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ROY GUILTY IN RG KAR MURDER CASE In another first, poll freebie for Delhi tenants



Police personnel keep vigil as Sanjay Roy, accused in the alleged rape and murder of an on-duty doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital, is brought to the Sealdah court in police vehicle on the day of the verdict, in Kolkata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Kolkata Sessions Court on Saturday held prime accused Sanjoy Roy guilty in the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder case. The quantum of punishment

be pronounced on Monday, District and Sessions Judge of Sealdah Court Anirban Das told Roy in a 12minute hearing, adding that he had been held guilty in the case and could be condemned to death or imprisonment for life. Roy was convicted of rape under Section 64 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and murder under Sections 66 and 103(1).

The body of the victim, a 31year-old postgraduate lady doctor working in the Chest Medicine Department of the RGKMCH who was brutally raped and murdered, was discovered inside the seminar room of the said hospital in the wee hours of August 9 last year, triggering nationwide

Subsequently, on the basis of

the CCTV footage, the Kolkata Police on August 10 arrested Sanjay Roy, a civic volunteer with the police. He was seen entering the seminar hall and coming out of it after about half an hour.

The judgment was delivered days after the trial commenced in-camera on November 12, during which 50 witnesses were examined. The hearing in the case concluded on January 9.

'When the Court held Sanjoy Roy guilty of the crime of rape and murder, he continued to call himself innocent and a victim of conspiracy. The honorable Sessions Judge told him that he had been found guilty of the crime which invite punishment like death or life imprisonment... the quantum of punishment shall be given on Monday when the Judge will also hear out the convict, the advocate of the victim's family said, adding that justice will not be fully complete until other people who might have been involved in the case were

"Though the copy of the judgment is likely to be uploaded on Monday," the Court did not seem fully satisfied with the investigation as "it often raised the issues of lacuna and loopholes in the process of

investigation... we will have to

see whether these things find

place in the judgment or not," the advocate said. The parents of the victim also held the same opinion, whv wondering administration would not go after the masterminds of the crime. "We have 20 questions that are yet unanswered. Let the agencies, be it the CBI or

the state police answer them,"

said the mother of the victim,

welcoming the

partially

judgment. The mother of an only child, she said, "Sanjay's guilt was proved through biological evidence. He is only one person but not the only person who has killed my daughter. The entire medical fraternity, the entire hospital says so, the truth is known to every brick, every wall of the

real accused are being discussed but why it was not taken up judicially is not known to us. There are others who haven't been arrested vet. So, justice hasn't been fully delivered. We are people of humble background and have nothing to lose so we will continue our fight for justice till the last day of our life." The father of the victim, who

had on Friday held the Mamata Banerjee guilty government brushing the case under the carpet again, said, "I have many questions. Minister Mamata Banerjee herself kept awake the whole night and supervised the investigation. Where was a need for her to do so?

The investigation was nothing but an act of erasing evidence. police destroyed evidence, which finally led to the other culprits either not getting arrested or two others getting bail. The entire medical fraternity knows that this rape and murder is not the work of only one person." Dr Utpal, a senior doctor who had been in the forefront of the movement, wondered the investigating agencies had preferred to ignore forensic reports. What about the four DNA imprints that were found on the person of the victim. What about the forensic experts' comment that the murder might not have taken place at the place where the body of the victim was found. Why did the agencies not take into account the telephonic conversations that had taken place between the top police officers and some top political persons of the **RAJESH KUMAR** ■ NEW DELHI

A few days after casting aspersions on the residents of Bihar and eastern UP by claiming that the BJP has faked voter lists in the names of Poorvanchalis, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday attempted to assuage the mollification directed at the one-third chunk of electors in Delhi. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national

convener Arvind Kejriwal promised a freebie guarantee for tenants, allowing them free electricity and water if reelected to power, stating that the move would benefit the Poorvanchali brethren. We will ensure that after the elections. tenants, many of whom belong to the Purvanchal region, will also enjoy the benefits of free electricity and water," the former Delhi CM said.

Addressing a press conference, Kejriwal stated that tenants have been unable to access the free electricity and water scheme for several reasons. He emphasized that tenants are also part of Delhi's population, and the AAP will extend these benefits to them. The announcement comes as the Aam Aadmi Party ramps up its campaign for the Delhi assembly elections slated for February 5.

Wherever I go, I meet people living on rent who say they benefit from good schools and hospitals but are deprived of free electricity and water schemes. Across Delhi, we have provided free electricity and water to residents. However, it is unfortunate that tenants do not get these benefits. Today, I want to announce that after the elections, if our government is formed, we will

introduce a system ensuring tenants also receive free electricity and water," Kejriwal The ruling AAP has proposed freebies including the Mahila

Samman Yojna, Sanjeevani

Yojna, free metro, free scholarships to Dalit students, salaries for pujaris and granthis, free metro rides for students, waivers in water bills, and funds for residents' welfare associations to recruit security guards



adding to its existing schemes and programs such as revamped government schools, mohalla clinics, and free electricity that the AAP government offers to citizens in Delhi. In competition, the BJP, in its manifesto

released on January 17, announced several aids, keeping women at the center of its poll pitch. The manifesto emphasizes women and promises Rs 2,500 monthly aid under the 'Mahila Samridhi Yojana.' The BJP, in its manifesto, also announced Rs 21,000 and six nutrition

kits for every pregnant woman under the 'Chief Minister Matritva Suraksha Yojana.' The party has also promised LPG cylinders at Rs 500 for the poor, with one free cylinder on Holi and

Kejriwal car convoy attack; AAP, BJP exchange blows



RAJESH KUMAR NEW DELHI

With campaigning for the Delhi Assembly elections heating up, claims and counterclaims erupted between AAP and BJP as the former alleged that AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal's car was

pelted with stones in New Delhi constituency on Saturday. However, BJP leader and New Delhi candidate Parvesh Verma refuted AAP's allegations, saying the AAP chief's car hit three youths who had been protesting against him. Verma claimed it was Kejriwal who asked the driver of the car to crush them.

"Fearing defeat, BJP panicked, got its

goons to attack Arvind Kejriwal," the AAP, which has been ruling Delhi since 2013, posted on X within minutes of the attack on its leader.

The AAP convener also said the Delhi Police on Saturday stopped the screening of the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) documentary Unbreakable on January 18, citing non-compliance with election guidelines. AAP convener and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of using the Delhi Police to stop the screening. However, the Delhi Police denied these allegations. The Delhi Police said that "no permission" was taken for the screening of the documentary. The police emphasized that political parties must apply for permission for such events through a single-window system at the District Election Officer's (DEO) office. It further added that such permission could not be granted or rejected by the police at this time.

The documentary Unbreakable, which AAP's journey during explores Kejriwal's leadership and the party's activities during and after his imprisonment, was scheduled to be screened at Pyarelal Bhawan, ITO, at

Butcher of Delhi arrested

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Crime Branch has apprehended Chanderkant Jha, a "serial killer" who had terrorised the national capital between 2006 and 2007 and evaded arrest for more than a year, an official said on Saturday.

His case received a significant media attention and subject of an OTT platform documentary "Indian documentary Predator: The Butcher of Delhi". "Jha was on the run after jumping parole in October 2023. The 57-yearold was arrested from Old Delhi Railway Station on Friday following an intensive

Additional

operation,"

Sain said. Jha, who had been serving a life sentence for three murders, carried a bounty of Rs 50,000 for his capture, he said. The officer further said the Crime Branch formed a team which included senior police officers to locate Jha.

Commissioner of Police

(crime branch) Sanjay Kumar

Over six months, the team traced Jha's network of family, friends, and associates. They conducted reconnaissance at his previous crime spots and interrogated individuals in fruit and vegetable mandis across Delhi-NCR, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, where Jha had once worked," said the Additional CP.

Analysing voluminous call data records, the team identified a suspicious mobile



number that ultimately led them to Jha's location. Acting on a lead, the team arrested Jha on January 17 as he attempted to flee to Bihar from Old Delhi Railway Station, he said.

Police said a history of gruesome crimes between 2006 and 2007, Jha's modus operandi left Delhi shaken. Originally from Bihar, Jha resided near Azadpur Mandi in Delhi and befriended young men, often migrants, by helping them find jobs and offering them meals. However, minor disagreements or perceived infractions would trigger his homicidal

"Jha would tie his victims hands, claiming he would punish them, and then strangle them with a locally made nunchaku. He would dismember the bodies meticulously, ensuring inappropriate, his remains minimal blood splatter. The left near Tihar's Gate No 3.

remains were then packed in plastic bags and transported using his modified cyclerickshaw before being dumped at pre-determined locations, often near Tihar Jail," Sain added.

He said adding to the horror, Jha would leave handwritten notes with the dismembered bodies, taunting the police catch him.

Jha's first recorded murder dates back to 1998 when he Mangal killed Aurangzeb in Adarsh Nagar, Delhi, dismembering the body and scattering its parts. Arrested in 1998, he was released in 2002. After his release, he resumed killing,

police said. In June 2003, Jha murdered his associate Shekhar in Haiderpur for being a drunkard and liar, disposing of the body in Alipur. In November 2003, Umesh, a migrant from Bihar, was killed for alleged betrayal, and his body was dumped near Tihar Jail.In November 2005, Jha killed Guddu for his habits, including smoking marijuana and disposed of his body in Mangolpuri,

police said. In October 2006, Amit, accused of womanizing, met a similar fate, with his body left outside Tihar Jail. In another case Upender was murdered in April 2007 for a deemed love affair



Israeli soldiers work in staging area on the Israel-Gaza border after returning from

Israel-Hamas ceasefire to go into effect on Sunday

PTI ■ CAIRO

The ceasefire between Hamas and Israel will go into effect in less than 24 Qatar's foreign ministry said on Saturday. In a post on X, foreign minister Majid al-Ansari said the ceasefire will start at 8:30 am local time (6:30 GMT) on Sunday, and advised people to exercise caution and wait for directions from officials. Early Saturday morning

Israel's Cabinet approved the deal for a ceasefire in Gaza that would release dozens of hostages and pause the 15month war with Hamas, bringing the sides a step closer to ending their deadliest and most destructive fighting ever. Despite the ceasefire news, sirens sounded across

with the army saying it intercepted projectiles launched from Yemen. intercepted The Iran-backed Houthis have stepped up their missile attacks in recent weeks. The group says the attacks are part of its aimed campaign

pressuring Israel and the West over the war in Gaza. There were also continued Israeli strikes into Gaza. The Palestinian health ministry said at least 23 people were killed the previous day. Under the first phase of the ceasefire, 33 hostages are set

to be released over the next

six weeks, in exchange for

imprisoned by Israel. The remainder, including male soldiers, are to be released in a second phase that will be negotiated central Israel on Saturday, during the first.

Saif attack suspect arrested in Chhattisgarh TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel detained a 31-year-old suspect in the Saif Áli Khan attack case at the distant Durg railway station in Chhattisgarh on Saturday afternoon, offering a ray of hope to the Mumbai police. who had been searching for assailant.

Acting on a lead provided by the Mumbai police, RPF officials detained the suspect, identified as Aakash Kailash Kanojia, from the Mumbai-Howrah Jnaneswari Express when the train arrived at Durg railway station at 2 pm. 'We identified the suspect based on a photograph, train number, and location details sent to us by the Mumbai police. He was sitting in a general compartment. A Mumbai Police team will soon arrive here to take him into custody," a senior RPF official said at Durg railway station.

Enquiries by the RPF revealed that the suspect was travelling without a ticket. When questioned, he initially stated that he was going to Nagpur but later corrected himself, saying he was on his way to Bilaspur. the

hundreds of Palestinians During questioning, the suspect claimed that he stayed in Byculla, south Mumbai. The RPF officials arranged for him to speak to the Mumbai police via video call. A



Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan and suspected attacke

Mumbai police team is expected to take custody of the detained suspect late on Saturday and bring him to Mumbai for further investigation.

However, there was no formal statement from the Mumbai police regarding the suspect detained by the RPF at Durg railway station.

Earlier, fresh CCTV footage aired by some television channels showed the assailant at Dadar in north-central Mumbai at 9 am on Thursday, buying a pair of headphones before heading to the railway station.

So far, five CCTV clips have surfaced, including two purportedly from the staircase of the actor's building "Satguru Sharan," showing him going up and then coming down, one at Bandra station with a change of shirt, and two more from Dadar.

Saif had sustained six stab

wounds, including one to his spine, while grappling with an intruder who had broken into his 12th-floor apartment in the posh Satguru Sharan" building, located at the junction of 29th and 24th Roads in Bandra (W) in north-west Mumbai. The knife attack on the actor took place between 2 am and 2:30 am on Thursday, following a failed burglary attempt by the yetto-be-identified intruder. After being admitted to Lilavati Hospital, the actor underwent surgery to remove a knife lodged in his spine and to plug a spinal fluid leak. "The actor was brought to our hospital with six injuries, two of which were deep. We performed surgery near his spine and removed a 2.5-inch piece of

knife from the spine," said

Dr. Niraj Uttamani, Chief

Operating Officer of Lilavati

Hospital, on Thursday.

Thanks to Maha Kumbh, Uttar Pradesh's 75 districts unite to reap economic

BISWAJEET BANERJEE MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

The Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj is not just a religious event; it has transformed into a massive economic engine driving growth across Uttar Pradesh. With preparations in full swing to welcome over 400 million pilgrims, the event has become a source of livelihood and opportunity for artisans, traders, and entrepreneurs from all 75 districts of the state. Over its 45day duration, this mega-event is expected to generate economic activity on a scale that rivals the GDP of some countries, with small-scale artisans and microenterprises alone securing orders

worth Rs 10,000 crore. "This is not just an event for the

faithful; it's an economic festival," said Mahendra Goyal, Uttar Pradesh head of the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT). "The state government's Rs 7,500 crore investment will generate at least ?25,000 crore in revenue and facilitate business worth Rs 2 lakh crore. It is a win-win for faith and the economy."

The demand for basic necessities such as groceries, edible oils, vegetables, dairy products, bedding, and hospitality services has surged. Entrepreneurs from districts like Kanpur, Varanasi, and Gautam Buddh Nagar are leading the charge, with key sectors like groceries expected to generate Rs 4,000 crore and dairy products contributing Rs 4,200 crore. Speaking about the influx of opportunities, Ravi Tiwari, a

vegetable supplier from Kanpur, shared, "The orders I have received for the Maha Kumbh are more than what I usually supply in six months. This event is a gamechanger for small businesses like mine. Employment opportunities have

also multiplied across various sectors. Neeraj Singhal, National President of the Indian Industries Association, remarked, demand for services such as hotels, restaurants, food stalls, air travel, railways, and road transportation has increased by nearly 80 times. Construction, security, sanitation, healthcare services are employing over 10,000 workers and unskilled laborers, with many of them coming from districts like Kushinagar, Maharajganj."



products. The Small

Artisans and manufacturers have Association reported a significant seen unprecedented demand for rise in sales of food, worship materials, clothing, and souvenirs. Industries and Manufacturers Entrepreneurs from regions such as

have directly benefitted. Rajeev Mishra, an artisan from Mirzapur, said, "This is the busiest we have been in years. Orders for clay ware and handicrafts have poured in, and we are working round the clock to meet the demand." The infrastructure developed for

Unnao, Ghaziabad, and Mirzapur

the event has also brought economic benefits to districts like Meerut, Hapur, and Lucknow, where workers have been employed to build roads, ensure sanitation, and maintain utilities. Tourism, transport, and the sale of worship materials have further benefitted regions such as Mathura and Hardoi. Vinod Pandey, a hotel owner in Varanasi, noted, "We have been booked

only. After taking a dip at Sangam they are coming to Varanasi. This huge footfall has not only boosted my business but also created jobs for locals. Additionally, major brands have

tapped into the opportunities presented by the Maha Kumbh. A total of 82 Uttar Pradesh-based brands and 178 national brands have created 9,000 temporary jobs for youth. The tent city set up for the event alone has generated over 2.000 permanent positions.

The Maha Kumbh 2025 has proven to be a unifying force, not just spiritually but economically, with its impact felt in every corner of the state. As Ashok Kumar, a shopkeeper from Prayagraj, aptly said, "The Kumbh doesn't just solid for months. The influx of bring pilgrims; it brings pilgrims is not limited to Prayagraj prosperity."

Weather update: Gumla records lowest temperature at 5.7°C

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

Y umla was the coldest place in Jharkhand today, with the minimum temperature plummeting to a chilly 5.7 degrees Celsius, according to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The cold wave conditions were felt across several districts, with temperatures dipping significantly below normal in many

Chatra recorded a minimum temperature of 6.9 Celsius, while Simdega saw the mercury settle at 8.4 degrees. Garhwa also experienced morning with 8.1 degrees Celsius, closely followed by Khunti at 7.9 degrees Celsius. Lohardaga registered a low of 9.2 degrees Celsius, and Hazaribagh recorded a slightly higher minimum temperature at 10.6 degrees

Despite the chill in several Jamshedpur, Bokaro, Dhanbad, and the state capital Ranchi woke up respite to residents.

sunday pioneer

IMD's Meteorological Centre forecasted no significant changes in the minimum temperature over the next 72 hours. "Fair and moderate weather is likely to prevail in most places across Jharkhand for the next two to three days," a senior meteorologist said.

Satellite imagery indicated the presence of a Western Disturbance as a cyclonic circulation over northwest Uttar Pradesh and its neighboring areas, hovering at 3.1 km above mean sea level. While this disturbance is unlikely to bring any drastic changes to Jharkhand's weather, it underscores the ongoing winter patterns in the region.

The cold wave has prompted residents in the affected areas to bundle up and prepare for chilly nights. Authorities have advised people, particularly in rural regions, to take precautions to stay warm as the winter



School girls wearing warm uniform on a cold winter morning in Ranchi on Saturday. Pix by Vinay Murmu

Pediatric Intensive Care Unit comes up in MMCH



City commissioner Md Javed Hussain (first right) inspecting the children ward with the medical superintendent Dr Dharmendra Kumar (first left) on January 17 in the MMCH Daltonganj. PNS

PNS: DALTONGANJ

Child health care gets a booster in the MMCH Daltonganj. It is now equipped with Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and the SNCU. Both the wards are in the hands of the experienced doctors and

A 30 bed children ward has been set up on the third MMCH Daltonganj. The children ward has come at such a time when there is an HMPV scare. Children are more vul-

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

Central

(CGPC), under the leadership

of Sardar Bhagwan Singh,

has successfully fulfilled its

promise of providing quality

education and healthcare to

the community, marking two

golden years of service. On

Saturday, CGPC inaugurated

the Guru Ramdas Bhalaai

Kendra and Sikh Wisdom

Academy, both dedicated to

the service of the Sangat, at a

grand event attended by dig-

nitaries and members of the

Sardar Gurpreet Singh,

Director of the world-

renowned Manukhta Di Seva

Society, who praised the CGPC's efforts. "Education

and health are fundamental

human needs, and CGPC has

set a benchmark in fulfilling

its social responsibilities.

This initiative is a testament

to their commitment to com-

munity welfare," said Gurpreet Singh. He empha-

sized the importance of

extending similar initiatives

to other states and expressed

hope for further collabora-

Sardar Bhagwan Singh, the current head of CGPC,

shared his reflections on the

ments over the past two

years. "Our commitment to

development and national

unity has driven every initia-

tive. From establishing the

Coaching to launching Guru

Ramdas Bhalaai Kendra, we

have taken historic steps to empower our community," he

Wisdom Academy

The Sikh Wisdom

accomplish-

committee's

The event was graced by

Sikh community.

