

BRIEFS

A 3-year-old girl from Banda district in Uttar Pradesh died, the slogan of 'Beti Bachao' is hollow, when will the society wake up

Staff Reporter

Chilla. A small flower-like three-year-old girl, for whom the world was limited to toys, mother's lap and father's love. But the incident of a monster raping her innocence in the Chilla police station area of Banda shakes the heart of every person who believes in humanity. The sensational incident of rape of a three-year-old girl has not only shamed Banda but the entire society. After struggling between life and death for seven days, that innocent girl became silent forever. This girl, who was referred from Banda Medical College to Kanpur's Higher Center, died on the seventh day. Her tiny body was telling the painful story of brutality. The police took the body in their possession, filled the Panchayatnama and sent it to Kanpur Higher Center for post-mortem. But the question is, will the post-mortem be able to tell the pain that that innocent girl suffered? Will this society ever be able to answer the tears of that mother who lost her daughter? The same police took action but the justice was incomplete. In this Banda rape incident, the police took immediate action. Last Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, information was received in Chilla police station area that a three-year-old girl was missing. The police immediately registered a case and started searching. After interrogating the suspects, the accused Sunil Nishad was arrested in an encounter, who was shot in the leg. He was sent to jail after treatment. District Superintendent of Police Palash Bansal assured that a charge sheet will be filed soon and strict punishment will be given. But can this action bring that innocent back? Can the prison bars reduce the pain of that mother? The Banda rape case has once again proved that in our system, justice is delayed, and sometimes not at all. 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao': a slogan or a joke? This slogan of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" is heard on every street corner. But this incident of Banda rape tells us how hollow this slogan is. When a three-year-old girl is not safe near her home, then how far-fetched is the talk of educating daughters? The government started this scheme in 2015, so that daughters get respect and security. But cases like Banda rape prove that slogans and schemes are limited only to papers. Here the question arises – why was an innocent found soaked in blood in the forest? Why did the villagers have to take out a candle march and demand death penalty? Why is it time for the society and the system to wake up to save daughters? This innocent girl of Banda rape is no longer in this world. Her screams, her pain and her mother's tears are enough to wake us up. This is not just the responsibility of the police or the law, but the responsibility of the entire society. We have to provide a safe environment to our children. We have to keep an eye on our neighbours, make our children aware and most importantly, we have to change the mindset that gives rise to such incidents. The screams of the innocent should not go in vain. This three-year-old girl of Banda rape case is no longer our daughter. But her screams should not let us sleep peacefully. Her mother's cries should keep shaking us. The slogan of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' will remain hollow till our daughters are not safe. This is the time for the society to wake up, the law to be strict, and the wolves of lust should be punished in such a way that it becomes a lesson for others. The soul of that innocent will get peace only when we promise that no other daughter becomes a victim of such brutality.

Awareness workshop organized in Badausa on Child Labor Prohibition Day

Staff Reporter

Banda. On the occasion of Child Labour Prohibition Day, a workshop was organized in the office of Green and Happy India Trust to make the youth aware of the horrors of child labour, constitutional provisions and legal rights so that they can become the harbingers of change. Only when the youth will stand with the constitution, will society be free of the stigma of child labour. Uma Kushwaha, Director, Green and Happy India Trust said that Article 24 and the Right to Education Act are shields for the children, but are ineffective until the society becomes aware. Rajni Raikwar, social worker said that labour will flourish till we remain silent. Every youth will have to speak up. Santosh Kushwaha, youth speaker, the revolution should begin from Badausa. The target now is to eliminate child labour from every Panchayat. Ground data tells the truth; there are more than 1.2 Lakh child labourers in Uttar Pradesh. More than 4,500 children are still engaged in labour in the district. The most affected areas are Badausa, Atra, Naraini etc. Resolution of the youth, all participants took an oath that they will take every child to school. They will identify child labourers and coordinate with the administration. They will spread awareness about child rights in every village.

Grand event of Chief Minister Sports Award and Education Department Honor Ceremony concluded



It is a laudable initiative by the government to honour and encourage such talents from time to time: Prakash Dwivedi

Staff Reporter

Banda. A grand felicitation ceremony was organized in Maharishi Bam Dev Auditorium, Collectorate on Thursday. In which two important programs were concluded simultaneously. Under the first program, meritorious students who performed excellently at the district level in the high school and intermediate examination year 2025 were honored. The first 10 meritorious students of high school such as Akanksha Singh, Deepika Singh, Payal Shiv Hare, Aaradhya Gupta, Shivkaran Yadav, Sahil Vaishya, Pranshu Singh Rathore, Anuj and other students and the first 11 meritorious students of intermediate Sunny Patel, Yogita Yadav, Deepak Singh, Parsauni, Ashutosh, Simal, Ravi Kumar, Kiran Kushwaha, Ajit Singh, Utkarsh Mishra Shreyansh Garg were honored by giving

a sum of ₹ 21,000, tablet, certificate and medal. In the second program, under the Chief Minister's Sports Award Scheme, students of the state who won medals in the 68th National School Sports Competition 2024-25, such as Himanshu Yadav Gold Medal ₹ 35000, this student was awarded by the Chief Minister in Lucknow. Under this, Harshit Yadav Silver Medal ₹ 25000, Adarsh Rai Silver Medal ₹ 25000, Abhishek Yadav Silver ₹ 25000, Mahi Rajput Silver ₹ 25000, Paritosh Rai Silver Medal ₹ 25000, Roshni was awarded bronze medal along with a sum of ₹ 15,000, a certificate and a medal. This award was given to a total of five players. As chief guests in the program, Sadar MLA Prakash Dwivedi, District Panchayat President Sunil Patel, Naraini MLA Om Mani Verma, BJP District President Kallu Singh Rajput, Municipal Council President Malti Gupta, Teacher MLC representative Alok Singh, District Panchayat member Santram, District Magistrate G. Reebea, Additional Commissioner Bhagwan Sharan Dasvardhak, Chief Development Officer Ajay Kumar Pandey and many public representatives were present.

Two brothers went to take bath in Ken river, one drowned and one died

Staff Reporter

Banda. Two brothers who had gone to their aunt's house drowned in the deep waters of Ken river while bathing. One brother died in this. The other brother was admitted to Rani Durgavati Medical College. As soon as the news of death was received, there was chaos among the family members. On receiving the information, the police reached the spot, took the body in their custody and sent it for postmortem after Panchnama. 15-year-old Prince, son of Kaushal Yadav, a resident of Jaurahi village of Dehat Kotwali area, had gone to his aunt Rani's house in Bari Garh village of Chhatarpur district on Wednesday with his mother Shobha, father

Chhote, brother Piyush and sister. On Thursday morning, Prince had gone to take bath in Ken river with his 7-year-old younger brother Piyush and the children of the neighborhood. While bathing, his feet slipped and he drowned in the deep water. < Seeing his brother drowning, Piyush also jumped into the river to save him, he also drowned. The fellow children shouted. Hearing the noise, people bathing nearby ran. On receiving the information, the family also reached the spot. After a lot of hard work, both were taken out of the water. Both were admitted to Rani Durgavati Medical College. Where the doctors declared Prince dead

The government's Har Ghar Jal Yojana has become a showpiece. The Har Ghar Jal Yojana has fallen prey to corruption

It has been a year since the taps were installed but water has not reached yet

Staff Reporter

Banda. The Uttar Pradesh government claims that under the Har Ghar Jal program, pure drinking water has been supplied to 2.32 crore households through pipes. The target of Jal Jeevan Mission is to cover 2.6689 crore households by 2024. In August 2019, only 5.16 lakh households had piped drinking water, but by November 2024, connections are claimed to be in 2.315 crore households. Piped drinking water is being talked about in 14.27 lakh households in 4470 villages in Bundelkhand and 6.69 lakh households in 3307 villages in Vindhya region. The central and state governments pat its back with 5050 funding and community contribution. But what is the ground reality? LNT did provide paper, but the thirst of the villages is not quenched. This is not water in every house, but deceit in every house. The question is how



connections in the village, but the taps are dry - no tap, no water. People are yearning for every drop of water. Taps have become show pieces. This is the condition of Jaspura town of Jaspura block, there are taps, but no water. So the scheme is complete only on paper, water crisis persists in the rural areas of Jaspura block. People are dependent on old hand pumps and wells. Government claims shine on

long will this government hypocrisy continue. The poor will keep cheating the people when Ramesh Yadav, a resident of Jaspura town, told that a tap was installed in our house a year ago but till date we have not got a single drop of water and whenever we tell any employee of the water institute, he says that it will be done and a year has passed by saying this but water has not been delivered yet. In such a scorching heat,

water has to be brought from a long distance through a hand pipe. Jai Narayan Singh told that people have been cheated by the Har Ghar Yojana. If people had to keep the tap after seeing it, then why was the connection done? The reality of the government is something else and everything is complete on paper. From Lauki Baba Temple to PGS Public School, not a single tap connection has been made while it has been said many times and in this scorching heat, masons and children need water but people keep roaming around for a drop of water and go to drink and fill water in the hand pipe. Also, wherever the pipeline was laid in the village, the RCC has been broken. It has not been repaired due to which people face a lot of problems in removing it. In the Har Ghar Jal Yojana, only the contractors have benefited and no poor person has benefited.

Truck overtakes and hits four wheeler, two injured

Staff Reporter

Maudaha. A truck hit a four wheeler carrying people going from Sumerpur to Chitrakoot, in which two people were seriously injured. Pahadi resident Rajkumar Tiwari (52) son of Gaya Prasad Tiwari and Karvi resident Vikas Singh (32) son of Ghanshyam Singh were going to Chitrakoot with their relatives by four wheeler from Sumerpur, when a speeding truck overtook and hit the four wheeler near Naraich on the National Highway, due to which the vehicle was shattered and Rajkumar Tiwari, Ghanshyam Singh were seriously injured. After treatment at Naraich ANM Center, they were sent to CHC Maudaha through ambulance where the injured are being treated, while the truck fled from the spot.

