stake in non-life firm Future Generali India Insurance Company for Rs 451 crore. It also bought a 25.18 per cent stake in Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Ltd (FGILICL) for a cash consideration of Rs 57 crore as part of the insolvency process. Generali of Italy is the largest shareholder in both the companies with stakes of close to 74 per cent. The acquisition has been cleared by the Competition

Commission of India, the RBI and the IRDAI. The acquisition was made through a bid/resolution plan submitted by Central Bank of India under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016. In August last year, Central Bank of India announced that it emerged as the successful bidder for the stake acquisition of debt-ridden Future Enterprises Ltd (FEL) in life and general insurance ventures. The Mumbai-based bank had said it has been declared the successful bidder by the Committee of Creditors (CoC) for the sale of

Category 1 assets of Future Enterprises Ltd (FEL) in both life and non-life ventures. Future Enterprises owned a 25 per cent stake in Future Generali India Insurance and a 33 per cent stake in Future Generali Life Insurance. The company has a presence in more than 1,300 owned and partnered locations in India and offers total insurance solutions across both individual and group fronts. Future Generali's life and general insurance arms were set up in 2006 as joint ventures between Future Enterprises Ltd (FEL) and the Generali Group, with the latter holding nearly 74 per cent shareholding in each

company. The non-life firm, which provides personal insurance, commercial insurance, social and rural insurance reported a gross written premium was Rs 4,910.9 crore in FY24 as compared to Rs 4,546.23 crore in FY23. The life insurance arm sells savings insurance, investment plans (unit-linked insurance plans or ULIPs), term insurance plans, health insurance plans, child plans, retirement plans, rural insurance plans and group insurance plans. The gross written premium of the life firm was Rs 1,810.53 crore in FY24 as compared to Rs 1,758.01 crore in FY23.

Over 100 flights a day to be cancelled at Delhi airport for three-month runway upgrade; operator DIAL expects minimal disruption

New Delhi (Agency): GMR group-led Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) expects the upcoming closure of one of Delhi airport's runways—Runway 10/28—for upgradation works to lead to minimal flight disruption over the three-month closure period between June 15 and September 15. The airport operator, airlines, and the aviation authorities have worked closely over the past few weeks on slot adjustment to minimise disruptions due to the runway closure, in a bid to avoid a repeat of the events in

April when unexpected weather events due to sudden changes in wind patterns coupled with the runway closure led to scores of flights getting delayed or cancelled. According to DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuria, the airlines are going to cumulatively cut 114 flights a day—arrivals plus departures—to and from Delhi, which comes out to a cancellation rate of around 8 per cent, as the total daily flights to and from the airport are at around 1,450. Jaipuria added that on average, the

flight cancellation rate on regular days is in the range of 3-3.5 per cent, and therefore,



an 8 per cent cancellation rate is not too high. Additionally, another 43 flights a day will be moved from peak hours to non-peak hours to keep congestion in check during the

busy hours at the airport. According to Jaipuria, unlike in April, DIAL and the airlines

are much better prepared to handle the situation this time around. Runway 10/28, one of the four runways at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International

Airport (IGIA), is to be upgraded to the CAT 3B-compliant status, along with upgradation of its instrument landing system (ILS). After the upgradation works, the runway will be fully equipped to handle low-visibility operations from both its ends, instead of just one end at present. After the upgrade, the airport will have three runways capable of low visibility operations, equipping it to better manage operations during the winter fog spells. Being in North India, the Delhi airport is

prone to dense fog during winter, which can lead to major disruptions at the country's largest airport. DIAL had initially attempted the runway upgradation work in April-May, and closed the runway in April. However, lack of visible coordination between DIAL and the airlines—who did not rationalise flights to the extent needed—led to substantial delays and cancellations across the network for days as sudden changes in wind patterns added to the complications.

RBI Policy: Why the MPC is likely to cut repo rate for the third consecutive time

Mumbai (Agency): The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is expected to cut the repo rate—the key policy rate—by 25 basis points (bps) in the policy meeting scheduled from June 4 to 6, to support growth as inflation continues to remain below the 4 per cent target. This would be the third consecutive reduction in the repo rate since February 2025. A section of analysts, however, are of the view that the MPC may deliver a 50 bps cut to boost growth. Economists also believe that the RBI may maintain the 'accommodative' monetary policy stance.

With benign inflation, there has been a consensus among economists that the six-member MPC will cut the repo rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 5.75 per cent in the policy scheduled to be announced on June 6. One basis point (bps) is one-

hundredth of a percentage point. "We expect RBI to cut policy rates by 25 bps in June. The space to cut policy rates is derived from sharp deceleration in inflation. Meanwhile, given the uncertainty on demand conditions both domestic and external, growth requires money policy support," said IDFC First Bank Chief Economist, Gaura Sengupta. Headline inflation, as measured by year-on-year changes in the all-India consumer price index (CPI), moderated to 3.2 per cent in April, the lowest since July 2019, from 3.3 per cent in March. The easing in CPI has been driven by the sustained fall in food prices. Economists said that with inflation remaining below the 4 per cent target in the last three months (February, March and April), and a sharp fall in food inflation, CPI is likely to durably align with the 4 per cent target over a 12-month period.

Under the flexible inflation targeting (FIT) framework, the RBI has been mandated by the government to maintain CPI at 4 per cent with a band of +/-2 per cent. "The benign inflation outlook and moderate growth warrant monetary policy to be growth supportive, while remaining watchful about the rapidly evolving global macroeconomic conditions," the RBI said in the annual report for 2024-25. State Bank of India's Group Chief Economic Adviser Soumya Kanti Ghosh said, "We expect a 50-basis point rate cut in June 2025 policy as a large rate cut could reinvigorate a credit cycle." If RBI reduces the repo rate by 50 bps, the 10-year benchmark yield is likely to fall by 10-15 bps. On Thursday, yield on the new 10-year bond (6.33%-2035) closed at 6.19 per cent. The MPC's announcement will come a day after the

European Central Bank (ECB) announced to lower the interest rate by 25 bps. Accordingly, the interest rates on the deposit facility, the main refinancing



operations and the marginal lending facility will be decreased to 2 per cent, 2.15 per cent and 2.4 per cent respectively, with effect from June 11, 2025. The MPC is likely to retain the monetary policy stance as 'accommodative', analysts said. In the April policy, the rate-setting panel had changed the stance from neutral to accommodative.

According to economists, the RBI is likely to revise its projections on real gross domestic product (GDP) and inflation for FY2026. "The commentary on both

growth and inflation will be important as there are expectations of revisions in their forecasts for both the parameters. It is also expected that the RBI will detail its analysis on how the global environment would be affecting the Indian economy considering that the tariff reprieve provided by the USA would end in July," said Madan Sabnvis

Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist at Bank of Baroda. As per the RBI's estimate, CPI inflation for 2025-26 is expected to be at 4 per cent. The easing of supply chain pressures, softening of global commodity prices and higher agricultural production on the back of a likely above-normal south-west monsoon augur well for the inflation outlook in 2025-26, the RBI's annual report said. "Any potential downward revision in FY26 CPI inflation will be closely watched, as it will provide an indication of the depth of the rate cutting cycle," said IDFC First Bank's Sengupta. The real GDP growth for 2025-26 is projected at 6.5 per cent. In the quarter ended January-March 2025, the domestic economy picked up pace and grew at a four-quarter high of 7.4 per cent. For the financial year 2024-25, the growth rate stood at

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6.5 per cent, which was a four-year low. "The Indian economy is poised to sustain its position as the fastest growing major economy during 2025-26, supported by pickup in private consumption, healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates, easing financial conditions and the government's continued thrust on capital expenditure," the RBI's annual report said. If the repo rate is reduced by 25 bps, all external benchmark lending rates (EBLR) linked to it will decline by a similar margin. It would be a relief for borrowers as their equated monthly instalments (EMIs) on home and personal loans will drop by 25 bps. Following a 50 bps cut in the repo rate since February 2025, most banks have reduced their repo-linked lending rates by the same magnitude. Lenders have also lowered their marginal

cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR). Following the likely repo rate cut in the June policy, the RBI may go for a total reduction of 50 bps in the current financial year, experts said. "Two more cuts over the subsequent two policy reviews are expected, taking the repo rate to 5.25 per cent by the end of the cycle," said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA Ltd. "We expect a 25bp rate cut at the upcoming June 6 meeting, followed by another in August, taking the repo rate to 5.5 per cent," HSBC Global Research said in a report. The RBI may pause in October to evaluate the transmission of monetary policy to lending and deposit rates. "We forecast a final rate cut in December, although much will depend on the state of growth around then," the report said.

EDITORIAL

Repo rate cut surprise

RBI move set to soften interest rates

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cutting its key repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.5 per cent is twice the reduction the markets had anticipated. That the surprise move comes amid global uncertainty and trade war worries marks a policy pivot to revive demand and stimulate credit. The monetary policy committee, led by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, has now cut rates by 100 basis points this year. Sectors like housing, auto and real estate are set to gain from improved affordability. Softening of interest rates is expected to significantly increase buyer confidence, as the EMIs or the tenure of the home loan will come down. Lower borrowing costs could benefit households and businesses alike, spurring a consumption-led recovery.

The RBI first delivered a quarter-point reduction in February this year, its first cut since May 2020. A similar-sized cut was effected in April. Inflation easing and staying within the 2-4 per cent target range has given the Central bank the leverage to promote economic expansion. The unexpected move to cut the cash reserve ratio (CRR) — the proportion of deposits that banks need to set aside as cash — is also aimed at boosting lending. It is likely to enhance liquidity in the system. With the CRR and repo rate cuts, the onus will now be on the banks to lower the interest rates that will make loans attractive. On the flip side, fixed deposit rates may drop further. The RBI has changed the monetary policy stance from accommodative to neutral, which means that any future rate cut is less certain and will largely depend on inflation and growth trends. The GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal has been retained at 6.5 per cent, resilient in the face of a challenging geopolitical environment.

J&K infra push

Efforts to restore normalcy on the right track

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's J&K visit — a month and a half after the Pahalgam terror attack — is an emphatic expression of solidarity with the local people. The inauguration of big-ticket railway projects has sent a stern message to Pakistan: The pace of J&K's progress will not be allowed to slacken at any cost. Rapid strides in infrastructure development will continue despite attempts by the neighbour to disturb peace. Reaching out to Kashmiris, the PM has accused Pakistan of attacking insaaniyat and Kashmiriyat by targeting tourists and trying to deprive tourism-dependant residents of their livelihoods.

