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#### MD issues 'yellow' alert in Tamil Nadu

Chennai, May 9 (IANS) The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a 'yellow alert in Tamil Nadu from May 9 to May 14 over the possibility of heavy rains and winds. The Weather De-

partment in a communique issued on Thursday said that there are chances of gusty winds at the speed of 40 kmph along with heavy rains in Tamil Nadu over the next five days.

"Heavy rains are expected in the next few days in The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Dindigul, Karur, Erode, Namakkal and Salem districts of the state," IMD

#### **CAPF** deployment in Bengal to rise by 42 pc for 4th phase of LS polls

Kolkata, May 9 (IANS) The Central Àrmed Police Forces (CAPF) deployment for eight Lok Sabha constituencies in West Bengal for the fourth phase on May 13 will see an increase of 42 per cent, sources said.

Sources in the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) office said that a total of 578 companies of CAPF will be deployed for the fourth phase which is substantially high compared to the figure of 406 in the third phase."At the time of the fourth phase of polls, a total of 596 companies of CAPF will be deployed in West Bengal, Out of them, 578 companies will be deployed on poll duty, while the remaining will be kept

#### J&K: First batch of 642 Hajj pilgrims to leave for Saudi Arabia

Srinagar, May 9 (IANS) The first batch of Hajj pilgrims from J&K will leave for Saudi Arabia in two flights from Srinagar International Airport on Thursday.

Officials said that this year, 7008 pilgrims from J&K will perform the holiest Muslim pilgrimage of Hajj in Saudi Arabia. "First batch of 642 pilgrims will take off from Srinagar in two flights each carrying 321 pilgrims today.

Pilgrims reaching the Hajj House situated in Bemina outskirts of Srinagar city since early morning.

The first batch of pil-

grims arrived at the Hajj House before 8.30 am which was the official reporting time for the first batch. The reporting time for the second batch was

## Mayawati is 'universal leader', says

Akash Anand Lucknow, May 9 (IANS) Two days after being stripped of his re-sponsibilities in the party, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Akash Anand has said that Mayawati is 'our universal leader'. In a post on social media platform X on Thursday, Akash Anand wrote, "Yes, you are a role model for the entire Bahujan community, crores of countrymen worship you. It is because of your struggles that today our society has got such political strength due to which the Bahujan community has learned to live with respect.

# Gujarat 12 class results: Over 82 pc clear science, 91 pc excel in general stream

Gandhinagar, May 9 (IANS) The Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHŚEB) on Thursday declared Class 12 examínations results with the students enrolled in the science stream recording a pass percentage of 82.45 per cent while those in the general stream achieved a remarkable 91.93 per cent success

rate.

To pass the Class 12 science exams, candidates must score at least 33 out of 100 in each subject. The board has also announced the results for the Gujarat Common Entrance Test (GUJCET) 2024 and Sanskrit Madhyama exams.

111,132 students who appeared for the exams, 91,625 succeeded, translating to a pass rate of 82.45 per cent. This marks a substantial increase from last year's pass rate of 65.58 per cent.

The Kumbhariya examination, Surat Centre outshone all others with a near-perfect pass rate of 97.97 per cent. In contrast, the Bodeli examination (Tribal area) centre reported the lowest pass rate at 47.98 per cent.

Morbi district led the districts with a pass rate of 92.80 per cent while Chhotaduepur recorded the lowest with 51.36 per cent. At least 127 schools across the state have

achieved a 100 per cent pass rate.

Around 1,034 students attained an A1 while 8,983 students secured A2.

Analysis by language medium showed that 81.92 per cent of students from English-medium schools passed their exams, slightly lower than the 82.94 per cent success rate among Gujara-ti-medium students.

Additionally, the results were broken down by groups, with Group A candidates achieving a 90.11 per cent pass rate, Group B candidates at 78.34 per cent, and Group AB at a lower 68.42 per cent.

The board exams, conducted in March 2024, saw 110,000 science stream students and over 350,000 general stream students eagerly partici-

pating.
Students can view their results by visiting the board's official website at www.GSEB.org and entering their seat number. Alternatively, results can be obtained by sending seat numbers via WhatsApp to 6357300971. Further details regarding distributing mark sheets and certificates to schools will be disclosed later. The GSH-SEB also confirmed that the results for the Class 10 exams, conducted in March this year, will be announced on May 11, 2024, at 8:00 AM, also accessible via the board's



Celebrating success! Students of H.B. Kapadiya High School rejoice as the HSC results are declared.

# 88.64 pc students pass class 12 exam in Assam Guwahati, May 9 stream, there were 17,307 (IANS)Assam Higher Secstudents with the pass per-

ondary Education Council (AHSEC) announced the results of the class 12 examination on Thursday with an overall pass per-centage of 88.64 per cent.

The highest pass percentage was recorded in the science stream. Out of 54,660 students who appeared in the examination, 89.88 per cent of students

In the Arts stream, 2,00,495 students appeared in the examination and the pass percentage was recorded as 89.19 per cent. In the commerce centage being 87.80 per cent. The AHSEC this year did not declare ranks as announced earlier. Apart from the AHSEC website, students were provided "Upolobdha" app to download the results. Assam Education Minister Ranoj Pegu wrote on his X handle: "Congratulations! 88.64 per cent of students have passed. Arts (88.24 per cent) Sc (90.29 per cent) Com (88.28 per cent) Voc (85.78 per cent). 27,3908 students had appeared exam; 24,2794 students have passed."

Gandhinagar, May 9 (IANS) The Election Commission has announced repolling on May 11 at a booth in Parthampur village in Gujarat's Dahod Lok Sabha constituency after a booth-capturing incident was reported on

Dahod is a Scheduled Tribes reserved seat, where BJP's Jasvantsinh Bhabhor is seeking a third consecutive term. Prabha Taviad is the candidate from the Congress. Following the emer-

gence of a video from the Santrampur Assembly constituency, which is part of the Dahod Lok Sabha

seat, authorities acted promptly. Vijay Bhabhor, identi-

fied as the son of the in-cumbent BJP MP Jasvan-



tsinh Bhabhor, is said to have broadcast live from a polling station in Santrampur taluka, Mahisagar

account. Although the video was subsequently deleted, it had already been widely shared, sparking significant

district, via his Instagram

outcry. In the video, Vijay heard claiming owner-ship of the voting ma-chine in Gujarati, asserting that

"ma-

chine belongs to my father". In response to the incident, the Central Election Commission has mandated a fair and transparent polling process for the upcoming repolling date.

Two individuals have been arrested in connection with the incident, and a show cause notice has been issued to the polling staff on duty, including the Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, and two Polling Officers. The Congress party's spokesperson Manish

Doshi expressed concern and claimed it was an attempt by the BJP to cap-ture booths. The party demanded repolling not only at the affected booth but also in others suspected of similar violations.

# arrested

Lucknow, May (IANS) A man was axed to death on Thursday and three people, including his wife, her paramour and his friend have been arrested in Kushabhari village on the outskirts of Lucknow.

The victim was identified as 35-year-old Pradeep Gautam. Rekha, the wife of the deceased, admitted to having killed Pradeep along with her lover and his friend because he refused to accept her affair. Rekha's lover Sonu Pal and his friend Raju Gautam, have

KEDARNATH, Kedarnath Temple being decorated with flowers ahead of its opening for 'Char Dham Yatra', in Kedarnath, Rudraprayag on Thursday. UNI

# Decline in Hindu population is a concern, says BJP leader CT Ravi

Bengaluru, May 9 going unchecked. BJP, C.T. Ravi has expressed concern over the decline in the Hindu population and an increase in the Muslim population between 1950 and 2015.

Talking to IANS on Thursday, he warned against overlooking the historical consequences of such shifts, pointing to examples like the creation of Afghanistan, Pakistan,

Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh due to demographic changes.
Ravi emphasized that demographic shifts can lead to feelings of insecurity and threaten the stability of the Constitution bility of the Constitution. He argued that if the population demographics continue to change, there could be a loss of cultural and religious freedoms, with festivals and celebrations coming under the control of specific groups. He also raised concerns about issues such as cow slaughter and 'love jihad'

posed two solutions. Firstly, he advocated for increased societal awareness to prevent religious

conversions and encourage resistance against demographic changes. Secondly, he called for legislative measures to address these issues, suggesting that laws need to be enacted to maintain social harmony and protect the rights

of all citizens.Ravi cau-(IANS) Former national general secretary of the cerns, the BJP leader protein the historical significance of regions like Pakistan and Afghanistan, which were once part of India, and highlighted the need to ed-ucate future generations about the realities of India's of partition and the plight of refugees. He stressed the importance of acknowledging historical events and learning from them to prevent similar challenges in the future.

#### **Kedarnath shrine adorned with 20** quintals of flowers, to open today New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) The portals of the holy

Kedarnath Dham are set to open on Friday. While the preparations for the ceremonial opening of the temple are in full swing, the devotees have started assembling for the first darshan of the deity. The portals will be thrown open for devotees at 7 AM morning on Friday. One major highlight of this year's opening ceremony is that the temple is being decorated with 20 quintals of flowers. The pictures of the decorated temple, as it surfaced on social media gave a mesmerising look. Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC) President Ajendra Ajay told newsmen that the flowers reached the holy temple via helicopters and the devotees are ecstatic and elated over such arrangements. Earlier in the day, Uttarakhand CM took to his X handle and welcomed the devotees to Kedarnath Dham.

#### UP: BSP friends change parties, turn foes now pitted against each SP has now fielded him a former BSP minister, a former BSP minister, a former BSP minister, Lucknow, May 9 (IANS)

Old friends in Uttar Pradesh have turned foes and are now battling against each other in the Lok Sabha elections.

Their friendship dates back to the days when they were members of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) but after their ouster from BSP, they have taken different paths and are

In Ambedkar Nagar, the sitting BSP MP Ritesh Pandev has joined the BJP and

is now the BJP candidate here. His main rival is Lalji Varma from the Samajwadi Party (SP).
Lalji Varma, till about two years ago, was one of the most important leaders in the BSP after Mayawati.

He was the leader of the legislature party and was one of Mayawati's most trusted lieutenants. It is hard to say what went wrong and why Lalji Varma was suddenly ex-

pelled from the party. He joined SP and became MLA from the Katehri assembly segment.

Lok Sabha seat where he is pitted against Ritesh Pandey. Pandey won his first Lok Sabha election on a BSP ticket in 2019. He was even made the leader of the BSP parliamentary party but things soured and Ritesh joined BJP. His father Rakesh Pandey, SP MLA from Jalalpur, has also shifted loyalties to BJP. The two leaders who once held the BSP blue flag together are now holding the saffron (BJP) and green (SP) flags separately. A similar situation can be seen in Jaunpur where leaders from BSP are fac-

from the Ambedkar Nagar

ing each other. Babu Singh Kushwaha, once enjoyed a position in the party that no one else can boast of having ever enjoyed. However, when things started souring, he left the party and is now contesting the Jaunpur Lok Sabha seat on a Samajwa-

di Party ticket.
Pitted against him is the
sitting BSP MP Shyam
Singh Yadav, Vadav, disil lusioned by BSP, was frequently seen accompanying Ráhul Gandhi during the latter's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra when it entered UP. Today, Babu Singh Kushwaha is facing Shyam Singh Yadav and though both have a BSP background, they are challenging each other.

# Migrants threatening survival of indigenous people of Manipur: CM Biren Singh Imphal, May 9 (IANS) immigration but raises obManipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that impair Manipur, India This en in various measures to curb

Biren Singh said that immigrants from across the border threatened the survival of indigenous people in the state and the government would not allow it to continue.

Singh in his series of social media posts without naming Myanmar said that till May 7, a total of 5,457 illegal immigrants have been detected and biometric data of 5,173 of them have been collected while the deportation pro-

cess is underway.
"In this crucial juncture,
we have noticed certain homegrown groups, based out of Western countries, criticising the steps taken up against illegal immigration by giving a communal tone and propagating it as violations propagating it as violations of religious freedom," the

Chief Minister said. "Ironically, this lobby is quiet about Western countries' stance against illegal

en in Manipur, India. This selective outrage raises concerns about the agendas and propaganda pur-

das and propaganda pursued by these groups with secessionist tendencies."

Singh, who also holds the home portfolio, during the past few days has been posting on various social media about aspects of illegal migrants in pects of illegal migrants in Manipur from neighbour-ing Myanmar. Manipur shares around 400 km of international border with Myanmar. Works for fencing of the 20 km of the mountainous borders are

now underway.
The Chief Minister had said that the influx of illegal immigrants from Myanmar led to the emergence

of 996 new villages in the state in the past 18 years. "The unnatural growth of 996 new villages since 2006 and illegal immigration from Myanmar is a

threat to the indigenous

set up settlements by encroaching upon forest lands, leading to defores-

lands, leading to deforestation and environmental degradation," a Manipur government report said.

It added that the immigrants have engaged in illicit activities such as poppy cultivation, further exacerbating the socio-economic and ecological challenges faced by the relenges faced by the region. In response to these challenges, the Manipur government has initiated several measures aimed at addressing the issue of illegal immigration and its associated impacts.

The report, accessed by IANS, said the state government following the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been collecting biometric data of the illegal immigrants and geotagging their settlements. According to the report, the state government has taken

the illegal influx from across the border.

The measures include enhancing security along around 400 km India-Myanmar border in Manipur, engagement of indigenous communities, empowering them to safeguard their rights and interests against approach terests against encroachment and exploitation and urged the Central government to scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR) between India and Myanmar. The FMR allowed citizens residing close to both sides of the border to move 16 km into each other's territory without a passport or a visa.

