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## News Brief

### Shivpal booked for remarks against Mayawati

Budaun (UP), May 6 (IANS) Uttar Pradesh Police on Monday said an FIR has been registered against Samajwadi Party leader Shivpal Yadav for allegedly making derogatory statements against BSP chief Mayawati. Police said that on the complaint of BSP leader Ram Prakash Tyagi, an FIR was registered against Shivpal Yadav at the Civil Lines Police Station.

He said that Yadav has been booked under sections 504 (intentional insult) and 505 (statements creating public mischief) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Shivpal Yadav's son Aditya Yadav is the SP candidate from Badaun, where voting will be held on Tuesday. In his complaint, Tyagi alleged that on May 3 he saw a news clipping in which Yadav used "indecent and objectionable" language against Mayawati.

### Edited & fake videos: Congress delegation meets Delhi PC

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) A delegation from the Congress party, led by leaders including Pawan Khera, Supriya Shrinete and Devendra Yadav, met with Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora on Monday to address the issue of edited and fake videos circulating on social media handles amid ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

Expressing their concerns, the delegation said that there is continuous dissemination of manipulated videos and fake content through these platforms.

### Major fire reported in Delhi factory

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) A massive fire was reported on Monday in a factory at Narela in the outskirts of Delhi, a fire department official said, adding that no casualty has been reported in the incident so far.

Sharing the details, Delhi Fire Service (DFS) Director Atul Garg said that a call regarding the blaze at a factory near Harishchandra Chowk in Narela Industrial Area was received at 8:27 a.m. on Monday.

"The fire is now under control and so far no one has been injured in the incident. The reason behind the cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained," Garg added.

### Kerala CM, family leave for three-nation private tour

Kochi, May 6 (IANS) Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, his wife, and their grandson left for a three-nation private tour on Monday. CM Vijayan will visit Indonesia, Singapore, and the UAE before returning on May 21. His daughter Veena Vijayan and her husband and state minister P.A. Mohammed Riyas are in the UAE and will travel with the Chief Minister during the trip. The Vijayan family will be in Indonesia till May 12 before flying to Singapore. On May 18, they will return to the UAE before coming back to India on May 21. According to sources, since this is a private trip, no official announcement was made about it.

## 'Ramdroh', 'Rashtradhroh' are part of Congress, INDIA bloc's DNA: Yogi

Lucknow, May 6 (IANS) Launching a scathing attack on the opposition parties on Monday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that 'Ramdroh' and 'Rashtradhroh' (anti-national) are part of Congress and the INDIA bloc.

Referring to the humiliation of Congress leader from Chhattisgarh, Radhika Khera, by the party members for visiting Lord Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, Yogi Adityanath said: "The incident shows that 'Ramdroh' is there in the DNA of Congress, SP, and the

INDIA bloc, and whoever is 'Ramdrohi' is 'Rashtradhroh' as well. Chhattisgarh belongs to Lord Ram and any Ram devotee can belong to any party."

He said that the INDIA bloc members have always disrespected Lord Ram and his devotees.

"They make every effort to make the majority community feel insulted. Whether it is Congress, SP, National Conference, or DMK, the conduct of all these parties is condemnable. And it is this 'Ramdroh' conduct of these parties that is throwing

them into the abyss," the Chief Minister told media persons.

He said that the Congress has never missed an opportunity to demean India in the eyes of the world, nor has it hesitated to disparage the Hindu religion. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath urged people to consider the 'Ramdrohi' behaviour as 'Rashtravirodhi' (anti-national), regardless of one's affection shown to them in the interest of the nation.

He said that the public is vigilant and will make their own informed deci-

sions. Emphasising that the greater the 'Ram Bhakt', guarantees the greater 'Rashtra Bhakt' (patriot), Yogi Adityanath described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the epitome of 'Ram Bhakt' and 'Rashtra Bhakt'.

"After a 500-year wait, the long-cherished dream of Ayodhya has finally come alive with Ram Lalla once again gracing the city. This transformation of Ayodhya was made possible under Modi's leadership and guidance. Today, the new Ayodhya unveils a fresh chapter before us," he added.



AHMEDABAD, Polling officials checking the Electronic Voting Machine (EVMs) and other election related material required for the 3rd Phase General Elections-2024 at the CN Vidhyalay Ambawadi, in Ahmedabad on Monday. UNI

## Intense coral bleaching recorded in Lakshadweep due to marine heatwaves

Kochi, May 6 (IANS) Researchers at the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have recorded a widespread bleaching event impacting the coral reefs in the Lakshadweep sea owing to marine heatwaves.

It was revealed in a survey from various Lakshadweep islands that a considerable percentage of the hard coral species have undergone severe bleaching, primarily due to a prolonged period of marine heatwaves affecting the region since late October 2023. Marine heatwaves are rare extreme weather events that involve prolonged periods of abnormally-high ocean temperatures. These temperatures often exceed the 90th percentile of typi-

cal regional ocean temperatures based on historical data. In Lakshadweep, the Degree Heating Week (DHW) indicator, which measures accumulated heat stress, has surged above 4 degrees C-weeks.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), this level of DHW poses a substantial risk of coral bleaching, threatening the region's diverse marine ecosystems.

Dr KR Sreenath, senior scientist of CMFRI said such heat stress levels signify a severe threat to coral health, leading to extensive bleaching where corals lose the symbiotic algae (zooxanthellae), compromising their survival by depriving them of essential nutrients.

"If the DHW continues to rise, reaching beyond 12 degrees C-weeks, it could precipitate an unprecedented biodiversity crisis due to multispecies mortality," said Dr Sreenath. According to Dr Shelton Padua, senior scientist at CMFRI, the primary causes of these marine heatwaves are excessive heat atmospheric transfer coupled with shifts in ocean currents, leading to unusually high water temperatures.

"Since October 27, 2023, the Lakshadweep Sea, spanning from 80.0 to 12.0 N latitude and 71.0 to 75.0 E longitude, has been experiencing these conditions, with temperatures consistently registering rises greater than 1 degrees C above the norm," said Dr Padua.

## Bomb threat sent to Ahmedabad schools including 10 polling venues for Tuesday's LS elections

Ahmedabad, May 6 (IANS) At least 16 schools in Ahmedabad received bomb threats via email on Monday, said officials, adding that 10 of these are polling centres for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections scheduled on Tuesday.

District Education Officer (DEO), Rohit Chaudhary, said, "There is no need to panic, as the schools didn't have students due to Tuesday's polling activity."

"This could be an attempt to create an unsettling atmosphere during the Lok Sabha elections in the state," he added.

The affected schools include the Army Public School in Ahmedabad Cantonment, Kalorex Future School Ghatlodia,

Amrita Vidhyalay in Naranpura, Kendriya Vidyalaya ONGC, Asia English School Vastral, Anand Niketan School Satellite, Noble School Vyaswadi Naroda, and Kumkum School in Ghodasar.

The cybercrime unit of the Ahmedabad Crime Branch and the police have taken note of the threatening emails received by several schools in the city. Sources said the threatening messages may have

originated from a foreign server, possibly from Russia. The police are investigating the origin of the messages and working to identify and apprehend those responsible for sending the threat emails.

## MP: Over 5L first-time voters to exercise franchise in phase 3 of LS polls

Bhopal, May 6 (IANS) Madhya Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Anupam Rajan on Monday said that more than five lakh first-time voters will exercise their franchise in the third phase of the Lok Sabha election for the nine Lok Sabha seats in the state.

"More than 5.25 lakh first-time voters (age

group 18-19) will exercise their rights. There are around 1804 voters -- above 100 years -- who will also vote in the third phase," Rajan said during a press conference.

A total of 127 candidates are in the fray for the third phase elections, the highest (22) in Bhopal and lowest (7) in the Bhand constituency.

There are more than 1.77 crore voters -- 92.68 lakh male and 84.83 lakh female -- and 491 third-gender voters and 1,66,431 Divyang (specially abled) voters in the state. A total of 20, 456 polling booths have been set up in the nine Lok Sabha seats, which will cover as many as 18 districts of the state.



RANCHI, Congress candidate Yashaswini Sahay with her father former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay, and others during an election campaign rally for Lok Sabha polls, in Ranchi on Monday. UNI

## 5 members of solver gang detained in Bihar charged Rs 5 lakh for NEET exam

Patna, May 6 (IANS) A day after five members of a solver gang were detained in connection with the NEET UG 2024 question paper leak case, an official of Patna Police claimed the rate of the gang was Rs 5 lakh per person. The official said the members revealed this during questioning. Sources said that solver gangs were active in the NEET examination and many members have taken the examination in place of real candidates.

An MBBS student was caught from Shastri Nagar locality in Patna when he came out after taking the examination.

According to an official of Shastri Nagar police station in Patna, the solver gangs have taken Rs 5 lakh from each student and scholars had given the examination in place of them.

The police said that an MBBS student named Sonu Singh of a prominent medical college and hospital in Patna was detained about

in this connection. He allegedly appeared in the examination in place of a student named Abhishek Raj at an examination centre in Shastri Nagar.

Patna SSP Rajeev Mishra said that an investigation is going on whether the question papers have been leaked or not. "Interrogation of the detained people is going on and many names have also come to light. Some

people have been caught who appeared in the examination on behalf of others. We have registered an FIR in this connection in Patna," he said.

Sources have said that the question paper was uploaded on the Internet at 4 p.m. on Sunday and the NTA which conducted the examination is investigating it. More than 23 lakh students have appeared in the examination.

## Gurugram administration ropes in Chahal to boost voter turnout

Gurugram, May 6 (IANS) Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections in Gurugram scheduled for May 25, the district administration has roped in India cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal as the brand ambassador to boost voter turnout. The ace leg-spinner currently playing for the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League (IPL) will soon appeal to the voters of Gurugram to actively participate in the polling process. Hitesh Kumar Meena, ADC and nodal officer for the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme, said that there is a large number of young voters in the district, many of whom are fans of Chahal. "Before Yuzvendra Chahal, 'desi rockstar' MD and singer Naveen Punia were roped in as brand ambassadors to woo the voters of Gurugram," Meena said.

The official also said that efforts are being made to increase voter awareness in the district.

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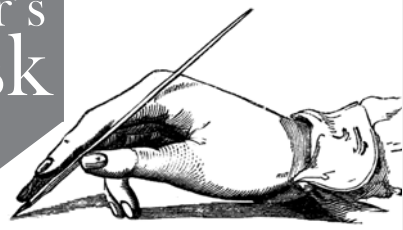
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From Editor's Desk



## Student protests in the US: Campus and Camp

**Agitations across US universities could have been an occasion for a deeper conversation. That armed police and maximalist slogans have taken over marks a failure.**

The detention of over 2,000 students across universities in the US and the presence of armed riot police on campuses marks a leadership failure in some of the most prestigious institutions of higher education in the world. This failure is administrative, pedagogical and more broadly, philosophical. It involves shifting answers to complex questions around free expression and security, "cancelling" and nuance, outrage and engagement. Comparisons have been made between the current protests and those in 1968. They ignore one crucial difference: In the '60s, students formed a compact with broader society in which sections of the privileged stood with the discriminated to demand racial equality, alongside questioning the Vietnam War. The current protest, till now, seems to draw a line between the larger society, politics and the campus.

The images of the ongoing, horrific brutality by Israel's defence forces in Gaza in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks by Hamas on October 7 will move most people emotionally — and in many cases, even politically. The passionate response from students is thus understandable and predictable. That said, the pro-Gaza "encampments" — which began with Columbia University in New York and have since spread across the country and beyond — have also been marked by maximalist slogans and demands. America's free speech laws are almost absolute, allowing for what many would even consider hate speech. Campuses — like private workplaces — however, have their own rules regarding offence, racism, xenophobic statements and calls to violence. In situations such as the current one, university administrations have to negotiate a balance between the campus as a space for expression on the one hand and order and safety on the other. They have failed so far. The most important question that arises in the wake of the turmoil is this: Why have the most international, cosmopolitan spaces, with vast intellectual resources, floundered in creating avenues for genuine debate between competing ideas?

The inability of most institutions to effectively facilitate a conversation is being seen by many as a result of a culture of their own making. The much-discussed "cancel culture" has, at least in part, eschewed nuance for moral certainty and signalled to many that taking offence can be the basis of a political grand narrative.



New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) Taking acid reflux medications may raise the risk of migraines in individuals already suffering from the debilitating headache, according to a top neurologist.

Dr Sudhir Kumar from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said this, citing a recent study published in the journal *Neurology Clinical Practice*.

## Anti-acidity medications linked to a high risk of migraine, says expert

Led by researchers from the University of Maryland in the US, the study showed that acid-reducing drugs, including proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) such as omeprazole and esomeprazole, histamine H2-receptor antagonists (H2RAs), H2 blockers such as cimetidine and famotidine, and antacid supplements, are linked to a higher risk of migraines and other severe headaches than people who do not take these medications.

"In people who are suffering from migraines or other severe head-

aches, and are taking PPIs or H2RAs for treating gastrointestinal symptoms, it may be worthwhile stopping these medicines to see if their headaches reduce," the doctor wrote in a post on X.

The study found that PPIs use was associated with a 70 per cent higher risk of migraines and other headaches, while H2RAs use was associated with a 40 per cent higher risk. "It is possible that these observed associations are related to comorbidity between gastrointestinal (GI) conditions and migraine dis-

ease and symptoms, Dr Sudhir explained.

He noted that several studies have observed associations between the presence of migraine and GI conditions, including *Helicobacter pylori* infection, irritable bowel syndrome, celiac disease, peptic ulcers, gastroparesis, and GERD. "New cases of migraine have been noted after starting PPI/H2RA therapy. Therefore, further studies are needed to establish the cause-effect relationship," Dr Sudhir said.

