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News Brief

Convicted prisoner found dead in UP jail

Etah (UP), April 30 (IANS) A convicted prisoner, lodged in Etah district jail, has been found dead under suspicious circumstances. Etah Jail Superintendent Amit Chaudhary said that a convicted prisoner named Sajid was found hanging from a fan with a towel in the jail.

The prisoner was sentenced to 10 years under Section 376 and 20 years under the POCSO Act. The relatives of the deceased have been informed. The jail official said that a magisterial inquiry will be held into the matter. He was found dead on Monday night.

Sajid (24), a resident of Hindu Nagar, Etah, was in jail since 2021. The body has been sent for post-mortem.

Congress has a history of strangulating the Constitution: UP CM

Gorakhpur (UP), April 30 (IANS) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Tuesday that the people of the nation would not accept the Congress, SP, and INDIA bloc's agenda to grant reservation to a specific religious group, thereby jeopardising the constitutional framework and encroaching upon the reservation meant for backward and scheduled castes.



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Talking to reporters at the Gorakhnath temple complex, the chief minister said, "The Bharatiya Janata Party staunchly opposes any form of reservation based on religion because the common people have suffered the brunt of Partition of India on the basis of religion. The BJP firmly supports reservation benefits for SC-ST and OBC communities."

He remarked that the history of the Congress, Samajwadi Party, and their associates within the INDIA bloc is well-known to all.

"The Congress has a track record of undermining Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar's Constitution. Since its adoption in 1950, Congress persistently attempted to manipulate the Constitution for its own ends, often disregarding funda-

mental freedoms such as freedom of expression. Governance is meant for the people, and public sentiments ought to be honoured, a principle the Congress failed to grasp."

He highlighted that the populace hasn't forgotten the Emergency period which was like 'strangulating the Constitution of the country'.

"Along with this, the people of the country also remember the sins that Congress committed during the UPA government. Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party were allies of Congress in the UPA government at that time," he added.

Yogi Adityanath asserted that the Congress had made efforts to deprive the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes of their rights through initiatives like the Justice Ranganath Mishra Committee and Sachar Committee, engaging in actions contrary to the Constitution



NEW DELHI, BJP candidate for New Delhi Parliamentary seat Bansuri Swaraj with Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas flashes victory sign on the way to file her nomination for the Lok Sabha Elections, in New Delhi on Tuesday. UNI



NEW DELHI, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi the new Chief of Naval Staff talking to newsmen after assume charge of office at South Block lawn, in New Delhi on Tuesday. UNI

Prajwal Revanna 'sex video' case: Congress, BJP continue to trade barbs ahead of LS polls in K'taka

Bengaluru, April 30 (IANS) The Congress and the BJP in Karnataka continued to spar over the alleged sex video scandal involving JD-S leader Prajwal Revanna, the grandson of former Prime Minister and H.D. Deve Gowda, ahead of the third phase of Lok Sabha polls to be held on May 7.

On Tuesday morning, the JD-S suspended Prajwal Revanna, the sitting party MP and Lok Sabha candidate from Hassan, after the Congress government in Karnataka formed a special investigation team (SIT) to probe allegations of sexual abuse against him.

Speaking to the media in Hubballi, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi questioned the state government for not lodging an FIR against Prajwal Revanna immediately after the alleged scandal came to light.

"People are saying there is an internal adjustment between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and H.D. Reavanna (JD-S MLA and father of Prajwal

Girls outshine boys in Telangana Class 10 exam

Hyderabad, April 30 (IANS) Girls once again outshined boys in the Class 10 examinations in Telangana, the results of which were declared on Tuesday.

Out of 4,94,207 regular students, who appeared in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) public examinations held in March-April, 91.31 per cent cleared the exam.

Principal Secretary (Education) Burra Venkatesh said girls have secured a 3.81 higher pass percentage than boys. The pass percentage among girls was 93.23 while it was 89.42 per cent among boys. A total of 5,05,813 students appeared in the exams held from March 18 to April 2 at 2,676 exam centres across the state. The students included 11,606 private candidates. Venkatesh said the pass percentage increased from 86.60 in 2023 to 91.31 in 2024.

diately... Why did the police let him fly off to a foreign country. The state government is trying to pass the blame on the Centre," Joshi said.

The Minister also said that JD-S is an independent party, which has now expelled Prajwal Revanna. "There is no opposition from the BJP to the action taken by the JD-S in this regard. Former CM and JD-S state unit chief H.D. Kumaraswamy has said that those who commit crime must be punished. Neither the JD-S nor the BJP are opposed to the expulsion of Prajwal Revanna," he said.

Joshi also slammed the Congress for alleging that the BJP is helping Prajwal Revanna to go into hiding. "Allegations should not be levelled with an ulterior motive. The case has become more sensitive since Prajwal

Revanna is the grandson of former Prime Minister Deve Gowda. If he has made a mistake, he should be punished as per the law," the Union Minister said.

Meanwhile, the Congress candidate from Bangalore Rural Lok Sabha constituency, D.K. Suresh, who's the brother of Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, told the media in Kanakapura that the case involving Prajwal Revanna is not only an insult to the Deve Gowda family, but to the entire state.

"This is an insult to Kannada people. The scandal needs to be condemned by all. A complaint has been lodged against Prajwal Revanna, who's an NDA candidate, and there should be an impartial probe against him. The victims must be protected by the state women's commission," he stated.

Delhi hospital receives bomb threat via email, evacuated

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) The Chacha Nehru Hospital in East Delhi's Gandhi Nagar area was evacuated after an email regarding a bomb on the premises was received by the hospital administration on Tuesday, an official said.

According to police, after receiving information regarding the bomb, a police team along with the Bomb Disposal Squad and sniffer dogs reached the hospital.

"As a precautionary measure, the patients were taken out of the hospital and searches are going on in the premises. However, nothing suspicious has been found so far," said a senior police official.

The police teams are also verifying the mail address.



DHANBAD, Rajasthan chief minister Bhajan Lal Sharma being welcomed by BJP Jharkhand President at an election campaign rally in Dhanbad, Jharkhand on Tuesday. UNI

PM Narendra Modi writes to BJP candidates ahead of third phase

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Calling the ongoing Lok Sabha elections a significant moment to get rid of the hardships endured during the decades-long Congress rule, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has personally written a letter to the BJP candidates ahead of the third phase, urging them and the party workers to spread awareness about Congress' "politics of division and appeasement" during their election campaigns.

"I urge you to sensitise voters against the divisive and discriminatory intentions of the Congress party and its Indi Alliance. Their intention is to give reservation to their vote bank by snatching it away from the SC, ST and OBC communities, even though reservation on the basis of religion is unconstitutional," PM Modi wrote in his letter.

"They are bent on snatching away people's hard-earned money and giving it to their vote bank. Congress has also made it clear that they will support dangerous ideas like 'inheritance tax'. The country will have to unite to stop them," he added.

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a strong intention of supporting our vision," he said.

Writing to the BJP candidates, including several Cabinet ministers, the PM highlighted their journey in politics and the work that they have done over the past few years.

"At a very young age, you became the leader of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha and have worked for the organisation in various positions. Coming from a middle-class farmer family, you have been connected with your voters," he wrote in his letter to Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

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BJP's ally MGP blames Congress for closure of mining activities in Goa

Panaji, April 30 (IANS) BJP's ally MGP on Tuesday held Congress responsible for the closure of mining activities and the status of Mhadei and "double tracking".

MGP's senior leader and Power Minister Sudin Dhavalikar, while addressing a press conference after the meeting of NDA, said that the people of Goa need to examine who has made mistakes in the past.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and BJP State President Sadanand Tanavade were also present. Dhavalikar was dropped from cabinet in the last term (2017 to 2022) after his two MLAs split from the regional party and joined the BJP then.

To retaliate, senior politician Sudin Dhavalikar had supported Congress in the 2019 Lok Sabha election, which helped grand old party's candidate Francisco Sardinha to win from the South Goa seat.

However, after the 2022 assembly election, Dhavalikar was inducted in Sawant's cabinet and now supports both Lok Sabha candidates of the BJP.

"Whatever Congress is saying (allegations) has no meaning. We are winning both seats. Shripad Naik will win with a margin of one lakh votes, while South Goa candidate Pal-lavi Dempo will win more than 40,000 votes," Dhavalikar said.

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SC asks Patanjali to place on record IMA chief's interview terming apex court observations as 'unfortunate'

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that it will look into Indian Medical Association (IMA) president Dr RV Asokan's statement where he termed the oral observations made by the apex court during Patanjali misleading advertisements case against allopathy practitioners as 'unfortunate' and 'very vague and general statement which has demoralised the doctors'.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohtagi, representing Patanjali Ayurved Ltd, apprised a bench presided over by Justice Hima Kohli that he came across a "very disturbing inter-

view" of Asokan given on Monday to a media outlet.

"He (IMA president) says why the court has turned fingers at us and the court is making unfortunate statements... This is direct interference with the court's proceedings," Rohtagi said.

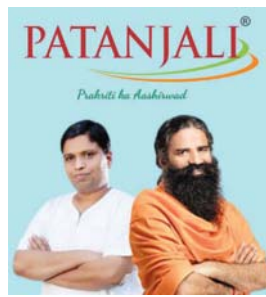
"Bring it on record. We will deal with it," said the Bench, also comprising Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah.

Rohtagi, who also represents Swami Ramdev

and Acharya Balkrishna, said that he would move an application seeking contempt against the IMA president.

The senior counsel sought permission to allow him to bring on record the entire page of newspaper containing the public apology published by Patanjali. The matter will be taken up for further hearing after two weeks.

Earlier, the top court



had questioned if Patanjali's printed apologies were of the same size as the advertisements.

In an affidavit filed before the apex court, the Uttarakhnad government said that its State Licensing Authority has granted permission to file a complaint against Ramdev, Balkrishna, Divya Pharmacy and Patanjali Ayurved Limited for repeated violations of the drug advertisements law and has suspended manufacturing licences for 14 of their products.