The Manipur Chief Minister had said that 877 square km of forest cover in the northeastern state were destroyed in 34 years (1987-2021), primarily for the illegal cultivation of poppy, which has been used to manufacture vari-



RAE BARELI, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra being greeted during an election rally for Lok Sabha elections, in Rae Bareli on Thursday. UNI



# Sam Pitroda's crude parallels to explain diversity show how, for some Indians, self-worth is skin deep

Some decrying Pitroda's comments have called out the African parallel, not the 'White' one. When it comes to prejudice, perhaps Pitroda and some of his critics are painted in the same

No one can accuse Sam Pitroda of choosing his words too carefully. After giving the 2024 Lok Sabha campaign one of its main talking points with his comments on inheritance tax, the former Indian Overseas Congress chairman has once again kicked off a row that his party is scrambling to distance itself from and which has cost him his pacition. With the intention of collaboration Indian position. With the intention of celebrating Indian diversity, Pitroda said in an interview, "People in the East look Chinese, people in the West look like Arab, people in the North like, maybe, White and people in the South look like African." Surely, Pitroda, a longtime US resident, should know the connotations of such descriptors and their links

The fact that there is something truly unique and wonderful about how India, despite all its differences, holds together needs more nuanced articulation. But is it really surprising that, coming from a nation which still props up a skin-lightening industry worth several thousand crores, Pitroda's instinct, in explaining Indian diversity, was to latch onto differences in colour and facial features? If anything, this instinct is merely an extension of the still widely-held belief in India that the hue of one's skin is not just a matter of melanin count, that it says something about the value of the flesh

and blood underneath. There is, in fact, a rich irony in the outrage over Pitroda's words, given that much of the ire is directed at the comparison of south Indians to "Africans". This strand of condemnation is based on the assumption that to be compared to Africans is somehow undesirable — given the history of racism against people of African origin. A post script: Some decrying Pitroda's comments have called out the African parallel, not the "White" one When it comes to praidle, not have Pitroone. When it comes to prejudice, perhaps Pitroda and some of his critics are painted in the same



New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) People with confirmed tuberculosis (TB) infection -- that is a positive skin or blood test -- should take the preventive treatment,

regardless of age, finds a study on Thursday.

Preventive treatment for tuberculosis (TB) can stop latent TB infections (with no symptoms) from developing into deadly diseases lat-

Notably, researchers from Boston University in the US found that preventive TB treatment was not effective in most individuals who did not show evidence of infection, except for children under 5. Among 439,644 participants, the

team found that preventive TB treatment was 49 per cent effective among the 2,496 individuals who developed TB, but particularly among individuals with a positive skin or blood test

(for which the effectiveness was 80 per cent).
"While it is critical to find and

treat people who are spreading TB in the community, the threat of global TB will never end until people with latent TB receive treatment. The results of this study show just how effective such treatment can be," said Dr. C. Robert Horsburgh, professor of global health at the varsity's School of Public Health.

"Tuberculosis affects tens of millions of people every year and has long-term lasting effects, even after people recover. Finding ways to optimise prevention is really important to tackle the epidemic," said lead author Dr. Leonardo Martinez,

assistant professor of epidemiology. The team also estimated the

number of needed-to-treat (NNT) to prevent one person from developing TB disease.

Regardless of infection status, the NNT was lower in high-burden settings (20 to 42 people) versus settings (29 to 43 people) versus low-burden settings (213 to 455

people), the study showed.
"Despite the fact that individuals with negative blood or skin tests do not seem to benefit from preventive treatments, the researchers say the overall low NNT may justify prioritising this treat-ment to all exposed contacts in areas where testing for TB infection is inaccessible," the team said.--IANS

# Constituency Watch: VBA's entry has made contest tough for Shiv Sena factions in Shirdi

Mumbai, May 9 (IANS) There is a triangular contest in the Shirdi reserved Lok Sabha constituency where the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena has renominated the sitting MP Sadashiv Lokhande against the former MP and Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Bhausaheb Wakchaure and the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) nominee and former Congress leader Utkarsha Rupawate. The entry of Rupawate has made the contest tough for

made the contest tough for both Lokhande and Wakchaure.

For these three nominees the contest is an acid test as this is likely to be the last election in the reserved constituency if the delimitation process begins in 2026.

Even though the election is slated for May 13, campaigning by the three candidates has been very lacklustre largely also because of the ongoing

A total of 20 candidates are in the fray. There are 16,77,335 voters comprising 8,64,573 males and 8,12,684 females in

the constituency.
For the Shinde faction it is a challenge to retain supremacy as the party has given yet another chance to Lokhande despite strong resentations. ment from within the party, allies and various organisations due to his lack of connect with the people at the grassroots despite being at the helm

Lokhande, who was elected as the Shiv Sena (united) nominee during the 2014 and 2019 elections, is struggling to score a hat-trick due to the

major anti-incumbency factor against him.
After the Eknath Shinde rebellion in June

Sai baba temple and a functional airport that has opened up new opportunities to spur development across sectors. In the case of Wakchaure, who was elected as the Shiv Sena (united) candidate in the 2009 elections, it is an opportunity to seek votes based on his past

party's position, especially after the split.

Uddhav Thackeray has urged the voters to elect Wakchaure for the speedy development of the constituency. However, the entry of VBA nominee Rupawate has made the task pawate has made the task difficult for both Lokhande and Wakchaure as they fear that the division of votes may impact their poll prospects adversely.

Rupawate is banking on her work in the Congress and connect with the people of the constituency. She

of the constituency. She hopes to mobilise votes ex-ploiting the discontent against Lokhande and

Incidentally, the three candidates are focussing on local issues instead of national ones. The incomplete work of the Nilwande Dam, long-pending Ahmednagar-Manmad highway, problems faced by industrial units in the Maharashtra Industrial the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporationrun industrial estates, volatility in the prices of onion and other agricultural produce are some of the key issues being flagged during the campaign which will con-clude on May 11.

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ayuti government.

This apart, Eknath Shinde has been personally engaged in charging up the party machinery for Lokhande's victory.

Shinde's appeal to the veters is

Shinde's appeal to the voters is "Vote for Lokhande means a vote for Modi to make him the Prime Minister for the third time.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently addressed a rally appealing to the voters to elect Lokhande for the speedy transformation of Shirdi constituency which houses a performance and thereby increase the presence of Shiv Sena (UBT) in the constituency.

Wakchaure is cashing in on the Shiv Sena (UBT)'s strong organisational structure up to Shakhas coupled with the active involvement of Congress veteran Balasaheb Thorat, former minister Shankarrao Gadakh and Legislator Lahu Ka-

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray has made the Shirdi seat a prestige issue to consolidate the

# People of Nagaland faced a great ordeal during World War II: Japanese Ambassador

imbassador to india Hirosni Suzu<sup>.</sup> ki on Wednesday said that Nagaland's people, who had nothing to do with World War II, inevitably had to go through a great ordeal where many were coerced into cooperation while many lost their lives and most were forced to flee from the land of their ancestors.

In his address at the inaugural programme of the Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco-Park where he was the special guest, he expressed his deepest sympathy and condolences to the people of Nagaland who were caught in the conflict during the war between Japanese forces and the British Commonwealth Forces 80 years ago.

The envoy further added that he was deeply honoured to witness the inauguration of the Kohima Peace Memorial and that the "monument enabled us to offer our most solemn prayers to all the victims of the battle"

Expressing his gratitude to the people of Nagaland for their support provided to the Kohima-Japan

Kohima, May 9 (IANS) Japan's Bone collection team for enabling and brotherhood of humanity, the pursue former soldiers and their collect the remains of fallen soldiers, Hiroshi said that the Eco-Park would be developed as part of the Nagaland Forest Management Project with Official Development Assistance (ODA) from the Japanese government.

He expressed his sincere grati-tude to Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and the state's people for erecting the peace memorial and hoped it would be a reason for more Japanese people to visit Kohima.

'I am convinced that the friendship originally fostered through the collection of the remains between Japan and Nagaland would be further strengthened through the construction of the Eco-Park as well as the exchange of young people, and they would become new bridges between India and Japan," he said.

Chief Minister Rio said that the event marked an important milestone in the narrative of the Naga-Japan partnership, which, though starting under conflict, had today matured into one advocating peace

e that has been embodied by the Kohima Peace Memorial.

He expressed his admiration for Japan's perseverance and industriousness and how it has shown the world what can be achieved through dedication, precision and hard work. Rio highlighted how Nagaland's association with Japan had started almost five decades ago, through the Japan Association for the recovery and repatriation of war remains, and how the relationship has now matured into bilateral cooperation "under which we have two ongoing Externally Aided Projects in the forestry and medical sectors'

He said that the Eco-Park, once completed, would turn out to be a critical centre of urban space and public utility and the park would also become a testament to the collaboration between the people of Japan and India, especially the Naga people, and would strengthen bonds, enhance bilateral ties and open opportunities for the citizens of the two countries to always

goals.Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Village Guards Minister C. L. John thanked all officials and dignitaries who have travelled all the way from Japan and Delhi to attend the inauguration of the Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco-Park.

Highlighting how 70 per cent of the state population is engaged in agriculture, mostly the traditional method of 'jhum' (shifting cultivation) which is a major reason for the loss of forest cover in Nagaland, he said that in such a situation, the sanctioning of JICA-assisted Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) seems providential in rescuing the rich biodiversity of the state. The Japanese Ambassador, who began a two-day visit to Nagaland on Tuesday, on Wednesday also visited Kohima village and was shown traditional weaving and folk singing. During a discussion with the village elders and members, Hiroshi acknowledged the Angamis for their hospi-

# Gurugram: 'Cast vote on May 25 and flaunt inked finger to get discounts in multiplex'

Gurugram, May 9 (IANS) The Gurugram district administration fline tickets available from the tive to increase the turnout of voters in the May 25 Lok Sabha polls in the Gurgaon Parliamentary constituency with officials an-



nouncing discounts on movie tickets and food items in multiplexes apart from complimentary refresh-

A single-phase voting will be held in all 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana on May 25.

An official on Wednesday said that all one needs to do is flaunt his/ her inked finger on the poll-

10 members of Lawrence Bishnoi-Goldy Brar

counter or on rood and drinks available on the cinema hall premises.In this regard, a meeting of representatives of several multiplex chains was held on

Wednesday which was chaired by Hitesh Kumar Meena, ADC, and nodal officer for the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme, Gurugram. 'The voters will also get

complimentary refresh-ments in some multiplexes," Meena told the media.

He said that all the multiplexes would telecast the message of the District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav and short films related to voter awareness on the screens. Recently, the Gurugam district administration has roped in Indian cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal as the 'brand ambassador' to boost voter turnout.

# Delhi Labour Commissioner issues notice to Air India Express management, union

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) Delhi Regional Labour Commissioner Ashok Perumalla has issued a notice to the Air India Express Employees Union and the airline management for the appearance for conciliation proceedings at 2 p.m. in his chamber at Delhi's Dwarka area.

'In continuation to the email dated May 9....., it is to inform you that



the conciliation proceedings will be held by the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) in his chamber on May 9 at 1400 Hrs at 6th floor, Shramev Jayate Bhawan, G-4, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi 110075, read the notice, in possession with IANS. It added that the management of Air India Express Ltd. is requested to attend the conciliation proceedings through a competent person who could take decisions in

the matter in order to resolve the dispute amicably.

genuine and the management of the

airline has not sent any responsible

Earlier, the email sent by Perumalla on May 3, in which Air India Express CEO Aloke Singh and Air India CEO Campbell Wilson, stated that the concerns of the Union are

decision-makers to any of the conciliation proceedings. "Mismanagement and blatant violations of labour laws were apparent. The HR Department tried to mislead the conciliation officer with the wrong infor-

mation and an idiotic interpretation of legal provisions," read the email by Perumalla. The Air India Express Employees Union (AIX-

EU), representing a segment of cabin crew members, had also earlier written to the Chandrashekharan, addressing employee grievances and expressing concerns about the ongoing situation within Air India Express Limited, especially after its acquisition by Taṫa.The union has accused the airline of mismanagement and unequal treatment of staff, claiming that these issues have adversely impacted employee morale.

# **Director of medical** college in Kerala, ex-Bishop named in ED charge sheet

Kochi, May 9 (IANS) The Director of a medical college in Kerala, a former Bishop of the South Kerala CSI Dioceses and others have been named in a charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate at a PMLA Court, here on Thursday.

ment complaints given against the office bearers of the Dr Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College located in the capital city's suburbs.

recently questioned all the accused and then came the filing of the charge sheet.

nine gang members were arrested while

The case pertains to embezzle-

Those named in the ED charge sheet include Dr Bennet Abraham, Director of the medical college, who was also the CPI candidate in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections against Congress sitting MP Shashi Tharoor, TT Praveen, the then Secretary of the Dioceses, former Bishop Dharmaraj Rasalam and three others. The embezzlement charge was first probed by the Kerala Police, which gave a clean chit to all those named in the complaint. The complainants then approached the court, which ordered an ED probe in 2022. The charge sheet that the ED filed on Thursday, is based on one of the few complaints. The ED

pan-India crackdown by Delhi Police's Special Cell against the criminal module of absconding alleged terrorist Satinderjeet Singh aka Goldy Brar and Lawrence Bishnoi,

a juvenile was apprehended, police said on Wednes-

day.
The official said asthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar

arrested persons, who were connected through social media sites including Făcebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and other encrypted chat platforms, were previously involved in criminal activities at the behest of Brar and Bishnoi.

Two each were apprehended

#### syndicate nabbed from various states: Delhi Police New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) In a from Delhi, UP, and Punjab, and one joining states for committing offenceach from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, and Bihar. The

accused have been identified as Jaspreet Singh aka Rahul, Dharmendra aka Kartik, Manjeet, Gurpal

that the operation spanned 'seven states - Delhi, Raj-Pradesh, and Bihar and with their arrests, contract killing and other heinous crimes in Delhi and other states have been averted.

The official said that some of the Singh, Manjeet Singh Guri, Abhay Soni, Sachin Kumar, Santosh aka

Police said that reliable inputs were received that an interstate

Sultan Baba, and Santosh Kumar. module operating at the behest of notorious gangsters Bishnoi, lodged in jail and Brar, based abroad, was very active in Delhi, NCR and ades of extortion, killings and other heinous crimes. "While monitoring the activities of this syndicate, some incriminatory conversation amongst the members of this syndicate sit-

ting in different states came to notice through technical surveillance wherein they were conspiring to carry out some killing/heinous crime which was further corroborated by source input," Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Cell, Prateeksha Godara said. It was also learnt that

these gangsters had also procured weapons. It was also learnt that these gangsters had also procured weapons. "To avert the nefarious

designs of these members, a case was registered at Special Cell on April 24 un-

der relevant provisions of IPC. Multiple teams were constituted and dispatched immediately at different locations in all the states where these members were located," the DCP said. Seven pistols with 31 live cartridges were also recovered from their possession.

