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Congress has a history of strangulating the Constitutional framework and encroaching upon the reservation meant for boolward for boolwa

News

Convicted prisoner found dead in UP jail

- Etah (UP), April 30 (IANS)Aconvicted prison-er, lodged in Etah district jail, has been found dead under suspicious circum-stances. Etah Jail Super-intendentAmit Chaudhary said that a convicted pris-oner 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 in-quiry will be held into the

duly will be ried 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 postmortem.



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

anath 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 jeop-



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meant for backward and scheduled castes.

Talking to reporters at the Gorakhnath temple complex, the chief minis-ter said, "The Bharatiya Janata Party staunchly opposes any form of res-ervation 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 Ambed-kar's Constitution. Since its adoption in 1950, Congress persistently attempted to manipulate the Constitution for its own ends, often disregarding funda-

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 'strangulat-ing the Constitution of the

"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. YogiAdityanath assert-ed that the Congress had made efforts to deprive the Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes of their rights through initiatives like the Justice Ranganath Mishra Committee and Sachar Committee, engaging in actions contrary to the Constitution

duce reservations based on religion.

He further said, "The ulterior motive of the then Congress government was to cut 6 per cent of the 27 per cent reservation meant for OBC and give it to a community as part of its appeasement politics. Similarly, through the Sa-char Committee, efforts were made to include cer-tain Muslim castes by an tain Muslim castes by encroaching upon the reservations allocated for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

The Chief Minister emphasised that the strong opposition from the Bharatiya Janata Party thwarted the intentions of the then Congress gov-ernment. Otherwise, within the same UPA govern-ment, Congress would have undermined OBC and SC-ST reservations by introducing religionbased reservations nationwide.



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

Prajwal Revanna 'sex video' case: Congress, BJP Continue to trade barbs ahead of LS polls in K'taka Bengaluru, April 30 ANS) The Congress and e BJP in Karnataka con-wed to spar over the al-Bergel are saying there is an internal adjust-internal adjus

(IANS) The Congress and the BJP in Karnataka continued to spar over the alister Siddaramaiah and leged sex video scandal involving JD-S leader Pra-H.D. Reavanna (JD-S MLA and father of Prajwal jwal Revanna, the grandson of former Prime Min-ister and H.D. Deve Gow-

sponsibility," he said. "The police should

have filed the FIR imme-

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 Venkatesham 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 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 opposi-tion 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 Prajw-

al Revanna," he said. Joshi also slammed the Congress for alleging that the BJP is helping Prajwal Revanna to go into hiding. "Allegations

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 Minis-

ter 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 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 Praiwal Revanna, who's an NDA candidate, and there should be an tial probe against him. The victims must be protected by the state women's commission," he stated.

Six-time Congress MLA Ramniwas Rawat joins BJP in MP

Bhopal, April 30 (IANS) On a day when senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi arrived in Madhya Pradesh to campaign for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, a sitting party MLA, Ramniwas Rawat, switched sides to the BJP.

Rawat (64) was one of the prominent Congress leaders in the Gwalior-Chambal region, who won six Assembly elections from Vijaypur between 1990 and 2023. The Vijaypur Assembly segment falls under the Morena Lok Sabha constituency, the home district of BJP veteran and Assembly Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar. Polling in Morena and Bhind Lok Sabha seats in the Gwalior-Chambal region along with Vidisha, Bhopal, and two other seats will be held in the third phase on May 7

Rawat is the second sitting Congress MLA to quit the party and join the BJP since the announcement of the Lok Sabha elections on March 16. On March 29, Congress MLA from the Amarwada Assembly segment in Chhindwara, Kamlesh Shah, who was considered close to ex-CM Kamal Nath, joined the BJP.

Sources told IANS that Rawat was upset with the state Congress leadership under Jitu Patwari. Taking a jibe at the Congress, former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan said, "We welcome Ramniwas Rawat into the BJP family. No one wants to stay in Congress anymore.'

Delhi hospital receives bomb threat via email, evacuated

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) The Chacha Nehru Hośpital 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.

not lodging an FIR against Prajwal Revanna immedi-ately after the alleged scandal came to light.

da, ahead of the third

phase of Lok Sabha polls to be held on May 7.

On Tuesday morning, the JD-S suspended Pra-

jwal Revanna, the sitting party MP and Lok Sabha

candidate from Hassan,

after the Congress gov-

ernment in Karnataka

formed a special investi-

gation team (SIT) to probe

allegations of sexual

in Hubballi, Union Minister

Pralhad Joshi questioned

the state government for

Speaking to the media

abuse against him.

centres across the state. The students included 11,606 private candidates. Venkatesham said the pass percentage increased from 86.60 in 2023 to 91.31 in 2024.

should not be levelled with an ulterior motive. The case has become more sensitive since Prajwal

PM Narendra Modi writes to BJP candidates ahead of third phase New Delhi, April 30 al," PM Modi wrote in his a strong intention of su

them," he added.

PM Modi mentioned

that his government has,

during the last 10 years,

brought about many posi-

tive changes in every sec-tion of the society. "Every vote that BJP

gets is a vote to acceler-

ate its efforts to form a

strong government and

make India developed by the year 2047. The en-couraging trends of the

first two phases of elec-

tions show that the people

of India are moving for-

ward in this election with

(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 par-ty 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 unconstitution-

a strong intention of sup-porting our vision," he letter. "They are bent on "Way neople's said.

snatching away people's hard-earned money and Writing to the BJP candidates, including several giving it to their vote bank. Congress has also made Cabinet ministers, the PM highlighted their journey in it clear that they will suppolitics and the work that port dangerous ideas like they have done over the inheritance tax'. The counpast few years. try will have to unite to stop

"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. PM Modi also asked the party workers to encourage people to come out in large numbers and vote.

split from the regional par-ty and joined the BJP then. -IANS

BJP's ally MGP blames Congress for closure of mining activities in Goa Panaji, April 30 (IANS) BJP's ally MGP on Tues-day held Congress re-sponsible for the closure 2019 Lok Sabha election, which helped grand old party's candidate Francisco Sardinha to win from the South Goa seat.

MGP's senior leader and Power Minister Sudin However, after the 2022 assembly election, Dhavalikar, while address-Dhavalikar was inducted ing a press conference afin Sawant's cabinet and said that the people of Goa now supports both Lok need to examine who has Sabha candidates of the BJP. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and BJP State

"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 Pallavi Dempo will win more than 40,000 votes," Dhavalikar said.

SC asks Patanjali to place on record IMA chief's interview terming apex court observations as 'unfortunate' had questioned if Patanja-

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 Pátanjali misleading advertisements case against allopathy practitioners as 'unfortunate' and 'very vague and general statement which has demoralised the doctors" Senior advocate Mukul Rohtagi, represent-ing Patanjali Ayurved Ltd, apprised a bench presided over by Justice Hima Kohli that he came across a "very disturbing interview" of Asokan given on and Acharya Balkrishna, Monday to a media outlet. said that he would move "He (IMA president) says why the court has turned fingers at us and the court is

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making unfortustate-... .This is direct interference with the court's proc e e d i n g s , Rohtagi said. "Bring it on record. We will deal with it,"

also comprising Justice Ahsanuddin Aman-

said that he would move an application seeking contempt against the IMA president

matter will be taken up for further hearing after two weeks

li's printed apologies were of the same size as the advertisements In an affidavit filed be-fore the apex court, the Ut-

tarakhand government said that its State Licencing Authority has granted permission to file a complaint against Ramdev, Balkrishna, Divya Phar-macy and Patanjali Ayurved Limited for repeated violations of the ing the public drug advertisements law apology pub-lished by Pa-tanjali. The and has suspended manufacturing licences for 14 of their products.

The Indian Medical Association has sought action against Patanjali for Earlier, the top court 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 af-ter filing nomination papers at DC office in Jamshedpur on Tuesday.UNI



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of mining activities and the status of Mhadei and "dou-

ter the meeting of NDA,

made mistakes in the past.

President Sadanand Tanavade were also

present. Dhavalikar was

dropped from cabinet in

the last term (2017 to

2022) after his two MLAs

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DHANBAD, Rajasthan chief minister Bhajan

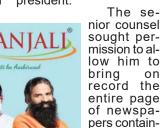
Lal Sharma being welcomed by BJP Jharkhand

President at an election campaign rally in Dhan-

bad, Jharkhand on Tuesday. UNI

said the Bench.

Rohtagi, who also represents Swami Ramdev





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 Pra-jwal 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

clout like a weapon over the very people who have propelled them to power? Any attempt to answer this question in Revan-na'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 masculin-ised nature of power in India, as it must in other ised 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 aswomen — even as they carve out spaces to as-sert their autonomy and pursue their ambitions — continue to have their wings clipped by centu-ries-old strictures, is it possible to make the polit-ical "boys' club" take this skewed power equation seriously?

Even as women voters are being more aggres-sively wooed by parties — women's rising turn-out, 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 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.



-CMYK

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

ditorial Kerala Police,

Maoists exchange fire in Wayanad forest area

Thiruvananthapuram, April 30 I hiruvananthapuram, April 30 (IANS) The Thunderbolt comman-do division of the Kerala Police and Maoists exchanged gunfire in the deep forests of Wayanad on Tues-day, said sources. The Thunderbolt team has been on the prowl since last Wednesday

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 Thalapuzha 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 resi-dents on Tuesday morning had con-firmed 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 be-Kashi Sumeru Peethadhishwar Jagadguru, Swami Narendranand Jagadguru, Swami Narendranand Jagadguru, Swami Narendranand Jagadguru, Swami Narendranand

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

Juna Akhara, one of the 13 Swami ferred this title Mahendranand on Mahaman-daleshwar Mais originally a hendranand Giri

resident of dranand's disci-Banala village of Saurashtra Rajkot district of Gujarat of Gujarat. Both these

seers too belong to the Sched-

uled Caste. These seers were ordained amid chanting of mantras at Siddha Baba Mauj Giri Ashram of Juna Akhara here at Prayagraj on Monday. Swami Mahendranand is origi-

nally a resident of Banala village of Saurashtra Rajkot district of Gujarat

All three seers are originally residents of Gujarat.