The Indian Medical Association has sought action against Patanjali for violation of the Drugs and

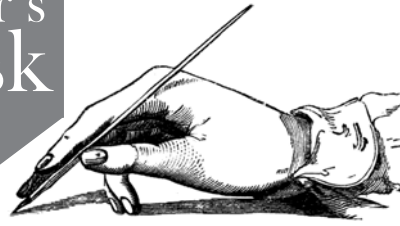
Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 -- which prohibits the advertisement of certain products for the treatment of specified diseases and disorders, including diabetes, heart diseases, high or low blood pressure and obesity. The ayurvedic company had earlier made an undertaking before the top court saying that it would not make any casual statements claiming the medicinal efficacy of its products or advertise or brand them in violation of law and would not release any statement against any system of medicine to the media in any form.



JAMSHEDPUR, Vidyut Baran Mahato, BJP candidate for Jamshedpur Parliamentary constituency is being greeted by party supporters soon after filing nomination papers at DC office in Jamshedpur on Tuesday. UNI



From Editor's Desk



Prajwal Revanna: BJP must lean on ally JD(S) to take action

Allegations must be probed with uncompromising rigour. It's time that women's dignity and autonomy - not just welfare schemes - get the attention they need.

The allegations of sexual abuse against Prajwal Revanna, the JD(S) candidate from the Lok Sabha constituency of Hassan, Karnataka, which went to polls on April 26, bring fresh urgency to a question that has long haunted politics: What makes it possible for political leaders to wield their clout like a weapon over the very people who have propelled them to power?

Any attempt to answer this question in Revanna's case — who has been accused of abusing several women, with videos of the assaults being widely circulated for at least a week — must also respond to the problem of the deeply masculinised nature of power in India, as it must in other cases that have come to light over the last few years, such as that of the former chief of Indian wrestling and BJP MP, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. In a society that, despite the progress of the last seven decades, remains deeply patriarchal, where women — even as they carve out spaces to assert their autonomy and pursue their ambitions — continue to have their wings clipped by centuries-old strictures, is it possible to make the political “boys' club” take this skewed power equation seriously?

Even as women voters are being more aggressively wooed by parties — women's rising turnout, in fact, is seen as decisive factor in poll results — they remain poorly represented not only among elected representatives, but also in leadership roles at the party level. While women have had one-third reservation in panchayats and local urban bodies since the early 1990s, representation in Parliament has been woefully poor — less than 15 per cent in the current one — as well as state assemblies.

This has been sought to be corrected by the passing of the women's reservation bill in a special session of Parliament last year. However, the fact is that long-lasting change requires not just the top-down implementation of a law. If democracy is to be deepened, if women are to be ensured not only of power but also of justice and equity, there needs to be transformation at every level. This would require a commitment from all parties to involve more women in decision-making, greater parity in ticket distribution and allowing more women leaders to emerge. It would also require stronger action against all forms of gendered abuse.



WASHINGTON, D.C., People pray at a pro-Palestinian encampment on the campus of George Washington University in Washington, D.C., the United States, April 29, 2024. Pro-Palestinian protests continue foiling university campuses across the United States. UNI

Kerala Police, Maoists exchange fire in Wayanad forest area

Thiruvananthapuram, April 30 (IANS) The Thunderbolt commando division of the Kerala Police and Maoists exchanged gunfire in the deep forests of Wayanad on Tuesday, said sources.

The Thunderbolt team has been on the prowl since last Wednesday after four members of a Maoist group were sighted at a human settlement in the forest area bordering the Kelakom and Thalappuzha police station limits in the district.

The four-member Maoist gang had arrived in the area to prevail upon the residents to boycott the April 26 Lok Sabha polls.

Since then the Thunderbolt team was camping in the area, and residents on Tuesday morning had confirmed that they had heard gunshots.

More details are awaited.

First Dalit seer to be ordained as Jagadguru'

Prayagraj (UP), April 30 (IANS) For the first time ever, a seer belonging to the Scheduled Caste, has been conferred the title of 'Jagadguru'.

Juna Akhara, one of the 13 Akharas of the country, conferred this title on Mahamandaleshwar Mahendranand Giri.

Swami Mahendranand is originally a resident of Banala village of Saurashtra Rajkot district of Gujarat.

Kashi Sumeru Peethadhishwar Jagadguru, Swami Narendranand Saraswati, who is also the international president of Juna Akhara along with Shri Mahant Prem Giri,

During the ceremony, Mahendranand and Kailashanand were seated on the throne and presented with umbrellas.

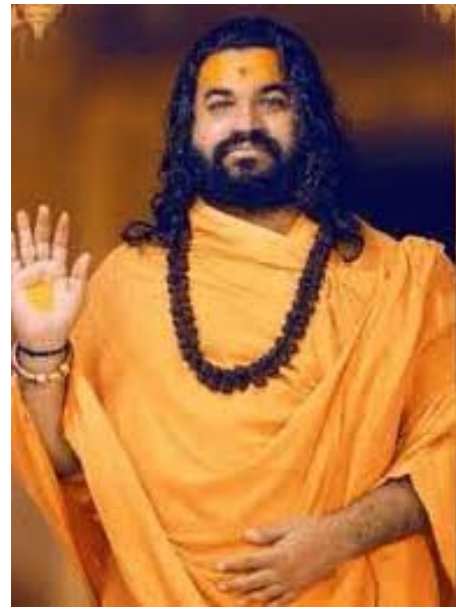
Shri Mahant Prem Giri said, “Juna Akhara is working towards eliminating caste and class discrimination in the san'yasi tradition. The need was felt to further enrich this tradition to stop the process of conversion by creating differences among Hindus by other religions.”

Taking important decisions in the same direction before Maha Kumbh-2025, Scheduled Caste seers are being conferred with important titles like Jagadguru, Mahamandaleshwar and Shri Mahant, he added.

After conferring the title, everyone took a holy dip in the Sangam and had the darshan of the city deity Lord Veni Madhav. Jagadguru Swami Narendranand Saraswati said that the decision of Juna Akhara is inspiring and after receiving the title of Jagadguru, devotion and dedication towards Sanatan Dharma has increased.

In 2021, at the Haridwar Kumbh, Juna Akhara conferred the title of Mahamandaleshwar on Mahendranand.

Swami Narendranand Saraswati



Shri Dudheshwar Peethadhishwar, Juna Akhara and international spokesperson Shri Mahant Narayan Giri, Mahamandaleshwar Vaibhav Giri garlanded the seers who received the titles.

uled Caste.

These seers were ordained amid chanting of mantras at Siddha Baba Mauji Giri Ashram of Juna Akhara here at Prayagraj on Monday.

Swami Mahendranand is originally a resident of Banala village of Saurashtra Rajkot district of Gujarat.

All three seers are originally residents of Gujarat.

In Maha farm fields, Hatkanangale set for a 4-Musketeer-style duel

Kolhapur (Maharashtra), April 30 (IANS) Situated in the progressive farming heartland, Hatkanangale Lok Sabha constituency in Kolhapur District of the erstwhile Chhatrapati royal kingdom, has undergone three avatars as a parliamentary seat and will now witness a fierce four-cornered contest.

In the fray are the ruling Mahayuti-Shiv Sena sitting MP Dhairyaasheel S. Mane, the Maha Vikas Aghadi-Shiv Sena (MVA-UBT)'s Satyajeet Patil-Sarudkar, Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA)'s Dadgonda C Patil and the two-term veteran Swabhimani Paksha's Raju Shetti, a prominent farmers' leader. Shetti was the first MP elected in 2009 after the newly-carved Hatkanangale constituency came into being, and later he also pushed back the first BJP-wave of 2014 to sail through. However, in 2019, the VBA entered the scene and the (undivided) Shiv Sena nominee easily won it, while ruining the prospects of Shetti. At present, riding high on his credentials as a farmers' messiah, Shetti is hoping for his third innings from Hatkanangale in 2024.

Keen to get the Opposition MVA's nomination or at least outside

backing, he held negotiations with its leaders but there were serious differences on the poll symbol, after which he decided to go solo.

The current MP Mane shrugs off all competition and is preparing to win on the basis of the Mahayuti's Shiv Sena-BJP-NCP combined strength, and the farmer-friendly policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi which have boosted rural development.

Despite flexing the huge peasantry support base he commands, Shetti has wily-nilly admitted that the 2024 Lok Sabha battle won't exactly be a cakewalk as the poll plank of all four rivals is common. However, he feels that his own record as a two-time MP is a big plus, aided by the simmering anger in the farming community of Maharashtra and rest of India.

SS(UBT) leader Patil-Sarudkar's nomination came after Shetti's talks with the Uddhav Thackeray-led party failed and there was no response even from the other MVA allies Congress-NCP(SP) offering him support. As far as the VBA's Patil is concerned, this time the party is not in alliance with the All India Majlis-E-

Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) and is likely to be relegated to the sidelines causing little or no damage to the other three contenders, local leaders opine.

The predominantly rural constituency with a royal past was first established in 1962 as Ichalkaranji, later dissolved in 1977, and again sliced out in 2008 as the present day Hatkanangale.

The seat has six Assembly segments of which one, the Jan Surajya Shakti is supporting the ruling Mahayuti, one is with the Congress, two with NCP(SP) and two have elected Independents.

They are Shahuwadi (JSS MLA Vinay Kore); Hatkanangale-SC (Congress MLA Raju Awale); Islampur (NCP-SP state President and MLA Jayant Patil); Shirala (NCP-SP MLA Mansingh F Naik); and Independents in Shirol (MLA Rajendra Patil) and Ichalkaranji (MLA Prakash Awade). The Kolhapur region is famed for its chief attraction, the Mahalakshmi Temple and one of the 18 MahaShakti Peethas in India, a reputed garment and uniforms hubs in the country, several forts, lakes and gardens.

Where Tranquillity Meets Majesty: Sheraton Sonmarg Resort, Launches In The Heart Of The Himalayas

New Delhi, Four Points by Sheraton, part of Marriott Bonvoy's portfolio of over 30 extraordinary hotel brands, announces its expansion in India with the opening of Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort in the picturesque and captivating landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir. Set amongst the majestic Himalayan Ranges, this hotel is the perfect getaway for the leisure traveller, honeymooners and family vacationers, catering to their needs with its warm and approachable design, delivering uncomplicated comfort.