Parbandhak

Gurdwara

Committee

WHO note of caution and

The children ward was inaugurated by city commissioner Md Jawed Hussain in presence of the medical superintendent Dharmendra Kumar, head of the paediatric department Vinita Nancy Khalkho, child specialist Dr Gaurav Vishal and others on January 17

The children ward has 10 beds for the paediatric inten-

sive care unit called PICU. It's for children one year and above till 17 years afflict-

ed with critical life threaten-

Guru Ramdas Bhalaai Kendra and

Sikh Wisdom Academy inaugurated

Academy offers free coaching

to children, building an edu-

cated and empowered socie-

ty. Meanwhile, the Guru

Ramdas Bhalaai Kendra pro-

vides free healthcare servic-

es, ensuring accessible treat-ment for all. Doctors, includ-

ing Dr. Amarjit Singh Datwal,

Dr. Harpreet Singh, and Dr.

Rajdeep Kaur, among others,

will serve patients seven days

Development and Social

Welfare. CGPC has made

remarkable strides, includ-

ing: Organizing religious and

sports programs. Conducting

check-up camps.Facilitating

Aadhaar, PAN card, and old-

Kirtan Teaching Center,

where students learn raga-

measures, such as increasing

honorariums for Granthis

and Sevadars and streamlin-

ing rules for Gurdwara visits

and Anand Karaj cere-

Singh and other committee

members expressed grati-tude to the Sangat for their

General Secretary Amarjit

The committee has also

significant

- Establishing the Gurbani

age pension camps.

based kirtan.

implemented

monies.

donation and eye

Milestones

the paediatric department Vinita Nancy Khalkho.

This 10 bed PICU is in addition to 20 bed each of the two SNCU wards here in the MMCH Daltonganj.

Making a difference between PICU and SNCU wards, medical superintendent Dr Dharmendra Kumar said " SNCU is for the new-borns. PICU is for children

upto the 17 years of age."
The remaining 20 beds in the children ward will be dedicated to treatment for general afflictions of the children reiterated the medical superintendent.

City commissioner Jawed (known by the first name) urged the doctors and nurses here to take utmost care of the kids. He wanted a proper

sanitation facility here.
The MMCH officials assured that mothers' having their children here in PICU will have access to meals offered free by the hospital to its indoor patients.

There are longer beds and shorter beds too. Mother's stay is a must. Walls of the ward are child friendly There are colourful paintings

unwavering support. "The

community's blessings and

our team's hard work have

enabled us to achieve so

much in such a short time," said General Secretary

Gurcharan Singh Billa. He

assured continued develop-

Shivshankar Singh and other

dignitaries lauded CGPC's

efforts, highlighting the

importance of education and

heartfelt thanks from Sardar

Bhagwan Singh, who reiter-

ated the importance of Guru

Nanak Dev Ji's teachings on

selfless service. "Guru Nanak

Dev Ji emphasized not just

food langar but also the lan-

gar of education and health.

We are committed to uphold-

ing these principles and serv-

the past two years stands as a

shining example of what ded-

icated leadership and com-

munity collaboration can

achieve. With new class-

rooms, expanded healthcare

facilities, and a vision for

continued growth, CGPC is

noised to make an even greater impact in the years

ahead", said an official.

'The CGPC's journey over

ing humanity," he said.

The event concluded with

healthcare as cornerstones.

worker

ment in the years to come.

Social

Meeting India's Financial Needs with Trust and Transparency: **Home Credit India**

PNS: RANCHI

In India's dynamic financial landscape, trust is paramount for consumers. Home Credit India recognizes this and has placed trust at the heart of its all operations, fostering strong customer relationships built on transparency, ethical practices, and a customer-centric approach.

Home Credit India believes trust is the bedrock of any meaningful lender-borrower relationship. The company is committed to providing accessible and transparent financial solutions that empower individuals to achieve their aspirations

Lohardaga DC & SP inaugurate state level athletic meet



The 67th state level meet under the aegis of Lohardaga Athletic Association was inaugurated at Lalit Narayan Stadium on Friday. On this occasion, chief guest DC Dr. Waghmare Prasad Krishna and special guest SP Haris Bin Zaman inaugurated the event by hoisting the flag and lighting the lamp. On this occasion, the

guest Commissioner said that the athletic meet has made a great start in Lohardaga. Athletics will reach new heights with the players coming from different districts of the state. Along with this, there will be an opportunity to hone the hidden talent of the district. Congratulating all the participating players, he said that there is a need to make sports a part of life. Sports promote mutual harmony and goodwill. Special guest Superintendent of Police Haris Bin Zaman, while thanking the organizers of Lohardaga District Athletic Meet, said that there is a lot of talent in sports in Jharkhand and this event will become a medium to give a platform to them.

Secretary Sanjay Kumar Sahu said that this event could not be organized for the last many years, hence and others are playing a meaningful role in the event and the arrival of about 600 players in the land of Lohardaga itself shows success. To make the competition interesting and attractive, costume competition, Jalebi race and sack race are also being organized so that participation of all the citizens of the district can be created. In the inaugural program, march past was done by the participants from all the districts and oath was taken by state level athletic Bhagat

PT drill was displayed by the students of Urs Line Convent Girls High School, Lohardaga. The salute of the march past was done by DC and SP Organizing Secretary. Lohardaga district dominated the first day's competition. Panna became the inspiration for the fastest runner Lohardaga. On this occasion, Madan Mohan Pandey, Professor Lohra Oraon, Professor Parmanand Aggarwal, MLA representa-Nishith Gyanchand Aggarwal, Officer Qureshi, Shayid. Ashraf Ahmed, Rajkishore Mahato, Alok Roy, Vinay Oraon, Chandrashekhar Aggarwal, Devashish Kar, Ohm Prakash Singh, Umeshwar Nath

Tata Power Rooftop Solar Consumer honored by President

proud moment for Jharkhand, Deepak Devi from Bokaro, a beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana, has been invited to the 'At Home Reception' hosted by President Smt. Droupadi Murmu Rashtrapati Bhavan on the 76th Republic Day.

Devi's recognition celebrates her adoption of a 3KW rooftop solar plant, installed by Tata Power Solar Rooftop's Channel Partner, M/s Surya Mitra. Her solarized home symbolizes the success of Tata Power's #GharGharSolar campaign, which has delivered 51 MW of rooftop solar capacity in Jharkhand, benefiting households by reducing electricity



Tata Power Renewables is driving Jharkhand's energy transition by implementing solar solutions across key districts like Ranchi, Dhanbad, and Giridih, supported by nine Channel Partners and a dedicated workforce. These efforts align with the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar

Yojana, which provides financial incentives for adopting solar energy and contributes to India's renewable energy target of 500 GW by 2030.

This achievement under scores Tata Power's commitment to a sustainable future through innovative and accessible

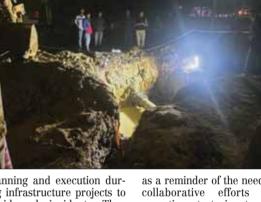
BSL repairs damaged water pipeline in record Time

PNS: BOKARO

A critical water pipeline supplying Sector 12A of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) Township was accidentally damaged on Friday during an underground gas pipeline installation carried out by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). The incident also led to erosion of a newly constructed road due to the repair activities that followed.

Demonstrating prompt action, the BSL Township Supply Division repaired the pipeline within just five hours, ensuring uninterrupted water supply to residents. The swift response highlighted the team's commitment to maintaining essential services and minimizing inconvenience to the

BSL officials emphasized the necessity of meticulous



planning and execution during infrastructure projects to avoid such incidents. They also stressed the importance of enhanced coordination and communication between project stakeholders to protect critical utilities and infrastructure. The incident serves

as a reminder of the need for collaborative efforts and proactive strategies to prevent similar occurrences in the future. Such measures are vital to advancing development projects without compromising existing resources or impacting community life.

Dr. Namda takes charge as mentor at **MGM College** and Hospital

PNS: JAMSHEDPUR

The Health Department of Jharkhand has appointed Dr. Sanjay Namdar, a renowned medical surgeon from Manipal College, as the Mentor at MGM College and Hospital. He has also been assigned the role of Tagged Saraikela-Jamshedpur Sadar Hospital.

With a reputation for excellence in his field, Dr. Namdar is expected to spearhead initiatives aimed at enhancing healthcare services and streamlining operations at these institutions. The government's decision aligns with its broader objective of improving the state's healthcare infrastructure and ensuring efficient management of medical facilities.

Dr. Namdar expressed his gratitude for the new role, emphasizing his commitment to working diligently to meet the expectations of the state government and the healthcare community.

This strategic move is anticipated to bring significant improvements in patient care and overall medical



Bus conductor arrested for smuggling Marijuana PNS : JAMSHEDPUR the vehicle onto a mud road

In a significant break-

through against narcotics smuggling, Singhbhum district police apprehended an interstate bus conductor for trafficking marijuana. The accused, Javant Das, was caught redhanded with eight kilograms of the illegal substance, which he was transporting from Odisha to West Bengal.

The arrest was part of a well-coordinated operation led by SP (Rural) Rishabh Garg. Acting on credible intelligence inputs, the police had been monitoring activities along the Odisha-Jharkhand-Bengal route, a known corridor for smuggling. The information suggested that a bus traveling from Odisha to Bengal was being used to transport nar-

"We received a tip-off about a bus carrying marijuana along this route," said SP Garg during a press briefing. "An anti-crime check post was set up in Barsole, near the Odisha-Bengal border, to intercept the vehicle.

However, upon spotting the police checkpoint, the bus conductor attempted to evade capture by diverting Unfazed, the police team swiftly adapted their plan and managed to intercept the bus. A thorough search led to the discovery of eight packets, later confirmed to contain marijuana. investigation

revealed that the conductor, Javant Das, a resident of West Bengal, was the primary suspect in the smuggling operation. "He was immediately taken into custody after the recovered material was verified as marijuana," SP Garg added.

The incident underscores the growing challenge of drug trafficking across state borders, particularly in regions Singhbhum, which shares critical transit routes with neighboring states. The police have intensified their vigilance in the area, leveraging intelligence networks to curb such illegal activi-

This arrest marks a significant victory for law enforcement against the trafficking of narcotic substances. Authorities are now probing further to identify the source and destination networks involved in the smuggling operation.



Tiwari, Dr. Ganesh Prasad, Asfaq Munna Latehar, Anwar there was some problem, but Hussain State Technical all four associate secretaries Officer etc. were present.

Man killed, another injured in land dispute in Garhwa all the injured to the Sadar

NITYANAND DUBEY :

A man was killed and another seriously injured in a land dispute near the Bazar Samiti gate in Garhwa, on Saturday. The deceased, identified as Chotu Rangsaaz, was a resident of Indira Gandhi Road in the Garhwa police station area. Irshad Rangsaaz, 40, from Sai Mohalla, sustained serious injuries in the incident. Two individuals from the opposing side are also



reported to be seriously

Following the altercation, local residents transported

Hospital. Doctors pronounced Chotu Rangsaaz dead on arrival. Police are investigating the incident.

Irshad stated that he and Chotu were sitting near the market gate when approxi-10 individuals mately approached them armed with iron pipes and launched an attack. Before they could react, both men were seriously injured.

Upon receiving reports of the incident, SDPO Neeraj

Kumar and Station In-charge Brij Kumar arrived at the Sadar Hospital and commenced their investigation. Preliminary inquiries suggest that the dispute stemmed from a land disagreement. The doctor treating the injured confirmed that four individuals were involved in the assault. One died before reaching the hospital, another sustained minor injuries, and two remain hospitalised with one in a critical

1100 CCTV cameras to be installed CD RATIO CROSSES 50% MARK at RIMS after rape incident

SAP constable was arrested after rape of an attendant at RIMS

fter the rape incident in Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi on Thursday night, January 15, authorities at the largest government hospital of the State have decided to take some strong measures for safety and security of patients, attendants, medical and nonmedical staff working in the

The hospital management has decided that about 1100 CCTV cameras will be installed on the hospital premises. These cameras will monitor every second's activities. PRO, RIMS, Rajiv Ranjan, today said, "When the protectors themselves commit such incidents, then who will provide security.



Therefore, now more than 1000 CCTV cameras will be installed in RIMS hospital. Along with the doctors and patients, the family members also stay in the hospital. Therefore, security is very

He further said that multiple entry points in different

hended on Friday after prompt action by the police. Reports indicate that the victim, a resident of Chatra district in Jharkhand, was at RIMS on Thursday night also a major concern in the when the assault occurred.

safety and security reasons," sexually assaulted her. A Special Auxiliary Police (SAP) constable was taken After the attack, the suspect allegedly threatened the into custody in Ranchi for woman with severe conse-

security. "Earlier also a work

plan was made and now it

has been decided that only

one entry and exit point will

be made at each block for

allegedly raping a 20-yearold woman who had come to incident. the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS),

Ranchi, to seek treatment for The suspect, identified as constable Santosh Kumar Barla, was appreinvestigation.

Superintendent of Police (DSP) Sanjeev Besra said, "The accused SAP constable has been sent to jail. Immediate steps were taken following the victim's complaint.'

The victim shared her

ordeal with her family on Friday morning, leading to the filing of a formal complaint at the Bariatu police station in Ranchi. Police for the occasion. acted swiftly, arresting the suspect and initiating an rated with the welcome of

Ranchi Sadar Deputy

The crime has provoked widespread outrage, with many demanding improved security measures at RIMS and other public facilities to prevent such occurrences in

89th SLBC meeting held in State capital Ranchi The 89th State Level Bankers Committee meeting was organised on Saturday in the capital. Finance Minister, Government of Jharkhand Radha Krishna Kishore was the chief guest

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN STATE



Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore along with senior bank officers during 89th

SLBC meeting in Ranchi on Saturday. PNS

Garhwa DC cracks whip on workers involved in irregularities

Matters relate to PACS, Abua Awas and Maiyan Samman Yojna



PNS: RANCHI

Garhwa Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shekhar Jamuar has taken strong steps against people involved in committing financial irregularities in government

A case came to light in which CSC operators Navneet Kumar Patel, Satyanarayan Gupta and Ajit Prajapati of Panchayat of Kharondhi block had knowingly entered the number and IFSC CODE of their close relatives on the portal instead of the account number and IFSC CODE of some beneficiaries of the Main Samman Yojana with wrong intention.

After the matter came to light, an investigation was conducted by the Zonal Officer, Kharondhi. During the investigation, the complaint was found to be correct, it has been reported that at the time of entry, the CSC operators had entered their own or their close relative's account instead of the beneficiary's account, due to which the amount was not going to the beneficiary's account but to their or their relatives' accounts. The investigation made it clear that the amount of 07 beneficiaries of village Kupa has been transferred to the account of Reshmi Devi, wife of CSC operator Navneet Patel. The money of 05 beneficiaries has gone to the account of CSC operator Satyanarayan Gupta and the amount of 09 beneficiaries has gone to the account of CSC operator Ajit Prajapati's mother Lalati Devi.

In this regard, first of all, the amount of Jharkhand Mainiya Mukhyamantri Samman Yojana was transferred through the bank to the accounts of eligible beneficiaries by the three CSC operators and for committing irregularities, the ID of all three CSC operators (1) Navneet Kumar Patel (2) Satyanarayan Gupta and (3) Ajit Prajapati was cancelled with immediate effect.

In another case a complaint of huge irregularities related to black marketing was received during the purchase of paddy in Rampur PACS under Majhiaon block. In the light of the complaint received, a joint investigation was conducted by the District Supply Officer and District Cooperative Officer, Garhwa. In the investigation report, it was found that against 5375 quintals displayed in the procurement portal under paddy procurement marketing season 2024-25, only 2693 quintals of paddy was found in their warehouse. At the time of inspection, about 2300 quintals of paddy was not found in the godown.

For the huge irregularity, an explanation was sought from the Chairman Rampur PACS, Ravindra The explanation Singh. received from the Chairman was not acceptable and was rejected, whereas, for the irregularity, an FIR has been lodged in Majhiaon police station under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code against Ravindra Singh, Chairman, Rampur PACS, Block-Majhiaon, District-Garhwa through the District Cooperative Officer, Garhwa.

DC Shekhar Jamuar said that 100% compliance of the

government should be ensured in the implementation of government schemes. If any irregularity comes to light at any level in govern-

ment schemes, strict action

will be taken by the district

administration.

In another matter, in the investigation of the complaint received regarding giving the benefit of Abua housing to ineligible beneficiaries in the Gram Panchayat, Kharondhi of Kharondhi Block, it has been found that housing has been sanctioned to a total of 09 ineligible beneficiaries in Kharondhi Panchayat, in which the amount of the first installment has also been released in the accounts of 07 beneficiaries. After the investigation came to light, the amount has not been transferred to the accounts of the remaining 02 beneficiaries. After giving instructions, the amount has been withdrawn from the account of all 07 beneficiaries. After investigation, it is becoming clear that negligence and irregularities have been committed in the selection, registration and geotagging of beneficiaries from the Gram Sabha.

Strict action has been taken against all concerned in this matter by the DC, in which (1) Shashi Kumar. Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Kharondhi has been suspended with imme-Recommendation for suspension of Mukhiya Manju Devi of Kharondhi Panchayat has been made to the State Election Commission while Raviranjan Block Coordinator and Ravindra Kumar Block Development Officer, Kharondhi have been asked to show cause for negligence in supervision and have been warned that if negligence is seen again then departmental action will be

Union Minister visits CCC Center of Ranchi Smart City Corporation

relative,

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi visited the Command Control and Communication Center of Smart Ranchi Corporation on Saturday, January 18 and took information about traffic management, police surveillance and steps taken for the safety of women and girl students from here and also gave many suggestions.

While she was out pur-

the constable

chasing medicines for her

reportedly lured her to a

secluded spot on the hospi-

tal's fourth floor, where he

The Union Minister said that this type of command center has been seen earlier in Gujarat, but it is very pleasant to have this center in Ranchi as well. She said that just as the role of this center has increased in the field of police surveillance, traffic management and information broadcasting, similarly the steps taken for girl students and women safety can also work better and awareness has to be increased in this area. Annapurna Devi suggest-

ed the officials of Ranchi Smart City to make more efforts in the direction of awareness and also directed the officials of Social Welfare and Women and Child Development Department to bring their employees here and provide them with information about it so that they can make people aware of these facilities with the help

Union Minister Annapurna Devi visits the Command

of Anganwadi centers. Smart City officials informed the Union Minister how the traffic management of the entire city is done from this centre and how this helps in preventing criminal incidents and investigating the incidents. Along with this, video and audio messages about government schemes, public welfare schemes, necessary measures to prevent diseases, traffic rules and law and order are broadcasted in the entire city from here while emergency call box and SOS feature is also available for women, students or any needy person to get police or government help in case of

The Union Minister was invited to Jupmi Bhawan by the officials of the Social Welfare and Women and Development Department of the State government where talks are going on to open a training centre by the department. The Minister also saw the place for the training centre.

an emergency.

On this occasion, Manoj Kumar, Director Kiran Kumari Pasi, Smart City GM Rakesh Kumar Nandkulivar, CFO Jyoti Pushp, PRO Amit Kumar, Manager Santosh Patel, Manager Kumar Utkarsh Kumar and Kishan Kumar along with other officers and employees of Social Welfare Directorate and Smart City were present.