## A delicate balance of prevention and early intervention can prevent cardiovascular disease

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) Cardiovascular disease continues to be a major global health concern, with heart attacks and strokes ranking as leading causes of death worldwide. However, these conditions are not inevitable. Individuals can take proactive steps toward safeguarding their heart health with conscious lifestyle adjustments and medical interventions. Dr. Niranjan Hiremath, Senior Consultant Cardiac and Aortic Surgeon at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, said, "Heart health is a delicate balance of prevention and early intervention. Small, consistent lifestyle changes can drastically reduce risk over time."

Checkout the 12 essential heart health tips by Dr. Hiremath:

**Adopt a balanced diet:** A healthy diet is fundamental to maintaining a healthy heart. Aim for a balanced intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Avoid saturated fats, trans fats, and excessive sugars, which can contribute to obesity, high cholesterol, and other cardiovascular risks.

**Exercise regularly:** Regular physical activity is vital for a healthy heart. The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week. Activities such as brisk walking, jogging, cycling, or swimming can boost cardiovascular fitness, strengthen the heart muscle, and improve circulation. Even light activities like gardening or taking the stairs can contribute to heart health by burning calories and reducing cholesterol levels.

**Manage stress effectively:** Chronic stress

has been shown to contribute to heart disease by raising blood pressure, causing unhealthy behaviours like overeating or smoking, and increasing inflammation in the body. Developing stress management techniques such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, or yoga can help to relax the mind and body. Engaging in hobbies or activities that bring joy, such as reading, painting, or spending time in nature, can also help mitigate stress levels.

**Monitor your blood pressure:**



High blood pressure, or hypertension, is often called a "silent killer" because it may not present symptoms but significantly increases the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regularly monitoring blood pressure at home or with a healthcare professional can help identify any issues early on. If necessary, medications and lifestyle changes such as a low-sodium diet, regular exercise, and stress management can

help maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

**Get regular check-ups:** Routine medical check-ups are essential for catching potential heart issues early. Regular cholesterol screenings, ECGs, and other tests can help monitor cardiovascular health and identify issues before they escalate. Early detection allows for timely intervention, reducing the risk of more severe complications.

**Quit smoking:** Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, damaging blood vessels, raising blood pressure, and contributing to atherosclerosis. Quitting smoking is one of the most effective steps one can take to improve heart health. Seek support from smoking cessation programs, counselling, or medication to aid in breaking the habit.

**Limit alcohol consumption:** Excessive alcohol consumption can raise blood pressure, increase triglyceride levels, and contribute to heart disease.

The American Heart Association recommends a maximum of one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men. Opting for non-alcoholic beverages, moderating consumption, or seeking support from health professionals can help reduce alcohol-related cardiovascular risks.

**Maintain a healthy weight:** Obesity is a significant risk factor for cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Maintaining a healthy weight through a balanced diet and regular exercise can sig-

nificantly reduce these risks. For sustainable weight management, avoid crash diets and seek guidance from healthcare professionals or nutritionists to develop a plan tailored to your needs.

**Sleep well:** Lack of sleep has been linked to various health issues, including heart disease. Aim for 7-8 hours of quality sleep per night. Developing a consistent sleep routine, avoiding electronic devices before bed, and creating a relaxing bedtime environment can help improve sleep quality.

**Stay hydrated:** Dehydration can thicken the blood, increasing the risk of blood clots and heart strain. Ensure adequate hydration throughout the day, especially in hot weather or during exercise. The recommended daily intake varies depending on individual needs, but generally, adults should aim for 8-10 cups of water per day. Proper hydration helps maintain cardiovascular function and overall health.

**Control cholesterol levels:** High cholesterol contributes to plaque build-up in the arteries, increasing the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regular cholesterol screenings can help monitor levels and catch any issues early.

## Bharuch District Election Administration sets up polling station in shipping container for voters of Aliabet surrounded by water

Bharuch, Every vote and every voter is of utmost importance in elections which are the grand festival of democracy. While every single vote is instrumental in shaping the future of the country and strengthening the democracy, Special arrangements have been made by the district election administration so that a total of 254 voters, including 136 male and 118 female voters of Aliya Bet, which is remote and surrounded by River and Ocean water on all sides in Wagra tehsil of Bharuch district, can easily vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. In which a polling station has been built in a temporary shipping container.

A special arrangement will once again be made for the voters of Aliya Bet, located at the confluence of the Arabian Sea and the Narmada Maiya, after the last assembly elections. Due to which the voters will be able to exercise the sacred right of suffrage at their doorstep. This is the reason why Election Commission of India's approach of 'every vote counts' and the importance of suffrage in a democracy are being validated by such voter-oriented measures.

The first elections in the country were held in 1951-52 and till the 2022 Gujarat Assembly elections, local self-rule and Parliamentary-

Assembly elections were held during the last 70 years, Voters of Aliya Bet used to go to vote in Kaladara village, which is 82 km away by land and 15 km by water from Aliabet by boat. Often, if the water level of the river decreased, all the voters were taken in ST buses by the district administration.

Aliya Bet in Wagra taluka is 17.70 km long and 4.82 km wide in the delta region of the Narmada river flowing through Bharuch district of the state and merging into the Arabian Sea. Aliabet with an area of 22,000 hectares is connected to Hansot by land, but as it is attached to the Kaladara Group Gram Panchayat, it falls under 68-Kaladara-02 of the 151-Wagra Assembly Constituency. In the Taluka Panchayat Election 2021, for the first time, 204 voters out of 230 voted.

In the last Assembly Election-2022, the Bharuch District Election Administration, under the guidance of District Collector Mr. Tushar Sumera, set up a voting booth in a specially made shipping container for the first time in Aliya Bet itself so that the people of Aliya Bet can easily vote at their doorsteps. Which was noted by the Election Commission of India and

appreciated this People Centric effort. Due to the geographical location of Aliabet in the hinterland of Bharuch district, no state or central government buildings are available, so temporary arrangements have been made for voting in shipping containers. In which the voters are



eager to fulfill the duty of democracy by voting in large numbers on May 7.

After the election is over, the container is converted into a primary school, in which about 50 children of Bet are currently being educat-

ed. The electricity generated by the solar panels runs the container's tube lights and fans. District Election Officer and Collector Mr. Tushar Sumera said, Aliya Bet is an inland island of Bharuch district, in which basic electoral facilities have been set up as per Election Com-

mission guidelines, and we are still committed to provide extended facilities as per requirement. Taking inspiration from the Election Commission's motto 'No Voter to be left behind', a polling station has been set up in a container in Aliya Bet it-

self since the assembly elections of 2022, due to which the difficulties and inconveniences faced by voters from far away have been removed. Mr. Muhammadbhai Hasan Jat, a resident of Bet and a leader of the Jat community, says that the district administration has created a unique facility for voting at our doorsteps by setting up polling booth in shipping container, which is laudable. When this facility was not available, one had to go to Kaladara village by boat for voting, it was not possible to run the boat after 10.00 am as the tide water receded. If you want to come back after voting, you have to wait for the tide to rise again at 5.00 pm or take a detour of 82 km. In the 2017 assembly elections, the Administration made special arrangement of ST buses for the voters of Aliabet and voters were taken from Aliabet to Hansot at Bharuch and Wagra.

Voter Hanifaben Alibhai Jat says that we all voted together in the last assembly elections. We women are undereducated. Most women in island are uneducated, yet we do our duty to our country by voting regularly. All voters of the state and country, and especially educated voters, must vote. "350 years ago, people of Fakirani caste settled in Aliabet with livestock from Kutch: Animal

husbandry was the only occupation.

Around 500 Fakirani Jat people who live in Island and still adhere to Traditional culture, dress and food of Kutch, came from Kutch 350 years ago in search of daily bread and settled at Aliya Bet in Wagra Taluka with livestock. 500 men, women and children of 139 families of Aliabet are involved in animal husbandry. They have more than 1200 buffaloes and 600 camels. Selling milk in Bharuch villages is their main livelihood.

Milk is deposited in the Shahera dairy and sold in Hansot taluka. Earlier, milk was transported in buckets, then cycles, bikes and tempo travelers took the milk for sale. "Waterway with Bhadbhoot is the only way for 3 to 4 months of monsoon.

Locals connect to Hansot via road which is considered very difficult for 9 months, while waterway with Bhadbhoot remain the only route in monsoons for 3 to 4 months. The Narmada River on one side and the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Khambhat on the other side, that the land here is infertile. The Island can be reached by a rough route. The Muslim Jat community living in Aliya Bet for years is still surviving by preserving its unique culture. (Special Report: Pashva Tapaniya, Assistance: Bhavna Vasava)

## India's National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme Fuels Inclusive Growth

New Delhi, India is witnessing a remarkable transformation in its approach to skill development through the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). Launched in August 2016, this ambitious initiative has emerged as a game-changer, bridging the gap between formal education and industry demands while addressing the pressing issues of youth unemployment and underemployment.

The enrollment of apprentices has witnessed remarkable growth over the past few years. In the financial year 2018-19, the total number of enrolled apprentices stood at 35,333. However, this figure has skyrocketed to an impressive 931,406 in the current financial year, 2023-24. This staggering increase represents a significant Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 74.76% over the five-year period.

Compared to the previous financial year, 2022-23, the current year's enrollment has seen a substantial 26.08% year-over-year increase. The total number of apprentices registered in the financial year 2022-23

was 738,704, while in the current financial year, 2023-24, the figure has reached 931,406.

Leading this surge are states like Maharashtra (263,239), Tamil Nadu (101,519), Gujarat (83,611), Karnataka (78,497), and Uttar Pradesh (71,378), reflecting the scheme's widespread impact across the nation.

NAPS has proven to be a mutually beneficial program, fostering growth and innovation within businesses while providing valuable on-the-job practical training and opportunities for aspiring professionals. This symbiotic relationship is driving inclusive economic development, empowering individuals from diverse backgrounds, and nurturing personal and professional growth across sectors.

The transformative power of NAPS is best exemplified through the inspiring stories of its beneficiaries. Ranjana, a homemaker from Satna, Madhya Pradesh, embarked on an apprenticeship in lab technology, not only gaining employment post the apprenticeship training but also becoming a significant earner for her

family, challenging traditional gender roles and paving the way for financial independence. Similarly, Vishal, hailing from a modest background in Uttar Pradesh, seized the opportunity to participate in an apprenticeship program. Despite financial constraints, his dedication and newfound expertise as an Assembly Line Operator enabled him to secure a job and support his family, breaking the cycle of poverty. Shivam's journey from Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh, to becoming an Automotive CNC Machining Technician at an Aurangabad-based automobile engineering company is another testament to NAPS's transformative impact. Faced with uncertainty about his future after completing his studies, Shivam enrolled in an automotive course through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). His apprenticeship not only provided him with valuable skills but also empowered him to financially support his family. These success stories, along with countless others across various companies, illustrate how NAPS is aiding individuals in transcending

barriers and fostering inclusive growth. NAPS aims to bolster apprenticeship training nationwide by offering stipend support, enhancing capacity, and advocating for rapid growth. Its objectives include fostering skilled manpower, incentivizing establishment participation, facilitating upskilling opportunities, and encouraging apprenticeship enrollment in small enterprises and underserved regions, thereby contributing to inclusive economic development and effectively addressing the skills gap in the country.

The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme-2 (NAPS-2), an extension and successor of the earlier NAPS initiative, further reinforces this commitment by providing apprenticeship training across India and offering partial stipend support to apprentices engaged under the Apprenticeship Act of 1961 through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of Rs 1500 per month. It aims to enhance the apprenticeship ecosystem by focusing on capacity building and providing advocacy assistance to stakeholders.

## S. Korea's working-age population to dip by nearly 10 mn by 2044 amid low births

Seoul, May 6 (IANS) South Korea's economically active population is anticipated to plunge by nearly 10 million by 2044 amid the country's critically low births, data showed on Monday.

According to a report from the Korean Peninsula Population Institute for the Future, the number of people aged 15 to 64, which stood at 36.57 million in 2023, is projected to decrease to 27.17 million in 2044, Yonhap news agency reported.

The report also showed the number of elementary school freshmen, which came to 4,30,000 last year, is set to nearly halve to 2,20,000 in 2033.

The number of deaths is expected to reach 7,46,000 in 2060, compared with births estimated at just 1,56,000, leading to a natural population decline of 5,90,000.

Accordingly, South Korea's total population, estimated at 51.71

million in 2023, was forecast to drop to 39.69 million by 2065.

"The decline in the economically active population will damage consumption, leading to the collapse of the domestic market.

It will also increase the burden of supporting the senior population, leading to an economic slowdown and prolonged low growth," the institute said.

South Korea has been grappling with a chronically low birth rate, with the total fertility rate, the average number of children expected to be born per woman over her lifetime, reaching a record low of 0.72 in 2023. This figure is far below the 2.1 births per woman needed to maintain a stable population without immigration.

In February 2024, only 19,362 babies were born, marking the lowest number for any February since the statistics agency began collecting data in 1981.



## Bipasha Basu opens up: Before baby I used to sleep straight all hours on all flights

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) Actress Bipasha Basu offered a glimpse into her experience of being on baby duty with her daughter Devi during a flight, revealing that prior to motherhood, she used to sleep straight for hours on airplanes, but now she "never" sleeps.



Bipasha, accompanied by her husband, Karan Singh Grover, and daughter Devi, had been vacationing in Mauritius.

On their return journey to India, the actress shared a series of pictures and videos on her Instagram stories.

In one video, Bipasha can be seen saying, "Mama got a little break," before panning the camera towards Karan, who is holding little Devi on his lap.

Captioning the clip, the

actress wrote: "Before baby, I used to sleep straight all hours on all flights..... However long. Now, mamma never sleeps." She then posted a picture of Devi resting on her lap, with the caption: "Mamma is never off duty... from now to forever with my mishti Devi love."

Bipasha further shared a video of her daughter putting stickers on her fa-

ther's face and captioned it: "Trying to keep her busy on this long flight. The book got full so now papa's face and tee is her canvas. Papa is Devi's best boy."

Karan and Bipasha fell in love while working on the film 'Alone' in 2015. A year later, they got married. The couple welcomed their first child, a daughter named Devi Basu Singh Grover, in 2022.--IANS



**Priyanka Chahar Choudhary doesn't wear make-up: 'Only put it on when working'**

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) Actress Priyanka Chahar Choudhary shared that she only wears make-up when she's working; otherwise, in her daily life, she prefers to go all natural.