Nestled in a picturesque location near the iconic Zoji La Pass, connecting Srinagar to Leh, and just 22 kilometres from the famous Amarnath Cave, Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort is conveniently accessible from the Srinagar International Airport. The journey to the hotel unfolds along a scenic road, offering breathtaking views of snow-capped mountains and lush valleys in full bloom, showcasing nature's splendour at its finest.

Sonmarg, meaning "Meadows of Gold," is known for its awe-inspiring beauty and myriad of attractions. From the view of the glaciers and serene fishing spots at Fish Point, to the majestic confluence of the Indus River at Nilgrad and exhilarating white-water river rafting at Baltal

Lake, Sonmarg presents a plethora of exciting experiences for visitors. Moreover, the region serves as an ideal hub for trekkers venturing into the pristine great lakes of Kashmir, including Tarsar, Marsar Gangabal, and Vishansar to name a few. Whether it's exploring the beautiful countryside, embarking on thrilling adventures, or simply unwinding in the company of nature, Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg promises a truly unforgettable journey.

"We are thrilled to announce the debut of the Four Points by Sheraton brand in the picturesque resort town of Sonmarg," said Ranju Alex – Area Vice President, South Asia, Marriott International. "This strategic expansion underlines our commitment to growth in the region and showcases how our brands cater to a wide range of travel needs and preferences. The hotel's location, offering stunning views of the majestic Himalayan Ranges, coupled with the brand's renowned service, will undoubtedly redefine the hospitality landscape in this enduringly popular destination."

The resort features 47 exquisitely appointed rooms, each thoughtfully adorned with a private balcony offering unparalleled valley and mountain views. Each room features the signature Four Points comfort bed, a spacious bathroom with a rain

shower to soothe the senses and state-of-the-art amenities including integrated USB ports and complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi. Catering to varied palates, Sky View, is a multi-cuisine all-day dining venue offering an indulgent buffet and a la carte menu featuring local and global favourites. Kahwa, located in the heart of a bustling lobby, is the portal to a tradition steeped in the richness of Kashmiri culture, where the legacy of kahwa, a freshly brewed hot beverage, whispers tales of ancient times through its steam. Open through the day, Kahwa offers a selection of teas, coffees and an array of bakery items to indulge in. The hotel will also house a fully equipped gym for the fitness inclined.

"As we unveil Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort, we look forward to welcoming guests to the unparalleled beauty of the Himalayas," remarked Shahid Khan, General Manager of Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort. "With our unwavering commitment to provide genuine service and comfortable accommodations, we strive to create inspiring experiences that showcase the pristine beauty and rich culture of the land, while providing guests with everything they need as they rest, relax and explore the wonders of Sonmarg."

Fratricidal electoral battle in Haryana's Hisar over Devi Lal's legacy

Hisar (Haryana), April 30 (IANS) A fratricidal battle is on within the clan of one of Haryana's tallest Jat leaders and former deputy Prime Minister Chaudhary Devi Lal, whose founded regional party, the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), and its offshoot outfit Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) are floundering.

Ranjit Singh Chautala, who is Devi Lal's youngest son, and Singh's two daughters-in-law of his eldest brother and five-time chief minister O.P. Chautala face one another in the dynastic supremacy feud from Haryana's Hisar seat that will go to the polls along with nine other state parliamentary seats on May 25.

While Ranjit Singh, a Cabinet minister in the state government, is the BJP nominee, his two 'bahus' -- Naina Chautala and Sunaina Chautala are the JJP and the INLD candidates, respectively.

While Naina is the mother of former deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala and wife of Ajay Chautala, who is Devi Lal's grandson, Sunaina is the wife of Ravi Chautala, who is a son of INLD patriarch O.P. Chautala's elder brother Pratap Chautala.

Naina, the first woman who took

a political plunge in the 80-year-old history of the Chautala family and is known for 'Hari Chunari ki Chaupal' campaign to mobilise women voters, is a two-time legislator, while Sunaina has been leading INLD's women's wing since 2019.

Naina was fielded for the first time from the Dabwali constituency in INLD's stronghold in Sirsa district in the 2014 assembly elections after her husband Ajay Chautala and her father-in-law Om Prakash Chautala were sentenced to jail in junior basic trained (JBT) teachers scam in 2013.

Sandwiched among the Chautalas is a Congress nominee and three-time Hisar MP, Jai Prakash, nicknamed JP or Pradhan ji, who started his political journey as an activist of the Lok Dal (now the INLD) of Devi Lal, who was widely known as Jan Nayak or people's leader.

Sitting Hisar MP Brijendra Singh, who is the son of Chaudhary Birender Singh, quit the BJP last month to join the Congress. He was one of the aspirants for the Congress ticket. Interestingly, neither the Devi Lal clan nor the Congress nominee belong to the Hisar parliamentary constituency. The Devi Lal family belongs to the Sirsa district, while Jai

Prakash belongs to the Kalayat Assembly constituency in the Kaithal district.

After the family feud within the INLD, O.P. Chautala's Ajay and his son Dushyant split the party vertically in 2018 and formed the JJP. In 2019, the JJP extended support to the BJP to form the government in the state.

Political observers told IANS the Congress candidate Jai Prakash, a confidante of two-time chief minister Bhupinder Hooda, has an edge over his rivals as he at the age of 32 became a deputy union minister after he won his first Lok Sabha election in 1989 as the Janta Dal candidate.

Also, he knows each and every corner of the constituency, this being his eighth Lok Sabha poll from Hisar. He represented Hisar in 1989 as the Janata Dal nominee, in 1996 as a Bansi Lal-led Haryana Vikas Party candidate and in 2004 as the Congress nominee. He lost the Hisar seat in 1991, 1998, 2009 and 2011 by-polls.

Ajay Chautala's son, Dushyant, won the Hisar parliamentary seat in 2014 by defeating Kuldeep Bishnoi, then a Haryana Janhit Congress candidate, but lost this seat to Br-

jendra Singh in 2019. Bishnoi, who claimed Bhajan Lal's legacy and won this seat in 2011 after the demise of his father, was hoping to get a nomination from Hisar as a BJP candidate.

However, another member of Devi Lal's family in the fray this time is Abhay Chautala, the younger son of O.P. Chautala. He's contesting as an INLD candidate from Kurukshetra against BJP's Naveen Jindal and INDIA block's Sushil Gupta, who is Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) state chief.

Popularly known as Tau, Chaudhary Devi Lal, who played an active role in the formation of Haryana as a separate state, died on April 6, 2001, at the age of 85.

The INLD was founded in October 1996 as Haryana Lok Dal (Rashtriya) by Devi Lal, who served as Deputy Prime Minister of India in the V.P. Singh's Cabinet. His son O.P. Chautala is the current president. The party was renamed into its current name in 1998.

The Hisar constituency comprises nine assembly segments -- Bawani Khera (reserved), Nalwa, Hisar, Barwala, Hansi, Adampur, Narnaud, Uklana (reserved) and Uklana.

Rising STDs a concern for increasing infertility in India: Doctors

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) The spike in the number of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) like chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, and mycoplasma genitalium are contributing to infertility in India, warned doctors on Tuesday.

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) may pass from one infected person to another via blood, semen, vaginal, and other bodily fluids through sexual contact.

While these are usually asymptomatic, they can cause serious complications like infertility, both in men and women, if left untreated.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), almost 1 million people worldwide contract STDs. Each year, about 30 million people in India alone contract STDs.

On the other hand, a recent Lancet study showed that India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) -- the average number of children born per woman -- is dipping irreversibly to 1.29, far lower than the replacement rate of 2.1. Explaining the link between the two, gynaecologist Dr. Manisha Singh from Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru, told IANS, "STIs like chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, and Mycoplasma genitalium can sneakily

mess with fertility. They cause inflammation and scarring in reproductive organs, like the fallopian tubes in women or sperm ducts in men." "Chlamydia and gonorrhoea are the two most common infections in women that can cause infertility.

These infections cause pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) which can lead to chronic inflammation and damage to reproductive organs, like the fallopian tubes and uterus, making it difficult to conceive," added Dr. Dhiya Chandrasekar, Consultant - Obstetrician & Gynecologist, Motherhood Hospitals, Bengaluru.

"In men, it results in inflammation of the urethra, testicles, and other reproductive organs, which can lead to severe conditions like epididymitis or prostatitis, harming sperm production and quality," she told IANS.

The doctors said detecting and treating these infections early and having safe sex, are crucial to protect fertility.

When the tubes get blocked, one may require In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) where fertilisation happens outside the body in a lab, as it can't occur naturally within the fallopian tubes.



Who christened Aamir Khan as the 'Perfectionist'? REVEALED on The Great Indian Kapil Show



Mumbai, Aamir Khan who graced the stage of Netflix's The Great Indian Kapil Show had quite a few anecdotes to share! The shy superstar who is not known to frequently attend any shows or award functions, for the very first time was seen conversing direct dil se with Kapil engaging in fun banter. He in fact thanked the entire team for bringing laughter into people's lives and also admitted that the last 2 years have been tough on him and that's when he found soace in Kapil's show.

Speaking about Aamir as the Perfectionist, the superstar revealed how he ended up with the Perfectionist tag. It was none other than Shabana Azmi who named him a Perfectionist (WHAT!) It dates back to the time when he was shooting for Dil which was being directed by Indra Kumar and the cameraman was Baba Azmi. They were having a deep discussion around films at Baba Azmi's house when Shabana Azmi offered Aamir tea and asked how much sugar will he take in his tea. Super engrossed

in his conversation, Aamir turned to her and said "How big is the glass?" When she showed him how big the cup was, Aamir, still engrossed in the ongoing conversation, trying his best to answer her accurately, said, "Chamcha kitna bada hai?" and finally requested for 1 spoon of sugar in his tea. He spoke about how Shabana Azmi went around telling people about this incident saying if you ever ask Aamir for sugar in his tea, he will first ask you for the cup size and then the size of the spoon!

'QSQT' actress reveals she believes in reincarnation

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Actress Trupti Mishra, who portrays the character of Poonima in the show 'Qayaamat Se Qayaamat Tak', has shed light on the profound meaning behind the title, expressing her belief in the concept of reincarnation. Trupti says that both the story and the title carry deep meaning, adding that the show is very different from everything else which is being shown today. "The title of our show has a deep meaning, it says together forever and ever. To be very honest, it is a unique story, and I believe in reincarnation. It is very exciting for me, I feel positive, and I agree at this point. There's a difference in working on something you believe in than something you don't," she said.