The program was inaugu-

Chief Guest Finance Minister,

Government of Jharkhand,

Radha Krishna Kishore,

Special Guest Agriculture

Minister, Government of Jharkhand, Shilpi Neha Tirkey and Chairman of the

meeting M Karthikeyan,

Executive Director, Bank of

India, Head Office. The meet-

ing was formally started with

the welcome address of

Manoj Kumar, General

Manager, State Level Bankers

Committee - Bank of India,

Regional General Manager

In his statement, Kumar

informed the gathering that

the credit deposit ratio of

Jharkhand has crossed the

50 per cent mark for the first

time and it stood at 50.22%

as on September 30, 2024

and that a constant increase

is being witnessed in the

credit deposit ratio of the

State, which shows that the

banks of the State are coop-

erating in the flow of credit.

While this ratio was 45.04%

on September 30, 2023, it

has increased to 50.22% on

September 30, 2024, which

shows an increase of 11.50%

year-on-year. Kumar also

said that the State

Government, Banks and Lead

District Managers should

popularise the Pradhan

Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli

Yojana in the State of

Director, Department of

Financial Services, Ministry

Anjani Kumar Thakur,

Jharkhand.

Office, Ranchi.

Jharkhand Government Shilpi Neha Tirkey, urged the banks to provide the benefits of effective schemes of the government to the deprived and poor beneficiaries of Jharkhand and also said that branches should be opened in remote places and areas far from financial inclusion and they should be connected to the mainstream

In the third phase of the Chief General meeting. Manager, NABARD Regional Office, Jharkhand, Sunil Krishna Jahangirdar thanked all the banks for contributing to the development of the State and called upon the to cooperate

increasing the income of rural areas by establishing March 2025. mutual relations with the

concerned departments of the State for agricultural loans, especially animal husbandry and fisheries. Jahangirdar also highlighted the issue of encouraging FPO (Farmers Producers Organization) and Liability Group (JLG) from the banks in the state. Regional

Reserve Bank of India, Ranchi Regional Office, Prem Ranjan Prasad Singh highlighted the importance of Lead Bank Scheme of Reserve Bank of India and highlighted the issue of meaningful discussion in the meeting of various banking committees at the district level. He also discussed the utility of Mahua and food items like them.

In his address, Prashant Kumar, Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Jharkhand informed the banks of the State about the availability of Guruji Credit Card and urged the bank heads to take the lead in various schemes of the State government and make efforts to complete the KCC loan waiver scheme without delay. Executive Director, Bank

of India, Head Office cum Chairman, State Bankers Committee, Jharkhand, M Karthikeyan greeted the state heads of all the banks, leading district managers and dignitaries present on the dais. He made all the members aware about the important role of banks in the economic development and financial inclusion of the country and praised the cooperation of the State government in the integrated development of the State of Jharkhand.

The Executive Director urged the banks of the State to provide maximum loan flow for agriculture and related activities such as goat rearing, pig rearing and fish farming among others. Karthikevan also assured the members on behalf of all the banks that the milestone of 55% CD ratio will be achieved by all the banks by the end of

Finance Minister, Govt. of Jharkhand, Radha Krishna Kishore thanked the member banks of SLBC, Jharkhand for their contribution to the economy of the State and advised the banks to work keeping in mind the interests of the rural population of the State. He also spoke about the importance of agriculture sector and asked all the banks to focus on financing farmers under KCC.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by CH Gopala Krishna, Deputy General Manager, SLBC Jharkhand. The State of Jharkhand

has registered a growth of Rs.29,048 crore in total deposits year on year and the State has also registered a growth of Rs.23,152 crore in total loans year on year. The State is continuously increasing the credit deposit ratio. Compared to last year, while the credit deposit ratio was 45.04%, this year it increased to 50.22%, that is, the increase was 11.50% yearon-year. Agriculture

Government of Jharkhand

Shilpi Neha Tirkey, Executive Director, Bank of India, Head Office cum Chairman, State Level Bankers Committee, Jharkhand, M Karthikeyan Secretary, Department, Government of Jharkhand, Prashant Kumar, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India. Ranchi Regional Office, Prem Ranjan Prasad Singh, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Regional Office, Jharkhand, Sunil Krishna Jahangirdar, General Manager, State Level Committee, Bankers Jharkhand, Manoj Kumar, Deputy General Manager, Level State Bankers Committee, Jharkhand, CH Gopala Krishna, senior officers of various departments of the State Government, state heads of all member banks, state representatives of industries associations and state lead district managers of all 24 districts were also present.

taken by fixing your account-Control and Communication centre of Ranchi Smart City instructions issued by the Corporation in Ranchi on Saturday. PNS

PNS: RANCHI

Southern Chotanagpur Division's Kisan Mela cum Exhibition was organized at Silagai of Chanho, the birthplace of Amar Shaheed Veer Budhu Bhagat. Farmers from five districts participated in the Mela organized by Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperation. Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey inaugurated the Kisan Mela cum Exhibition. Inspecting more than 50 stalls in the Kisan Mela, she took information about the products from the farmers. Before this, the minister and other guests garlanded the statue of Amar Shaheed Veer Budhu Bhagat. On this occasion, assets were distributed among the farmers by the department Addressing people on the

occasion the Minister said that when she got the responsibility of the ministerial post, some people said that she should have become the Education Minister, while some said that she should have become the Health Minister. But she knew that Mandar

area and this is a better opportunity and department for its development. Through this department, she can serve the people of the region and the state as much as possible. She said that she will work to reach out to the farmers directly and convey their problems to the government.

Tirkey said that the farmers of Gumla, Lohardaga and Khunti are doing better work. The Didis here are very hardworking but Mandar is lagging behind. The department officials do not make plans considering Mandar as a part of Ranchi and the city. It is important for the farmers to communicate with each other. Then we will be able to know what Gumla is doing, what Lohardaga is doing, what new have the farmers of Khunti done. Today, due to lack of employment and money, farmers are selling their land. Somewhere factories are opening, somewhere

apartments are being built. The Minister said that you and I can live in a small



Agriculture Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey gives a certificate to a woman during a programme in Ranchi on Saturday. PNS

house with less clothes, but we cannot live without food. She appealed to the rural farmers to join Medha Dairy and buy a milk cow today itself. The minister said that by giving milk to Medha Dairy, one can easily get the benefit of 5 rupees extra in

12 days. A woman from Cambo of Mandar is earning 1.5 to 2 lakh rupees a month by selling milk. She said that women should make a plan to convert 2500 rupees into lakhs under the Chief Minister Mainiya Samman Yojana. In Gumla, women

are doing good work with eggs. Farmers are said to be poor. Farmers are not poor, they are food providers. In Giridih, the people of the committee are earning up to 40 lakh rupees by fish farming. The department has decided that the pond of the Panchayat will first be settled in the Panchayat. The department is handicapped without Krishi Mitra, Matsya Mitra, Agriculture Officer. VLW should only work for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department. Kisan Mela will be held in all 5 divisions.

On this occasion, State Coordination Committee member Bandhu Tirkey said that for the first time a divisional level Kisan Mela has been organized in Chanho. There is a need to emphasize on how to get the benefit of Kisan Mela. The benefits of government schemes do not reach the villages. In this fair, you will get a scheme at 90 percent subsidy. Migration can be stopped by joining the department's scheme. You can do self-employment by

joining the department. Bandhu Tirkey said that work will have to be done to empower women by forming a committee.

Kanke MLA Suresh

Baitha demanded two cold

storages from the Agriculture Minister for the farmers of his area. A cheque of Rs 7 crore 16 lakh was given to the women's support group of Chanho from the stage in the Kisan Mela. Apart from this, the Best Krishak Mitra award was given to Manoj Kumar, Best Farmer award was given to Gansu Mahto, Best Woman Farmer -Lakhia Devi Kisan Credit Card was given to Rajesh Munda, Rohit Shikhar, Vinay Tigga. On this occasion, assets were distributed from the stage. Distribution of a pair of bulls, five cow schemes, duck distribution, goat development scheme, certificates were distributed to the milk product committee. Three books were released from the stage by the guests. These include farmers' success stories, fruit orchard management, crop information book.

DWA welcomes Basant with fervour

With the winter season ending soon, the members of the Doctors' Wives Association assembled at IMA Hall on Saturday to welcome Basant. All ladies clad in yellow set a perfect atmosphere for Basant Panchmi celebrations. Chairperson Vinita Sharan and Co- Chairperson cum Founder Jhooma Sarkar extended their warm wishes followed by the welcome address by the President Arti Singh .The programme began with Saraswati Vandana by Rinku Banerjee and a classical dance by Manisha Nayak. Aashna Sharan and Shweta Ranjan's Kathak recital won accolades by one and all. Housie and a few games were also enjoyed by the members. Secretary Anju Singh extended her gratitude to all, specially the organ isers Rokhsana Bano, Shreela Choudhary, Debjani Sanyal Swati Adukia, Rashmi Kumar, Rina Sah, Sunita Sinha, Sanchita Mukherjee, Dr Aradhna Senapati, Dr. Priyanka Shrivastav, Dr Sujata Singh, Keka Satpathy and Rakhi Singh.

Inter-Divisional Chess Tournament at RRD

Chairman SERSA Ranchi Jasmeet Singh Bindra inaugu-



rated the Inter-Divisional Chess Tournament at Railway Officers Club, Hatia on Saturday and after getting acquainted with all the players participating in the tournament, wished them good luck for the tournament. A total of 28 players from South Eastern Railway Headquarters and Ranchi, Chakradharpur, Adra and Kharagpur divisions are participating in this tournament. All the matches of the tournament will be played in six rounds and the final match will be played on Monday. On this occasion, ADRM Hemraj Meena, CMS Dr. Raju Tirkey, Sr DCM cum DSO Nishant Kumar, Sr DE (Coordination) Saket Kumar, other branch officers, General Secretary of SERSA Ranchi Omprakash Thakur and employees of the division were present.

PM Modi distributes more than 65 lakh property cards under SVAMITVA scheme

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday distributed more than 65 lakh property cards under the SVAMITVA scheme, and said it will bolster economic activities and help in poverty alleviation. The prime minister virtually addressed the event and also interacted with some beneficiaries.

He also said rural land digitisation is "furthering rural empowerment by leveraging the power of and technology

The property cards are being

distributed to beneficiaries across more than 50,000 villages in 10 states --Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and

two Union territories of

Jammu and Kashmir, and

Modi said the scheme will help people get loans and

benefits of other government schemes. "Around 2.24 crore beneficiaries in villages will now have SVAMITVA property cards after 65 lakh cards are distributed today," the prime minister said.

"Property rights are a major

challenge across the world.

Years ago, the United Nations had held a study, which revealed people did not have legal documents for property rights in several countries. The UN has said property rights are important for poverty alleviation," he said. Modi said an eminent economist had opined that property in villages is a "dead capital" because people cannot do anything with it, and it can't help increase their

"India was also impacted by this challenge. People in villages have property worth lakhs of crores (of rupees), but they did not have papers for it. There were disputes, properties were snatched, and even banks did not provide loans over it," he said.

prime



emphasized that no sensitive government could leave its villagers in such distress. 'Previous governments should have taken steps to do something about it but nothing much was done," he Modi said Dalits, backward classes and tribals were the worst affected by

Elaborating on the SVAMITVA Yojana, he said it involved mapping houses and

lands in villages using drones providing documents for residential properties to villagers. He added that the benefits of this scheme are now visible. "India has over six lakh villages, with drone surveys

completed in nearly half of them," Modi said. He highlighted that after receiving legal documents, lakhs of people had taken loans from banks based on

their properties and started small businesses in their

"After getting legal property rights, lakhs of people have taken loan. They have used this money to start their businesses. Many of these are farmers, for whom this property cards is a guarantee to financial security," he said. Modi said that once property cards are issued in all villages, the scheme will unlock

economic activities worth over Rs 100 lakh crore. He emphasized the substantial capital that will be added to the country's economy.

Noting that earlier, land disputes were common for farmers and obtaining land documents is challenging, often requiring multiple visits to offices and leading to corruption, the prime minister said that land records are being digitized to

Highlighting SVAMITVA Aadhaar are foundational systems village development, he said that Bhu-Aadhaar provides a unique identity to land, with around 23 crore Bhu-Aadhaar numbers issued, making it easy to identify land plots. "Over the past seven-eight

years, approximately 98 per cent of land records have been digitized, and most land maps are now digitally available, Modi added.

Later, in a social media post the prime minister said rural land digitisation is "furthering rural empowerment by leveraging the power of technology and governance"

Únion Minister of Panchayati Raj Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan', Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj S P Singh Baghel and Ministry of Panchayati Raj Secretary Vivek Bharadwaj were also present at the event. It was attended virtually by several ministers,

property cards. It is expected that around 13 Union ministers will physically join from designated locations from across the country to oversee regional distribution ceremonies of property cards. The SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) scheme was launched in 2020 to enhance the economic progress of rural India by providing 'Record of Rights' to households owning houses in inhabited areas in villages through the latest drone technology for surveying.
The scheme also helps facilitate monetization of properties and enabling institutional credit through loans; reducing property-related disputes; facilitating better assessment of properties and property tax

in rural areas and enabling

comprehensive village-level

Events are also being

organised in over 230 districts

for physical distribution of

Congress's new HQ narrates tale of party's 139-year history

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Several leaders who left the Congress and even mounted stinging attacks on it find a place in the pictorial representation of the party's history spread across the five storeys of its new 9A Kotla Road office.

Ahead of a media tour of the office, Congress treasurer Ajay Maken Saturday told reporters at the first press conference at the Indira Gandhi Bhawan that the building was built at an estimated cost of Rs 200-225 crore with some dues still left to be paid to Larsen and Toubro (L&T) construction company.

The Congress headquarters inaugurated Wednesday, as the grand old party turned a page in its history after operating from its iconic 24, Akbar Road premises for the last 47

parliamentary Congress party chief Sonia Gandhi inaugurated the plush building in the presence of party president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi, and general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Jairam Ramesh and K C Venugopal, among other

"Today we will introduce you to a temple of democracy - Indira Bhawan, the headquarters of the largest opposition party of the country at present," Maken told the press conference along with AICC general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh and party's media and publicity department head Pawan Khera.

"The government of India allotted this land to us on November 19, 2007. Its foundation stone was laid in 2009 and finally we received tne 'completion cum occupancy certificate' on January 14, 2025, while it was inaugurated on January 15," he said. Indira Gandhi Bhawan,

designed Hafeez Contractor, narrates the tale of the party's 139-year-old history with its walls adorning pictures from the freedom struggle to the party's achievements.

From VP Singh to Ghulam Nabi Azad and from Suresh



Pachouri to Rita Bahuguna Joshi, many leaders who left the party, including some who joined the BJP, and made stinging attacks on the party, find a place in the slew of photographs and pictorial representation of the party's history adorning the walls of the new office. As one enters the building, the wall in front adorns the pictures of the party's first president W C Benerjee and current chief Kharge.

A striking picture on the ground floor is that of Sonia Gandhi leading a march with the likes of Pachouri, Joshi and P Sudhakar Reddy, all now in the BJP, accompanying her. Also there in the photograph is Ashok Tanwar, who left the Congress for the BJP, but returned to the party fold last year.

In another epic picture, Rajiv Gandhi, when he was prime minister, is seen flanked Gandhi is flanked by Manmohan Singh, PV Narasimha Rao and VP Singh (who all became prime ministers) and K R Narayanan (who became

president later).
On the fourth floor, which showcases the party's history from 2014-2023, a picture from 2019 adorns the wall in which Azad is seen standing with Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Manmohan Singh, taken at Rajghat during a protest against CAA and NRC.

Another interesting photo that adorns the walls on the fourth floor is of Sonia Gandhi and then president Sitaram Kesari during a campaign rally in Rohtak in January 1998. A few months and Gandhi took over as

who quit the party and also criticised it finding a place on the walls of headquarters, party leader Manish Chatrath, who was closely associated with the work of construction of the building, said the Congress' thinking is not narrow that anyone who has left and turned against it, his or her history with the party be erased or not removed.

After quitting the party, Azad had claimed that Rahul Gandhi was the reason why he took the decision.

While BR Ambedkar's picture with an inspirational quote adorns a wall on the first floor, several other rare pictures, showcasing India's struggle for independence the Congress contribution are also put up across the five storeys

From Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to Subhas Chandra Bose and Rabindranath Tagore to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, their contributions are highlighted.

Achievements of Congress prime ministers are also including highlighted Jawaharlal Nehru's push for development of science and technology, Lal Bahadur Shastri's support for 'Kisan and Jawan', Îndira Gandhi's nationalisation move and the 1971 win over Pakistan, Rajiv Gandhi's peace pacts and IT revolution, P V Narasimha Rao's opening up of the economy and Manmohan Singh's welfare schemes.

The library in the building is named after Manmohan Singh who passed away last month.

"In any democracy, it is later Kesari was forced out important for the opposition to be strong. Equipped with party chief. the latest technology and latest infrastructure, Indira

Bhawan not only symbolises ambitions aspirations of the country with the largest youth population in the world, but also that the party is also ready to play the role of a vigilant opposition and protect democracy," Maken

In the times to come, such processes are being developed in Indira Bhawan so that Congress workers from all over the country are welcomed in this building and senior party office bearers can easily interact with them, he said.

The objective of Indira Bhawan was to create a place that would not only be the headquarters of the party but also symbolise its heritage and values, Maken said.

The design reflects the glorious history and democratic principles of the party while at the same time having the amenities of a modern workplace, he said. "We have sought to create a welcoming environment encourages

collaboration participation, and that our headquarters is inspiring and practical. In addition, special emphasis has been placed on transparency and openness in the design to reflect the values ?of inclusion and democratic dialogue, Maken said.

The building, spread over a total area of ?2,100 sq m, has its own auditorium with 276 seats, numerous meeting rooms, and adequate seating arrangements for the officials of every frontal organisation and cell of the Congress, he said.

There are 134 trees, 8675 plants and 264 art works and paintings, he said, adding that the cafeteria has paintings of Nand Lal Bose which were made on the request of Mahatma Gandhi for the Haripura Congress session of 1938.

Maken said each floor represents an era in the history of the Congress.

"The new Congress Bhawan is not a building, but a glorious legacy of freedom. At the base of this Indira Bhawan is an ideological movement and at its peak is the resolution to protect the Constitution," he said.

US-India sign cybercrime pact

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Days before it hands over power to President-elect Donald Trump, the Biden administration signed a pact with New Delhi that provides for boosting cooperation in combating cybercrime and related challenges such as terror financing and violent extremism.

The agreement on cybercrime investigations, signed in Washington on Friday, allows the agencies concerned of the two countries to step up the level of cooperation with respect to cyber threat intelligence and digital forensics, according to an Indian readout.It is the second such move in the last few days by the outgoing Biden administration that reflected the overall upward trajectory of relations between the two nations.

The US on Wednesday removed restrictions on three Indian nuclear entities Bhabha Atomic Research



The Memorandum of Understanding or MoU on cybercrime investigations was signed by Indian Ambassador Vinay Kwatra and Acting US Deputy Secretary Homeland Security Kristie

the historic India-US civil

nuclear deal sealed around 16

"Cybercrime has intricate

linkages with the common comprehensive and global strategic partnership," it said. From New Delhi, the Indian security challenges faced by India and the US such as terrorism and violent Cybercrime Coordination extremism, terror financing, drug trafficking, organised crime, human trafficking, illegal migration, money laundering and

security," transportation of Ministry External Affairs(MEA) said in the readout. The MoU on cybercrime investigations will enable

further strengthening of India-US security

Centre (I4C) of the Union Home Ministry will be responsible for execution of the MoU, the MEA said. From the US side, it will be the Department of Homeland Immigration and Customs

Security, and its constituent agencies Enforcement and Homeland Investigations Cyber Crimes Center (C3) which are tasked cooperation, as part of our to execute the pact.