The actress, who gained the spotlight as Tejo Singh Virk from the show 'Udaariyaan', revealed that whether she's at the airport, mall, or market, she opts for a make-up-free look.

## Shoot starts for Dhruv Vikram-starrer Tamil movie, tale of grit 'Bison Kaalamaadan'

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) The makers of the upcoming movie 'Bison Kaalamaadan', starring Dhruv Vikram and directed by Mari Selvaraj, commenced filming on Monday, promising an unforgettable cinematic experience!

Taking to social media, the makers shared the first dark and intense poster, featuring a bison in the backdrop with Dhruv depicted in a running position on the ground.

The movie is described as a tale of grit, glory, and finding a path to peace, narrating the story of a warrior. The movie is described as a tale of grit, glory, and finding a path to peace, narrating the story of a warrior.

The post is captioned: "Bison' is ready to roar! Applause Entertainment and Neelam Studios have

joined forces to bring to you 'Bison Kaalamaadan'. With Mari Selvaraj at the helm and Dhruv Vikram like you have never seen him before. Brace yourself for an unforgettable cinematic experience!" Presented by Ap-

er Pa Ranjith after the pathbreaking 'Pariyerum Perumal'.

The movie also stars Anupama Parameswaran, Lal, Pasupathy, Kalaiyaran, Rajisha Vijayan, Hari Krishnan, Azhagam Perumal, and Aruvi



**Ammy Virk says vibe of his new track 'Darshan' is all about 'having a good time'**

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) Singer-actor Ammy Virk has released his latest upbeat track titled 'Darshan', which he describes as "visually and sonically captivating", with its vibe centered around "having a good time".

Ammy said: "It was great creating this party anthem and collaborating with this incredible team. The vibe of the track is all of us having a good time and creating this electrifying party track for the audience."

"This incredible 'Darshan' is both visually and sonically captivating for the audience," he added.

The song features a thrilling rap performance by Addy Nagar and electrifying beats by the renowned Sukhe Muzical Doctorz.

## For Namrata Sheth 'less is more' in summers: 'Not too much makeup, DIY natural remedies'

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) Actress Namrata Sheth feels that during the summer months, 'less is more,' and she aims for minimal makeup while ensuring her skin remains well-hydrated.

Renowned for her work in the web series 'Kamma Calling', Namrata talked about her summer skincare, haircare regime, and fitness mantra.

The diva told IANS: "My skincare regime for summer is to try and do as little as possible, keeping my skin super hydrated with lightweight serums and a lightweight sunscreen to shield me from the harsh sun, because the sun is so harsh in summers. That's all I do, keep my face clean, and hydrated at all times, and avoid layering on too many products or heavy makeup, because you tend to sweat so much in the summer. So, for the summer

months, I think less is more."

Regarding her DIY routine, Namrata shared: "For DIY ingredients, you can put too many cooling ingredients on your face. I



grate a cucumber, with some yoghurt, and apply it to my face. Of course, we have so many natural remedies available to us that our moms and grandmothers have been doing for years, like using ubtans. I drink as much

water as I can."

Namrata further shared how, because of the shooting, there is a lot of heat damage to her hair that is unfortunately 'unavoidable' in her profession.

"I try to get a hair spa every month. It is a kind of investment that I have to try and do because it is the only way to balance the amount of heat that goes onto my hair. So, I get a hair spa. But at home, I try to use oils on my scalp, oils that are good for hair growth and repair. I try to deep condition my hair as much as I can, and try not to use any heat on my days off," she said.

Opening up about her fitness routine, Namrata added: "I try to incorporate some sort of fitness routine every day, even if it's a short walk. I think it's really important to stay active, your mental health to stay active."

## Abhishek looks forward to 'mad fun' with Akshay, Riteish on 'Housefull 5' set

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) Abhishek Bachchan has joined the cast of the fifth instalment of the 'Housefull' franchise, starring Akshay Kumar and Riteish Deshmukh.

The actor, who featured in the third part of the

film, says coming back feels like returning home.

Abhishek shared: "Housefull is one of my favourite comedy franchises, and coming back feels like returning home. It's always been a great pleasure to work with Sajid Nadiadwala. I am looking forward to having mad fun



with my fellow actors, Akshay and Riteish."

"I'm also so excited to collaborate again with my dear friend Tarun Mansukhani. I'm really looking forward to working with him again after 'Dostana'.

This is going to be a lot of fun," he said.

Producer Sajid announced Abhishek's return. Filming is scheduled to start in the UK from August 2024.

Sajid added: "I am thrilled to bring back Abhishek to the 'Housefull' franchise. His dedication, comic timing, and sincerity will only elevate our film."

'Housefull 5' is directed by Tarun Mansukhani. The movie is slated to release on June 6.--IANS

plause Entertainment and Neelam Studios under their multi-deal partnership, 'Bison Kaalamaadan' promises an immersive experience celebrating the triumph of the human spirit within the rich tapestry of Tamil cinema through the lens of Mari Selvaraj.

This film marks the reunion of Mari with produc-

Madhan.

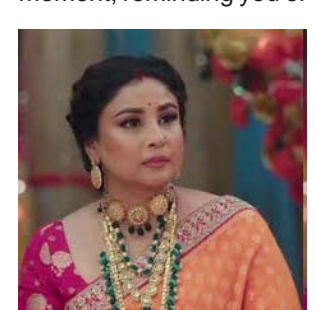
The film's music will be composed by Nivas K Prasanna, and the key crew includes Ezhil Arasu K as director of photography, editor Sakthikumar, veteran art director Kumar Gangappan, action by Dhilip Subbarayan, and costumes designed by Aegan Ekambaram.

## Khyaati Keswani gets nostalgic about her wedding day; recalls the fun, music & laughter

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) During the shoot of the wedding sequence in the show 'Chaahenge Tumhe Itnaa', actress Khyaati Keswani reminisced about the excitement of her own wedding day, recalling the fun, music, and laughter.

Speaking about the shoot, Khyaati said: "The show is now at its most awaited segment, where Aashi (Swati Sharma) and Siddharth (Bharat Ahlawat) reunite. The atmosphere on the set feels just like a real wedding happening in our own home. Wedding celebrations

have this magical ability to transport you back to that moment, reminding you of



your own special story. As I was shooting the haldi sequence, memories of my wedding day flooded

back." The actress added: "Being on set, I can't help but remember how the house was decorated exactly like it is now, and my family ensured that everything was perfect. While I recall the fun, music, and laughter, just like it was on my wedding day." "It's so relatable for me; it's almost like reliving those moments all over again. I'm confident that viewers will resonate with these episodes, connecting to their own cherished memories and enjoy every twist and turn the show has to offer," she added.

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Ahmedabad, Shri Uday Borwanker has assumed the charge of Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer of Western Railway on 2nd May, 2024. He is a senior officer of the 1988 batch of Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRS-ME). In his illustrious career spanning over three decades, he has worked on various challenging positions in Central Railway, Western Railway, South Eastern Railway, West Central Railway, RDSO, Railway Board, on deputation in the Ministry of Mines and in Maha Metro.

Uday Borwanker has rich experience in the field of Production, Operation and Maintenance of Rolling stock and management of all activities of large Divisions where he has served as Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Nagpur Division) and Divisional Railway Manager (Bhopal Division). He has been extensively trained in reputed institutes like IIM/Ahmedabad, ISB/Hyderabad, Bocconi School of Management/Italy and University of Sciences in Graz (Austria). Shri Borwanker is credited with several achievements in the field of Environment Management, Quality Control and Skill Development.

Gujarat hotels, chemists to offer special discounts to electorates on voting day

Ahmedabad, May 6 (IANS) The Gujarat State Hotel Association and the Federation of Gujarat State Chemists and Druggists Association have announced special discounts for voters who exercise their franchise during the May 7 Lok Sabha polls in the state.

In a move aimed to encourage people to vote, the hotels and chemists associated with the two associations will be offering a discount of 7 to 10 per cent on food and medicine bills across the state. "This move aims not only to encourage more people to participate in the electoral process but also to celebrate the essence of democracy. By combining civic duty with hospitality, we hope to create a positive and engaging atmosphere on election day," said a member of the state Hotel Association.

Voting for 25 out of 26 Lok Sabha seats in the state is slated for May 7. BJP's Surat candidate Mukesh Dalal secured victory unopposed after all rival candidates withdrew their nominations.

Apni Party leader says NC demonises investment to Kashmir as attack on identity

Srinagar, May 6 (IANS) Senior leader of J&K Apni Party, Gulam Hassan Mir said on Monday that the National Conference (NC) leaders have even 'demonised' investment coming to Kashmir by saying that everything would be lost if investment comes to this place.

Talking to reporters here, Mir said, "The world looks out to investment for its industry, employment, tourism and infrastructure development, but in Kashmir, the NC leaders are telling people if the investment comes to Kashmir, people will lose their identity." Mir said, "Does poverty, unemployment, reporting to police stations by our youth and facing violence and its fallout represent the real identity of Kashmiris in the eyes of the NC leaders?"

He said the NC boycotted the Panchayat elections and then said it was a mistake. It is a typical example of a lawyer who says that he now remembers a legal point that would have won him a case in the court that he had already lost. "The BJP, according to NC leaders, does not even exist in Kashmir. If the BJP does not exist in Kashmir then why are they worried about the BJP supporting any other party in Kashmir Lok Sabha polls?" he wondered. The senior Apni Party leader said that the NC is attributing the spread of free education to its founder late Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

SC dismisses plea challenging result of Bihar District Judges exam

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea filed by unsuccessful candidates from Bihar seeking direction to set aside the final result of the District Judges examination, 2015 on the ground that the interview process was vitiated.

Pronouncing its verdict, a bench, headed by Justice Hrishikesh Roy found the selection process to be legally valid and held that the requirement to obtain minimum qualifying marks in the interview is permissible and certainly not manifestly arbitrary, irrational or violative of Article 14.

The bench, also comprising Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, in February this year, had reserved its judgment on pleas challenging the selection of only nine candidates in the interview against a total of 99 vacancies.

The petitioners said that a total of 69 candidates were called for the interview post-written examination, and in viva voce, 60 candidates, who had performed fairly well in the written test, were given below 10 marks, out of 50, and as a result, they were declared unsuccessful. Calling for immediate interference by the apex court, the plea alleged that the selection process smacked of complete arbitrariness and violated the petitioners' rights under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution.

Congress office in Amethi attacked, cars vandalized

Amethi, May 6 (IANS) The Congress party office in Uttar Pradesh's Amethi was attacked by some unidentified miscreants around midnight on Sunday. The miscreants vandalized several vehicles parked outside and fled after creating a ruckus, triggering a protest by party workers.

Following the incident, Congress District President Pradeep Singh rushed to the party office. A heavy police force along with CO City Mayank Dwivedi reached the spot after the incident and tried to pacify the protesting party workers.

CO City Dwivedi has assured that the matter will be investigated and action will be taken against those responsible for the incident. Police force has been deployed at the site of the incident.

Ex-SP MLA booked in UP for breach of trust, criminal intimidation

Prayagraj, May 6 (IANS) A former Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA Pervaz Ahmed a.k.a. Pervaz Tanki has been booked for breach of trust by police in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj.

The complainant said he had given Rs 1.1 lakh cash to the former MLA to buy a plot from him, about six months back, but he was neither given possession of the plot nor was his money returned.

On being asked to return the amount given to him as payment for a plot, which had not been transferred to the buyer even after six months of the transaction, Tanki allegedly refused to refund and even issued threats to the complainant.

Gujarat High Court acquits former BJP MP and 6 others for murder of RTI activist Amit Jethwa

By Staff Reporter, Ahmedabad, The Gujarat High Court on Monday acquitted former Bharatiya Janata Party MP Dinu Solanki and six others in the July 2010 murder case of RTI activist Amit Jethwa, observing that the "investigation right from inception appears to be an eyewash".

In July 2019, a special CBI court in Ahmedabad found the accused in the Amit Jethwa murder case — Dinu Solanki, his nephew Shiva Solanki, Sanjay Chauhan, Shailesh Pandya, Pachan Desai, Udaji Thakore, and Bahadursinh Vader, then police constable of Gir-Gadhada police station — guilty under sections 302 (murder), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence) and, 120B (criminal conspiracy to commit an offence) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). While reading out the verdict in open court on Monday, the division bench of Justices AS Suphia and Vimal K Vyas noted that the present case "will be reminisced as an antithesis to 'Satyamev Jayate'" and said it was "appalling and equally astounding" that the assailants were not apprehended and they escaped "from the limits of Ahmedabad city", after the murder. Further observing that the "investigation right from inception appears to be an eyewash", the bench said, "All efforts are made to see that the truth is buried for-

ever. The perpetrators have succeeded in doing so." On July 20, 2010, Amit Jethwa was shot dead by two people outside the Bar Council building opposite the Gujarat High Court. After shooting at Amit Jethwa, the assailants fled the spot, leaving behind their Bajaj Discover motorcycle along with a country-made revolver used for the murder. Initially, the case was investigated by the Crime Branch of Ahmedabad which filed two chargesheets against six accused. In 2012, the Gujarat High Court directed further investigation following a plea by the deceased's father and CBI charge-sheeted Dinu in 2013 and named him as

the key conspirator. Listing the many junctures where the case failed to hold up in appeal, the bench, in its operative part of the verdict, held on Monday, "We reiterate that the entire investigation right from the inception of offence appears to be perfunctory and prejudiced. The prosecution has failed to secure the confidence of witnesses. The trial court on a preconceived notion of conviction has analysed the evidence de hors the statute and legal precedents. The trial court was duty-bound to apply the law as written and not as per its instincts. Resultantly, the judgement where the accused have been convicted is quashed and set aside."

Three arrested for attempt to extort Rs 45 lakh from Mumbai builder

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, Three persons were arrested for allegedly threatening and demanding Rs 45 lakh from a Mumbai-based builder, police said Sunday.