Spy universe film starring Alia Bhatt, Sharvari to have 7 big action sequences

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) The upcoming spy universe film, starring Alia Bhatt and Sharvari in lead roles, will feature seven big action sequences. The yet-to-be-titled film is directed by Shiv Rawail, who made his debut with the streaming series 'The Railway Men'. The film's producer, Aditya Chopra, is sparing no effort to make the first female-led spy universe film into an action spectacle. The film also stars Bobby Deol as the antagonist. Created by producer Aditya Chopra, the spy universe commenced with the 'Tiger' franchise, featuring Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif. It commenced with 'Ek Tha Tiger', followed by 'Tiger Zinda Hai'. The success of these two films solidified Aditya's belief to

introduce two more larger-than-life agents: Kabir, portrayed by Hrithik Roshan in 'War', and 'Pathaan', portrayed by Bollywood megastar Shah

of these cinematic icons. In 'Tiger 3', Pathaan and Tiger reunite once more, with Kabir from the 'War' franchise also making an appearance towards the



Rukh Khan. 'Pathaan' witnessed the crossover of characters from this ambitious spy universe, showcasing the union of SRK and Salman Khan in an action sequence that celebrated the superstardom

end credits, indicating that all actors from the spy universe could now be seen across different timelines. The next film from the spy universe will be 'Pathaan 2', followed by 'Tiger vs Pathaan'.

Suniel Shetty unveils first look with protective gear from his 'action' title

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Actor Suniel Shetty, who currently serves as a judge on the dance-based reality show 'Dance Deewane 4', will next be seen in a thriller title. On Tuesday, the first look of the actor from the project was revealed. In the image, he can be seen sitting against the backdrop of snowclad mountains, dressed in an all-white heavy protective winter suit to combat the biting cold. The yet-to-be-titled project is an action thriller in which the actor has performed the stunts himself. Suniel also took to his Instagram and shared the first look, captioning it, "Here's my look from an exciting upcoming project with @lionsgateindia. Can't wait to get back into 'Action'." The actor has partnered with Lionsgate for this project.

Kareena sets Insta on fire in an Anarkali suit, fans call her 'original Mastani'

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Kareena Kapoor Khan has set the internet on fire with her latest photoshoot, where she adorned an Anarkali suit, earning praise from fans who called her the 'original Mastani'. The diva, who enjoys 12.3 million followers on Instagram, shared a series of pictures showcasing her attire, an off-white and golden Anarkali suit paired with matching churidar and a heavy dupatta.

The actress completed the ensemble with golden juttis. For makeup, Kareena, and styled her hair in a neat bun. Chunky golden earrings complemented her look perfectly. The post is captioned in Hindi: "Kajra Mohabbat Wala." Fans flooded the comments section with admiration, with one user declaring her the "original Mastani". Another praised her as an "absolutely gorgeous diva". One fan noted, "Being traditional is being classy". On the professional front, Kareena recently starred in 'Crew', a heist comedy film directed by Rajesh A. Krishnan, alongside Tabu and Kriti Sanon. Diljit Dosanjh and Kapil Sharma played pivotal roles. Her upcoming project includes 'Singham Again'.

also known as Bebo, opted for a glamorous look, sporting nude pink lips, her signature kohl-rimmed eyes, thick brows, and contoured cheeks. She adorned a maroon bindi

Zakir Khan relates at 'many levels' with his role in 'Chacha Vidhayak Hain Humare'

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Comedian and actor Zakir Khan, who is back as Ronny in the third season of 'Chacha Vidhayak Hain Humare', has opened up on the reliability factor with his character, sharing that there are quite a few similarities between the real and reel personalities. Reflecting on his character, Zakir shared: "If I had to describe Ronny's character in one line, it would be 'his intention is right, but his methods are wrong'. He tries to balance out these two aspects, and his journey has revolved around this balance throughout the past two seasons." "I relate to Ronny's character, there are quite a few similarities between the real and reel personalities. I relate to his character on many levels, from his approach to tackling situations to his bond with his loved ones and how he is always ready to help others," he added. In the new season, the audience has witnessed Ronny on a whole new adventure, introducing him to new characters and tasks that put him in complex situations. "In this latest season, viewers will witness his setbacks, betrayals, and how he overcomes them. I believe it's this transformation that truly makes this season special, and everyone will enjoy watching it," added Zakir. The show also features Amruta Khanvilkar, Alka Amin, Vyom Sharma, Venus Singh, and Kumar Varun in pivotal roles. It is streaming on Amazon miniTV

Jasmine Bhasin poses with lion, enjoys ziplining at Mauritius wildlife park

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Actress Jasmine Bhasin, who is currently vacationing in Mauritius, shared a glimpse of her adventures at the Casela Wildlife Park and Nature Reserve on Tuesday. The 'Big Boss 14' fame, who is holidaying with her boyfriend Aly Goni, took to Instagram and posted a series of pictures, posing amid the wildlife. The actress is dressed in a blue T-shirt paired with a floral mini skirt. The pictures show her posing with a lion, a giraffe, a zebra, and a peacock. Additionally, she can be seen enjoying a ziplining. The geotag location is Casela

Wildlife Park and Nature Reserve. The post is captioned: "@caselamauritius you healed me. Nature and wildlife at its best. Place that I can visit a million times. Thank you so much @mauritius.tourism @mauritius_india @europamedia.ent for this amazing experience. Your island is not just truly beautiful but also the love of people here make it even more special. Keep calling me." Actor Arjun Bijlani commented: "Likha relax hai lekin body language kuch aur hee hai." Himanshi Khurana said: "Hyeeeeee".



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Gujarat ATS Seizes Drugs Worth Rs 60 Cr



By Staff Reporter, Ahmedabad, For the third consecutive day, Gujarat ATS has seized yet another drug-laden boat from Pakistan off the state coast.

seas on the pretext of fishing. They later overpowered and hijacked another fishing boat and forced the Tandel (captain of the boat) to anchor the vessel about 110 nautical miles from Pasi in Pakistan.

5 detained in 173 kg narcotics seized off Porbandar coast

By Staff Reporter,

Ahmedabad, In a joint operation with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) seized 173 kg of narcotics off the coast of Porbandar.

night of April 22-23 and were due to be back on April 27-28 to the Gujarat coast. According to the ATS, the accused planned to transport the contraband from the Gujarat coast to the hinterland.

operation is ongoing. The GujaratATS alleges that preliminary investigation revealed that the accused individuals were in touch with Pakistan-based drug syndicates.



they had taken the delivery of hashish along with fuel and rations from a Pakistani speed boat at a location off Pasi, Pakistan.

As per their plan, Sanap had instructed Sakham to take a smaller boat to this location, take delivery of the contraband and transport the same to a deserted stretch of the Dwarka coast.

the final receiver of the consignment, sent by Sanap, was to take the delivery of the contraband from here," it added.

Barcode Bares Punjab Booze Link To Cops

By Staff Reporter,

Ahmedabad, In a major crackdown on March 19, the State Monitoring Cell (SMC) raided a warehouse in the Balapur Industrial Estate along the Morbi-Wankaner highway.

markings on some bottles, DGP Vikas Sahay promptly contacted DGP Punjab, Gaurav Yadav.

a distillery in Punjab and were smuggling the bottles to Gujarat," Sahay said, adding, "In a first, we booked all three liquor retailers of Punjab under the Gujarat Prohibition Act.

from the implicated L2 licence holders. In a strong step, Gujarat police have cancelled 2,030 bonds issued under Section 93 of the prohibition act to small-time bootleggers.

Awaiting Parcel? You Could've Been Duped

By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, Searching for parcels which are still not delivered? Or got a parcel with torn pieces of cloth in it? Well, the original parcel could have been siphoned off.

money was never deposited in the office. When confronted, Parag confessed that he used to deliver fake parcels to the receivers, take the money and repackage the parcel and deposit it back in the office saying that the receiver declined to receive it.

HC rejects PIL seeking special polling

Chennai, April 30 (IANS) Madras High Court disposed of a PIL seeking special polling in the Coimbatore Lok Sabha constituency for those who could not cast their votes on April 19 as their names were rescinded from the voter list.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Unveils "TGLOSS": A Comprehensive Car Detailing Solution

Gujarat, 30, April 2024: In line with its 'customer-first' philosophy, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd. (TKM) today announced the launch of its revolutionary car care brand, "TGLOSS", marking the brand's foray into the world of car detailing.

Summer vacations for GSHSEB schools rescheduled

In view of the Lok Sabha election on May 7 in Gujarat, the Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB) has rescheduled the summer vacations for all its affiliated schools in the state.

Valsad: Liquor worth Rs 15,000 seized from ambulance

Ahmedabad, Liquor bottles worth Rs 15,000 were seized from an ambulance near National Highway-48 on the outskirts of Valsad town on Sunday, said police.

Ex cop with wife found murdered in Himmatnagar



(Bhavesh Barot) Himmatnagar, In a sensational and brutal murder that shook the entire town a retired police man and his wife were found murdered in their house in Ramnagar society located in Khed Tasia road of Himmatnagar.

It is believed that assailants attacked Vikramsinh Bhati a retired cop and his wife Minakumari baa on Tuesday afternoon when they were alone in their house, motives of the assailants believed to be more than two in numbers is still not known whether they had prime motive was loot or murder but in ensuing scuffle assailants brutally murdered couple and their bodies were found in pool of blood.

Sport teacher accused of harassing girls absoconding

Ahmedabad: The terminated sports teacher at St Xavier's High School, Loyola Hall, accused of stalking and sexually harassing minor schoolgirls by sending them lewd messages, has gone absconding. Gujarat univer-

sity police on Saturday filled a complaint against Ravirajsing Chauhan, 39 stating he has been absconding from legal procedure as he has neither been appearing for court proceedings nor has the court summons been served on his address.

Later, six more girls had complained in writing to the school management. The teacher was suspended by the school and an internal investigation committee was set up, which also gave its report holding hi, guilty of pervert behaviour with minor girls.