The symbolism of connecting the Kashmir valley with the rest of India's rail network is not lost on anyone. It is a reaffirmation of the government's stand that Kashmir was, is and will remain an integral and inalienable part of the country. The PM has described the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla railway link as a "recognition of J&K's new strength and a proclamation of India's new strength". He has thus driven home the point that both the UT and the nation have emerged stronger after the dastardly massacre. His words are clearly aimed at regaining the confidence of locals as well as visitors. To this end, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah took a commendable step last week when he cycled on the streets of Pahalgam and asserted that terrorism would not stop tourism.

The Central Government faces the onerous task of reassuring tourists that all is well in Kashmir and there is no threat to their lives. It's a pity that fear and distrust of Kashmiris have reached alarming proportions, even though they had protested vociferously against the Pahalgam incident. The powers that be must proactively crack down on the hate-mongers who are bent on reversing the gains resulting from the revival of the democratic process. As the new trains and railway bridges have a big role to play in restoring normalcy, their security should be accorded top priority. This is inextricably linked with the safety of travellers. There is no doubt that the government is on the right track, and that augurs well for J&K.

All the four gates of the temple

will be named after Jagadgurus

Ayodhya: In the meeting of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirtha Kshetra held on Saturday, consensus was reached on the names of the four gates of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple. The names of the current gate in front of Birla Dharamshala, the gate under construction in front of



Kshireswar Mahadev and beyond it and the northern gate of Ramkot Mohalla have been decided. Most of these gates are still in the construction process. After the meeting chaired by Mahant Nritya Gopal Das in Mani Ramdas Cantonment, the General Secretary of the Tirtha Kshetra Champat Rai informed the journalists about the decisions taken in the meeting. He said that the gates will be named Jagadguru Ramanandacharya, Jagadguru Madhvacharya, Jagadguru Shankaracharya and Jagadguru Ramanujacharya gates. The names of other build-

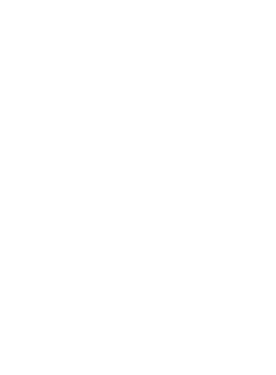
ings are still under consideration. The General Secretary said that the attendance in the meeting was 100 percent. Eleven trustees were present in person and three Home Secretaries Sanjay Prasad, Keshav Parasharan and Raja Vimlendra Mohan joined online for differ-

ent reasons. One post is still vacant. The Trust General Secretary also informed that flag hoisting will be done at the temples in the month of November. Sapt Mandaps have been completed, statues of Nishadraj, Shabari, Ahalya etc. along with sages have been installed. Darshan for devotees will start only after the work of railing and lift on the stairs of Shri Ram Sabha on the first floor is completed. Apart from this, about four kilometer boundary wall, auditorium, Tirtha Kshetra office is also to be constructed, which may take a year.

Niti Aayog and a

deepening federalism

Ramvilas Sharma



In the past 11 years, India has witnessed an era of cooperative and fiscal federalism. The Centre and state governments have worked together on socio-economic transformation for the achievement of shared goals. The ideal of Team India championed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been the driving force behind this approach. Institutional and process reforms of unprecedented scale have brought about exceptional impact at all levels, the most significant being the rise of 25 crore citizens from multidimensional poverty.

NITI Aayog has pushed for improving socioeconomic parameters of backward regions and enhanced fiscal federalism

The transformation of the Planning Commission into the NITI Aayog in 2015 was an important change – it replaced a Centre-to-state one-way flow of policy with a collaborative partnership between the two. For long, knowledge resided where power was wielded. A phygital world is increasing the gap. NITI Aayog plays a vital role in bridging it. Unlike the Planning Commission, it encourages states to take ownership of their development agendas and has become a bridge between the Centre and states. The Aayog's annual Governing Council Meeting acts as the apex platform for the political leadership of the Centre and states to deliberate on issues of national importance. The annual Chief Secretaries Conference is a platform for the senior-most bureaucrats of the country to discuss challenges and share best practices. Its indices have acted as a catalyst for a competitive federal system, inspiring laggard states to improve their performance. The Aspirational Districts and Blocks Programme has been

transformative in improving the quality of life of citizens from nearly 350 districts and 500 blocks. It has brought the most backward regions at par with state averages across key socio-economic parameters. The key to development for states is the availability of sufficient resources. A significant step in this direction was the decision to increase the states' share in the divisible pool of taxes from 32 per cent to 42 per cent. Recommended by the 14th Finance Commission and implemented by the Centre, this was the largest-ever change in tax devolution at one go. This was implemented in a cooperative spirit to provide autonomy to states in designing and implementing schemes. The Finance Commission's formula has been constantly evolving to address the states' fiscal autonomy and reduce inequality. Transfers to poorer states such as UP, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh between the 11th (2004-05) and 15th Finance Commissions (2023-24) have seen substantial increases. If one looks at aggregate numbers from 2014-15 to 2024-25, states' share in central taxes increased from Rs 3.37 lakh crore to Rs 12.23 lakh crore. The GST Council has acted as a platform for fiscal federalism with decision making through consensus between the Centre and states. In actual terms, states receive around 71 per cent of the revenue from GST, while the Centre's share remains at about 29 per cent. Since the rollout of GST, the Centre has foregone 0.5-1 per cent of GDP in revenue annually to fund the 14 per cent compensation guarantee to states. About Rs 6.52 lakh crore have been provided as

GST compensation to states from 2017-18 to 2024-25. The Centre's commitment to fiscal federalism has empowered states with more resources in the last decade compared to the previous decade. The ratio of gross transfers (including states' share in central taxes, grants, and loans) to GDP was 5.2 per cent in the decade preceding 2015-16, and has now increased to 6.5 per cent. During this period, grants from the Centre have increased by 234 per cent, and gross loans from the Centre have increased by a massive 992 per cent.

The Union budget 2025-26 further proposed an outlay of Rs1.5 lakh crore for 50-year interest-free loans to states for capital expenditure. Even in states like Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, average central taxes and grants from the Centre as a percentage of total revenue increased from 25 per cent to 31 per cent and 49 per cent to 56 per cent, respectively, from the decade of 2004-14 to 2014-24. In absolute terms, the annual total transfer by the Centre to all states/UTs increased by Rs 14.96 lakh crore in this period. The division of subjects into the Union, State and Concurrent Lists enables efficient distribution of responsibilities to each level of the government. However, the Centre continues to contribute to subjects in the State and Concurrent Lists through the Central Sector (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). Between 2015-16 and 2023-24, CS and CSS releases registered an increase of 197 per cent. Some of the CSS have had a transformative impact. The Jal Jeevan Mission witnessed a 570 per cent resource allocation increase between 2019-20 to 2025-26 and benefitted 15.44 crore rural households with tap water connections. Between its launch in 2018-19 and 2025-26, the budget estimate for PM Jan Aarogya Yojana surged by 292 per cent. Consequently, out-of-pocket health expenditure has declined from 62.6 per cent to 39.4 per cent, with recorded savings of Rs 1.25 lakh crore during the same period.

The Great Game: The train to Naya Kashmir

A new 'healing touch' for the jewel in India's crown is perhaps on the anvil

Ramvilas Sharma

ONE year after the 1897 Battle of Saragarhi in what is now Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province, and around the time China was being convulsed in an anti-foreigner uprising that came to be known as the Boxer Rebellion, the Dogra Maharaja Pratap Singh in 1898 actively commissioned British engineers to build a railway line that connected his lands in the Jammu region with the Kashmir valley.

As the first Vande Bharat train rolls out of Katra today — all tickets are sold out — for Srinagar, traversing some of the most spectacular scenery in the world as well as connecting hearts and minds between Hindu-majority Jammu and Muslim-majority Kashmir, the Maharaja's dream has finally come true. Prime Minister Modi can take full credit for pushing the Railways and all the Centre's infrastructure missions, via Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, to deliver not just this Insta-ready arch bridge over the Chenab, but also 38 tunnels and 927 bridges over 272 km of tracks between Jammu and the Kashmir valley. June 7 is cer-

tainly special — the first train will roll out exactly a month after the May 7 attack on several terror infrastructure camps in Pakistan, including those in the heart of its Punjab province in Muridke and Bahawalpur. Those on the train are more than tourists; they are living affirmation of two ideas. One, that bullets cannot deter the brave and two, that only cowards use bullets, instead of ballots, to ram down instead of persuade, their point of view with their opponent.

This train to Kashmir is also both balm and attestation — in fact, three attestations. In the wake of the horrific Pahalgam massacre, tourism in Amir Khusrau's jannat simply fell off the map. Kashmiris poured out their grief and vented their anger in both mosque and street protest. That's the first piece of proof that the mood has changed in Naya Kashmir.

Poor Asim Munir. Time and again the Pakistan desire to drag the so-called "two-nation theory" out of the quagmire has been slapped down by none other than the Kashmiri in whose name it is called out. They didn't want it in 1947 and they don't want it in 2025. The Pakistan

army chief is a smart man; it's time he got the message and understood it. Leave Kashmir alone.

Munir and his military establishment should know that the Pahalgam violence was in a perverse way the last nail in the coffin of Article 370. That all



those inside Kashmir who had mourned the end of their "special status" in 2019, and continue to believe in some chimera of "interdependence" today, now fully comprehend the high stakes in the great game afoot.

Perhaps, PM Modi must also introspect a bit more about the last nine months that have elapsed since elections were so successfully held in Jammu & Kashmir. And ask why the best weapon against Asim Munir's

two-nation theory, full statehood, hasn't been restored to a state that voted with both its hands and feet in favour of democracy — and therefore, integration with the Indian Union.

The irony couldn't be more evident. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, placed under house

Cease fire

between Trump and Musk?