Wells are essential for our environment, we all must come together to save their existence - Social worker Sumit Shukla



result, wells are fighting for their existence today. Slowly they are being filled up and leveled. Somewhere household garbage is being dumped in them due to which their water sources are getting blocked and their utility is also ending. Social worker Sumit Shukla said that even today people worship wells with great pomp but this is only a momentary feeling. After that the same corrupt mentality is seen. We all have to wake up and struggle to save the existence of wells which are present as the heritage of Bundelkhand. Awareness among people Everyone will have to understand their contribution towards the environment. Bundelkhand region is a land of mountains, rivers and natural forest wealth but it is being exploited continuously which is the biggest reason for pain. Social worker Sumit Shukla said that if the government works with a true heart then the condition of ponds and wells situated in Bundelkhand which increase the pride of Bundelkhand can improve.

Secretary, Pradhan and Pradhan representative Abhilakh and Vikash indulged in massive corruption in Gram Panchayat

Villagers and Panchayat members accused everyone of misusing the money

Staff Reporter

Banda. Community toilets were built in villages by spending crores of rupees under Swachh Bharat Mission. But they were always found locked in the village and every month thousands of rupees are spent for cleaning and maintenance. But despite this, the negligence of the responsible village head and officers can be seen and there is a pile of garbage in the village. Villagers living in Tilausa Gram Panchayat under Kamasin Block and 11 people including Panchayat member Mahendra Singh, former head Atul Singh, Ramkhelavan, Sunaina

BDC, Yogendra Tripathi had given affidavit to DM and alleged that Secretary Dharmendra Prajapati, Pradhan Anshu Devi and Pradhan representative Abhilakh and Vikas have done a lot of corruption in the Gram Panchayat and are deeply immersed in corruption. Let us tell you that the cleanliness system in Tilausa Gram Panchayat is in a bad state. The toilets are locked and people are forced to defecate in the open. The people of the village alleged that payments are being made in the name of caretaker and the Swachh Bharat Mission is being openly flouted in the villages. This is not the situation of a day or two, but if the people are to be believed, this has been the situation for years. Toilets were built but they are not opened. Somewhere the ladies toilet, while somewhere the men's toilet

remains locked. A Panchayat building has been built in the village but the lock is never

garbage in the village; the head and the secretary together have misused the



opened. It is always locked. People have to make rounds of the block to get copies of birth certificate, death certificate, family register made. There is a heap of

government money. The Pradhan's favourites have put submersibles in the hand pipes in the village. Hand pumps have been lying broken for many months,

money has been taken out by showing reboring. Money has been taken out in the name of reboring the hand pump. The village Pradhan has done a lot of corruption in the name of reboring the hand pipe and there is a pile of garbage in the village. The payment of the caretaker of the Sulabh toilet is also done fraudulently every time. Money has been taken out by showing fake work at many places and the work has not been done till date. Vehicles had come to the village to dump garbage but are lying in the junk, there is no arrangement for cleanliness in the village. Street lights were also installed which are lying broken, in which too a lot of rigging has been done. Former Pradhan Atul Singh and Mahendra Singh Gram Panchayat member said that most of the secretaries are immersed in corruption, who are doing work by taking commission from the

Pradhans. Instead of doing development in the Gram Panchayat, money is spent for personal benefit. The Gram Panchayat members of the same village told that the Pradhan has given houses to his favourites like Shravan Kumar Rajput son of Ramutar Rajput who has a tractor, permanent house and agriculture, who are ineligible and people living in huts in the village were not given houses. When the entire matter was informed to DPRO Rajendra Prasad, he told that an investigation team has been formed, contact the investigation team what happened in the case, when he was asked that the investigation has come to your place from 4 April 25, then how much time does it take to complete the investigation, he disconnected the phone saying that get information from the investigation officer.

EDITORIAL

Kashmir Will Prevail

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Jammu and Kashmir last week carried more than the weight of a new railway link — it carried the resolve of a nation that refuses to be broken by terror. Just weeks after the brutal Pahalgam attack that killed 26 Hindu tourists, and days after a tense four-day military skirmish with Pakistan, India has chosen a response rooted in resilience. Not just retaliation — but rebuilding. The inauguration of a long-awaited rail link connecting the Kashmir Valley to the broader Indian railway network is more than an engineering milestone. It is a declaration. Terrorists may plant bombs and sow fear, but India lays tracks, builds bridges, and strengthens unity. Over 28 years in the making, the rail link — featuring the world's highest railway arch — symbolises not only connectivity but continuity. Kashmir's inseparable place in the Indian journey and the importance accorded to its development are in sharp contrast, may we add, to the story in that part of the region which Pakistan has occupied. This is not about



symbolism alone. The new rail route, along with newly opened roads, medical infrastructure, and civic projects, is designed to restore confidence in a region that has seen too much blood

and uncertainty. The Valley, known for its unmatched beauty and dignified people, deserves more than security concerns. It deserves opportunity, investment, and peace on its own terms.

True development in Kashmir must uphold the ideals of a united India — where every citizen, from Srinagar to Kanyakumari, shares equally in the nation's pride, protection, and promise of progress. By targeting tourism — Kashmir's economic backbone — the April attack tried to do more than kill. It sought to cripple the local economy, crush morale, and isolate the region once more. It failed. Tourism may have temporarily dropped, but the government's response — swift, visible, and strategic — has laid the groundwork for revival. The continuing tug-of-war between India and Pakistan over Kashmir reduces every tragedy to a political point. What should have been a moment of collective mourning becomes another line in a diplomatic script. In this zero-sum game, neither truth nor justice wins — only the cycle of suspicion and violence continues unbroken. Pakistan's denials ring hollow. Decades of cross-border infiltration and proxy warfare are not erased by official statements. India has shown restraint and strength in equal measure. The message is clear: if Pakistan fans the flames of extremism, India will answer not just with defence, but with development. Yet Kashmir's story is not Pakistan's to write. It is India's to honour, protect, and empower and for the Kashmiri people to live — with dignity, safety, and purpose. They are not a bargaining chip. They are an inseparable part of India's soul. Development will continue. Terror will be defeated. Kashmir will prevail — because India will not rest until it does.

Tariff Mirage

The recent decline in US imports — a stunning 20 per cent plunge in a single month — has handed the Trump administration an apparent victory. The trade deficit in goods, a figure long criticized by then former and now returned President Trump, shrank by nearly half. To some, this sharp decline seems to validate the aggressive tariff strategy Mr Trump unleashed earlier this year. But behind the numbers lies a troubling truth: this is less an economic triumph than a distortion, masking deeper risks for both the US and global economies. At first glance, the administration's move seems to be working. By slapping sweeping import taxes — including a blanket 10 per cent levy on most goods — the White House has forced down the volume of foreign goods flowing into American ports. Steel, aluminum, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, toys, clothing and even everyday consumer electronics like mobile phones have been caught in this dragnet. Key trading partners such as China, Canada, and Mexico have seen their exports to the US nosedive to levels not seen in



years. For American consumers, this could mean higher prices on goods from electronics to apparel as retailers pass on increased costs stemming from disrupted supply chains and import taxes. But this

trade squeeze is neither organic nor sustainable. Much of the April decline is the result of panic-driven stockpiling by American firms earlier in the year. Expecting tariffs, they rushed to fill inventories ahead of time — creating a false sense of market activity that inflated import numbers before the drop. The subsequent fall, then, reflects not a new industrial resurgence in the US, but a temporary vacuum after the buying frenzy. There is no evidence yet that US factories are scaling up production to fill this gap. Domestic manufacturing, still hollowed out by decades of offshoring, cannot pivot overnight to replace the sheer variety and volume of goods that Americans import. Without structural investment in industrial capacity and skills, the country risks shortages, price spikes, and supply chain disruptions. Early warnings are already emerging — steel exports from Mexico have halved, while Canada's trade deficit ballooned, both signs of deeper economic friction that could backfire on the US economy itself. Even the sharp reduction in the deficit comes with strings attached. By forcing abrupt changes in global trade flows, Washington risks driving suppliers to pivot permanently toward other markets, bypassing the US in the long term. Vietnam and Taiwan, for example, briefly stepped in to fill some of the supply gap, but such adjustments are tactical, not strategic. Prolonged instability could encourage producers worldwide to diversify away from the US market altogether. Short-term optics may favour the administration's political message of "winning" on trade, but this is no assured victory. Economic strength cannot be measured by import suppression alone. True success demands a revitalised domestic industry — not merely fewer foreign goods. Until that foundation is rebuilt, the gains will remain fragile, and the risks — both at home and abroad — will only grow.

FROM SILENCE TO SAFETY

Legal reforms under Modi govt give a new shape to women's safety

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Samyam Bharat: The brutal Nirbhaya case in 2012 shook the conscience of the nation. It also exposed the deep deficiencies in India's legal and administrative framework for the safety of women. Inadequate policing, slow judicial process, outdated laws and inadequate support for victims painted a dismal picture. By 2014, India was at a turning point. There was tremendous public outrage. But the legal system lay dormant. Fast track courts were a concept, not a reality. There were no single solution centres, no national women's helpline, no forensic support to speed up investigations and no dedicated funds to operationalise these measures. Women's issues were seen as social concerns-not national priorities.

Modi Era: From Security to Structural Empowerment: The Central Government under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought about a comprehensive transformation from the sluggish partial response of the last 11 years of governance to a mission-mode approach of legal reforms, responsible attitude of institutions and respect for every woman.

Legal protection, now a national commitment: The government initiated the setting up of Fast Track Special Courts across the country and today 745 such courts are functional. Of these, 404 exclusively deal with cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. As compared to 2014 when One Stop Centres did not exist, these are now fully functional in over 820 districts that provide legal aid, police intervention, shelter and counselling at one stop to any woman affected by violence. The National Women Helpline 181, launched as part of this ecosystem, has provided emergency assistance to over 86 lakh women 24 hours a day. In addition, women help desks are now established in over 14,600 police stations across the country, manned by women officers. This has changed the climate of response to crimes against women from the earlier one of indifference or even aggression to one of greater sensitivity and support. Through the Nirbhaya Fund, the government has now funded over 50 major projects focused on women's safety and security, compared to the lackadaisical response system before



2014. Progressive legal amendments: Starting with some essential reforms in the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, and now the comprehensive codification of the Indian Justice Code (BNS) and related laws in 2023, colonial-era criminal jurisprudence has been replaced by laws defined in the Indian context.