Saraswati, who is also the international president of Juna Akhara along with Shri Mahant Prem Giri,



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

seated on the throne and presented with umbrellas.

Shri Mahant Prem Giri said, "Juna Akhara is working to-wards 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, Sched-uled Caste seers are being conferred with important titles like Jagadguru, Mahaman-daleshwar and Shri Mahant, he added.

After conferring the title, ev-eryone 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 JunaAkhara is inspiring and after receiv-ing the title of Jagadguru, de-votion and dedication towards Sanatan Dharma has increased.

In 2021, at the Haridwar Kum-bh, Juna Akhara conferred the title of Mahamandaleshwar on Mahendranand

Swami Narendranand Saraswati

ny shown by Lord Shri Ram. Mahamandaleshwar Kailashanand pledged to connect those Scheduled Caste people who have been converted to Sanatan Dharma".

The five elected Sri Panchas of the akhara, headed by the secretary, hold the positions in decreasing or-der of seniority.

Acharya Mahaman-daleshwara is the senior most teacher of the spiritual order of God.

Jagadguru is a promi-nent, well-versed, and highly knowledgeable seer of the ákhara.

Mahamandaleshwara is the senior divisional leader of the spiritual order of the God. Mandaleshwara is the divisional leader of the spiritual order of God. Sri Mahant is the senior spiritual leader who looks after the affairs of the akhara. Each Math (marhi) with-

in the akhara is governed by five mahants, all of whom can be considered gurus. They collectively elect the secretary among themselves.

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

Where Tranquillity Meets Majesty: Sheraton Sonmarg Resort, Launches In The Heart Of The Himalayas New Delhi, Four Points by Lake, Sonmarg presents a plethora shower to soothe the senses and

sion 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 Himalay-an 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 Nilagrad and exhilarating white-water river rafting at Baltal

Sheraton, part of Marriott Bonvoy's portfolio of over 30 extraordinary hotel brands, announces its expan-tion in the sense of the sens 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 exquisiteappointed rooms, each thoughtfuly 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

to varied palates, Sky View, is a multicuisine all-day dining venue offering an indulgent buffet and an 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 Himala-yas," remarked Shahid Khan, Gen-eral Manager of Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort, "With our 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 won-ders of Sonmarg."

(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-cor-nered contest. In the fray are the ruling Mahayuti-Shiv Sena sitting MP Dhairyasheel 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

its leaders but there were serious differences on the poll symbol, af-ter 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 willy-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 sup-port. 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 (AlMIM) 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.

elected Independents. They are Shahuwadi (JSS MLA Vinay Kore); Hatkanangale-SC (Congress MLA Raju Awale); Islam-pur (NCP-SP state President and MLA Jayant Patil); Shirala (NCP-SP MLA Mansingh F Naik); and Inde-pendents in Shirol (MLA Rajendra Patil) and Ichalkaranji (MLA Prakash 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.

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 grand-son, 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 Chauta-las 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 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 be-long to the Hisar parliamentary con-stituency. The Devi Lal family be-longs 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 2010, the LIP extended support to 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 minis-ter 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 be-ing 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-

ijendra 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 INDIĂ 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 Octo-ber 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, Ádampur, Narnaud, Uklana (reserved) and Uchana

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 chlamvdia, googriboea, syphilis

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, aginal, 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, Benga-luru, told IANS, "STIs like chlamy-dia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, and My-coplasma genitalium can sneakily mess with fertility. They cause in-flammation and scarring in repro-ductive 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. Dhivya Chandrasekar, Consultant -Obstetrician & Gynecologist, Motherhood Hospitals, Bengaluru. "In men, it results in inflamma-

tion 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.

n the news

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 guite 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 so-lace 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 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 Poornima in the show 'Qayaamat Se Qayaamat Tak', has shed light on the profound 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 to-

day. "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. -IANS

Spy universe film starring Alia Bhatt, Sharvari to have 7 big action sequences Mumbai, April 30 introduce two more larger- of these cinematic icons.

(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 pro-ducer, Aditya Chop-

ra, is sparing no ef-fort to make the first female-led spy uni-verse 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 Zinďa Hai'. The success of these two films solidified Aditya's belief to

than-life agents: Kabir, portrayed by Hrithik Ros-han in 'War', and 'Pathaan', portrayed by Bollywood megastar Shah

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

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Rukh Khan. 'Pathaan' witend credits, indicating that nessed the crossover of all actors from the spy unicharacters from this ambiverse could now be seen tious spy universe, showacross different timelines. casing the union of SRK The next film from the and Šalman Khan in an spy universe will be 'Pathaan 2', followed by 'Tiger vs Pathaan'. action sequence that celebrated the superstardom

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

Mumbai, April 30 (IANS) Actor Suniel Shet-(IANS) Actor Sumer Shet-ty, 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 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 per-formed the stunts himself. Suniel also took to his Instagram and shared the firsť 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 calls her 'original Mastani'

April 30 Mumbai, (IANS) Kareena Kapoor Khan has set the internet on fire with her latest photoshoot,

where she adorned an Anarkasuit. earning praise from fans who called her the 'original Mastani'. T h e

diva, who e n j o y s 12.3 million followers on Instagram, shared a series of pictures showcasing her attire, an off-white and golden Anarkali suit paired

also known as Bebo, opt-

ed for a glamorous look, sporting nude pink lips, her signature kohl-rimmed eyes, thick brows, and with matching churidar contoured cheeks. She and a heavy dupatta. adorned a maroon bindi

The actress completed the ensemble with golden

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". Anoth-er praised her as an "ab-solutely gorgeous diva". One fan noted, "Being traditional is being classy". On the profes-sional front, Kareena recently starred in 'Crew', a heist comedy film directed by Rajesh A Krish-

nan, alongside Tabu and Kriti Sanon. Diljit Dosanjh and Kapil Sharma played pivotal roles.

Her upcoming project includes 'Singham Again'.

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 through-out the past two seasons." Il relate to Ronny's charac-ter, there are quite a few similarities between the real and parameters are participal traditional traditional parameters are parameters. 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 adventure's at the Casela Wildlife Park and Nature Reserve on Tuesday. The 'Bigg Boss 14' fame, who is holiday-ing 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



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

beautiful but also the love of people here make it even more special. Keep calling me."ActorArjun Bijlani commented: "Likha relax hai lekin body language kuch aur hee hai." Himanshi Khurana said: "Hyeeee"



juttis For makeup, Kareena,



Gujarat ATS Seizes Drugs Worth Rs 60 Cr



seas on the pretext of fish-

ing. They later overpow-

ered 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. The two

accused - Mangesh Tuk-

karam and Haridas Kulal -

took delivery of 173 Kg of

Hashish worth over Rs 60

crore and set off to land at

an isolated spot near

Dwarka. However, their

plan went haywire when

they were nabbed by Gu-

jarat ATS and ICG. Two

accused were arrested af-

ter the boat was seized

while cops have detained

two others in connection

with the case. DGP Vikas

Sahay said intel gathered

by DSP KK Patel had re-

vealed that a drug-laden

boat was to arrive near the

Dwarka coast.

By Staff Reporter,

Ahmedabad, For the third consecutive day, Gujarat ATS has seized yet another drug-laden boat from Pakistan off the state coast. Gujarat ATS and ICG in a coordinated operation intercepted a boat off Dwarka coast and seized 173 kg of Hashish worth Rs60 crore. Two people have been arrested while two others were detained. With this, the total value of drugs seized from within Gujarat and the high seas has touched Rs 890 crore in just three days. Interestingly, this is also the first incident in which the smugglers hijacked a fishing boat to smuggle drugs into Gujarat. As per officials, two drug traffickers set out from the Maharashtra coast towards the high

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. In re-sponse to the rapidly increasing demand for high quality and reliable car detailing services among customers in India, TKM is set to redefine the car care industry with its comprehensive range of solu-tions tailored specifically for Toyota vehicles. Start-ing May 1, 2024, "TGLOSS" treatments will be offered at every authorised Toyota dealership in India. This provides customers with convenient access to quality car care solutions delivered in a highly professional manner, ensuring a delightful ownership experience. As an industry first by any car maker, under the "TGLOSS" brand, TKM will offer a wide array of services curated to enhance a vehicle's appearance, both inside and out. This includes ceramic coating, underbody coating, silencer coat-ing, and internal panel protection. These treatments are not only aimed at enhancing the aesthetic ap-peal of vehicles but also offers certain degree of protection against environmental elements.

Summer vacations for GSHSEB schools rescheduled

In view of the Lok Sabha election on May 7 in

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 Bu-reau (NCB), the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) seized 173 kg of parotics off the coast of narcotics off the coast of Porbandar. Five people have been detained in the connection, officials said

Monday. The Gujarat ATS received information earlier last week that three Indians from Mumbai and Beed in Maharashtra -Kailash Vajinath Sanap, Datta Sakharam and Mangesh Tukkaram alias Sahu — are trying to smuggle in narcotics through the sea route, by hiring an Indian fishing boat in the name of a local person.

The ATS received the input that the three departed on the pretext of fishing on the intervening

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.