Police said the three accused had allegedly lodged false complaints with police and local administration and spread misinformation about the builder's project. Police officials said Harwardhan Jadhav (26), Aniket Jadhav (26) and Irfan Tamboli (42) are from Vita town in Sangli. In 2022, the complainant named Prashant Patil bought land from Jadhav's aunt in Vita and started building a complex. Subsequently, Jadhav and Aniket went to Vita police station, Tehsil office, Sangli's collector and civic

body office and lodged 25 complaints against Patil, alleging irregularities in his site. To stall construction, the three accused even lodged a police complaint against the contractor of the site. "Despite the complaints, there was no official letter or verbal communication from any department to stop construction work but still the complainant decided to speak to them to understand the problem," said an investigator adding, "During the conversation, the three demanded Rs 45 lakh to withdraw the complaints."

Meanwhile, police said they even advertised in a local newspaper claiming the site to be disputed land which created reluctance among people buy a property there.

Maharashtra records 99.96% pass percentage in ICSE and 99.71% in ISC exams

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations on Monday declared the results of the Indian Certificate of School Education (ICSE-Class 10) and the Indian School Certificate (ISC-Class 12) examinations. With a passing percentage of 99.96, ICSE students have performed slightly better than ISC students, who have recorded a passing percentage of 99.71 per cent, in Maharashtra.

Students from 265 ICSE and 70 ISC schools appeared for the board exams in the state. There were 28,588 candidates for the ICSE exams, out of which 15,425 were boys and 13,163 girls. For the ISC exams, 3,840—1,743 were boys and 2,097 girls—students appeared. In both the exams, girls have outdone boys. There are 11 unsuccessful candidates each in both the exams. The ICSE exam was held from February 21 to March 28 in 60 written subjects.

Twenty of the subjects are related to Indian languages, 13 to foreign languages and one to a classical language. The ISC exam was held from February 12 to April 4 in 47 written subjects. Twelve of the subjects are related to Indian languages and four to foreign languages and two to classical languages. Two ISC papers, chemistry and psychology, were rescheduled after a potential leak of question papers was alleged.

In final attempt, BJP leaders reach out to Kshatriyas for votes: 'Show a large heart'

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, In their final attempt to prevent loss of Kshatriya vote share on account of Union Minister Parshottam Rupala's controversial remarks, leaders from the BJP appealed to the community to vote generously for the saffron party in "national interest" on the last of the Gujarat Lok Sabha campaigns on Sunday. In a statement, senior Kshatriya BJP leaders such as Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, I K Jadeja, Pradeepsinh Jadeja, Mandhatasinh Jadeja, Kesrivesinh Jhala, Bal-

vantsinh Rajput, Jaydrathsinh Parmar, Mahendrasinh Sarvaiya, Kiritringsh Rana, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja, C K Raulji, Arunsinh Rana, Virendrasinh Jadeja and Pradhyumansinh Jadeja urged their community members to show a "large heart" by choosing the party. "...Parshottam Rupala has expressed regret and apologised to the Kshatriya community more than once. When Rupala has repeatedly...the Kshatriya community should show generosity in national in-

terest by exhibiting Kshatriya Dharma of Kshama Virasya Bhushanam (forgiveness is the virtue of the brave) and the proud tradition of renunciation and sacrifice," it stated.

"In the coming days, India is going to be the third super power in the world. In those circumstances, it is our duty to protect the country and sanatan dharma. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi is bringing glory to India, it is our national duty that we cooperate with him and be part of the process," it added.

PM Modi's remarks misleading, he should give account of mangalsutras of martyrs' widows: Supriya Shrinete

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, Itting out at the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his remarks on the 'mangalsutra' and 'inheritance' during the 2024 Lok Sabha campaign in Gujarat, Congress national spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said the PM should give an account of the mangalsutras of the widows of all martyred soldiers and farmers.

Referring to Congress leader Sam Pitroda's comment on inheritance tax in the US, PM Modi had said in Gujarat, "If you have a 10-acre farm and you want to give it to your children,

then you will have to give five acres to the government, out of two buffaloes the Congress will say give one to the government. This is in their manifesto. Shrinete also sought an account of the lives lost — of soldiers at the border and of farmers. "As a woman, I ask you about the 20 soldiers martyred in Galwan. You did not even utter the word China but said that no one infiltrated.

What about the mangalsutras of those 20 widows? Seven hundred farmers were martyred under your nose. What about the mangalsutras of those widows?" "What account do you have of the mangalsutras of all the soldiers posted in the Army, of daughters and sisters of Manipur, the poor women running their houses by mortgaging their mangalsutras due to inflation? How can you talk about mangalsutra in front of the Congress party whose Indira Gandhi gave her jewellery for the country? You are talking about mangalsutra to the widow of a martyr, our most respected leader who sacrificed her mangalsutra for the country, spent most of her life as a widow," Shrinete lashed out.

Newera Skills LLP will strengthen India-Bangladesh business relationship in the medical sector

Ahmedabad, Today marks a significant development in India-Bangladesh relations as NewEra Medical Tourism, a division of Newera Skills LLP led by CMD Mr. Milan Parikh, embarks on a crucial visit to Bangladesh. At the invitation of the Bangladeshi government, facilitated by Member of Parliament Mr. Mohit Ur Rahman Shanto and his advisor Mr. Muhammed Shazzat Hossain, Mr. Milan Parikh will be in Bangladesh from May 9th to 12th, 2024. Regarding this, Mr. Milan Parikh, CMD, New Era Skills LLP and Mr. Haman Parikh, Director, New Era Skills LLP emphasized on strengthening the trade relations between India-Bangladesh in the medical field.



AMC fails to sell 4k leased properties Now, Token Rents To Be Based On jantri

Ahmedabad: In 2020, state govt announced a police under which the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) was allowed to sell its leased properties to the lease holders. There are 4,113

such properties that include some known spots, including the Municipal Market on the CG Road, the fruit market in Kalupur, and the meat market in Mirzapur. However, not a single

lease holder has come forward to purchase these properties as they have to pay only token rents ranging from Rs 10per month to Rs 1,000 per month for properties leased out about four decades ago.

School principals raise concern about pitiable academic results of classes 5, 8

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, After scrapping the no-detention policy in schools, Maharashtra has again made mandatory annual exams for classes 5 and 8 from this academic year to proceed to the next class. The move has led to concerns among educators who claim that more students in urban area schools, than in rural schools, have been seen to fail these exams.

The information came to light during discussions held at a two-day workshop conducted by the state-wide association of school principals in Pune district earlier this week. Since the workshop was held soon after most schools had just declared results of classes 5 and 8 exams, principals raised their concerns about children failing these exams.

Spokesperson for Maharashtra School Principals' Association, Mahendra Ganpule, said, "Many students have not been able to pass despite

Zaveri Jewellers presents "Shubh - Antique Heritage Jewels"

Ahmedabad - Akshaya Tritiya, a day synonymous with prosperity stands for 'imperishable or eternal' - that which never diminishes in Sanskrit. Buying gold is a popular activity on Akshaya Tritiya, as it is the ultimate symbol of wealth and prosperity. Gold jewellery bought and worn on this day signifies never-diminishing good fortune. This investment in gold, deeply rooted in Indian culture, is now emerging as a global trend, as the world realizes its enduring value and significance. For the special day, Harit Zaveri Jewellers unveils "Shubh - Antique Heritage Jewels" collection, honoring the essence of this tradition "Shubh" meaning auspicious, embodies the spirit of good fortune that Akshaya Tritiya symbolizes. Their collection, crafted in 22kt gold is inspired by generations of heritage and tradition. Each piece captures the timeless beauty of heirloom designs with meticulous craftsmanship. Embrace the heritage and lasting value of gold as you explore their range of Antique Heritage Jewels. This Akshaya Tritiya, celebrate with Harit Zaveri Jewellers as you usher in new beginnings and lasting prosperity.



FPSB India and IFSCA sign an MoU to Foster Talent Development and Promote GIFT IFSC as a 'Global Finance Hub'

Ahmedabad, FPSB India, the country's leading professional standards-setting body for financial planning, and the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), in GIFT IFSC, Gandhinagar signed an MoU to elevate Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) IFSC as a premier 'Global Finance Hub' and strengthen its talent pool of skilled professionals tailored to meet the evolving demands of GIFT City's financial industry.

Under this strategic collaboration, FPSB India and IFSCA are set to embark on a transformative journey aimed at enhancing the financial market ecosystem and nurturing

aim to empower professionals and contribute to the evolution of GIFT IFSC as the foremost destination for financial services in India." Dipesh Shah, Executive Director of IFSCA, said, "We want to facilitate institutions which can play important role in developing talent pool at GIFT IFSC.

IFSCA and FPSB India will definitely infuse fresh synergies in advancing the financial services ecosystem at GIFT IFSC. Through joint initiatives and knowledge sharing, we are poised to catalyse innovation and position GIFT IFSC as a hub of new age global financial services."

skilled professionals for GIFT City's expanding financial workforce. Speaking of FPSB India's commitment to the financial sector in the country, Krishan Mishra, CEO of FPSB India, said, "This

collaboration marks a significant milestone in our mission to cultivate a strong talent pool equipped with globally recognized financial planning expertise. By collaborating our efforts with IFSCA, we





## Bangladesh calls for holding Israel accountable for war crimes

Dhaka, May 6 (IANS) Bangladesh Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud has called for immediate cessation of the current Palestinian-Israeli conflict, ensuring humanitarian access and holding Israel accountable for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"We, the members of the OIC (Organization of the Islamic Conference), should be part of a multi-tracked international engagement to end the Gaza crisis," he said while speaking at the 15th OIC Summit Conference in Banjul, capital of The Gambia, according to a Bangladeshi foreign ministry. The minister said the OIC should continue initiating dialogue with the governments and inter-governmental bodies like the United Nations, European Union and other organisations to counter Islamophobia and foster tolerance, Xinhua news

agency reported. Israel launched a large-scale offensive against Hamas in Gaza on October 7, 2023, following Hamas's surprise attack on southern Israel that killed about 1,200 people. The ongoing Israeli attacks on the Gaza strip have killed more than 34,600 Palestinians and wounded over 77,800 others, according to Gaza health authorities. The attacks also led to massive destruction of homes and infrastructure in Gaza.

As part of the latest mediation efforts, Hamas, which abducted some 250 people from Israel on October 7, was presented with a proposal for a ceasefire in exchange for the release of remaining hostages. A response is still pending. During a six-day truce in November, more than 100 hostages were released. It is unclear how many of those remaining in captivity are still alive.



## LANDO'S HOPE AND GLORY

He has quickly become the poster boy for F1 and now Lando Norris has reached new heights bagging his first Grand Prix win in Miami pushing reigning world champion Max Verstappen off the top of the podium. The Bristol-born 24-year-old stormed ahead of the Red Bull star in the final moments of the race on Sunday securing a narrow win for the McLaren team. Norris has perhaps always been destined for F1 greatness after becoming the youngest-ever British driver when he made his debut at 19-years-old in the Australian Grand Prix. Yet if it had not been for his love of horse riding as a child, the young star may never have made his way to motorsports.

## Hamas team to consult with leadership on Gaza deal after Cairo talks

Cairo/Tel Aviv, May 6 (IANS/DPA) Another round of indirect negotiations on the Gaza war came to an end on Sunday in the Egyptian capital Cairo, with representatives from Hamas set to head to Qatar next for consultation with their leadership, according to the group.

The Hamas delegation had delivered a response to the mediators' proposals and discussed them with the representatives of Egypt and Qatar, the organization wrote on its Telegram channel.

The delegation planned to leave Cairo on Sunday evening and consult with the organization's leaders in Qatar, it said.

The latest round of negotiations to find a solution to the months-long conflict in Gaza had begun on Saturday. Israel had not sent a delegation as the government wanted to wait and see whether Hamas

would accept the latest proposal from the mediators, which also includes the US.

This envisages a multi-stage agreement between Israel and Hamas, which should lead to the release



of the remaining Israeli hostages held in Gaza, the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli prisons and an end to the war in Gaza.

Negotiations for a solution to the conflict have stalled for months, following a brief ceasefire in November, with Israel and Hamas trading blame for the lack of progress.

The Gaza war was trig-

gered by the unprecedented massacre of more than 1,200 people killed by militants from Hamas and other groups in Israel on October 7. They also abducted some 250 people to Gaza.

Israel responded with massive airstrikes and a ground offensive. As of Friday, the Hamas-controlled Health Ministry said the death toll in Gaza from Israeli attacks stood at more than 34,600.

In its statement on Sunday, Hamas emphasized that it was conducting the negotiations "in a positive spirit and responsibly." However, a breakthrough did not appear to be on the horizon.

The Palestinian group is insisting on an agreement in which Israel commits from the outset to

ending the war and completely withdrawing its troops from the Gaza Strip.

However, Israel denies such a commitment and wants to reserve the right to take further military action.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday again reiterated his stance that the country will continue the war in Gaza until all of its objectives have been achieved, and again blamed Hamas for the stalled negotiations over a temporary ceasefire. "Capitulating to Hamas's demands would be a terrible defeat for the State of Israel," Netanyahu said on Sunday in a video message. "It would be a great victory for Hamas, Iran and the entire axis of evil. It would exhibit terrible weakness to our friends, and to our enemies." French President Emmanuel Macron called on Netanyahu to continue negotiations.

## Excise policy scam: Delhi court denies regular bail to BRS leader K. Kavitha

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) A Delhi court on Monday denied regular bail to Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leader K. Kavitha in connection with the money laundering cases being probed by CBI and ED related to the alleged excise policy scam.

Currently, Kavitha, the daughter of BRS supreme and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu, is in judicial custody till May 7.

Kavitha was first arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and later by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on April 11 while she was in Tihar Jail. Judge Baweja had then sent her to CBI's custody noting that a "detailed and sustained interrogation" of the accused is necessary. Now, she is in judicial custody in the case being probed by both the agencies. In her application, Kavitha has alleged

that her arrest was politically motivated, aimed at depriving her and her party of a level playing field in the upcoming general elections.