# n the news

Aditi Rao Hydari's 'effortless' fashion: 'Even with a maang tika, I must feel I woke up like this

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) Actress Aditi Rao Hydari, who oozes elegance in every outer that she wears, feels that fashion should be effortless and there shouldn't be any

With 10.9 million followers on Instagram, Adi-ti's social media feed is full of pictures of her wearing Indian outfits, traditional wear, gowns, co-ord sets, pantsuits and floral dress-

Speaking about what fashion means to her, Aditi told IANS: "Fashion is something that comes from within you. You can play with fashion, but I believe fashion can be created from my cupboard, your cupboard, my sister's cupboard or my brother's cupboard also. Fashion is fun. And sometimes fashion ends up costing a lot, but sometimes you can create from your own thing. It's about being cre-

ative." She went on to say,



"When I started in 2011-12, that time I didn't care, but after a few years it became a burden for me that I have to look glamorous, wear heels, put on makeup. But I was always like I don't want to do all these things. I used to say that I will do this on screen but not in real life.

"But in the last 4-5 years I feel like I am what Ì am, I am who I am. I will sit for an interview without makeup, with my hair all tied up. I feel my heart has to connect to you. And if this connects everything

else works. Fashion, face, skin everything else also falls into place. And, I think fashion should be effortless. There shouldn't be any burden. Maybe some people will like it, some will not. If you feel good, then do it," shared Aditi, who is most recently seen as Bibbojaan in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's debut web series 'Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar'.

If she follow any Gen-Z trends? Aditi said she doesn't know about any trends but wears whatever she feels like.

#### Ali Fazal on how it's humbling to work with Kamal Haasan and Mani Ratnam

Mumbai, May 9 (IANS) Actor Ali Fazal, who is Mani's vision for 'Thug Life.' I hope to bring somemaking his debut in the thing of significance to this South Indian film industry canvas. It's an honour to with Mani Ratnam's 'Thug collaborate with Kamal Life' starring Kamal Haasan, said that working Haasan and exchange ideas with him.' with two stalwarts of Indi-

an cinema is a humbling

experience for him.

Ali said: "I am genuine-

Hina Khan is

back in 'aamchi

Mumbai', talks about how she

missed her bed

ly thrilled to be a part of

"Working with two stal-warts of Indian cinema is a humbling experience. I am deeply grateful to Mani for entrusting me with this role, and I am eagerly looking forward to bringing it to life on screen.

The film will be shot by Ravi K. Chandrán, and the music will be composed by the legendary A. R. Rahman. Details about Ali's character are being kept under

wraps.Production for 'Thug Life' has officially commenced in New Delhi.



Mumbai, May 9 (IANS) Actress Rashmika Mandanna, who is currently experiencing a dream run in the movies, will be portraying the female lead in the

rected by A.R. Murugadoss, who is known for films like 'Ghajini' and 'Holiday: A Soldier Is Never Off Duty'. On Thursday, the makers of the film made the announce-



upcoming Salman Khanstarrer film 'Sikandar'. This marks the first collaboration between Salman and Rashmika. 'Sikandar' is di-

ment about Rashmika joining the cast. They posted on X: "Welcoming the fabulous @rashmika mandanna to star opposite @beingsal-

Can't wait for their onscreen magic to unfold on EID 2025! #SajidNadiadwala's #Sikandar Directed by @a.r.murugadoss Releasing in cinemas EID 2025.' The film is produced by Sajid Nadiadwala of Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, marking the re-union of Salman with Sajid after 'Kick', which was re-leased in 2014. The film, which is currently in preproduction, will soon go on floors and is scheduled for release on Eid 2025. Meanwhile, Rashmika, who last appeared in the blockbuster 'Animal' alongside Ranbir Kapoor, alšo has the Allu Arjun-starrer 'Pushpa 2: Thé Rule' in which she will reprise her role of Srivalli.

#### **Busy birthday: Vijay Deverakonda** shares glimpse of 'VD14' set in 19th century

Mumbai, May 9 (IANS) After unveiling the first look of his film with director Ravi Kiran Kola, actor Vijay Deverakonda again treated his fans on his birthday with a glimpse of his tentatively titled film 'VD14', set in the 19th century. Vijay took to X and shared a poster featuring a sculpture of a king. The poster has "The Legend of the Cursed Land. 1854-1878" written on it.

# 'Aangan Aapno Kaa' team beats summer heat by hosting mango party on set

Mumbai, May 9 (IANS) The cast of the family drama 'Aangan Aapno Kaa' enjoyed an impromptu mango party on the sets of the show, which not only



provided a welcome break from the sun, but also strengthened the bond between the cast and crew.

The show is currently immersed in intense drama as Pallavi (played by Avushi Khurana) strategises with the family mem-

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૪૦ વર્ષથી(Estd.-1982) પારંગત પારદર્શક આધુનિક ટેકનીક દ્વારા હોસ્પિટલ સેવા

bers to give Pappi Mehra (Ashwin Kaushal), the fraudster who wronged them, a taste of his own medicine.Just as the in-

triguing drama unfolds on screen, the actors are facing an equally challenging battle offscreen: combating the relentless summer heat. Kusum (Sonali Naik), who plays Akash (Samar Vermani)'s chàchi on the show, came to the

rescue by bringing a batch of mangoes from her friend's farm.In the mid of filming under the scorching sun, the Sharma and Awasthi family members gathered to escape the heat and share some re-

Mumbai, May 9 (IANS) Actress Hina Khan, whó has been travelling for promotions for her upcoming film 'Shinda Shinda No Papa', has returned to

"aamchi Mumbai" for a day

and expressed how much

she missed her bed.

Hina took to her Instagram stories on Thursday, where she first shared a picture of the airport and wrote: "Home sirf ek din ke liye."The actress then shared a video of herself

from her car and shared details about her work life.

"So, we are here in Mumbai just for a day, though, but acha lag raha hai. I am going to see mom. I have missed my bed so much, and I am going to see everyone else. I am very happy. We had a premiere in Chandigarh yesterday, and today we have it in Mumbai," she said. The actress said that she will also be travelling to Uttarakhand to complete the shoot of a

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# Cop resumes duty after sister's last rites

#### Pipeline near Karnavati Club repaired after 2 days of wastage

Ahmedabad: During consreuction work on the service road berween Karnavati Club and Iskcon Crossroads, a water popeline wad damaged two

After thousand of litres of potable wate was wasted and photographs and video flooded social media, the civic body on Thuesday wwwning repaired the pipeline.

Sources sid the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) did not take any action for two dys. Photographs and videos of puddles caused by the leak went viral in Monday, the eve of voting in he state for the Lok Sabha election. Civic officials on Tuesfay visited the spot and ordered repairs, which were completed by the evening.

Officials accepted that the popeline had ben damaged during construction work.

#### 20 suffer food poisoning after eating 'Poha'

vadodara: Around 20 casual labourer and their children were rushed to he SSG Hospital on Tuesday after they complained of vomiting and pain in the stomach, reportedly after consoming poha.

They are residents of slum in Suryangar near Navayad in the Fatehgunj area. Poha was being disteibuted free to everyone

near Suryanagar pollinf booth in Fatehgunj area.
"when they were going to work, someone offered them 'poha' which they ate and after some time started vomiting," said Prakash Bhuria, who accompnied the labourers at the hospitaal. He said that around 25 csul labourers and their families had consumed the 'poha' which were distributed in Mehsananagar, Abhilasha crossroads, Sama and

The labourers, however, were not aware who distributed the 'poha'. They were relted to elections." said Bhuris, adding that mosu ptients ate native of Mafhya Pradeh and are stying in the slumd woekng as casual labourers.

Doctors said that he patients suffered symotoms of food poisonind and their condition is stable.

#### **UP man held in 1CR MD havi**

surat: The speial operations group (SOG) of surat polie in Tuesday attested Kasif Saikh, the main accused in the Rs1 vrore mephedrone seizure case og las week. Kasir was arrested in Barakanki district of Uttar Pradesh. Accroding to case details, on April29, Surat polide raided a house in Lalgate area and seized 1kg of mephedrone. However, Kasif had mamaged to escape. Police dsid that after the raid Ksif fied Surat and went, he reacced Unnao in UP before reaching Dewashrif on rabanki district. Surat police changed their appearance to nab the accosed. Their effors pais off when they caught Lasif while he was sleeping. Kasig revealed that he bough the drugs from Mumbai mafias and sold them in Surat in small quantities.

#### Distance no bar for NRGs to exercise their right

Vadodara: it was in 2011 that he came across the Gujarat government's nitiatve to woo the nonresisden Gujaratis (NRG) in the USA. Hemal Trivedi, a resident of Denver Colirado got so impressed with the outreach that in 2012, he flew down to Gujarat to cast his vote in the assembly polls and since then, Trivedi hs never missed a single election. "It gives me a sense of apride when I participate in the elections in my home town. It's my duty vote as I am still an Indian citizen. I have voted in all the assemlu election and Lok Sabha polls after 2012" said Trivedi, a IT professional whose native is in Ahmedabad. Trivedi said that he shifted to the US in 2002 and be was offered American citizenship withina few years. "I talked about it with mu family nut they were not much interested in taking up the citizenship.

#### Air India Express row: 74 flights cancelled as cabin crew members continue strike

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) Over 70 flights were cancelled on Thursday following the mass sick leave taken by the cabin crew of Air India Express, sources said. "A total of 292 AIX flights will operate today, 74 tand cancelled," sources told IANS. The airline's cabin crew went on mass sick leave claiming that despite promises of job security, salary preservation, and recognition of seniority and expertise, there has been a noticeable deviation from these assurances. The Air India Express Employees Union (AIXEU), representing a segment of cabin crew members, had also earlier written to Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran, addressing employee grievances and expressing concerns about the ongoing situation within Air India Express Limited, especially after its acquisition by Tata.

#### **Medicare Hygiene forays into** cosmetics segment with ecofriendly wet wipes\*

Ahmedabad, 9th May 2024: Medicare Hygiene Limited, a reputed name engaged in the manufacturing and exporting of medical bandages, surgical non-woven disposable products, and more, has forayed into the cosmetics segment with the launch of Earthika Eco-friendly Wet Wipes. While beginning with wet wipes, the company plans to launch several more products in the cosmetics segment in the coming months. Speaking about the new business foray, Mr. Jitendra Sachhade, Managing Director of Medicare Hygiene, said, "As a leading manufacturer of medical bandage, gauze square pad, surgical dressing material, and other similar products, a foray into the cosmetics industry is a natural extension for us.

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# Gujarat High Court upholds constitutional validity of Land Grabbing Act, including provisions applied retrospectively

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, The Gujarat High Court on Thursday upheld the constitutional validity of the Gujarat Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Act, 2020, dismissing a bunch of over 100 petitions that had challenged the law.

The law came into ef-Ine law came into effect in December 2020 and was first challenged before the high court in February 2021. The petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Act were first heard by a diviwere first heard by a division bench led by then Chief Justice Vikram Nath (now a Supreme Court judge). The case was subsequently taken up by a division bench led by the next Chief Justice Aravind Kumar, who is also an SC

judge now.

Reading the operative portion of the verdict on Thursday, Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Sunita Agarwal and Justice Sunita Reading Mayor held tice Aniruddha Mayee held that they did not find any good ground to hold the law to be unconstitutional.

cy to the central laws such as the Limitation Act, 1963; Civil Procedure Code (CPC), 1908; Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), 1973; Transfer of Property Act, 1882; Specific Relief Act, 1963; Indian Evidence Act, 1872; and the Indian Contract Act. 1872," as claimed by the petitioners. Given that the Court did not find the Gujarat legislation to be in contradiction with the Union government's legislations, the Court held that it "cannot be said to be hit by Article 254 of Constitu-

Article 254 deals with inconsistency between laws made by Parliament and laws made by state legislatures.

tion of India for want of

presidential assent," as

was argued by the peti-

The Court also held that the plea of manifest arbitrariness and the Act being violative of Article 14 of the Constitution by

They added that there was treating 'unequals as "no question of repugnan-equals', too, does not hold." It then observed that the "various provisions of the Gujarat Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Act, 2020, are found to have rationale with the object and purpose of the Act which is to curb the land grabbing activities

Gujarat."Dismissing the petitions to be "devoid of merit", the bench recorded that the Act cannot be said to be violative of the basic structure of the Con-"Testing the validity of the Gujarat Land Grabbing

(Prohibition) Act 2020 on the doctrine of proportionality for providing a mini-mum sentence of imprisonment of 10 years for the offence of land grabbing, it is concluded that the wisdom of the legislature is to be given due credence. It is for the legislature, the representative of people, to decide as to what is good and bad for them as it is supposed to know and

be aware of the needs of

the people. The Court cannot sit in judgment over its wisdom," the Court held, thus concluding that the Act cannot be invalidated on the plea of the petitioners that the prescribed punishment is harsh, disproportionate, and manifestly arbitrary. The Court also did not find any substance in the petitioners' argument wherein they challenged the validity of the Act on the grounds of mens rea (the intention of committing an offence) and the retrospective ap-

plication of the Act. Comparing the Gujarat law with pari materia (similar statutes with similar objects and similar subject matter) – legislations enacted in other states such as Assam, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, the Court held that "the validity of the pari materia provisions have been upheld by the Karnataka HC and Assam HC in the challenge to the enactment made by the state legisla-

A police constable However, Dedaniya gave working with the Local Intelligence Bureau (LIB) at Vatva police station returned to election duty in four hours afer pergonming the last rite of his sister who died of bone marrow cancer.

On May 4, Manish Dedaniya received a call informing him about of his sister Gayatei,26.

She was residing with her parents at their native place in Botad.

Assistant connissioner of police Pradipsingh Jadeja said that Dedaniya decided to go to Botad for the last rites of hos sister. Since he was on election duty he could not visit his sister in Bhavanagar whehe she was admitted foe teatement.

Jadeja said thet despite his loss, Dedaniya decided to return to poll duty soon after the last rites. "His superiors has asked him to stay back wirh his family and fulfil his social responsibilities.

24-year-old Afghan student hangs to death in Rajkot MBA students fron Bihar Ends Life in Vadodara

duty his personal respomsibilites," said Jadeja.

Aas an LIB officer, Dedaniya was involved in bandobust duty and distriburion of EVM machines

in hid police station area. Dedaniya told his colleagues that he stuck to his conscience since he did not want to regret not being able to carry out the tlection duty he ws as-

signed. Jadeja said that LIB constables ensure smooth police operetions during

"They have key responasibilities such as managing arrangements at poolling centres, gathering information, allocating forces for rallies and police bandbut in te area, as wall as providing ssommofation and food to forcced coming from outside.