Christian man unable to bury father: SC raps **Chhattisgarh Government**

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has slammed the Chhattisgarh Government and sought its response on a plea filed by a Christian man who said he is unable to bury his pastor father in Chhindawada village as people have aggressively objected to it and police have threatened him with legal action. A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma expressed surprise that the body was lying in a mortuary in the district hospital and medical college, Jagdalpur since January 7, when the man died and the police have not taken any action since then.

Bench rapped the Chhattisgarh Government while seeking its response on the plea filed by the son. "Leave the village panchayat, even the High Court has passed a strange order. What is the State Government doing," the bench said while issuing notice to the pastor died due to prolonged Chhattisgarh Government. old age illness. issuing



The matter will be heard on January 20.

The top court was hearing the appeal filed by Ramesh Baghel, belonging to the Mahra caste, challenging an order of the Chhattisgarh High Court which disposed of his plea seeking burial of his father who was a pastor in the area specified for Christian persons in the village graveyard. Relying on a certificate issued by the gram panchayat's sarpanch that there are no separate burial grounds for Christians, the High Court denied him permission saying it may cause unrest and disharmony in the public at large.The



said.

Import of refurbished medical devices not allowed, says CDSCO

security

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Tn a move aimed at curtailing I the influx of unregulated second-hand medical devices in the country, the apex drug regulator Central Drugs Control Standard Organisation (CDSCO) has informed the Customs Department that import of refurbished devices is not allowed. In a letter to the Principal Commissioner of Customs, the CDSCO said that all medical devices are regulated under the Medical Devices Rules, 2017.

"However, there is no specific provision for regulation of refurbished medical devices under the said rules. Hence, no licence is issued for import of such devices and it cannot be imported under Medical Devices Rules for sale and distribution," the CDSCO

Manufacturers of medical devices have welcomed the move, stating this decisive clarification reinforces the regulatory framework designed to ensure the highest standards of patient safety.

Dr Sudhir Srivastava, former Committee at PHDCCI, said that the decision by CDSCO marks a pivotal step towards reinforcing India's self-reliance in medical medical technology.

"Allowing refurbished medical devices into the would country jeopardized the quality of healthcare, disincentivized local innovation, undermined the spirit of the 'Make in India' initiative,' Srivastava said.

Indian manufacturers are making significant strides in research and development, delivering "cutting-edge solutions tailored to our healthcare needs", he said.

"By curbing refurbished imports, we not only protect the integrity of our medical ecosystem but also send a strong message to global investors that India is committed to building a robust, indigenous medical device industry. This move safeguards both the future of healthcare innovation in India and the well-being of our patients," he added.

Indian Navy participating in mega wargame 'La Perouse' with naval forces from eight other nations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE **NEW DELHI**

The Indian Navy is participating in a mega wargame along with naval forces from eight nations including the US and France against the backdrop of increasingly fractious geopolitical environment and China's military muscle-flexing in the Indo-Pacific. The naval exercise 'La

Perouse' is underway in the straits between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean as well as Malacca, Sunda and Lombok. These straits are largely considered as very crucial for global maritime

The nine-day exercise that and the UK are participating

began on January 16 aims to enhance cooperation among the participating nations in maritime surveillance, interdiction operations, air operations and information sharing. French Carrier Strike Group

(CSG), led by nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Charles De Gaulle, is the mainstay of the mega exercise. India's indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer INS Mumbai is part of the exercise, according to the

Indian Navv. Besides, India, the US and France, naval forces from Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Canada



in the exercise.

The exercise provides an opportunity for like-minded navies to develop closer links in planning, coordination and information sharing for enhanced tactical interoperability," the Indian Navy said on Saturday.

The exercise will witness complex and advanced multi-domain exercises including surface warfare, anti-air warfare, air-defence, cross deck landings and tactical manoeuvres, as also the constabulary missions such as VBSS (Visit, Board, Seizure) Search and operations," it said in a statement.

Indian Navy's with offshore patrol vessel participation in the exercise HMS Spey and Singapore

showcases the high levels of synergy, coordination and interoperability between the like-minded navies and their commitment to a rulesbased international order in the maritime domain, it added.

The Australian Navy has deployed its frontline destroyer HMAS Hobart, while 'Canada has sent its warship HMCS Ottawa.

The United States deployed combat ship USS Savannah, Malaysia sent destroyer FFG Lekir and its embarked helicopter and the vessel Gagah Samudera,

The United Kingdom is participating in the exercise

with the patrol vessel RSN Independence. 'Strengthening safety will be at the core of this exercise, with the

development interoperability and the ability to act collectively in the event of a maritime crisis, which will contribute to it," a French readout said. It said the planned interactions will enable work on a broad

spectrum of maritime

security operations.

'The various distributed in the area will train to search for and then intervene on ships suspected of illicit activities; with suspect vessels being played by vessels of the force," it

Sangam witnesses sea of devotees, 7.5 Crore take the holy dip in five days

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he air thrummed with spiritual fervor as millions descended upon the Sangam, the sacred confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati rivers, for the Mahakumbh Mela. In just five days since its commencement. an astonishing 7.5 crore devotees have taken the holy dip, a testament to the enduring power of faith and tradition. On Saturday, the banks of the witnessed

breathtaking spectacle as over 19.84 lakh pilgrims, including over 10 lakh Kalpvasis dedicated to a month-long spiritual immersion, participated in the sacred bath.

"It is truly humbling to witness this sea of humanity devotion. remarked Shri Ram Narayan Das, a revered sage attending the Mahakumbh for decades. "The energy here is palpable,

a powerful blend of faith, humility, and joy.

The Mahakumbh, one of the largest religious gatherings on Earth, has transformed Prayagraj into a vibrant tapestry of colors, sounds, and spiritual experiences.
From the chanting of mantras to the rhythmic beats of devotional music, the atmosphere is charged with an undeniable sense of collective upliftment.

"I have traveled from the southernmost tip of India to experience the sanctity of the Sangam," shared an elderly woman, her eyes glistening with tears of joy. "This is a with tears of joy. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to cleanse my soul and connect with the

religious Beyond significance,

Mahakumbh also serves as a powerful testament to the unifying force of faith. People from all walks of life, irrespective of caste, creed, or standing,



together to partake in this celebration spirituality.

The Mahakumbh is not just a religious event; it is a celebration of humanity," stated Shri Ajay Kumar, District Magistrate of Prayagraj. "The Prayagraj.

administration has been working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of all pilgrims, while also striving to maintain the sanctity of this sacred event." Mahakumbh the progresses, millions more are expected to join the festivities, making this year's edition an unforgettable testament to the enduring power of faith and the timeless allure of the Sangam.

Rajnath Singh takes a dip Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Prayagraj on Saturday to attend Mahakumbh. He was received at Bamrauli Airport by MLA Minister Nand Gopal Gupta, with MP

Sudhanshu Trivedi also accompanying him. Upon reaching Prayagraj, the Defence Minister took the sacred dip at Triveni Sangam, chanting slogans such as "Sanatan Ki Jai" and "Ganga Maiyya Ki Jai."

Following the ritual, he visited Akshayvat, Patalpuri, and Bade Hanuman Ji temples and reviewed the preparations Mahakumbh.

Later in the evening, the Minister Defence scheduled to meet with Army officials to discuss security arrangements for the Mahakumbh.

Speaking on the occasion, Singh remarked, "I consider it my great fortune to have taken a holy dip in the Sangam at Prayagraj today. The Mahakumbh is a grand spiritual and cultural festival that embodies the essence of Indianness. It transcends associations

with any particular sect, community, or religion.



In a heartwarming display of humanity and dedication, the police in Prayagraj turned saviors for over 24,000 pilgrims stranded outside Prayagraj Junction station late Tuesday night. After taking the holy dip on Makar Sankranti, the devotees faced bone-chilling cold and long delays caused by thick fog disrupting train schedules. The night saw policemen not just managing the massive crowd but going beyond their duty to serve food, water, and tea to the weary pilgrims until 3 a.m. Wednesday. Blankets and quilts were also distributed to

shield them from the biting Kumar Singh shared, "We saw

comfort 24,000 stranded pilgrims at Maha Kumbh

A night of service: Prayagraj police feed and

cold. Speaking about the elderly people and children efforts, ACP (Kotwali) Manoj shivering, some of them

hungry and tired. It was impossible to stand by and do nothing. With help from NGOs and generous locals, we made sure everyone was fed and kept

Many police officers personally pitched in to ensure the smooth distribution of food and supplies. Sub-Inspector Ravi Shukla, who helped prepare and serve meals, said, "When I handed over a plate of food to a young boy, his mother's teary thank you' made all the effort worth it. This is more than a duty; it is humanity.

The chaos caused by delayed trains and miscommunication also left many pilgrims at the

Mahakumbh to boost UP's economy by over one per cent, claim experts

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Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj is poised to create a transformative cultural, social, and economic impact on Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has emphasized potentia Rs 2 lakh crore in business, with experts estimating an economic boost of over 1% to the state's GDP. This monumental gathering is also expected to significantly increase GST collections, with projections suggesting a potential threefold rise during the beak months of December, January, and February The influx of millions of

pilgrims over 45 days is spending of Rs 10,000 per anticipated to stimulate demand, increase production, create jobs, and enhance Rs 4.5 lakh crore. financial flows for businesses of Even accounting for a 10% infrastructure development, aligning with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision of making Uttar Pradesh a one trillion-dollar economy.

Economist and chartered accountant Pankaj Gandhi Jaiswal predicts Mahakumbh 2025 could boost both nominal and real GDP by 1%. With an estimated 45 crore visitors

domestic and international expected to attend and average person, the total economic activity generated could surpass

all scales. The state government, margin of error, the net which is investing Rs 16,000 contribution would remain crore in the event, plans to above Rs 4 lakh crore. Such bolster quarterly GDP but also contribute significantly to India's annual growth.

The state's investment will yield manifold returns," Jaiswal said. "An estimated Rs 4 lakh crore economic activity could result in GST collections of Rs 50,000 crore. Combined with income tax and other indirect taxes, the government's revenue

could exceed Rs 1 lakh crore' He further highlighted how this financial influx will stimulate sectors like tourism, transport, real estate, and retail, creating a cascading effect on economic

Chartered accountant Anil Gupta from Prayagraj echoed significant economic contributions

from infrastructure, transportation, and other sectors. Gupta noted

transformation of Prayagraj, which now boasts 5-star and 7star hotels to accommodate global visitors, as a testament to the government's development

Digital media centre boosts global coverage of Mahakumbh, emerges as information hub

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o showcase the grandeur of To showcase the granueur of Mahakumbh to the world, an advanced Media Center equipped with state-of-the-art technology is operational in the Mela area under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's leadership. Boasting high-quality profesrupees, the Media Centre facilitates flawless recording and livestreaming of every moment of the Mahakumbh.

This ensures that viewers experience the event in real time, offering an immersive digital experience to devotees worldwide. High-resolution cameras, featuring lenses costing up to Rs 50 lakh, are

broadcasting updates and news about the Mahakumbh on digital platforms. So far, 30 international journalists have conducted special coverage of the event, highlighting its and cultural significance.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed officials to ensure that the Media Center provides domestic and international devotees to stay informed. The demand for Mahakumbhrelated news is particularly high in countries such as the USA, Russia, Germany, Japan, and Israel.

Adding to its global reach, Mahakumbh programs aired on Swedish Radio have significant garnered



ppreciation.

The Media Center also features amenities such as tea, breakfast, and dining facilities, along with a well-equipped conference

Shri Kanak Vardhan Siogh Deo

room. Comprehensive security arrangements have implemented to ensure the safety and convenience of journalists and visitors alike.

Dr. Mukesh Mahalin

Railway Minister Ashwini inspects undersea bullet train tunnel work



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Railway Minister Ashwini Rvaishnaw on Saturday inspected the work of the undersea tunnel of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor, popularly called the bullet train project, and expressed satisfaction at the "good progress" on the mega multi-billion dollar project.

The 21-kilometre tunnel, which includes a 7 kilometre stretch beneath the Thane Creek, will connect the Bandra Kurla Complex station to Shilphata.

The undersea tunnel is the first of its kind in the country. The undersea tunnel has been designed and is being

constructed with great care, Vaishnaw told reporters at the Ghansoli neighbouring Navi Mumbai.

technology employed and the design of the tunnel makes it possible for two trains to pass through at speeds of 250 kilometres per hour. Environment protection has been taken care of along with

The construction on 340 kilometres of the project has made good progress," the Union railway minister said. Trains can pass at much higher speeds in the undersea tunnel than Kolkata Metro's under-

ventilation and lighting.

river tunnel, he told reporters. project is seeing significant advancements in bridge construction over rivers and station infrastructure. The station at Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) is an engineering marvel, with a unique design featuring 10 underground floors and seven above-ground levels. The highspeed rail project is on schedule, with Japanese experts inspecting and approving the ongoing work," he said. The dream of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi to provide an affordable. efficient transportation mode for the middle class is steadily becoming a reality, the Union minister remarked.

The completion of the High Speed Rail route, the first in the country, will integrate the economies of the cities enroute, including Mumbai and Ahmedabad, and will greatly boosted urban development, Vaishnaw said. "The stations along the corridor will spur urban development and enhance daily commuters' productivity by significantly reducing travel time. Don't see the high-speed train as a transportation project, but as integration of the economy. It elevate infrastructure and economic

growth," Vaishnaw said. He lauded the efforts of Indian engineers, whose expertise has played a pivotal role in the project's success, adding it was a matter of pride for the entire

Simultaneous poll is unconstitutional, being brought with political motive: DMK

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The Centre's initiative of 'one I nation, one election' was 'unconstitutional' and was being brought with a political motive DMK senior and Tamil Nadu Forests Minister K Ponmudy said on Saturday. Speaking at the DMK legal wing's third state conference that began here, he said "the move is unconstitutional and is being brought with a political

Terming the move to enforce simultaneous poll as an attempt to dispense with the five-year term of assemblies and



downsizing the states to union territories, senior advocate Kapil Sibal said states will not be in the picture at all if one nation, one election law was enforced. "It will destroy the very federal structure of our country. The preamble of the Constitution

says that India is a union of states. You have diminished the states,.. You are destroying the basic structure of the state, and trying for one nation, one poll, one language, political party, one religion," Sibal said during a discussion on the topic.

The move amounts to destroying the essence of democratic functioning of our republic. Cronies support the idea without a national debate on it. I don't think the people of India and Tamil Nadu will tolerate it," Sibal said and claimed that it would also affect the education, health and other state specific issues.

CBI court convicts Himachal IG, seven other cops in custodial death case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH

A Special CBI court here on Saturday convicted the Himachal Pradesh Inspector General of Police and seven other policemen in the custodial death of an accused in the gang rape and murder of a minor girl in Himachal Pradesh's Kotkhai in 2017. The court of special judge Alka Malik will pronounce the quantum of punishment on

January 27. The CBI court convicted IG Zahur Haider Zaidi, the then deputy superintendent of police Manoj Joshi, then Sub-Inspector Rajinder Singh, then Assistant SI Deep Chand Sharma, then head constable Mohan Lal, Surat Singh, Rafee Mohammad and then constable Ranjit Sateta.

The court acquitted the then Superintendent of Police DW Negi, his counsel Rabindra Pandit said. The accused have been convicted under various sections, including 302 (murder) read with 120-B, 330 sections, (voluntarily causing hurt to confession), 348

(wrongful confinement to extract confession) and 195 (giving false evidence) of the Indian Penal Code, said CBI public prosecutor Amit Jindal. Zaidi and seven others were arrested in the custodial death case of Suraj, who was found dead at the Kotkhai police station on July 18, 2017.

A 16-year-old girl went missing in Kotkhai on July 4, 2017, and her body was found in the Halaila forests two days later on July 6. The post-mortem report confirmed rape and murder and a case was registered.



under Ayushman Bharat, 45 per cent of population covered: Nadda

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Ayushman Bharat has brought 6 crore citizens aged 70 and above under it, and the Centre's flagship health insurance programme now covers over 45 per cent of India's population, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said here Saturday. The Union Cabinet in October last year approved health coverage to all citizens aged 70 years and above irrespective of income under the 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' (AB PM-JAY).

Under Modi 3.0, we have added 6 crore people above 70 under Ayushman Bharat. Now, more than 62 crore

people, or over 45 per cent of India's population, are covered, not in health insurance but under a 'health assurance' scheme with an annual coverage of Rs 5 lakh," he said. Speaking at the

Healthcare Summit 2025 organised at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, he called the scheme a game changer and said it has benefited more than 4.2 crore citizens. These are poor people

rickshaw pullers, street vendors, bus drivers, bus drivers, s, lift men, vendors, conductors, security guards, barbers, shoemakers - who perhaps would never have thought about caring for their health," Nadda said.

Israel prepares for return of hostages

Israel is preparing freturn of the hostages from srael is preparing for the Gaza with the expectation that many are likely to have severe. life-threatening complications after more than a year in captivity in the Gaza Strip.

While it's impossible to know the exact conditions in which hostages have been held, the Health Ministry and the Hostages Family Forum, which represents families of the hostages, are preparing for several different scenarios based on information gathered from hostages previously released or rescued

Hamas militants abducted about 250 people during a cross-border attack on Oct 7, 2023, that also left 1,200 people dead. About 100 hostages are still being held, though Israel believes a third of them are no longer alive.

The war that followed the attack has killed more than 46.000 Palestinians, according to Gaza health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and militants but say women and children make up more than half of those killed. Hagai Levine, who heads the health team at the Hostages Families Forum, said he expects the hostages to return with cardiovascular and respiratory issues due to lack of ventilation in the tunnels. Among

Levine expects are vitamin deficiencies, starvation, dramatic weight loss, vision problems due to a lack of sunlight, broken bones, cognitive impairment and mental health

As a result, doctors are expecting the hostages will require longer and more complex medical and mental health interventions than did those who returned after the last ceasefire in November 2023, said Dr Einat Yehene, a psychologist at the Hostages Families Forum who oversees the captives' reha-

COMPLEX MEDICAL CHALLENGES

Doctors are keenly aware of the challenges they face in treating the surviving hostages. One of them is "refeeding syndrome," when exposure to certain foods or too much food can lead to profound health complications and even death in those with prolonged vitamin and nutritional deficiencies, said Dr Hagar Mizrahi, head of the Ministry of Health's medical directorate.

The Red Cross team that will transfer the hostages from Gaza to Egypt and the small Israeli military medical team that will meet the hostages at the border as they cross into as stripping down the hospital Israel have strict guidelines for rooms and changing the lightwhat the hostages can eat in ing. Israel's Ministry of Social

multiple other afflictions their first few hours, Mizrahi

Six hospitals are preparing to receive hostages, including two in the south, closer to Gaza, that will treat those with acute medical issues, health ministry officials said.

Yehene said the public should not expect joyful reunions like those seen following the last ceasefire, when released hostages ran through hospital halls into the ecstatic embraces of their loved ones.