KISNA Diamond Gold Jewellery Launches its 1st Exclusive Showroom in Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, KISNA Diamond & Gold Jewellery, a leading name in the Indian jewellery industry, continues its strategic expansion with the opening of its exclusive showroom in the vibrant city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

the nation progress and the role of jewelry as a symbol of India diverse cultural tapestry. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Ghanshyam Dholakia, Founder M.D, Hari Krishna Group, stated, 'Ahmedabad, the economic hub of Gujarat, boasts a thriving jewellery market fuelled by a blend of tradition and modernity.

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1 in 1 Lakh: Girls with rare heart defect undergoes surgery

Ahmadabad: Raksha (Name changed), a two month old girl from Bhavnagar, was recently operated on at a private hospital in the city for a condition identified as aortopulmonary window (APW).

the lungs. But in rare case, this barrier is absent due to hole or an underdeveloped wall. In such case, the blood streams in to the lungs, resulting in a condition identified as pulmonary hypertension," he said.

paediatric cardiovascular surgeon. Hospital authorities said that the operation was conducted under the PM-JAY scheme. The girl is recovering well and is likely to be discharged on Monday, they added.

A milestone in medical history, Revolutionary robotic surgery ushers in a new era of treatment for GI cancer at Marengo CIMS Hospital

Ahmedabad: 30th April, 2024: Marengo CIMS Hospital achieved a ground-breaking feat with the inaugural successful Robotic Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer Surgery using an Advanced Robotic Surgical System at the hospital in Ahmedabad.

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ditional open surgery. This innovative approach marks a significant advancement in cancer care, offering patients enhanced precision, and improved outcomes. The robotic GI Cancer surgery is superior to laparoscopic surgery due to its accuracy and is boon for cancer patients."

Some of the symptoms of APW, said wxperts, include rapid breathing and delayed growth among others. "The defect is closed using patch to create a well between the aorta pulmonary artery. It was an open heart surgery on cardiopulmonary bypass," said Dr Deepti Kakkar, a

CM Naveen Patnaik files nomination from Hinjili seat

Bhubaneswar, April 30 (IANS) Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday filed his nomination papers at the Chhatrapur sub collector's office for the Hinjili Assembly constituency in Ganjam district.

Patnaik has represented the Assembly constituency five times consecutively since 2000. He is eying the seat for the sixth time to become the longest-serving chief minister of India.

Patnaik's close aide and former bureaucrat V.K. Pandian, the party nominee for Berhampur and Aska Lok Sabha seats, Bhruug Baxipatra and Ranjita Sahoo, and BJD candidate for Bhanjanagar Assembly segment, Bikram Keshari Arukha were present during the filing of nomination by the BJD supreme.

Principal opposition Bharatiya Janata party has fielded Sisir Mishra for the Hinjili Vidhan Sabha seat. And, Rajanikant Padhi has been nominated by Congress for the Assembly seat.

CM Patnaik along with V.K. Pandian arrived at the temporary helipad at Narasinghpur Chhak near the famous Maa Tara Tarini temple Tuesday morning. He later offered 'puja' at the shrine before filing the nominations. The BJD supreme will contest from two Assembly constituencies -- his home turf Hinjili and Kantabanji Assembly seat in Bolangir district in western Odisha. He is yet to file a nomination for the Kantabanji Vidhan Sabha seat.

In 2019, Patnaik also contested in the Bijepur seat of Bargarh district along with the Hinjili seat. However, he later resigned as MLA from Bijepur.

Polling will be held in the Hinjili Assembly segment of Aska Lok Sabha constituency on May 20.



MailOnline spoke to one refugee, Abdul, a 24-year-old who spent seven months travelling from Afghanistan to Northern Ireland, who said it was 'not fair' that he was forced to travel down to Dublin to avoid being sent to Rwanda. The married father-of-two told MailOnline outside Dublin's 'tent city': 'There is a word - humanity. Everyone needs to be a human, we are humans. We have a problem in our country. I got here today from Northern Ireland.'

Two major hospitals in Seoul set to suspend outpatient clinics, surgeries

Seoul, April 30 (IANS) Two major general hospitals in Seoul are set to suspend outpatient clinics and surgeries on Tuesday, as their senior doctors began taking a weekly day off amid a protracted walk-out by junior doctors in protest of the government's medical reform.

Emergency rooms and inpatient care will remain in place at the two hospitals -- Seoul National University Hospital and Severance Hospital -- while the health ministry expected no major disruptions despite the one-day labour action by the medical professors, Yonhap news agency reported.

In Seoul's neighbouring areas, a significant number of senior doctors at Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, Yongin Severance Hospital and Korea University Ansan Hospital were set to join the move.

Professors at Seoul St. Mary's Hospital are preparing to suspend noncrit-



ical surgical services every Friday as well, with those at Asan Medical Center also planning a day off on the same day.

Second Vice Health Minister Park Min-soo said

Monday that the government will deploy more military doctors to cope with the weekly breaks by medical professors.

"There will be no major disruptions," Park told reporters.

About 12,000 trainee doctors have left their worksites since February 20 in protest of the plan to boost the number of medical students by 2,000, causing delays in medical treatments, with some emergency rooms partial-

ly limiting their treatment of critically ill patients.

The government's policy, meanwhile, was perceived as gaining traction after President Yoon Suk Yeol and Lee Jae-myung, the head of the main opposition Democratic Party, agreed on the need for medical reform the previous day.

Lee promised the party's active cooperation on the government's medical reform plans, including its decision to increase admissions to medical schools, the report said.

Prospects for an agreement between the government and the medical community shortly, however, are also seen as slim as Lim Hyun-taek, the hawkish president-elect of the Korean Medical Association, begins his term Wednesday.

Lim has claimed that the medical community will not engage in any dialogue until the government completely scraps the medical reform plan.

Two dead, eight injured after Russian air strikes on Ukraine

Kyiv, April 30 (IANS/DPA) At least two people have been killed by Russian missile attacks in the southern Ukrainian port city of Odesa, while a further eight were injured, the Governor of the region, Oleh Kiper, said on Telegram.

Civilian infrastructure, including several residential buildings, was damaged.

Previously, the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, which is just over 30 kilometres from the Russian border, had been attacked with glide bombs, according to the authorities. Two civilians were injured in that attack. A multi-storey residential building was damaged.

Ukraine has been fending off a Russian invasion for over two years. The Russian army fires missiles and drones at the major cities of Kharkiv and Odesa on an almost daily basis. Earlier Monday, NATO Secretary General

Jens Stoltenberg said that when NATO allies fail to deliver weapons and ammunition to Ukraine on time, "Ukrainians are paying the price." "The lack of ammunition has enabled the Russians to push forward along the front line," Stoltenberg said in Kyiv, singling out the United States for Washington's protracted process to send more military aid. "European allies have not delivered the amount of ammunition they promised," Stoltenberg added, referring to the European Union's failure to deliver one million artillery shells to Ukraine in a year. Secretary General Stoltenberg was speaking at a press conference alongside Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on an unannounced visit when he voiced his criticism. "Lack of air defence has made it possible for more Russian missiles to hit their targets," Stoltenberg said. "And the lack of deep

strike capabilities has made it possible for the Russians to concentrate more forces, and we see the consequences of that now," he said. Zelensky thanked the top NATO official for his support and stressed that he expected no further delays in the delivery of recently announced military aid. Stoltenberg highlighted Spain's decision to supply Ukraine with Patriot missiles. He said he expected further announcements of support for Ukraine to follow soon. Germany on Monday announced that it has delivered an additional 10 Marder infantry fighting vehicles (IFVs) and other defence equipment to Ukraine. A second Skynex air defence system is also part of the package, as are almost 30,000 rounds of ammunition for the Gepard air defence tank and ammunition for the Iris-T system, the German government announced in Berlin.

Fight between former IAS officer and royalty in Raichur

Bengaluru, April 30 (IANS) It's former royalty versus former IAS officer in Raichur parliamentary seat in Karnataka.

The BJP has fielded sitting MP and erstwhile royal, Raja Amareshwara Naik who won by a margin of 1.17 lakh votes in the 2019 General Elections.

G. Kumar Naik, a senior former IAS officer is the Congress' candidate for the seat. Raichur District is one of the aspirational districts of the state and social indicators still remain disappointing.

Activists have been protesting continuously for the establishment of an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) for the last 18 months and the agitation still continues. Raja Amareshwara Naik hails from the local erstwhile royal family. He is a law graduate and he was elected to the Assembly twice.

On the other hand Kumar Naik is a 1990 Karnataka cadre officer and post retirement, he has joined the Congress party.

The BJP and the Congress are equally confident of their victory.

BJP MLA and Raichur

ter for Small Scale Industries and Public Enterprises Sharanabasappa Darshanapur is in charge of three Assembly segments of Yadgir District.

Sources also stated that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is visiting the parliamentary segment on May 1 and a senior Congress leader is flying down to the constituency on May 2. They said that thousands of individuals and government officers have voluntarily come forward and joined campaigning after seeing G. Kumar Naik's work and contributions to the region.

The Raichur parliamentary segment comprises Shorapur, Shahpur, Yadgir, Raichur Rural, Raichur, Manvi, Devadurga and Lingsugur Assembly constituencies. Out of these, five seats are reserved. The Congress party has four MLAs, BJP two and JD(S) one.

In Shorapur Assembly constituency, a bye-election is being held following the demise of the Congress MLA Raja Venkatappa Nayak. The Congress has fielded Raja Venugopal Nayak and the BJP has pitched in Narasimha Nayak for this seat.

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Barbra Streisand left fans reeling after publicly grilling Melissa McCarthy about Ozempic on Instagram on Monday. McCarthy, 53, posted an image of herself and pal Adam Shankman, 59, in Los Angeles on Sunday at CTG's The Gala 2024 at the Ahmanson Theatre. The comedian - whose weight has fluctuated over the years - showcased her newly slimmed down figure in a stylish mint dress and blazer.

Members of the divided YSR family hit campaign trail in Kadapa

Kadapa (Andhra Pradesh), April 30 (IANS) The YSR family, which has seen a vertical split along political lines, has hit the campaign trail in the family stronghold of Kadapa.

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's wife YS Bharati and his sister YS Sharmila Reddy's husband Anil Kumar joined the campaign for their spouses.

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ters around allegations against Avinash Reddy over his alleged involvement in Vivekananda Reddy's murder.