Plolice officers relu heavily on LIB personnel round the-clock during he rlection process," he said.

# Nimay Kalyani named director of University of Wollongong's GIFT City campus

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, The Uni-

versity of Wollongong India (ÚOW India) has appointed Nimay Kalyani as the director of its campus in GIFT City.
Originally from Gujarat,

Nimay is a global professional who settled in Australia in 2010. He joined UOW as a project director, responsible for establishing the university's international branch campus at GIFT City.

The Indian Express had reported last year that the two first foreign universities to set up their international branch campuses at GIFT City — Deakin University and University

of Wollongong will start operations in June — will have a mix of faculty from India Australia. UOW Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Strategy) Prof Tony Travaglione said, "Our upcoming GIFT City campus will be a world-class facility and we are excited to see new developments taking shape under Nimay's leadership.

His extensive background and wealth of experience in academia, international relations and business development makes him the best fit to set up and manage a world class campus in In-

"Growing up in the

back allies of Ahmedabad, guess I have always been a Gujarati and by virtue an Indian at heart," Nimay said.

He added, "As a campus director, my role will be to provide strategic input as well as operational and financial leadership to ensure the successful delivery of the university's objectives and achieve the highest quality student.' On his appointment, Nimay said he is excited to take on the role of the campus director and the opportunities it will bring Indian students.

The UOW is also in discussions with local government organisations.

sudenrs, incuding an Afghanistn national, allegedly died by suicide in Rajkot nd Vadodara in 24 hurs

ending Tuesday.

The 24-years-old Afghani syidents of Rajkot's RK University allegedly died by suicide in the boy's hostel late on Monday night. The student, abdulkahar Maqsudi, who was studying engineering in the private university for the last four years, hanged to death using a nylin rope used foe dring clohes. Other students clled he 108 emergency ambulance whose paramedics

declared him dead. Prelmnary investingation suggested that Maq-Kumar Ram Singh, a secsudi had been trying for a ond year managemen student at Parul University, US visa after his patents migrated there due to Taliban atacks aome months ago. "Maqsudi also started the procedure for obtaininf a US visa but it was rejected. We were told that it he had slipped into depression over the last few months. We are, however, investigating if there were any other reasond for the

frastic step." Aji Dam police station officials said. A case of accidenta; death has been lodged and the police have dtarted recording the sraremenrs of other hosrel students and the rector.In Vadodara, Ankit

hanged to death two days after shifting to his rented house in Amdar village of waghodiya on Tuesfay and they were asleep hen Ankit killed him self. "Preliminary investigation suggest he was depresses due to some reason. His friend haven't said much and the dec-

ceased hasn't left any suicide note. We will learn more once his family arrives from Bihar," said R K Rathwa, sub-inspector, Waghofia police dtatiom. Rathwa said thet Ankit's father is a policeman posted in patna.

# Two get 20 years in jail for possession of MD

By Staff Reporter AhmedabadThe Surat district court on Tuesday sentenced two youths to 20 years of imprisonment for possession of banned mephedrone (MD) worth Rs 4.78 lakh.

The Surat Crime
Branch arrested Sarfaraz
Patel (31), a resident of Rander, and Gulam Jilani alias Lala Barkat Khan (33), a resident of Chowk Bazaar, on December 4, 2019, seizing 95.6 gm of MD from Amrin Park society in Rander town. They were charged under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. Judge K S Trvedi of the special NDPS court convicted Sarfarz and Gulam while also imposing a penalty of Rs 2 lakh each on them. The order stated, "Drug abuse is a social curse and drugs are eating away at the society.

Drug trafficking also adversely affects the country's economy. Money earned through drug trafficking is often used for illegal activities, including promoting terrorism, and affects the economic policies of the country and is detrimental to its future..."In such circumstances, drug-related crimes should be dealt

were in commercial quantity and for that they should be punished," it added. When contacted, defense lawyer M M Mastan said. "We will study the judgment and decide our future course of action."
During hearing, Mastan
and lawyer SA Budda had
told the court that their cli-

ents are lone earning

members of their families

and neither have a crimi-

nal background.

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seized from the accused

## **Tremors below 4** magnitude recorded near Talala town

By Staff Reporter AhmedabadNo damage to life or property was reported, the district administration said. A tremor of 3.7 magnitude hit Talala, a town in Gir Somnath district, on Wednesday afternoon, which was soon followed by another tremor of 3.4 magnitude, the Institute of Seismological Research (ISR) said.

The 3.7 magnitude tremor was recorded with its epicentre around 13 kilometres from north-northeast (NNE) from Talala in Saurashtra region of the state at 3.14 pm, the ISR said in its report.

At 3.18 pm, another tremor of 3.4 magnitude hit with its epicentre 12 km NNE from Talala, it said.

No damage to life or property was reported, the district administration said.

## Youth electrocuted as he climbs atop rail oil tanker, it catches fire By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, A rail oil had climbed the train near Navayard and was per-

tanker, passing through Vadodara city, čaught fire near Pandya bridge on Wednesday after a youth allegedly climbed atop the tankér and was eleċtrocuted from coming in contact with an overhead electric cable. The Vadodara Rail-

way Police, which took away the body for postmortem examination, said the youth is yet to be identified.

According to primary investigation, the youth

forming stunts when he came in contact with a live overhead cable and was instantly electrocuted. "However, the impact of the current passing through the youth was forceful enough to cause a fire in the oil tanker," said an officer. According to the police, the incident occurred around 6.10 am when the train was passing under the Pandya railway overbridge, located near Vadodara station.

The rail tanker was

passing between poles 396/37 and 296/39 when the youth came in contact with the high tension line, causing a near explosion from the current that passed through into the tank car that was loaded with petroleum," the officer said. As three fire tenders were rushed to douse the flames, Vadodara railway station Superintendent Vivek Dighe and other officials rushed to the spot. The train departed at 6.55 am after the fire was extinguished, the police said.

# Gujarat, sudden rain relief for Dang

tween May 11 and 13.

parts reeled under heat

Meanwhile, several day, the weather office said. In a relief from surging

temperatures, Saputara and some parts in Dang received rain with hailstorm on Wednesday evening."Light rain very likely at isolated places in the districts of South Gujarat region namely Chhota Udepur, Narmada, Tapi, Navsari, Valsad and Dang," read the weather forecast for May 12 and 13. It added that weather will be inclement on May 11 also in Dang.

# Six arrested over a week after banned drug mephedrone worth Rs 1 cr seized in Surat

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, Days af-

ter banned drug mephedrone worth Rs 1 crore was seized in crystal form in Surat, six men have been arrested from Mumbai, Uttar Pradesh and Surat, police said on Wednesday.
On April 30, teams of

the Special Operation Group (SOG) and Prevention of Crime Branch (PCB) seized the banned drug while chasing two suspects in Rampura area of Surat. While the men escaped, one of them dropped the package containing the drug, also known as "meow meow".

During investigation, police said the delivery man and the receiver were identified as Mohammed Kashif Shaikh and Shehbaz Khan.While Kashif was earlier found to be

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hiding in Mumbai, he was finally traced in Dewa Sharif in Uttar Pradesh. Our team at Dewa

Sharif in plain clothes kept watch on the movements of Kashif. Finally, upon getting a chance, our team gheraoed him and caught him on May 5. He was brought to Surat on May 6, and arrested," inspector AP Chaudhary said. Acting on inputs received from Kashif during interrogation, police caught drug supplier Asif Khan and peddler Imran Khan from Mumbai.

Three others involved in the drug trade were identified as Faiyaz Saiyedali, Shahid Khan and Mansur Malek.

between April 8 and 12

when he took a video of

# Salman house firing accused did recce of houses of two more actors: Police

By Staff Reporter Ahmedabad, The fifth accused arrested by the Mumbai Police in connection with the firing incident at actor Salman Khan's residence, Mohammad Chaudhary, has told the police that apart from sending a video recording of Khan's Bandra bungalow, he had sent videos of two more Mumbai-based actors to gangster Anmol Bishnoi, brother of incarcerated gangster Lawrence Bishnoi and is suspected to be holed up in US or Canada.

Soon after the firing outside the actor's residence on April 14, Anmol had put up a Facebook post claiming responsibility for the attack.

Police are verifying the claims made by the accused and have sought for a technical investigation of his mobile phone to retrieve some videos that have been deleted. Chaudhary, who was arrested from Kurla on Tuesday, told police that he had conducted a recce of the houses of two other actors

Salman Khan's residence as well. He then sent the video to Anmol to give him an understanding of the location of the building where two persons were to open fire. A senior officer told The Indian Express, "During interrogation, Chaudhary told us that he was asked to take videos of the residence of Salman Khan and two other actors residing in suburban Mumbai. All data have been deleted from his mobile phone and we have sought for help to retrieve them... it may help substantiate his claims."Four persons arrested earlier, including one who allegedly died by suicide in police lock-up, were not linked to the gang directly for a major period but Chaudhary, as per police, was associated with the gang for more than five-six years. As per police, Chaudhary was in direct touch with Anmol Bishnoi and Rohit Godara and spoke to them on video calls.

# As heatwave prevails in parts of By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, While many parts in the state are battling heatwave, Dang on Wednesday witnessed a sudden change in the weather as rain and hail lashed the district. In a respite for other parts too, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a forecast of light rain in some districts of central and southern Gujarat be-

wave on Wednesday-Ahmedabad (43 degrees), Surendranagar (43 dégrees), Gandhinagar (42.7 degrees), Rajkot (42.4 degrees), Amreli (42 degrees), Bhuj (41.7 degrees), Kandla Airport (41.3 degrees), Vadadara

(41.3 degrees), Vadodara (41.2 degrees) and Deesa (40.8 degrees). Kutch will continue to experience scorching heat on Thurs-**L&T Finance Ltd. launches** 

'The Complete Home Loan' in Ahmedabad Ahmedabad, L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF), one of the leading retail financiers, has launched 'The Complete Home Loan' for the customers of Ahmedabad with all the support they need to fulfil their dream of owning a

home. 'The Complete Home Loan' is offered through a Digitized Process along with a Guarge Dedicated Relationship Manager and comes with the option of a Home Décor Finance. A Home Décor Finance aims to provide flexibility and convenience in ac-



space. The Digitized Process simplifies the journey of availing the loan with tech intervention. And the Dedicated Relationship Manager serves as a point of contact for the customer throughout the loan process ensuring a smooth and satisfactory experience. To promote its latest offering, the Company has unveiled three new TV commercials

#### First CET for admission to BBA, BMS, BCA to be held on May 29 By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, The Maharashtra CET Cell on Wednesday declared that the first ever Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to BBA, BMS, BCA, BBM in Maharashtra will be held

on May 29.

Even after three extensions in deadline by the CET Cell, only 56790 candidates have registered for the test, which according to colleges, is way lower compared to the number of admissions generally con-firmed in these Under-Graduate (UG) courses popular among stu-

ment Studies (BMS) Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) and Bachelor of Business Management (BBM) which are professional UG courses are now

brought under the purview of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Due to the change, admission to these courses is now through the CET as opposed to regular practice of admission based on marks obtained by aspirants in Class XII.

#### 30 killed during Israel's continuing ground assault in Rafah

Jerusalem, May 9 (IANS) Israel's army has announced that it is continuing its ground assault on Gaza's Rafah, reporting approximately 30 casualties since the offensive began on Monday

According to an army statement issued on Wednesday, the 30 casualties were militants, while Gaza health officials reported about 35 deaths, including a four-month-old

The army said that a tank division and an armoured brigade have been operating on the ground in eastern Rafah, while attack drones carried out strikes from the air,

Xinhua news agency reported.

nternational

They attacked about 100 "targets" in the region, including militant infrastructure and "suspicious buildings" from which Hamas fighters fired at Israeli soldiers, the army said.
Israel launched the

ground assault on Rafah overnight between Monday and Tuesday, citing its aim to eliminate four Hamas battalions that remain in the southern city.

Troops gained "opera-

tional control" over the Gazan side of the Rafah crossing on Tuesday, a key entry point for humanitarian aid from Egypt to the famine-stricken Gaza, and shut it down.

# US House votes to kill motion to remove Speaker Mike Johnson

Washington, May 9 (IANS) The US House of Représentatives has overwhelmingly voted to kill a resolution to remove House Speaker Mike Johnson.

House The Wednesday voted 359-43 on a motion by Republican



Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene from Georgia to oust Johnson from his post, with seven Democrats voting "present", Xinhua news agency report-

Greene called up her resolution to remove fellow Republican and House Speaker Johnson on the House floor Wednesday evening. But House Majority Leader Steve Scalise, a Louisiana Republican, immediately motioned to table the measure.

"A remarkable number of House Republicans joined with Democrats to rescue the speaker, who has only been in the job for a little over six months," reported The Washington Post, adding that Johnson earned grudging respect from more traditional Republicans for ensuring the government didn't run out of funding and sending aid

to US allies and Israel and
Ukraine, but he
only did so with Democratic sup-port, infuriating nembers likë

> Johnson has also been embo-Idened by the backing of former US President Donald Trump, who reiterated his

support for the Louisiana Republican over the weekend, said the report.

It's the second time in less than a year that Republicans have sought to remove their own party's speaker. Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California was voted out of the job in October through a motion filed by a fellow member of the Republican Party.

Greene has called for Johnson's removal in recent weeks, mostly over the US aid package for Ukraine. It's the latest sign of continued Republican infighting.



Asylum seekers had pitched more than 100 tents in a makeshift camp along Dublin's Grand Canal, a short walk from the International Protection Office, as the government struggles to provide them with accommodation. Pictures show the early morning operation, which involved crews checking tents were empty before they were spray-painted with an 'X' and cleared onto a truck by a 'grab-bot' machine. The programment sprang up along the waterway just days after more than 200 asylum. ber' machine. The encampment sprung up along the waterway just days after more than 200 asylum seekers were cleared from a similar makeshift camp on nearby Mount Street. The removal comes amid an ongoing row with the British government over asylum seekers crossing the border from Northern Ireland, with claims that they are doing so to avoid deportation to Rwanda.

#### **Munich Airport** terminal temporarily evacuated over security incident

Munich, May 9 (IANS/ DPA) Terminal 1 at Munich Airpórt in southern Germa-Airport in southern Germany was temporarily evacuated early on Wednesday evening due to a security incident.