The new laws consolidate all crimes against women into one chapter. Video-recording of victim statements has been made mandatory, with a preference for

recording statements in the presence of a female magistrate to enhance sensitivity. Offences such as digital stalking, voyeurism and physical abuse under false promises of marriage have been criminalised for the first time. The legal system now provides for stringent penalties against acid attacks, human trafficking, gang rape and custodial sexual violence. Additionally, failure to file an FIR or provide emergency medical care to a rape victim has been criminalised.

Removing old protectionist restrictions, women are now legally allowed to work in any sector and at any time, reaffirming their freedom to make their own decisions. Significant procedural reforms have also been made, including protection of witnesses and approval of digital evidence. It redefines the process of providing justice to victims in cases of sexual violence. These are not just amendments - they restore the system of providing justice to the victims.

Empowerment beyond the law: Beyond the realm of legal protection, the Government's approach to women is to bring about legal reforms in broader aspects of social, financial and digital empowerment. Maternity leave has now been increased from 12 to 26 weeks, and establishments with more than 50 employees are now required to provide crèche facilities. Women are now actively participating in combat roles in the armed forces. They are getting admissions in Sainik Schools, enrolling in the prestigious National Defence Academy, and receiving permanent commissions. These are remarkable changes that were previously very difficult for

them. Discriminatory practices like triple talaq have been legally abolished, and women are now allowed to perform Hajj without a male guardian. Justice delivery has now been decentralised and digitised through community-based Nari Adalats and platforms like She-Box 2.0. This has activated a time-bound redressal mechanism directly at the grassroots level. A safer, stronger India begins with legal dignity: Before 2014, women's safety was often seen as a headline-driven reactionary issue rather than a policy one, but today it is embedded in the structure of governance, supported by funding, forensic tools, legal reforms and frontline workers. As we enter the Amrit Kaal, there is now a clear vision that no woman is alone in this new India. Now her security is not a privilege but a constitutional guarantee backed by the capacity of the government.

The journey is still on, but we have come a long way in terms of women's safety. With continued political will, social participation, and legal commitment, India can surely become the safest place for a woman to live, work, and lead.

Reincarnation is key to self-realisation

Ramvilas Sharma

In any discussion with Americans, especially Christians, about death and afterlife I find it difficult to bring up the subject of reincarnation. They neither understand nor believe in the concept. For them, the present life is "the one life to live" and the destination upon death is heaven or hell, depending on how they live their life. However, even in their mind, concepts of "heaven" and "hell" are vague, except for the image of heaven as an idyllic place with gardens, flowers, birds etc. and hell as just an eternal fire. It is not just the Christians; I have similar issues with my Indian friends who are atheists and/or technically oriented. They do not understand a concept that cannot be described in scientific terms using scientific laws.

To them, death is a decomposition of the body to its constituent molecules, and it is an absolute end followed by eternal nothingness. To be clear, I am not a spiritual person. Throughout my younger years, I never followed any religious path. I read no scripture, went to temples only to appreciate architectural beauty, and attended religious festivals for social interactions. It is the concept of reincarnation which drew me back to Hinduism, especially the book "An Autobiography of a Yogi" by Paramhansa Yogananda. I find a logical consistency and completeness in how our existence is described in Hinduism. Setting aside reli-

gions for the time being, let us follow the living arrangement of any man from his youth to death.

A certain pattern emerges, no matter which country we focus our attention to. The starting habitat is usually small and modest. The person's financial situation and professional prestige improve over time; perhaps there are additions to the family and he moves to a larger home. However, the house eventually gets old, requiring continuous repair and maintenance. When this becomes a headache, the owner decides to move to a newer home and starts the cycle over again. The transition from one home to another is not an instantaneous process. He may have to live in some temporary housing in between; perhaps a hotel or a rented place.

This cycle of moving into a new home, making improvements in life and moving on when the house gets too old, continues until the person retires. In retired life, he no longer wants to live in a fancy home with all kinds of physical comfort. He would probably prefer living in a senior community or retreat of some sort in a more peaceful and calmer place. Unlike individual homes, these communities are open arrangements. All retired people prefer such living as they spend more time reminiscing about their lives and emotional interactions as opposed to extravagant lives full of physical pleasures and materialistic ob-

sessions. If a person lives long enough, he would eventually be content with living in a small place, perhaps an attic room, or even a cave, where he can just meditate and think about divine thoughts. Some travel to places like Varanasi and Hardwar to spend their remaining days sitting on the bank of river Ganges, absorbed in meditation.

In the US, if diagnosed with

body which requires less maintenance. There are really only two reasons for the soul to move to a different body: a) the old body has become ravaged by age and illnesses, and b) the soul has made enough improvement that a new body is warranted to carry on. The process of reincarnation is just like moving from one home to another by discarding the old body.



a terminal illness, he can be admitted into a hospice, where he remains in a half-asleep state. My purpose of bringing this observation is to show the similarity between a person living in a house and our soul (or "atman") living in an enclosure that we call "body". Just like we protect our home using locks, alarm systems, video cameras and even security guards, we protect our body by eating healthy food, taking appropriate medication and vaccines, wearing weather-proof attire etc. Throughout life, the soul makes improvements based on what the person does in life and eventually the time comes to move to a newer and younger

The soul lives on. During the period between successive incarnations, the soul floats around and hovers. The soul "sees" and knows what is going on in the world it left behind but does not attach to a particular body nor communicate. Our soul behaves the same way as we would behave in terms of continuing our existence. According to Hindu yogis, the soul first goes through a physical or gross body, then an astral body and finally a causal body before discarding everything and merging into a universal consciousness or "God". I find this whole narrative both intriguing and captivating because it makes

sense to me. More specifically, here are the salient points as I see it:

- The soul continuously improves itself in each incarnation. Each life is an opportunity to gain knowledge and broaden one's outlook.
- There is a definitive ending when the soul merges into God. That is the ultimate liberation — only then the eternal nothingness starts.
- Reincarnations are not desirable scenarios. We all know that life on this earth is miserable. The goal should be to minimize the number of incarnations and achieve union with God as soon as possible. All religious practices are different ways to achieve exactly that.
- There is no heaven or hell, but repeated reincarnations could be interpreted as hell and that ultimate union is heaven.
- Science puts too much emphasis on the role of the brain in processing all signals from our five senses to explain everything, but this explanation is incomplete. It is indeed true when the soul is inside a human body but when we enter the astral world and beyond, we leave behind the human body along with the brain; other senses kick in that science cannot explain.
- Why do we go through these hundreds, if not thousands, of reincarnations? Why not unite with God just after one life? No one can find the answer in our present physical form using five senses.

• Hindu holy men have been saying this for thousands of years. There have been no modifications or additions to the central concepts. There is no "New Hinduism" or dozens of sects. That is why it is the Sanatan Dharma.

• The key Hindu rituals can be explained in terms of these central concepts involving reincarnation. Other religious festivities and worshipping various Gods is just mythology and metaphors with various messages for improving one's soul.

• Buddhism and Judaism have accepted certain versions of the concept of reincarnation. Christianity is an oversimplified and incomplete interpretation in my view. It seems that Hindu holy men said it all and subsequent religions just reshaped various pieces of the overall concepts.

Reincarnation is the key to our self-realisation. Finding God and heaven after only one life is like graduating with a PhD after one grade. One must go through twelve grades in school and several more years in college and graduate study; sometimes repeating some classes but gaining knowledge at every step before that coveted degree. I have no doubt that I am coming back to this earth many more times. Many feel exasperated at the thought of repeating life with the same sequence of life phenomena, but I am looking forward to my next life with the anticipation of new experiences.

Veena Vijayan denies allegations in CMRL case, opposes CBI probe in Kerala HC

Kochi (Agency): Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter, Veena Vijayan, has categorically denied all allegations regarding her now-defunct firm, Exalogic Solutions, and its financial transactions with Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL). In an



affidavit filed before the Kerala High Court in response to a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking a CBI probe into the alleged financial dealings, Veena maintained that all transactions between Exalogic and the Kochi-based private minerals firm were transparent and compliant with existing laws.

Veena's affidavit opposed the plea for a CBI investigation

into the alleged irregularities amounting to Rs. 197.7 crore. She stated that the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) was already probing the matter, and therefore, a parallel investigation was unwarranted.

Dismissing claims that Exalogic was a benami company, Veena affirmed that her IT firm had received payments from CMRL strictly for the IT services it had rendered. "All financial transactions were legal," she asserted.

Describing herself as an educated woman, Veena argued that the PIL was a targeted attempt to malign her image.

She clarified that she had established Exalogic two years

before her father assumed office as Chief Minister and emphasized that he had no role in the company's operations. The firm ceased functioning during the COVID-19 pandemic, she added.

The PIL was filed by journalist M.R. Ajayan, seeking a CBI probe into the monthly payments made by CMRL to Veena Vijayan's company.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan also submitted an affidavit opposing the CBI probe. As the 15th respondent in the case, he stated that the PIL lacked merit and that multiple agencies were already investigating the matter.

He emphasized that he had "nothing to hide" but viewed the demand for a CBI inquiry as "unnecessary and unjustified."

Diarrhoea outbreak in Odisha claims 2 lives, affects over 500 in Jajpur district

Bhubaneswar (Agency): An outbreak of diarrhoea has claimed at least two lives and affected over 500 people in Odisha's Jajpur district, prompting state health authorities to launch an emergency response to contain the spread of the disease. The suspected cause of the outbreak is the consumption of contaminated drinking water. The affected areas are reportedly facing an acute potable water crisis, an official said. Medical teams have been deployed in the affected and surrounding regions, including Dhamasala, Byasanagar Municipality, Danagadi, Rasulpur, and Korei block. State and district health authorities are working in coordination, with intensified field-level actions under

the direct supervision of Health Secretary Aswathy S, the official added.