THE changes that have been seen in the politics and power equations of America in the last 9 months are surprising to everyone. When the presidential election was going on, Elon Musk suddenly came for the election and gave financial assistance of thousands of crores of rupees to Donald Trump. He openly campaigned for him in the election. He put his future at stake to make Donald Trump the President. No businessman participates in politics so openly. The way Elon Musk took anti-politics in America. At that time he did not understand why businessmen do not connect directly with politicians. However, not even six months have passed, Elon Musk has understood. Neither friendship of politicians is good, nor enmity is good. After adopting many tricks in a very short time, after the friendship and enmity between the two reached their peak, now this is the only option left for both. The sooner the dispute of friendship and enmity is resolved, the better it is for both. When Elon Musk became the advisor of US President Trump, opposition against him started in the countries of the world including America. There were big demonstrations in America and Tesla was boycotted. Due to his direct association with Donald Trump, he had to suffer huge business and financial losses in other countries of the world as well. Recently, when his new dispute with Trump came to light, Musk had to suffer a loss of Rs 13 lakh crore in a single day. Talking about the last 6 months, this loss has reached above Rs 26 lakh crore. The foundation of Elon Musk's business has been shaken. Tesla's capital has suffered a loss of 29 percent. The way Elon Musk attacked US President Donald Trump, those attacks were no less weak. Donald Trump has not suffered any immediate damage due to Elon Musk's attack. But the politics of America seems to be changing rapidly. Elon Musk has done a great job of causing great damage to Donald Trump by linking him to sexual harassment of a minor regarding Donald Trump's name recorded in the Epstein files. Similarly, the way Elon Musk has targeted President Trump over Donald Trump's decisions has weakened Donald Trump's position in America. Elon Musk has also talked about forming a third party in America. The animosity between Donald Trump and Elon Musk has reached its peak. Due to which both the parties were suffering huge losses. In such a situation, both the parties have started trying to resolve the disputes by ceasefire. It is difficult to say how far this effort will succeed. Undoubtedly, Donald Trump is the President of America. He still has many such rights and powers, which can destroy Elon Musk. Similarly, Elon Musk is also not weak. He has Twitter, which is a very influential communication platform in the whole world including America. Elon Musk's company Tesla dominates in space and on the road. Donald Trump has anyway been convicted by the American court. His punishment is pending due to becoming the President. In such a situation, Donald Trump cannot easily cause financial loss to Elon Musk. Trump understood this late when both the parties realized that in their fight, both will suffer huge losses. Whereas, only a third party will benefit. In such a situation, both of them have started trying to put an end to their disputes. The way US President Trump started the tariff war as soon as he came to power, he started expelling immigrants from all over the world from America. Its effect is being seen all over the world. After the kind of situation that has developed in America, it is also being said that Donald Trump will not be able to complete his term as President. Soon, impeachment proceedings can start in America. In view of this, Donald Trump was also compelled to work towards resolving his disputes with Elon Musk. The leniency that has come at present will reach a conclusion. When two big people fight, the public suffers. The way Donald Trump had been confrontational with the US states and judiciary, the kind of situations that are being witnessed currently, after that now Trump also seems to be running away from the confrontational posture.



Strategy made in meeting of inter-state officials in view of flood control



Vindhyachal Mandal Commissioner Balakrishna Tripathi giving instructions in the meeting of inter-state officials in view of flood control

Staff Reporter Mirzapur, Inter-state meeting of Joint Band Control Committee under the chairmanship of Division Commissioner Rewa (M.P.), along with officers of the Rewa Circle of Madhya Pradesh and Senior Administrative, Police and Irrigation Department of Vindhychal Circle of Uttar Pradesh, held a video conferencing (zoom) in the auditorium of the Commissioner's Office in the auditorium of the Commissioner's Office Was done. The meeting was also participated in the meeting by Divisional Commissioner Vindhychal Uttar Pradesh Balakrishna Tripathi. In this meeting, due to detailed

Commissioner Vidyachal Mandal Mirjapur Balakrishna Tripathi that Wireless, telephone, and Whats apps should be activated before 15 June for the exchange of information about rain and water released from the dam and dam. So that information related to floods can be exchanged at a rapid pace. And the affected areas can be protected from the ravages of potential bodies. Apart from the above, all rain measured devices were directed regarding the functioning. At the end of the meeting The meeting was ended by the Board Commissioner Rewa Division, Rewa (MP) thanking all the officials present. Additional Commissioner of Vindhychal Mandal Dr. Vishram, Superintending Engineer Irrigation Work Vindhychal Mandal, Executive Engineer Irrigation Mirzapur and senior officials of Rewa Madhya Pradesh and Vindhychal Mandal were present through Zoom.

Tender for privatization of electricity: 27L electricity workers to embark on day-long strike

• There will be widespread protest in support of electricity workers of Uttar Pradesh on 02 July
• On July 09, power workers of country will go on strike in protest against privatization in UP

thisIt was taken that all the power workers across the country will take up nationwide strike on July 09 to protest against the process



Engineer speaker addressing the ongoing protest meeting against electricity privatization

of privatization of electricity, especially in the country, in protest against privatization. Cancel the process of privatization of ongoing electricity. The National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers took place in Delhi today. Chairman of All India Power Engineers Federation, Shailendra Dubey, All India Power Diploma Engineers Federation's Secretary General Abhimanyu Dhankad, All India Federation of Electricity Employees General Secretary Mohan Sharma, Electricity Employees of General

Nadu Electricity Board Employees Federation, Subhash Lamba, Vice President of Electricity Employees Federation of India, Subhash Lamba of All India Power Engineers Federation were present. Farmers, common domestic consumers and electricity workers on 22 June in LucknowNational officials of the Coordination Committee will be involved in the Mahapanchayat being held. A decision will be taken for a decisive mass movement in protest against the privatization of the Mahapanchayat of 22 June. The National Coordination Committee of Electricity

Employees and Engineers appreciated the agitation being run by the power workers of Uttar Pradesh continuously in protest against privatization and by the staff corporation management, employees, Condemned the suppression of contract workers, junior engineers and engineers. It was also warned that if the suppression of the electricity workers does not stop, then all the 27 lakh electricity workers of the country will not be silent and will be bound to agitate in a democratic manner, which will be the responsibility of the Uttar Pradesh government. Today's protest meeting Pankaj chaired and operations of Engineer Deepak Singh in front of Chief Engineer OfficeThe Kumar concluded under the leadership. In which International Human Rights District Secretary Shah Nawaz Alam, Engineer Anshukumar Pandey, Vineet Kumar Mishra, Sumit Kumar Yadav, Vipin Patel, Ram Singh, Pankaj Kumar Maurya, Pramod Singh, Vinay Vaishya, Rakesh Savita, Brijesh Kumar, Pawan Sahu, Jitesh Maurya, Ram Janam Yadav, Rajendra Kumar etc. were present.

Shivaji's life inspires not only countrymen but also foreigners : Advocate Tilakdhari

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh volunteers celebrate Hindu Empire Dinotsav

Monday. He said that from ShivajiThere was no hero, saint, devotee and king. Shivaji was the incarnation of Shivaji, the qualities of the congenital ruler of humans in our great texts. He was like the real son of India, who represented the real consciousness of the country. Shivaji killed Afzal Khan by taking conclusion of Shathta with Shath, then his education was obviously his inspiration. Whereas, with the understanding of most of his ministers, all these things were beyond. Shivaji Maharaj had learned horse riding, fencing and shooting from Dadoji Konddev. That is why historian RC Majumdar has written that Shivaji's life will have to be made ideal for independence. He revived the ancient Hindu political practices and court courtesy and made Marathi and Sanskrit the language of Rajya in place of Persian. The establishment of Hindu Swaraj was announced at Shivaji's coronation ceremony. Told that Aurangzeb made his

maternal uncle Shaista Khan the Subedar of South India on the insistence of Badi Begum of Bijapur to face Shivaji's challenge. Shaista Khan



Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's branch caretaker and idea family workers celebrating Hindu Empire Dinotsav

looted one and a half million army and looted in Pune for 03 years. Shivaji attacked him with 350 Mawls. Shaista Khan ran away after saving his life. Shaista Khan lost his 3 fingers in this attack. They Said that his life is not even a countryIt also inspires foreigners. Shivaji is world famous due to the Gorilla War Policy, only then a foreigner, who came to Delhi in the year 2005, had said that we have to garland the idol of Shivaji. Veer Savarkar used to administer the oath of his

institution Abhinav India in front of Shivaji's portrait. Shivaji declared the goal of his state policy to protect and promote his religion, but to

protect Brahmins, cows and temples, but The untouchability prevalent at that time was a major obstacle. Despite the establishment of an independent Hindu nation in western Maharashtra until 1674, Shivaji could not be crowned. For the coronation, he needed evidence of Kshatriya. Balaji Rao ji sent evidence of Shivaji's relationship with Mewar's Sisodia dynasty, after which he coronated in Raigad. Shivaji Maharaj of his

Complete solution day organized in all tehsils of district

• 21 of the 93 applications received before DM in Tehsil Sadar disposed of on the spot
• Show cause notice issued to lekhpal



District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjana resolving problems in Sadar tehsil on Tehsil Day

Staff Reporter

Mirzapur, The entire Samadhan Divas was organized in all the tehsils of the district. TehsilN Sadar, District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjana, Senior Superintendent of Police Somen Burma and Chief Development Officer Vishal Kumar And Deputy District Magistrate Sadar Gulab Chandra heard the problems of the complainants. On this occasion, while disposing of 21 on the spot out of the 93 applications received before the District Magistrate, the remaining applications were sent to the concerned officers with the intention to ensure that quality disposal was done. He said that the complainantsRepeatedly, do not have to visit the Tehsil and District Headquarters, so the officers should get quality disposal by listening to the problems of the complainants with full devotion. Most of the complaints to receive private land or area, the District Magistrate, while forming a team of Kanungo and local accountants, directed that the applications should be disposed of

by providing quality. He wrong of Sachchidanand Jaiswal Lekhpal Birohi The headquarters was affiliated to issue a show-and notice on her heritage. On receiving the application for connecting village Hargarh with the pond, the District Magistrate while directing the MCD, Naib Tehsildar and Block Development Officer said that it is a process of filling the cluster of the ponds and its compliance should be ensured. Similarly, in other tehsils of the district, Additional District Magistrate (L/R) Devendra Pratap Singi in Tehsil ChunarOf the 68 applications received before, 05 Disposed, 05 of 84 applications received before Additional District Majistret (F/R) Ajay Kumar Singh in Tehsil Madihan, 05 was disposed of and 09 on the spot in 97 applications received in Tehsil Lalganj. Additional Superintendent of Police Nitesh Singh, Deputy District Magistrate Sadar Gulab Chandra, Chief Medical Officer Dr. CL Verma, Tehsildar Tarun Pratap Singh and other concerned officers should be present.

Curtains draw over free summer camp organized by Palk Sanstha, participants rewarded



Encouraged to receive the award

Staff Reporter

Mirzapur, The dance workshop was organized by Palk Sanstha at the free summer camp Ganeshgaj being run for daughters. Where the girls were taught free dance by Harshit Seth Sir and Raj Sir, a well-known dance teacher of Mirzapur. Whose final was completed in which all the children beautifulGave his best performance wearing clothes. In which Shreyashi first from Junior category, Ayesha and Kashish Dwartiya, Sonam and Avantika third place and Chahat first from Senior Class, Dwartiya, Aastha and

Aarushi got third place to all the winners, all the winners got the chief guest of the program, Sadhana Jaiswal, Sunita Jaiswal, Bina Jaiswal, Nita Jaiswal, Nita Jaiswal, Nita Jaiswal, Nita Jaiswal Honoredto be done. The program was started by the chief guest Sadhana Jaiswal by worshipping Saraswati and all the main guests were awarded the Angavastra by the institution. Kajal Gupta, Purnima Gupta, Anil Maurya, Praveen Maurya, Arya Modanwal etc. were present in the program. The program was conducted by Naina Sahu and Nancy Sahu.