At around 4:30 p.m. (1430 GMT), a person entered the security area from the public area of the airport a spokesman for

airport, a spokesman for the Federal Police said. A search was launched for the person.

Whenever a person enters the security area unchecked, the terminal unchecked, the terminal building has to be evacuated. The building is then searched and then reopened. In the end, the wanted person was not found. According to Germany's Federal Police, the operation affected almost 2,000 people as the build-2,000 people as the building is less busy in the evenings. However, there were some delays.

# UK's Cameron to call for NATO to set 2.5 pc defence spending target

London, May 9 (IANS/ DPA) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) countries should agree to spend 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) on defence, at an upcoming summit in Washington, UK Foreign Secretary David Cameron will urge on Thursday.

will urge on Thursday.
In his first major speech as foreign secretary, Cameron will call on Britain and its allies to "outcompete, out-cooperate and out-innovate their adversaries in an ongoing "battle of wills."

Cameron will say July's cameron will say July's summit "must see all allies on track" to meet the commitment set out in 2014 to spend 2 per cent of GDP on defence, and then "move quickly to establish 2.5 per cent as the new 2.5 per cent as the new benchmark for all NATO

According to NATO, two-thirds of the alliance's 32 members expected to

meet or exceed the 2 per cent target in 2024, up edge for a tougher world."

He will say: "If [Russian] from 11 in 2023.

Last year only five NATO states, Poland, the US, Greece, Estonia and

Lithuania, spent more than 2.5 per cent of their GDP on defence, something the UK has pledged to do by the end of the decade.

In his speech, Cameron is also expected to criticise some of Britain's allies for not doing enough on defence, saying NATO needs to "adopt a harder

President Vládimir] Putin's illegal invasion teaches us anything, it must be that doing too little, too late, only spurs an aggressor

on.
"I see too many examples in this job of this lesson not having been

'Take the Red Sea, where ship after ship has been attacked. While many countries have criticised the Houthi attacks, it is only the US and Britain that have been willing and able to step up and strike back at them.

He is also expected to cite some European countries' apparent unwilling-ness to invest in defence even as war rages on our continent," and say others are "so cowed by accusations of colonialism that they will not condemn practices like female gen-

## Deadly storms claim 100 lives, damage 100,000 homes in Brazil

Sao Paulo, May 9 (IANS) At least 100 people have died and nearly 100,000 homes have been destroyed or significantly damaged from more than a week of record rainfall and flooding in south that it is a supplied to the state of t Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul state, local authori-

The National Confederation of Municipalities said in an update on Wednesday that overflowing rivers and floods in the state have affected around 1.45 million people and forced some 200,000 residents to flee their homes, Xinhua news agency reported.

Based on data from the Civil Defense agency, some 99,800 residences of all types have sustained either total or partial damage since the state's worst weather-related disaster hit on April 29, according to the confederation.

#### **US won't supply Israel with weapons** for Rafah offensive: Biden

Washington, May 9 (IANS/DPA) US President Joe Biden has threatened Israel with further restrictions on the supply of military equipment were Israel to carry out a major military offensive in the southern Gaza city of Rafah.

"I made it clear that if they (Israel) go into Rafah... I'm not supplying the weapons that have been used historically to deal with Rafah, to deal with the cities - that deal with that problem," Biden told broadcaster CNN in an interview, stressing "they haven't gone in Rafah yet".

#### Hamas naval commander killed in Gaza: Israeli army

Jerusalem, May 9 (IANS) Commander of Hamas' naval unit in Gaza City, Ahmed Ali, was assassinated in an Israeli airstrike, Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has announced in a statement.

IDF and Shin Bet security agency said on Wednesday that an attack drone killed Ali in the Palestinian enclave, Xinhua news agency reported. "Over the last few years, Ali has been involved in managing projects of Hamas' Naval Unit in the Gaza Strip," according to the statement.During Israel's seven-month onslaught in Gaza, Ali was responsible for attacks on Israel and against ground troops operating in the Gaza

#### Gaza truce talks in Cairo sees progress, some points remain unsettled: Media

Cairo, May 9 (IANS) The negotiations held in Egypt for a truce between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip have seen "remarkable progress", yet some points of disagreement remained unresolved, Egyptian media has reported.

The discussions continued from 10 a.m. (0700 GMT) amid remarkable agreement, yet some controversial points remained," Al-Qahera News TV channel on Wednesday quoted an unnamed high-ranking source as saying.

Egypt has been exerting "relentless efforts" to keep the negotiation on track, stressing to all participating parties the danger of escalation and failure to adhere to the path, according to the report. Earlier in the day, Al-Qahera reported "Egypt is ready to deal with all scenarios.



Insiders tell DailyMail.com that Barron Trump, 18, has political aspirations of his own and expressed interest in following in his father's footsteps. Barron has been described as 'sharp, funny, sarcastic, tough and not weak' and is said to be schmoozing a cadre of high-profile conservative figures. The 6ft 7in teen has never uttered a word in public but is a steadfast supporter of the Trump 2024 campaign behind the scenes.

#### Indonesia on KF-21 fighter jet project In 2016, Indonesia had Seoul, May 9 (IANS)

South Korea in close talks with

South Korea is closely communicating with Indonesia regarding its adjusted proposal to reduce its cost-sharing for the KF-21 fighter jet programme, a foreign ministry official said on Thursday. Indonesia has recent-

ly suggested to the Seoul government to cut its share of payment and pay about 600 billion won (US\$442.3 million) in total for the KF-21 jet project by 2026, a decréase from the initial 1.6 trillion won, Yonnews agency reported. "South Korea and Indonesia are continuing close communication and consultations between relevant authorities to smoothly conclude strategic cooperation projects, such as the joint development of fighter jet," the official told reporters.

agreed to pay 20 per cent of the total development cost of 8.1 trillion won, in return for receiving one prototype model and technology transfers that would allow it to produce 48 units in Indonesia. Wednesday,

Seoul's state procurement agency hinted at accepting Indonesia's proposal, saying that it will finalise its decision as early as late May so as not to cause delays in the development project.
"We are pushing for

measures to adjust the scale of the technology transfer to Indonesia in line with the adjusted cost sharing," Noh Ji-man, di-rector general of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration's KF-X Program Group, said in a press briefing.--IANS

# Australia commits to gas beyond 2050 under future strategy Canberra, May 9 the need for ongoing ex-(IANS) The Australian gov-ernment has committed to development in the sector power sources are viable. the extraction and use of to avoid a shortfall in gas

gas as a power source beyond 2050. The governing Labor

Party on Thursday announced Australia's Future Gas Strategy, setting out the role gas will play as the country pursues a net zero carbon emissions target by 2050, Xinhua news agency reported. Prime Minister Antho-

ny Albanese said the strategy is a necessary component for Australia to achieve net zero emis-

"We support net zero, and gas and its firming capacity is part of assisting with that pathway to net zero," he said at a press conference.

The strategy highlights

supplies.
Gas currently supplies

27 per cent of Australia's energy needs and represents 14 per cent of the

country's export income. Resources Madeleine King said gas would play an important role in firming renewable power generation and in

Minister

Nine killed in road accident in China

role in supporting our

economy, with the sector employing 20,000 people across the country, including remote and regional communities," she said in a statement.

The Strategy makes



Revealing the strategy, sectors where carbon emissions are hard to abate, such as manufac-

Beijing, May 9 (IANS)

Nine people were killed

and two others injured af-

ter a truck collided with a

car in China's Ningxia Hui

it clear that gas will re-main an important source of energy through to 2050 and beyond, and its uses will change as we improve industrial energy efficiency, firm renewables, and reduce emissions."According to

government agency Geošcience Austrălia, 40 per cent of Australia's gas exports in 2020-21 were sent to China, 37 per cent to Japan and 10 per cent to South Korea.--IANS

# Seven killed in terrorist attack in Pakistan: Police

Islamabad, May 9 (IANS/DPA) Gunmen in southwestern Pakistan executed at least seven people in their sleep, in what police on Thursday said was the second incident of ethnic terrorism in the same region within a

The attack occurred in the volatile coastal town of Gwadar where Pakistan's political ally China is building a deep-sea port, a project opposed by the West and locals alike.

The victims were from the central province of Punjab and were running a barber shop in the town, local police chief Mohsin Ali said.

It was the second incident targeting people from Punjab in the militancy-infested province of Balochistan in around three weeks. Last month militants off-loaded nine bus passengers and killed them in an execution-style

shooting. The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), a nationalist militant group that opposes Chinese investments in the province, claimed the previous attack, saying the agents of spy agencies were target-

No group has so far



claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack, but police said they suspect the

Much of the violence in the region is seen against the Chinese projects to connect its Muslim-dominated region of Xinjiang with the Arabian Sea through Pakistan to reach markets in the Middle East, Europe, Africa and beyond.

Baloch militant and political groups accuse China of stealing their land and resources including several hundred kilome-

# Man arrested over domestic violencerelated stabbing at Sydney gym At around 7:50 a.m. local time on Thursday,

Sydney, May 9 (IANS) Australian police con-firmed on Thursday that a 45-year-old man was arrested after a domestic violence-related stabbing seriously injured a woman at a gym in Sydney's inner

Emergency services were called to a fitness facility on O'riordan Street in Alexandria at around 12:30 p.m.

local time on Wednesday, following reports of an alleged stabbing, Xinhua news agency reported.

Paramedics treated a 39-year-old woman in the car park of the gym before she was taken to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in a stable condition. Police believed that the pair involved were known to each other.

Following the incident, South Sydney Police Area Command Superintendent Rod Hart said at a press conference that the male offender used a "kitchenstyle knife" to attack the victim before getting into a vehicle and fleeing.

"We believe they had been in the past -- earlier this year

-- in a very short domestic relationship. So this is being treated as domestic violence-related," said the officer.

sented himself to Dee Why Police Station, where he was subsequently arrested and taken to Manly Police Station.

the 45-year-old man pre-

#### Autonomous Region on Thursday morning. The incident occurred at about 7:40 a.m. on a section of the national

highway in Qingtongxia City.The injured were rushed to local hospital and their injuries are not life-threatening, according to the regional public security department, Xinhua news agency reported.

The cause of the accident is being investigated.



Accusations of block voting and politics have long marred the show, as have rows over including countries such as Azerbaijan and Israel, which aren't really in Europe at all. While fans prepare for the 2024 grand finale, which will air on 11 May from Sweden, FEMAIL reveals some of the most outrageous moments from years passed. (From L to R, Katie Price performing in 2005, Lordi in 2006, Finland's political statement, Conchita Wursts bearded triumph, Australia enters with Guy Sebastian, and Olly

# Imran Khan refuses to apologise over May 9 protests a courtroom in Pakistan fol-

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) After Pakistan Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) ruled out dialogue with Pakistan-Tehreek-Insaaf (PTI) unless the party leadership tendered a public apology over the May 9 protests, the PTI Chief Imran Khan has refused to apologise over the May 9 protests.

Pakistan media reported that when asked whether he would apologise for the May 9 protest, while talking to the media after the court proceedings in the corruption case at Adiala jail, Imran Khan replied in the negative.

"I had already condemned those violent protests. I came to know about the protests when I appeared before the then-Chief Justice of Pakistan. I was under detention at the

time and was unaware of those protests," Dawn newspaper reported. "I wanted dialogue for

the sake of Pakistan, not to strike a deal for personal favours. I have no issue with the army even my close relatives are serving in the armed forces and bureaucracy," Imran Khan said, as reported by the Pakistani media.On May 9, 2023, the PTI Chief was arrested from

protested across the country leading to damage to several key installations of the country. While the Pakistan army has blamed Imran Khan for the protests in the country, Khan has maintained that it was the army who was behind these attacks to implicate his party and its leadership in false cases.--IANS

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#### IPL 2024: KL Rahul lost for words' after watching Head-**Sharma batting carnage**

Hyderabad, May 9 (IANS) Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) skipper was in awe after watching unreal batting from Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) openers Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma as the duo chased down the target of 166 in just 9.4 overs at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium

on Wednesday.

Head 89 off 30 and Abhishek Sharma 75 off
28 joined hands together yet again as SRH
thrashed Lucknow by 10 wickets in an epic run chase which didn't last even an hour. In the process, SRH scripted a new T20 record for chasing the most number of runs in the first 10 overs

I am lost for words. We have watched that batting on TV, but that was unreal," KL Rahul said after the match. "Everything was hitting the middle of the bat. Kudos to their skill, they (Head and Abhishek) have worked very hard on their six-hitting. They didn't give a chance to see what the wicket was playing like, it didn't change much, but that mindset and freedom to tee off from ball one... the only way to stop them was wickets in the powerplay and we didn't do that," Rahul added.

#### **Experts believe conversations should** occur behind closed doors following KL Rahul-Goenka animated chat

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) entered Thursday's encounter against the Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in hopes of breaking into the top four of the points table, a bid which was slammed shut by the orange army with conviction.

Following the game a clip circulated on so-cial media in which LSG owner Sanjiv Goenka was seen having an animated chat with captain KL Rahul that left the netizens fuming. Experts shared their take on the scene, saying such conversations should happen behind closed

'You always feel these conversations should be happening behind closed doors. There are so many cameras around the stadium and they miss nothing. You know KL Rahul is now gonna go to press conferences and other things and potentially explain what's been discussed here, an expert said on Jio Cinema.

#### Harmanpreet to lead 24-man team for FIH Hockey Pro League 2023-24

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) Hockey India on Thursday announced the 24-member men's hockey team that will take part in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023-24 to be held in Antwerp, Belgium and London, England.

The Belgium leg will begin on May 22 and end on May 30 while the England leg will commone on June 1 and conclude on June 12

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India will play against Argentina, Belgium, Germany and Great Britain twice each across both legs, beginning their campaign against Argentina on May 22

Taking charge of the team will be captain Harmanpreet Singh. Meanwhile, dynamic midfielder Hardik Singh has been named his depu-



League as a fan. In a reminder of how football powers dreams, this time he'll be playing in the final having steered his beloved club to Wembley. When Joselu popped up in the 88th and 91st minutes to enact a staggering late comeback on Wednesday night, Premier League fans may have rubbed their eyes in disbelief. Yes, this was the same player who had a very limited impact in short spells at Stoke City and Newcastle United.