"Given the physical and emotional conditions, we expect emotional withdrawal symptoms, such as maybe exhaustion, fatigue — and some will probably need assistance with their mobility," she said.

Medical officials are also prepared for the possibility that returning hostages will need speech therapy, especially if they have been kept in isolation, Yehene noted. She said some might be so traumatized or in shock from the transfer to Israel that they will be unable to speak at all.

To minimise the hostages' trauma and allow them to acclimate to their new reality, officials will try to limit the number of people who interact with them and have made accommodations to lessen their sensory stimulation, such

release information at their own pace. "Our curiosity is really not important compared with

Welfare has also planned tem-

porary housing solutions if

directly from the hospital to

Experts are pleading with the

news media and the public to

give the hostages and their

families privacy, despite intense interest in their plight.

The first days back are real-

ly holy, when a person final-

ly gets to meet with their

family, and everyone else needs to take a step back," said

Ofrit Shapira, a psychoanalyst

who heads a group of health professionals treating freed

hostages, their families, and

survivors of the Oct 7 attack.

Hospital wings housing the

hostages are expected to be "sterilized," closed to all but

direct family and doctors, to

keep the public and news out-

lets away, medical officials

"It doesn't matter how much

we care about them; they're

their own people, they're not

ours," Shapira added. She

noted that asking the hostages

direct questions about their

experiences can force them to

relive their trauma. She said

it's best to allow them to

have said

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their home.

what the hostages need," she said. "It doesn't matter how hostages feel unable to return much you volunteered or were active in this fight; they don't owe you anything.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Some of the previously freed hostages and their families have volunteered to help counsel those now going through the same process, Levine said. He noted the strength of the bonds created between the relatives of the hostages, and between the released hostages, who have become like "psychological families" helping each other adapt and heal, he said. Many released hostages are neglecting their own rehabilitation because they are so wrapped up in the fight to bring the others home, Levine

A big priority is also to provide support for the families of hostages who did not survive. Israel has confirmed the deaths of at least a third of the approximately 90 remaining captives. But Hamas has not confirmed the status of the 33 who are expected to be freed in the first stage of the ceasefire. Some might no longer be alive.

This moment of the releases is an emotional and psychological trigger for something they were supposed to experience, and they never will experience, because this deal took too long," Yehene said.

Iran's long war with Iraq.

After Iran's then Supreme Leader Ruhollah Khomeini

accepted a UN-brokered

ceasefire, members of the

exiled Iranian opposition

group Mujahedeen-e-Khalq,

or MEK, heavily armed by

Saddam Hussein, stormed

across the Iranian border in

Iran ultimately blunted their

assault, but the attack set the

stage for the sham retrials of

political prisoners, militants and others that would become known as "death

International rights groups

estimate that as many as

5,000 people were executed,

while the MEK puts the num-

Iran has never fully acknowl-

edged the executions, appar-

ently carried out on

Khomeini's orders, though

some argue that other top

officials were effectively in

charge in the months before

The MEK did not immediate-

ly respond to a request for

a surprise attack.

commissions".

ber at 30,000.

his 1989 death.

PTI WASHINGTON

Impeached S Korean prez argues for his release



Supporters of impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol stage a rally to oppose his impeachment in Seoul, South Korea, on Saturday

PTI SEOUL

outh Korea's impeached Spresident on Saturday argued for his release before a Seoul judge as the court reviewed whether to grant a law enforcement request for his formal arrest

Yoon, who has been in detention since he was apprehended on Wednesday in a massive law enforcement operation at his residence, faces potential rebel-lion charges linked to his declaration of martial law on December 3, which set off the country's most serious political crisis since its democratisation in the late 1980s.

The Corruption Investigation Office for High-Ranking Officials, which is leading a joint investigation with police and the military, requested the Seoul Western District Court to grant a warrant for Yoon's formal arrest.

Yoon's lawyers said he spoke for about 40 minutes to the judge during the nearly five-hour closed-door hearing. His legal team and anti-corruption agencies presented opposing arguments about whether he should be held in custody. The lawyers did not share his specific comments. The judge is expected to make a decision by late Saturday or early Sunday. Yoon's motorcade was seen leaving the court Saturday evening for the detention centre, where Yoon will await the

decision. If Yoon is arrested, investigators can extend his detention to 20 days, during which they will

ecutors for indictment. If the court rejects the investigators request, Yoon will be released and return to his residence. Yoon was transported to the

transfer the case to public pros-

court from a detention centre in Uiwang, near Seoul, in a blue Justice Ministry van escorted by police and the presidential security service.

The motorcade entered the court's basement parking space as thousands of Yoon's supporters rallied in nearby streets amid a heavy police presence, waving banners and shouting slogans calling for his release. Some protesters temporarily broke through the police lines and tapped on the windows of his van as the motorcade slowed while approaching the court. Yoon did not speak to

the hearing. It hadn't been clear until Saturday morning whether Yoon would choose to attend the hearing.

reporters before heading to

Defence lawyers met Yoon at the detention centre and he accepted his legal team's advice to appear personally before the judge, said Yoon Kab-keun, one of the president's lawyers. The lawyer said the president was to argue that his decree was a legitimate exercise of his powers and that accusations of rebellion would not hold up before a criminal court or the Constitutional Court, which is reviewing whether to formally remove him from office or reinstate him.

Nine people, including Yoon's defence minister, police chief, and several top military commanders, have already been arrested and indicted for their roles in the enforcement of martial law. The crisis began when Yoon, in

an attempt to break through

legislative gridlock, imposed military rule and sent troops to the National Assembly and election offices. The standoff lasted only hours

after lawmakers who managed to get through a blockade voted to lift the measure. The opposition-dominated assembly voted to impeach him on December 14.

If Yoon is formally arrested, it could mark the beginning of an extended period in custody for him, lasting months or more. If prosecutors indict Yoon on rebellion and abuse of power charges, which are the allegations now being examined by investigators, they could keep him in custody for up to six months before trial.

Under South Korean law, orchestrating a rebellion is punishable by life imprisonment or the death penalty. Yoon's lawyers have argued that there is no need to detain him during the investigation, saying he doesn't pose a threat to flee or destroy evidence. Investigators respond that Yoon ignored several requests to appear for questioning, and that the presidential security service blocked an attempt to

detain him on January 3. His defiance has raised concerns about whether he would comply with criminal court proceedings if he's not under arrest.

Gunman fatally shoots two judges in Tehran

n a rare attack targeting the Judiciary, a man fatally shot two prominent hard-line judges in Iran's capital Tehran on Saturday, state media

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This is to inform you that This is to inform you that Mrs. Reema Soni, Mr. Sunil Kumar Soni, and Mrs. Kamlesh Verma are the independent owners of western side portion of Plot No. 7, with an area of 317 sq. yards, located at W.A.E. Ramjas Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. The entire properly was originally purchased by Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta (1/6th share), Mr. Satish Kumar (1/6th share), Mrs. Preeti Garg (1/6th share), Mr. Inder Garg (2/6th share), and Mr. Anil Kumar Gupta (1/6th share) from POI through DDA, via Conveyance Deed dated 10.04.2008. Later, Mrs. Preeti Garg sold her 1/6th share) 10.04.2008. Later, Mrs. Preeti Garg sold her 1/6th share to Mr. Sunil Kumar Soni through a Sale Deed dated 16.08.2023. Similarly, Mr. Inder Garg sold his 1/6th share to Mrs. Kamlesh Verma through a Sale Deed dated 16.08.2023 and sold his 1/6th share to Mrs. Reema Soni through a Sale Deed dated 16.08.2023. Now Mrs. Reema Soni, Mr. Sunil Kumar Soni, and Mrs. Kamlesh Verma reindenpednet owners of western side portion of the are independent owners of western side portion of th said property. The property is being financed by RBI Bank, Branch GP 3, UGF Pitampura Road, Delhi-110034 If any person(s) objection & regarding subjec property, then kindly may submit his/her objection within 07 days from the date of the Notice in writing. within O' days from the date of the Notice in without The said objection may be kindly sent too, the said objection may be kindly sent too, address given below and by E-mail.falling which, the claim as per aforesaid shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property. Ashwani Kumar (Advocate) Ch No. 122, Tehsil Compound, Ghaziabad, U.P.

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Whereas the above named applicant (s) has / have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.15,80,467/
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Both the deceased judges allegedly took part in the mass execution of dissidents

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the fatal shootings of the judges clerics Mohammad Mogheiseh and Ali Razini.

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had likely made him a target in the past, including a failed assassination attempt in 1999. Their killings also come as Iran faces economic turmoil, the mauling of its Mideast

allies by Israel, and the return

of Donald Trump to the

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छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल

पर्यावास भवन, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला- रायपुर (छ.ग.)

// सर्व संबंधित को सूचना //

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी ई.आई.ए

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issued on production of this notice.

However, Razini's involve-

Both clerics served on Iran's Supreme Court, the staterun IRNA news agency reported.

A bodyguard for one of the judges was also wounded. The gunman later killed himself, IRNA said. "According to initial investi-

White House on Monday.

gations, the person in question did not have a case in the Supreme Court, nor was he a client of the branches of the court," the judiciary's Mizan news agency said.

"Currently, investigations have been launched to identify and arrest the perpetrators of this terrorist act. In January 1999, attackers

on motorcycles hurled an explosive at Razini's vehicle. wounding him as he left work as the head of the judiciary in Tehran.

Both men had been named by activists and exiles as taking part in the 1988 executions. which came at the end of

Property No. B-272, measuring 41 Sq. Yards, Khasra No.316, Village Ghonda Gujran Khadar, Gali No.12, Bhajanpura, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi-110053 from Mr. Gajendra Singh who became owner vide Regd. Family GPA dated 16.07.2024 (Doc No. 2024/12/IV/1425), Notarized Gift Deed dated 16.07.2024 & Family WILL Deed dated 16.07.2024 executed by Mr. Awanish Kumar and same to be financed & mortgaged by dditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. So, to comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that If any Person having any type of claim/right/title/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 15 days from today, falling which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLP B-938, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2, Nolda, UP-201301Contact#6120-4269379 **PUBLIC NOTICE** My client Sh. Surender Rana S/o Sh. Raj Roop Rana R/o H. No. A-4/103, Printer Apartment, Sector 13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 has cut off his family relations and has discovered his wife Smt. Sushill Rana, his daughter Ms. Shalini, his son Sahil Rana



CHANGE OF NAME

hitherto known as Jagaieevan Lal S/o Amarnath G R/o 2A/242, Sector-2, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jagjiwan Lal.

I, No.6494093P Hav Mahentesh Kadakol, R/o- Vill- Aladakatti, PO- Tallur, Teh- Savadatti, Dist-Belgaum, Karnataka- 591117, have changed my name from Mahentesh Kadakol Kadakol, Mahantesh vide affidavit dated 18/01/2025

before Notary Public Delhi

I, Bindhu S Raj, Mother of- No. 16034420P RFN Sibin S Raj, R/o - Abenazer Nivas, Thenguvilakuzhi Vadakara, Marayamuttom Post Office, Perumkadavila, Thiruvananthapurum, Kerala-695124, have changed my name from Bindhu S Rai to Bindulekha T, vide Affidavit dated 18/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

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Shekh Bahauddin wrongly written in my minor son Shekh Sameer School records, correct name is Shekh Mehrajuddin C - 170, /C - 262, Jahangirpuri Delhi - 110033

My Name Shekh Sabbu S/o

 $E_{\text{first march, the Women's}}^{\text{ight years since its historic}}$ March is returning Saturday to the nation's capital just before President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration. Rebranded and reorganized, the rally has a new name — the People's March — as a means to broaden support, especially during a reflective moment for progressive organizing after Trump's decisive win in November. The Republican takes the oath of office Monday. Women outraged over Trump's 2016 presidential win flocked to Washington in 2017 and organized large rallies in cities throughout the country, building

for march days before Trump takes office the base of a grassroots movement that became known as the Women's March. Washington rally alone attracted over 500,000 marchers, and millions more participated in local marches around the country, marking one of the largest single-day demonstrations in US history. This year, the march is expected to be about one-tenth the size of the first one and comes amid a restrained moment of reflection as many progressive voters navigate feelings of exhaustion, disappointment and despair after Vice President Kamala Harris' loss. The comparative quiet contrasts sharply with the white-knuckled fury of the inaugural rally as massive crowds shouted

demands over megaphones and marched in pink pussyhats in response to Trump's first election win. "The reality is that it's just hard to capture lightning in a bottle," said Tamika Middleton, managing director at the Women's March. "It was a really particular moment. In 2017, we had not seen a Trump presidency and the kind of vitriol that that represented."

The movement fractured after that hugely successful day of protests over accusations that it was not diverse enough. This year's rebrand as a People's March is the result of an overhaul intended to broaden the group's appeal. Saturday's demonstration will promote themes related to feminism, racial justice, anti-mil-

will end with discussions hosted by various social justice organizations. The People's March is unusual in the "vast array of issues brought together under one umbrella," said Jo Reger, a sociology professor who researches social movements at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. Women's suffrage marches, for example, were focused on a specific goal of voting rights. For a broad-based social justice movement such as the march, conflicting visions are impossible to avoid and there is "immense pressure" for organizers to meet everyone's needs, Reger said. But she also said some discord isn't necessarily a

bad thing.

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TikTok users in limbo as ban looms

Tens of thousands to converge on Washington

PTI ■ NEW YORK

The US is inching closer ▲ and closer to a potential TikTok ban — with the nation's highest court upholding a law that's set to halt new downloads of the app starting Sunday.

But many questions around what exactly this ban will look like, and whether it will actually be enforced, remain.

That puts millions of users and content creators in limbo particularly influencers and small business owners who have come to rely on the megapopular social media platform as a source of income.

Among those individuals is Terrell Wade, a comedian, actor and content creator with 1.5 million followers on TikTok the handle @TheWadeEmpire. Wade, who has turned his TikTok presence PD(1283)C into a full-time job, said he ship to address national secu-

expects "two days of chaos" as the Sunday deadline nears. "At this point, I really don't know what to believe," Wade

told The Associated Press. In a unanimous decision on Friday, the Supreme Court upheld a federal law that will ban TikTok unless it's sold by its China-based parent company before January 19 — ruling that a risk to national security posed by the platform's ties to China overcomes First Amendment concerns about limiting free speech on and by

the app. A sale does not appear imminent, meaning the ban should go into effect Sunday. But the before the inauguration of a new president.

ruling also arrives just days President Joe Biden's administration has maintained that

TikTok must change its owner-

that it won't enforce the law on Sunday, the Democrat's final full day in office. On Friday, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre

rity concerns, but signalled

said that actions to enforce the law will fall to the new administration due to "the sheer fact of timing. Meanwhile, Republican President-elect Donald

Trump, who once also tried to ban TikTok, has now vowed to preserve access to the platform. But what his options will be following Monday's inauguration remains unclear.

Among other points of confusion is what a ban on TikTok will look like. Experts have said the app will not disappear from existing users' devices once the law takes effect. But new users won't be able to download it and updates will not be available. That will

at Forrester, stressing the disruptions TikTok creators and influencers will feel if the ban takes effect. If access to is lost, she adds, many will have to pivot and re-build their presence on other platforms. While bracing for a potential Sunday ban, Wade is among

eventually render the app

unworkable, the Justice

Department said in court fil-

ings. All of this is "a reminder

to the creator community that

social media platforms can

come and go," notes Kelsey

Chickering, a principal analyst

creators who hope that something happens to avert the shutdown, although he thinks he has enough followers on other platforms to stay afloat. "I'm still remaining optimistic," he said. Still, many continue to express fears over the potential of losing

Rohit hints players have reservations about BCCI's 10-point diktat

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m ohit}$ Sharma seems to have reservations about certain clauses in the 10-point disciplinary guidelines prepared by the BCCI at the disciplinary behest of head coach Gautam Gambhir and India skipper is set to discuss the issue with the Board secretary Devajit

The BCCI has not officially announced the guidelines but media has already reported on the 10-point diktat.

One of the major contentions in policy document is going back to the old days where families are allowed only for 14 days on long tours. Any deviation would need coach Gambhir's approval.

It is understood that this point has not gone down well in the team's rank and file. As Rohit sat beside chairman

before the start of the press conference, he was heard telling his former Mumbai teammate: "Ab mere ko baithna padega secretary ke saath. Family, wamily ka discuss karne ke liye, sab mere ko bol rahe hai yaar (I have to sit down with the secretary to discuss about family (travel guidelines). Everyone (players) is asking

Rohit's comment wasn't meant for the media but it was caught on the microphone and it was not difficult to read between the

When Rohit asked about the guidelines, he retorted,"Who told you about these rules? Has it come from the official handle of the BCCI? Let it come officially.

However when Agarkar



Law has sadly passed away.

He fought a tough battle but

finally he is now at peace," the

"We would like to thank

everyone who contributed to

his wellbeing and care, past

and much more recently. We

know how much people supported and loved him and

that love was always

appreciated and made the

Law is forever linked with Bobby Charlton and George

Best, the three-pronged strike force that led United to

English league titles in 1965 and '67 and the European Cup

in 1968 — a first for an

Everyone at Manchester

United is mourning the loss of

Denis Law, the King of the

Stretford End," United said in a statement. "With 237 goals

in 404 appearances, he will

always be celebrated as one of

the club's greatest and most

beloved players. The ultimate

statement read.

difference."

English club.

spoke, he indeed admitted that an SOP has been drafted.

Agarkar was asked what exactly went wrong that within six months of winning the T20 World Cup with same set of players, BCCI needed a travel policy document?

Agarkar, who was also a part of that review committee meeting that discussed the Australia debacle, said, "We'll probably talk about it endlessly if we keep going on."
"I suppose every team has

some rules in place. We've spoken about various things you see over the last few months where you can improve as a team, where you can get a bit closer as a team. It's not a school. It's not a punishment," he said, trying to rationalise.

"It's just (that) you have some rules in place and when

you're playing for the national team you just follow those rules. Again, these are mature individuals. They superstars in their own rights in international sport."

Many former players have termed these rules as something that was always in place and Agarkar called them protocols that one has to follow while representing the national team. "But at the end of the day

you're eventually representing your country. There are certain things that you just inherently follow as every team does. I think a lot of them (rules) have been in

"Maybe we've spoken about it now and it's been put out, but a lot of them have been in place in any case. You keep on refining it as you go along eventually what suits the relationship with the head coach and the skipper said that once he enters the playing arena, he is his own man. "Both (he and Gambhir) of us are very clear in what we want to do. I'm not going to sit here and discuss what goes behind every game tactically but it's very clear in my mind. Gambhir 'Gautam somebody once we enter the field he trusts what the

There have been conjectures

Rohit's

captain is doing on the field. The basic talks that happen are only off the field, in the ground or maybe the changing room. "But once we take the field it's

all about what I do on the field. That's the kind of trust we have in each other and that's how it should be. That's

Number of controversial decisions in boxing could be reduced using AI-based technology

PTI ■ LONDON

 B_{is}^{oxing} , the "sweet science", B_{is}^{oxing} at the atre of skill, power and drama that has captivated audiences for centuries. Yet, behind the allure of championship nights and historic rivalries lies a persistent shadow controversial decisions that

spark cries of "robbery". Boxing has had its fair share of controversial decisions which continue to spark debate among fans and experts alike. While technology in sports like football and cricket has

supplemented objective rules, boxing's reliance subjective judgement leaves it uniquely vulnerable to bias and error. Isn't it time the

sport caught up?