Director of Public Health Services, Dr Nilakantha Mishra, stated that all patients and spo-



radic cases in adjoining areas are being treated by Rapid Action Teams constituted at the district level. In addition, two Rapid Action Teams from the state—comprising medical officers, microbiologists, epidemiologists,

and the Joint Director of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme—have reached the area and begun field operations in coordination with the Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer, Jajpur. Specialists from Maharaja Jagati Keshari Medical College and Hospital are overseeing the treatment of critical patients. Six medicine specialists from SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack, have also been deputed to Jajpur. The infected individuals are receiving treatment at Dhamasala, Jajpur Road, and Danagadi Community Health Centres (CHCs), as well as the District Headquarters Hospital, Jajpur. Critical patients are being shifted to SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack.

India's first liquid choco filled pop!

Kalyan kept his subject on 11 years and District in-charge Shasroz Kushwaha ji kept his subject strong India-Survived India. Convenor of the said campaign district General Minister Dinesh Verma was. The press conference was held by District Media in-charge Gyan Prakash Dubey. The convenor of the exhibition was District Working Committee member Shyam Singh and the Convenor/Operations of the enlightened conference, District Vice President Ravindra Narayan Singh Patel. In the above programs, mainly MLA Chunar Anurag Singh, MLA Majhwan Shuchismita Maurya, Chairman Nagar palika Mirjapur Shyam Sundar Kesari, Chairman DCB Jagdish Singh Patel, Chairman Vijay Kumar Verma, District Vice President Dinesh Pratap Singh, Vipul Singh, Nirmala Rai, Amit Kumar Pandey, District General Secretary Ravi Shankar Pandey, District Secretary Kaushal Shrivastava, Hemant Tripathi, Gaurav Umar, Nitin Gupta, Dr. CL Bind, District Treasurer Sanjay Yadav, Praneesh Pratap Singh Chandel Advocate and other enlightened class Hundreds of people were present. The above information was given by District Media in-charge Gyan Prakash Dubey.

an 'SUV for Everyone' and enhancing its sedan heritage. With the Kylaq, Kushaq, and Kodiaq catering to every SUV aspiration and price point, Škoda Auto India will also build its sedan legacy driven by the Slavia and a soon-to-be-launched 'global icon'. Expanding to newer markets: Škoda Auto India continues with its vision of expanding to tier II and tier III markets. From over 165 cities today, the brand targets being present in over 200 cities this year. The company has already grown from 120 customer touchpoints in 2021 to over 290 today, with an aim for 350 touchpoints by the end of 2025.

 Time important for future direction determination after inter via Abhyudaya coaching: District Magistrate

entire program was shown by broadcast. In the honor ceremony organized at the Collectorate, MLAs and District Magistrates and Chairman Municipality Mirjapur, by giving a check, tablet and citation to the

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**Public representatives and
Niranjan rewarding top
intermediate**

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ulations and best wishes. On
this occasion, MLA Nagar
Ratnakar Mishra, MLA
Majhwan Shuchismita
Maurya, MLA Chhanbe
Rinke Kol and Chairman
Municipality Mirjapur
congratulated the students
who have excelled, and said

that many schemes are being run by the state government for the benefit of better education of the students for the benefit of better education of the students. Are being benefited. Wishing the bright future of District Magistrate Priyanka



A photograph showing District Magistrate Priyanka and other officials in yellow uniforms standing behind a table during an inauguration ceremony. A banner in the background reads 'भारत' (Bharat) and 'प्रदेश सरकार' (Pradesh Sarkar).

District Magistrate Priyanka
ers of high school and

Niranjan students, he said that for all you are all outstanding students and roll models for students. He said that after the high school examination, there is a need for continuous hard work to perform outstanding in inter and further classes. He passed intermediate students passing intermediate. Appealing to, he said that after inter has an important

time to determine the future direction. At this time, if the student wastes his time here and there, there is a lot of difficulty in determining the future. Therefore, all the students should give special emphasis on their education during this period and set the goal in which direction, setting the goal of that direction and ensure studies. He said that very good books and online Use it for competitions. He said that in the district Jubilee Inter College, the state government is conducting free abandal coaching for the preparation of various competitions to the students, in which they can also prepare for NEET, JEE, IAS, PCS and other competitive examinations by getting their nominations done. On this occasion, District School Inspector Mayaram, all public representatives, District Magistrate and The program concluded the program by welcoming and thanking other visitors. The program was successfully conducted by Sanjay Srivastava. Other concerned officers of the district should be present on this occasion.

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, National Vice President of National Educational Federation and Organization Secretary of Uttar Pradesh Mahendra Kumar gave Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to the Chief Minister's residence to covered the primary cadre teachers who were selected before 2005 with the old pension scheme. Mahendra Kumar told the Chief Minister that you had given clear guidelines to all the teachers and employees of the selected state before the old pension scheme before the old pension scheme, but

has not been a clear order regarding the addition of the old pension scheme in the there is a sense of disappointment among more than 40 thousand teachers.

The Chief Minister said that This episode is in his notice and he has assured the members of the delegation that soon the teachers of the primary cadre will also be given the benefit of the old pension scheme. On this occasion, Mahendra Kumar gave a letter to the Chief Minister to covered with the old pension scheme. This delegation included Higher Education, Prof. Udayan of North Central Region and Swadesh Singh of Technical Cadre. These people also Gave a sheet of problems related to his cadre to the Chief Minister.

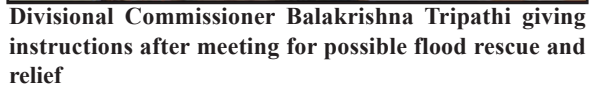
Div Commr reviewed preparations related to relief and rescue from possible floods and gave directions to officials

Staff Reporter
Mirzapur, In view of preparations for preparations related to the possible flood and relief from the Ganges river and other rivers in the districts of Vindhyachal division, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and Bhadohi, Balakrishna Tripathi held a meeting with all the additional District Magistrates (F/R) and other concerned officials including all the Additional District Magistrates (F/R) and other concerned officials. Divisional Commissioner Balakrishna TripathiIt is said that in the flood -affected areas, all three district officials should ensure all arrangements in identified shelters, similarly, in the primary and health centers of the affected areas, sufficient

quantity of life-saving medicines doctors should ensure arrangements etc. He directed the district Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and Bhadohi Additional District MagistratesIt was said that the flood checks made in the flood areas should be activated and ensure that the names, mobile numbers and flood control rooms of the shift-wise are made available to the Additional Commissioner Administration/Incharge Disaster within two days. He directed Additional Director Health that Duties in Flood Chakio and Community/Primary Health Centers located in the affected areasAnd the name and mobile number of other staff should also be made available. Divisional


Commissioner Shri Tripathi said that strict action should be taken against the presence of doctors compulsorily on duty, if a doctor is found absent on the spot or on the spot. Additional Directors should also inspect the preparations made by the Health Department. Assistant Director Veterinary Camp for Animals, Petted Animals Along with the vaccine medicines and other necessary medicines. adequate quantity of Bhusa, green fodder etc. should be ensured in advance and providing drinking water on all temporary/made temporary camps should be ensured. The officer of the Irrigation Department was directed to inspect the major embankments/dams and ensure that the ponds and

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in the past, then make sure to fill them so that the water system can come up at the water level along with the water system. Deputy Director Panchayati Raj was instructed for better cleaning in rural areas, cleaning drains and deployment of gram

panchayat officers on flood checks. Municipalities of the three districts/Executive



Shri. J. Lakrishna Tripathi giving possible flood rescue and

Officers of Nagar Panchayat were directed that Cleaning of drains in urban areas should be provided for the pre-cleaning situation, photograph of the situation after cleaning. The Mandalayukta directed the Executive Officer

Robertsganj to conduct the encroachment campaign in compliance with the instructions given after the visit of his own under Robertsganj Municipality, after the encroachment was not removed yet. On the lack of information about the established control room number and the employees posted, the demand for clarification was given to the campaign under the Municipality Renucoat, expressing displeasure over the lack of cleanliness and conducting a campaign. The Commissioner directed the officials of all municipalities to run a plastic-free campaign. The Divisional Commissioner while directing all the Additional District Magistrates said that during the flood, food and

addition to other cols, the tender process should be entered before the flooding to purchase all the collectors including tent, plastic foil so that if there is flood, time can be distributed from the affected people. He directed all the concerned officers and said that by making an action plan related to their floods of their respective departments, they compulsorily made available to the Additional Commissioner Administration by Monday. To be given Directing the Block Development Officer present in the meeting, he said that the Block Development Officer of the affected areas should go to the spot and inspect the relief camps on the spot, if there are any deficiencies, then remove it. He directed

that through all the Deputy District Magistrates, big and small boats for rescue in flood affected areas, including motorboats, names and mobile numbers of sailors and divers Also be made available. The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner Administration Dr. Vishram, Additional District Magistrate Mirjapur Ajay Kumar Singh, Additional District Magistrate Bhadohi, Additional District Magistrate Sonbhadra, Joint Development Commissioner Ramesh Chandra, Superintending Engineer Electricity, Superintending Engineer Irrigation, Additional Director Health, Assistant Director Animal Abhiyan and other concerned officers were present.

‘Kapil Sharma was being exploited by Comedy Circus, he didn’t have an identity’: Navjot Singh Sidhu played central role in comedian’s success



Former cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu participated in the reality show Bigg Boss in 2012. He recently shared that the only reason he did the show was money. Sidhu shared that his career as politician wasn’t lucrative enough for him to build his dream house in Amritsar. “Bigg Boss gave a lucrative offer,” said Navjot Singh Sidhu. He will soon return on Kapil Sharma’s show on Netflix. He shared a detailed vlog on his YouTube channel, where he also opened up about his Bigg Boss stint. “People cannot go to Bigg Boss and comeback without spoiling their reputation. However, I took up that challenge because I needed money to build a house in Amritsar. I wouldn’t have been able to build a house with what I earned from being a politician,” he said. He added, “Bigg Boss was an opportunity for me to earn money. They had a very lucrative offer. I told them my charges for the first month, second month and third month. However, they could afford me just for a month. And I was out after the first month. In that one month’s time I never said a word against anybody in the house. I managed to return from the house without harming my reputation in the society. This opened many doors for me.” Post his stint in Bigg Boss, Navjot Singh Sidhu received offers from Star Sports and Colors. He said, “Star Sports offered me commentator’s job. Colors put a condition before Kapil Sharma to sponsor his independent show: ‘Bring Navjot Singh Sidhu as your permanent guest’.” Navjot Singh Sidhu said he was the only reason behind Kapil Sharma getting an independent show after being exploited in Comedy Circus. He said, “Kapil Sharma rose to fame after he appeared in the show Laughter Challenge. Later, he was exploited in Comedy Circus, he didn’t have an identity of his own. Kapil Sharma came to me and said, ‘Paaji, I have a request. If you will agree to be part of my show, they will give me an independent show.’ I was like who, ‘He said Raj Nayak sahab’. Raj Nayak was the head of Colors back then. He wanted me to be the judge of the show. He wanted me as he wanted to increase the channel’s TRP. We met over breakfast and I agreed to do it.”