A search operation, launched from Porbandar Sunday, led to the seizure of 173 kg of hashish from the possession of Mangesh Tukkaram alias Sahu and Haridas Ramnath Kulal alias Puri, hid-den in the hold of the boat. Additionally, Kailash Vajinath Sanap was detained from Pune, Datta Sakharam from Dwarka and Ali Asghar Halepotra alias Arif Bidana from Mandvi in Kutch. According to a press note issued by the ATS Monday, an FIR under relevant sections of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act was being registered at the ATS Police Station, Ahmedabad, even as the

operation is ongoing. The GujaratATS alleg-es that preliminary investigation revealed that the accused individuals were in touch with Pakistanbased drug syndicates. "For taking delivery of Hashish from Pakistan, Sanap, Sakharam and Tukkaram alias Sahu had come to Dwarka and Mandvi where they had come in touch with local boat owners. Unable to purchase a fishing boat in their name, they hired a

boat belonging to a local from Salaya, Devbhumi Dwarka. On the night of April 22-23, in the pretence of going for fishing, Tukkaram alias Sahu and Haridas Ramnath had taken the boat and its crew to the sea after which they had overpowered and threatened the crew members and the tandel (master) was asked to take the boat to a predetermined posi-

City-State

tion off Pasni, Pakistan," the ATS highlighted in a statement, explaining the modus operandi.

cence holders.

"Tukkaram, the accused, was in constant contact with Sanap over Thuraya satellite phone and was acting on his instructions. In the early morning hours of April 27,

In a strong step, Gujar-

they had taken the delivery of hashish along with fuel and rations from a Pakistani speed boat at a location off Pasni, Paki-stan. After taking the delivery, they were on the way back to a predetermined point, off Dwarka. As per their plan, Sanap had instructed Sa-

kharam 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 from the implicated L2 li-

By Staff Reporter,

Ahmedabad, In a ma-jor crackdown on March 19, the State Monitoring Cell (SMC) raided a warehouse in the Balapur Industrial Estate along the Morbi-Wankaner highway. Officers seized 61,152 bottles of Indian Made Foreign Liguor (IMFL) valued at Rs 1.51 crore. Additional goods and vehicles worth over RS 2 crore, along with another consignment valued at around Rs 40 lakh, were intercept-ed in Aravalli during transit. Continued investigation in the case has led to the Gujarat Police, for the first time in its history, er, Arun Kumar, and two booking three out-of-state other such retailers, had L2 licence-holding retailpurchased the liquor from ers under the Gujarat Prohibition Act.

The raid in Morbi is among the largest IMFL seizures in the state. QR codes and holograms were found on 12 bottles amidst the 3,450 boxes. Upon questioning, the

ten arrested suspects admitted the alcohol originated from Punjab. Jimit Patel, based in Ahmedabad, was identified as the consignment's receiver.

When Gujarat police learned of the Punjab connection and the unique

Ex cop with wife found

markings on some bottles, a distillery in Punjab and DGP Vikas Sahay prompt-ly contacted DGP Punjab, were smuggling the bottles to Gujarat," Sahay said, adding, "In a first, we Gaurav Yadav. booked all three liquor re-"He informed us about Punjab's new excise politailers of Punjab under the

cy, which requires holo-Gujarat Prohibition Act. grams and QR codes on IMFL packaging for quali-ty checks and tracking the from Punjab.' distribution chain from distilleries to retailers. As we didn't know the details of this policy, we dispatched DIG (SMC) Nirlipt Rai to Punjab, which led to reciprocal visits by Punjab's excise department and police to Gujarat," said Sahay. "The Punjab officers scanned the QR confirmed a L2 licenced retail-

This has choked 70% of leggers. bonds of varying amounts were used to manage mithe illegal liquor inflow DGP Sahay detailed how the operation had progressed: "The three re-tailers from Punjab had lanor offenders, increasing with repeat offenses. these bonds are voided, bourers strip the holo-grams and QR codes from

the packaging to prevent tracing if intercepted in Gujarat. A slip-up by the labourers left some bottles marked, leading us

directly to the retailers." Investigations continue with Punjab police to determine the Gujarat buyers

Sport teacher accused of

sity police on Saturday filled a complaint against Ravirajsing Chauhan, 39 stating he has been absconding from legal procedure as he has neither by sending them lewd messages, has gone ab-sconding. Gujarat univerbeen appearing for court proceedings nor has the court summons been served on his address, Subinspector J V Manat of

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

Awaiting Parcel? You Could've By Staff Reporter Been Duped money was never depos-

at police have cancelled Ahmedabad, Search-2,030 bonds issued under ing for parcels which are Section 93 of the prohibistill not delivered? Or got tion act to small-time boota parcel with torn pieces "Previously, of cloth in it? Well, the orig-inal parcel could have been siphoned off. The police have caught three par-Now, if caught again, cel delivery boys who used a unique modus operandi and presenting them in court prevents offenders of assuming the identity of the receiver to take the parcel himself and after refrom securing bail. This packing it, they would depolicy now extends to haposit the fake parcel to the bitual drunkards arrested offi ce saying that the re-ceiver declined to receive multiple times," stated DGP Sahay. This new apit as it seemed to be fake. proach aims to tighten en-According to the cops, Mitforcement and reduce reul Rathod runs a courier company at Diamond es-tate in Shaherkotda area peat offenses significantof the city.

Parag Rajput, Bhavin Barot and Naren Neta work at this courier office. Recently Mitul noticed some opened parcels in the office, and for further verification called up delivery boy Parag Rajput and asked him about torn cloth patches in the parcel. Si-multaneously, Mitul also called up on the number of the receiver mentioned on the parcel box.

The receiver told Mitul that he had received the parcel and given Rs 5000 to the delivery boy but the

confessed that sometimes he used to take the original parcel himself, creating fake identity of the receiver and deposit the fake parcels back in the office. **HC** rejects **PIL**

ited in the office.

When confronted, Parag confessed that he

used to deliver fake par-cels 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. Parag also

seeking special polling Chennai,

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 The First Division list. Bench of Madras High Court comprising Chief Justice Sanjay V. Gan-gapurwala and Justice G. Čhandrasekharan on Tuesday disposed of the PIL filed by R. Suthanthira Kanna, an Australia-based doctor.

harassing girls absoconding

his FIR the

Ahmedabad: The terminated sports teacher at St Xavier's High School. Loyola Hall, accused of stalking and sexually harassing minor schoolgirls

ondary Education Board (GSHSEB) has rescheduled the summer vacations for all its affiliated schools in the state. The earlier announced dates of summer vacation as per the academic calender 2023-24 was from May 6 till June 9. This has been revised to May 9 till June 12. All district education officers in the state have been issued directions to communicate the same in all affiliated schools. As per the officials, the changes have been made owing to deployment of teachers in various election duties for the General election across the state.

Valsad: Liquor worth Rs 15,000 seized from ambulance By Staff Reporter,

Ahmedabad, Liquor bottles worth Rs 15,000 were seized from an ambulance near National High-way-48 on the outskirts of Valsad town on Sunday, said police. The ambulance was returning from Maharashtra and headed to DN Mehta Hospital in Navsari. Acting on a tip off, police were carrying out vehicle-checking on the outskirts of Valsad near NH-48 at Dharampur Chokdi, officials said. When the ambulance was stopped, officials found 33 IMFL (Indian-made foreign liquor) bottles hidden in small cavities in the vehicle. Police demanded a liquor permit, which the driver failed to submit. He was then arrested. Valsad town police inspector D D Parmar said, "The accused, Rukhsad Amalsadiwala, purchased liquor from Dahanu area in Maharashtra and hid it in several boxes in the vehicle. He was on his way to Navsari. Our team got information and caught him. The ambulance is in use at a hospital in Navsari. We are interrogating the accused to find out why he brought liquor from Maharashtra.

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. Police rushed to spot on being informed of the crime and registered complaint.

han, 39, a resident of Ku-leen Tenements Society in vasna, has been declared absoconder by a court has he has not appeared for the processings since Feb. Chauhan was arrested on Oct 17,2022, by Gujarat University police on FIR registered following complaints made byfour girls. The police filed Sxual Offences Act (pocso), Section 354A (Sexual ha-rassment of the nature of unwelcome physical contract and advances or a demand or request sexual favours and 354D (stalking) of IPC and section 67 of the Informatiion technology Act against him for allegdly harassing minor girls. A major controversy erupted on September 9, 2022, after four girls stud-ing in the school's higher secondary section complained to the principal about Chauhan sending them indecent message on instagram. Those girls had complained that the teacher sent them lewd message telling them to send him 'hot photographs' and aking them to

KISNA Diamond Gold Jewellery Launches its 1 st 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. This launch marks KI-SNA's 1 st exclusive showroom in Guiarat and 23 rd across India. With this expansion, KISNA further solidifies its commitment to provide unparalleled craftsmanship and timeless elegance to customers nationwide. The event was honoured by Padmashri Savjibhai Dholakia, Founder and Chairman, Hari Krishna Group, Mr. Ghanshyam Dholakia, Founder M.D, Hari Krishna Group along with Mr. Parag Shah, Director, KI-SNA Diamond Gold Jew-

ellery. KISNA presence in Mani Nagar, Ahmedabad, extends beyond mere retail operations; it represents a commitment to engaging with the local community, understanding their unique preferences, and forging lasting rela-tionships built on trust and satisfaction. Renowned for his visionary leadership, Padmashri Savjibhai Dholakia expressed ex-citement about KISNA expansion into Gujarat, highlighting the brands dedication to innovation and customer satisfaction. As Chairman of the Hari Krishna Group, he celebrated India journey of growth and social change at the opening ceremony of KISNA Diamond and Gold Jewellery, emphasizing the evolution of the jewelry industry alongside

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. With a discerning consumer base that appreciates craftsmanship and quality, KISNA will undoubtedly emerge as the premier shopping destination, where every visit promises an unforgettable experience of luxury and refinement. With a vision of 'Har Ghar KISNA', we aim to be the fastest growing diamond jewellery brand in India and make every woman's dream of owning a diamond jewellery come true.