# IPL 2024: Travis Head, Abhishek Sharma sizzle as SRH chase down 166 in 9.4 overs against LSG

Hyderabad, May 8 on a destructive mode to (IANS) Travis Head hammered 30 balls 89 and Abhishek Sharma overs.

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Output slammed 75 off 38 as Sun-

Hyderabad risers Hyderabad thrashed Lucknow Super Giants by ten wickets and chased down the target of 166 runs in just 9.4 overs overs at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Sta-

tional Cricket Stadium, here on Wednesday. Abhishek and

Travis completely destroyed the LSG bowling at-

SRH in this season of SRH in this season of IPL have scored with an economy of 11.37 in the power play overs, and yet again reached 100 under six overs only. LSG opened their bowling with Krishnappa Gowtham and Krishnappa Gowtham and Yash Thakur expectedly, but SRH got off to a flyer. Travis hits Gowtham

for 22 runs followed by Abhishek taking four four's off Thakur.

The hitting never stopped even after the fifties, as both batters were

Head smashed a halfcentury and this time in just 16 balls. It was some astonishing hitting from

Head, who was just picking his spots and sending them there no matter where the ball is pitched, no matter the pace. One of the incredible was a back-foot off-drive off Ravi Bishnoi for a huge six over

Then there was a swat down the wicket straight of mid-off off Naveen-ul-Haq. He was 58 off 18 now, and went past 500 for the tournament, and also had hit the most fours in this IPL. SRH were 87 for 0 in five overs. That was four times

more been scored in the powerplay, SRH have the top two scores, both in this year of IPL. It seemed slow by comparison, but Abhishek Sharma reached his fifty in 19 balls

with a straight six off Ayush Badoni as SRH reached 120 for 0 in 6.3

and 16 fours were hit in the chase which meant every second ball reached the

boundary.

Earlier, Bhuvneshwar
Kumar led the way with figures of 4-0-12-2, conceding only in denominations of one, completely shutting down the LSG top order, which scored just 66 in the which scored just 66 in the first 11.2 overs

## Olympic flame lands at Marseille Old Port amid fiery atmosphere

Marseille (France), May 9 (IANS) The Olympic flame of Paris 2024 arrived at the renowned Old Port of Marseille amid the radiant hues of the sunset on Wednesday

evening. More than 150,000 spectators gathered for the grand ceremony as France's Olympic swimming champion Florent Manaudou, carrying the torch, walked down from the majestic three-masted ship Belem under the watchful eyes of French President Emmanuel Ma-

An adopted Marseil-lais, Manaudou symbolically passed the torch to Nantenin Keita, Paralympic champion and fourtime medalist in the 100m, 200m, and 400m. Mirroring the event in Athens, where French Olympic and Paralympic champions Gabriella Papadakis and Beatrice Hess passed the torch, Paris 2024 chose two Olympic and Paralympic athletes to carry the Flame to Marseille. This first handover on French soil symbolizes Paris 2024's ambition to unify the Olympic and Paralympic Games, reports Xinhua.

After being cheered by the crowd, Keita handed the torch to the singer Jul, another Marseille native, who lit the cauldron on the central stage of the Old Port."We can be proud," said Macron. "The flame is on French soil. The Games are coming to France and are entering the lives of the French people.'

The Belem arrived near the shore of Marseille in the late morning and then finished a six-hour coastal parade before finally sailing into the Old Port. The parade is accompanied by 1,024 local boats, and workshops are organized along the coast to celebrate the arrival.

"The return of the Games to our country will be a fantastic celebration," said Tony Estanguet, president of Paris 2024.

A series of artistic performances and exhibitions, starting from 5:00 p.m., was held at the Old Port as the official theme music of Paris 2024 was revealed.

With the French national anthem "La Marseillaise" echoing from the embankment and Patrouille de France, the country's elite air display team, performing spectacularly by creating patients of the Olympic rings and the Frénch flag in the sky with colored smoke, the ship docked on a pontoon resembling an athletics track. Manaudou then carried the torch to mainland France. "This is where it all begins...Tonight, the people of Marseille won the first gold medal of these Olympic Games.

# IPL 2024: LSG owner's animated chat with skipper K L Rahul makes headlines; netizens react

(IANS) After Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Sunrisers Hyder-abad (SRH) in the IPL 2024 match at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, skipper KL Rahul and LSG owner Sanjiv Goenka engaged in a visibly intense conversation.

The broadcasters characterised the interaction as "Animated reactions from the LSG camp. SRH stormed through to a 10-wicket victory over LSG, courtesy of an explo-sive batting show from opening duo Travis Head

and Abhishek Sharma. After LSG won the toss and opted to bat first, they

posted a below-par total of

posted a below-par total of 165, with skipper Rahul playing a sluggish knock of 29 in 33 balls. Ayush Ba-doni's (55 in 30) and Nicholas Pooran's (48 in 26) 99-run partner-ship gave the LSG a re-spectable finish. In reply, Head (89 in

30) and Abhishek (75 in 28) wreaked havoc on the LSG bowlers as SRH chased down the target of 166 runs in just 9.4 overs.

The owner of LSG ap-

peared visibly displeased after the match's outcome and was seen engaged in an intense discussion with skipper Rahul along the boundary line at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium on Wednesday night.

Although the content of their appropriate in the content of their appropriate was in the content of the conten

their conversation was inaudible, the animated exchange between the owner and captain, captured by the broadcaster, gained traction on social media following LSG's crushing 10-wicket defeat.

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# Silver likely to outperform Gold in the near term, says Motilal Oswal Financial Services Mumbai, According to obtilal OswalFinancial OswalFi term, says Motilal Oswal Financial Services Mumbai, According to Motilal OswalFinancial Services Limited (MOFServices Limited (MOFIn the past, supply and demand issues have not like an early rate cut by added to efficiel helding.

SL), Silver could outperform Gold in a longer period. As per data, Gold and Silver have experienced notable year-to-date increases of 13% and 11%, respectively, from last cycle of the new year that starts with auspicious oc-

casion of Akshaya Tritiya. MOFSL continue to maintain a positive stance for both Gold & Silver and recommends buying on dips with target towards of Rs.75,000 for gold and Rs 1,00,000 for silver on domestic front and \$2450 for gold and \$34 for Silver on

Both gold and silver has registered a positive advance in Q1'24, matching or even surpassing gains in other significant ässet classes. Iň Q1'24 MOFSL has achieved the annual target for Gold and

had a significant effect on gold prices, particularly when the market is experiencing more extreme uncertainty. Given the recent, strong increase in gold prices, some cool off in price cannot completely ruled out. There are both posi-

tives and negatives for Gold prices at this juncture, lower than expected economic data points, rise in growth concerns, higher rate cut expectations in this year, geo-political tensions, concerns regarding rising debt, increase in demand and fall in US Yields could act as tailwinds for prices. Volatility in election years has always increased in Gold, this year more than 40 countries are lined up for elections, including US

Fed, hence any black swan event could further support the prices in fu-

It is the year of safe haven assets, especially gold and silver who have seen a have seen a fantastic rally since the start of this year.

Two main factors triggering volatility in bullion market:

1) Geo-political tensions - Russia / Ukraine, Israel/Iran and other geopolitical triggers, increase risk premium for safe haven prices

Fed monetary poli-cy: Market expectations and Fed's actions regarding interest rate cut this year has been keeping market on the edge The rate of central

banks purchasing gold did

3% year over year to 312t, it decreased by 2% year over year to 479t for jewbanks, led by Turkey, Chitheir demand for gold by a record amount in the first quarter. The most surprisbeen the imports of Gold and Silver. Since the start with UAE under the benefit of 1% TRQ or the import duty benefit that the

While demand for bars and coins increased by ellery worldwide. Central na, and India, increased ing factor for 2024 has of the year, imports have been to tune of more than 150 tonnes and 3000 tonnes respectively. This jump in imports could be on the back of CEPA deal

accepting applications for undergraduate programmes such as BBA, BDes Product Design, BA Mass Communication and

Journalism (BAMCJ), B.Sc IT, BSc Computer Science, BSc Data Science, BSc Economics, BSc Psychology, BSc Sports & Exercise Science through Somaiya Vidyavihar University Entrance Test(SVUET). Students from any stream can apthese to

programmes.These programmes are designed to prepare students for successful careers. Prospective candidates can apply via theoffical website. Additionally, applications are open

B. Techprogrammes in various engineering disciharashtra State Engineering Entrance Examination MHT-CET scores. Applica-

B.Techprogrammes can be submitted through the

official website. SVUET, an online proctored test, is conducted in 3 sessions during the academic year 2024-2025. Following the conclusion of the first session, the university has opened the application process for the next two sessions scheduled for May 19, 2024, and June 9, 2024, respectively. The exam timings are from 10 AM to 11 PM, and candidates can opt for any one of these sessions at their convenience

Sharing his thoughts on the host of pro-

Somaiya Vidyavihar University stated "I see our undergraduate programmes as pathways to

holistic growth and intellectual exploration. Rooted in a commitment to excellence and innovation, these programmes are designed to nurture inquisitive minds, instill essential skills, and foster a sense of purpose. We aim to empower students to navigate the complexities of the world with confidence and integrity, making meaningful contributions to their communities and beyond. Our integrated BS-MS programmes in Science UG and PG are in line with the National Institutions' programmes in Science Education and Research"

The university, boast-

ing one of the largest residential campuses in Mumbai, encompasses several distinguished institutes. Notably, the KJ So-maiya College of Education is highly esteemed, while the KJ Somaiya College of Engineering is renowned for its impressive placement package record of 58 LPA. SVU, in adherence to the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, offers undergraduate pro-grammes spanning three to four years with honors, featuring multidisciplinary electives and minors. Additionally, the university extends 10% scholarship seats and collaborates with over 50 prominent international universities. Notably, students can opt for a Semester Abroad Option without incurring any additional tuition fees for both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

# PeepalCo's Lemonn launches

Futures and Options trading
Mumbai, PeepalCo's latest offering, Lemonn has
rolled out Futures and Options (F&O) trading on the
platform at zero trading brokerage. The user-centric
design and app interface simplifies the trading experience; empowering traders to execute F&O trades with
the help of live trading charts in just four clicks the help of live trading charts in just four clicks.

Speaking on the announcement, Devam Sardana, Business Head, Lemonn, said "The Indian stock mar-

#### The platform is offering zero brokerage for 1 year and lifetime free account

ket has witnessed a remarkable surge in the recent years, underpinned by India's sustained economic growth, improved risk management practices, and robust financial system; presenting investors with opportunities to explore. Recognizing this, we are excit-

Lemonn is offering a lifetime free account (no account opening charges and no annual maintenance charges) while the zero trading brokerage will be applicable for one-year for all the users. The company is also gearing up to announce yet another new product

within the next two months. Lemonn is a stock investing app and was launched earlier this month by PeepalCo, a house of brands building wealth tech products for India. The app is designed

ed to introduce F&O trading for our users, empowering them to capitalize on the market's potential.'

to streamline the process of discovery and decisionmaking for new investors.

# Fanta launches a new Fnacking campaign featuring Kartik Aaryan Mumbai, Fanta, the retion Kartik Aaryan showment but a delicious nowned and flavorful beverage brand of Coca-Cola

India, unveils a new campaign to showcase the joy of Fnacking by having the flavorful Fanta Orange with their favorite snacks. The campaign film featuring Kartik Aryan, encourages consumers to seize the moment and build a perfect snacking ritual with Fanta's multisensorial and indulgent taste. India's snacking landscape is exploding with experimentation from unusual snack combinations to testing viral food hacks, experimentation snacks to snack review. Amidst this, Fanta acts a perfect enabler to enhance the taste of these sumptuous delights. Grab a FANTA & a Snack and Get FNACKING!

In the Fnacking campaign, Bollywood sensacases the playful side of 'Fnacking.' Yes, that's a new term to capture the fun of snacking with delicious Fanta.

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Commenting on the campaign, Sumeli Chatterjee, Senior Category Director, Sparkling flavours, Coca Cola India and South-West Asia, said, "We are celebrating Fnacking as the joy of Fnacking as the joy of snacking in its unique, flavourful Fanta way. This campaign emphasizes that snacking is not just about quelling hunger but about elevating the entire experience with flavors that excite the taste buds. We are thrilled that Kartik Aaryan agrees with us and loves to add Fanta to his snacking ritual, making every moment more vibrant and enjoyable. Fnacking is not just a mo-

ment but a delicious sensorial experience.

Speaking on his association with Fanta, actor Kartik Aaryan said "Being part of Fanta's Fnacking campaign has been amazing! Fanta's indulgent and flavorful Fnack-ing proposition is a gamechanger. It's truly exhila-rating for me to be involved in this captivating campaign that brings a Champion spirit and a fresh perspective to the

Commenting on the campaign, Ritu Sharda, Chief Creative Officer-Ogilvy North, adds, "We love experimenting with our snacks, constantly exploring unique combinations of flavours. This is why it comes as no surprise when you hear snack names like Samosa Bhel, Pakora Pay, and the likes.

# GE Aerospace Launches **GE Aerospace Foundation**

New Delhi – GE Aerospace recently announced the launch of the GE Aerospace Foundation, celebrating a new chapter that builds on the more than 100 yearlegacy of the previous GE Foundation. The GE Aerospace Foundation's philanthropic strategy and programs will help fulfill the company's purpose to "lift people up" in GE Aerospace communities, with a focus on workforce development, disaster relief and amplifying the efforts of GE Aerospace employees.

In South Asia, GE Aerospace Foundation will continue to work with local partners to support disaster relief, education and healthcare for underprivileged communities. South Asia has received US \$ 1.2 million in total Foundation related giving over the past 10 years which includes grants and related programming. These have benefited affected communities in Bangalore, Pune and other parts of South Asia.

"The responsibility to support and strengthen the communities where we live and work is one that GE Aerospace takes seriously," said GE Aerospace Chairman and CEO H. Lawrence Culp, Jr. "The launch of the GE Aerospace Foundation will help transform local communities and develop a stronger workforce for the future by leveraging our unique expertise as a global

leading aerospace company.

"We are immensely proud to oversee this next chapter of philanthropic support with a focus on a stronger future workforce, disaster relief and amplifying employee giving," said GE Aerospace Foundation President Meghan Thurlow.