Aamir Khan says he was fired from Yash Chopra’s Darr because he wanted a joint narration with Sunny Deol: ‘I didn’t say no, I was removed’

Aamir Khan says he was fired from Yash Chopra’s Darr because he wanted a joint narration with Sunny Deol: ‘I didn’t say no, I was removed’ Yash Chopra’s Darr was a pivotal film in Shah Rukh Khan’s career. Starring alongside Juhi Chawla and Sunny Deol, this film had SRK playing the role of an obsessive stalker who is determined to be with the woman he loves, even if he has to murder the people around

her. But, before Shah Rukh, the role was presented to Aamir Khan. In a recent interview, Aamir said that he was fired from Darr by Yash Chopra because he insisted on a joint narration with the two heroes of the film but Yash refused to do so. In a chat with Zoom, Aamir was talking about films that he refused to do, which later went on to become big hits. Here, the topic of Darr came up and Aamir corrected



the interviewer and said that he didn’t refuse the film, but was actually fired from it. “I didn’t say no to Darr. I said yes but I was fired from the film because I wanted a joint narration. There were two actors and I have this principle that if there are two actors then the director should give a joint narration and Yashji did not want to do that so he fired me. Everyone has their own way of working. I think when two people are working

together, they should listen to the narration together so we can work together as a team,” he said. Aamir said that he believes that if there are more actors, “they should all listen to the film together.” “That didn’t happen in Darr so I was fired. I was removed from Darr.” Aamir said that he followed the same principle in Rajkumar Santoshi’s Andaz Apna Apna where he starred with Salman Khan.

Amitabh Bachchan completes 7 projects in 2 hours; director says he is setting a ‘bad precedent’

Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan recently shared on his blog that he completed “five ad films and two photoshoots” in just about two hours, prompting a director to jokingly remark that he was setting a “bad precedent” for others. Taking to his blog, Amitabh wrote, “Working away .. and the joy of it .. did 5 films and 2 photo shoots in about 2 hrs...of course they were for an Ad., for a client endorsement...! but still!!” The actor added that he finished the work so fast that the crew and director were left shocked. “The crew and friend director tells me – ‘I am spoiling the work template of w o r k ’they told

me ...’if you are going to finish an entire days work in one 4rth of half a day then, your client shall give more films to be made in the one day designated, and that shall set a bad precedent .. for all” !!Oh .. I just love this.” Amitabh Bachchan also shared that he works this way “for the benefit of workers.” “But the expediency of the work is helping the Producer and the crew .. I would rather do that for the benefit of the worker, than myself... many a times they ask me what I have seen as change in the Film World .. and I have many changes noticed,” he stated.

However, the veteran actor didn’t elaborate on the changes in the industry as it can be used to “attract a headline”. “BUT .. NO .. I shall not say it here , because t h i s

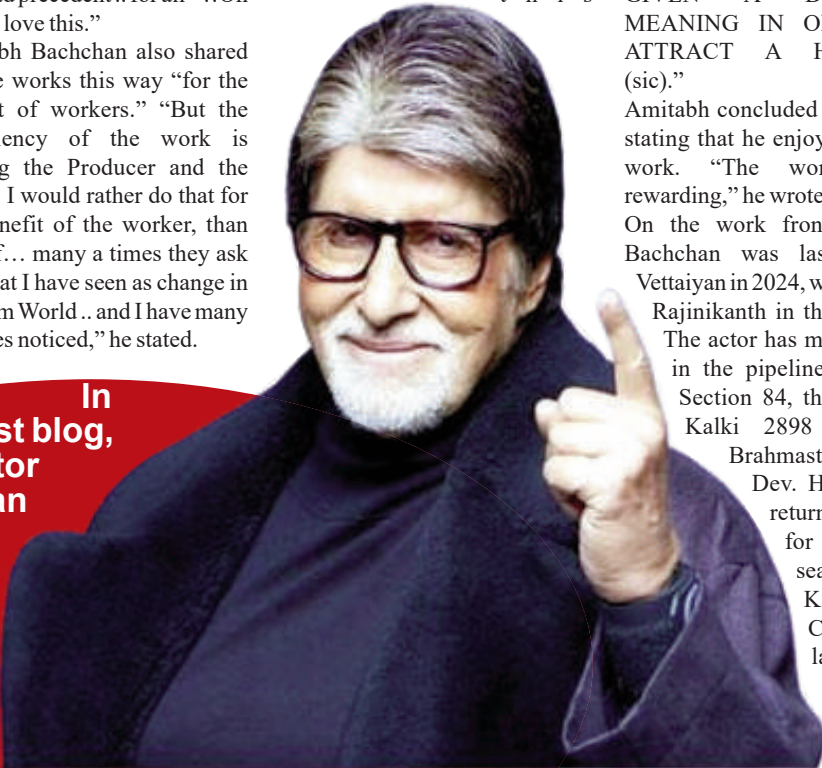
communication Universe has been besieged by the – IMPOTENCY OF CONTENT .. HAHAAAAHA .. EACH EXPRESSION SHALL BE GIVEN A DIFFERENT MEANING IN ORDER TO ATTRACT A HEADLINE (sic).” Amitabh concluded his blog by stating that he enjoys doing his work. “The work is so rewarding,” he wrote. On the work front, Amitabh Bachchan was last seen in Vettaiyan in 2024, which starred Rajinikanth in the lead role. The actor has many movies in the pipeline, including Section 84, the sequel of Kalki 2898 AD, and Brahmastra Part 2: Dev. He will also return as the host for the next season of Kaun Banega Crorepati, later this year.

John Abraham rents out three properties in Mumbai for Rs 6.30 lakh



Actor John Abraham recently rented out three properties in Mumbai for Rs 6.30 lakh per month. The properties are located at The Sea Glimpse Co-operative Housing Society of Bandra West. According to property registration documents accessed by Square Yards, the rental agreement has been registered with a stamp duty of Rs 1.12 lakh and registration charges of Rs 1000. The actor also charged a security deposit of Rs 36 lakh collectively for three properties. These properties are leased out for five years and will earn a cumulative monthly rent of Rs 6.30 lakh in the first year and will increase to Rs 8 lakh in the final year. The rent will increase by 8% annually for the first two years, then reduce to 5% annually for the final two years. The actor will earn approximately Rs 4.3 crore from his rental deal. According to Financial Express, John Abraham has a net worth of Rs 251 crore. The actor has successfully ventured into business beyond films. He owns the production house JA Entertainment, the football club NorthEast United FC, the racing team Goa Aces by JA Racing, and JA Fitness.

In his latest blog, veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan recalled being jokingly accused of setting a “bad precedent” after completing seven projects in just two hours.



Bollywood stars are incapable of laughing at themselves; if Himesh Reshammiya can do it, why can’t Sunny Deol?

Post Credit Scene: Shockingly, Sunny Deol's Jaat is spectacular fun for over an hour. It's only natural that it nosedives in the second half, but that's only because Bollywood stars don't have a sense of humour.

The smartest thing that Himesh Reshammiya has probably done in his professional life, besides transitioning from composer to singer, is to embrace the inherent ridiculousness of his stage persona. For the longest time, he seemed entirely unaware. He’d perform bicep curls to his own love songs on Instagram, seemingly oblivious to how meme pages were responding. But something changed after Janhvi Kapoor went on Koffee with Karan and essentially pulled the curtain on what was maybe the greatest inside-joke of our times. Two years down the line, Reshammiya is starring in a movie called Badass Ravikumar and going on a ‘Cap Tour’ of sold-out live shows. It’s genius. If only Sunny Deol had the same self-awareness in Jaat. Bollywood, and, for that matter, India’s other regional industries, are consumed by a seriousness that borders on devotion. How can Salman Khan poke fun at himself in Sikandar when people literally make pilgrimages to his house on religious occasions? Laughing at some of

Rajinikanth’s antics would probably get you stabbed. Anirudh Ravichander would have to leap off the stage and diffuse the tension. It would be a whole thing. But one thing’s clear: half of our country’s most terrible movies would instantly become 20% better if they simply realised that they are comedies first, and revenge epics second. For roughly an hour, shockingly, Jaat seems to get away with it. Directed by Gopichand Malineni in his Hindi-language debut, Jaat inevitably falls into the same trap that has consumed so many of Bollywood’s Jawan clones in the recent past; movies such as Baby John, Bhaiyya Ji, and, yes, Sikandar. The second half is overwhelmingly straight-faced, despite Deol’s typical brand of high-decibel drama. This transition feels more jarring because the first half is genuinely enjoyable; it’s nimble on its feet, playful, and miraculously, in on the joke. For over an hour, the only thing motivating Sunny Deol’s stock character is a stubborn, egotistical desire to score an apology. Not because someone insulted his mother or something — we learn nada about his family — but because a bunch of goons bumped into him at a roadside eatery, and sent his nice idli breakfast tumbling to the ground.