1 in 1 Lakh: Girls with rare meet him outside the heart defect undergoes surgery Ahmadabad: Rak- the lungs. But in rare case, paediatric cardiovasschool alone.

sha (Name changed), a two month old girl from Bhavnagar,was recently operated on at a private hospital in the city for a condition iden-tified as aortopulmonary window (APW). According to the treating doctors, the congeniital (by birth) anomaly accounts for 0.1% of the congenital cardiav iissuses in children and is seen in roughly one child is seen in one lakh live births.

said.

others.

Dr Pavan Patel, paediatric cardiologist Apollo Hospital, said APW can be understood as the connection between the aorta and the polmonary artery. "In normal circumstance, a well seprates the two. Thus, there is no overlap in the functioning of the heart and

this barrier is absent due to hole or an underdeveloped wall. lin such case, the blood streams in to the lungs, resulting in a con-dition identified as pulmo-nary hypertension," he

In the present case,

treated in time, children

with the condition often

develop irreversible pula-

monary vascular siseas-

of APW, said wxperts, in-

clude rapid breathing and

delayed growth among

using patch to create a

well between the arota pul-

monary artery. It was an

open heart surgery on car-

diopulmonary bypass," said Dr Deepti Kakkar, a

Some of the symptoms

"The defect is closed

es," said Dr Patel.

cular surgeon. Hospital authorities said that the operation

was condevted under the PM-JAY scheme. The giirl is recovering well and is likely to be discharged on mon-

day, they added. the girl was weighing just 3.5kg amd had other health issuses. "If not Experts said thae in

normal conditions, the biood flows through the pulmonary artery to go to the lungs where it gets oxygen and then it travels to the aorta to get back to the heart. The condition is often identified by signs and symptoms and through cardiac examination. 'In a state like Gujarat, there could be five to six cases a year based on diagnostics," said Dr Patel. "it should be treated at the earliest to reduced chances of complications."

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

Ahmedabad: 30th pril, 2024: Marengo CIMS Hospital achieved a ground-breaking feat with the inaugural successful Robotic Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer Surgery using an Ádvanced Robotic Surgical System at the hospital in Ahmedabad. This remarkable showcase of clinical expertise represents a major advancement in minimally invasive surgical methods for addressing GI cancers.The surgery was performed by Dr Mahavir Tadaiya, Con-sultant GI and Gynae Onco-Surgeon, Marengo CIMS Hospital, under mentorship of renowned Surgical Oncologist Dr Somshekhar SP, Aster Medical Centre, Bengalu-

Drawing from over a decade of experience in open and laparoscopic surgeries, our cancer surgeons are taking a pro-gressive stride by adopt-ing advanced Robotic Surgery for cancer patients. This trailblazing procedure underscores Marengo CIMS Hospital's dedication to innovation, excellence, and patient-centered care. Leveraging state-of-the-art robotic technology, the surgical team has achieved unmatched precision and improved outcomes for individuals fighting GI cancer.

A decade ago open surgeries requiring large incisions were essential. However, recent advances over the past few de-

cades have brought minimally invasive surgeries, such as Laparoscopy and Robotic surgery, to the forefront of cancer sur-

gery. Ravinder, the 60-year-old male patient, came from out of Gujarat to consult Dr. Mahavir Tadaiya at Marengo CIMS Cancer Centre. His reports indicated left-sided colon cancer. After carefully considering and weighing the benefits and drawbacks of various options, the patient chose Robotic surgery. The state-of-the-art ro-

botic system employed in the procedure offers numerous benefits, including to navigate delicate anatomical structures with unparalleled accuracy; minimally invasive to minimize

trauma to surrounding tissues, reduced pain and faster recovery for the patient; enhanced visualization to enable better decision making during the procedure.

Dr Mahavir Tadaiya, Consultant GI and Gynae Onco-Surgeon, says, "This achievement represents a significant milestone in our on-going efforts to advance surgical care for GI cancer patients. Dr Somshekhar S P, HOD Surgical Oncology, Aster Medical Centre, Bengaluru says, "Robotic GI cancer surgery with minimally invasive approaches often result in minimum blood loss, quicker recovery times and reduced post-operative pain compared to tra-

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." Mr Gaurav Rekhi, Regional Director, West says,

Marengo CIMS Hospital has ushered in a new era in GI cancer treatment with the ground-breaking introduction of robotic surgery. This pivotal moment underscores our commitment to advancing medi-cal standards and transforming patient care, establishing a new benchmark in combating gastrointestinal cancers

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CM Naveen Patnaik files

nomination from Hinjili seat Bhubaneswar, April 30 (IANS) Odisha Chief Minis-ter Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday filed his nomination papers at the Chhatrapur sub collector's office for the Hinjili Assembly constituency in Ganjam district. CM Patnaik has represented the Assembly constit-uency five times consecutively since 2000. He is eving

uency 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 nominees for Berhampur and Aska Lok Sabha seats, Bhrugu Baxipatra and Ranjita Sahoo, and BJD candidate for BhanjanagarAssembly segment, Bikram Keshari Arukha were present during the filing of nomination by the BJD supremo.

Principal opposition Bharatiya Janata party has fielded Sisir Mishra from 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 fa-mous Maa Tara Tarini temple Tuesday morning. He later offered 'puja' at the shrine before filing the nominations. The BJD supremo 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 hospi-Two major general hospi-two major general hospi-

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 Univer-sity Bundang Hospital, Yongin Severance Hospital and Korea University Ansan Hospital were set to

join the move. Professors at Seoul St. Mary's Hospital are preat Asan Medical Center also planning a day off on icy, meanwhile, was per-

the same day. Second Vice Health ceived as gaining traction after President Yoon Suk Yeol and Lee Jae-myung, Minister Park Min-soo said the head of the main

ment will deploy more military doctors to cope with the weekly breaks by medical professors.

ical community shortly, however, are also seen as slim as Lim Hyun-taek, the

hawkish president-elect of the Korean Medical Asso-ciation, 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.

The government's pol-

opposition Democratic

plans, including its de-

cision to increase ad-

missions to medical

Prospects for an

schools, the report said.

agreement between the

government and the med-

Two dead, eight injured after Russian air strikes on Ukraine strike capabilities has

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.

opposition Democratic Party, agreed on the need for medical re-form the previous day. Lee promised the party's active cooper-ation on the govern-ment's medical reform Civilian infrastructure, including several residen-tial 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 in-vasion 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 pay-ing 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. "Europe-an allies have not delive an 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 Ukraini-an President Volodymyr Zelensky on an unan-nounced 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

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 an-nounced military aid. Stolhighlighted tenberg 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 ammu-nition for the Gepard air defence tank and ammunition for the Iris-T system, the German government announced in Berlin.

Bollywood News Lyricist 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 Na-kahara 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

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 ho-noured 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 ongo-ing 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 highrise building for a fashion photoshoot.

Wearing a backless halter neck purple and orange colourblock long gown, the 'Kal 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, hmmmm... 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."



Monday that the govern-

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 paring to suspend noncrit- emergency rooms partial-

Fight between former IAS officer and royalty in Raichur Bengaluru, April 30 (IANS) It's former royalty Versus former IAS officer

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 mar-gin 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 Con-

gress are equally confident of their victory

BJP MLA and Kaichur

that the party would win this seat as the Congress candidate has done injustice and not done anything

for this region. MLA Patil explained, "The Yeramarus Thermal Power Station (YTPS) was constructed and it has made the entire region dusty and hot. The problems of farmers who lost their lands have not been solved. The candidate was incharge of the district for 15 years as a Secretary,

but did nothing here. Then he became the District Collector of Raichur and did nothing. His contribu-tion to the district is nil."

There is no doubt about the victory of the BJP candidate and we will win the election with a more handsome margin,' he stated. However, sources close to Congress candidate G. Kumar Naik said that everything was

going smoothly for the party and two ministers from the district were working day and night for his vic-

tory. While Minister for Mi-nor Irrigation, N Boseraju, is monitoring campaigning in Raichur District, Minis-

that there was no doubt es Snaranabasappa Dar shanapur 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 They said that thousands of individuals and government officers have voluntarily come forward and joined campaigning after seeing G. Kumar Naik's work and contribu-

tions to the region. The Raichur parliamentary segment com-prises Shorapur, Shahpur, Yadgir, Raichur Rural, Raichur, Manvi, Devadurga and Lingsugur Assembly constituencies. Out of these, five seats are reserved. The Congress par-ty has four MLAs, BJP two and JD(S) one.

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



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.



Barbra Streisand left fans reeling after publicly grilling Melissa Mc-Carthy 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 Ja-

gan Mohan Reddy's wife YS Bharati and his sister YS Sharmila Reddy's husband Anil Kumar joined the campaign for their spous-

While entrepreneur Bharati is reaching out to voters in Pulivendula Assembly constituency, where YSR Congress chief Jagan Mohan Reddy is seeking re-election for a third-consecutive term, Anil Kumar is canvassing in Kadapa Lok Sabha constituency in support of his wife and state Congress Presi-dent Sharmila Reddy. Sharmila Reddy is tak-

ing on her cousin and sitting MP from Kadapa, YS Avinash Reddy of YSR Congress Party (YSRCP).

Unlike in the past, when the entire YSR family used to stand united, the family is split right down the middle now.

Sharmila Reddy's campaign is being backed by her cousin YS Suneetha Reddy, daughter of former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy, who was murdered just before the 2019 elections. The poll battle cen-

tres 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, Ja-gan 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 Ìagań 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 hon-orary 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, fol-lowing 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 a last five years, the Suneetha is now publicly posing some embarrassing questions to Jagan. She wants to know why he with-drew the petition for a CBI enquiry after becoming the Chief Minister.