## Byju Raveendran tells staff not to sell courses but counsel parents; cuts course prices New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) In a bid to salvage

the financial and cultural crisis edtech company Byju's is currently in, its Founder and CEO Byju Raveendran has asked staff to pull the plug on aggressive selling, while slashing course prices by up to 30 per cent. In a meeting with over 1,500 sales associates and managers, Raveendran apparently told them to adopt a pull-based sales model rather than "push-based". "Your job is not to sell, but to counsel. You just have to guide the students and parents who are already inclined towards the transformative learning that Byju's offers. You are not sales people; you are education counsel-Íors," Raveendran said.

# Tata Motors enhances its electric last-mile mobility offering; launches Ace EV 1000

Business

Mumbai, Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, today strengthened its e-cargo mobility solutions with the launch of the all-new Ace EV 1000. Developed to revolutionise last-mile mobility, this zero-emission mini-truck offers higher rated payload of 1 tonne and a certified range of 161km on a single charge. The Ace EV is developed with rich inputs from its customers and the new variant will address evolving needs from various sectors like FMCG, beverages, paints & lubricants, LPG & dairy.

Supported by over 150 Electric Vehiclé Support Centres across the country, the Ace EV is equipped with an advanced battery management system, Fleet Edge telematics system and robust aggregates for best-in-class uptime. The Ace EV leverages the immense capabilities of the Tata UniEVerse,

collaborating with relevant Tata Group companies, and partnering with country's leading financiers to offer customers a holistic e-cargo mobility solution. It will be available with versatile carrie docks and will satile cargo decks and will be on sale at all Tata Motors commercial vehicle dealerships across the

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Vinay Pathak, Vice President & Business Head – SCV&PU, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said "Over the past two years, our Ace EV customers have been beneficiaries of an unmatched experience, which is profitable and sustainable at the same time. They have become ambassadors of the revolutionary zero-emission last-milé mobility solution. With the launch of the Ace EV 1000, we are extending the experience to customers who are looking at solutions with low cost of ownership."

The Ace EV is powered

by EVOGEN powertrain that offers an unparalleled driving experience with a 7year battery warranty and a 5-year comprehensive maintenance package. It delivers safe, all-weather operations with an advanced battery cooling system and regenerative braking system to boost the driving range. It allows regular and fast charging capabilities for high uptime. It is powered by a 27kW (36hp) motor with 130Nm of peak torque, to ensure best-in-class pickup and grade-ability allowing easy ascend in fully loaded conOakley and Rohit Sharma launch next

global leader in sports pereyewear, launched the latest chapter of its powerful and inspiring campaign 'Be Who You Are'. Fronting the campaign is none other than ROHIT SHARMA, to whose tune, 1.4 billion hearts beat, as he leads India into its fourth World

Cup title quest. This also marks Rohit Sharma's 5th year of association with Oakley, strengthening the brand's commitment to supporting athletes to play at the highest level and be their true, authentic selves.

The new ad celebrates the authenticity, passion, and self-belief of an athlete's journey, with Rohit leading the narrative on behalf of Oakley. The ad opens with the "HITMAN", who is in prime of his career, inspiring future athletes to trust and embrace

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chapter of 'Be Who You Are' campaign
Mumbai, Oakley, the their inner voice, empowwe aim to inspire the ne we aim to inspire the next generation of athletes to

ering them to steer decisions and actions in pursuit of excellence. Through Rohit's iconic presence, the ad depicts multiple scenarios with Rohit motivating these athletes to achieve their goals by being who they

are.

"At Oakley, we are thrilled to strengthen our partnership with Rohit Sharma and unveil the latest chapter of our 'Be Who You Are' campaign. Oakley believes in highlighting both the human side, as well as the sporting side, shining a spotlight not only on the athlete's talent but also on their role as a leader and positive role model for future generations." said Sahil Jandial, Senior Brand Business Manager, Oakley India.

Commenting on the campaign, Rohit Sharma shared "Through the 'Be Who You Are' campaign,

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embrace their authenticity and pursue their dreams with unwavering self-belief, a mantra that has guided me in my journey. Teaming up with Oakley, our goal was to bring alive the message, that it's not just about chasing victories on the field for an athlete, but

terrain, in any arena, and any sport, simply by being true to themselves." The ad campaign for Oakley has been conceptualized by Brandmovers India. Suvajyoti Ghosh, MD & Chief Creative Officer, Brandmovers India, shared, "In our years of association with Rohit, we have watched him grow and thrive to become one of the most successful

about conquering any

athletes in the world. His accomplishments are as great and as many as they are hard-earned - he is an inspiration and that is how we wished to portray him for our campaign

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raised earlier. This matter

is presently being looked up by the Labour Com-

Air India Express strike: Flights from

Kerala continue to be disrupted Thiruvananthapuram, May 9 (IANS) The 'mass sick' leave taken by the Air India Express cabin crew continued to disrupt the operations of the low-cost carrier at the four airports in Kerala for the second day in succession.

None of the Express flights have taken off from

the airports in Kerala.

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booked to travel to various Middle Eastern destinations expressed their ire against the airline as they have tickets booked in ádvance, but are now unable to travel. Those whose visas are expiring

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14/06/2024	28/06/2024	BHAVNAGAR	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Bhavnagar	02782444360 09724097750
06/06/2024	19/06/2024	PARDI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750

Note:-1.Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. 2. e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. 3. e-Auction catalogues will be available on site www.ireps.gov.in e-Auction portal. 4. In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures. Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. 5. All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway (No.S/SIII/Auction Programme-1/JUNE 2024, Dated 06.05.2024)

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# Vadodara Institute of Engineering

Vadodara-Halol Toll Road At : Kotambi, Dist. Vadodara-391510

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No.	Branch / Subject	Prof.	Asso. Prof.	Assi. Prof.	HOD	Lecturer
1	Principal		1			
2	Computer Engg / IT	3	5	14	2	2
3	Mechanical Engg.	1	2	2	1	1
4	Electrical Engg.	1	2	2	1	1
5	Civil Engg.	1	2	2	0	0
6	Chemical Engg.	0	0	0	1	1
7	Mathematics	0	0	1	0	1
8	Physics	0	0	0	0	1
9	Communication Skill	0	0	1	0	1
10	MBA	0	0	1	0	0

Qualification & Eligibility: As per AICTE / GTU / State Govt. Norms Nos. of required candidates for each position may vary. Eligible and interested candidates are invited to send resume along with all relevant documents (hard copies) by 19/05/2024 OR Email: vierjobs@yahoo.com

## Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] Advertisement to be published in the Newspaper for Change of Registered Office of the Company from One State to Another Before the Central Government, Regional Director, North Western Region (NWR), Ahmedabad

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of M/s FLEXIPLE TECH PRIVATE LIMITED having its registered office at Ideapad, CIIE Building, IIM Ahmedabad New Campus, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380015, Gujarat, India, Petitioner.

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Thursday, 25th April, 2024 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Gujarat" to "UnionTerritory of Delhi".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the **Regional Director**, North Western Region, ROC Bhavan, Opp- Rupal park society, Behind Ankur bus stop, Naranpura, Ahmedabad-380013, Gujarat within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: "Ideapad, CIIE Building, IIM Ahmedabad New Campus, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380015, Gujarat, India".

For and on behalf of the Applicant Flexiple Tech Private Limited Hrishikesh Mohansing Pardeshi Suvansh Bansal Director DIN: 08063975

DIN: 07653922 Place: Ahmedabad Date: 10-05-2024

Director

# TISB SAHAKARI BANK LTD. MULTI-STATE SCHEDULED BANK - Registered Office -

**Managing Trustee** 

TJSB House, Plot No. B5, Road No. 2, Wagle Estate, Thane (W) 400 604. Phone: 2587 8500

Notice for opening lockers due non payment of Rent Bank had issued Safe Deposit lockers to below mentioned customers. The said customers have neither operated their lockers nor paid the rent due for the said locker.

The concerned branch had contacted the customer by sending reminders on their available address. Inspite of sending reminders to these customers on their available addresses, Bank has not yet received any favourable response from them. Hence, with this Notice all such customers are informed to deposit the overdue amount of the safe deposit lockers at the concerned Branch within 14 days from the date of this Notice. Failing which, the Bank will have to break open the said lockers as per rules prevailing under the Banking Act. The entire expenses for the same as well as incidentals, if any, will be responsibility of the concerned customer of the Bank which may please be noted.

Branch Code	Branch	Name of Locker Holder	Locker Type
111	Rajkot	Mrs. Upadhyay Kiranben Dipakbhai	D
111	Rajkot	ajkot Mrs. Dodiya Bhanuben Hasmukhbhai	
118	Pralhadnagar, Ahemdabad	Mr. Shisger Mohammedabrar A	D
118	Pralhadnagar, Ahemdabad	agar, Ahemdabad Mr. Gadhvi Mahavir M	
Sd/-			

Place: Guirath Date: 10/05/2024

**Particulars** 

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Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax

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Total Comprehensive Income for the period

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[Comprising Profit/ (loss) for the period

shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of

8 Earnings Per Share ( of Rs. 10 / - each )

(for continuing and discontinued operations)

(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)

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Total income from operations

(after tax)]

Previous Year

PLACE: Ahmedabad

DATED: 08/05/2024

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Chief Manager Admin and Establishment

TIRTH PLASTIC LIMITED

**Reg. Office:** 602 ONE WORLD WEST .SNO.396 FP 119,NR VAKIL BRIDGE ,BOPAL AMBALI ROAD,VILLAGE VEJALPUR ,AHMEDABAD-380051.

EXTRACT FROM THE STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED ON 31.03.2024

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# on behalf of the President of India are

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.DRM-BRC 037 to 038 OF 2024-25. Sealed Tenders for and invited by Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C) for the following works 1.Tender No.: DRM BRC 037 of 2024-25. Name of Work: Vadodara Division:-Provision of Approach Road connecting Railway Colony to Railway station at Chandod Station. Approximate cost of the work: 2.02.78.148.18 Bid Security to be No.: DRM BRC 038 of 2024-25. Name o **Work:** Vadodara Division:- Improvement of Road Surface by providing rubberized surface under the jurisdiction of DEN/North. Approximate cost of the work: ₹.1,44,30,604.39. Bid Security to be deposited: ₹.2.22.200.00.For all above Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Tender is to be submitted on 27.05.2024 before 15.00 Hrs and is to be opened on same date at 15.30 Hrs. Web site particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & Address of the office from where all above tender forms can be purchased: Divisional Railway

Manager (WA/C)Western Railway Pratapnagar, Vadodara-4, Web site www.ireps.gov.in

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Extract of Audited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2024 Year ended 31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2023 Total Income from Operations 416.16 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax 23.21 6.10 48.6 13.88 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after 23.21 6.10 48.6 13.88 et Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after ceptional and/or Extraordinary items Total Comprehensive Income for the period 6.10 23.21 48.6 13.88

Diluted NOTES:

 The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 8th May, 2024.
 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. 3. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange ww bseindia com and on the website of the Company www adarshplant com

lace: V.U. Nagai Mr. Naishad N. Patel

# **DUTRON POLYMERS LIMITED**

Reg. Office: "DUTRON HOUSE" Nr. Mithakhali Underbridge, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009 CIN - L25209G 11981PL C004786

ning per share (Face Value of Rs.10/- each)

AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024. ₹ In Lakhs

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year and 9 months figures.

The above Financial Results which are published in accordance with Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on May 8, 2023 The Financial Results are in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS) as prescribed under Sectior 133 of the Companies Act 2013 ("Act"), read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (including any amendment(s) /modification(s) / re-enactment(s) thereto). The Financial Results have been subjected t audit by the Statutory Auditors of the Company, who have issued an unqualified opinion thereon. The Company operates in only one business segment.

Previous period's figures have been regrouped/rearranged to make them comparable with those of current period

Meeting of the Company.

The 43rd Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 12 July 2024 at 11.30 am through Video Conferencing(VC)/

Othe Audio Visual Mode (OAVM). The detailed notice will be sent through email to all shareholders.

The Board has fixed 5th July 2024 as the record date for the ensuing AGM for the payment of Dividend. The Registe of Members will remain close from 5th July 2024 to 12th July 2024. (Both Days inclusive) The Figures for the Quarter ended on 31 March 2024 has been taken as the balancing figures of the full financial

S. B. Patel

Chairman

-CMYK

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full Format of the financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company website (www.tirthlimited.in) The result of the Quarter ended on 31st March, 2024 were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Director at its meeting held on 08/05/2024.

> BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, **FOR Tirth Plastic Limited** Mr. Varish Doshi (Managing Director) ( DIN:02963528)

**DIN - 00226676** 

Ahmedabad, Page 7

The Board of Directors have recommended a Final Dividend of 15% (Previous Year 14%) of the Equity Share Capita of the Company, that is Rs. 1.5/- (Previous Year Rs. 1.4/-) per Equity Share of Face Value of Rs.10/- each for the financial year ended March 31, 2024, subject to the approval of the Shareholders at the ensuing 42nd Annual General

The above financial results has been approved by the Board of Directors and Audit Committee in their meeting hele

Date: 08-05-2024 For and Behalf of Board of Directors

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For Adarsh Plant Protect Limited



#### **VCK MP flags interruption in CCTV footage in** strongroom where EVMs stored

Chennai, May 9 (IANS) VCK General Secretary and MP from Tamil Nadu's Villupuram, D. Ravikumar on Wednesday lodged a complaint over the interruption of CCTV coverage in the strongroom at the Arignar Anna Government Arts College where EVMs were stored.

In a complaint lodged with Collector and Returning Officer, C.Palani, he said that his representative had informed him about the interruption of the CCTV coverage in the strongroom where the EVMs of Tindivanam and Villupuram assembly constituencies were kept.

Ravikumar, who is in the fray from Villupuram Lok Sabha constituency, told officials that the CCTVs stopped functioning at 7.28 a.m. on Wednesday and resumed recording at 8.10 a.m.,

## One held for Delhi Congress leader's death in accident, offending vehicle seized

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) Delhi Police have arrested a 24-year-old man a day after a local Congress out for a morning walk died after being hit by a car in the Rohini area of the national cap-

The arrested person has been identified as Chirag Chaudhary, the police said, adding that the offending vehicle, a Maruti Grand Vitara, has also been seized.

Hari Kishan Jindal (62), a former district unit head of the Congress, was hit by the speeding car on Tuesday morning. He was declared dead at the hospital. The accused was traced after scanning footage from around 250 CCTV cameras.A former councillor, Jindal also unsuccessfully contested the Assembly elections from Wazirabad.