Alia Bhatt’s hotel note in Cannes addresses her as ‘Alia Kapoor’, fans speculate whether the actress has changed her surname

Alia Bhatt, who recently marked her Cannes debut, shared a video of her time at the International Film Festival and her transition through her many outfits. While, her video exhilarated her fans who “missed” her YouTube content, some eagle eyed fans noticed the change in her surname as it read, “Alia Kapoor”. In a nearly five-minute-long video, Alia gave a glimpse of her time at Cannes. While she was seen getting her makeup done under the guidance of her stylist Rhea Kapoor for her many looks, a part of the video featured the welcome note by the hotel she stayed at. It read, “Dear Alia Kapoor”. This prompted many of her fans to think whether she

has legally adopted her husband Ranbir Kapoor’s surname, dropping Bhatt. A screenshot of the same was shared by a Reddit user which attracted a lot of attention. A user speculated, “Must’ve taken her husband’s name and kept Bhatt for her public facing career since she is widely known by that surname.” Others expressed, “It’s her choice to keep whatever last name she likes, butt I really think Alia Bhatt has more ring to it. Alia Kapoor just sounds so basic. I think there must be an alia Kapoor in every block of South Delhi. I hope she never changes this publicly at least.” Another user took a wild guess and wrote, “Someone pointed out here that it’s a French Hotel, so probably took her name from there which means that She’s legally taken the name Alia Kapoor.” Another comment read, “How will a hotel in France know her husband’s surname? Anyway, hotel booking is done according to your legal name on IDs.” In the video, Alia Bhatt was seen having a fun banter with Rhea Kapoor and her team. Expressing her feelings of debuting at Cannes, Alia shared, “I am both excited and nervous.” In the video, the actress was seen signing autographs for her non-Indian fans and also adhering to their photo request. Alia Bhatt still maintains Bhatt as her surname in her movies and brand endorsements. Alia Bhatt married her Brahmastra co-star Ranbir Kapoor in 2022. The couple are now parents to a daughter, Raha Kapoor.



‘Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan made a pro-India statement in front of Pakistani diplomats, he was a courageous man’: Javed Akhtar recalls anecdote

Writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar made headlines a few years ago, when he reminded a gathering of Pakistanis in Lahore that Indians cannot ignore the nationalities of the perpetrators of various terror attacks over the years. He said that he was in Mumbai during the 26/11 attacks, and that he watched his city burn. He also reminded the crowd that while India has rolled out the red carpet for Pakistani artists such

as the singer Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and the poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Pakistan hasn’t extended the same courtesy to Indian singers. He said that Lata Mangeshkar was by far the most popular celebrity in Pakistan, but she was never invited to perform there. His comments were praised by Indians, but the incident hasn’t diminished his admiration for Nusrat. In a recent interview, he recalled an anecdote about meeting Nusrat at an event in



Delhi, and what transpired there. Appearing on AajTak

Radio, he said, “I’m not a big fan of qawwali, but I was a huge admirer of Nusrat. He was a lovely man. We worked on an album together, called Sangam. I wrote it, he composed it. It was released at a big five-star hotel in New Delhi. A delegation from the Pakistan high commission was seated in the front row. Nusrat was asked to say a few words, and he said, ‘I travel all over the world, but the reception I get in India is unmatched. I hang my head in shame when people ask me

why my country hasn’t hosted Lata Mangeshkar. I’m saying this here because I want the people from the Pakistan high commission to pay attention’.” Javed said that it takes ‘conviction’ and ‘daring’ and ‘honesty’ to make such statements. “For me to say this isn’t a big deal; I’m an Indian. But for a Pakistani to say this to his own people, and then return to Pakistan, it was an extremely courageous statement to make,” he said.



Sloppy India undone by unforced errors as they go down 3-4 vs Argentina in another Pro League defeat

New Delhi (Agency): Argentina's first goal against India came in the 3rd minute of the FIH Pro League match in Amstelveen. The second goal came in the 17th – just two minutes after the start of Q2. The third came in 34th minute – not long after the second half started, and more relevantly, just within one minute of the restart after India made it 2-2. And the fourth – and decisive – goal came within 20 seconds of pushback at the start of the fourth quarter. The first two goals were completely avoidable unforced errors from India, and the next two came as they were caught on



coach, he made it clear that his mantra is ‘defend to win’. After the last two matches – both close defeats against world No 1 Netherlands – captain Harmanpreet Singh said, ‘Our first priority is to defend.’ On both those

counts, India were found wanting as they lost 3-4 against Argentina to suffer their third straight defeat of this European leg. Unlike the two matches against Netherlands where they made the better start, India were slow to get off the blocks in the opening

exchanges on Wednesday. Argentina began with a couple of circle entries, moving the ball at speed. A move down the right flank saw Krishan Pathak deal with a cutback but Amit Rohidas, collecting the ball right next to the byline, with barely any pressure on him, attempted an aerial ball that was mishit. The ball fell to Matias Rey at the edge of the circle and the Argentina captain fired in a bullet strike high to Pathak's left. It was a goal of India's own making, yet another unforced error as we saw against the Dutch, creating pressure on themselves out of nowhere.

After Thailand high, boxer Deepak aiming for bigger bouts



CHENNAI (Agency): Indian boxers have largely been in the shadows due to the current predicament surrounding the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). In this unfavourable climate, two boxers stood out during the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament that was held recently. Deepak Poonia, who plies his trade in the 75kg category, was one of the pugilists from the country who returned with a golden gong. As compared to other marquee events, this gold might not hold much weight but it was a momentous occasion for Deepak, the No 2-ranked Indian in the said category. It was Deepak's first-ever medal at the senior international level. The youngster from Haryana had taken down three boxers en route to gold in Bangkok. "It was a great experience. It was my first medal at the senior international level. I had undergone good training and things went according to

the plans. So it was a good feeling," Deepak, who hails from Burak Village in Hissar District, recalled. Deepak, who'll turn 21 in October, has no time to dwell on the victory as he has bigger fish to fry in the months to come. Currently part of the national training camp in Patiala, the youngster is looking to add more weight in his punches. One of the many young faces in the senior team, Deepak is naturally hungry for more. With some massive events — World Championships in England and World Cup Boxing in India—scheduled to be held later this year, it is vital for youngsters like Deepak to maintain his competitive edge. For Deepak, who is part of Garhwal Unit with the Indian Army, it's all about maintaining his discipline. "I have put up notes (targets) on my wall. The things that I need to work on on a weekly basis and I try to ensure that the targets are met. It's all about discipline. I think that

is critical. I keep an eye on those notes and I feel like working," he said. His immediate focus right now is the U-22 Asian Championships which is scheduled to be held next month. "In regards to my targets inside the ring, it's a step-by-step process. My main focus is the Asian trials. It's happening next month and my training is based on that. After that, there'll be more trials and I'll move accordingly." As Deepak plans his future, his elder sisters Sonu and Poonam will be two people who'll also be keeping a close eye on his progress. Both are also part of the women's national camp in Patiala. It was because of them that Deepak, supported by Olympic Gold Quest, took up the craft. "I started after watching Sonu and Poonam. I was into basketball earlier. I had taken up the gloves to maintain my fitness and I gradually started getting more interested in it. I started to spare myself from studies and then I began liking it," he said. "We have a good bonding. They teach me a lot. Both of them are my mentors. They create a path for me and I follow it," he added. Late in 2023, he had captured a gold medal in the national boxing championship. However, he could not replicate that performance this year and could only win a silver medal instead.

European game generated 38 bln euros in 2023-24 season, study shows

New Delhi (Agency): Europe's soccer market grew by 8% in terms of revenue in the 2023-24 season to 38 billion euros (\$43.46 billion) with England's Premier League generating the most, Deloitte said in a study published on Wednesday. In its Annual Review of Football Finance, Deloitte said the top five leagues — Premier League, Bundesliga, LaLiga, Serie A and Ligue 1 — generated 20.4 billion euros in revenue, an increase of 4%. Premier League clubs had the highest revenue of Europe's top leagues at 6.3 billion pounds (\$8.50 billion). However, the traditional 'big six' clubs in England's top flight reported lower average revenue growth (3%) than other clubs that were in the The study said the growth was largely driven by expansion of clubs' commercial offerings, which also led to the teams cumulatively generating more than two billion pounds in commercial revenue for the first time. "A focus on stadia development and diversification of commercial revenues led to growth across the European football market in the 2023-24 season," Tim Bridge, lead partner in Deloitte's Sports Business Group, said.

'Dream come true' for Alexander-Arnold as he is introduced by Real Madrid



M A D R I D (Agency): Trent Alexander-Arnold was officially introduced by Real Madrid on Thursday, saying he was fulfilling his dream to play for the Spanish powerhouse. The 26-year-old England back was the latest reinforcement on defense for Madrid after a season in which the back line struggled following injuries. Madrid moved forward with signing Alexander-Arnold from Liverpool — for a reported fee of up to 10 million euros (\$11.5 million)

— to get him on June 1 instead of for free at the end of the month. That allowed Madrid to count on the defender to play for Xabi Alonso's team at the Club World Cup in the United States. Madrid opens its Club World Cup group-stage campaign against Saudi club Al-Hilal next Wednesday at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens. Alexander-Arnold was accompanied by his parents and relatives in the capital. After signing the contract alongside Real Madrid president Florentino Pérez, he was introduced with a video of his highlights and then spoke briefly, in Spanish.

"Thank you for this opportunity," he said. "To sign with a club like Real Madrid doesn't happen very often. It's a dream come true. I'm very happy and proud to be here. I'm very excited to show my game to Madrid fans but I'm aware that it's a great responsibility to play for Real Madrid. I'm ready to give my all for this team and for the fans." Madrid also this week introduced central defender Dean Huijsen. Alexander-Arnold, who will wear the No. 12 jersey, arrived on a six-year contract through June 2031. He will join fellow England international Jude Bellingham.