Jagan has given a clean chit to Avinash Red-dy. "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.

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 ACSArun Kumar under Avni Cinemax and Benzz 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 Rafal 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.





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. Ilario Corna, IOC's chief information technology officer said, "Our partnership with Intel has propelled us into a realm where emerging technologies, powered by artificial intelligence, are reshaping the world of sport f r spectators, athletes, IOC staff and Partners. "Through their Al-powered solutions, Intel has enabled us to deploy AI faster than ever before. Together, in Paris, our collaboration will create an Olympic experience like never before, embodying our shared commitment to building a better world through sport. Audience will be able to enjoy 8k livestreaming broadcast for the first time at the Olympic Games in Paris this summer, reports Xinhua. Other technologies will also create a journey of becoming an Olympic athlete to give the fans an experience of interactive, Al-powered activations, the IOC said.

India to compete in Asia Rugby Men's 15s C'ship 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 Divi-sion -1, for the first time ever. Qualifying for the Division -1 has brought the Indian team one step closer to competing on the highest level in Asia, the Asia Rugby 15s Championship. Led by seasoned campaigner Deepak Punia along with his deputy Hitesh Dagar, the men's team will go up against Sri Lanka for their first match on the April 30. On the other side, Qatar and Kazakhstan will fight for a spot in the finals, with the winner be-tween India and Sri Lanka. The winners of this competition stand to qualify for the Asia Rugby 15s championship to face off against higher ranked countries like Korea, Hong Kong China, and Ma-laysia, ranked 30, 24, and 50 on the world stage, respectively. This campaign sees 5 players mak-ing their debut. Vallabh Patil, Shakti Nag, Abhishek Shukla, Joginder, and Ajit Hansdah have shown tremendous promise and mental strength, quali-ties that propel them into the Indian team.

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 CricketAustralia unveiled a 10-year action plan to invest, boost grassroots participation, and enhance commercial revenue in women's cricket. The WBBL, which had a 56-game regular season in each of the nine seasons since it was introduced in 2015-16, has now transitioned to a 40-game season, aligning it with the men's BBL final. Teams will now compete in 10 regular season matches instead of 14. The salary caps for clubs will remain unchanged. The new statebased T20 competition, which still has some details to be finalised, is expected to run alongside the 50-over Women's National Cricket League.



CHENGDU, Simran Singhi/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. The result sees Barca

move back above Girona in La Liga ahead of its game in Girona next weekend and also means that Real Madrid can't assure the La Liga title in its match at home to Cadiz next week

week. Barcelona opened the scoring in the 21st minute when Fermin Lopez again showed his intelligence around the penalty area when he darted in be-tween two defenders to tween two defenders to head home Raphinha's pinpoint cross, reports Xinhua. Barca's lead didn't last

long in a rainy Montjuic after Hugo Duro leveled five minutes later. Valencia's top scorer

chased down a long ball over the top and although MarcAndre 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

Another ball over the top saw Peter Gonzalez through on goal before being wiped out by Ronald Araujo in the Barca area, with Pepelu stepping up to put Valencia ahead from the spot. The game took another dramatic turn in the last minute of the half when Valencia goalkeeper, Giorgi Mamardashvili's control let him down and he committed handball outside his area as Lamine Yamal looked to beat him. Referee De Burgos Bengoetxea had no option but to send Mamardashvili off, leaving Valencia to play the second half with 10 men. Barcelona levelled three minutes into the sec-

ond half when Lewandowski flicked home a near-post corner, with Valencia claiming a position-al offside from Fermin. The second half was one-way traffic, with Barcelona playing in the Valencia half, although defended with two ordered lines to deny them spaces. The visitors should have gone back ahead with 17 minutes left to play when Peter and Diego Lopez combined to leave the latter through on goal, only for Pedri to make a last-gasp challenge as Lopez looked certain to score. Lewandowski headed in his sec-ond of the game in the 82nd minute after Araujo won a challenge against substitute keeper Jaume Domenech, leaving him with a simple finish. Lewandowski completed his hat-trick in injury time with a free kick into the top-cor-

ner that gave Domenech

no chance.

ing the significance of how he scored them. Salt hammered 68 runs in 33 deliveries, his fourth half-century of the season, adding 79 runs with opener Sunil Narine in the chase of 154, which guided the hosts to a

> aggressive to the quicks. With 392 runs off And when someone like nine matches in IPL

Nadal battles into fourth round in Madrid; faces Lehecka next

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

Caja Magica. The Spaniard battled past Pedro Cachin 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-3 to reach the fourth round at a tour-level event for the first time since 2022

Nadal found himself ensnared in a battle of wits with Argentina's Cachin. After waltzing his way through the first set, the Mallorcan was forced to endure a marathon that surpassed the threehour mark. However, whenever his game abandoned him the Spaniard refused to back down

After dropping the second set, Nadal found extra whip and power off the forehand wing in the decider, while he looked physically strong to se-cure a hard-fought victo-

ry after three hours and four minutes.

The 37-year-old is competing in his third tournament of the year, having lost in the second round in Barcelona last week. With his victory against World No. 91 Căchin, Nadal improved his clay-court record against players outside the Top 50 in the ATP Rankings to 162-1 since 2005. His only defeat in that 19-year period came against No. 73 Horacio Zeballos in Vina del Mar,

according to ATP stats. Nadal's gaze will im-mediately shift to his next challenge. With barely a day to recover, in the last civtoen at the Cala Magi sixteen at the Caja Magica on Tuesday the Spaniard will meet Czech player Jiri Lehecka.

Nadal holds a 59-14 tournament record in Madrid and will aim to reach his 10th consecutive quarterfinal in the Spanish capital when he plays Lehecka.

Clarke terms Phil Salt as KKR's X factor An after successive batting heroics Kolkata, April 30 in the fourth position in the can really mak

Clarke further said that

(IANS) Former Austrarace for the Orange Cap. "Yeah, it doesn't hurt Phil Salt. He'll be very haplia cricketer Michael Clarke lavished praise py with his performance tonight. He's been very on Phil Salt, branding him an X factor within good, there's no doubt about it. Again, he can find the Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) team. He those boundaries, in just the 33 balls. He's had a re-ally good IPL so far and highlighted that the wicketkeeper-batter's impact goes beyond he's such an important player for KKR. Like I say, merely the runs he accumulates, underscorit's not just about the runs he's scoring, but it's also about the way he's scoring them," said Clarke on Star

Sports Cricket Live. a lot of teams have got at least one destructive player in their top order but KKR have two in the form of Salt and Narine. "That positive intent, he plays his seven-wicket victory over Delhi Capitals at the Eden Gardens spinners pretty well, very here on Monday.

him is in form, he's that X 2024, Salt now stands factor. He's that player that can really make a lot of difference like a lot of teams have got at least one of those players in their top three or four. KKR's got two, they've got Narine and Salt who are very destructive and very dangerous," he said. Meanwhile, former India cricketer Varun Aaron lauded Varun Chakravarthy's bowling performance against DC. The legspinner claimed the fig-ures of 3-16 to restrict and adjudged the play-er of the match. "The way Varun bowled today; he swung things in favour of KKR at home. He took all three very important wickets, including the captain. He bowled with a lot more flight, let the ball turn, and didn't bowl that flat like he was bowling in

previous matches.



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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. The state-of-the-art facility is fully digitalised and spans across 1 lakh square feet, stocking spare parts for the entire commercial vehicle portfolio. The addition of the new facility will enable the company faster turnaround times and easier availability of spares at Tata Authorised Service Stations in the North East

Equipped with world-class infrastructure and safety measures, the facility will unlock greater customer value proposition through digitalised warehouse processes. Tata Motors has partnered with Delhivery, India's largest fully integrated logistics services provider, to leverage its technology-enabled warehousing and transportation solutions. The facility also boasts cuttingedge storage systems catering to diverse needs, including gravity spiral and vertical reciprocating conveyors. Additionally, a designated area for handling medium and heavy vehicle body parts has been integrated to ensure seamless operations.

Speaking on the launch, Mr. Vikram Agarwal, Head Spares and Non Vehicular Business, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said, "The inauguration of the new warehouse in Guwahati is a testament to Tata Motors' customer-centric approach and will further enhance the vehicle ownership experience by ensuring easy availability of spares. The new warehouse will enable smarter inventory management at Tata Authorized Service Stations in the region, thereby enhancing service quality and vehicle uptime.

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.In FY'24 the Company reported a record profit of Rs845 Cr, up 37% and an increase 18% in Gross Written Premium (GWP) to Rs15,254 Cr. PAT for Q4FY24at Rs142 Cr was up 40% YoY; GWP in-creased by 18% YoY in Q4FY24 to Rs4,968 Cr.The Combined ratio was 96.7% in FY24 and was 92.7% in Q4FY24. The claim ratio stood at66.5% for FY24 and 64.1% in Q4FY24.The Company posted a lower expense of management ratio of 30.7%, against the regulatory requirement of 35%, which offers an opportunity for growth.Star continued to make underwriting profit in FY24. continued trust in us. We

Commenting on the deliveredrobust growth results Anand Roy, MD & CEO of Star Health Insur-ance said, "We at Star across all our channels, includingagency, bancas-

Health made a conscious journey of putting risk-first and growth later, which helped us in carving a path towards sustainable secular growth. We have yet again delivered record profits, which reflects our financial strength and stability, and underscores our competitive advantage and customer-centric approach. Our results demonstrate strengthened fundamentals through our sharpened focus on innovative product offerings and sound claim settlement process. Continuing to consolidate our market leadership, we are now shifting gears towards accelerating growth with profit. Our steady expansion in both volume and profit, showcases the strength of our customer's

surance and digital. This well positions us to rapidly scale up our business towards a sustained accelerated growth trajectory." Star Health Insurance'

tation.

growth in GWP in FY24 is a resultof strong retail health insurance demand that the Company capitalised on through one of the largest agency networks, its strong digital channel sales, and collaborations with banks and financial institutions.