With the CBI naming Avinash as an accused in the case, Sharmila and Suneetha have vowed to stop him from entering Parliament again.

They are also training their guns on Jagan Mohan Reddy for fielding Avinash once again despite him being an accused in the case.

The home district of the YSR family is witnessing a no-holds-barred fight between the siblings.

Sharmila Reddy has been accusing her brother of shielding a murder accused and promoting politics of murder.

On the other hand, Jagan Mohan Reddy has accused the Opposition of involving his two sisters in orchestrating conspiracies against him.

At a rally in Pulivendula, Jagan accused them of playing into the hands of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Certain remarks by Jagan on Sharmila wearing a yellow saree (the colour of the TDP's flag) while meeting Naidu triggered a storm as she questioned if he should have commented on sister's attire in front of thousands of people.

One key figure missing from this acrimonious fight between the siblings is their mother YS Vijayamma. She along with Sharmila was active in backing Jagan when he was in jail in a Disproportionate Assets case.

Vijayamma as the honorary president of YSRCP had also campaigned actively for the party in 2014 and 2019 elections. She resigned from the post in 2022 to stand with her daughter.

The cracks appeared in the YSR family in 2020 after the CBI took up investigation into the murder of Vivekananda Reddy, following direction of the Andhra Pradesh High Court on a petition by Suneetha Reddy, who raised suspicions about the role of some relatives.

Fighting for justice for the last five years, Suneetha is now publicly posing some embarrassing questions to Jagan. She wants to know why he withdrew the petition for a CBI enquiry after becoming the Chief Minister.

Jagan has given a clean chit to Avinash Reddy. "He has done nothing wrong and that's why I have given him a ticket once again," the Chief Minister told a public meeting in Pulivendula.

Bollywood News

Lycrist Kausar Munir comes on board Anupam Kher directorial 'Tanvi the Great'

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Veteran actor Anupam Kher has roped in lyricist Kausar Munir to pen the songs for his upcoming directorial, 'Tanvi the Great'.

Kausar is renowned for her work in films like 'Ishaqzaade', 'Ek Tha Tiger', 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', and the streaming series 'Rocket Boys', among others. The film already boasts Oscar-winning music composer M. M. Keeravani and Keiko Nakahara as the Director of Photography (DOP).

On Tuesday, Anupam took to his Instagram to inform his 7.3 million followers about the new development on his film.

He shared a picture of himself with Kausar and the Oscar-winning music composer M. M. Keeravani. The actor wrote in the caption: "Happy, Delighted, and Honoured to present Kausar Munir, the hugely talented lyricist of my directorial film #TanviTheGreat. She has added magic to the songs composed by #MMKeeravani with her soulful lyrics. Thank you, Kausar, for your warmth and brilliance during and after the making of our songs. I am fortunate to have you on our team of remarkable technicians. Jai Ho."

Expressing her gratitude, Kausar said: "Tanvi the Great" is that rare film which combines the opportunity to convey a wonderful message, with an unforgettable working experience. I am honoured to be a part of the 'Tanvi the Great' family led by our amazing director, Anupam Kher. Thank you, Anupam, for the most fun, most warm, and most memorable music-making experience with you and the maestro M. M. Keeravani."

Produced under Anupam Kher Studios, 'Tanvi the Great' will soon arrive in cinemas.

Preity Zinta is on top of the world as she drops BTS video of her fashion shoot

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Actress Preity Zinta has shared behind-the-scenes (BTS) glimpses from her recent fashion shoot and said she is "on top of the world".

Preity, who is currently busy with the ongoing season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) with regards to her team 'Punjab Kings', took to Instagram and shared a Reel video. In the video, she is seen posing on the terrace of a high-rise building for a fashion photoshoot.

Wearing a backless halter neck purple and orange colourblock long gown, the 'Kai Ho Naa Ho' fame actress exudes elegance. She accessorised the look with silver earrings.

The post is captioned: "On top of the world #fashion #shoot." Fans couldn't help but shower her with compliments. One user commented: "Pretty girl", while another fan said: "Beauty queen". On the work front, Preity has 'Lahore 1947' in the pipeline, directed by Rajkumar Santoshi.

Rashmika Mandanna does 100 kg deadlift, says it feels like a 'powerful beast'

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Actress Rashmika Mandanna, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming films 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' and 'Kubera', is hitting the gym and feeling like a 'beast'.

The actress took to the Stories section of her Instagram and shared a glimpse from her fitness routine, revealing to her followers that she had successfully completed a 100 kg deadlift.

Despite a hectic schedule and long shooting hours, the actress remains dedicated to her fitness regimen. In her latest Instagram post, Rashmika shared a heartfelt message with her fans, offering them a peek into her daily routine and shooting schedule. The actress can be seen doing the deadlifts in the video, which she shared on her Instagram Stories. She wrote in the video, "Dear diary, hmmm... shooting nights for so long that I don't know where to begin. Came back to my room at 8 in the morning after the night shoot, had my meal, but couldn't sleep at all. So, I read a book and went to bed around 12 noon. Woke up at 6 in the evening, wanted to do some cardio but didn't feel like it. Instead, I did some work on the phone and read a book. However, my body kept craving for some food (as usual), so I had a few snacks here and there."

Raashii Khanna dons lehenga choli as she promotes horror comedy 'Baak'

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Actress Raashii Khanna is truly a vision to behold in a lehenga choli as she gives a glimpse into her promotional look for the upcoming Telugu version of the Tamil horror-comedy film 'Aranmanai 4', titled 'Baak'. The avid social media user, Raashii, who has 11 million followers on Instagram, shared a series of pictures wearing a pinkish-red beautifully designed lehenga choli.

For the makeup, she went for a glossy look - nude brown lips, Kohl-rimmed eyes, and highlighted cheeks. Her hair is tied in a loose ponytail, and she accessorised the look with ethnic bangles, earrings, and a ring.

The post is captioned: "Possessed by the spirit of good taste and maybe a mischievous ghost... #baak trailer launch." Directed by Sundar C, the film is produced by Kushboo Sundar and ACS Arun Kumar under Avni Cinemax and Benz Media (P) Ltd.

From 'Aashram' to Madrid: Esha Gupta all set to open fine-dining restaurant

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Esha Gupta, last seen in the third season of the hit streaming series 'Aashram', has made her foray into the culinary world. The actress launched her fine-dining restaurant Casa Salesas in Madrid.

The restaurant promises a fusion of Mediterranean flavours, world cuisine, impeccable service and a luxurious ambience.

Talking about her new venture, Esha said, "Launching a fine-dining restaurant in a global hotspot like Madrid is like a dream coming true. I've always been passionate about food and creating memorable dining experiences. This allows me to blend my love for hospitality with my creative vision." The restaurant is slated to open in mid-May. The actress also said that she is partnering with an international management company, Mabel Hospitality, which is an arm of Mabel Capital, one of whose owners is the tennis star Rafael Nadal. Mabel Hospitality operates two other restaurants in Madrid, namely, Tatel and Toto. "My dream is to take Casa Salesas all over the world like they've done with Tatel and Toto, and I hope to bring it to India soon," Esha shared.



The young man swaggered along a side street in the Spanish capital. He was sporting tattoos, a thin moustache and wearing a T-shirt with the logo: 'The White Race. Save European Identity.' He hailed from Valladolid, a provincial city still notorious as a sanctuary for fascists in their fight against the communists during the country's bitter civil war in the 1930s. The 23-year-old had travelled to Madrid a few days ago to demonstrate over uncontrolled immigration to Spain which he says is destroying both the country's identity and its Christian roots.

IOC promises innovation at Paris 2024 with help of AI

Geneva, April 30 (IANS) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced that the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games will provide immersive and interactive on-site experiences with the help of AI-driven technologies.

India to compete in Asia Rugby Men's 15s Championship Division 1

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) The Indian Men's 15s Rugby team will chalk up another milestone in their journey to the Asian frontier as they will compete at the Asia Rugby Men's 15s Championship Division -1, for the first time ever.

WBBL trimmed as CA launches new state-based T20 competition

Melbourne, April 30 (IANS) The Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) season will be condensed, and a fresh state-based T20 competition will be introduced as Cricket Australia unveiled a 10-year action plan to invest, boost grassroots participation, and enhance commercial revenue in women's cricket.



CHENGDU, Simran Singh/Ritika Thaker (front) of India compete in the doubles match against Liu Shengshu/Tan Ning of China during the group A match between China and India at BWF Uber Cup Finals in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, April 30, 2024. UNI

LaLiga: Lewandowski hat-trick puts Barca back to second ahead of Girona showdown

Madrid, April 30 (IANS) A second-half hat-trick from Robert Lewandowski helped FC Barcelona come back from a goal down to beat Valencia 2-1 in the former Olympic Stadium in Montjuic.

chased down a long ball over the top and although Marc Andre Ter Stegen got to the ball with time to spare, he tried to clip the ball over the striker's leg, only to give Duro the gift of an open goal to put the ball into.

Nadal battles into fourth round in Madrid; faces Lehecka next

Madrid, April 30 (IANS) Five-time champion Rafael Nadal continued his comeback from injury at the Madrid Open when he progressed to the fourth round in the Caja Magica.

Clarke terms Phil Salt as KKR's X factor after successive batting heroics

Kolkata, April 30 (IANS) Former Australia cricketer Michael Clarke lavished praise on Phil Salt, branding him an X factor within the Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) team.



Business & Technology



Tata Motors inaugurates new commercial vehicle spare parts warehouse in Guwahati

Guwahati, Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, today announced the inauguration of a new commercial vehicle spare parts warehouse in Guwahati.

Star Health Insurance Records PAT Growth of 37% to Rs 845 Crores in FY24

Mumbai, Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Ltd. (Star Health Insurance), market leader in retail health insurance, today announced robust financial results for its Q4 and FY2024.

ChargeZone: Driving Towards a Sustainable Future with EVs

Mumbai, In the bustling landscape of India's automobile market, a quiet revolution is underway. Electric vehicles (EVs) are not just a trend; they are the future of transportation.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Unveils "TGLOSS": A Comprehensive Car Detailing Solution

Bangalore, 26, April 2024: In line with its 'customer-first' philosophy, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd. (TKM) today announced the launch of its revolutionary car care brand, "TGLOSS", marking the brand's foray into the world of car detailing.