WTC Final Pacers Lord over batters



New Delhi (Agency): Caught first slip. Caught second slip. Caught keeper. Caught keeper. Caught first slip. Bowled. Bowled. Caught first slip. Bowled. Bowled. Caught first slip. Bowled. There was a very clear trend behind all 14 wickets to fall on Day One of the final of the World Test Championships between South Africa and Australia. After the former invited the latter to bat in overcast conditions, they either induced the outside edge or found the stumps. When it was time for the holders to bowl in the third session, they returned the favour in kind. It was just that kind of day, and surface, at Lord's. The bowlers knew there was juice to be extracted as it was nibbling both ways. The

wobble seam — an increasingly important weapon in a seamer's arsenal when bowling in these parts — again played a big role. The end result? This generation's generational red-ball operators — Mitchell Starc, Kagiso Rabada, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins — all left their footprint in the longest format's showpiece event of the last two years. The awesome foursome scalped nine wickets for just 85 runs across 36 bewitching overs. But South Africa, seeking their first men's ICC title this century, were in the mire when stumps were drawn on Wednesday. The Proteas were 43/4, trailing Australia by 169 runs. The holders may have left a few runs with the bat but their bowlers were on the money

right from the off. In England, it's all about making that adjustment to hit that same top of off mark and they made that adjustment that bit sooner. They were also more disciplined in their length as they kept the most common mode of dismissals — nicked behind to the keeper or cordon or bowled or lbw — in play throughout the third session. In the absence of freebies, bowlers were given extended runs to the same batters. Here are a few samples. Wiaan Mulder's three came off 37 deliveries. Temba Bavuma played out five overs before opening his account. The only time Australia erred in line, it came two balls before stumps when a tired Cummins went in search of two magic balls in succession. David Bedingham put both of those balls away. But the Proteas need more of those if they want to realise their dream of global glory. Two hours into Wednesday, though, they would have been excused for doing just that at lunch. There were several strange similarities to the last World Test Championship final after the first 30 overs on Wednesday.

Kerala bets big on 3x3 basketball as U-23 national championship begins today



KOCHI (Agency): Fast, fierce, and built for the streets — 3x3 basketball is all set to make a splash as Kerala hosts India's first-ever U-23 3x3 national basketball championship, beginning on Thursday at the Regional Sports Centre in Kochi. The three-day showdown will see 28 men's and 21 women's teams vying for glory in a format that promises raw energy, tighter play, and lightning-fast decisions. For Kerala, a state long known for its basketball pedigree, this is more than just another tournament. It is a push to transform basketball from a court game to a culture. "We've always had great players. But basketball hasn't broken into our streets like cricket or football," says P J Sunny, life-president of Kerala Basketball Association (KBA). "3x3 changes that. It's lean, portable, and exciting. You can play it anywhere — even outside

your home." Unlike the traditional five-a-side game, 3x3 basketball is tailored for the fast and the furious. Each team fields just three players, plus one substitute, playing on a half court with one hoop. No coaches. No tactical timeouts. Just 10 minutes of non-stop action, or until one team hits 21 points. "It's a player's game. There's no coach yelling instructions. It's all instinct and team chemistry. That's what makes it thrilling — for both players and spectators," Sunny explains. Field goals are worth just one or two points (instead of the traditional two or three), and the game uses a size-6 ball, typically used in women's games but weighted like a men's ball for speed and control. 3x3 basketball has its roots in the gritty street courts of 1980s America — born not in academics but in neighbourhoods, parks, and high school gyms.

‘They will miss the aura of Virat Kohli’: Ollie Pope ahead of India vs England Test series

New Delhi (Agency): England vice captain Ollie Pope on Wednesday said that even though the Indian Test team led by Shubman Gill has plenty of depth and talent, they will be missing the aura of Virat Kohli during the 5-match Test series, scheduled to start at Leeds from June 20. "It's a young team, but these Indian players they have got so much depth and talent. So they've got a lot of young guys coming through; a lot of good players. Shubman Gill, their new captain, is a fantastic player. They will miss the aura of Virat Kohli standing at slips and chirping away. But they have got some good talent, so they will feel confident. But our players are ready for it," Pope told talkSPORT Cricket. India are coming into the England series with an almost new look side with stalwarts like Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Ravichandran Ashwin hanging up their boots from the longest format in the last 6 months. They will also be missing the talent of Mohammed Shami as well due to the pacer lacking match fitness while Jasprit Bumrah is expected to be available for 3 matches out of the 5 Tests. India have not won a Test series in England since 2007, having lost in 2011, 2014 and 2018, while the 2021-22 series ended in a draw. Pope emphasised the importance of



the upcoming India series for England, calling it vital preparation in the lead-up to the Ashes later this year. "It's a great time for us to play India. Last summer, we had the West Indies and Sri Lanka, but with India coming over, the level of quality that they will bring is a great way for us to focus on that and not look too far ahead. "So yeah, for us, it's the perfect time to play India, and then once the Ashes come around, it will be exciting."

Ravi Shastri on Virat Kohli's Test retirement: 'If I had anything to do with it, I would have made him captain after Australia'

New Delhi (Agency): Former India head coach Ravi Shastri has said that if he had anything to do with the decision-making process, he would have handed over the Test captaincy to Virat Kohli immediately after the Australia series ended earlier this year. The captaincy of the Indian men's test team has been a talking point recently after the retirement of Rohit Sharma in the middle of the Indian Premier League season, after it emerged that the selectors were looking to move on from the veteran opening batter for the five-match series coming up in England. Rohit had earlier stood down from the role ahead of the final Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia, citing his own poor form. Then Kohli too announced his retirement from the red-ball format. The BCCI then handed over the reins of the Test team to Shubman Gill. Ravi Shastri, who had multiple stints in India's dressing room but most crucially as the head coach



from 2017-2021 when Kohli was the captain, said that that his retirement could have been handled better. "It's when you go then, that's when people will realize how big a player he was. I feel sad that he is gone and the way he is gone," Shastri is quoted as saying by Sony Sports in a promo video for a docu-series released on Wednesday. "I think it could have been handled better. There should have been more communication. If I had anything to do with it, I would have made him captain straightaway after Australia," the former India captain added.

Jack Grealish left out of Manchester City's Club World Cup squad

New Delhi (Agency): In what could be a move that foreshadows Jack Grealish's future at Manchester City, the club left out their 100 million pounds signing from the upcoming Club World Cup squad. City manager Pep Guardiola named a 27-member strong contingent with Grealish's name a notable omission. The England forward was a British record signing when he moved to City from Aston Villa in 2021 and went on to help the club win three Premier League titles, the Champions League and a host of other trophies. But he has become an increasingly peripheral figure and made only seven league starts last season. City's squad includes four new players signed in time to take part in the month-long tournament in the United States: Rayan Cherki, Tijjani Reijnders, Rayan Ait-Nouri and Marcus Bettinelli. In January, City also spent big to sign Omar Marmoush, Abdulkodir Khusanov and Vitor Reis as Guardiola began his overhaul of a squad that saw its dominance of English football broken by Liverpool last season. Back in January, Guardiola had said that Savinho was starting in place of Grealish because the Brazilian was in better shape than the England player. He also said Grealish has to fight for his place in the starting XI. "Savinho is in better shape and everything than Jack, and that's why I played Savinho. Do I want the Jack that won the treble? Yeah, I want it, but I try to be honest with myself for that. They have to fight. You can say it's unfair," Guardiola said. "If you think that, then it's fine, but you have to prove (to me), 'Okay, I'm going to fight with Savinho, to deserve to play in that position', every single day, every single week and every single month," the Spaniard added. But things didn't get any better for Grealish in the remaining few months of the season as he remained out of favour and City finished trophy-less for the first time in many years. City's first match at the 32-team CWC tournament is against Wydad Casablanca next Wednesday in Philadelphia. The other teams in the group are Juventus and Abu Dhabi's Al Ain.

BRIEF NEWS

Dancer Sonal Mansingh awarded Sankardev Award

Delhi (Agency): Renowned classical dancer Sonal Mansingh has been awarded the Srimanta Sankardev Award. The award was started by the Assam government in 1986. Assam Governor Laxman Prasad Acharya presented this award. President Draupadi Murmu congratulated Mansingh for the award and called him an inspiration for the people.

New date of Axiom-4 mission not announced

Delhi (Agency): NASA has not yet announced the new date of the Axiom-4 mission carrying Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla and three other astronauts to the International Space Station. The mission was postponed for the fourth time on June 11 due to oxygen leak. In this regard, Axiom Space and NASA said in a joint statement that a new date for the mission will be announced. NASA said on Thursday that it wants to monitor the cabin pressure before sending new passengers. Officials stressed that the seven astronauts currently present in the space station are completely safe and there is no impact on the ongoing mission there.

EPFO settles nearly 50 percent of claims in three days

Delhi (Agency): Retirement fund body EPFO has settled nearly 50 percent of claims within three days of claiming so far in the current financial year. Referring to data till June 5, an official said that the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has settled a total of 68.96 lakh claims within three days between April 1, 2025 and June 5, 2025. He said that the proportion of claims settled in this way was about 39 percent i.e. 2.34 crore in the financial year 2024-25. The official said that the proportion of claims settled within three days is expected to increase rapidly as the EPFO will soon increase the limit of automatic claim settlement from the current Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh.

Raids in two states to unearth BKi network

Delhi (Agency): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted searches at several locations linked to the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terror outfit in Punjab and Haryana. The NIA said that a total of 15 places were raided in Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Pathankot, Kapurthala, Rupnagar and Sirsa in Haryana in connection with the January 2025 grenade attack on a police post in Amritsar district of Punjab. Several incriminating materials including mobiles, digital devices and documents were seized during the searches. Investigation is underway for further clues about the terror syndicate of BKI. The investigating agency said that BKI is involved in criminal conspiracy to recruit and train associates in India. Also provides funds, arms and explosives to the regional cadres of the terror outfit through its associates located in other countries including Pakistan.