The answer may lie in artificial intelligence (AI). Imagine a world where contentious decisions and accusations of bias become a thing of the past. Could the technology offer boxing the fairness and transparency it desperately needs?

Boxing's history is long and storied, tracing back to bareknuckle fights and evolving into the regulated, global phenomenon it is today. But some things haven't changed. Chief among them is the subjective nature of judging. Unlike football's offsides or cricket's LBW (leg before wicket) calls, boxing lacks hard and fast rules for

Decisions depend on referees interpreting and judges abstract criteria like effective aggression, defence and clean punching. While these punching. standards sound straightforward, their application often wildly, leading varies

unpredictable results. Take the infamous 2012 Olympics, which featured many scoring controversies that led to demands for reform. More recently, during the Oleksandr Usyk v Daniel Dubois bout, the referee ruled that Dubois had delivered a low blow to Usyk. This left fans divided, with some



legal punch. It's one example of where a key decision has sparked widespread debate in the sport. But there are many

Other sports have adopted innovative technology in an reduce subjectivity: cricket uses ball tracking for precise decision making, football has VAR (video assistant referee) for disputed goals, and MMA (mixed martial arts) employs replays to confirm pivotal moments. But boxing remains stubbornly dependent on human eves. Why? Because its unique pace and nuance present challenges that technology hasn't

For fans, what they might regard as an unfair decision can be a bitter pill. For fighters, it's devastating years of training undone by a controversial call. And for the sport as a whole, the can tarnish its credibility.

Boxing is an industry worth billions. Sponsors, broadcasters and pay-perview audiences demand a product they can trust. Controversies don't just upset fans, they jeopardise the sport's business model. To survive and thrive, boxing needs to evolve, and technology offers a way

forward.

AI's potential in boxing What makes AI so promising is its ability to process complexities. Rather than replacing human judgement, can supplement it, much needed bringing feeling it should have been a consistency to a sport fraught ensuring fairness.

interpretation. Technology doesn't replace the human element, supports it.

So what's stopping boxing? Critics argue that tools like replay systems could disrupt the flow of a fight. But smart integration can avoid this. Imagine video reviews used sparingly, only for gamechanging moments like knockdowns or disputed low

Here's how technology could reshape boxing. Sensors and could track punch accuracy, power placement. This data would give judges a factual layer to complement their scoring. AI could also transform instant replays. Key moments, like knockdowns or potential fouls, could be reviewed quickly without disrupting the fight's rhythm.

Artificial intelligence could also assist scoring. Algorithms trained on historical data could suggest scores based on patterns and metrics, acting as a guide for judges. Finally, blockchain technology, where a record of decisions is maintained across linked computers, could log and secure judges' scores, creating a transparent record for post-fight analysis. Progress and tradition

Boxing has always celebrated its traditions, and that's part of its charm. But clinging too tightly to the past risks alienating today's fans. Critics that too much technology might strip the sport of its human touch. But the goal isn't to replace tradition, it's to protect it by

Manchester United and Scotland soccer great, Denis Law dies at 84 and love for the game made Denis Law, the Manchester United and Scotland great, has died. He was 84. him the hero of a generation. Law, Charlton and Best would be voted as European footballer of the year and win the Ballon d'Or in a five-The death of Law, the only Scottish player to win the Ballon d'Or, was announced by his family through United on Friday. In 2021 he was diagnosed with dementia. season period from 1964-68. They are united in a statue at Old Trafford. Law is the only player with two statues at the "It is with a heavy heart that we tell you our father Denis stadium: He stands solo on the Stretford End concourse,

naturally. Law's 46 goals in the 1963-64 season remains a single-season record for United. His 237 goals for the club are bettered by only Charlton and Wayne Rooney, though his goals-per-game ratio

However, a goal he scored against United is arguably his most famous. In one of the last games of his career, Law was playing for Manchester City — where he had two spells — at Old Trafford in United's next-to-last game of the 1973-74 season.

His late goal, with an audacious back-heel flick he insisted was "a fluke," meant United lost 1-0 and helped to ensure its relegation to the second division just six years European being

Law did not celebrate his goal and was substituted with head bowed as United fans invaded the pitch before the game



restarted. His 30 goals for Scotland are matched by only Kenny Dalglish, though was Dalglish, achieved in just 55 games compared to Dalglish's 102. UEFA was one of many to react to Law's death. On X it wrote, "On behalf of European football we are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Denis Law. One of Scottish football's true greats.

player who would become fondly referred to as "The Lawman," Law left his northern Scotland hometown of Aberdeen as a skinny 15-year-old with poor eyesight. He became a feared penaltyarea predator and a pioneer in modernizing world of European soccer

By the age of 22, both United and City paid English-record transfer fees to sign Law, and he had played one season in Italy — an exotic change of culture at that time, though he disliked the defensive nature

He returned from Torino in 1962 to begin an 11-year stint at Old Trafford that helped reestablish United as an international power under manager Matt Busby.

Law joined a club that was still rebuilding from the airplane crash at Munich four years earlier. It took the lives of most of Busby's thendominant team returning from a European Cup game. Law's prolific scoring helped United win the FA Cup in 1963 for its first trophy since the Munich disaster, and then two league titles in three

Redemption for Busby's was becoming United European champion a decade after the tragedy.

Though Best and Charlton scored in the final, a 4-1 extra-time win over Benfica, Law missed the game at London's Wembley Stadium due to a knee injury that persisted in his career. He had his own signature

Wembley moment one year earlier. He scored Scotland's first goal in a 3-2 victory to inflict England's first loss since winning the 1966 World Cup final nine months previously. As a proud Scot, Law refused

to watch the final on television. He went to play golf instead.
Only in one of his last games would Law finally play at the World Cup, in 1974 in West

Germany Then a 34-year-old veteran, Law was selected for Scotland's opening match, a 2-0 win against Zaire. He was not picked for subsequent

was eliminated.

Law chose to end his career in August 1974, by which time he'd etched his name in soccer's scoring history.

drawn games against Brazil and Yugoslavia as Scotland

After his playing career, Law worked as a TV soccer pundit and presenter and was very much in the public eye in spending some of Best's last hours next to the Northern Irishman's hospital bed before his alcohol-related death in

Law recovered from prostate cancer, and was awarded a Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 2016 for services to soccer and charity.

When his dementia was publicly revealed four years ago, he said, "It is an incredibly challenging and problematic disease and I have witnessed many friends go through this. I recognise how my brain is deteriorating and how my memory evades me when I don't want it to and how this causes me distress in situations that are

beyond my control.

Winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia signs with French champion PSG until 2029

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m completed}$ Kvaratskhelia his expected move from Napoli to Paris Saint-Germain when he signed a deal until 2029 with the record 12-time French champion.

French media earlier reported the 23-year-old Georgia forward was in Paris to have his medical check, and PSG confirmed the transfer in a statement late Friday."It's a dream to be here. I've heard a lot of very positive things about Paris Saint-Germain," Kvaratskhelia said. "I feel



immense pride in joining.' No further information was given but L'Equipe estimated the transfer fee to be 70 million euros (\$72 million) without bonuses. The move comes a day after

he posted a farewell video to title-winning team in 2023.

Napoli fans, affectionately nicknamed him "Kvaradona" in homage to Argentina great Diego Maradona, the club's greatest ever player. Kvaratskhelia

starred in Napoli's Serie A

probably leave for Man **City says Frankfurt PTI** ■ FRANKFURT

Omar Marmoush will

Omar Marmoush seemed on the verge of joining Manchester City on Friday as his current club Eintracht Frankfurt confirmed it was in talks with City and said the Egyptian striker would probably leave.

Marmoush was not in the squad as Frankfurt beat Borussia Dortmund 2-0 in the Bundesliga but joined his teammates on the field after the game for an apparent farewell as fans

"I've said often before that we're in discussions with a club. In the end, it's Manchester City and we've really been in close contact with them for one or two days now," sporting director Markus Krösche told broadcaster DAZN ahead of the game. A move to City would be a "huge opportunity" for Marmoush, he added.

'We'll see how it develops in the coming hours and perhaps days, but there is now a very high probability that he will be leaving us."

Australian Open: Iga Swiatek is in total control during a 6-1, 6-0 rout of Emma Raducanu

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 $E^{\text{verything came so easily}}_{\text{for Iga Swiatek during a 6-}}$ 1, 6-0 victory over Emma Raducanu on Saturday in the Australian Open women's third-round match between two past Grand Slam champions — if you thought that meant it would be close, you would have been rather wrong — that this was how she described it:

"I felt like the ball," Swiatek said, "is listening to me." Loud and clear. Asked to

explain that sensation, Swiatek put her two index fingers a few inches apart and said, "It's just being able to aim for this kind of space." Then she spread her palms more than a foot apart to show that's the margin for error on other days.

The difference, she said, comes down to "being more precise and actually knowing where the ball is going to go, seeing the effects that you want it to."

When the five-time major champion and former longtime No. 1-ranked woman – now No. 2, behind Aryna

of her powers, as she sure has seemed to be in Week 1 at Melbourne Park, it is hard for anyone to slow Swiatek down. The heavy-spinning, high-bouncing forehands. The squeaky-sneaker scrambling get to every shot. The terrific returning. And so on. Later Saturday, No. 4 Taylor Fritz, the runner-up at last year's U.S. Open, became the highest-seeded man to leave the bracket, defeated by 38-year-old Gael Monfils 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (1), 6-4. Monfils joined Roger Federer as the only men 38 or older to get to the fourth round in Melbourne since the field expanded to 128 players in 1988. At the other end of the age

spectrum, a pair of young

Californians who have been pals for a while and trained together in the offseason — Learner Tien, 19, and Alex Michelsen, 20 — earned debuts in the fourth round at a major. Ben Shelton, who is 22, won, too, while another American, Marcos Giron, was facing No. 1 Jannik Sinner at

Tien, a qualifier ranked 121st, of Russia 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-2. It 2023, defeated No. 16

Lorenzo Musetti of Italy 6-3, the second time

followed up his surprising win against No. 5 Daniil Medvedev in a five-setter that ended at 3 a.M. On Friday with a 7-6 (10), 6-3, 6-3 victory over Corentin Moutet of France. Michelsen, who is round. ranked 42nd, overwhelmed Shelton, the 21st seed and a No. 19 seed Karen Khachanov U.S. Open semifinalist in

Michelsen knocked off a top-20 seed this week after beating No. 11 Stefanos Tsitsipas, the 2023 Australian Open runner-up, in the first

3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5) and will take on Monfils on Monday. Michelsen will try to send another high seed packing

when he plays No. 8 Alex de Minaur, an Australian who beat No. 31 Francisco Cerúndolo 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-3. Tien faces 55th-ranked

Lorenzo Sonego of Italy, a 6-7 (3), 7-6 (6), 6-1, 6-2 winner over Fabian Marozsan. Against Raducanu, who won

the 2021 U.S. Open as a teenage qualifier, Swiatek played at a level she called 'perfect." Indeed, Swiatek mounted a

24-9 edge in winners, made only 12 unforced errors roughly half of Raducanu's 22 - and claimed 59 points to 29. That caused one spectator to yell out, "No mercy!" in the second set as Swiatek was reeling off the last 11 games after the match was tied at 1all early with not a cloud in the sky and the temperature 80 degrees (above 25 approaching Fahrenheit Celsius).

"I think it was a little bit of her playing well, and me not playing so well," Raducanu said. "That combination is probably not good."

Swiatek, who agreed to accept a one-month suspension in a doping case late last year, owns four trophies from the French Open and one from the U.S. Open. But she's never been beyond the semifinals in Australia; she lost in that

round to Danielle Collins in the Australian Open's fourth

A year ago, Swiatek was upset in the third round by teenager Linda Noskova.

Swiatek, who said she dedicated Saturday's win to her grandfather, has ceded a total of only 10 games through three matches with new coach Wim Fissette sitting courtside. Next up will be 128th-ranked Eva Lys of Germany, who lost in qualifying but was given a spot in the main draw when someone withdrew about 10 minutes before her firstround match.

Lys defeated Jaqueline Cristian 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 and is the first "lucky loser" to get to

round since the tournament moved to Melbourne Park in Others who now will get a

chance to play for a quarterfinal berth after victories Saturday included No. 6 Elena Rybakina, No. 8 Emma Navarro and No. 9 Daria Kasatkina. Rybakina, the 2022 Wimbledon 2022 champion, beat No. 32 Dayana Yastremska 6-3, 6-4, Navarro eliminated threetime major finalist Ons Jabeur 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, and Kasatkina got past No. 24 Yulia Putintseva 7-5, 6-1. Unseeded Veronika Kudermetova beat No. 15 Beatriz Haddad Maia

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The Cast Reveals All!

Crew:

Insights from the Cast and

OTT platforms have brought forth a

wave of fresh, engaging content and *Swipe Crime* is the latest show

garnering attention. With its intriguing storyline and complex

characters, the show has created a

Swipe Crime with the cast members

Ronit Ashra and the celebrated Faisal

buzz among audiences. Here's an

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BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE CAST



The cast of Swipe Crime breaks down their roles, with Faisal Malik giving fans hope for Prahlad Cha's return, says SAKSHI PRIYA

compelling character, adding another nuanced portrayal to his repertoire. Here, we dive into his thoughts on the series, his character and the lessons he's gathered along the way. In this gripping exploration of cybercrime, *Faisal* brings depth to a character that resonates with real-life personas. Here's a closer look at his journey with the show and the insights he shared about his craft.

The Concept and the

Draw: For Faisal, the decision to join Swipe Crime was rooted in the script's quality and the universe it

"What inspires every actor to do it? The character is good. The universe he has created is good. And it's very relatable as well as beautifully written. That's what inspires me," he

Portraying His Character:

Faisal's character in *Swipe Crime* stands out for its layered personality. He described it as someone who is multifaceted depending on perspective.

"A nice person, for myself only, not for the people around me. So for me, I

am a very nice, good person. But for my students, I am a badass. So they don't like me. And it's good for me," he explained.

To bring authenticity to the role, Faisal drew inspiration from a reallife individual.

"There is a teacher on my campus, Mr. Sharma. He was like this. So I have just taken him and done it here."

Films vs OTT: Having worked in diverse mediums, Faisal finds the OTT format particularly appealing for its depth in storytelling. "Not platform, but the medium of series is good. Because one can easily

explore the character and the person. It's not hero-centric at all," he stated, reflecting on the opportunities OTT platforms offer.

When Prahlad Cha

Returns: Fans of Faisal's character from Panchayat are eagerly awaiting the return of Prahlad Čha. Faisal shared some insight on this during

the interview, saying, "Ready ho raha hai. 8 or 9 months lagegá abhi." This indicates that while



Ronit Ashra, celebrated for his mimicry and content creation, makes his acting debut in Swipe Crime. Transitioning from

who wants to carve his own path. Describing his character, he said. "Nikhil is a mix of intelligence and ambition, with a lighthearted dynamic with his parents. Ronit shared amusing anecdotes from the set, especially his improvisations with Faisal Malik. "We'd often create moments on the spot, making the process incredibly fun," he said



Lessons from the Industry:

The entertainment industry has taught Faisal valuable lessons, both professionally and personally. For me, it's like to be good to people. Yeah, that's nice," he said, emphasising the importance of kindness and understanding. However, his journey also came with its challenges. "Someone told me a long time back to stop thinking about too much of anything. I used to produce shows and all. So in that entire journey, I was very bad to people. Because I was keeping my 24/7. So if some other person is not doing their work, then I become very bad. They all said don't do this. You are making enemies."

Advice to His Younger Self: When asked what he would tell his younger self, Faisal offered an honest

and surprising answer. "That's the worst thing I have done in my life, to think about work.

Otherwise, I would be a lazy person. I would be sitting alone. I don't want to do anything. This is what I want to do: doing nothing," he said with a

A Show That Resonates

with Today's Audience Swipe Crime is a thriller that mirrors society's growing dependence on technology and the vulnerabilities it exposes. The performances, led by Faisal Malik's gravitas, Rishab Chadha's depth, Diksha J Singh's charisma and Ronit Ashra's fresh energy, make it a must-watch for audiences of all ages. As Faisal Malik aptly put it, "Awareness is key. While technology evolves, it's up to us to use it wisely and protect ourselves." With a compelling storyline, powerful performances and a relevant message, Swipe Crime is set to leave a lasting impact on viewers, making them think twice about the digital footprints they leave behind.



Layers of Love and C

By SAKSHI PRIYA

handni Chowk has always been the heartbeat of wedding shopping in Delhi, and now, with the addition of House of Surya at Omaxe Chowk, bridal shopping has reached new heights of elegance. The store transforms this experience into an art form, showcasing timeless craftsmanship that speaks to the soul of traditional Indian fashion.

The House of Surya collection stands out with intricate details, delicate hand from embroidery to the rich textures of Banarasi silks and velvets. The colour palette spans from classic bridal reds to soft pastels and muted metallics, offering something for every bride and wedding celebration. Whether it's a grand lehenga for the main ceremony or a lighter outfit for prewedding events, the designs strike the perfect balance of luxury and wearability, catering to the vibrant celebrations that define Indian

weddings. The launch saw Malaika Arora bringing her signature grace and glamour, embodying the collection's ethos of confidence and elegance.

Her presence highlighted how the designs resonate with today's brides, who seek a harmonious balance between tradition and individuality. Stepping into the store feels like entering a world of creativity and craftsmanship. The thoughtfully designed space invites

customers into a world of creativity and detail. From ornate embellishments to the careful interplay of heritage and contemporary aesthetics, every garment has a personality of its own. The artistry and skill of Indian craftsmen shine through, with pieces that feel like heirlooms meant to be cherished. As wedding season peaks, this addition has quickly become a go-to for bridal wear that adapts to the varying needs of modern celebrations. From mehendi to reception, the collection caters to every event while maintaining the grandeur that Indian weddings are known for. The focus on craftsmanship is what makes this collection truly special. In a fast-paced world, it's refreshing to see a space that honours traditional techniques while keeping them relevant for the

For those stepping into the whirlwind of wedding preparations, this new destination is about connecting with a legacy of design and artistry. It offers not just garments but an experience, one that makes every bride feel unique and every occasion unforgettable.

Faisal Malik, known for his RISHAB CHADHA Versatility and Dedication phenomenal work in Panchayat, shares his insights on the show, Rishab Chadha, known for Drishyam and while the rest of the cast speaks Khoobsurat, shines in Swipe Crime. about their challenges, character nuances and their experiences Reflecting on his 18-year acting journey, he said, "I've spent so much time on my working together.

"Understanding the director is key.

craft that nothing feels too challenging Faisal Malik on His Role anvmore. But this role was unique, and Reflections from the requiring restraint and a transformation Industry: Faisal Malik, best that I hadn't experienced before. known for his remarkable On challenges, he shared, "A scene with performances, takes on a Professor alcohol and fire was intense, I unknowingly consumed alcohol, fainted role in the series *Swipe Crime*. He post-shoot, but it's my best intro scene has cemented his place in the vet." Playing Vidhan Shastri, a shy yet industry as an actor who brings depth and authenticity to every ambitious UP engineering student Rishab drew from personal experiences role. In Swipe Crime, a gripping series exploring the dark corners of and the director's vision, saying,



DIKSHA J SINGH From Model to Actress

Diksha J Singh is a multifaceted personality, an actor, model, and politician, best known for her role as Juhi in Swipe Crime. Talking about her character, she shared, "After a long time, I came across a script that offered so much for a woman to play. especially in a negative role from a college perspective. It's rare and refreshing.