Dive into a World of Diverse Entertainment with discovery+, now on Tata Play Binge

Mumbai, Discover a wealth of unique content from discovery+, now available on Tata Play Binge. The latest addition makes Tata Play Binge by far the largest aggregator of OTT apps, with 30+ homegrown and global apps under one roof.

Morgan Stanley Sets-up Operations in GIFT IFSC

Ahmedabad, Morgan Stanley announced the inauguration of its Fund Management operations (Morgan Stanley IFSC Fund) in GIFT IFSC, India's international financial gateway.



Adani Ports & SEZ secures AAA rating India's 1st in private infra development space

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ), one of the largest profit contributors for the Adani Group, has been upgraded to AAA rating by Care Ratings.

The ratings derive strength from healthy growth in scale of operations, steady PBILDT (Profit before Interest, Lease, Depreciation and Taxation) margins, demonstrated execution capabilities of APSEZ in the port sector, and robust liquidity," said the CARE report.

APSEZ's leverage marked by net external debt/PBILDT (profit before interest, lease, depreciation, and tax) steadily improved from 3.62 times as of March 31, 2021, to 3.14 times as of March 31, 2023.

Indegene Limited IPO to open on Monday, May 6, 2024

Ahmedabad, Indegene Limited (the "Company") proposes to open its initial public offering ("Offer") on Monday, May 06, 2024. Bid/ Offer Closing Date will be Wednesday, May 08, 2024. Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, Friday, May 03, 2024.

The Offer comprises of a Fresh Issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs. 7,600 Million (The "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to 23,932,732 Equity Shares (The "Offered Shares"), comprising of up to 1,118,596 Equity Shares by Manish Gupta aggregating up to such million, up to 3,233,818 Equity Shares by Dr. Rajesh Bhaskaran Nair aggregating up to such million, up to 1,151,454 Equity Shares by BPC Genesis Fund I SPV, Ltd. aggregating up to such million, up to 1,378,527 Equity Shares by BPC Genesis Fund I-A SPV, Ltd. aggregating up to such million and up to 10,792,650 Equity Shares

by CA Dawn Investments aggregating up to such million (Collectively with Vida Trustees Private Limited, BPC Genesis Fund I SPV, Ltd And BPC Genesis Fund I-A SPV, Ltd., The "Investor Selling Shareholders" And Collectively With The Individual Selling Shareholders, The "Selling Shareholders" And Such Equity Shares, The "Offered Shares").



Flipkart-owned Cleartrip's CFO steps down, Akshat Mishra takes over

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Flipkart-owned online travel aggregator Cleartrip on Tuesday announced that Aditya Agarwal will step down as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) owing to personal reasons.

Akshat Mishra will take over as the new Head of Business Finance at the company. Agarwal will remain with Cleartrip for a few months to facilitate a smooth transition, the company said in a statement.

Samsung Q1 operating profit soars, chip business back to profit

Seoul, April 30 (IANS) Samsung Electronics said on Tuesday its operating profit went up more than ten-fold in the first quarter, with its chip business shifting to the black for the first time in five quarters.

Yonhap Infomax, the financial data firm of Yonhap News Agency. Samsung said it has invested 7.82 trillion won in research and development for the quarter ending March, marking the largest quarterly investment.

company's chip business on rising DRAM and NAND flash prices, with steady sales of double data rate 5 (DDR5) products and massive solid state drives (SSDs).

and 4.1 trillion won in operating profit in the first quarter. In particular, sales of 33.5 trillion won and an operating profit of 2.5 trillion won came from the smartphone sector.

Chinese lucky number behind decision to launch Tesla robotaxi on Aug 8: Musk

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Elon Musk, who just visited China, said on Tuesday that he chose August 8 as the date to launch the robotaxi because 8/8 is a lucky number in that country.

Baidu are two big wins for Musk. Earlier this month, the Tesla CEO announced that his electric car company, Tesla, will unveil its robotaxi on August 8. The announcement brought cheers for his millions of followers.

Himansh Verma: Former 19-yr-old millionaire who built Navrattan a billion dollar company

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) In a groundbreaking move, Himansh Verma, the visionary founder of Navrattan Group, headquartered in Mumbai, is set to revolutionise India's infrastructure.

Hailing from Patiala, Verma rose to prominence as the youngest millionaire in India at the age of 19. Now 38, his entrepreneurial journey continues to make waves as he pioneers sustainable solutions for the nation.

With a commitment to reducing reliance on fossil fuels and mitigating pollution, this initiative aligns with India's broader goals for clean and efficient transportation.

spire and lead the charge towards a greener, more sustainable India. The Navrattan Group stands as an epitome of innovation and sustainability in the Indian business landscape.



Auto stocks lead Sensex gain of 300 points

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Auto stocks including M&M and Tata Motors led the 300-point gain in the Sensex on Tuesday. M&M was up more than 3 per cent while Tata Motors and Maruti Suzuki were up more than 1 per cent.

Verma's latest endeavour involves the introduction of green cement, marking a historic milestone in India's construction industry. This eco-friendly alternative promises to significantly reduce carbon emissions and environmental impact, setting a new standard for sustainability in the sector.

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Benchmark indices face profit booking after sharp rally

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Benchmark indices gave up gains on Tuesday amid profit booking after a sharp rally. The NSE Nifty 50 lost 39 points or 0.17 per cent to close at 22,605, while the BSE Sensex was down 188.50 points or 0.25 per cent at 74,482.78.

cut. "Profit booking ensued towards the close given the sharp rally in the last couple of days and a holiday-led truncated week. Domestic initial Q4 corporate earnings forecasts were conservative; however, Nifty 50 companies' earnings till date have remained marginally better, with the exception being the IT sector, while auto and realty continue to be robust," he said.

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Gujarat Pollution Control Board Public Notice

It is hereby to inform that as per public notice published in daily Newspaper Western Times dated 28/03/2024, public hearing of M/s Yogeshwar Quarry Works (Sathamba Black Trap Quarry Area) (Black Trap Mine Lease Area: 01.56.82 Ha) for Proposed Rate of Mining - 1.58,254 MTPA, at Survey No. 95, Pvt. Land, Village. Sathamba, Ta. Bayad, Dist. Arvalli (Total Cluster Area: 24.16.86 Ha), Covered under project Category "B" was scheduled to be held on 02/05/2024 at 17:00 Hrs, Venue: Yogeshwar Quarry Works, at Survey No. 95, Pvt. Land, Village. Sathamba, Ta. Bayad, Dist: Arvalli. The Public hearing is time being postponed due to unavoidable circumstances and now the Public Hearing is scheduled to be held on 07/06/2024 at 11:00 Hrs, Venue: Yogeshwar Quarry Works, at Survey No. 95, Pvt. Land, Village. Sathamba, Ta. Bayad, Dist: Arvalli.

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

E-Tender Notice, ELECTRICAL (POWER) DEPTT. NOTICE INVITING TENDER EL/50/1/05 (24-25) Date: 26/04/2024. Divisional Railway Manager (Comm.), Western Railway, Vadodara Division for and on behalf of the president of India, invites E-Tender on Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in from experienced and reliable contractors for the following works.

Business Brief

Indian EV firm BluSmart crosses Rs 500 crore in annual run rate in FY24

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Homegrown electric vehicle (EV) company BluSmart on Tuesday said it has crossed Rs 500 crore in annual run rate (ARR) in FY24, achieving 102 per cent growth over the previous fiscal year.

Will double India headcount annually for 3 years to expand footprint: Transcom India

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Generative AI-driven customer experience services (CX) company, Transcom India, on Tuesday said it aims to double its current headcount of 700 annually for the next three years, taking its employee strength to 7,000-10,000 and further strengthen its footprint in the country.

Homegrown VC firm IvyCap Ventures closes 'Fund III' at Rs 2,100 crore

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Homegrown venture capital (VC) company IvyCap Ventures on Tuesday said it has closed its 'Fund III' at Rs 2,100 crore, taking its total assets under management (AUM) to Rs 5,000 crore.

Microsoft to invest \$1.7 bn in cloud, AI infrastructure in Indonesia

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Microsoft on Tuesday announced that it will invest \$1.7 billion over the next four years in new cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure in Indonesia.



WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION

Table with 7 columns: Sr No., Tender No., Location of Catering Stall, Reserv For, Reserve Price (Per Annum), Earnest Money, Tender Form Fee. Contains 6 entries for catering stalls.

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

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News

in a Nutshell

8-yr-old boy sodomised in madrasa in UP's Muzaffarnagar, accused held

Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh), April 30 (IANS) An eight-year-old student of a madrasa has been allegedly sodomised by his senior in Muzaffarnagar district, the police said. The incident took place in a madrasa in a village under the Kotwali police station. The accused, a 21-year-old student of the institution, has been arrested under the Indian Penal Code Section 377 (unnatural offences) and provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, a police spokesman said. According to the complaint lodged by the victim's family, the matter came to light after the boy refused to go to the madrasa. He narrated the incident to his family members following which the complaint was lodged, the police added.

Kanpur man celebrates daughters' homecoming after divorce

Kanpur, April 30 (IANS) All fathers send off their daughters with great fanfare after the wedding but a father in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur brought his daughter home after her divorce with a band in tow. "We brought her back just like we had sent her off after her wedding. We want her to begin afresh with her chin up," said her father Anil Kumar, who works for BSNL. Anil's daughter Urvi, 36, an engineer at the Palam Airport in New Delhi, was married to a computer engineer in 2016. The couple lived in Delhi and had a daughter. Allegations are that Urvi's in-laws were harassing her for dowry after which she moved court for a divorce. The court granted the couple a divorce on February 28.

Action against 70 officials for skipping election training in Lucknow

Lucknow, April 30 (IANS) Departmental action is being initiated against 70 officials who did not turn up for the training of presiding and polling officers held here. District Magistrate Surya Pal Gangwar has now directed action against all such officials. The district magistrate, who took stock of the first day of the training session on Monday, directed the respective departments to take strict action against the officials under the relevant sections of the Representation of the People Act. According to the district magistrate, the training is aimed at providing a comprehensive understanding of the polling process and the guidelines that need to be adhered to for holding free and fair elections. Gangwar noted that a total of 3,200 officials are to be trained. "There are two batches of officials being trained in two shifts. Each shift has around 1,600 officials.