Underwriting profits grew robustly on the back of strong underwriting and risk management. Star Health Insurance'smarket share was up 22bps among general insurancecompanies to 5.26%; whileit continued to maintain its leadership in the retail health insurance sectorwith a 33% market share.

25, 2023. ChargeZone is a key player in this evolu-tion, with 10,967 opera-tional public charging statling landscape of India's automobile market, a quiet revolution is underway. tions to support the grow-ing EV fleet. As the coun-Electric vehicles (EVs) are not just a trend; they are the future of transportry aims for 50 million EVs ChargeZone on the road by 2030, stands at the forefront of ChargeZone's committhis transformative jourment to expanding its ney, shaping India's EV charging infrastructure is charging landscape and unwavering. Why the shift to EVs? driving towards a sustain-

able tomorrow. Let's delve The numbers speak volumes. EVs offer signifiinto the current scenario, the undeniable advantagcantly better mileage, converting over 77% of es of EVs, and the environmental benefits, all electrical energy to powwhile exploring the busi-ness opportunities that er at the wheels com-pared to the 12%-30% efficiency of gasoline vehi-cles. This efficiency trans-India, the third-largest lates to a cost of just INR 1/km for EVs versus around INR 6.73/km for automobile market globally, is making significant strides towards greener options. The EV market is petrol cars. ChargeZone's projected to be a \$206 bilrecent initiative to install

100 new charging stations

in April alone is a testa-

ment to the convenience

and accessibility they aim

Electric vehicles also contribute to lower maintenance costs due to their simpler design and fewer components. Without the need for oil changes, transmission repairs, and other maintenance tasks common in traditional vehicles, EV owners save on long-term upkeep. ChargeZone's commitment to enhancing the EV ownership experience extends to providing reliable, efficient, and cost-effective solu-

tions for all consumers. India's EV market growth is not just about environmental benefits; it presents a significant economic opportunity. The market is creating jobs, fostering innovation, and attracting investments. ChargeZone's strategic expansion plans align with India's goal to become a global hub for EV manufacturing and innovation.

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

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. In response to the rapidly increasing demand for high quality and reliable car detailing services among customers in India, TKM is set to redefine the car care industry with its comprehensive range of solutions tailored specifically for Toyota vehi-

cles. Starting May 1, 2024, "TGLOSS" treatments will be offered at every authorised Toyota dealership in India. This provides customers with convenient access to quality car care solutions delivered in a highly professional man-

Bangalore, 26, April ner, ensuring a delightful ownership experience.

As an industry first by any car maker, under the

"TGLOSS" brand, TKM will offer a wide array of services curated to enhance a vehicle's appearance, both inside and out. This includes ceramic coating, underbody coat-

ing, silencer coating, and internal panel protection. Customers can also avail comprehensive services such as interior en-

richment and exterior beautification services that breathe new life into the car, revitalizing its aesthetic appeal and ensuring it looks as good as new. Additionally, for the well-being of the passengers, "TGLOSS" services go beyond the surface with AC duct cleaning and evaporator cleaning, contributing to an immaculate

ambiance, promoting a

healthier driving environ-

ment. All the services are meticulously designed to rejuvenate the interiors and exteriors of vehicles, providing a renewed sense of pride and satisfaction to Toyota owners.

Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Sabari Manohar Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said,"We are thrilled to unveil "TGLOSS", an innovative and industry first venture that underscores Toyota Kirloskar Motor's unwavering commitment to 'customer-first' philosophy. We are witnessing growing trend among car owners who prioritize quality vehicle maintenance, and "TGLOSS" is designed to meet their needs by helping them keep their cars in excellent condition aesthetically.

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

Mumbai, Discover a content. wealth of unique content "Brin 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.

With a library of over 8500+ hours of content guages. transcending over 40 genres, discovery+ offers an extensive array of con-tent, catering to a wide range of interests and preferences. From captivating documentaries that delve into nature, science, history, and exploration into immersive reality shows that provide unique insights into various cultures and lifestyles, to original series that offer compelling storytelling right from the heart of In-dia, discovery+ is a trea-

"Bringing discovery+ to Tata Play Binge represents a huge step forward in expanding our content offerings. The partners' colossal lineup does not only showcase a myriad collection of genres but also promises entertainment in multiple local lan-

This collaboration opens doors to an extensive range of riveting narratives, ensuring our viewers have access to the best of what Discovery+ has to offer, all in one pláce," said Pallavi Puri, Tata Play's Chief Commercial and Content Officer on another successful integration.

Adding to it, Ruchir Jain, Head of Distribution & Eurosport, South Asia, Warner Bros. Discovery, said, "We are thrilled to sure trove of distinctive announce our collabora-

tion with Tata Play Binge. This partnership will en-able their subscribers in India to seamlessly access discovery+ content. With our extensive library of exclusive documentaries, captivating series, and engaging originals, including acclaimed titles such as 'Secrets of the Buddha Relics', 'History Hunter', and 'Star Vs Food: Survival', we are dedicated to delivering unparalleled entertainment experiences to Indian households. Now, Tata Play Binge customers can enjoy discovery+ content on all their favorite devic-

ChargeZone offers.

lion opportunity by the end of the decade, with

21.7 Lakh EVs already on

Indian roads as of March

es. Introducing a fresh outlook to the audience, discovery+ is known for its diverse blend of shows across Wildlife, Adventure, Science, Food, History, Mythology, Lifestyle, & Auto

Morgan Stanley Sets-up Operations in GIFT IFSC

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

Morgan Stanley'spresence in GIFT City, further deepens the Firm's footprint in India and demonstrates our confidence in the future of GIFT IFSC.

'This is a significant milestone for our franchise," said Arun Kohli, Managing Director, and Country Head of India, Morgan Stanley. "Set-Stanley.



ting-up of operations in GIFT IFSC is an enabler to our growth strategy in India,"adds Kohli.

Malavika Šhanker, Head of India Equities, Morgan Stanley, said, "For foreign investors, the opportunity for fund flows through GIFT IFSC, which offers ease of access and a simplified regulatory regime at par with globally benchmarked financial hubs, is an exciting opportunity for Morgan Stanley." Mr. K Rajaraman, Chairman of IFSCA, and Mr. Subhash Chandra Agarwal, IRS, Addl. Director General (ADG), Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and Senior Devel-opment Commissioner, GIFT City - SEZ Gandhinagar, attended the inauguration event.



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

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

This is the highest pos-sible rating given to an is-suer by the credit-rating agencies in India, signifying the strongest level of creditworthiness and the capacity to repay the investors. This achievement also holds major significance for India's private infrastructure sector, marking APSEZ as the first and only private infrastructure developer of its magnitude

to get this recognition. Notably, Adani Energy Solution's two transmis-sion assets -- WTGL (West Transmission Gujarat Limited) and Alipurdwar have also been rated AAA by India Ratings. However, at the company level, APSEZ is the first. The ratings upgrade was largely driven by APSEZ's robust busi-

ness model, strong growth in operations with healthy profitability, coupled with high liquidity and low le-

"The ratings derive strength from healthy growth in scale of opera-tions, 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 im-proved from 3.62 times as of March 31, 2021, to 3.14 times as of March 31, 2023

Subsequently, with the progressive buyback of \$650 million bonds (due in July 2024), APSEZ re-paid nearly \$325 million till December 2023, resulting in net external debt/PBILDT at 2.41x, as of December

31, 2023. The report also highlights the company's suc-

cessful track record of turning around port assets post-acquisition and its integrated business model including ports with a logistics asset base which has led to 15 per cent com-pounded annual growth for FY19-FY24 as com-pared to 4 per cent CAGR for all udian ports for all Indian ports.

"The large banks at Mundra, Dhamra, and Krishnapatnam also enhance the prospects," said the report. APSEZ has evolved

from operating just two ports (Mundra and Dahej) in 2011 to a portfolio of 14 ports spread across the entire coastline of India. Improved reach, stra-

tegic port locations, operational efficiencies, and a comprehensive range of integrated service offerings including SEZ and logistics have contributed to the company's remarkable growth.

time in five quarters.

a regulatory filing.

Indegene Limited IPO to open on Monday, May 6, 2024 hmedabad, Indegene ted (the "Company") of up to 1,118,596 Equity Shares by Manish Gupta Shares by Manish Gupta by BPC Genesis Fund I

Ahmedabad, Indegene Limited (the "Company") proposes to open its initial public offering ("Offer") on Monday, May 06, 2024, 2024. Bid/ Offer Closing Date will be Wednesday, May 08, 2024. Anchor In-

vestor Bidding Date is one Working Day pri-or to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, Friday, May 03, 2024. The Price

Band of the Offer has been fixed from Rs. 430 per

Equity Share to Rs. 452 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 33 Equity Shares and in multiples of 33 Equity Shares thereafter.

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 "Of-fered Shares"), comprising

aggregating up to such mil-lion, up to 3,233,818 Equity Shares by Dr. Rajesh Bhaskaran Nair aggregat-ing up to such million, up to 1,151,454 Equity Shares



by Anita Nair aggregating up to such million (Collectively with Manish Gupta and Dr. Rajesh Bhaskaran Nair, The "Individual Sell-ing Shareholders"), up to 3,600,000 Equity Shares by Vida Trustees Private Limited (Trustee of Fig Tree Trust) in its capacity as partner of Group Life Spring aggregating up to such million, up to 2,657,687 Equity Shares

by CA Dawn Investments aggregating up to such mil-lion (Collectively with Vida Trustees Private Limited, BPC Genesis Fund I SPV, Ltd And BPC Genesis Fund I-ASPV, Ltd., The "Investor Selling Sharehold-ers" And Collectively With The Individual Selling Shareholders, The "Selling Shareholders" And Such Equity Shares, The "Of-fered Shares").