#### Sam Pitroda opposes reservation in IITs and IIMs, old video surfaces

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) Sam Pitroda, amid controversy over the "colour of citizens" remark, stepped down as the Chairman of the Indian Overseas Congress on Wednesday but his troubles don't seem to be over yet.

An old video of Pitroda surfaced on social

media, in which he was seen opposing reserva-tions in premier institutions like IITs and IIMs. In the undated video, Pitroda admits that res-

ervation brings parity and equal opportunities but the premiere institutes should be kept out of its

ambit to "preserve their sanctity". "We discussed about creating a framework for providing equal opportunities but concluded that the institutions of excellence should be left out of this. They should not be messed up," Pitroda was heard telling the interviewer. He further said that the directors of these institutions are also concerned about the disparity but bringing them under quota ambit will offer no good.



LAKHIMPUR KHERI, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressing a public meeting for Lok Sabha Election-2024, in Lakhimpur Kheri on Thursday. UNI

# Kerala Bishop passes away in US after being hit by car

Thiruvananthapuram, May 9 (IANS) Keralabased Believers Eastern Church's Metropolitan Bishop Moran Mor Athanasius Yohan, who was knocked down by a car while walking on the road in Dallas in the US on Tuesday, passed away on Wednesday after suffering a cardiac arrest, it was announced here.

After the accident, the 74-year-old was airlifted to a hospital and underwent

immediate surgery. He had reached Dallas four days back.

K.P. Yohanan, as he was known, became the founder and head of the Believers Church, based in Thiruvalla in Pathanamthitta district, in 2003. In 2017, it took the name Believers Eastern Church and he became the supreme head and was known as Metropolitan Bishop Moran Mor Athanasius Yohan.

In his early childhood, he developed an interest in the Bible and later studied theology in Dallas. In 1974, he married German national Giesla and they started the charity organisation Gospel for Asia. In the 1980s, Yohanan was known for his radio pro-gramme "Athmeeya gramme "Athmeeya Yatra", which centred around the Bible.

In his career as an evangelist and then as the supreme head of the Church that he founded, he set up numerous Bible Colleges and also a stateof-the-art hospital and medical college at Thiru-

During the Lok Sabha polls, his church was in the news when they pledged their support to the BJP-led NDA candidates.

The synod of the church will meet shortly to decide on the funeral arrangements of the departed Metropolitan.

# PM Modi to hold roadshow in Patna on May 12, 2024 Patna, May 9 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a roadshow in Patna on May 13 for the

in Patna on May 12 for the BJP candidates from Patliputra and Patna Sahib Lok Sabha seats.

Sharing details of the programme, Bihar BJP President and Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Wednes-day said that sitting BJP MPs Ravi Shankar Prasad and Ram Kripal Yadav, who are also the party candidates from Patna Sahib and Patliputra seats respectively, will remain present during the road-

The roadshow, according to Choudhary, will be the first such programme by a Prime Minister.

It is slated for May 12 evening at the Dak Bungalow Chowk area. The road-show, according to Choudhary, will be the first such programme by a Prime Minister.

It is slated for May 12

ple from the entire state will gather in Patna to witness the roadshow, the Deputy CM said.

The state BJP has already started preparations for the roadshow and workers have been invited from across the state.

This roadshow will give a big message to the entire state... in the last 10 years, the Prime Minister has worked to save the Constitution and the development of the country. Works have been done to further strengthen the reservation system.

All these things will be highlighted in the roadshow," Ravi Shankar Prasad said.

"No Prime Minister has done a roadshow in the city so far. We are busy preparing for the Prime Minister's roadshow," he

"Prime Minister Naren-

# SS (UBT) MP cites film scene to poke Maha CM, his son in Mumbai poll rally Mumbai, May 9 (IANS) The ongoing shrill cam-paign for the Lok Sabha Following an unprecedented mass revolt, the

polls turned a shade bitter with popular film dialogues entering the poll scene to embarrass political rivals and entertain the gather-

Canvassing for Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Mumbai North East LS candidate Sanjay D. Patil in Ghatkopar, the party Rajya Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi launched a virulent attack on the rival BJP-Shiv Sena nominee.

At one point, she slammed Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his son Shrikant Shinde, who is making his hat-trick bid for LS from the neighbouring Kalyan LS seat in adjoin-

ring Thane district.

"Who are you...

Eknath Shinde... What are you... Eknath Shinde?

You are nothing but a 'gad-dar' (traiter)." dar' (traitor)..." said Chaturvedi, reminding the people of the (undivided) Shiv Sena split of June

Maha Vikas Aghadi gov-ernment led by the then CM Uddhav Thackeray was toppled and Shinde hopped onto the 'CM gaddi' with Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP)'s prop.

"Whatever you do, you cannot escape that 'gaddar' taint" and it will haunt even your family, as in the "Deewar" film dialogue, to target the ruling MahaYuti alliance," Chaturvedi said.

She referred to the famed dialogue by Amitabh Bachchan to his brother Shashi Kapoor, saying how some goons had tattooed on his left arm 'Mera Baap Chor Hai'.

"In a similar fashion, the CM's son, Shrikant Shinde will carry the burden always, that 'Mera Baap Gaddar Hain' and cannot escape the consequences," Chaturvedi amid a thunderous applause.

## **BJP holds Congress responsible** for decline in Hindu population

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) The BJP on Thursday held Congress responsible for the 7.82 per cent decline in the Hindu population from 1950 to 2015. Sharing a news clip about a shrink in Hindu population, BJP's IT cell head Amit Malviya posted on X, "Share of Hindus shrunk 7.8 per cent between 1950 and 2015. Muslim population grew at

K'taka Class 10 Board results: Girls

43 per cent.""This is what decades of Congress rule did to us. Left to them, there would be no country Hindus," said.According to a study published by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), from 1950 to 2015, the Hindu population declined by 7.8 per cent while the Muslim population grew at 43 per cent.



HYDERABAD, All India Mahila Congress President and Member Congress Working Committee Alka Lamba addressing the press conference at Congress Party office Gandhi Bhvan in Hyderabad on Thursday. UNI

#### Air India Express strike: Air India to operate on AIX 20 routes New Delhi, May 9 on Thursday.Since Tues-

(IANS) The Tata-owned Àir India will operate 20 Air India Express (AIX) routes to help the latter cabin crew members, said an airline official on Thursday.

"Air Índia Express is making every possible ef-fort to minimise the inconvenience caused to our guests by this unexpected situation.

We will be operating 292 flights today. We have mobilised all resources and Air India will support us by operating on 20 of our routes," said the airline in a statement issued day, over 300 cabin crew members have gone on mass sick leave alleging that despite assurances preservation, and recognition of seniority and expertise, there has been a visible departure from these commitments during the transition from Air-Asia to Air India Express.

ticipate in the roadshow,"

get to win all 40 Lok Sab-

ha seats in Bihar while the

Opposition is claiming that

everyone will be surprised

when the results are an-

Interacting to media persons at Patna airport

on Wednesday, RJD lead-

er Tejashwi Yadav said: "If

Prime Minister Modi will do

a roadshow, Tejashwi will

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coming richer and the poor

are becoming poorer...

Have you ever heard from

them (BJP leaders) about

issues related to educa-

tion or health?... Only use-

less things are heard from the BJP," Yadav said.--

"Not a single BJP lead-

nounced.

of lies?"

The BJP has set a tar-

Ram Kripal Yadav said.

In 2023, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) gave its go-ahead to the Tata Group's initiative to merge the budget airline AIX Connect (previously known as AirAsia India) with Air India Express.

#### bring laurels, rural students shine Bengaluru, May 9 centage of boys stood at Mudhol town of Bagalkot (IANS) Karnataka School 65.90. A total of 74.17 per district in north Karnataka Examination and Assess- cent of rural students emerged as the topper by ment Board (KSEAB) on passed while in urban ar- scoring 625 marks out of

Thursday announced the results of the Class 10 Board examination with girls outshining the boys and students from rural areas surging ahead.
The state achieved

73.40 per cent of results with 6.31 lakh students passing the exam out of 8.69 lakh students who took the examination.

The girl students have gained the upper hand over boys with 81.11 per cent of them passing the exam. The passing pereas 72.83 per cent of students managed to pass the board exams. Udupi district topped

the results with 90 per cent result followed by Dakshina Kannada (92.12 per cent) and Shivamogga (88.67 per cent) districts. The Yadgir district stood at last with only 50.59 per cent of students managing to pass the board exam. Ankita Basappa Kon-

nuru studying in the gov-ernment-run Morarji Desai Residential School in

a total of 625. Seven stu dents secured 624 marks, 14 secured 623 marks, 21 got 622 marks, 44 got 621 and 44 students scored 620 out of 625 marks.

Bengaluru South district obtained 79 per cent result and stood at 12th position in the state. Bengaluru North district secured 77.09 per cent result and stood at 14th rank in the state. Bengaluru Rural obtained 83.67 per cent results and stood at 9th place in the state.

# 6 arrested for Hyderabad wall collapse which claimed 7 lives

(IANS) Police have arrestèd six persons in connection with Tuesday's wall collapse at an under-construction site at Bachupallives.Cyberabad Police arrested builder Arvind Reddy, site engineer\_Satish, project manager Francis, contractor Rajesh and two others for negligence.

The police registered a case under Section 304-II (causing death by negligence) of the Indian Penal Code.Six workers and a four-year-old boy died an under-construction apartment complex collapsed on Tuesday evening after heavy rains.

The incident occurred ly, which claimed seven at Renuka Yellamma Temple Colony in Bachupally in district. According to po-lice, a 30 to 40-feet high wall came crashing down, killing the migrant construction workers from Odisha

Chhattisgarh.The six-feet

Hyderabad, May 9 when the retaining wall of wall to collapse over the makeshift sheds.

After night-long rescue operations, police recovered seven bodies early Wednesday morning.
The deceased have

been identified as Ram Yadav (44), Geetha Bai (40), Himanshu (4), Shanker Goud (18), Sripati Maheji (23), Bindresh Bhayani (hauban (30) Bhavani Chauhan (30) and Khushi (20).

# PM panel report on declining Hindu population: Political parties in Bengal describe it as ploy in midst of polls

Kolkata, May 9 (IANS) All the major political par-ties in West Bengal includ-ing the Trinamool Con-gress, CPI(M) and Congress have questioned the timing of the release of the report of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), revealing a declining Hindu population against a rising minority population from 1950 to 2015.

They have described the EAC-PM report as nothing but a political ploy in the milesting. Sabha elections.

come out with a proper Census to reveal the truth about population distribution, instead of coming out with such reports by some advisory council of the Prime Minister which operates as per the agenda of the ruling party in the country. "The Census that was

to be done in 2021 was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Had the Census been done, the real picture of population distribution would have been revealed. So, in my opinion this latest re-port of the EAC-PM being

said.The Trinamool Congress' Rajya Sabha member Samirul Islam told IANS that from this report released in the midst of the polls it is evident how fear of defeat has gripped the

"Because of this fear the rank and file in BJP is playing all sorts of cards. This exercise started quite some time back and is continuing in the midst of the polls. But all such ploys will not work this time," Islam said.

Delhi HC orders NBCC to refund homebuyer over Rs 76 lakh with interest

New Delhi, May 9 (IANS) The Delhi High Court has ordered the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) to refund a sum exceeding Rs 76 lakh to a homebuyer due to the non-delivery of a flat initially purchased in 2017.

Justice Subramonium Prasad, overseeing the case, stressed the significant emotional and financial impact on the buyer, directing the repayment of the full amount with an interest rate of 12 per cent

from January 30, 2021, to

the present.

The decision comes after the homebuyer faced over six vears of delay and uncertainty, leading to considerable distress. The court criticised

NBCC, a state entity, for its handling of the matter, stating that their actions necessitated a stringent response. In addition to the refund, the court has awarded Rs 5 lakh in compensation to the litigant for the hardships endured.--

#### The migrant workers According to the wide mud barrier supportwere working on the site CPI(M) Politburo member released in the midst of the ing the compound wall disof a five-storied apartment and the party's state Secpolls was done with a pobuilding and residing there in the makeshift sheds. solved after the heavy retary Mohd Salim, the litical motive to serve the rains which caused the agenda of the RSS," Salim Union government "should Hindu-Muslim population ratio: Congress, SP question timing of release of report signed to give credence Lucknow, May 9 details of Hindu-Muslim 1950 and 2015 while that 1950 to 1.85 per cent in of Muslim population rose by 43.15 per cent to 14.09 per cent from 9.84 to the Hindu-Muslim narpopulation."We have 2015. Even the share of rative being pursued by been demanding a caste the Buddhist population BJP in the ongoing eleccensus but they are turnwitnessed a noticeable per cent during the period. The paper, authored by EAC-PM memincrease from 0.05 per ing a blind eye to this detions. "The report cites the mand because it will not cent to 0.81 per cent. fetch them votes. The Hindu-Muslim population "On the other hand, the share of Jains in the period between 1950 and ber Shamika Ravi, consultant Apurv Kumar Mishra and Young Pro-2015. Why does it not talk about the period after that? Moreover, the ratio will now make them EAC report is bound to

PATNA, BJP Patliputra candidate Ramkripal Yadav flash victory sign after filing his nomination for Lok Sabha elections, in Patna on Thursday.UNI

he said.

(IANS) A day after the working paper of the Eco-nomic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) showed that the share of the majority Hindu population has declined in the country while that of the Muslim population has increased, the Samajwadi Party and Congress have questioned the timing of the release of the report.

Congress spokesman Surendra Rajput said that the timing of the release of the report was debe tailored to suit the ruling party's convenience," he said.

Senior Samajwadi leader Shivpal Yadav, on the other hand, said that the ruling party was in a "tearing hurry" to release scare Hindus and derive political mileage. We do not accept such reports,"

According to the EAC-PM, the share of the majority Hindu population declined by 7.82 per cent from 84.68 per cent to 78.06 per cent between fessional Abraham Jose, said the Christian population share rose 5.38 per cent from 2.24 per cent to 2.36 per cent during the period. The share of Sikh population increased by 6.58 per cent in 2015," the report notfrom 1.24 per cent in ed.

population of India decreased from 0.45 per cent in 1950 to 0.36 per cent in 2015. The share of the Parsi population in India witnessed a stark 85 per cent decline, reducing from 0.03 per cent share in 1950 to 0.004 per cent