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Raising Green Leaders: How Today's Students Can Shape Sustainable Tomorrow

New Delhi (Agency): In an era marked by escalating environmental challenges, the role of education in fostering sustainability has never been more critical. Schools are not merely institutions of academic learning; they are incubators for the next generation of environmental stewards. By integrating sustainability into education, we empower students to become proactive agents of change, equipped to tackle the pressing ecological issues of our time. Institutions like The Scindia School are leading by example through their Fort Biosphere initiative, which offers students immersive experiences in biodiversity conservation, waste management, and sustainable living. By transforming their campus into a living laboratory, the school nurtures environmental responsibility from a young age, inspiring students to become stewards of the planet in both thought and action.

Embedding Sustainability into the Curriculum: The foundation of nurturing environmentally conscious leaders lies in education. Schools are increasingly embedding sustainability into their curricula, ensuring that students understand the complexities of climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource depletion. For instance, the Delhi governments initiative to introduce climate change education in schools aims to cultivate a generation of climate-conscious citizens. Such programs not only impart knowledge but also inspire students to engage in sustainable practices both within and beyond the classroom.

Hands-On Learning Through Eco-Friendly Initiatives: Practical experience reinforces theoretical knowledge. Many schools are organizing eco-friendly summer camps and workshops where students engage in activities like creating bird feeders, upcycling materials, and constructing flower vases from discarded items. These hands-on experiences instill a sense of responsibility and a deeper connection to nature, fostering a generation that values and protects the environment.

Student-Led Sustainability Projects: Empowering students to lead sustainability initiatives cultivates leadership skills and a sense of ownership. Programs like LEADERSHIP provide platforms for students to develop and implement sustainability projects, such as water conservation campaigns and energy efficiency programs. These initiatives not only address local environmental issues but also inspire students to become lifelong advocates for sustainability.

Community Engagement and Intergenerational Learning: Sustainability education extends beyond the classroom through community involvement. Intergenerational projects, where students collaborate with older adults on environmental initiatives, have proven effective in enhancing environmental literacy. A study highlighted in Environmental Education Research found that such collaborative efforts lead to positive social-environmental changes and empower students to take collective action. Advocacy and Policy Influence: Students are increasingly engaging in advocacy to influence environmental policies. Organizations like the Generation for Climate Action (GenCAN) exemplify how student activism can drive policy changes and raise awareness about climate issues. By participating in such movements, students learn the importance of civic engagement and the impact of collective action on policy reforms.

Global Platforms for Youth Leadership: International organizations are recognizing and nurturing youth leadership in sustainability. The Earth Charter Young Leaders Program, for example, offers training to young individuals, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to contribute to sustainable development. These platforms provide students with global perspectives and opportunities to collaborate on international sustainability efforts.

The integration of sustainability into education is pivotal in shaping a generation capable of addressing the environmental challenges of the future. By embedding sustainability into curricula, providing hands-on learning experiences, empowering student-led initiatives, fostering community engagement, encouraging advocacy, and offering global platforms for leadership, we can cultivate green leaders poised to create a sustainable tomorrow. It is imperative that educational institutions continue to prioritize sustainability, ensuring that todays students are prepared to lead the way.

The mine inspector filed a case against more than two dozen locators

Staff Reporter Maudha. Due to the continuous illegal mining and overloading in the district, the mining officer has registered a case of obstructing the work of the investigation team formed on the instructions of the Enforcement Directorate by parking vehicles in front and behind it and sending the location of the officers to another place through WhatsApp group, and also keeping number plates and fast tags of different numbers in a vehicle. When mining officer Umakant was inspecting the area in Binwar police station area, some location hawkers were blocking the road by placing their vehicles diagonally in front and behind the officer's vehicles. When the mining officer chased the vehicle with the help of Binwar police, the said people left the vehicle in Jalla village towards the population and ran away. In which a mobile phone of Samsung company was recovered along with number plates and fast tags of two different vehicles. Through which it was known that the said people were sending the location of the officers to another place through WhatsApp. Due to which the police has registered a case against vehicles with twenty numbers and more than ten vehicles with unknown numbers and started investigation.

Ekta Kapoor slams Anurag Kashyap for putting down saas-bahu soaps: ‘Artists who talk of inclusive world are the most classist’



Producer Ekta Kapoor has taken offence to filmmaker Anurag Kashyap’s veiled attack on saas bahu soaps, a genre she brought to Indian television in the early 2000s. After Netflix CEO Ted Sarandos confessed they could’ve launched in India with something “more populist” than Kashyap’s 2018 crime thriller show Sacred Games, the latter took a dig at Netflix India’s new creative partnership with Kapoor’s production house Balaji Telefilms. He even called Sarandos the “definition of dumb.” Kapoor clapped back at Kashyap on her Instagram Stories without naming the filmmaker or establishing context. “Ur so dumb... saying this put u on an advantage “I’m smarter cooler” but naaaaa! Darling how about gracious!!! N self aware??? an art a lot of artists don’t have (sic),” she wrote. Kapoor referred to a prestigious research in Chicago which documents the impact of her saas bahu soaps on Indian masses, particularly about how Indian women got their voice. “But artists who talk of an inclusive world are actually the most classist! We must do away with this ‘u can’t sit with us we r better’ attitude for democracy n fair play,” she further wrote. The controversy began during Sarandos’ appearance on Nikhil Kamath’s podcast, where the executive reflected on Netflix’s early foray into the Indian market. He expressed reservations about whether launching with Sacred Games in 2018 was the right strategic move, suggesting the platform might have benefited from a more “populist” content offering at the time. Kashyap took to Instagram to express his displeasure, sharing a screenshot of a report on Sarandos’ comments on Nikhil Kamath’s podcast. In a post, he wrote, “He should have started with Saas Bahu... he would have done well. Which he is doing now. I always knew the tech guys are dumb when it comes to storytelling, but @tedsarandos is the definition of dumb – that I didn’t know. Good to discover that. This explains everything now.”

Sonali Bendre answers if Raj Thackeray had a crush on her 20 years ago: ‘Its not in good taste when people...’

Sonali Bendre recently made headlines for alleged rumours of being romantically involved with Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray 20 years ago. The speculations about the politician having a crush on the actor escalated after an old video of the two went viral on social media. However, in a recent interview with ANI,

Sonali responded to the rumours, and expressed her displeasure over unnecessary gossip, saying that families are involved in all of that. Reacting to the buzz about Thackeray having a crush on her years ago, Sonali instantly said, “Did he? I doubt it, but ya.” She further dismissed the claims over the viral video and elaborated, “Honestly, when I spoke and I called in



the video, I was talking to my sister, who was right there. Not even behind him, but I was telling my sister to come. That’s the thing about this. It’s just not in a very good taste when people talk about it.” Criticising the online chatter and explaining the link between their families, she said, “First of all, there are families and people involved. Secondly,

something that till date I’ve never even bothered telling this, but other than the fact my brother-in-law, who is a cricketer, hence he used to play cricket with Raj’s cousin. Moreover, my sister’s mother-in-law was the head of department in literature at the college I am from. She knows Raj because of his father, they all know each other somehow.”

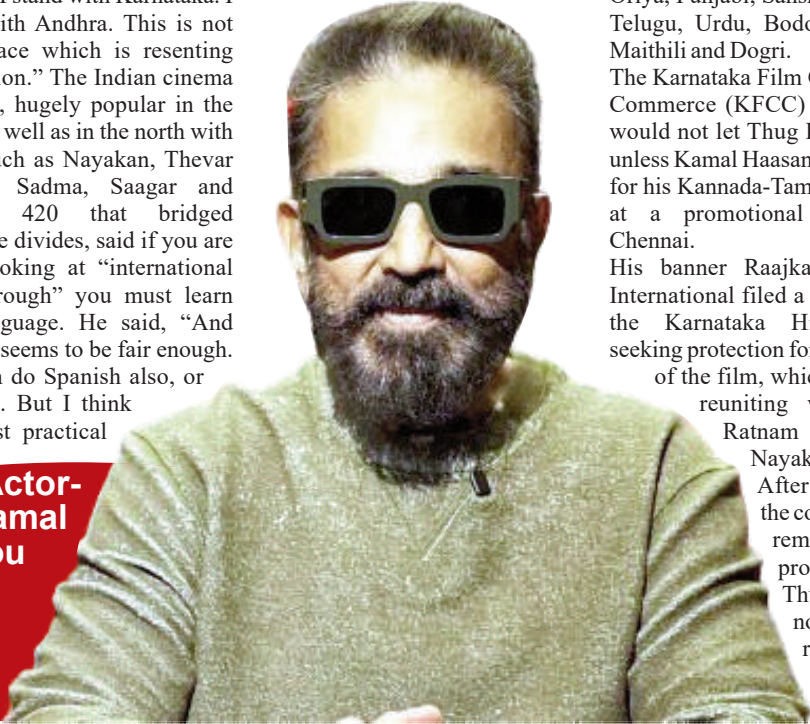
Kamal Haasan on issue of imposition of language: ‘Without imposition, we will learn’

Where does Kamal Haasan stand on the issue of imposition of Hindi in the south? “I stand with Punjab. I stand with Karnataka. I stand with Andhra,” is his quick reply. The pan-India superstar’s latest film Thug Life, the 234th in a 65-year career, released in theatres this week amid controversy over his comment that Kannada was born out of Tamil. He refused to apologise and the film did not release in Karnataka. “I am the actor from ‘Ek Duuje Ke Liye’....” Haasan told PTI during a recent visit to the news agency’s headquarters, referring to his 1981 hit Hindi film about a Tamil boy and his romance with his Hindi speaking neighbour. “Without imposition, we will learn. Don’t impose, because this is ultimately education and we must take the shortest route to education... and not put hurdles in its way,” the actor said. The ruling DMK in his home state Tamil Nadu has long opposed the

language policy introduced under the National Education Policy (NEP). The party has repeatedly accused the BJP-led NDA government of attempting to “impose Hindi”, a charge the Centre has denied. Stressing that the imposition of a particular language only hampers the learning process, the 70-year-old said, “I stand with Punjab. I stand with Karnataka. I stand with Andhra. This is not only place which is resenting imposition.” The Indian cinema stalwart, hugely popular in the south as well as in the north with films such as Nayakan, Thevar Magan, Sadma, Saagar and Chachi 420 that bridged language divides, said if you are truly looking at “international breakthrough” you must learn one language. He said, “And English seems to be fair enough. You can do Spanish also, or Chinese. But I think the most practical

thing where the shortest route to that is that we have 350 years of English education, slowly but steadily. So when you suddenly replace it, it’s all over again. You make unnecessarily many people illiterate, especially in Tamil Nadu. You suddenly force all through Hindi and you tell them that you will not get your job beyond the Vindhyas, then you

start wondering, what about the promises? What about my language? Am I not one of the 22 (official languages)? These are the questions that are coming.” Tamil is one of the 22 official languages of the country, apart from Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Telugu, Urdu, Bodo, Santhali, Maithili and Dogri. The Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) had said it would not let Thug Life release unless Kamal Haasan apologised for his Kannada-Tamil comment at a promotional event in Chennai. His banner Raajkamal Films International filed a plea before the Karnataka High Court seeking protection for the release of the film, which sees him reuniting with Mani Ratnam after Nayakan in 1987. After a rap from the court over the remark, the producers said Thug Life will not be released in Karnataka.