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

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. The company's gross business value (GBV) delivered a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 300 per cent over the last three years, it said in a statement. "As we surge ahead, our commitment to building "As we surge ahead, our commitment to building a fully integrated energy-infrastructure, mobility, and technology business remains unwavering," said Anmol Singh Jaggi, co-founder of BluSmart. "We are witnessing a rise in demand for sustain-able mobility solutions, reinforcing the growth of a greener, more sustainable future," he added. BluSmart said it has the largest fleet in SouthAsia BluSmart said it has the largest fleet in SouthAsia of over 7,300 EVs, which have covered 460 million "clean kilometres" saving 34 million kgs of CO2 emissions.

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

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Generative Al-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.

Transcom recently acquired homegrown IT services company VCosmos, which is now called Transcom India.

VCosmos, now christened Transcom India, is the most strategic fit in our strategy to provide Al-powered and competitive offshore delivery to our marquee customers and fast-growing consumer brands from North America and Europe, Travis Coates, Global COO for Transcom, told IANS. India offers Transcom an unbeatable combination of a scalable and affordable talent pool that led to a rapid growth of the country's business process management (BPM) industry to an estimated \$50 billion and IT services revenue of \$130 billion in FY2024 despite a significant drop in global IT spend.

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

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Homegrown ven-ture 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. The 'Fund III' plans to invest in about 25 companies at Series A level, with an average starting investment worth Rs 30-50 crore. IvyČap Ventures said in a statement that about 20 per cent of the Fund will be invested in the existing portfolio companies, where it will act as a co-investor when those companies are raising their next rounds, and will not provide secondary funding to their previous funds.

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

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Microsoft on Tues-day announced that it will invest \$1.7 billion over the next four years in new cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure in Indonesia. The company also announced AI skilling opportunities for 840,000

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 Offic-

er (CFO) owing to personal reasons. Akshat Mishra will take over as the new Head of

Akshat Mishra will take over as the new months 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."With two years of experience in the Cleartrip Business Finance team and eight years within the Flipkart Group, Mishra brings a deep understanding of both Cleartrip's operations and the broader ecosystem in which it operates," it added.

Agarwal worked for nine years at Cleartrip, wherein he was instrumental in shaping its financial strategy and organisational growth.

He played a pivotal role during the successful merg-er and subsequent integration of Cleartrip into the Flipkart Group.

Meanwhile, Mishra "brings a deep understanding of both Cleartrip's operations and the broader ecosystem in which it operates.

The transition reflects Cleartrip's commitment to nurturing internal talent and ensuring continuity in its financial leadership," said the company. In April 2021, Flipkart acquired a majority stake in Cleartrip. Cleartrip witnessed a nearly two-fold increase in its net loss in the financial year that ended March 31, 2023.

Samsung Q1 operating profit soars, chip business back to profit and 4.1 trillion won in op-erating profit in the first

Seoul, April 30 (IANS) Samsung Electronics said Yonhap Infomax, the fi-nancial data firm of Yon-Tuesday its operating hap News Agency.

Samsung said it has invested 7.82 trillion won profit went up more than ten-fold in the first quarter, with its chip business shiftin research and development for the quarter end-ing March, marking the largest quarterly investing to the black for the first ment.

Samsung Electronics, the world's largest maker of smartphones and mem-The chip business earned 23.1 trillion won in ory chips, said its operat-ing profit reached 6.6 tril-lion won (US\$4.8 billion) for the January-March pe-riod, compared with 640.2 sales for the three-month period through March, with an operating profit of 1.91 trillion won.

billion won a year ago. Its sales jumped 12.8 per cent to 71.9 trillion It is the first time that the company's semiconductor segment has postwon, and net profit soared ed profit since the fourth 329 percent to 6.75 trillion quarter of 2022. It logged won, the company said in an operating loss of over 15 trillion won last year The earnings beat amid a downturn in the market expectations. The

global chip market. Strong demand for memory chips lent support average estimate of operating profit by analysts stood at 5.6 trillion won, according to a survey by to the better-than-expect-ed performance of the

company's chip business on rising DRAM and NAND flash prices, with steady sales of double data rate 5 (DDR5) prod-

ucts and massive solid state drives (SSDs). The chipmaker said its

foundry business is expected to post a doubledigit on-quarter growth in the second quarter after bottoming out in the first quarter as customer in-ventory adjustments have been finalised and line utilisation improved.

Samsung Electronics plans to complete the development of 2nm design infrastructure and prepare infrastructure for various applications in mature processes, such as 14nm and 8nm, to secure customers.

The mobile and other devices business posted 47.3 trillion won in sales

Himansh Verma: Former 19-yr-old millionaire

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

Its latest Galaxy S24 series model, the company's first Al-powered smartphone, led the stel-lar first-quarter earnings despite a slowdown in the global smartphone market. The company said shipments of smart-

phones and tablets amounted to 60 million and 7 million units in the first quarter, respectively, with the average selling price of smartphones reaching \$336. Earnings from its TV business fell from the previous quarter,

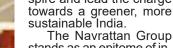
but demand for large QLED and OLED TVs remained strong.

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 choose

Tuesday that he chose Tesla CEO announced wheel," one X user post-

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) In a groundbreak-ing move, Himansh Verma, the visionary founder of Navrattan Group, headquartered in Mumbai, is

who built Navrattan a billion dollar company spire and lead the charge ---



stands as an epitome of innovation and sustainabili-

August 8 as the date to launch the robotaxi because 8/8 is a lucky num-

ber in that country. The shares of Tesla surged following reports that Musk has received approval to deploy the company's Full Self-Driv-ing (FSD) autonomous software in China. The EV company's stock went up

more than 15 per cent. When an X follower posted that Tesla would organise a robotaxi event on August 8, which is a lucky number in China, the tech billionaire agreed.

"I did partly pick it because 8/8 is a lucky number in China! Also, the birthday of my triplets, who are now 17," the X owner commented.

According to reports, gaining approval for FSD and a key data deal with Chinese Internet giant

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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. Sensex was trading at 74,991 points, up by 320 points. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said this bull market is remaining resilient despite headwinds, and is slowly gathering momentum despite high valuations. A significant feature of the ongoing bull run is that the Fils are consistently being outsmarted by the DIIs and retail investors. "Every time the US bond yields go up, particularly when the 10-year yield rises above 4.5 per cent, the FIIs have been selling but the DII plus retail buying has been completely overwhelming the FII selling, forcing the FIIs to buy the same stocks they sold earlier at higher prices later," he said.

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.

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

In addition to his ecofriendly cement venture, Verma is also poised to introduce electric buses to the Indian market for the first time ever.



With a commitment to reducing reliance on fossil fuels and mitigating pol-lution, this initiative aligns with India's broader goals for clean and efficient transportation. With a net worth ex-

ceeding \$1 billion, Verma's success stresses the potential of youth entrepreneurship and innovation in shaping India's future. His bold ventures not

only drive economic growth but also pave the way for a more sustainable and prosperous nation. Stay tuned as Himan-

sh Verma continues to in-

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ty in the Indian business landscape. Headquartered in Mumbai, this multinational conglomerate boasts a formidable global presence, underpinned by a combined net worth surpassing \$1 billion. Re-nowned for its commit-

ment to environmental stewardship, the group has strategically diversified its portfolio to encompass a wide array of cutting-edge ventures, including science and technology, clean energy, green cement, entertainment, renewables, and e-bus. Founded by visionary entrepreneur Himansh Verma, the Navrattan Group continues to spearhead transformative initiatives that not only drive business growth but also contribute to the collective well-being of society and the planet.

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people in the country and support for the nation's growing developer community. This marks the single +

largest investment in Microsoft's 29-year history in the country. "The investments we are announcing today -- spanning digital infrastructure, skilling, and support for developers - will help Indonesia thrive in this new era," said Satya Nadella, Chairman and CEO, Microsoft. According to the company, this investment will enable Microsoft to meet the growing demand for cloud computing services in Indonesia, as well as allow the country to capitalise on the significant economic and productivity opportunities presented by the latest Al technology.

WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION

NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER

ENDER No.: - DRM/COMML/01/2024 DATED: 26.04.2024. Name of Work: Tender for the Contract of Tea & Refreshment Stall (non Prime Location) At General Minor Units of the 'a1. A & Class Station i.e. Rajkot, Jamnagar, Surendranagar & Wankaner Stations of Rajkot vision Under Two Packet System.