She has asserted that her arrest by the CBI, just days before the commencement of the nomination exercise in Telangana, was orchestrated by the ruling party at the Centre to impede her election campaigning.

She has maintained that she has no connection to the Delhi excise policy and that the ruling party is using investigative agencies to tarnish her image and that of her father. "The political masterminds are well aware that if the petitioner can be connected to the alleged scam, it will bring her, and by logical implication, her father, the erstwhile Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, into disrepute," she has said.

## Israel says 3 soldiers killed in Hamas mortar attack

Jerusalem, May 6 (IANS) At least three soldiers were killed and nine others injured in a Hamas mortar attack, the Israeli army has said.

The Israeli army in a statement on Sunday said that about ten mortars were fired from the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah on the Kerem Shalom crossing between the Palestinian enclave and Israel, Xinhua news agency reported.

Hamas has claimed responsibility for the attack. According to the statement, Israeli warplanes, in retaliation, struck the launcher from which the projectiles were fired and a military structure located in the area.

## Death toll from Brazil floods rises to 75

Sao Paulo, May 6 (IANS) At least 75 people have died from severe storms that inundated large swaths of south Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul state since April 29, the Civil Defense agency said in its latest report.

Another 155 people have been injured with 103 still missing, while 107,600 people have been evacuated to safety in 334 of the state's 496 cities, Xinhua news agency reported, citing the figures released on Sunday.

The state, which borders Argentina and Uruguay, has been ravaged by record downpours that have devastated numerous towns and led to unprecedented flooding in the state capital of Porto Alegre, where the Guaiba River burst its banks. According to the Civil Defense agency, some 780,000 residents have been affected by flooding, with thousands of people forced to flee their homes by boats or climb onto rooftops in hope of being rescued by helicopters.

## After Hamas rocket attack, 16 killed in Israeli airstrikes in Rafah

Tel Aviv, May 6 (IANS) The Hamas health department said that 16 people were killed in an Israeli air attack on Monday.

Media has reported that nine people from one family and seven members from another family were killed in the air attack.

The airstrike was in retaliation to the barrage of rockets fired by Hamas at a ground near Kerem Shalom in Southern Israel killing three Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers and injuring 11 soldiers. The injured included soldiers from the 931 Battalion and one soldier from the Shaked Battalion.

The attack, according to IDF, was staged from the Rafah region early morning. Highly placed sources in the Israel Prime Minister's Office (PMO) told IANS that the war cabinet will meet on Monday and decide on the ground invasion of Rafah. Defence Minister Yoav Gallant and Minister without portfolio, Benny Gantz will be participating in the war cabinet to be held later in the day.

It may be recalled that in the recent indirect mediatory talks in Cairo, Israel has insisted on the release of at least 33 of its hostages in the custody of Hamas in exchange for 600 Palestinian prisoners in Israel jails.

The rocket and mortar firing by Hamas at Kerem Shalom crossing killing three IDF soldiers and Israel's retaliation is likely to affect the progress of peace talks in Cairo.--IANS



There's no pleasing some people. As scathing reviews for some of the world's most iconic and popular tourist attractions reveal. The world's tallest tower? 'Underwhelming views'. Sydney Harbour Bridge? 'Unimpressive'. Mount Rushmore? 'Obnoxious'. And don't even get these disgruntled travellers started on the Empire State Building, Stonehenge, Bondi Beach and Checkpoint Charlie.

## Loot model of JMM-Cong confirmed, says BJP after Rs 25 cr found in ED raid

Ranchi, May 6 (IANS) After the emergence of a video showcasing stacks of currency notes at the residence of a Jharkhand Minister's PA's house help during the raid, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), said it was a glaring instance of corruption within the INDIA bloc.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) was on Monday conducting raids at various places in the state and recovered Rs 25 crore from the house of a man who works as a house help at the residence of Rural Development Minister Alamgir's

personal assistant (PA), Sanjeev Kumar.

The raid has sparked heated controversy. The emergence of video footage showcasing stacks of currency notes during the raid quickly went viral on social media platforms, intensifying public scrutiny and political backlash.

Babul Marandi, the president of the Jharkhand BJP and a former Chief Minister, shared the incriminating video and said, "The loot model that the Prime Minister was talking about just two days ago regarding the JMM-Congress, has now been con-

firmed by this money," Marandi said that while the Congress dreams of making its prince the Prime Minister with these stolen funds, they have robbed the rights of the poor, Dalits, Adivasis, and the marginalised. "From Dheeraj Sahu to Alamgir Alam and from Pankaj Mishra to Puja Singhal, the seizure of endless black money from their addresses has exposed the organised plunder carried out by the state government over the past 5 years," he wrote on X. "Think about it, if Rs 25 crore in cash can be found with the servant

of a minister's PA in Jharkhand, then how much more of the hard-earned money of the poor have other ministers looted and hidden with their servants? We feel that Kalpana Soren ji will now stop shedding crocodile tears and saying what is Hemant Soren's crime," he further stated.

"There is a strong possibility of influencing the

general elections by misusing all this money. @ECISVEEP Immediately lay the hideouts of all the highly corrupt ministers of the state to stop the elections and take strict action," the post added.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey also wrote on X and claimed that more than Rs 30 crore have been recovered and counting continued.

## PPE-clad thieves clean Nashik ICICI Home Finance locker of Rs 5 cr gold jewellery

Nashik (Maharashtra), May 6 (IANS) In a sensational operation, at least two thieves, one shrouded in a PPE kit, broke into the locker hold of the ICICI Home Finance Co. Ltd Nashik branch and scooped off with gold jewellery worth around Rs 4.93 crore, police said here on Monday.

The theft is believed to have happened around midnight of Friday-Saturday but came to light late on Saturday evening when a bank official had gone to the locker room to deposit a customer's valuables, said Sarkarwada Police Station's woman Investigating Officer, declining to

be identified. "From the CCTV footage, there were at least two thieves who broke into the strong room of the branch, of whom one was wearing a PPE kit and the other had his face covered. A third accomplice was waiting outside the branch. They have broken into one main locker where many customers' gold jewellery and other valuables were stored," she told IANS.

As per investigations, the locker contained the valuables of at least 222 customers comprising a total estimated 1.34 kgs of gold ornaments with an approximate value of Rs 4.93 crore, which are

missing, said the IO, even as the crime sent shockwaves in the company and the customers.

Following a complaint by the ICICI-HFC, she said that the police have swung into action, and formed multiple teams of the local police and crime branch unit, to investigate the case and trace out the three unidentified desperadoes seen in the CCTV footage.

The ICICI-HFC branch is situated on the third floor of the Indra Heights business complex of the busy thoroughfare known as Gangapur Naka with heavy traffic and crowded with people.

## Sex videos: SIT continues grilling ex-PM Deve Gowda's son Revanna arrested in victim's abduction case

Bengaluru, May 6 (IANS) The Karnataka CID's SIT continued grilling former Prime Minister, HD Deve Gowda's son JD(S) MLA HD Revanna on Monday, even as he refused to sign the statement prepared by the authorities.

HD Revanna was arrested on Saturday in connection with the kidnap case registered against him by the son of one of the victims who was seen being sexually abused by Prajwal Revanna in the videos that were leaked.

The episode has stirred a huge controver-

sy in the state ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

Voting for the 14 Lok Sabha seats is scheduled to be conducted on Tuesday (May 7).

His son Prajwal Revanna, who is the sitting JD(S) MP and NDA candidate from Hassan Lok Sabha constituency is the prime accused in the sex video case.

Prajwal Revanna has fled the country and a Blue Corner notice has been issued against him.

According to sources, HD Revanna, in the custody of SIT, is refusing to sign the statement prepared by the authorities and is claiming that he is

being framed in the case. HD Revanna is maintaining that he has no connection with the kidnaping of the victim.

The SIT has also recorded the statements of the second accused in the kidnap case, Satish Babu and HD Revanna's PA Rajgopal.

## Maha Congress Working President takes back resignation, to campaign for MVA

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) Maharashtra Congress Working President, M Arif Naseem Khan announced on Monday that he has withdrawn his resignation from the state party campaign panel and will canvass for all Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) candidates in the Lok Sabha polls.

A prominent Muslim leader and ex-Minister, Khan made the official announcement in the presence of AICC General Secretary Ramesh Chennithala, state Chief

Spokesperson Atul Londhe and other senior leaders.

IANS had first reported on May 4 on the likely developments and how Khan's name was included as a 'Star Campaigner' for the fifth phase of the Lok Sabha elections on May 20 and that he would campaign for all the INDIA bloc candidates in the state.

"I am not hankering after any posts. I only sought to highlight the sentiments of the Muslim community.

The senior party leaders have discussed the matters with me and I hereby withdraw my resignation from the Congress Campaign Committee," declared Khan.

Khan's abrupt move 10 days ago (April 26) had rattled the Congress and MVA allies after he publicly questioned why the Opposition alliance had for the first time not fielded a single Muslim candidate in any of 48 LS constituencies in the state.

A contender for the

Mumbai North Central LS seat, he had warned that the minority community was perturbed and was asking "whether the Congress only wants Muslim votes but not Muslim leaders", creating apprehensions of loss of minority votes for Opposition candidates. On Monday, Khan reiterated that along with the party, he would strongly campaign for Mumbai North Central candidate Prof. Varsha Gaikwad and other MVA candidates in the state.

With Khan's decision that was widely hailed in Congress and MVA political circles, the curtains have fallen on a potentially embarrassing situation with the possibility of Muslim voters staying off voting to express their angst over 'non-inclusion'.

However, in 2014 and 2019, the Congress had fielded a sole Muslim, Hidayatullah Barkatullah Patel from Akola LS constituency who was trounced both times by the BJP's Sanjay Dhotre.--IANS



As the monster who was responsible for creating the Gestapo and building the first Nazi concentration camps, Hermann Goering was one of Hitler's most ruthless henchmen. Yet nothing could have prepared a team of amateur archaeologists for what they were about to find in the basement of his former home in the Wolf's Lair - the Nazis' headquarters in what is now north-eastern Poland. Set in dense forest, with barbed wire, guard towers and minefields all around, the once-impregnable complex of some 200 houses, bunkers and other buildings was where Hitler and senior Nazis planned the barbarities of the Holocaust and military campaigns such as Operation Barbarossa, their invasion of the Soviet Union.



**Football: PSV clinch 25th Eredivisie title, first in six years**

The Hague (Netherlands), May 6 (IANS) PSV Eindhoven won the 2023-24 Dutch Eredivisie title for the first time since 2017-18 after a 4-2 win at home against Sparta Rotterdam on Sunday. Sparta shocked the hosts with the first goal when Metinho smashed home after just eight minutes. However, PSV equalized through an own goal by Said Bakari, before Johan Bakayoko gave the home side the lead in the 26th minute.

PSV seemed bothered by nerves, and Olivier Boscaagli headed a Sparta cross into his own goal, the half-time score was 2-2. However, in the second half, PSV showed a different face, and strikes from Boscaagli and Jordan Teze sealed the victory, reports Xinhua.

With the win, PSV now have 87 points from 32 matches, with two games still to play, and a goal difference of 107 goals scored and 19 conceded. Last season's champions Feyenoord are already certain of second place, with both teams earning direct tickets to next season's UEFA Champions League.

**Leverkusen crush Frankfurt to extend unbeaten run in Bundesliga**

Berlin, May 6 (IANS) Bayer Leverkusen matched Benfica's unbeaten record of 48 games in all competitions with a resounding 5-1 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt, maintaining their newly minted status as Bundesliga champions.

The match began with Leverkusen quickly establishing control. Granit Xhaka initiated the scoring with a striking long-range shot from 18 meters into the top right corner at the 12-minute mark, leaving Frankfurt's goalkeeper Kevin Trapp unable to respond. Despite creating several more opportunities, Xabi Alonso's side initially struggled to capitalize further.

Frankfurt momentarily found their footing when Fares Chabbi's corner kick set up Hugo Ekitike for a close-range header, leveling the score in the 32nd minute. The home team looked to build momentum, yet their finishing was lacking, with Omar Marmoush missing crucial one-on-one opportunities against Leverkusen's goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky towards the end of the first half, reports Xinhua.

**IPL 2024: KKR skipper Shreyas Iyer hails openers' strokeplay after win over LSG**

Lucknow, May 6 (IANS) After beating Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) by 98 runs to go on top of points table in IPL 2024, Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) skipper Shreyas Iyer said he has been in awe of breath-taking strokeplay from openers Sunil Narine and Phil Salt, which has been a major factor in their good run so far.

On Sunday, at the BRSABV Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow, Narine and Salt shared a 61-run opening stand, their sixth fifty-plus stand in 11 games of IPL 2024, which is the most by any opening pair this season. Narine went on to slam a whirlwind 39-ball 81 and propel KKR to 235/6.

"They have been splendid for us, the way they are playing their shots is pure bliss.



**UNITED 'MUST SPEND MORE!'**

United's ability to splash the cash ahead of next season is set to be affected by the club's heavy past outlay - with around £380million invested on players since Ten Hag's (centre) arrival in 2022 - and the need to comply with profit and sustainability rules. The likes of Antony (left), Rasmus Hojlund (second from left), Casemiro (second from right) and Mason Mount (right) all arrived for big fees. Ten Hag is believed to have held several recruitment meetings to plan ahead despite his future at Old Trafford looking increasingly perilous. United are currently eighth and have missed out on Champions League football - a significant blow to their finances. The new regime - led by co-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe and incoming CEO Omar Berrada - are expected to lead a wide-sweeping overhaul at United as they look to improve their mixed track record in recruitment and return the club back to the top.

**'Working closely with host countries to ensure appropriate plans are in place', says ICC official on terror threat to T20 WC**

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) The International Cricket Council (ICC) has said it is working closely with Men's T20 World Cup host countries - the West Indies and the USA - to ensure appropriate plans are in place amidst a terror threat to the showpiece event.