GIRIDIH, Kalpana Soren Murmu, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha candidate for Gandey Assembly By-Poll interacting with people during an election campaign rally at Bengabad area under Giridih district of Jharkhand, on Tuesday. UNI

Heavy rain in J&K: Four killed, over 350 families relocated

Srinagar, April 30 (IANS) Four people, including three minors, were killed in floods caused by incessant rain in J&K during the last four days.

Over 350 families have been relocated, several cattle/sheep perished and dozens of houses were damaged, said officials here.

Authorities have closed schools in the Valley and the University of Kashmir has postponed all exams scheduled for Tuesday.

Landslides and flash floods have killed four people while dozens of houses have been damaged by incessant rain/lightning/thunder in the hilly districts of Doda, Reasi, Kishtwar and Ramban in Jammu division and Kupwara district in Kashmir.

Several heads of cattle and over four dozen sheep perished at different places due to flash floods and the collapse of cattle sheds.

Authorities in Kupwara district have relocated

over 350 families from flood-affected areas to safer places.

Over two dozen houses in J&K have been damaged in heavy rain during the last four days.

Floods have damaged some major infrastructure in the Kupwara district, including Shumriyal Bridge, Khumryal Bridge, Shatmuqam Bridge, Sohpora-Hayama Bridge, Farkyan Bridge, two rural development department buildings at Kupwara and assistant director Handicrafts office building. Shumryal-Gundajhanger road got cut off due to scouring and a breach in the Doban Kachama dam.

Major roads and various link roads have come under water in Baramulla, Pulwama, Anantnag and other districts in Kashmir, and Samba and Kathua districts of Jammu division.

All major and minor highways and roads have been closed due to fresh snowfall and landslides in J&K. Srinagar-Jammu, Srinagar-Leh and the

Mughal Road have been closed.

Parts of the Srinagar-Jammu highway have come under water in south Kashmir districts. Waterlogging has affected many residential areas in Srinagar city and other low-lying areas of the Valley.

All rivers, including Jhelum and the Sindh stream, are swollen and people living close to rivers and mountain streams have been asked to remain vigilant.

Authorities have drawn contingency flood evacuation plans in Srinagar and other districts by designating places of relocation in case the residential colonies get inundated due to flood waters.

All mountain streams like the Vishov Nallah, Rambiyara Nallah, Lidder and Doodganga Nallah are running high. Higher reaches like Gulmarg, Gurez, Machil, Baltal and Zojila Pass areas have received fresh snowfall

today. The MeT department has said, "Nowcast for J&K: at 6.50 am on 30-04-24. Current Satellite image showing Generally cloudy over most parts of Kashmir Division and mainly clear

to Partly cloudy in Jammu Division. Occasional sunshine at few places with Generally cloudy weather likely expected till afternoon in Kashmir Division. Fresh intermittent light spells of Rain

with thunder over many parts of Kashmir Division and few places of Jammu Division with possibility of Hailstorm at few places most likely from afternoon or late afternoon till evening/night."

BJP supports reservation policy, Congress peddling propaganda: Shah

Guwahati, April 30 (IANS) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that the BJP backs reservation for SC, ST and OBCs in the country while the Congress is peddling propaganda about its 400 plus slogan.

Talking to reporters here, he said, "Congress leaders have been trying to fool the people about our 400-seat target by saying that the BJP has plans to change the Constitution.

This is an utter lie. The BJP got absolute

majority in the last two general elections, but we never tried to do such kind of things."

The Home Minister said, "The Congress party leaders are so desperate that they have made a fake video of my speech and tried to spread it on social media. Congress Chief Ministers and other top leaders were found forwarding this doctored video."

According to the Union Home Minister, the original video of his speech was available and the "lies" of the Congress party have come to

the fore.

"Now, one of the Congress leaders has been arrested in this case", he added.

He expressed confidence that the BJP has been getting excellent support from Southern states in the Lok Sabha polls and that the party will achieve its "400 paar" (more than 400 seats) target.

The union minister appealed to the voters not to fall into the Congress' "trap" and "teach it a lesson" in the polls.

Six killed after truck overturns on car in Bihar's Bhagalpur

Patna, April 30 (IANS) Six persons were killed and three others critically injured after a dumper (HIWA) laden with stone chips overturned and fell on a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) in Amapur village Bihar's Bhagalpur district.

The incident occurred on Monday at around 11.30 p.m. and the victims remained trapped under the HIWA for over an hour.

A team of Ghogha police outpost reached the spot and initiated the rescue operation.

"Six persons, including two children, died on the spot. The impact of the accident was such that the SUV was completely mangled," a police official said.

"We have used an earthmover machine (JCB) to remove the debris and rescue the injured. They were admitted to Bhagalpur Medical College and Hospital. The bodies were also recovered and sent for post-mortem," he said.

The victims were on the way to attend a wedding ceremony in Khidmatpur village from Haveli Kharagpur block in Munger district. When they reached Amapur village, the driver of a speeding HIWA lost control over the vehicle and hit the SUV coming from the opposite direction.

The HIWA belongs to a private construction

company and was coming from the Kahalgau side.

Kailash Das, one of the survivors said: "We were trapped under the debris for over an hour and were unable to breathe properly. Then I became unconscious. When I regained consciousness, I found myself in the hospital."

Minor sexually assaulted, police arrest landlord in Karnataka

Bengaluru, April 30 (IANS) Karnataka Police have arrested a house owner on charges of raping an 8-year-old girl when she was alone at her rented house in Madanayakanahalli police station limits in the outskirts of Bengaluru on Tuesday. According to police, the accused man had committed the crime when the girl was alone and her parents had gone to work. The family of the victim had come to stay in the house a month ago. The victim has been admitted to the Nelamangala Private Hospital and was being treated. The police have booked the accused under the provision of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.



NEW DELHI, Former IPS Gurinder Dhillon join Congress in presence of Devender Yadav, AICC incharge of Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, at AICC headquarters, in New Delhi on Tuesday. UNI

Case filed against independent candidate in Rajasthan's Barmer LS seat

Jaipur, April 30 (IANS) A case has been registered against an independent candidate from Barmer Lok Sabha seat, Ravindra Singh Bhati, in Rajasthan for violating section 144, creating hurdles in the government's work and blocking the highway, confirmed officials on Tuesday. Ravindra Singh Bhati is an MLA from Sheo Assembly constituency and is contesting for Lok Sabha elections as an independent candidate. The case was registered at the Pachpadra police station

on Monday. Police inspector Amra Ram Khokhar confirmed that a case has been registered against Bhati and 32 people. CID-CB will investigate the case, he added. On April 27, Bhati along with his supporters laid siege to the SP office in Balotra. Also, his supporters staged a four-hour dharna outside the office alleging irregularities during voting. Bhati had accused that his supporters were assaulted during the second phase of Lok Sabha elections held in Rajasthan on April 26.

TN fishermen attacked mid-sea, robbed by pirates

Chennai, April 30 (IANS) A group of fishermen from Tamil Nadu's Nagapattinam was on Tuesday attacked and robbed at mid-sea allegedly by Sri Lankan pirates.

A fisherman, Murugan, was injured in the attack and was admitted to the Nagapattinam government hospital.

The attack happened 15 nautical miles from Nagapattinam coast within Indian sea limits near the international maritime boundary.

Tamil Nadu coastal police said the pirates robbed walkie-talkies and GPS from the boat.

R. Antony Johnson, leader of the Nagapattinam fishermen association, said the pirates were from Sri Lanka.

"We are being hounded and attacked in mid-sea regularly. Be it the attack by pirates or the arrest and impounding of mechanised boats by the Sri Lankan Navy, fishermen are routinely attacked. The Central gov-

ernment should immediately intervene in the matter and bring a solution to this grave issue," Johnson said while speaking to IANS.

Many fishermen are reluctant to venture into the sea and engage in fishing and the families are also worried about the regular attacks, Johnson said.

Tamil Nadu Coastal police officials also said that fishermen from Nagapattinam are now reluctant to venture into the sea these days.

JD(S) suspends ex-PM Deve Gowda's grandson Prajwal Revanna

Hubballi (Karnataka), April 30 (IANS) The JD(S) on Tuesday suspended Prajwal Revanna, the NDA candidate from the Hassan Lok Sabha constituency in Karnataka and former Prime Minister Deve Gowda's grandson, over his alleged involvement in a sex scandal.

Speaking to reporters here, former Chief Minister and JD(S) state President H.D. Kumaraswamy said that if he is proven guilty in the probe being

conducted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up by the state government, Prajwal Revanna would be expelled permanently from the party.

The decision was taken in the core committee meeting of the JD(S) held in Hubballi city. The Core Committee Chairperson, JD(S) MLA G.T. Deve Gowda stated that the suspension of Prajwal Revanna was made as per the decision of the party. "The decision has

been conveyed to the National President H.D. Deve Gowda and he has also been requested to take a call on expelling Prajwal Revanna," he said. Kumaraswamy lashed out at the state government for dragging Prime Minister Narendra Modi's name into the matter. "Why is the Congress government taking Prime Minister Modi's name here? Let Chief Minister Siddaramaiah be reminded about the tragedy his family suf-

fered. Prime Minister Modi had protected the respect of his family then. This is the gift he is giving to Prime Minister Modi for protecting the honour of his family," Kumaraswamy stated without giving details. The pen drive containing the sex videos of hundreds of women allegedly involving Prajwal Revanna came into circulation three days before the first phase of polling on April 26. Following the complaint to the State Wom-

en's Commission in this regard, the state government formed an SIT to probe the matter. Meanwhile, Prajwal Revanna has left the country and is in an undisclosed location. His father JD(S) MLA H.D. Revanna has said that "no matter where he is, if the SIT summons him, he will attend the probe". The matter has taken a political turn ahead of the second phase of polling in Karnataka scheduled on May 7 for 14 Lok Sabha seats.

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ઇ-શ્રમ પોર્ટલ પર ટૂક, ટેક્સી, ઓટો ડ્રાઇવર અને ગીગ કામદારોની નોંધણી કરવામાં આવશે અને લાભદાયી યોજનાઓ સાથે જોડવામાં આવશે

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