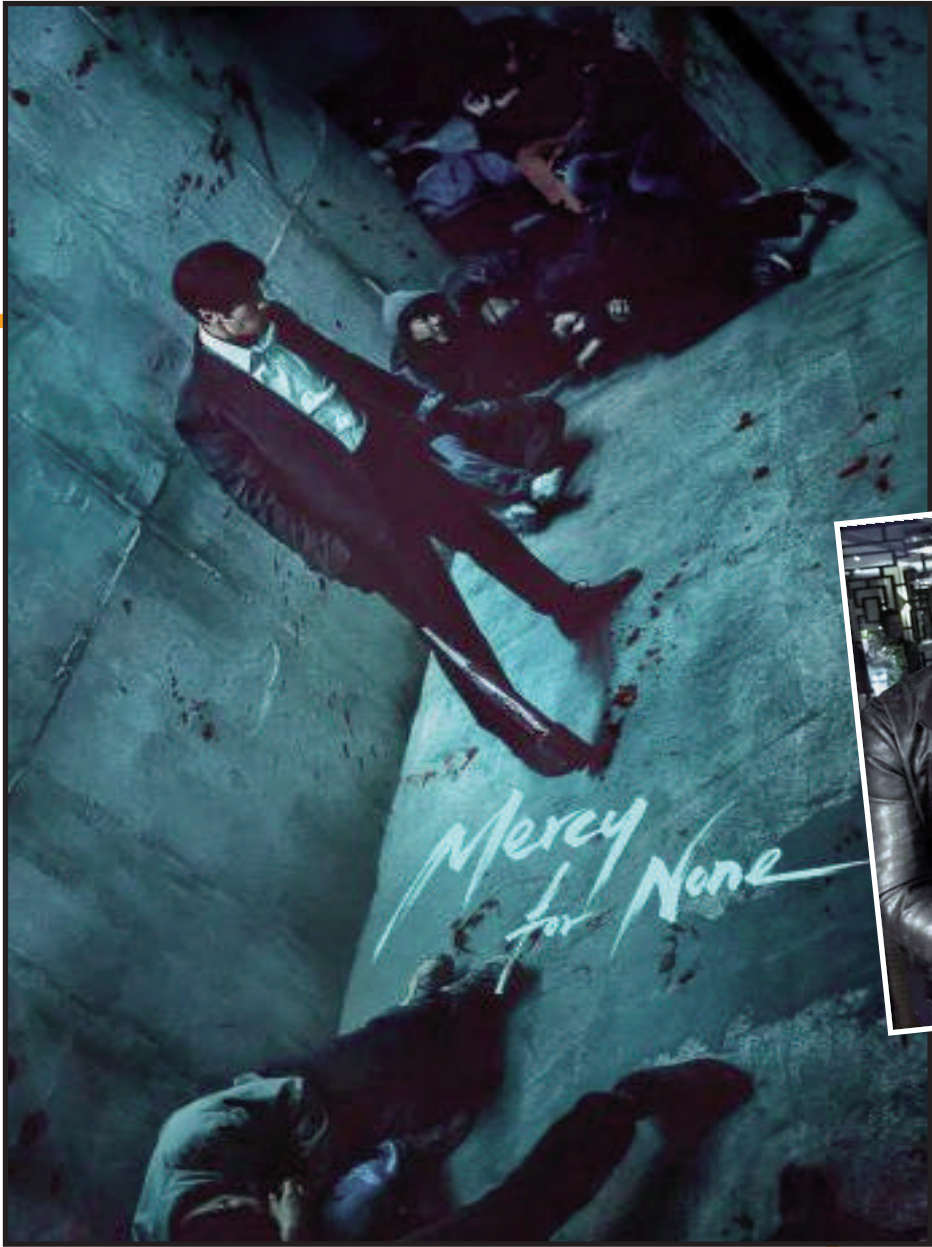
Actor-filmmaker Kamal Haasan said if you are truly looking at “international breakthrough” you must learn one language.

Mercy for None Review: So Ji Sub’s sad eyes are the only redemption in Netflix’s flawed adaptation

So Ji Sub carries Korean noir thriller with grieving eyes and brutal finesse.

Mercy for None, on paper, might seem like another gritty Korean noir, Netflix’s shot at recreating the success of The Glory, Beyond Evil, My Name, Abyss, and the likes. But this one’s not just about blood and brawls. The story’s carried by emotion and the weight of unfinished business. Casting So Ji Sub was a masterstroke; the actor practically breathes life into the live adaptation of the popular webtoon War of Plaza. The plot holds up, but it’s the strong noir lineup that compensates for the weak execution. Over time, South Korea’s landscape of storytelling in the dark genre has grown sharper and more commendable than most industries out there—be it Bong Joon Ho’s Parasite or Kim Jee Woon’s I Saw the Devil, drawing in global audiences. And while plenty have tried gangster sagas with a Hollywood gloss, So Ji Sub just did it better. A former gangster limps his way back into the crime world, 11 years after his

Achilles tendon was cut as punishment for tipping the balance between South Korea’s two biggest gangster groups. Gi Jun, played by So Ji Sub, one of the deadliest fighters in the business, had struck a deal with the bosses: he’d walk away from their world, but in return, they’d keep his younger brother Gi Seok safe. But when Gi Seok falls prey to an inside betrayal, Gi Jun throws himself back into the chaos to settle the score. The best part of So Ji Sub’s acting is the calmness he carried throughout the seven-episode run. He came back to find his brother’s lifeless body and didn’t shed a single tear. Took down everyone involved, one by one, in a slow-paced but steadily burning storyline. Had minimal dialogues, but strong ones. Most of the time, I wasn’t even watching the action—my eyes focused on his. Gloomy, heavy, grieving. His face held the same mix of disgust and heartbreak, watching the betrayal unfold around him. Since his leg’s damaged, most of the action leans on his hands. He handles the choreography clean, sharp, like muscle memory, just brutal, efficient hits.



Sunita Ahuja claims ‘wrong circle’ around Govinda led to his career downfall: ‘They just say ‘wah, wah!’ They’re of no use’

Once one of Bollywood’s biggest stars, known for delivering back-to-back hits and whose very name guaranteed unabashed entertainment, actor Govinda’s career has been virtually dormant for years. Not just that he hasn’t had a commercial success in over a decade, but he also hasn’t appeared in a film since 2019, following the disastrous performance of Rangeela Raja.



Recently, Govinda’s wife Sunita Ahuja addressed the decline of his career, attributing it to his futile attempts to replicate the formula that worked in the 1990s. She also criticised the “wrong circle” surrounding him, who are nothing less than sycophants, suggesting that they played a significant role in his downfall. “Why has Govinda not been seen in 17 years? The problem is that his circle is the wrong one. It’s a wrong circle. Today, my fights with him are because I can’t lie, and I do not appreciate flattery,” she shared during a chat with The Powerful Humans. Although Sunita refrained from naming anyone, she did not hold back in calling them out, at least indirectly. “Today he has four people – a writer, a musician, a secretary and a lawyer friend. They are of no use. They only say ‘wah, wah!’ If he makes music, they say ‘wah, wah... kalam kar diya.’ They should tell him the truth. When I tell him the truth, he gets upset,” she claimed. Sunita Ahuja then went on to point out how Govinda was still attempting to relive his glory days and trying to churn out something from the same template, which has left him completely obsolete and outmoded. “I tell him the 90s era is over. It is 2025. Look at what’s working on Netflix and digital platforms. But he stays with his ‘wah, wah’ production. I told him, change your circle. For as long as you have these 4–5 people, they won’t let you go forward,” she added. Despite his fame for slapstick comedy, energetic dance performances and headlining blockbusters such as Raja Babu (1994), Coolie No 1 (1995), Saajan Chale Sasural (1996), Hero No 1 (1997), Deewana Mastana (1997), Dulhe Raja (1998), Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (1998), Anari No 1 (1999), Haseena Maan Jayegi (1999) and Jodi No 1 (2001), Govinda’s career began declining in the early 2000s. Although he managed a brief comeback with a couple of hits in the latter part of that decade, his career has been steadily deteriorating since the early 2010s.

When Mohanlal slapped a man for ridiculing one of Malayalam cinema’s greatest superstars: ‘I would still do the same’

Although Mohanlal has always projected himself as a peace-loving, calm and composed person, who is not easily swayed or disturbed by life’s outcomes, and often appears to be in a near-constant state of zen, there have been instances when the actor lost his cool. In fact, he once admitted to flying into a rage and slapping someone for allegedly badmouthing one of

Malayalam cinema’s all-time greatest superstars. Mohanlal explained that he endured the person’s rambling for as long as he could, but eventually reacted after reaching his tipping point. “Things like that happen. You hit someone only when you have absolutely no other option, right? However, even now, if such a situation arises, I will do the same,” Mohanlal once shared during an appearance on Kairali TV’s JB



Junction, a talk show that was hosted by John Brittas, who is now a parliamentarian who represents the Communist

Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) in the Rajya Sabha. He further stated that he resorted to this extreme step because the person, whose identity neither of them disclosed, persistently disparaged legendary actor Prem Nazir for a long time. “It’s a reflex action, isn’t it? When someone keeps saying something like that for a long time... He continuously ridiculed that person (Prem

Nazir) for two to three hours. Everything has a pinnacle and a zenith, right? You can’t go beyond that. At that time, I did it. Even now, that might be my reaction if a similar situation arises,” Mohanlal added. For the uninitiated, Prem Nazir is widely regarded as one of the most influential actors in the history of Indian cinema and is often referred to as Nithyaharitha Nayakan (Evergreen Hero).