The men's T20 World Cup is scheduled to take place in the West Indies and the USA from June 1-29. Reports emerged from various sections in the Caribbean media that the World Cup hosting islands in the region received terror threats from an organisation in North Pakistan.

"ICC is working closely with the host countries to ensure appropriate plans are in place. We immediately spoke to the authorities as the reports emerged, and the Cricket West Indies has assured everyone that a comprehensive security plan is in place to address any risk," an ICC official told IANS when asked about the terror threat to the Men's T20

World Cup. Dr Keith Rowley, the Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago, said to Daily Express that the security agencies are working to combat terror threats to the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean.

"Unfortunately, the threat of terrorism in its many and varied expressions is an ever-present danger in the world of the 21st century. It is against this backdrop that all nations, like our region, when hosting large or vulnerable gatherings, make an extra effort in national security preparations and response readiness to take seriously, all threats, expressed or implied.

"Given the fact that bad actors can choose to misbehave in any way possible it makes it virtually impossible to completely seal off all opportunities. However, in order to ameliorate these dangers, we at the local and regional levels have remained alert to many threats and singularly or together have our

intelligence and other security agencies working to protect the population in countries and at venues throughout the tournament," said Rowley.

In the Caribbean, Kensington Oval in Barbados, Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad, Providence Stadium in Guyana, Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua, Darren Sammy Cricket Ground in St Lucia and Arnos Vale Stadium, St Vincent will be the hosts for matches of T20 World Cup.

In the USA, Eisenhower Park in New York; Broward County in Lauderhill, Florida and Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas, Texas, will be the venues. 20 teams will be divided into four groups of five each for the first round. Top two teams from each group will qualify for the Super eight stage.

In Super Eight, teams will be split into two groups of four each. Teams seeded first and second in their groups in the first round

will retain that seeding in the Super Eight, provided they qualify. A1, B2, C1 and D2 finishers will be in one group, while A2, B1, C2 and D1 will be slotted in the other group.

Top two sides from two groups of the Super eight will advance for the semi-finals. The semi-finals will be held in Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago on June 26 and 27 respectively. The final will be held in Barbados on June 29. Reserve days are in place for both semi-finals and the final.

**'It hasn't really sunk in yet', says Kathryn Bryce after Scotland qualify for Women's T20 WC**

Abu Dhabi, May 6 (IANS) Scotland captain Kathryn Bryce said she doesn't know what words have to be used to express the feeling of helping her side qualify for their first-ever ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

Scotland defeated Ireland by eight wickets in the semifinals of the Qualifier

**Indian relay teams book Paris 2024 berth in Bahamas**

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) The Indian men's and women's relay teams have qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympics after finishing second in their respective heats on Sunday night at Nassau's Thomas A Robinson Stadium in Bahamas. The Indian quarter milers grabbed the opportunity with both hands during the second leg of the Olympic qualification round of the World Relays in Bahamas. As per World Athletics relay qualification rule, the first two teams in each heat on Sunday joined a group of teams that had already qualified for Paris Olympic Games on Saturday. The men's team consisting of Muhammad Anas, Muhammad Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv and Amoj Jacob posted a time of 3:03.23 seconds, a season best, to finish second in

their heat. The opening day of the World Relays on Saturday wasn't productive for the Indian quarter milers. After a good start by Muhammad Anas, the second leg runner Rajesh Ramesh wasn't able to continue as he fell down around the first bend due to muscle cramping.

The women's team was equally impressive. The team of Rupali Chaudhary, Jyothika Sri Dandi, MR Poovamma and Subha V pushed hard to clock a time of 3:29.35 seconds to finish second in their heat and qualified for the Paris 2024.

On Saturday, the Indian women's 4x400m relay team gave a good account of themselves, clocking a time of 3:29.74 seconds but finished fifth in their heat. Only the top two teams got tickets to the Olympics.

**Hockey India name Jr women's team for Europe tour**

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) Hockey India have announced a 22-member Junior Women's squad that will tour Europe between May 21 to 29. The team will play six matches across three nations -- Belgium, Germany and Bredase Hockey Vereniging Push and Oranje Rood, two club teams in the Netherlands. India will be playing matches in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands to work on their game and push be-

yond their limits in a bid to go on to dominate the game on the world stage.

They will play their first match on May 21 against Bredase Hockey Vereniging Push in Breda before playing Belgium at the same venue the following day.

India will then play Belgium a second time on May 24. This will be followed by consecutive games against Germany on May 26 in Breda and May 27 in Germany.

**Business & Technology**



**Turkish Airlines' Annual Bowling Tournament Semi-Finals Took Place in India**

New Delhi, Turkish Airlines, one of the leading airlines in the world, is holding its Annual Bowling Tournament, the semi-finals of which have taken place at Turkish Airlines' international hubs all around the world, including 2 cities in India, fostering relationships with its local business partners, and bringing together bowling enthusiasts. The New Delhi semi-final was held on April 19th, 2024, at Smaaash, Aria Mall Gurugram, where 30 participants competed from 10 agency-preferred partners. Travel Boutique Online won the tournament with 817 scores, earning the chance to compete in the Grand Finale in Istanbul on April 26-28, 2024.

The Mumbai semi-final was held on March 2nd, 2024, at Smaaash Utopia City, and witnessed a spirited competition. KULIN KUMAR HOLIDAYS secured victory with an impressive total score of 812. The New Delhi team will proudly represent India on the global stage at the Grand Finale in Istanbul, showcasing the nation's bowling talent to the world.

With semi-finals held worldwide, this year the annual tournament has attracted participants from 130 cities spanning 69 countries, including India. At the Grand Finale in Istanbul, the Champion of the Tournament will be rewarded with a flight ticket and an indulgent vacation in Antalya, complementing the grandeur of the event. Additional prizes await top-ranking agencies during the grand finale, adding to the excitement of this prestigious tournament.

**Mindgrove launches India's first indigenously designed commercial high-performance MCU chip**

Mumbai, Mindgrove Technologies, a Peak XV Partners-backed fabless semiconductor startup, has launched India's first commercial high-performance SoC (system on chip) named Secure IoT. The RISC-V-based chip will allow Indian Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to use an Indian SoC in their products and help reduce the cost of their feature-rich devices, without compromising on high-end features. The chip is estimated to cost 30 percent less than other chips in the similar segment.

Secure IoT is a high-performance microcontroller clocked at 700 MHz. It is the only Indian chip that is commercially available in this segment. Mindgrove's chip is designed to provide programmability,

flexibility, security and superior computing power for controlling applications on a wide range of connected smart devices. This chip - can control everything from wearables like smartwatches to smart city



devices like connected electricity, water, and gas meters to connected home devices like smart locks, fans, speakers, as well as,

as well as EV battery management systems and control systems, amongst others.

"The pandemic revealed the wide gap between high-end and low-end players in the embedded systems space, with the latter prioritizing cost and volume over the chip's actual performance," says Shashwath TR, CEO and CO-Founder of Mindgrove Technologies.

"Thus, we set out to design chips that target the middle market. 'Right-sizing' has been the key differentiating factor when it comes to Mindgrove, giv-

ing it an edge over others, with enhanced flexibility, adaptability, security and cost-efficiency coupled with a robust support system." In addition to selling the chip, Mindgrove offers design support to Indian brands to accelerate innovation and scale of production in India, which will be a significant step towards self-sufficiency and global positioning in the semiconductor and electronics space. Talking about the market for these chips, Shashwath added, "India consumes over a billion chips a year and anywhere between 10 to 50 million of them can be replaced by Secure IoT. Further, there is widespread demand for microchips worldwide, and we expect global buyers to be excited about a new option from India," he added.

**PhonePe presents assured cashback offer for Akshaya Tithiya, 2024**

Mumbai, PhonePe, India's leading fintech platform has announced a compelling offer for the joyous and prosperous occasion of Akshaya Tithiya, this year. On 10th May 2024, users can avail assured cashback of up to Rs.2000 on a minimum order value of Rs.1000 on the PhonePe app. The unique offer, available exclusively on PhonePe, is applicable only on one-time purchase of 24k digital gold. Users can choose to pay through multiple modes of payment such as UPI, UPI Lite, credit & debit cards, wallet and gift cards.

PhonePe also has a special offer for redemption of digital gold at Caratlane stores till 12th May. The highlights of this offer are: (1) Additional 2% discount on gold coin, (2) Additional 4% discount on unstudded jewelry, (3) Additional 10% on studded jewelry. PhonePe offers highest purity gold from Caratlane, SafeGold & MMTCC-PAMP, some of the leading and trusted players in the digital gold ecosystem. While there are multiple benefits to purchasing digital gold on the PhonePe app, some of the key ones are: (1) Highest Assured Purity: Customers can buy 99.99% purity certified 24K Digital Gold, as offered by the Partners, on PhonePe. (2) Convenience: Customers can choose to buy Digital Gold from the comfort of their home 24\*7. On selling their stored Gold anytime, the money is credited to their bank accounts within 48 hours. (3) Storage in insured bank grade lockers: Certified 24K Gold purchased digitally carries zero making charges and is stored in free\* bank-grade Gold lockers. (4) Invest with any amount: Customers have the flexibility to invest in Digital Gold with any amount of their choice.

**Meta gets 27K reports via Indian grievance mechanism in March, fake FB, Insta profiles key concern**

New Delhi, May 4 (IANS) As synthetic content, especially deepfakes, continues to rise, Meta received more than 27,000 reports on Facebook and Instagram via the Indian grievance mechanism in the month of March, and the fake profiles that pretended to be genuine users dominated those reports.

Between March 1-March 31, the social media giant received 15,226 reports on Facebook and 4,323 reports were about fake profiles.

Of all these reports, "we provided tools for users to resolve their issues in 8,720 cases," said Meta.

Of the other 6,506 reports, "we reviewed content as per our policies, and took action on 2,207 reports in total. The remaining 4,299 reports

were reviewed but may not have been actioned," the social media platform informed.

Similarly, on Instagram, the company received a total of 12,084 reports through the Indian

grievance, and 5,055 were about fake profiles on the photo-sharing platform. In the case of Instagram, Meta provided tools for users to resolve their issues in 5,776 cases, and of the other 6,308 reports, it reviewed content



and took action on 1,817 reports in total.

The company also received 39 orders from the Grievance Appellate Committee in March in India, and complied with all.

Meta, like other big social media platforms, needs to submit a monthly compliance report in accordance with the new IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, and provide information for actions taken against violating content on Facebook and Instagram for content created by users in India.

WhatsApp, also owned by Meta, banned more than 79 lakh accounts in the country in March, in compliance with the IT Rules, 2021.--IANS

**94 pc Indian service professionals using AI believe it saves them time: Report**

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) About 94 per cent of Indian service professionals using artificial intelligence (AI) said that the technology saves them time, a new report revealed on Monday.

According to enterprise software major Salesforce, about 89 per cent of service organisations with AI said that the technology helps them reduce costs.

"As customer expectations continue to increase, the benefits of AI are clear -- increased productivity, cost reduction and improved customer experiences," said Arun Kumar Parmeswaran, MD - Sales, Salesforce India.

"AI and Data are fueling the next level of customer experience, with AI proving its value with a variety of use cases, delivering unmatched value to customers while unlock-

ing revenue-generating opportunities," he added.

The report surveyed over 5,500 service professionals across 30 countries -- including 300 from India. Moreover, the report found that 93 per cent of service organisations in the country plan to increase AI investments this year.

The top three service use cases for AI in the country include -- Automated summaries and reports, Intelligent offers and recommendations, and Knowledge article creation.

In addition, the report revealed that about 79 per cent of organisations in the country expect service to contribute more revenue this year. While 85 per cent of service organisations expect more budget this year, around 80 per cent expect more headcount this year.

**TKM Introduces Innova Crysta GX+ as a New Standard Grade**

Bangalore, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the introduction of new grade, GX+, in the Innova Crysta lineup. Inspired by the company's focus on customer centricity, the new grade boasts of enhanced features thus reflecting TKM's commitment to delivering excellence tailored to the customer preferences. Reinventing the Innova Crysta line-up, the newly introduced Innova Crysta GX+ grade is loaded with 14 additional features, harmoniously blending functional and aesthetic enhancements, elevating the overall driving experience. Key highlights of Innova Crysta GX+ include functional features such as rear camera, auto-fold mirrors, DVR, as well as aesthetic enhancements like diamond-cut alloys, wood panels, and premium fabric seats. Offered in 7-



and 8-seater options, the GX+ grade is available in five exciting colours i.e., Super White, Attitude Black Mica, Avant-Garde Bronze Metallic, Platinum White Pearl and Silver Metallic each adding a unique flair to the versatile palette of the vehicle.

Commenting on the new introduction, Mr. Saurabh Manohar - Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "Ever since its launch in 2005 Innova brand has earned an unshakable reputation of being the segment lead-

er by setting industry benchmarks. Synonymous to quality and trust, Innova has served the diverse mobility needs of generations of Indians and continues to hold the same aspirational value. Time and again our endeavour at TKM has been to keep the brand relevant and multi-functional, based on the evolving customer trends, in line with our customer-centric approach.

The newly introduced Innova Crysta GX+ grade complement our existing line-up of Innova Crysta. The newly introduced features are a leap forward in terms of offering more value through enhanced features and multi-functionality. We are confident that the new introduction will continue appeal to a wider audience of customers thus reinforcing Innova's legacy of being India's most loved MPV."



'Winsol Engineers' IPO Closes on 9th May, 2024 on NSE EMERGE

Jamnagar, 'Winsol Engineers Limited' IPO opens on 6th May, 2024 and Closes on 9th May, 2024. 'Winsol Engineers Limited' Ltd was incorporated as 'Winsol Engineers Private Limited' at Jamnagar, later the Company was changed to 'Winsol Engineers Limited' on December 21, 2023.