What happened on the day of Raja Raghuvanshi's murder, who attacked first; the entire timeline is revealed

Bhopal (Agency): After marriage on 11 May, a couple from Indore reached Meghalaya with the intention that this is their first trip together. But both of the couples who dreamed of making this trip memorable had different intentions. One was Raja Raghuvanshi who wanted to remember the time spent with his wife Sonam in Meghalaya for the rest of his life, on the other hand there was Sonam who wanted to remove Raja from her path for her lover Raj Kushwaha. In such a situation, both have reached Meghalaya and today is 23 May. Raja was murdered in Meghalaya on 23 May. What did those

accused do with Raja and Sonam on the day of the murder? The entire timeline is revealed. Raja Raghuvanshi and Sonam Raghuvanshi stayed at Shipara Guest House after reaching Meghalaya. On the morning of 23 May at 5:30, both left Shipara Guest House and headed towards Cherrapunji. Shortly after this, at around 6 pm, Sonam messaged Vishal Chauhan. Vishal and the other accused were also staying in a homestay in the same area. After receiving the message, the three accused left for the same place where Sonam and Raja were going. Around 9:30 am, the three

killers met Sonam and Raja and became friends with them. Around 10 am, a local guide Albert PD saw the five of them together at a place. After this, at around 12:30 pm, Sonam called her mother-in-law Uma Raghuvanshi. Sonam spoke to her mother-in-law on the phone and told her that Raja's phone was discharged. Raja also spoke to his mother. At 1 pm, the five reached the parking lot of Wei Sawdong waterfall. Around 1:30 pm, Sonam lied that she was very tired and her speed had slowed down during the climb, but Raja kept moving forward with Vishal and Akash. Amidst all

this, Kurmi was monitoring from behind. The three were



moving ahead together when Vishal attacked Raja on the back of his head and as soon as Raja turned back, Vishal

attacked him on his forehead with a sharp weapon.

thrown into a ditch in Riyat Arliang. After throwing Raja's body into a deep ditch, Sonam left on a scooter alone and the other three went to the other side with another scooter. Around 3.30 pm, the three met again. Sonam transferred Rs 15,000 to one of them through UPI. Police told about this person that this money was transferred through an account named Jitendra Raghuvanshi. Sonam's brother Govind has told the police that Jitendra is his cousin. Sonam went to Shillong on the day of the murder and the killers stayed there. After killing Raja, Sonam

returned to Indore on 25 May by Kamakhya Express. On May 30, the three accused returned to Indore via Bihar. On June 1, Raja's body was recovered from a deep ditch by the Meghalaya police. After this, on June 8, the police arrested Sonam's lover Raj Kushwaha and his cousin Arvind from Indore. Rajput was arrested from Lalitpur in Uttar Pradesh. On June 9, Sonam surrendered before the Nauganj police in Ghazipur and on the same day Kurmi was arrested from Bina in Madhya Pradesh. In this way, the truth of the Raja Raghuvanshi murder case kept coming out layer by layer.

Showers of rain amid the heat, IMD gave good news in Madhya Pradesh

Bhopal (Agency): These days the mood of the weather in Madhya Pradesh has changed. The scorching heat has troubled people in many areas. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department has given a good news. According to the latest forecast of IMD, there is a possibility of rain in many districts of Madhya Pradesh today. Relief from heat is expected after the rain. The temperature will also come down in two-three days. Apart from this, an update has also come regarding monsoon. Light to moderate rain is expected at different places in the eastern and central parts of Madhya Pradesh. Lightning with thunder and lightning and strong winds at a speed of 30-50 km per hour can also blow. In the next few days (14-15 June), the scope of rain will

increase and heavy rain (64.5-115.5 mm) is expected in some areas of eastern and



western Madhya Pradesh. The heat is still showing its attitude in Madhya Pradesh. The maximum temperature will be between 39-43 degree Celsius in many areas, especially much above normal in western Madhya

Pradesh. Heat wave conditions will persist in some places today and the

effect of severe heat wave can also be seen in some places till June 13. But the good news is that the temperature may drop by 2-4 degree Celsius after the next three days. The pace of monsoon is now increasing.

According to the Meteorological Department, the northern boundary of the southwest monsoon is currently passing through Mumbai, Adilabad and Bhawanipatna. Monsoon is likely to gain more strength in Madhya Pradesh around June 14.

Although the full force of monsoon will not be seen in the state right now, light rain in some areas is ready to give relief from the heat. Several weather systems are active in shaping the weather of Madhya Pradesh. A cyclonic circulation over central Madhya Pradesh and a trough line extending from northwest Rajasthan to the Bay of Bengal are promoting rain and strong winds. There will be further change in the weather due to further activation of these systems from 14-15 June.

Laxman Rekha Crossed; Why Congress 'Get Out' Digvijay Singh's Brother

Bhopal (Agency): Congress veteran Digvijay Singh's real brother and former MLA Laxman Singh has been shown the way out of the party. Singh has been expelled by the party for six years for crossing the 'Laxman Rekha'. The senior leader had been adopting a rebellious stance for some time and did not refrain from targeting even Rahul Gandhi. The brother of staunch Congress leader Digvijay Singh has also joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for some time. The 70-year-old leader was once again making statements that made the party uncomfortable. He was attacking the party since he lost the Chachauda assembly seat in the 2023 assembly elections. Laxman Singh had criticized the Gandhi family's non-participation in the Ram Mandir Prana Pratishtha to the party's stand on the Pahalgam terror attack. Till the time of writing the news, Laxman Singh had not reacted to his expulsion. Earlier, Laxman Singh was given a show



cause notice when he commented on Rahul Gandhi and his brother-in-law Robert Vadra in the context of the Pahalgam terror attack. He had said, 'Gandhi and Vadra are immature. The country is suffering due to their immaturity.' He even said that Rahul Gandhi should think before saying anything. Even in December 2023, Laxman Singh had said that Rahul Gandhi is just a party worker and MP. Apart from this he is nothing. Rahul Gandhi should not be given much importance.

What special advice did PM Modi give to Delhi leaders in a closed room, CM Rekha Gupta was also present

Delhi (Agency): Prime Minister Modi had called Delhi MLAs and MPs, including CM Rekha Gupta, for a high-level meeting at his residence on Wednesday. During the meeting, the PM also gave special advice to everyone. Let us tell you that this meeting held at Lok Kalyan Marg was the first such meeting called after the BJP's spectacular victory in the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections. The meeting, which lasted more than three

hours, focused on strategies to improve the living standards of Delhi residents. This meeting of PM Modi with Delhi leaders revolved around urban infrastructure, pollution control, public transport, cleanliness and implementation of the 'Clean Delhi, Green Delhi' initiative. Prime Minister Modi emphasized the importance of coordinated governance between the Center and the Delhi government, calling for a "triple-engine" model of the



Center, state and local bodies to work together. This

meeting has also taken place at a time when the Modi

government has completed its 11 years. Sharing pictures of the meeting on X, Modi wrote that he interacted with Delhi BJP MPs, MLAs and other leaders. We had an extensive discussion on ways to improve the quality of life for the people of Delhi." The meeting was also attended by BJP national general secretary (organisation) BL Santosh and Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva. Sources said Prime Minister

Modi encouraged the MLAs to increase grassroots engagement and ensure that government schemes reach every household. He also urged them to focus on sustainable development, reducing traffic congestion and water management, which are key issues affecting the capital. Deputy Speaker of Delhi Assembly, Mohan Singh Bisht described the meeting as both symbolic and strategic. BJP MP Yogendra Chandolia highlighted that the Prime

Minister's vision has played a key role in the party's recent electoral success, with Delhi voters supporting the "Modi model" in both the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. The meeting concluded with a new resolve to provide transparent, efficient and people-centric governance in the capital.

Ahmedabad plane crash is not just an accident...; What else did AAP MP Sanjay Singh say?



Delhi (Agency): A horrific plane crash took place in Gujarat's capital Ahmedabad on Thursday. The plane had taken off for London, in which a total of 242 passengers including the pilot and crew members were on board. But shortly after the plane took off, it crashed in the BJ Medical College campus. In this horrific accident, news has come out that the passengers were badly burnt and died. Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh has expressed grief over this accident, he said that the Ahmedabad plane crash is not just an accident... MP Sanjay Singh has written a sad message on X, he has termed this accident as an

entire world was destroyed. We stand with full sympathy and solidarity with the bereaved families in this unbearable hour. May God grant eternal peace to the departed souls and give the bereaved families strength to bear this immense loss. Let us tell you that Ahmedabad Police has expressed sad apprehension about this accident and said that it is difficult for any of the passengers to survive. There were 169 Indians, 53 British, 1 Canadian and 7 Portuguese citizens on board the crashed plane. This plane fell on top of the medical college hostel, due to which there is news of the death of medical interns and doctors.

Big update on 50-year-old DDA colonies, will be rebuilt; final decision pending

Delhi (Agency): Delhi's DDA residential colonies older than 50 years will be rebuilt. The government-industry task force constituted by Delhi Governor VK Saxena has sent the recommendation. If these recommendations are accepted, hundreds of colonies of Delhi will be rebuilt. For this, now Delhi's Rekha Gupta government has to take the final decision. If the proposal of the task force constituted by the LG is accepted, then these colonies will be rebuilt after conducting a security check. There are about 30 such 50-year-old colonies of DDA, which are 50 years old and need to be rebuilt. The task force constituted by the LG said that all these colonies were built in 1957. All these colonies are spread across the capital. The task force constituted by the LG of Delhi has presented a report titled 'How to Revive Delhi'. This report recommends that the circle rate of commercial and industrial properties in Delhi should be reduced, as



the circle rate here is much higher than the neighboring cities of Noida and Gurugram. The task force said that the circle rate of Delhi is even higher than Mumbai in some places. In this chapter, the task force has also recommended industrial activity in Delhi and developing slums on the PPP model. According to the information available on the DDA website, DDA started building its residential colonies in 1967. Earlier, some residential colonies, land and government buildings were under the Delhi Administration. After this, in 1969, 27 colonies

were transferred to DDA. In 1981, 99 more societies were transferred to DDA except one society. Today, DDA colonies that are more than 50 years old exist in Safdarjung, Masjid Moth, Saket, East of Kailash, Friends Colony, Munirka, Kalkaji, Madangir, Sunlight Colony, Katwaria Sarai, Pitampura, Rajouri Garden, Shalimar Bagh, Narayana, Wazirpur, Lawrence Road, Paschim Puri (in Paschim Vihar), Janakpuri, Shankar Road, Vivek Vihar, Deshpur, Najafgarh Road, Prasad Nagar, Vikas Puri, Govind Puri, Sheikh Sarai, Rohtak Road and Yamuna Puri.

General Information

It is informed to the general public that I am Pravendra Kumar, resident of Ward No. 15 Chor Gali Bhind (MP). My daughter Akshita's name has been erroneously written as Prabha in the Aadhaar card. Her Aadhaar card number is 32xx-xxxxxx-xx06. I want to correct her name and make it Akshita. My daughter's birth certificate, Ladli Laxmi Yojana and family register etc. documents have Akshita, which is correct and true. After the date of publication of the press release 31/05/2025, my daughter will be known only by the name Akshita. An affidavit is presented for this. The information given in the affidavit is completely true and correct.

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