Sr No.	Tender Notice No.	Location of Catering Stall	Reserv ed For	Reserve Price (Per Annum*)	Earnest Money	Tender Form Fee
01	C45/GMU/SUNR /PF-01-04/01	Between Pillar No. 14 & 15 of PF No. 01-04 at Surendranagar Station	GEN	₹3,00,402	₹31,300	₹5900
02	C45/GMU/WKR/ PF No.02/05			₹1,66,320	₹17,300	₹5900
03.	C45/GMU/RJT/ PF No.04-05/01	Between Hydrant No.47 & 48 of PF No. 04-05 at Rajkot Station	GEN	₹1,80,000	₹18,800	₹5900
04	C45/GMU/RJT/ PF No.04-05/03	Between Hydrant No. 114 & 115 of PF No. 04-05 at Rajkot Station	GEN	₹1,88,000	₹19,600	₹5900
05	C45/GMU/RJT/ PF No.04-05/04	Between Hydrant No. 149 & 150 of PF No. 04-05 at Rajkot Station	Women (GEN)	₹1,88,000	₹19,600	₹5900
06.	C45/GMU/JAM/ PF No.02-03/02	Between Pillar No.07 & 08 of PF No. 02-03 at Jamnagar Station	Women (GEN)	₹1,50,000	₹15,600	₹5900

* License fee will be fixed for the first three years and in the fourth year, it will be enhanced by 10%. License fee for the fourth and fifth year will remain same. Date of Commencement: As advised by Divisional Railway Manager (Comm.) - Rajkot. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: On 04.06.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. for all above Tenders. Date & Time of Opening of Tender: On 04.06.2024 at 15:30 hrs for all above Tenders. Tenure of Contract: For a period of 05 years only. No further extension/renewal. Validity of Tender: 180 days. Address of the office from where the details will be available: Office of Sr. Divisional Commercia Manager, Divisional Railway Manager Office, Kothi compound, Rajkot-360001. During the all working days from 10:00 hours to 17:00 hrs. Website Address: www.wr.indianrailwa

TENDER NO.: - DRM/COMML/02/2024 DATED: 26.04.2024. Name of Work: "Tender for the Contract of Milk Parlour at General Minor Unit (GMUs) of The 'B' Class Station i.e. Dwarka Station of Rajkot Division Under Single Packet System"

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Benchmark indices face profit booking after sharp rally sharp rally. The NSE Nif-ty 50 lost 39 points or 0.17 cut. "Profit booking en-

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) Benchmark indices gave úp gains on Tuesday amid profit booking after a

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mained mixed ahead of US Fed policy meet, as markets appear to have already factored in the slim chance of a near-term rate

sued towards the close per cent to close at 22,605, while the BSE given the sharp rally in the last couple of days and a holiday-led truncated week. Domestic initial Q4 Sensex was down 188.50 points or 0.25 per cent at 74,482.78. Vinod Nair, corporate earnings forecasts were conservative; however, Nifty 50 compa-Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said that global markets renies' 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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Public Notice

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 Área: 24.16.86 la), 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.

Considering the present situation of pandemic of Covid-19 all concerned are hereby informed to follow Government guidelines regarding Covid-19 pandemic.

Date: 26/04/2024

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WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

CORRIGENDUM 2 Tender Notice No. EL-TRD-2023-24-EPC-01 (Open Tender) Closing Date : 16/05/2024 at 15:00 hrs.

Tender Notice No. EL-TRD-2023-24-EPC-01 for the work of "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 220/132/55 kV Traction Sub-station, Sectioning Post (SPs) and Sub-sectioning Post (SSPs) (2 x 25 kV System Scott Connected Transformer) of Mumbai - Ratlam and Vadodara - Ahmedabad Sections of Western Railway on EPC mode". New Documents attached on IREPS website :

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VESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISIO ELECTRICAL WORK E-Tender Notice, ELECTRICAL (POWER) DEPTT. NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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in a Nutshell

News

8-yr-old boy sodomised in

accused held

madrasa in UP's Muzaffarnagar,

Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh), April 30 (IANS) An eight-year-old student of a madrasa has been

allegedly sodomised by his senior in Muzaffarna-

gar 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 Pe-

nal Code Section 377 (unnatural offences) and provisions of the Protection of Children from Sex-ual Offences (POCSO) Act, a police spokesman said. According to the complaint lodged by the vic-

tim'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, 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 Ku-mar, who works for BSNL. Anil's daughter Urvi,

36, an engineer at the Palam Airport in New Del-

hi, was married to a computer engineer in 2016.

The couple lived in Delhi and had a daughter. Al-

legations 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

Lucknow, April 30 (IANS) Departmental ac-tion 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 of-

ficials under the relevant sections of the Repre-sentation of the People Act. According to the

sentation of the People Act. According to the district magistrate, the training is aimed at pro-viding 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 offi-cials being trained in two shifts. Each shift has around 1,600 officials.

Action against 70 officials for

skipping election training in

daughter's homecoming after

Kanpur man celebrates

divorce

on February 28.

Lucknow



Delhi HC denies bail in 2008 serial blasts case, urges speedy trial

New Delhi, April 30 (IANS) The Delhi High Court has rejected the bail applications of three individuals accused in connection with the 2008 serial bomb blasts in Delhi, which resulted in 26 fatalities and injuries to

135 people. The Division Bench of Justice Suresh Kumar Kait and Justice Shalinder Kaur, upheld the trial court's decision to deny bail to Mubeen Kadar Śhaikh, Saquib Nisar, and Mansoor' Asghar Peerbhoy. The Bench noted the

significant delay in the tri-al proceedings, acknowl-edging that the accused have been in custody since 2008.

rected the trial court to increase the frequency of hearings, mandating that the case be taken up at least twice a week to ensure a timely conclusion.

Currently, proceed-ings are held every Saturday The court noted the complexity of the trial, mentioning that out of 497 cited witnesses, 198 were dropped, and 282

have been examined, leaving only 17 more to testify. The severity of the charges played a crucial role in the court's decision to deny bail. For instance, Múbeen Kadar Shaikh, a qualified computer engineer, was described as an active member of the Indian Mujahideen's Media Cell, allegedly involved in pre-paring the content of terror-related communications.The Indian Mujahideen claimed responsibility for the blasts, which targeted locations such as Karol

Consequently, it di-Bagh, Connaught Place, and Greater Kailash, through emails sent to media outlets.

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गोरेन जिल

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 dur-ing 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.

tle 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 saf-

Several heads of cat-

er places. Over two dozen hous-

es 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, Shatmu-qam Bridge, Sohipora-Hayhama Bridge, Farkyan Bridge, two rural development department buildings at Kupwara and assistant director Handicrafts office building. Shumryal- Gun-dajhanger 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-Jam-mu, 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 Val-

ley. 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 Vishow 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

to Partly cloudy in Jam-mu Division. Ocassional 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.

"Now, one of the

Congress leaders has

been arrested in this

fidence that the BJP

has been getting ex-

cellent support from Southern states in the

Lok Sabha polls and

The union minister

"trap" and

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He expressed con-

case", he added.

BJP supports reservation policy, Congress peddling propaganda: Shah the fore.

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 400seat target by saying that the BJP has plans to change the Constitution.

This is an utter lie. The BJP got absolute

Guwahati, April 30 (IANS) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on

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

that the party will achieve its "400 paar" (more than 400 seats) this doctored video." target. According to the Union Home Minister, the appealed to the voters original video of his not to fall into the Conspeech was available gress' and the "lies" of the Con-'teach it a lesson" in gress party have come to the polls.

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

Patna, April 30 (IANS) and three others critically (JCB) to remove the de-

"We have used an company and was coming Six persons were killed earthmover machine from the Kahalgaon side. nd rescue the

Kailash Das, one of the survivors said

Minor sexually assaulted, police arrest landlord in Karnataka

Bengaluru, April 30 (IANS) Karnataka Police have arrested a house owner on charges of raping an 8year-old girl when she was alone at her rented house in Madanayakanahalli police station limits in the out-skirts of Bengaluru on Tuesday. According to po-

Generally cloudy over most parts of Kashmir Division and mainly clear



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

(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 po-

lice 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.

jured. They were admitted trapped under the debris to Bhagalpur Medical Colfor over an hour and were lege and Hospital. The bodies were also recovered and sent for postmortem," he said. The victims were on

HIWA lost control over the vehicle and hit the SUV

coming from the opposite

a private construction

The HIWA belongs to

direction.

unable to breathe properly. Then I became unconscious. When I regained consciousness, I found myself in the hospital." the way to attend a wedthe way to attend a wed-ding ceremony in Khid-matpur village from Have-li Kharagpur block in Mu-nger district. When they reached Amapur village, the driver of a speeding

lice, 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.



ઈ-શ્રમ પોર્ટલ પર ટ્રક, ટેક્સી, ઓટો ડ્રાઈવર અને ગીગ કામદારોની નોંધણી કરવામાં આવશે અને લાભદાચી યોજનાઓ સાથે જોડવામાં આવશે ટ્રક ચાલકો માટે રાષ્ટ્રીય ધોરીમાર્ગો પર આધુનિક સુવિધાઓ ઊભી કરીશું

ગામડાઓ અને શહેરોમાં ફેરિયા અને લારી પર માલ વેચનારાઓને પીએમ સ્વનિધિ યોજના સાથે જોડવામાં આવશે



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 Rajas-than 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-Tuesday attacked and robbed at mid-sea alleg-CB will investigate the case, he added. On April edly by Sri Lankan pirates. A fisherman, Murugan, was injured in the attack and was admitted to the 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 ment hospital. irregularities during voting. Bhati had accused that his supporters were assaulted during the second phase of Lok Šabha elections held

TN fishermen attacked Chennai, April 30 (IANS) A group of fisher-men from Tamil Nadu's Tamil Nadu coastal po-lice said the pirates robbed walkie-talkies and GPS enter and bring a solution to

Nagapattinam was on from the boat.

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

"We are being hound-ed and attacked in mid-Nagapattinam governsea regularly. Be it the at-The attack happened tack by pirates or the ar-15 nautical miles from Narest and impounding of gapattinam coast within mechanised boats by the Indian sea limits near the Sri Lankan Navy, fishermen are routinely atinternational maritime tacked. 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

boundary.

Hubballi (Karnataka), April 30 (IANS) The JD(S) on Tuesday sus-pended Prajwal Revan-na, 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 Pres-ident 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 gov-ernment, Prajwal Revan-na would be expelled permanently from the party

in Rajasthan on April 26.

party. The decision was tak-en 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 giv-ing to Prime Minister Modi for protecting the honour of his family," Ku-maraswamy 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 com-plaint to the State Wom-

en's Commission in this regard, the state govern-ment formed an SIT to probe the matter. Mean-while, 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 mat-ter has taken a political turn ahead of the second phase of polling in Karnataka scheduled on May 7 for 14 Lok Sabha seats.