Mr. Ramesh J. Pindariya, Founder & CEO

Located at Jamnagar, Winsol Engineers Limited is an integrated engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning company providing Balance of Plant (BoP) Solutions for both Wind and Solar power generation companies. The company's core services for BoP Solutions includes Foundation work, Substation Civil and Electrical work, Right of Way services, cabling to substation

and Grid, and Miscellaneous work, their clients are in the renewable energy industry who prefer Winsol Engineers Ltd. for Jivabhai Pindariya and Mr. Kishor Jivabhai Pindariya, who are associated with the company since its incorporation having experience of more than 35 (Thirty-Five) years in the Engineering Industry. The Board of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management Personnel has also provided significant contribution in the growth of the company. The company has posted a total revenue of 2,216.35 Lakhs. (FY21), Rs. 6,070.19 Lakhs (FY22), and Rs. 6,538.66 Lakhs (FY23) and Rs. 5,195.23 (For period ended December 2023). The company has posted a Net Profit of 49.44 Lakhs. (FY21), Rs. 108.46 Lakhs (FY22), and Rs. 518.07 Lakhs (FY23) and Rs. 677.26 (For period ended December 2023).

Ahmedabad, Ahmedabad based Energy Mission Machinerries (India) Ltd, a leading company in designing and manufacturing of a diverse range of sheet metal machinery is planning to raise up to Rs. 41.15 crore from its SME public issue. The company has received approval to launch its public issue on NSE Emerge Platform of National Stock Exchange. The public issue open for subscription on May 9 and closes on May 13. The Proceeds of the public issue will be utilised to fund company's expansion plans including civil construction work, new plant & machinerries at existing manufacturing unit at Sanand, Gujarat, meeting the working capital requirements and general corporate purposes. Hem Securities Limited is the book running lead manager of the issue. The initial public offer-

Energy Mission Machinerries plans to raise up to Rs. 41.15 crore from IPO

ing comprises of a fresh issue of 29.82 lakh equity shares of face value Rs. 10 each in the price band of Rs. 131 to Rs. 138 per equity share for the public issue. Out of the issue proceeds of Rs. 41.15 crore, company plans to utilize Rs. 6.86 crore towards civil construction work at existing manufacturing unit located at Sanand, district Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Rs. 7.43 crore towards installation of new plant & machinerries, Rs. 15 crore towards working capital requirements. Minimum lot size for the application is 1000 shares which translates into investment of Rs. 1.38 lakh per application. Retail investor quota for the IPO is kept at not less than 35% of the net offer, HNI quota is kept at not less than 15% of the offer and QIB portion is kept at not more than 50% of the net offer. Energy Mission Machinerries (India) has sold

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Twitter founder Jack Dorsey quits Bluesky board, confirms company

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) Jack Dorsey, who founded Twitter (now called X), has quit the board of Bluesky, a decentralised social media platform he also helped co-founded. The company said in a post that it is now searching for a new board member. "With Jack's departure, we are searching for a new board member for the Bluesky public benefit company who shares our commitment to building a social network that puts people in control of their experience," Bluesky said on its own platform. Dorsey-backed Bluesky, an alternative to Twitter/X, reached two million users in November last year. The company thanked Dorsey for his help in funding and initiating the project. "Today, Bluesky is thriving as an open source social network running on 'atproto', the decentralised protocol we have built," it informed. The company confirmed his departure after an X user asked Dorsey if he was still on Bluesky's board, to which Dorsey responded with a "no". The platform has so far launched features like mobile push notifications, general user lists, email verification and advanced feed and thread preferences. Last year, Bluesky raised \$8 million. In 2022, it had secured \$13 million in funding with Dorsey joining its board.

Musk invites billionaire investor Warren Buffett to invest in Tesla

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) Elon Musk, on Monday, invited billionaire investor Warren Buffett to come and invest in Tesla, which is facing tough times amid global slowdown in EV sales. Replying to an X user who posted that Berkshire Hathaway owner should sell all his shares in Apple and buy Tesla instead, the electric car company owner responded that it is an "obvious move" for him. "He (Buffett) should take a position in Tesla. It's an obvious move," posted the X owner. Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway has a stake in Chinese EV maker BYD but not in Tesla. Last weekend, in response to a post quoting Buffett's advice about the importance of spending time with loved ones, Musk replied that he would love to spend the last day of his life with his kids. Musk had even invited Buffett to invest in Tesla early on, when the company was worth 0.1 per cent, or less than \$7 billion, from what it is today. "Too bad he didn't invest in Tesla when it was 0.1 per cent of today's value," Musk posted on X recently.

Sensex gains 300 points but broader markets weak

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) BSE Sensex gained 300 points on Monday although the market breadth is extremely negative. Sensex was trading at 74,183 points, up by 305 points. As many as 62 per cent of the stocks, 2388 stocks are declining while 31 per cent are gaining. PSU shares tanked on Monday, with the sectoral index down 2.5 per cent. PFC was down 8.6 per cent, REC was down 6.2 per cent, MRPL was down 5.8 per cent, Canara Bank was down 4.7 per cent, BHEL was down 4.7 per cent, and PNB was down 4.2 per cent. Among the Sensex stocks, Kotak Mahindra Bank was up 5.1 per cent, and TCS was up 2.1 per cent. Among the losers, Titan was down 6.2 per cent, SBI was down 3 per cent, and NTPC was down 2 per cent. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said the cut of 172 points on the Nifty last Friday is rumoured to be triggered by fears of changes in the long-term capital gains tax in the Budget after elections. "The Finance Minister quickly clarified that these are speculative. This clarification and positive global cues are likely to support the market in the near term," he said.

BlackSoil invests \$49 million in 11 new deals in Q4

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) Alternative credit platform BlackSoil on Monday said that it invested \$49 million (Rs 391 crore) across 11 new deals and exited four portfolio companies in the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY24. The company's year-on-year disbursement increased by 110 per cent, and its Assets Under Management (AUM) grew by nearly 50 per cent (year-on-year). "Our prudent investment practices fortify our market standing, underscored by successful exits and strategic investments. As we navigate the landscape of FY25, we remain steadfast in our commitment to driving value and maintaining our upward trajectory," Ankur Bansal, Co-Founder & Director of BlackSoil, said in a statement.

Ashapuri Gold Ornament's Rs. 48.75 crores Rights opens on May 8, 2024

Ahmedabad, Ashapuri Gold Ornament Ltd - one of the prominent manufacturers and wholesalers of gold jewellery is schedule to open its Rs 48.75 crore rights issue on May 08, 2024. The funds raised through the issue will be utilised to meet the working capital requirements to fund company's expansion plans, entering new geographies and for general corporate purposes. Right issue of the company are offered at a price of Rs. 5.85 per share - 57.45% discount to closing share price on 3rd May, 2024. Rights Issue closes on 27th May, 2024. The Company will issue 8,33,28,666 fully paid-up Equity Shares of the face value of Rs. 1 each for cash at a price of Rs. 5.85 per Equity Share (including a premium of Rs. 4.85 per Equity Share) aggregating to Rs. 48.75 crore. The Rights entitlement ratio for the proposed issue is fixed

at 1:3 (1 equity shares of face value of Rs. 1 each for every 3 equity shares of Rs. 1 each held by the equity shareholders on the record date - April 18, 2024). The last date for On-market Renunciation of Rights Entitlements is 21st May, 2024. Commenting on the development, Dinesh Kumar Soni, Managing Director, Ashapuri Gold Ornament Ltd said, "Company has taken important strategic initiatives in the recent past with a focus to expand production capacities, launching new product lines and collections for different markets. Our long-term focus continues to be investing in team Development, participating in India's largest B2B exhibitions, Proceeds of the issue will further strengthen company's balance sheet and help fund its expansion plans and strategic growth initiatives." Company's Board of directors on April 10, 2024 approved the issuance of equity shares by way of a rights issue to eligible equity shareholders for an amount not exceeding Rs 48.75 crore. Post the rights issue, total outstanding shares of the company should increase to 33,33,14,666 equity shares from 24,99,86,000 equity shares prior to the rights issue. Company offers a range of collections catering to various customer segments. Company has three Collections named "Maayin", "Kaavis" & "Arzish" which caters to diverse customer segments from high end to mid-markets and value market segment. The company's product range includes Necklace, Bangles, Bridal Jewellery, and Choker. The company has factory premises of 14,000 square feet and corporate house at CG Road, Ahmedabad.

Financial regulator finds 'illegal' stock short selling at 5 more global banks

Seoul, May 6 (IANS) South Korea's financial regulator said on Monday that it has found suspected cases of naked stock short selling at five more global investment banks (IBs), bringing the total to nine out of the 14 largest global IBs in the country. The additional cases come after the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) reported in January that it has detected suspected illegal stock short-selling activities at two global IBs, reports Yonhap news agency. The FSS said that it has "completed imposing fines (26.5 billion won) on the first two companies that engaged in illegal stock short selling, worth 55.6 billion won, and referred them to the prosecution." "While conducting an inspection of all (global IBs), it has exposed illegal short selling by seven additional companies, worth 155.6 billion won," it added. The inspection on the other five global IBs is still underway, according to the FSS. The financial regulator said it will swiftly take punitive measures once the naked stock short selling allegations are confirmed.

Extreme mercantilism will destroy Chinese civilisation: Zoho's Sridhar Vembu

New Delhi, May 6 (IANS) China has pushed mercantilism to the extreme when it comes to producing steel, and the day is not far when this approach will destroy Chinese civilisation, IT software company Zoho's CEO Sridhar Vembu said on Monday. Mercantilism is a nationalistic economic policy designed to maximise exports and minimise imports for an economy. Replying to Michael

Pettis, American professor of finance at Peking University in Beijing and a nonresident senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Vembu said that anyone who "truly cares for the longevity of Chinese civilisation can see how mercantilism would destroy it". China produces roughly 55 per cent of all the steel in the world. "This is mercantilism pushed to

the extreme. This obsession with exports is costing the Chinese people themselves dearly, by overworking their people, not to mention pushing other countries into debt," Vembu argued.

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For AREX INDUSTRIES LIMITED  
Dinesh Bilgi  
Managing Director  
(DIN:00096099)

Place : Chhattral  
Date : 06.05.2024

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e-TENDER NOTICE NO. DYCE-BR-BRC-08-2024  
e-Tenders for and on behalf of the President of India are invited by Deputy Chief Engineer (Bridge Line) Vadodara, Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodara-390004 for the following works:  
Tender No. DYCE-BR-BRC-08-2024.  
Name of Work: "Repairing of PSC track bridges and ROBs by epoxy grout and epoxy mortar and by micro concreting and painting of side paths of major bridges of CNA-BECA and BEC-RTM section in jurisdiction of SSE (Bridge) RTM of Ratlam Division." Approximate cost of the work: ₹ 21,58,963.08 Bid Security to be deposited: ₹ 43,200.00  
Date and time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender: On line tender is to be submitted on 07-06-2024 before 15:00 Hrs. and is to be opened on same date at 15:30 Hrs. Website particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen etc.: Deputy Chief Engineer (Bridge Line) Vadodara, Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodara-4. Website @ www.irops.gov.in BRC-025  
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SIGNALLING WORKS  
Tender Notice No. S&T/BRC/23-24/35/SIG-R1 Date: 02-05-2024  
S&T/BRC/Vadodara acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tenders against Tender No. S&T/BRC/23-24/35/SIG-R1. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. (1) Name of the Work with its location: Signalling Work such as part supply of materials, digging of trenches, laying of cables, maintenance of track mounted equipments by providing gang, works associated with track mounted equipments including providing gang for point machine etc. in connection with the Engineering works of (1) "Vadodara Division - TRR (P) - 43.474 Tkm" in the jurisdiction of ADSTE-BHARUCH-(2) Vadodara Division: TTR (TSR) - 61 Sets (1:12-32 Sets and 1:8.5 - 29 Sets) (3) BRC Division - CTR (P) 0.630 TKM of Line No. 5 at BRCP (4) BRC Division - CTR (P) 0.620 TKM of Line No. 6 at BRCP (5) ST BRC Section: TRR (P) DN KM 309.000 - 309.900 & DN KM 310.000 - 310.720 Total 1.620 TKMS on condition basis. (6) ST-BRC Section: TRR (P) DN KM 302.720 - DN KM 306.190 - 307.000 & UP KM 306.540 - 306.660 Total 1.540 TKMS (7) DB-ENR section - providing 03 Nos. of new RCC box of size 3.0 x 1.80 M each by cut and cover method at Km 3/9-10, 23/4-5 & 45/3-4. (2) Approx. cost of the work: ₹ 85,59,748.55 (3) Earnest Money to be Deposited: ₹ 1,71,200.00 (4) Date and time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender: 31-05-2024 @ 15:00 Hours and 31-05-2024 @ 15:30 Hours. (5) Website particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen etc: http://www.irops.gov.in Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, 2nd Floor, Annex Building, DRM's Office, Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodara-390004. BRC-030  
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PAINTING AND STENCILLING OF ICF COACHES  
For and on behalf of the President of India Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Carriage Repair Workshop, Bhavnagar Para, Western Railway invites E-tender for below work: E-Tender No. BVPW-2023-24-Painting-35, Name of the Work: Painting and stencilling of ICF coaches as per scope work at Bhavnagar para workshop for 1 year. Approximate cost of work: ₹ 1,03,02,389.92/- Bid Security: ₹ 2,01,500.00/- Tender Document Fees: ₹ 2,000/- Validity of tender offer: 60 Days, Completion Period of work: 12 months from the date of issue of LOA. Last date & time for Submission & Opening of tender: 22-05-2024, 15:00 Hrs. and 22-05-2024, 15:30 Hrs. Issued by: Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, Office of Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Repair Workshop, Bhavnagar Para, Western Railway. Important Note : The tender shall be submitted only Electronically on https://www.irops.gov.in and no manual offers are allowed against this E-tender, and any such manual offer received at this office shall be ignored and not opened. BVP-08  
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CHANGE OF NAME  
I have changed my minor son old name from SHAH SWAYAM RITESHKUMAR to new name SHAH SWAYAM RITESHKUMAR  
Add. 1, Shantinathi Society, Opp. Dhanvantri Garden, Fatehpura, Paldi, Ahmedabad-380007 406