Alcaraz produces another major comeback to win French Open final in five-set thriller against Sinner

PARIS (Agency): Bad starts in Grand Slam finals are nothing new for Carlos Alcaraz, and each time it's happened he has won the tournament anyway. But not in such dramatic style as Sunday's French Open final, when the Spaniard rallied from two sets down and saved three match points to beat top-ranked Jannik Sinner 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (10-2) for his fifth major title in as many finals. It was Alcaraz's second straight French Open title with a comeback, after trailing 2-1 in sets to Alexander Zverev in last year's final, and a third major title from behind, following his five-set win against Novak Djokovic in the 2023 Wimbledon final. "When the situations are against you, then you have to keep fighting. It's a Grand Slam final, it's no time to be tired,



no time to give up," Alcaraz said. "Do I enjoy that? The real champions are made in those situations." In producing one of the greatest comebacks in the history of the clay-

court tournament on Sunday, he emulated Djokovic's feat from the 2021 final at Roland-Garros — when the now 24-time major winner fought back from two sets down to beat Stefanos Tsitsipas. "Today it was all about the belief in myself," Alcaraz said. He became just the ninth player to rally from two sets down and win a Grand Slam final in the Open Era, which began in 1968. The first was Bjorn Borg in 1974 against Manuel Orantes at the French Open, where Ivan Lendl and Andre Agassi achieved the same feat. Rafael Nadal also did so, at the Australian Open, and Sinner too. It was the first time that Sinner had lost a Grand Slam final, but the fifth time in succession he has now lost to Alcaraz, who clinched the 20th title of his career at the age of 22. It was also the longest-ever French Open final — 5 hours, 29 minutes — in the Open Era. It was so tight that Sinner won 193 points, Alcaraz 192. It might not have been close to those numbers.

'Flawed' Test Championship reveals world cricket's underlying problems



New Delhi (Agency): Reigning champions Australia face South Africa in the World Test Championship final at Lord's starting Wednesday amid a chorus of criticism over the competition's format. Wisden, cricket's 'bible', was scathing in its assessment, with editor Lawrence Booth writing in this year's edition that the WTC is a 'shambles masquerading as a showpiece'. Meanwhile, former England captain Michael Atherton said "everyone knows the WTC in its present guise is flawed". One fundamental problem is that political tensions mean India and Pakistan, two of cricket's leading nations, have not played a Test against each other since 2007. The nine-nation WTC is further skewed because the teams are not being required to face each other or to play the same number of matches, unlike most sports leagues. Countries are free to decide how many Tests they would like to play in the two-year qualifying cycle--something Booth wants doubled to four years, with the top nine in the

rankings all playing each other, home and away, over series that last at least three Tests. Positions are calculated on the percentage of available points won by teams. South Africa have played just 12 Tests in the current cycle -- all of them two-match series -- compared to England's 22 -- and have not played either England or Australia. South Africa also sent a third-string side to New Zealand in early 2024, and lost. It kept its best players at home to appear in its domestic T20 competition. That was a financial sign of the times, as is Cricket South Africa not scheduling any home Tests for 2025/26. South Africa reeled off six straight wins to book their place in this year's final, only for former England captain Michael Vaughan to say they had got there "on the back of beating pretty much nobody". But Proteas coach Shukri Conrad objected that South Africa had beaten teams who had beaten the 'Big Three' of India, Australia and England. "One of the nobodies we beat won a Test match in Australia

-- West Indies beat Australia in a Test match. They are not nobody," insisted Conrad. "New Zealand beat India: three-zip in India. New Zealand is not a nobody. "Sri Lanka won Test matches (against England and New Zealand).I don't buy this thing about us beating nobody." Victory in the final would be a boost to South Africa following years of hurt in ICC white-ball tournaments, with Conrad saying after qualification was secured. "I'm never going to apologise for getting into the final. "It's the biggest thing in this team's existence. It's the biggest thing for South African cricket at the moment." One of those involved in devising the points system, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AFP: "It's difficult to come up with a solution where everyone is happy given the barriers to an 'orthodox' table that exist, such as the India-Pakistan situation. "Commercial considerations will also mean the 'Big Three' will want to play each other in five-Test series." He added this was just as much a choice as England incurring the over-rate penalties that hampered their chances -- they've yet to reach a WTC final despite the first three editions all taking place on home soil -- with skipper Ben Stokes almost disdainful in his assessment of an "utterly confusing" format.

Italy fires Spalletti amid prospect it could fail to qualify for 3rd straight World Cup

New Delhi (Agency): The fear that four-time champion Italy will fail to qualify for a third straight World Cup has cost coach Luciano Spalletti his job. Spalletti announced Sunday that he is being fired and will leave after Monday's World Cup qualifier against Moldova. The move comes two days after Italy lost 3-0 at Norway in its opening qualifier. "Last night I had a conversation with the president (Italian soccer federation president Gabriele Gravina) and he told me that I would be fired," Spalletti said in a pre-match news conference at Italy's training center. "I didn't have any intention on (leaving) and I would have preferred to stay on. But it's a sacking and I realize that." Claudio Ranieri, who just concluded a successful season at Roma but had said he was retiring from coaching, is reportedly the federation's top choice to replace Spalletti. But the federation did not immediately name a replacement — and after the Moldova game, Italy doesn't play again until September. Spalletti was hired in August 2023 when Roberto Mancini unexpectedly left to take over Saudi Arabia's national team.

Bavuma's Proteas chase long-awaited global glory

CHENNAI (Agency): WHEN Temba Bavuma, donning the South African blazer, walks onto the field at the Lords on June 11 for the World Test Championship final against Australia, it won't just be about winning an ICC trophy, but a lot more. South Africa, across men and women, have been one of the consistent teams when it comes to global events. However, their last senior ICC title came 27 years ago during the inaugural Champions Trophy in 1998. As much as it is about crossing the final hurdle, the upcoming WTC final has a lot more at stake for South Africa and Bavuma. The 35-year-old, should he lead his team to glory against the defending champions, will become the first captain of colour to bring the rainbow nation cricketing glory. It is not just that. With

the advent of SA20, and the rise of franchise-based tournaments, the priority of Test cricket and central contracts have come into question. Last year, several senior players were playing the advent of SA20, and the rise of franchise-based tournaments, the priority of Test cricket and central contracts have come into question. Last year, several senior players were playing

Championship final would not just allow South Africa to focus and invest more on red-ball cricket but also encourage the up-and-coming young talents in the country to prioritise the longer format. Former South Africa cricketer and noted coach Eric Simons, who has been on and off coaching the South African team, insists that the Bavuma led-side has nothing to lose and that they will go all out against Australia. "A lot of interest



(back home) as you would expect for a team playing in a prestigious event such as the WTC. South Africa is a very passionate sporting nation and a match like this brings many people together, even those that generally do not follow cricket. "Although the WTC is a relatively new ICC initiative in the context of other ICC events, it has already developed a significant status. CSA made a conscious decision to qualify for the event in spite of it being an uphill battle to reach it based on the position the team was in a few months ago. Selection of the different format squads appeared to show the importance CSA put on qualification as they made sure the best XI was available, New Zealand series being the exception for other reasons," he added.

Hope that rugby can become top-five sport in the country: RI president Bose

B H U B A N E S W A R (Agency): Franchise-based leagues have become a trend in India for the last few years or so. The latest to join the bandwagon is the Rugby Premier League (RPL), which will be held in rugby sevens format. A seven-a-side rugby is a shorter, thrill-evoking version of union rugby and is played across the globe. The inaugural edition of the RPL, which will feature six franchises based out of Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bhubaneswar and Delhi, is set to kick-start on June 15 with the final set to be held on June 29. All the 34 matches will take place at the Andheri Sports Complex in Mumbai. With the event knocking on the door, the excitement is palpable among players, coaches and the officials. Rahul Bose, president of Rugby India, is one among them. In a free-wheeling chat with the New Indian Express on the sidelines of the Kalinga Black Tigers jersey launch event, Bose spoke about the league's vision and long-term ambitions, on sport's potential growth and more. Excerpts: If this sport becomes one of

the top five sports in a child's imagination, in creating a career, if we can get that (top-five sports), that will be a phenomenal outcome. It won't happen in a year. It will happen in a few years. We



have to be prepared to also create a pathway. If the child says, 'mum, dad, I want to play rugby,' we have to provide the facilities for, 'where do I go to play rugby?' If I'm in a village or I'm in the middle of Jaipur, we have to be prepared to give them that. And what the RPL will do is create the financial reason to make rugby a (full-time) career. The women are ranked 10th out of 36 nations in Asia. The men are ranked 15th out of 36 nations in Asia. At the last

Asian Games (in Hangzhou, 2022), only seven teams competed in the women's (category). We were seventh. In the men's (category), the government had said if you're not in the top-eight as a team sport in Asia, you will not travel for the Asian Games. In 2026 (for the women's team), we are hoping that the field will be bigger. If it is the same field, our realistic objective would be seventh, sixth and fifth. To get to the top-two or top-three in Asia, it will take us four to five years. The federation's audacious dream is to be in the Olympics in 2032 for the women and 2036 for the men. And if we do that, we'll be the first team sport after hockey in 80 years that would have made the Olympics for India. (Cricket will make its return on LA 2028) You are going to get a larger number of children interested in the league and the sport. To a child, (the franchise's) logo will mean hope. And that is transformational. Because till now, there is no such signage that we can give that means to a child who wants to play rugby in this country.

Bumrah's 'special' message filled Cameron Green with confidence ahead of his surgery



LONDON (Agency): A "special" message from Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah on the eve of Cameron Green's back surgery gave the Australian all-rounder the much-needed reassurance about his decision to go under the knife. Green had suffered a stress fracture last year. While the injury could have healed naturally over nine to twelve months, he chose to undergo surgery in October. "Jasprit Bumrah reached out the night before I was getting surgery. He was in the middle of a Test match in India," Green told reporters. "Just a few things like that are really special and makes you feel a lot better about it. To get someone like him to reach out and then to watch him during the summer, to see how good he is obviously post-surgery, filled me with a lot of confidence." Green told reporters. Green had spent the 2023 IPL season with the Mumbai Indians while Bumrah was sidelined,

recovering from the same procedure. The Indian pace ace had missed the 2022 T20 World Cup but made a remarkable comeback post-surgery, playing a key role in India's run to the 2023 ODI World Cup final and powering the Men in Blue to the T20 World Cup title last year. Bumrah then cemented his red-hot form in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, where he was named Player of the Series after bagging 32 wickets and leading India to their only win in the five-match series. The 26-year-old Green also received encouraging feedback from other bowlers who had undergone similar operations, including Jason Behrendorff and New South Wales pacer Ben Dwarshuis. "The main reason for (the operation) was to shave down some bone – I've obviously had a bit of trauma in my L4, and extra bone had just developed on that part of the spine," Green told cricket.com.au's 'Unplayable Podcast'.