For Diksha, Juhi is mentally strong and incredibly clever, characteristics she found fascinating to portray. Though she did not share screen space with Faisal Malik, she expressed admiration for their performances and eagerly sought their guidance during promotions

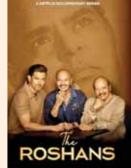


RONIT ASHRA From Social Media to Acting Debut

a social media sensation to an actor, he remarked, "Acting has always been my passion. It feels great to finally bring it to life in a show like this." Ronit plays Nikhil Saxena, the studious son of an IITian



PAATAL LOK SEASON 2 OTT: Amazon Prime Video **Director:** Avinash Arun Cast: Jaideep Ahlawat, Ishwak



THE ROSHANS IMDB Rating: 8.2/10 (as of 18th Jan) OTT: Netflix Director: Shashi Ranjan Cast: Rakesh Roshan, Hrithik Roshan, Rajesh Roshar



BACK IN ACTION **IMDB Rating:** 6.5/10 Director: J.J. Perry, Kristina M.

Cast: Cameron Diaz, Jamie Foxx, McKenna Roberts, Rylan Jackson





XO. KITTY SEASON 2 Director: Katina Medina Mora, Steven Tsuchida, Anna Mastro Cast: Anna Cathcart, Minyeong

WITH LOVE, MEGHAN OTT: Netflix Director: Michael Steed Cast: Meghan Markle, Mindy Kaling, Prince Harry



Neflix's *Black Warrant* takes viewers into the life in Tihar Jail investigating



power, corruption and survival in 1980s, writes ABHI SINGHAL



lack Warrant is a crime drama series, B premiered on *Netflix*. It has been adapted from the 2019 memoir 'Black Warrant: Confessions of a Tihar Jailer' by Sunil Gupta and Sunetra Choudhury, the series offers a portrayal of life inside India's Tihar Jail during the 1980s.

Conspectus

The story revolves around Sunil Kumar Gupta, portrayed by Zahan Kapoor, a novice jailer who begins his tenure at Tihar Jail. As he becomes acquainted with the prison's operations under the guidance of Rajesh Tomar (played by Rahul Bhat), Sunil Kumar Gupta confronts the pervasive corruption and complex power dynamics among inmates and staff of Tihar Jail. The series excavates into Gupta's moral dilemmas and his interactions with notorious criminals, including serial killer Charles Sobhraj.

A Stellar Ensemble The cast of Black Warrant delivers prison system marked by power struggles,

outstanding performances, bringing depth to the series' deep story. Zahan Kapoor shines as Sunil Gupta, portraying a young, idealistic jailer coming to truth with the harsh realities of Tihar Jail. His portrayal of inner conflict and moral dilemmas adds a relatable human touch to the story. Rahul Bhat excels as DSP Rajesh Tomar, a hardened mentor who embodies the complexity of law enforcement

in a morally ambiguous environment. Sidhant Gupta's performance as the cunning and calm *Charles Sobhraj* is a standout, effortlessly having a scary vibe of his own. Rajshri Deshpande adds gravitas as *Pratibha*Sen, a journalist investigating the murky waters of prison politics. Supporting actors like Tota Roy Choudhury and Joy Sengupta skillfully portray senior prison officials, highlighting the institutional dynamics and their often questionable choices. Each actor contributes to the authentic portrayal of a

corruption, and humanity's darker shades. The ensemble's seamless chemistry elevates the series, making it a gripping watch. **Direction and Production**

The series is a collaborative creation by Vikramaditya Motwane, Satyanshu Singh, and Daniel Sharma. Motwane, co-directs alongside Singh, Sharma, Rohin Raveendran

Nair, and Ambiecka Pandit. Episode Structure "Black Warrant" comprises seven episodes,

each ranging from 38 to 50 minutes. Each episode takes you through deeper into the challenges faced by Gupta as he sails the double crossing environment of Tihar Jail. **Critical Reception**

The series goes good on the part of authentic depiction of prison life and compelling storytelling of the Tihar Jail. The storyline is gripping and showcases the major part of how things roll in Tihar Jail. The dark side of corruption, the setting of inmates with the

police, the violence inside the jail and the under trails is perfectly showcased in the With each episode centred on a different

case, the show is meticulously scripted. Even if the majority of the plot seems authentic, it falls apart when Sunil is revealed as the system's sole saviour. It could have done better with the ending like the other episodes. **Closure**

"Black Warrant" is notable for its honest and

realistic depiction of the intricacies found in one of India's most infamous prisons. With excellent acting, especially from Zahan Kapoor and Rahul Bhat, the series explores themes of survival and divison of power. Black Warrant is a notable addition to Netflix's library for fans who enjoy crime dramas based on actual events.

Rating - 4/5

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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"



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From Bollywood star to philanthropic icon, Sonu Sood's journey in Bollywood is a classic example of perseverance and resilience, writes GYANESHWAR DAYAL

@SonuSood who plays Villain in South and Bollywood, but he did such a thing in this tragedy that he is the biggest hero in my eyes, On a social platform like Twitter, by taking the details of the workers, they are arranging buses and transporting them to the own village.: Md Shahnawaz Alam @alamktr00

d Shahnawaz Alam was not the only person praising Sonu Sood for helping migrants reach their homes during Covid when lockdown was suddenly announced and people were stuck across the country. It was crazy time. No one knew what was in store and how pandemic would unfold. It was particularly hard on migrant workers with meagre resources walked endless journey to their hometowns. In this situation Sonu Sood, a known name in Bollywood for playing mean villain came forward to help people and making arrangements for traveling to these workers. The twitter was abuzz with people asking 'Sonu bhaiya' help and getting it. His twitter handle became a virtual helpline.

Tweets like these flooded his social media handle. And he ready came for help. Genuinely. It was a gesture people reciprocated with warmth and Sonu Sood became a household name. It was indeed a turning point in the life and career of the star. And since then he did not look back Sonu Sood's journey in Bollywood is a testament to

resilience, hard work, and the power of perseverance. From humble beginnings to becoming a household name, Sonu's story is not just about acting but also about his extraordinary contributions to society through his philanthropic efforts. His rise to fame and his journey of selfless giving have made him one of the most admired figures in India, both on and off the screen.

Born on July 30, 1973, in Moga, Punjab, Sonu Sood was not always destined for the glitz and glamour of Bollywood. Growing up in a middle-class family, Sonu's early life was filled with academic aspirations. He completed his engineering degree from the Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering in Nagpur. However, despite his technical background, his heart was always

inclined towards acting. Sonu moved to Mumbai with dreams of making it in Bollywood. Like many aspiring actors, his journey was not without struggle. He started his career with small roles and often faced rejection. His initial years in the industry were difficult, and he struggled to find a breakthrough. He

appeared in a variety of roles, including in films like Kahan Hai Tu(1999) and Shaheed-E-Azam (2002). These films, although not major hits, helped Sonu gain experience and sharpen his acting skills. Sonu Sood's breakthrough came with the film Yuva (2004), directed by

Mani Ratnam. Playing the character of a strong-willed, determined man, Sonu's performance was wellreceived. This marked the beginning of his rise in the industry. His portrayal of negative roles in films like Aashiq Banaya Aapne (2005) and Dabangg (2010) further solidified his presence in Bollywood. In Dabangg, his character, Chhedi Singh, was menacing, and his performance opposite Salman Khan earned him widespread acclaim.

The turning point in his career came when Sonu Sood was offered roles that showcased his versatility. Whether as the villain or a complex character with shades of Gray, Sonu's consistent hard work and dedication to his craft saw him rise through the ranks of Bollywood's A-list stars. His powerful performances in films like Jodha Akbar (2008), Simmba(2018), and Raju Chacha (2000) earned him several awards and nominations.

What sets *Sonu* apart is his ability to evolve with the changing dynamics of the film industry. He has played a range of characters, from a villain to a hero, from actionpacked roles to romantic parts. His commitment to delivering quality performances, regardless of the scale of the film, has made him a dependable actor in Bollywood. While *Sonu Sood's* acting career has been remarkable, his philanthropic work during the COVID-19 pandemic made him a true hero in the eyes of millions. When the pandemic caused widespread suffering across the globe, Sonu didn't just stay confined to his home; he became the guiding light for thousands of people in need. Sonu's philanthropic efforts began when he started helping migrant workers stuck in different parts of India due to the lockdown. With his own funds and resources, Sonu arranged transportation for thousands of migrant workers to return to their homes, despite facing logistical hurdles and government restrictions. His initiative gained massive media attention, with people praising him for his quick and effective response to the crisis. In addition to helping migrant workers, Sonu Sood extended his support to the medical sector by arranging hospital beds, oxygen supplies, and treatment for those suffering from COVID-19. He provided financial aid to families who had lost their loved ones during the pandemic and launched multiple campaigns to help students, farmers, and the underprivileged access education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. Through his organisation, the Sood Charity Foundation, Sonu has continued his philanthropic efforts, focusing on education, healthcare, and helping the underprivileged. He believes in the power of education and aims to provide quality education to children who do not have access to it. His efforts have not gone unnoticed, and he has received numerous accolades, including the prestigious International Humanitarian Awardin recognition of his selfless work. Sonu Sood's success in Bollywood is a result of his

unwavering dedication and hard work. He didn't come from a film family and had no Godfather when he reached Mumbai from his hometown Moga with just Rs 5000 in his pocket. He worked his way up to build his career from the ground up. His perseverance is a reflection of his commitment to his craft and his belief that success comes with consistent effort. What sets Sonu apart from many others in the industry is his work ethic and focus. He has worked in several regional film industries, including Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Hindi cinema, which allowed him to understand the nuances of different audiences and cultures. This versatility has been key to his success, as he is equally comfortable playing a hero or villain in

different languages and genres. In an industry where many actors rely on luck or industry connections to secure their place, Sonu has demonstrated that talent, dedication, and hard work are the true pillars of success. His journey is an inspiration to aspiring actors and those who believe in the power of

Sonu Sood has not only made a place for himself in Bollywood but has also become a hero for countless people across the country. His legacy, both as an actor and philanthropist, will continue to inspire generations



ACTING

Sonu Sood's journey in Bollywood is an incredible narrative of success, struggle and humanity. From a young man with dreams of becoming an actor to a respected figure in the Indian film industry, Sonu's dedication to his craft and his selfless philanthropic work makes him an iconic figure in India today. He was in Delhi at the premier of his latest offering 'Fateh' an action-packed film dealing with cybercrime. Sonu Sood talked to Gyaneshwar Dayal, about his acting, social responsibilities and future plans.

Could you tell us what scripts draw your attention?

I like to do the films which are close to common man, about his life and problems. Recently I did Fateh which deals with the cybercrimes which has become a menace in the country and people should know about it. So I thought why not make a film

which would indeed not only entertain but also inform people about the dangers lurking in the digital domain. So I prefer films which are entertaing but also create awareness and talk about people's issues

You are known for action. Do you like

action roles?

Yes of course. In my films people get to see a lot of action sequences which are world class and are at par with Hollywood films. We can say that we make action sequences which are world class and perfectly choreographed. Fateh is case in point.



How do you prepare for a role in a film?

Well acting comes naturally to me. I have always loved acting and so when I hear a character in the film I get the idea how to go about it. I can switch on and off between the roles and that is really important because Bollywood works like that. Yes, understanding of the role must be there so that you can do

You do a lot of philanthropic work. So what you prefer action for the people in their dire times or action on the screen? See, life is more than just lights camera action. When there are no lights or camera action continues in the real life. It is a great feeling when you can help someone in need when there is no light no camera. It is important to be sympathetic and have empathy,

You have portrayed a range of roles, both positive and negative.

Which type do you prefer, and why? That's correct I accept all types of roles I think I can do justice to.

because cinema is one aspect of life not the other way round.

But now on I want to do positive roles. I love playing positive roles and that is the kind roles I would be doing now on.



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In Sandburgs you will find yourself immersed in an ambiance that feels straight out of America when they serve. The menu is crafted to teleport you to the street style of USA with their presentation, writes **TEAM AGENDA**





Sandburgs, you're instantly transported to the bustling streets of America usually you might have seen in the web series. From the rustic interiors to the vibrant menu, every corner exudes classic American charm. And the food? It's a culinary celebration of comfort and indulgence. Here's a deep dive into the unforgettable experience that Sandburgs offers.

BURGERS THAT SPEAK TO YOUR SOUL: The Garden Dreams Burger is a masterpiece that deserves a standing ovation. The handmade veggie patty is perfectly crisp on the outside and tender within, paired with fresh lettuce, juicy tomato, and a generous dollop of homemade harissa mayo that gives the burger a delightful kick. The caramelised onions and melted cheddar cheese add layers of sweet and savoury goodness, all nestled in a soft, freshly toasted bun.

SANDWICHES THAT STEAL THE SHOW: The Tandoori Cottage Press Sandwich is a revelation for sandwich



lovers. This unique offering combines marinated cottage cheese with fresh veggies like onion, tomato, and capsicum. The SB special mint mayo and tandoori sauce elevate the flavours, creating a blend of smoky, tangy, and herby notes in every bite. The warm, crisp bread completes the sandwich, making it a satisfying meal on its own. Other options you could explore in the Sandwiches category are Peri Peri Cottage press Sandwich, Classic Pollo press Sandwich, North Pollo Press Sandwich which are like awesome for the fast food lovers.

CHEESINESS YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO: Cheese lovers, unite! The Grilled Cheese is a triple-threat of mozzarella, parmesan, and cheddar cheeses melted





to perfection. The caramelised onions tucked inside add a hint of sweetness that balances the richness of the cheeses. Toasted in freshly baked milk bread, it's a nostalgic nod to classic American comfort food, oozing with gooey goodness. You could also satisfy your taste buds by ordering Shroom & Cheese with assorted mushroom ragu with caramelised onion, mozzarella and parmesan cheese toasted in a freshly baked milk bread, Ham & cheese with premium pork ham with sharp cheddar cheese and golden fried egg toasted in a freshly baked milk bread.

SIDES THAT COMPLIMENT THE **FEAST:** What's an American-style meal without crispy potato fries? Sandburgs' fries are golden perfection, crispy on the outside and fluffy on the inside. The variety of dips, including the *Cheese* Garlic Dip and the tangy BBQ Dip, allow you to customise your experience. The Spicy Dip is a personal favourite, adding just the right amount of heat to the crispy

COOL DRINKS AND COFFEE: The America, one delicious bite at a time.

beverages menu is equally impressive. The Hazelnut Iced Latte offers a smooth blend of nutty and creamy flavours, served over ice, making it a refreshing pick-me-up. The Lemon Iced Tea is a zesty and revitalising drink, perfect for pairing with the heavy-duty burgers and sandwiches. You could also try Sundaes -Hot Chocolate Sundae and Salted Caramel Sundae if you are an ice cream

Although I didn't try the sundaes this time, their presence on the menu promises a classic American diner experience. The range of beverages, from Coffee on the Rocks to Nice and Warm drinks, ensures there's something for every palate.

Sandburgs deliver taste but on the promise of a true American-style dining experience. The presentation, flavours, and overall vibe make it a must-visit for anyone craving hearty comfort food. From the meticulous plating to the authentic taste, *Sandburgs* takes you on a culinary journey straight to the heart of



FACTSHEET Restaurant Name: Sandburgs Place: Unit 4/E-14, Upper Ground Floor, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi (outlets in Gurgaon as well) Price for 1: ₹700 approx

Japonico: Discover the joy of great food and creative flavours



Pawan Soni Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards







n a culinary world where new menus often blur into monotony, Japonico on Golf Course Road stands out as a beacon of creativity and authenticity. This is a place where innovation meets artistry, delivering a dining experience that surprises and delights even the most seasoned food enthusiasts.

With a view of the bustling metro line on the golf course road, Japonico's interiors are a visual treat. The layout is thoughtfully divided: one side features a live wood Robata grill and familystyle seating, while the other, overlooking the bar, offers a more high-energy vibe. Striking design elements, live projections on flowing water and giant pots, create a serene yet vibrant ambience. Subtle lighting is balanced by strategically placed spotlights, ensuring that every dish's presentation shines as brightly as its

A COCKTAIL JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER: The experience begins with the drinks. The Legacy, a gin- and vodka-based martini, exemplifies the bar's mastery. Served with tobiko caviar, pickled radish, and an olive, each element adds depth: the tobiko bursts with wasabi and truffle notes, the radish enhances passion fruit flavours, and the olive ties it back to the martini's classic essence. *Japonico*'s mixology programme promises a standard that few can match.

CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS: The meal starts strong with the Mushroom Salad, a delightful medley of textures and flavours. Crisp and dehydrated shiitake mushrooms pair beautifully with iceberg lettuce, red cabbage, mizuna, cucumber and avocado, all elevated by a gomae dressing. The Rocky Shrimp Tempura, spiced with togarashi and creamy mayo, may not break new ground, but its flawless execution ensures it's devoured in no time. The dim sum, crafted with

precision, leaves no room for leftovers. The star of the meal, however, is the Atlantic Crab and Aji Chili Taco. The sweetness of crab meat meets the heat of chilli and the crunch of a perfectly crisp taco shell, all brightened by a hint of lemon. It's so irresistibly good, you might not want to share. If you're a crab lover, this dish alone is worth the visit.

From the Robata grill comes another standout: the Australian Lamb Cutlet, marinated in gochujang sauce for 24 hours. The result is tender, flavourful meat that melts in your mouth, delivering smoky richness with every

THE TEAM BEHIND THE MAGIC: Great food and drinks require a great team, and Japonico is no exception. Restaurateur Sahil Sambhi, who I awarded the Best Restaurateur title in the 11th season of The Big F Awards, has honed his craft over the years, evolving from a nightlife innovator to a culinary trailblazer. Known for award-winning ventures like Bawri and VietNom, Sambhi's passion for innovation and excellence shines through in Japonico. At his side are talented mixologists Chirag Pal and Jeet Rana, and Chef Roberto Blondi, who brings Michelin-starred expertise to the table. Together, they've crafted a restaurant that's as much about the experience as it is about the

SETTING A NEW STANDARD: As the first major restaurant launch of 2025, Japonico has raised the bar for the industry. It's not just a place to eat; it's a statement of what dining should aspire to be. Judging by the weekday crowd, diners agree, this is a benchmark that will be

FACTSHEET

RATINGS (Out of 5) Food: 4.75 | Drinks: 4.75 | Ambience: 5.0 | **Service:** 4.5 | **Overall:** 4.75 Address: Japonico, 2nd Floor, Tower D, Vipul Tech Square, Golf Course Rd, near Sector 42-43, Sector 43, Gurugram Phone: 9948000039

From Mangalore to Delhi's Table

By TEAM AGENDA

ood has an uncanny way of d transporting us. A single bite can take us to a vibrant street, a quiet kitchen or even the shores of a distant coast. At Chor Bizarre Chef Shriya Shetty's Mangalorean pop-up did exactly that, bringing the soothing flavours of Mangalore to the heart of Delhi.