PUBLIC NOTICE  
I below Sign Advocate as per Instruction of Our Client Padhiyar Ajitshih Govindsinh I Published these Notice is as under :- House No. A/33 Land admeasuring 142.34 sq.Mtr. with admeasuring 133.85 sq.mtr Super built-up constructed property with admeasuring 60.48 sq. mtr. undivided share in common of which is Known as "Krish Bungalow" on the Land of Revenue Survey No. 334 of T.P. Scheme No. 102 & Final Plot No. 2, situated, laying and being at Mouje Nikol, Taluka Asharva, District Ahmedabad Sub-District Ahmedabad-12 (Nikol) the said House was originally purchase by Santilal Karamsinh Patel vide Notarized Agreement to sale, Allotment-Possession Letter & Registered Sale Deed No 6059/2007. Thereafter on dated 18/06/12 Santilal Karamsinh Patel Sold & conveyed the said Property to Surendrasinh Sabhajitsinh Rajput vide Registered sale deed No. 5922. Thereafter on dated 03/07/2013 Surendrasinh Sabhajitsinh Rajput Sold & conveyed the said Property to Rameshbhai Nathabhai Desai vide registered sale deed No. 7995. The Notarized Agreement to sale, Allotment - Possession Letter & Registered Sale Deed No 6059/2007 was Misplace by Rameshbhai Nathabhai Desai. Thereafter Rameshbhai Nathabhai Desai agreed to sale this property to my client Padhiyar Ajitshih Govindsinh. My client wishes to create charge viz. mortgage on the said property from State Bank of India RACP/Maninagar Ahmedabad therefore I issued this notice that if any one Find above documents than Contact to Our Client Or If any one Find Right, Title, Claim or any Objection on the said Property lodge Claim before me within 7 Days of Publish this Notice.  
V. C. TRIVEDI - ADVOCATE 705, Sahyog Building, Opp. Dinbai Tower, Lai Darwaja, Ahmedabad, Mo. No. 9825026213

PUBLIC NOTICE  
This Notice is given on Behalf of our Client(s) Mr.Shailesh Dhanjibhai Domadiya that the property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder and having postal address at: G/2, Navjyot Complex, Gurukul Road, Ahmedabad-380052 is owned and possessed by our client. Our client have approached us to seek a No Objection Certificate with the subject matter of having lost/misplaced the original registered document of the scheduled property registered before the Sub-Registrar of Assurances-Ahmedabad-3 (Memnagar) bearing serial No. 7259 registered on 09.07.2007 being an sale deed executed by Sanjay Nilkanthbhai Mukadam in favour of Mr.Shailesh Dhanjibhai Domadiya.  
Therefore any person(s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trusts rights of prescription or pre-emptor under any agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or Awarder otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at their office at 207, K-158, Sindhu Bhavan Road, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad-380059 within a period of 7 days of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.  
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY  
ALL that piece and parcel of the constructed property being Shop No. G/2 on the ground floor admeasuring 27.88 Sq. Mtrs i.e. equivalent to 300 Sq.Ft being part of Panchshil Memnagar Co-Operative Housing Society Limited, a scheme known as "Navjyot Complex" situated, lying and being on non-agricultural lands bearing Final Plot No. 136 (allotted in lieu of Survey No. 70) of T.P. Scheme No. 1 of Mouje: Memnagar Village Sim, Taluka : City, Registration District: Ahmedabad and Sub-District Ahmedabad-3(Memnagar) having postal address as: G/2, Navjyot Complex, Gurukul Road, Ahmedabad-380052.  
Place : Ahmedabad  
Date : 06/05/2024  
Advocate Jenish D. Rupareliya  
Advocate Digant B. Kakkad  
D.S. Rupareliya & Associates  
207, K-158, Sindhu Bhavan Road, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad-59 Ph. : +91-79-48002355, M : +91-8141511122

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION  
NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTIONS  
Auction Catalogue No. Pay-Use-ADI-24 Already IREPS Catalogue Published On 30-04-2024

| S/N  | Lot No./ Category                             | Description   | Auction Date & Time              | Contract Period |
|------|---|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| AA/1 | PnU-ADI-UJJA-Toi-6-22-2 (Pay and Use-Toilets) | The Contract for Managing the work of Operation and Maintenance of Non-Deluxe type toilets on Pay & use basis at Unjha Railway Station of Ahmedabad Division for three years.   | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 13:30 hrs. | 03 Years        |
| AA/2 | PnU-ADI-SID-Toi-7-22-2 (Pay and Use-Toilets)  | The Contract for Managing the work of Operation and Maintenance of Non-Deluxe type toilets on Pay & use basis at Siddhpur Railway Station of Ahmedabad Division for three years.  | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 13:40 hrs. | 03 Years        |
| AA/3 | PnU-ADI-PTN-Toi-4-22-2 (Pay and Use-Toilets)  | The Contract for Managing the work of Operation and Maintenance of Non-Deluxe type toilets on Pay & use basis at Patan Railway Station of Ahmedabad Division for three years.   | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 13:50 hrs. | 03 Years        |
| AA/4 | PnU-ADI-VG-Toi-3-22-2 (Pay and Use-Toilets)   | The Contract for Managing the work of Operation and Maintenance of Non-Deluxe type toilets on Pay & use basis at Viramgam Railway Station of Ahmedabad Division for three years.  | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 14:00 hrs. | 03 Years        |
| AA/5 | PnU-ADI-NRD-Toi-16-23-1 (Pay and Use-Toilets) | The Contract for Managing the work of Operation and Maintenance of Non-Deluxe type toilets on Pay & use basis at Naroda Railway Station circulating area behind the station building of Ahmedabad Division for three years. | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 14:10 hrs. | 03 Years        |
| AA/6 | PnU-ADI-KLL-Toi-5-22-2 (Pay and Use-Toilets)  | The Contract for Managing the work of Operation and Maintenance of Non-Deluxe type toilets on Pay & use basis at Kalol Railway Station of Ahmedabad Division for three years.   | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 14:20 hrs. | 03 Years        |
| AA/7 | PnU-ADI-BHUJ-Toi-9-22-2 (Pay and Use-Toilets) | The Contract for managing the work of Operation and Maintenance of Non-Deluxe type toilets on Pay & use basis at New Bhuj Railway Station (Inside Station Building) of Ahmedabad Division for three years.                  | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 14:30 hrs. | 03 Years        |
| AA/8 | PnU-ADI-MAN-Toi-10-22-2 (Pay and Use-Toilets) | The Contract for Managing the work of Operation and Maintenance of Non-Deluxe type toilets on Pay & use basis at Maninagar Railway Station of Ahmedabad Division for three years.   | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 14:40 hrs. | 03 Years        |
| AA/9 | PnU-ADI-ADI-WRL-1-24-2 (Cloak Rooms)          | The contract for the Operation and Management of the cloakroom in the area admeasuring 54,665 square meters at Platform No.1 Near Gate No.4 of Ahmedabad Railway Station.   | 16-05-2024<br>13:00 - 14:50 hrs. | 03 Years        |

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## News

## in a Nutshell

Panneerselvam blames DMK  
govt for Congress leaders death

Chennai, May 6 (IANS) Former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam has blamed the M.K. Stalin-led DMK government in the state for the tragic death of Tirunelveli East district Congress president, K.P.K. Jeyakumar Dhanasingh.

Panneerselvam said that the law and order situation in Tamil Nadu has deteriorated in the last three years since the DMK government assumed office. The charred remains of Jeyakumar Dhanasingh were recovered by the police from his farm land near his residence in Karisithu Pudur village in Tirunelveli district.

Police constable arrested in  
Tamil Nadu for sexually  
assaulting daughter

Chennai, May 6 (IANS) A police constable with the Tamil Nadu Armed Reserve Force has been arrested for sexually assaulting his 14-year-old daughter, an official said on Sunday.

The alleged incident happened in Cuddalore district of the state. The 14-year-old girl in her complaint lodged with the Cuddalore Superintendent of Police said that her father had been sexually assaulting her or the last one year. Cuddalore Superintendent of Police, R. Rajaraman then ordered the Cuddalore All Women Police Station Inspector Rathika to investigate the case. The girl and her mother narrated the ordeal to the women police officers, who eventually arrested the constable.

120 aspirants reappear for NEET  
test after 'incorrect' papers  
distributed at Rajasthan centre

Jaipur, May 6 (IANS) As many as 120 aspirants at an examination centre in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur were allowed to reappear for the NEET entrance test in the evening slot on Sunday. This comes after some Hindi medium students were given English medium paper while some English medium students were given Hindi medium paper at the examination centre located at the Girls Higher Secondary Adarsh Vidya Mandir Mantown in Sawai Madhopur. Angry aspirants created ruckus at the centre prompting the National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts the NEET entrance test, to allow them to reappear in the test in the evening slot.

Telangana collecting 'Rahul  
Revanth' tax, says HM Amit Shah

Hyderabad, May 6 (IANS) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday alleged that the Congress government in Telangana is collecting 'Rahul Revanth' tax to fund the party's election campaign in the country.

Addressing a public meeting of BJP at Secunderabad here, he accused Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of turning Telangana into an ATM of the Congress.

HM Shah said the people of Telangana were losing their money in 'RR' tax.

"Elect our two candidates, we will take care to see that this ATM runs out of cash," the Home Minister said while appealing to the people to vote for BJP candidates for Malkajgiri Lok Sabha seat and Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly seat (by-election).

Earlier, HM Amit Shah said in Nizamabad that daily, hundreds of crores were being sent from Te-

langana to 'Delhi darbar'. HM Amit Shah also referred to the case booked against him by Hyderabad police for violating a Model Code of Conduct by involving children at a recent election rally.

"Revanth Reddy recently became the chief minister. Recently, he registered a case, but I will not cry like Revanth Reddy. I will go to the High Court to get it quashed," the former BJP president said.

The Union Minister leader told Revanth Reddy that the central leadership at whose direction he is doing corruption will use and dump him.

HM Amit Shah also referred to the case booked against Revanth Reddy by Delhi Police for editing his video and circulating it.

Addressing an election rally in Nizamabad, HM Amit Shah said that his video was tampered with to create a fake video.

"Revanth Reddy is saying Delhi Police are af-

ter him. What will happen if you make a fake video?" the Home Minister asked.

Reiterating that reservation given to Muslims is unconstitutional, HM Amit Shah said that when the BJP comes to power in Telangana, it will scrap it.

He alleged that Congress is spreading lies that if the BJP comes to power again it will take away the reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs.

BJP files complaint with EC against Maharashtra  
LoP's remarks on ex-ATS chief Karkare's death

Mumbai, May 6 (IANS) The BJP has lodged a complaint with the Election Commission (EC) against Maharashtra's Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Vijay Wadettiwar, who reportedly claimed that former Mumbai Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) chief Hemant Karkare was killed by an "RSS-affiliated cop, and not by terrorist Ajmal Kasab, during the 26/11 terror attack", Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar in a

complaint on Sunday urged the poll body to direct the registration of FIR against Wadettiwar under the stringent provision of law. He also urged the EC to direct the Congress leader to tender an unconditional apology.

In the complaint, the BJP further sought a comprehensive investigation into Wadettiwar's statement to ascertain whether the Congress is supporting and propagating this

"harmful narrative". Shelar claimed that Wadettiwar's statement violates the Model Code of Conduct and "risks inciting communal tension and causing enmity". Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis claimed that the Opposition "is worried about Ajmal Kasab" and wants to "support terrorists by targeting Ujjwal Nikam", the BJP candidate from Mumbai North Central.



GAURELLA, Polling officials with election material leaving for their respective booths on the eve of the Third phase of the Lok Sabha elections, at Jashpur Chhattisgarh. UNI



NEW DELHI, Congress candidate from North East Delhi Kanhaiya Kumar files his nomination papers for Lok Sabha polls in the presence of AAP leader Gopal Rai, in New Delhi on Monday UNI

After losing voice at poll rally, Sharad Pawar  
recovering but advised to rest by docs

Pune (Maharashtra), May 6 (IANS) NCP(SP) President Sharad Pawar, who lost his voice briefly at an election rally on Sunday night, is recovering but has been advised to take rest for a day or two, party leaders said here on Monday.

The senior Pawar, 83, who was addressing an election rally on Sunday, stood up and spoke for barely five minutes and then suddenly became silent, apparently losing his voice, and then stopped

his address. As his concerned party leaders and workers waited, Sharad Pawar was helped off the stage and taken home, while some other speakers pitched in for him.

Indicating he was returning to his cheerful but fighting mode, Sharad Pawar on Monday morning paid tributes on the 102nd death anniversary of the legendary Chhatrapati Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj of Kolhapur. "Pawar Sahib was mis-

takenly offered cold water to drink at one of the rallies yesterday... Normally, he doesn't take chilled water and that affected his voice. Otherwise, he is absolutely fit and fine with no cause for worries. He has been advised to rest his throat for one or two days," a top leader told IANS on Monday morning.

Accordingly, he has cancelled all his engagements for today, and possibly tomorrow also depending on the pace of recovery.

Blast in Bengal's  
Hooghly, 11-  
yr-old boy  
killed

Kolkata, May 6 (IANS) One minor was killed and two others were critically injured in a blast at Pandua in West Bengal's Hooghly district on Monday. The two injured children were undergoing treatment at a local hospital. The hand of one of the two injured minors has been blown off in the impact of the blast.

The local people informed the police that the blast took place near a pond where the three minors were playing. All three of them were rushed to the local hospital and on arrival one of them was declared dead by the doctors. The deceased minor has been identified as Raj Biswas (11).

The two injured minors are Rupam Ballav and Sourav Chowdhury. The Hooghly rural police have started an investigation into the matter. Incidentally on Monday afternoon, only Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was supposed to address an election rally at Pandua in support of the party candidate from the Hooghly Lok Sabha constituency and actress-turned-politician Rachana Banerjee.



PATNA, Students celebrating their success after declaration of Class 10th and 12th results of the ICSE Exam, at a school in Patna on Monday. UNI



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