The Cristiano Ronaldo relevance saga prolongs with Nations League goals

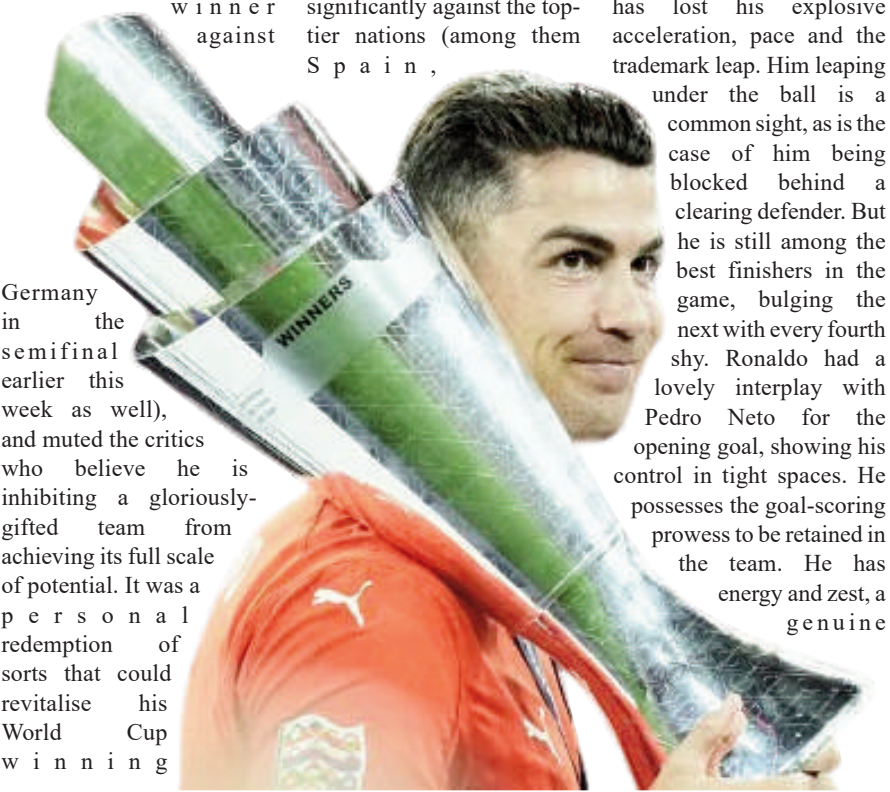
New Delhi (Agency): In the mayhem of celebrations, Cristiano Ronaldo pretended to collapse onto the ground, as though the Nations League trophy was too heavy for him to bear. He wept incessantly, rained kisses on the silverware and lost himself in the sweaty embrace of his teammates, as confetti poured down. The triumph, beating European champions Spain in shootout, was an escape route from the mounting pressure to retire from the international stage, a personal benediction as much as a vindication that he still matters, to his team and the world. The equaliser, a quintessential strike of stealth, running in from behind into the near-perfect place to volley in a deflection from close range, changed his mood of the night. A forlorn figure until that moment, dispossessed moments ago in the heart of midfield, ponderous and petulant, a sculpted silhouette of inconsequence, the goal brought a smile back on his face. He twisted his head this way and that like a bobblehead doll and played the rest of the game in its afterglow. He didn't even throw a stink eye when the manager substituted him in

the 88th minute. The 134th international goal could be among the most precious ones of his career — his first in the final of a major tournament. He has quietened the taunt that he has never scored in the knockouts of a meaningful international tournament (zero goals in knockouts after five World Cups and seven European Championships still), that he freezes in big games for his country (he did net the winner against

ambitions, the burning purpose for his international existence. Ronaldo needs the World Cup triumph to round off his golden career, but whether Portugal needs him for the mega event has been a question swirling since the last one. His performance in the Nations League offered causes for both his critics and supporters. After his goalless Euro, he has rediscovered his scoring touch, belting 10 in 15 games, and most significantly against the top-tier nations (among them S p a i n ,

Germany, and Croatia). There is little doubting his anticipation and his movements, to be present at the right place at the right time, to make the run towards a space where he thinks the ball would go, and latch onto the gifts of the wondrous creators around him. Feeding him through balls and crosses have been Roberto Martinez's default strategy to make Ronaldo look relevant, to maximise the gifts he still possesses. He has lost his explosive acceleration, pace and the trademark leap. Him leaping under the ball is a common sight, as is the case of him being blocked behind a clearing defender. But he is still among the best finishers in the game, bulging the next with every fourth shy. Ronaldo had a lovely interplay with Pedro Neto for the opening goal, showing his control in tight spaces. He possesses the goal-scoring prowess to be retained in the team. He has energy and zest, a genuine

effort to make things happen. But for much of the game, one of the greatest athletes in history was reduced to the most important spectator in the stadium, unable to participate in the build-up play, unable to match the pace of his teammates, or those of his opponents. He occupied the central channels, occasionally dropped deep, pressed as rigorously as he could. But everything he did was a fraction off the pace, a split-second slower, middle-aged legs spluttering amidst youthful limbs. He did not register a shot on goal in the first hour, was late to the crosses from the flanks and after early excursions, the wingers too stopped feeding him, aware of its futility. The referee bore the brunt of his ire, as he frequently engaged him in arguments. He was almost off-side in Portugal's first equaliser, saved by a defender's boot. He flicked the ear of Spanish midfielder Mikel Oyarzabal after VAR confirmed Portugal's first equaliser. If Ronaldo watched his performance either side of the goal, he would lament at the passing of his youth. He is not what he once was. He is aware too, and hence the increasingly flimsy histrionics.



Josh Hazlewood on nicknamed 'HazleGod': 'Hopefully, it runs out of steam pretty quickly'



New Delhi (Agency): One of the key reasons behind Royal Challengers Bengaluru's maiden title was their bowling, led by Australia's Josh Hazlewood. Whenever Bengaluru was losing its grip in the game, it would turn to Hazlewood, and he created the much-needed breakthrough. From 12 games, he picked up 22 wickets at an economy of 8.77, bowling in the powerplay, middle overs, and final over of the innings. For his efforts, he has earned himself a new nickname through the course of the tournament, "HazleGod." When asked about how he feels about the tag, the 34-year-old said, "Yeah, hopefully, it runs out of steam pretty quickly. It's flattering, obviously, to hear it around the grounds in India, but I don't think it'll take off in Australia," said Hazlewood who will play World Test Championship final on June 11 against South African. Alongside Hazlewood in the conversation was his partner in crime, Mitchell Starc. "Hopefully, it sticks because I don't think he likes it too much. He's had a fantastic few months, the big fella over in India, and he's come home with bags of cash. So I look forward to seeing him in action here at Lord's," said Starc. Off-spinner Nathan Lyon revealed during the training sessions of the WTC that Hazlewood did refer to himself as "HazleGod." "HazleGod, he actually referred to himself as it the other day, which totally took me back by surprise," said Lyon. "Off the back of him winning the IPL, I think he's running with it," he added. RCB beat Punjab Kings by six runs in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Hazlewood picked up the crucial wicket of Priyansh Arya at the top to create the breakthrough for RCB after both the Punjab openers Arya and Prabhsimran Singh, were scoring at a brisk pace and eating away at the target quickly. Though Hazlewood has conceded 54 runs in the final, most of them came in the final over when the game was won.

We won't be able to meet after marriage, what to do? How Sonam went mad in love for one and a half years

Bhopal (Agency): Raja Raghuvanshi's wife was allegedly involved in his murder in Meghalaya. Meghalaya police says that Raja's wife Sonam had hired killers to kill her husband. If sources are to be believed, Sonam went mad in her one and a half year love with Raj Kushwaha that she executed the entire crime in a very cunning way. Raj Kushwaha was behind the conspiracy of the crime, who trapped Sonam in his web in such a way that she could not escape from it.

Sources said that Raj Kushwaha had emotionally controlled Sonam. He used

to talk emotionally to Sonam continuously. Sources said that he told Sonam in a conversation that after marriage he would not be able to talk to her in any way and would not be able to meet her either. Sonam fell for Raj's sweet talk. He had said that if you are not able to meet me, then we should remove Raja from the way. Sources said that this is how Raja Raghuvanshi's murder script was written and Raj Kushwaha and Sonam started planning the murder. Raj and Sonam executed this entire planning. Sources say that Raj Kushwaha came to work in Sonam's factory one

and a half years ago. The talks between the two increased so much that they started loving each other. Meanwhile, when Raja and Sonam's marriage was fixed, Raj Kushwaha went completely crazy. Raj Kushwaha emotionally controlled Sonam to such an extent that she started seeing everything in Raj. Sources said that Raj said many times that he wants to live with her. On this, Sonam said that if this is so, then we will remain one even after marriage. On this, the discussion came that how is this possible while your husband is there. Then both



of them decided that they should remove Raja from the way. After Raja and Sonam's marriage, Sonam herself booked the ticket for Shillong. At the same time,

Raj gave Sonam a new mobile and a new SIM. Raj told Sonam that a full proof plan has been made to kill Raja Raghuvanshi. Three people will leave from

Indore to kill him. Sources said that Raj said that all three are his old friends. Raj and Sonam had given 40 to 50 thousand rupees to the three friends for expenses. While leaving Indore, all three went to Kamakhya Devi via Kolkata by train. Then they reached Shillong. Sources said that Sonam used to share her location and details with the three from the mobile and new SIM given by Raj. On the day of the incident, when Raja and Sonam were going for a walk on the Double Decker Bridge by car, during this time the three accused Vicky, Akash and their other friend Anand

also left on a two wheeler on the Double Decker Bridge. Sources said that all of them met each other at one place. After this, finding an opportunity, the three attacked Raj from behind and killed him. The accused threw Raja Raghuvanshi's body in a ditch and fled. After committing the crime, Akash and Vicky came to Indore. Anand had left for Bina in MP. It is worth noting that during the entire incident, Raj Kushwaha decided to stay in Indore. He even attended the last rites of Raja Raghuvanshi in Indore, the footage of which is now

going viral on social media. If sources are to be believed, after coming to Indore, whenever Akash Raj and Vicky met, they were afraid of the news running in the media about the incident. Due to new news coming in the media about this murder, they could not sleep for many days. When the police collected all the information including mobile location call details, the raid and search operation was started from Sunday night. All the accused started being arrested. By Monday morning, Sonam Raghuvanshi was also found in UP.

BRIEF NEWS Bullion traders angry as theft case not disclosed

Delhi (Agency): Traders are angry as the theft of 150 kg silver from a bullion trader's shop in Kucha Mahajani market in Delhi on the night of May 10 has not been disclosed. All Bullion and Jewelers Association has sent a memorandum to the Police Commissioner demanding early disclosure of the incident. Association President Yogesh Singhal says that the miscreants have stolen about 150 kg silver jewellery by getting the keys of the locks made from Tirupati Silver House located in Kucha Mahajani. In this case, the trader has also provided CCTV footage to the police. The criminals have also been identified, despite this, no arrest has been made yet.