The vegetarian journey began with THINDI, the Jowar Tartlet filled with red amaranth cooked in coconut milk and topped with bajeel (tempered beaten rice). This delicate appetiser was a celebration of earthy, creamy flavours

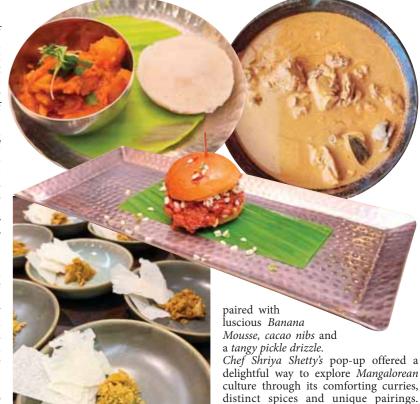
and contrasting textures.

KUNDAPUR featured the 7-Hour Mushroom Ghee Roast, served in Bombay pao with ridge gourd tzatziki, pomegranate and cilantro. The slowcooked mushrooms were rich and spiced, beautifully balanced by the refreshing tzatziki.

The BAFAT offering, Mangalorean Sweet Potato Bafath, came with sannas and tamarind reduction. This dish delivered a balance of sweetness and tanginess, made complete by the softness of the

The vegetarian MAINS, served thalistyle, included Kori Roti, Peas and Potato Gassi, Red Amaranth Raita, Ridge Gourd





Chutney, Raw Banana and Carrot Sukkha, Ghee Rice and accompaniments like yoghurt and pickle. The comforting gassi and crispy kori roti were the highlights, offering a fulfilling and

balanced experience. For non-vegetarian diners, the 7-Hour Chicken Ghee Roast from KUNDAPUR packed a flavourful punch, while the Mangalorean Pork Bafath from BAFAT delivered tangy notes with the sannas and tamarind reduction. The MAINS featured the classic Chicken Gassi, Chicken Sukkha and Ghee Rice,

completing the hearty thali. The meal ended on a sweet note with the DESSERT, a warm, buttery Ghee Cake

Whether you choose the vegetarian

spread or the meatier options, each dish

brought the flavours of Mangalore alive

in every bite.

FACTSHEET

Date & Time: January 19th, 2025 Lunch: 12pm & 2pm Dinner: 7pm & 9:30pm Price: Veg ₹1,300 (All Inclusive), Non veg ₹1,600 (All Inclusive) Address: Broadway, 4/15 A, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi, 110012















The Brahmaputra Carnival celebrates the Assamese heritage, and culinary delights, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**





ortheast India, a treasure of cultural diversity and natural beauty, is a region where traditions and modernity coexist in harmony. Among its enchanting states, Assam stands out with its lush tea gardens, lively festivals, and the mighty Brahmaputra River. Assam is all alive with the Brahmaputra Carnival, a grand celebration that promises to showcase the region's rich heritage, arts, and cuisine. Set against the stunning backdrop of the majestic river, the carnival features cultural performances, adventure sports, food festivals, and more. It's a unique opportunity to experience the soul of Assam like never before.

A fun carnival that looks like a colourful masterpiece made from Assamese soul, river breezes, and sunshine. On the banks of the majestic Brahmaputra River, Assam culture is celebrated at the Brahmaputra Carnival. The river itself is serving as the stage for this festival, which is organised by the Assam Government and is a symphony of culture, adventure, and unadulterated

To make your experience even more fun and adventurous is The Lachit Ghat is the site of the Brahmaputra Carnival, and Sandbar Island serves as the Tent City during the event. It takes 15 to 20 minutes by speed boat from the Lachit Ghat to Sandbar Island, and the journey is visually stunning. If you're considering a trip to the northeast, the sunny and windy weather is ideal for a

A RETREAT ON THE RIVER:

the carnival pulsates with energy, yet maintains a serene undercurrent. The Brahmaputra, ever unpredictable, adds a touch of wildness to the festivities, reminding us of the raw power of nature. It's a retreat for the soul, where the peace of the river's embrace melds perfectly with the excitement of

GLAMPING IN STYLE: The festival provides a luxurious glamping Currently being held on the Lachit Ghat, experience with three categories of tents

adventure.

namely the Royal Tents, Premium Tents, and Deluxe Tents. All of the three options offer you a comfortable and stylish retreat, complete with modern amenities and breathtaking river views that would blow away your mind. Also, one would enjoy the foggy views as soon as you get up and look outside of your tents. The foggy layers engulfing the Brahmaputra River will want you to have a cup of tea or coffee with those views and chills. You would also experience the open-air cinema magic

at Brahmaputra Carnival Tent City. Movies, fresh air, and unforgettable

moments await you. The main part of the stay is the hospitality provided at your new home. The hospitality by Gias and his team of boys at the *Tent City* would truly make you comfortable and at home providing everything handy and in need.

ADVENTURES ON THE BRAHMAPUTRA: For the adrenaline junkies, the Brahmaputra is





an irresistible playground. At the Sandbar Island you would experience the speedboat rides cut through the water like a knife, while kayaking and jet skiing offer a more intimate encounter with the river's currents with your own rapid and water fun. For those seeking a true test of courage, bungee jumping provides an exhilarating leap of faith. And let's not forget the thrill of ATV rides and the exhilarating descent on the river rapids during a white-water rafting expedition. This is not the end. You could also

experience the hot air balloon rides up into the sky for beautiful views, beach volleyball, beach cricket, archery, river rafting and water roller. These adventures offer a unique perspective on the Brahmaputra, allowing you to experience its power and beauty firsthand.

At the Lachit Ghat, you would experience Archery, River Rafting, Water Roller, Speed boat, Kayaking, ATV, Bungee Ejection, Mechanical Bull Ride, Bungee Trampoline, Air Gun Shooting, Zip Line, Rope Course and Zorbing. All this will keep you hooked to the carnival and not wanting to leave it. Take note that the water activities do not take place after the dark due to safety

A CULTURAL VIBE: Beyond the thrills, the Brahmaputra Carnival is a celebration of Assamese culture. You would see vibrant performances of traditional dances like Bihu, Satriya Nritya, Bagurumba, Bhortal, and Ojapali showcasing the region's rich heritage. Apart from the dance culture you could get stalls at the Lachit Ghat to buy the Assam specialities like the printed Gamucha, Mekhela Chador for women and the Dhoti-gamosa for men.



The Brahmaputra Carnival also takes you through the musical ears of Assam as bands perform in the concerts in the evening at the Lachit Ghat. On the 31st January the Carnival will be graced by the melodic singing of the famous singer Papon, on 19th February it will be Rupam Buyan and 19 January will be rocked by Kanawz & Company.

THE TRADITIONAL TASTE: At the Brahmaputra Carnival you can indulge in local delicacies that savour the flavours of authentic Assamese cuisine. The carnival has food stalls with authentic Assamese touch. You would see chicken momos, chicken vodka momos, prawns, silkworms and so much more that would satisfy your mouth watery taste buds.

A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER:

The Brahmaputra Carnival is more than just a festival; it's an invitation to experience the soul of Assam. It's a chance to connect with nature, have some adventure, and discover the magic of a land where the river dictates the rhythm of life. So, pack your bags guys, and prepare to be swept away by the essence of the Brahmaputra Carnival.































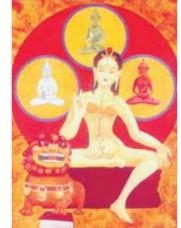




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week opens on a high note, bringing you muchdeserved acclaim and a sense of triumph over challenges. At work, your innovative contributions, from fresh ideas to novel technologies, will be warmly embraced and celebrated, enhancing your professional stature. Your ability to explore and implement multifaceted solutions stands out, earning you respect and admiration from colleagues. As the week progresses, you may reconnect with a past acquaintance or visit a place steeped in nostalgic memories, enriching your emotional landscape. This period is marked by joyous family interactions, adding to the week's positive ambiance. Towards the week's close, you might feel a bit drained and concerned, yet your resolve remains unshaken, ready to tackle life's hurdles

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Midnight Blue Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week is filled with potential and vibrancy, as you may encounter a blossoming relationship, heightened intuition, or a joyful addition to your family. Your innate sense of understanding allows you to identify issues before they are spoken, equipping you with the natural ability to offer timely and effective solutions. Midweek brings a surge of emotion accompanied by fresh hopes and decisive actions. This is a time when your deepest aspirations could begin to take shape, driven by a strong internal guidance. You might find opportunities for material prosperity, whether through professional endeavors or unexpected sources like a gift or legacy. As the week closes, you may find yourself reflecting on past events. It's essential to release these reflections and embrace the present opportunities and joys

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Green Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

The week begins under challenging circumstances but concludes with uplifting developments that will inspire you. You may encounter difficulties, errors, and disputes that could sap your spirit. Yet, this period also marks the start of a new phase marked by perseverance and effort. Focus on sharpening your mental acuity by engaging in educational activities or improving your communication skills. Midweek, your attention might shift to matters concerning children, such as securing their admission to reputable educational institutions or addressing their career aspirations. It is vital to offer support and encouragement, particularly to those engaged in rigorous academic pursuits. As the week draws to a close, familial joy and a sense of closeness prevail, bringing satisfaction and good health. The joy brought by family members, especially children, will enhance vour well-being.

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Saffron Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

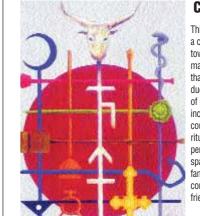
This week holds promising prospects for those feeling grounded and practical. Expect significant career advancements, potentially through a promising job opportunity or a notable increase in earnings. For the recently married, joyful news regarding family expansion may arrive. Prepare for travel, as an upcoming journey could yield substantial financial rewards. However, exercise caution during your travels, as there are indications of potential loss or misleading situations. Protect yourself from negative influences, as it seems some undesirable attention could be directed your way. As the week concludes, a sense of security and happiness will envelop you, supported by the warmth and cooperation of your family. Memories of simpler times may surface, bringing with them a wave of nostalgia. Generosity will be both received and rewarded. enhancing both personal and professional financial situations.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Coral Lucky day Tuesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, you may find yourself frequently on the move, balancing work commitments with enjoyable activities. You're likely to encounter opportunities for new projects or responsibilities. It will be crucial to allocate sufficient time and energy to ensure their successful completion. Midweek brings a shift towards social engagements, with possible events like parties or community celebrations, offering a delightful break from daily stressors. These gatherings are a chance to unwind and cherish moments with friends and family. As the week concludes, be prepared for increased competition or conflicts in your professional sphere. Tensions could arise, potentially from individuals who may not favor your success. It's important to respond thoughtfully to any challenges, as impulsive reactions could undermine your hard work. Exercise caution and strategic thinking to navigate through any disputes effectively. Lucky number 25 | Lucky colour Tangerine Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, individuals typically characterized by diligence and a calm demeanor may find themselves quietly progressing toward their objectives, preferring a gentle approach. They may feel a strong sense of destiny guiding their actions more than their own efforts. Midweek could bring a sense of joy due to a significant financial achievement, marking a period of growth and prosperity in business endeavors. Income may increase from various sources, and many ambitious plans could be set in motion. Engagement in spiritual activities or rituals might also capture their interest, underscoring a period rich with favorable developments. Achievements will span several areas of life, including maintaining good health. family achievements, and an abundance of financial gains, all contributing to harmonious relationships with family and

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Teal Lucky day Wednesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week brings unexpected financial rewards and introduces a compelling and profitable work project that could lead to significant recognition for your innovative ideas. You'll find yourself enjoying life's comforts and luxuries more than usual. Your hard work and perseverance are poised to elevate your professional status, supported by a sense of divine favor. This period also ignites a spiritual awakening, encouraging you to engage in reflective practices such as meditation, devotional activities, or charitable efforts. As the week concludes, a long-anticipated opportunity will present itself, offering the chance to pursue a cherished goal. Dedicate yourself fully to this endeavor to harness the full extent of your potential. Remember, perseverance and intelligence are key to capitalizing on this

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Turquoise



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week heralds a phase of abundance, accompanied by intellectual growth and a sense of fulfillment. Expect a strong foundation in your finances, ensuring stability and comfort. This could be the result of previous efforts or potentially from an unexpected source. Your discipline and achievements will not go unnoticed, earning you well-deserved recognition and pride. It's an opportune moment to initiate new ventures or relationships. Collaborations will flow smoothly due to your adept understanding of interpersonal dynamics. However, the latter part of the week might see a shift from clarity to uncertainty. It's important to avoid dwelling on past fears when facing the future. Rash decisions and confrontational behavior could complicate matters. Embrace calmness and clarity to navigate through any challenges, allowing you to find effective solutions effortlessly

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Violet Lucky day Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week begins amid unresolved challenges that are causing you stress. A sense of isolation and a heavy air of doubt might be overwhelming. You find yourself perplexed, seeking a way out of these difficulties without a clear solution in sight. It's important to reflect on your past actions and future direction. Gaining this perspective will help smooth your path forward and shift from a negative to a more positive mindset. Embrace and honor your emotions; they hold significant power to positively transform your circumstances. When there's harmony between your physical and mental states, remarkable achievements become possible. As the week closes. anticipate significant life changes that will bring some relief to your mental tension. Joyful events, such as significant personal milestones or professional successes, are on the horizon, offering you moments of happiness. Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Rose Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, those with sensitive dispositions might find themselves grappling with fluctuating emotions and a lack of mental balance. Several pressing matters require their attention, demanding immediate and decisive actions to move forward effectively. Amidst this mental unrest, there's a tendency to multitask excessively, which complicates setting priorities and achieving clarity. It's essential to cultivate focus to avoid becoming mired in indecision. Embracing practices like spiritual reflection, meditation, or voga could greatly benefit mental stability. An unexpected reunion with a familiar face from the past promises delightful moments of nostalgia, enhancing emotional well-being. Support and wise counsel from a respected mentor will provide much-needed guidance, making it easier to navigate challenges. By week's end, a sense of stability and wellbeing, both financially and emotionally, is likely to prevail Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Tuesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, you may find yourself swiftly adapting to dynamic shifts in your life, which could include a sudden opportunity to join a new organization or company. This sudden influx of choices might leave you decision must be made. Expect a week brimming with activity and innovation. You are at the cusp of concluding one phase and embarking on a new, more profound phase of your journey. It's time to leave the past behind and set your sights on what lies ahead. A rm decision now will set the stage for a harmonious alignment of your thoughts and emotions towards the end of the week, enhancing your career prospects significantly. You'll emerge from this period feeling wiser and more emotionally mature.

ucky number 10 | Lucky colour Lavender Lucky day Wednesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

You may find yourself embarking on an extended trip soon, which includes participating in various meetings or workshops. Challenges could arise in your professional environment, potentially involving competition or difficult obstacles, so tread cautiously. Emotional connections may also be strained during this period, possibly leading to feelings of rejection or disconnection. Remember to prioritize your wellbeing during these times, but rest assured that these challenges are only temporary. By the end of this period, you'll notice a restoration of order and balance in your life, signaling a shift towards more positive circumstances. The comforting presence of maternal affection will bring a sense of security and warmth. If you're hoping to nurture new relationships, career opportunities, or ventures, give them the attention and patience they require to flourish.

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The positive effects of gratitude extend beyond mental health. Gratitude journaling helps with better sleep, reduced blood pressure and improved immune function

The Power of Gratitude Journaling

ratitude is often described as the quality of being thankful and the readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness. It is a fundamental human emotion, yet its potential to transform lives is frequently underestimated. Gratitude journaling, a simple practice of recording things you are thankful for, has emerged as a powerful tool for fostering emotional well-being, enhancing mental health, and even improving physical health. By consciously focusing on the positive aspects of life, gratitude journaling reshapes perspectives, rewires the brain, and cultivates happiness.

The concept of gratitude has long been studied in psychology, particularly within the field of positive psychology. Researchers Dr. Robert Emmons and Dr. Michael McCullough are pioneers in studying gratitude. Emmons defines gratitude as a two-step process: recognising that one has obtained a positive outcome and acknowledging that there is an external source for this positive outcome. This perspective connects gratitude not only to personal satisfaction but also to relational and societal harmony. Neuroscience supports the transforma-

tive effects of gratitude. Studies using

functional MRI scans show that practic-

ing gratitude activates the brain's reward

system, specifically the medial prefrontal

cortex. This area is associated with deci-

sion-making and the regulation of emo-

tions. Furthermore, gratitude enhances the production of neurotransmitters like dopamine and serotonin, often referred to as the "feel-good" chemicals. These changes not only foster happiness but also mitigate symptoms of anxiety and depression.

Gratitude journaling involves regularly writing down things you are grateful for. This practice may appear simplistic, but its effects are profound. Research indicates that gratitude journaling can reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety. A 2015 study published in the journal Psychotherapy Research found that individuals who engaged in gratitude writing reported significantly better mental health outcomes compared to those who focused on negative emotions or did not engage in any writing practice. Gratitude helps reframe thoughts, reducing rumination and encouraging a focus on the

Putting gratitude on paper- promotes emotional resilience by encouraging individuals to concentrate on their blessings rather than their shortcomings. This positive focus redirects attention away from stress and difficulties, fostering a mental buffer that strengthens the ability to navigate adversity. Research by Dr. Emmons highlights that gratitude significantly boosts optimism, a critical factor in building resilience.

Reflecting on the kindness and support received from others through gratitude



journaling can significantly improve interpersonal relationships. By deepening appreciation for those around us, it strengthens social bonds. According to a study published in the journal Emotion, gratitude not only enhances feelings of connection but also inspires prosocial

The positive effects of gratitude extend beyond mental health. Gratitude journaling has been associated with better sleep, reduced blood pressure, and improved immune function. A study in the journal Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being found that participants who practiced gratitude journaling for two weeks experienced better sleep quality and longer duration, likely due to reduced stress levels.

Incorporating gratitude journaling into daily life is simple and requires minimal resources. Dedicate a specific time each day for journaling. Many people find that writing before bedtime helps them reflect on the day and end it on a positive note. Begin by listing three things you are grateful for each day. These can be as simple as a good meal, a kind word, or a moment of laughter. Rather than writing "I am grateful for my family," elaborate on a specific moment, such as "I am grateful for the conversation I had with my sister today, which made me feel understood." Dive deep into one or two experiences rather than creating a long list. This approach helps reinforce the emotional impact of the practice. Incorporate gratitude for challenges and lessons learned. This reframes obstacles as opportunities for growth. If you struggle to get started, use prompts such as, 'What made me smile today?" or "What is something I take for granted but am truly thankful for?'

The power of this practice is evident in countless personal stories. For instance, individuals recovering from trauma often find solace in gratitude practices. One such example comes from veterans participating in a gratitude program developed by the University of California, Berkeley. Many reported reduced symptoms of PTSD and improved overall wellbeing after weeks of gratitude journaling. Similarly, organisations like schools and

workplaces have embraced gratitude initiatives to foster a positive culture. Employees and students who engage in gratitude practices report higher satisfaction, productivity, and collaboration. In today's fast-paced, often overwhelming world, journaling serves as a grounding practice. Social media, while connecting people, can amplify feelings of inadequacy through constant comparison. Gratitude journaling counters this effect by focusing on intrinsic values and personal blessings rather than external validation. Moreover, technological advancements have made this journaling more accessible. Apps like "Gratitude," "Five Minute Journal," and "Day One" offer digital platforms for consistent journaling, making the practice convenient and engaging.

Gratitude journaling is more than a habit; it is a transformative practice that rewires the brain, reshapes perspectives, and fosters holistic well-being. By consistently focusing on the positive aspects of life, individuals can enhance their mental and physical health, build resilience, and nurture meaningful relationships. Scientific research supports the profound impact of gratitude, making it a cornerstone of emotional intelligence and personal growth. In a world that often emphasises what is missing, gratitude journaling reminds us to cherish what we already have, transforming lives one thought at a

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