Uncontrolled car hits divider, driver dies

Delhi (Agency): A high-speed car collided with a tree after hitting a divider in Civil Lines area on Sunday morning. The driver died in this accident, while two people were seriously injured. The deceased has been identified as 45-year-old Jitendra. Jitendra, Rajesh and Prince all three used to drive taxis at the Civil Lines stand. Rajesh was going to Shastri Park to fill CNG in his cab early Sunday morning. Then Jitendra and Prince also agreed to go with him. Jitendra was driving the car while returning. Jitendra lost control of the cab in front of Metcalfe House and the speeding car collided with the divider and then collided with a tree.

Witnesses questioned in Swati Maliwal case

Delhi (Agency): Witnesses were questioned and cross-examined in Rouse Avenue Court on Monday against Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal and Bhupendra Singh in the case of revealing the identity of a minor rape victim in 2016. The court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Neha Mittal has listed the next hearing of the case for June 30. During the hearing, Sub-Inspector Jagroshini and ACP Arun Chauhan were questioned and cross-examined. At the same time, the summons issued to witness Virendra Paswan has returned without being served. Since the address given as per the report could not be found. He has been called for cross-examination at the next hearing. Let us tell you that on April 15, Swati Maliwal filled the bail bond in the court.

The farmer was misled and the land was registered, and a fraud of Rs 2 crore was also committed, EOW registered an FIR

Bhopal (Agency): A case of fraud worth crores has come to light against a farmer from Bhopal. An investigation by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) revealed that the directors of a firm named 'M/s Trident Multiventures' fraudulently registered 12.46 acres of agricultural land of farmer Chinta Singh Maran, a resident of Ratibad, Bhopal, at a low price and grabbed an amount of about Rs 2.02 crore by opening a fake bank account. The main accused in this organised conspiracy are Rajesh Sharma, his wife Radhika Sharma, associate Rajesh Tiwari and firm representative Deepak Tulsani. An FIR has been registered in the case under sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120B of the Indian Penal Code and sections 66C, 66D of the IT Act. Agricultural land of complainant Chinta Singh Maran (Khasra No. 01, area 12.46 acres, village Mahuakheda, Bhopal) was registered in his name after transfer by the order of the High Court. Rajesh Sharma (Address: B-11, Kasturba Nagar, Bhopal) and his partnership firm 'M/s Trident Multiventures' not only fraudulently got the

complainant to sign the sale deed, but also fraudulently withdrew the amount of payment mentioned in the sale deed (registry) from the seller's account. Accused



Rajesh Sharma, claiming to be influential, lured the complainant into solving the transfer related problems and buying the land. The accused got the registration process completed 'on site' at their home. At the time of registration of agricultural land of complainant Chinta Singh Maran, accused Rajesh Sharma misled the complainant by saying that due to technical problem in the 'Bank of India' account, the entire amount cannot be transferred, hence it is necessary to open a new account in ICICI Bank. On this pretext, Rajesh Sharma called the employees of

ICICI Bank, Nehru Nagar branch, Bhopal to his house. There, thumb impression and signature of the complainant were taken on the form, but his own mobile number and

email ID were filled without the knowledge of the complainant. A mobile number was registered in this account without the knowledge of the complainant, which actually belonged to Rajesh Sharma's associate Rajesh Kumar Tiwari. A payment of Rs 2.86 crore was shown in this fake account, but the complainant received only about Rs 81 lakh. The account was completely under the supervision of the accused and the amount deposited in it was immediately transferred to the account of Rajesh Tiwari. In this way, Rajesh Sharma and his associates made a well-

planned conspiracy to grab the valuable land of the complainant by making fake sale deed, forged payment details, unauthorized bank transactions, due to which the complainant suffered a loss of crores of rupees. The accused kept the OTP and banking control with themselves by registering their own mobile number (982657) and email ID in the ICICI account (No. 72570738). Large amounts like Rs 30 lakh, Rs 40 lakh, Rs 35 lakh were transferred to this account by Trident firm and immediately transferred to IDFC Bank account (No. 10098257) of Rajesh Tiwari. Investigation revealed that the entire amount was fraudulently withdrawn by misusing OTP, net banking and passwords in this transaction. Three cheques (Rs 22 lakh each) were issued but they were withdrawn by doing 'stop payment'. Investigation conducted by EOW found that the sale deed showed payment of Rs 2.86 crore but an amount of about Rs 2.02 crore was never received by the complainant. This amount was fraudulently withdrawn and the accused acquired the land by fraud.

Finance Minister Devda said - There is no fake employee, the system told that the salary is stuck due to delay in data update

Bhopal (Agency): Now the government has clarified the situation in the matter of salary not being drawn for more than 44 thousand employees of the state. Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Jagdish Devda said that no employee has been found suspicious in the investigation and neither has anyone received any benefit against the rules. The main reason for the delay has been negligence in data update. He has given clear instructions to all DDOs that strict action will be taken in case of any kind of delay in data update in future. Deputy Chief Minister Devda said that verification and cleaning of employees' data by the state government is a continuous process, under which the details of deceased, deputationist, resigned or retired employees are updated from time to time. Under this process, till now it has not been confirmed that any employee has received salary payment or benefit against the rules. Data analysis of the IFMIS system by the State Financial Intelligence Cell (SFIC) revealed that the salaries of 36,026 regular and 8,784 non-regular employees were not drawn till April. On this, the government conducted a detailed investigation into the reasons, in which it was found that most of these employees were retired, dead, on deputation or about to resign, whose information was not updated on time by the DDO. Devda said that after the completion of data cleaning, data migration to IFMIS NEXT GEN will be done in a more accurate and transparent manner. This will eliminate the possibility of fake or incorrect data entry and net salary



payment will be possible in real time. The state government has directed all DDOs to do appropriate flagging in front of the employee code and complete the process like exit entry in a timely manner. The Deputy Chief Minister clarified that negligence in data update will not be tolerated and accountability of the culprits will be fixed. Deputy Chief Minister Jagdish Devda said that no employee has received financial benefits against the rules. This is a matter of procedural negligence, for which responsibility will be fixed. Let us tell you, the salary of about 50 thousand government employees in Madhya Pradesh has not been released from the treasury since December 2024, while their codes were active in the government records. In such a situation, the salary budget of Rs 230 crore remained stuck in the treasury, which can be withdrawn at any time. On this matter, the opposition surrounded the government and made serious allegations. It was being called a scam of 230 crores.

Blood was leaking from a bus parked at a stand in Delhi; a rotten corpse found in the cabin, what did the police say?

Delhi (Agency): There was a stir in Nandnagari in North East Delhi when people saw blood leaking from a private bus parked at the stand. The police was immediately informed about the blood leaking from the bus. The police reached the spot and started investigating. The police recovered a corpse from the cabin which was in a rotten condition. Not only this, a terrible smell was spreading in the bus. The body has been identified as 32-year-old Shiva, a helper working in the bus. Shiva has suffered serious head injuries and the body was found lying on the left side stairs in the cabin of the bus. Apart from this, blood

coming out of the head was flowing down the stairs. After seeing blood coming out from the stairs of the cabin, the police was informed about the matter by the local people. In the initial investigation, the police is considering it a case of death due to slipping and falling because the cabin was locked from inside and no clues could be found of any other person being inside the cabin. Police say that only after the postmortem report of the deceased comes, the cause of death and other things will be clear. The body has been kept safe in the mortuary of GTB Hospital for postmortem. Apart from this, the crime

and FSL teams have collected necessary clues by



inspecting the cabin of the bus and the surrounding areas. At present, the police

is investigating the case with the help of footage from



CCTV cameras installed nearby. Deputy Commissioner of Police

Ashish Mishra said that the matter was reported at Nand Nagri police station at 7.52 am on Monday. The caller told that blood was coming out of a vehicle parked here and along with it a smell of rotting is also coming. After receiving the information, when the police reached the spot, a private tourist bus 212 was found parked near the bus stand. On searching inside the bus, the body of a person was found. The body was in a badly mutilated condition. Some parts of the body had become rotten. On investigation, it was found that the body belonged to a helper of the bus itself. During the investigation, he

was identified as 32-year-old Shiva, resident of Pancham Pushta, Gali No. 9, Gamdi. He was lying on his stomach on the stairs on the left side of the bus. Deep injury marks were found on his head. After this, the body of the deceased was immediately kept safe in the mortuary of the hospital for postmortem and the crime and FSL teams were also asked to investigate the spot. Police say that the real cause of death will be clear only after the postmortem and forensic reports come out. At present, a case has been registered under sections of death under suspicious circumstances. Police is investigating the entire matter.

Youth arrested in attempt to murder case gets bail

Delhi (Agency): Tis Hazari court has granted bail to a 20-year-old youth arrested in a case of attempted murder. The court held that the accused is no longer required for police investigation. The court of Additional Sessions Judge Saurabh Kulshreshtha said that the CCTV footage presented by the police prima facie does not support the sequence of events described in the FIR. The accused Krish Arora was arrested by Ranjit Nagar police station on charges of causing grievous hurt and attempted murder. This case is of the night of 25 and 26 May. The court said that there is no such CCTV recording which can prove that the complainant was dragged for a long distance. The court found that the accused has been in judicial custody since May 25. He has no criminal history. The court ordered his release on regular bail with a personal bond of Rs 30,000 and a surety of the same amount.

When will the Commission hand over the data related to the voter list of Haryana-Maharashtra: Rahul

Delhi (Agency): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday praised the Election Commission's decision to share data related to the voter list of Haryana and Maharashtra. He termed it as a good first step. Rahul requested the Commission to announce the fixed date when the data will be handed over in digital and 'machine readable format. The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha shared a



screenshot of a media report claiming that the Election Commission has cleared the way for sharing voter list data from Haryana and Maharashtra from the year 2009 to 2024. It said that the Election Commission had earlier given an assurance to the Delhi High Court in this regard earlier this year. However, no official comment has been made by the Election Commission regarding the alleged move. In a post on 'X',

Centre and Delhi government together to clean Yamuna

Delhi (Agency): Chief Correspondent The Central Government and the Delhi Government have launched a joint effort to clean the Yamuna river, with several initiatives aimed at reducing pollution. Drone survey of 22 major drains will be done and 67 locations have been identified for pollution monitoring. A top source said that the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) will re-verify 360 small and large drains and conduct a drone

survey of 22 major drains falling into the river. 67 locations have been identified for pollution monitoring in the Yamuna river. He said the survey will be done by July and the report will be submitted to the Delhi Jal Board. By September 2025, a permanent system will be established to measure the impact of pollution twice a year at the 67 identified locations. A central public sector

company wholly owned by the Government of India under the administrative control of the Jal Shakti Ministry has been assigned the task of measuring the flow of water in the drains, which will be completed by July. The National Mission for Clean Ganga will also survey the Najafgarh and Shahdara drains by August, a senior official said. The Delhi Jal Board will survey the remaining 20 major drains.